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Christine Chang news@smdp.com

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Putting a price tag on the Iraq war

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL While there's no accounting for the loss of human lives, in monetary terms, the war in Iraq is costing us all ... big time.

To date, the conflict overseas has cost Santa Monica residents more than \$145 million, a figure that increases by \$1 every second of every day, according to a Web site that has caught the eyes of city officials looking to approve a budget for the coming fiscal year.

The site, www.costofwar.com, is sponsored by the National Priorities Project, a non-profit research organization that analyzes and clarifies federal spending plans so that taxpayers can better understand how their money is being spent.

During budget discussions last month, City Council member Kevin McKeown referenced the site and asked for city staff to look into the cost of the war for Santa Monicans because he wanted to provide a "sober reflection" on how the war diverts funding that could be used for local services.

The total cost of the war for all Americans is now around \$433 billion, according to the Web site.

"This war has sucked Santa Monica dollars away from public safety, education, social services, housing to end homelessness, and every other part of our city budget," McKeown said.

"There are costs other than fiscal, of course. What about the missing productivity and family support of soldiers pulled out of our community? What about the civil emergency protection we've lost with the shipping overseas of California National Guard units? What about the returning veterans who may some day end up on our streets, homeless, like their predecessors from Vietnam?"

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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Venice Arts Youth Photography Exhibit

1809 Lincoln Blvd., 5 p.m. — 7 p.m.

The Venice Arts Gallery hosts an opening featuring black & white photography created by teenage girls who have participated in Venice Arts' Advanced Studies programs. Their work includes documentary photography, self-portraits, environmental portraits, and experimental works. For more information, visit www.Venice-Arts.org.

Toddler Story Time for Twos

2601 Main St., 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

The Ocean Park Library hosts an afternoon of stories and music for toddlers, ages 24 — 36 months, accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. To register, call (310) 392-3804.

Morales is 'Super Regular'

1028 Montana Ave., 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.

Deborah Page Gallery presents "Super Regular," an exhibition of new work by Julio Cesar Morales, whose work incorporates photography, sculpture, video and installation and has been largely inspired by the street culture, design and popular music of his native Tijuana, Mexico. For more information, visit www.deborahpagegallery.com or call (310) 458-4400.

Write-Away

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., noon — 3 p.m.

Inspiration, guidance, direction and support for writers. Group meets at the Fairview Branch Library. Contact John Smith at (310) 458-4675 for further information.

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

Fitness Boot Camp for women

25th Street and Ocean Park, 6 p.m. — 7 p.m.

The group meets at Cloverfield Park for four weeks. Visit www.santamonicabootcamp.com for more information, including fees, or to register.

'Pure'

1700 Ocean Park Blvd., 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.

Daniel Francisco's current exhibit, "Pure," is on display at Kulturas Books. For more information, call (310) 450-8707.

Kiwanis Club weekly meeting

1332 Sixth St., noon — 1:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica Kiwanis Club holds a weekly luncheon with guest speakers at the YMCA.

Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre

1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. — 2 p.m.

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



CORRECTION

In the story "Recycling leads to cinema," (June 11) it should have stated that Michael Blodgett was writer of the movie "Turner & Hooch."

Also, "Noah's Ark" is a feature film, not a documentary, although a documentary is being filmed about the production of "Noah's Ark."

CONSENT AGENDA

Depleted budget a bummer

(Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.)

BY REAGAN WHEELER

Special to the Daily Press

CITY HALL Looking to keep millions of gallons of water from going down the drain, City Hall is expected tonight to renew a water-conservation program that is responsible for the installation of more than 50,000 water-efficient devices throughout Santa Monica since 1989.

The devices such as toilets, urinals and washing machines have resulted in a permanent reduction in water usage and wastewater generation of 1.4 million gallons per day.

KEMA, Inc. has been selected by the City Council to continue as the contractor. The program includes rebates for water-efficient fixtures, free water-efficient products and competitive landscape grants. Beginning in July, KEMA, Inc. will expand its duties to include programs such as the competitive land grant, rebates for rotary nozzles, rebates for cisterns and landscape irrigation audits.

After the council's initial contract with KEMA, Inc. was set at \$180,000, an anticipated additional \$90,000 is expected to be tacked on to the Bay Saver Program. The two-year contract was established with the option of renewal for a third year on the same terms — \$90,000 per year. This project will be paid for by the water and wastewater funds.

In addition to the water conservation project, which has a total cost of \$310,000, the council is expected to spend \$802,000 at tonight's meeting.

RAYS OF HOPE

New designs are underway for street improvements at 20th Street and Cloverfield Boulevard. Street light conversions, traffic signal modifications and communication

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Leading by example

Mother, daughter graduate from SMC at the same time

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE At the tender age of 18, with a baby in her arms, Darcy Coleman had reached a fork in the road — attend college or work full-time to provide a financially stable life for her newborn daughter.

Today, the 40-year-old Coleman will stand alongside her 22-year-old daughter, Darlyn, in front of hundreds of well-wishers, as the mother and daughter graduate together from Santa Monica College, embarking on new chapters in their lives.

Those new chapters include another trip to college for both of them, with Darcy matriculating to Pepperdine University in the fall and Darlyn heading south to the University of California at San Diego.

As the elder Coleman learned more than seven years ago, the best way teach a lesson to a child might just be showing them how it's done.

When Darlyn started attending high school, just a few years away from post-secondary education, Darcy decided to begin what she had been putting off for 15 years — a college education. The timing seemed perfect, as her work schedule began to ease.

"I WOULD RATHER BE GOING TO THE SAME SCHOOL THAN HER NOT BEING IN SCHOOL — THAN KEEPING THE 9-5 JOB WITHOUT A DEGREE."

Darlyn Coleman, SMC graduate

"When I had her, I put it (college) on the back burner to make sure she had everything she needed," said Darcy, a project coordinator for Oasis West Realty. "I wanted her to be proud of me."

Attending college at 33 years old, Darcy said she wasn't sure what to expect, fearing that she might be the oldest student at Santa Monica College.

She was pleasantly surprised to find the campus was crawling with working adults, many of whom had returned to SMC to finish

up the few credits that left them shy of a degree.

Though she started out taking one or two classes a semester in the evening, the first few years of college were the most challenging for Darcy as she juggled a full-time job with school and raising a teenager.

"I used to tell that to my daughter — to go right in and don't get distracted," Darcy said of attending college straight out of high school.

Four years after Darcy began her life as a college student, her daughter followed suit at the same institution, selecting SMC after learning it was one of the top University of California and California State University feeder schools in the state.

The Colemans seldom saw each other on campus as Darlyn had scheduled the majority of her classes in the morning and Darcy in the evening.

"At first, I found it weird to go to the same school as my mom," Darlyn said. "I would rather be going to the same school than her not being in school — than keeping the 9-5 job without a degree."

It wasn't until spring semester of this year that Darlyn and Darcy found themselves sitting before the same professor.

The mother and daughter both enrolled in a statistics course and learned the benefits of taking a class with a family member. They shared notes, carpooled to school from their Inglewood home and studied together. When one person missed a class, the other was right there with a stack of notes.

But then, there were the drawbacks.

"I couldn't laugh and talk in class as I would've if my mom wasn't there," Darlyn joked. "I think it pushed me in a positive way."

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IN THE GENES: Darlyn Coleman (standing) and her mom, Darcy, will both be among the graduates at a commencement ceremony today at Santa Monica College. The two will part ways next fall, however, with the younger Coleman attending the University of California at San Diego and her mom heading to Pepperdine.

where I'm more mature and more focused on my future."

Pepperdine University was strongly recommended to Darcy, who said many of her colleagues attended either UCLA or Pepperdine. She chose the latter for the school's program for full-time working executives and plans to major in business or accounting, with a minor in real estate.

The ceremony tonight carries special meaning for Darcy, who will be graduating in honor of her mother, a 30-year registered nurse who died in 2003. It was her mother's dream for Darcy to graduate from college.

As mother and daughter, decked out in cap and gown, prepare to face a future that will take them in different paths in life, Darlyn will be able to look at her mother, a woman who raised her with no post-high school education, and see a college graduate.

"A lot of places, even if you have (work) experience, you need a degree as well," Darlyn said. "I thought it was good at her age to still be going to college. She's dedicated and goal oriented."

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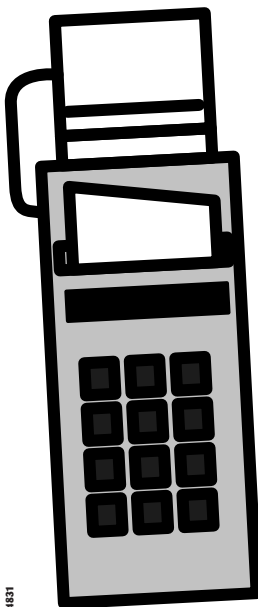
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RICHARD BROUWER is a 'neutral observer' living on the edge in The Netherlands.

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An open letter to Sheriff Lee Baca
Sheriff Baca:

I believe that, in the interest of Los Angeles County residents, you should resign your position, effective immediately ... for being "star-struck" and going out on a limb for the rich and famous to the extent of making a mockery of our judicial and criminal system.

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Prof. Victor S. Dorodny
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Here's hoping for a 'bad peace'

Editor:

I was very struck by the reasonableness of Greg Foisie's guest commentary in the SMDP ("Arlington West is appropriate," May 31). I do agree that war memorials have an important role in reminding us of the horrors of war and the urgent need to prevent it. Anyone who has seen the memorials at Verdun to the French soldiers who lost their lives in WWI cannot fail to be moved by them. However, they also illustrate the point that war memorials do not prevent wars. I would like to suggest that one of the factors that enables wars to continue is precisely something that Foisie supports, namely "recognizing the merits of duty and sacrifice." While we, as individuals, go along with the idea that duty is something that carries more weight than conscience, judgment or respect for our common humanity, we will allow ourselves to commit inhuman acts against fellow human beings. While we allow ourselves to believe that sacrifice is somehow noble, we will allow others to commit inhuman acts against us. I suggest that a refusal to accept the merits of duty and a refusal to sacrifice ourselves will make a difference, and may even make war more difficult.

After all, you can't have a war if no one will fight. I think it was Ben Franklin who said, "There is no such thing as a good war or a bad peace." Those words are as true today as when he said them.

Leo Walford
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What's the Point?

David Pissarra

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Remembering dad on his special day

DADS ARE COOL. WELL, THEY CAN BE. They can also be losers who don't nurture their kids. They can be hard working, or lazy, funny or stiff. They can be the kind of dad who patiently teaches fishing or the type that regularly ends up in jail on domestic violence charges.

Fathers come in all different stripes and your father's makeup is pretty much a random event over which you have no control. Personally, my father was not a great dad when I was little. He and my mom had a very tumultuous relationship and, eventually, they divorced when I was just 12.

I don't have a great many memories of my father, he passed away of a heart attack when I was 19. No great surprise there really, he smoked four packs of cigarettes a day, drank coffee like it was air, and lived on donuts and fried foods. He was 65.

We were just getting over my being a teenager, I was becoming a human in his eyes again when he died. Luckily for me, we had resolved many of the conflicts that teens and parents have, prior to his death. I had spoken to him the previous week and we had a great talk.

He was not the kind of dad who did things with his kids. Mostly this was because he was the 11th child to live of the 13 that his mother had given birth to. He was closer to his sisters than his mom, I think.

Pop was a charming guy when he wanted to be, he was a salesman, and charm is pretty much a requirement. He was a lot like the Willy Loman character in "Death of a Salesman." He never really achieved great success, it always eluded him.

I guess you could say my dad was a dreamer in many ways. I don't know if he had dreams for his kids, we never really talked about it. We never really talked about a lot of things.

You don't get to pick your parents. That's probably a good thing for most of the parents in the world. But whether you have good or bad parents, it doesn't relieve you of the responsibility of being a good child.

People tend to recreate their childhood in their adult lives. The lessons we learn as kids are the guideposts that we will rely on as adults. Sometimes those are good lessons and sometimes those are bad ones.

My parents were both very intelligent. They chose to fight with each other in many ways, one of which was verbally. My mother could file someone with a smile on her lips, a gleam in her eye and a few well chosen words. She could do this in a nanosecond. Like my father before me, debating was a skill that I had to learn, so that I could defend myself against her.

It is a skill that serves me well as a lawyer to this day. A quick turn of a phrase, and a well pointed barb and my opponent can be knocked off balance enough for me to win in court, or in a deposition. But, that same skill in a personal relationship, could keep me single for a very long time.

My personal relationships taught me to fight in a very different manner.

In order for me to grow, I had to take the lessons I learned from my father, and expand on them. I had to be open to seeing things through new eyes.

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All of this comes in time. Maybe it is because I am getting older and wiser, that I can see why my father didn't teach me many things. It was not out of malice, but out of ignorance; his father didn't teach him, so he couldn't teach me.

It is only now, that I can see that my father lacked the skills that we have classes for today. Being a father today is so very different from 40 years ago. There are support groups, and it's hip for dads to be "stay at home" types. The nature of the relationship has changed from Ward Cleaver's role as aloof disciplinarian, to diaper changing, in touch with their emotional lives, nurturing, loving dads.

Times change. Thankfully.

This Sunday is Father's Day. Whether you had a psycho dad from hell, or Mr. Cool, you should be a good kid and thank your dad for whatever lessons he taught you.

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Tony Soprano was a bit me, a bit you

LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, MY INITIAL reaction to the end of "The Sopranos" finale was, "What just happened? Did the TiVo cut out?" Of course, the TiVo was fine, but I wasn't. For eight years, I had faithfully followed these characters and I felt like my loyalty had been betrayed. I felt like a woman I loved had broken up with me ... via text message. The first words I actually spoke were, "David Chase is dead to me." Like everyone else, I wanted resolution. If the best show on television was going off the air voluntarily, I wanted it wrapped up in a nice, pretty bow.

I came home in time to catch the last scene with my roommate, a Golden Globe-winning actress, and another friend, a prominent film critic. When the screen went black, his reaction was, "No! Did the TiVo cut out?" Hers was simply, "Amazing."

It was in that moment that I understood.

I always thought of Tony Soprano as the Don of North Jersey. I had always seen Tony in a \$2,000 suit, a \$200 tie and a \$20,000 watch. But that's not who Tony Soprano is, that's me imposing my ideas of who he is onto him. What David Chase spent the last eight years showing us is that, at the end of the day, Tony Soprano is every man. Nothing illustrates that better than the last two scenes of the last episode — the last time (God willing) we will ever see him.

In the second-to-last scene, Tony finally goes to see his demented Uncle Junior (who shot Tony in the beginning of the season) in the hospital, but Junior doesn't recognize him. Thinking Junior is play-acting, Tony sits down and whispers to him, "This thing of ours." Junior interrupts, "I was involved in that?" Tony responds, "You and my dad ... you two ran North Jersey." Junior smirks and says, "hmm, that's nice." Tony almost tears up, then hustles out to meet his wife and kids for dinner.

The last scene of the finale perfectly encapsulates what the show, and its main character, were all about. Tony arrives before Carmela and the kids to a modest family restaurant wearing a cabana shirt and leather jacket. He picks a table where he can see the street through the front door. He drops a quarter into the table's jukebox and plays "Don't Stop Believing" by Journey. The bell above the door jingles,

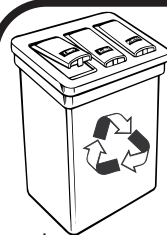
Tony looks up, and in walks Carmela (casually dressed and, for once, only moderately jeweled) as Steve Perry sings, "just a small town girl..." The bell jingles again and in walks Anthony, Jr., saying, "onion rings," as he sits down. "Best in the state, as far as I'm concerned," his father responds. After complaining about his new job, A.J. quotes his father saying, "Try to remember the times that were good." Outside, Tony's daughter, Meadow, parallel parks her car after three tries, then hustles across the street to meet her family. Inside, a waitress delivers a basket of onion rings for the table, and Steve Perry belts out the chorus, "Don't stop believing!" Meadow gets to the door, the bell above it jingles, Tony looks up, Steve Perry wails, "Don't stop," and the screen goes black for 10 full seconds of silence before the credits roll.

And as we say good-bye to the Soprano family, we don't see Tony as the all-powerful Don of North Jersey, but as a man who is just trying to make a better life for his family than the life his parents made for him. His son has been diagnosed with clinical depression, but is doing well in therapy. His daughter is engaged to an Italian-American attorney who describes one of his cases as, "bid-rigging." And his wife has a budding career of her own developing real estate.

I always thought of "The Sopranos" as a story about the Mafia family living down the street and all the secrets which lived behind the front door of their house at the end of the cul-de-sac. I was wrong. "The Sopranos" was a story about the American family living down the street at the end of the cul-de-sac, and how the secrets in their house aren't much different than the secrets in your house or mine.

Men (in general) and men in gangster movies (in particular) generally fit into one of four categories: He's either a "Michael," a "Sonny," a "Fredo" or a "Tom Hagen." As completely developed as these four characters had become over the course of three "Godfather" movies, for this century, they had become cliché. What David Chase has done is created a fifth category: A "Soprano," the self-aware gangster.

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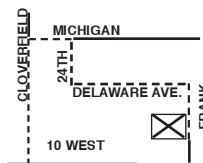
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So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you think cities like Santa Monica should take a stance on issues such as war?

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Dear Dorie

Dorie Meek

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Seeking out quality child care isn't easy

Dear Dorie,

The youngest of my three children is 18-months-old and I'd like to go back to work. How do I begin the search for child care?

Ready to Roll

Dear Ready,

Congratulations on raising three children, although I'd have to say you've been "at work" for the last few years, possibly the hardest work you'll ever do and definitely the most valuable.

Your child care search begins with a few questions: your schedule demands (full-time or part-time, for example); your preference for home-based versus center-based child care; licensing and accreditation concerns; costs and good old gut instinct.

In our area, your first stop should be the "Connections for Children" Web site (www.connectionsforchildren.org). They are our local child care referral service and they are dedicated to helping parents in the selection of quality child care. They will give you a list of a few providers at a time that match

your criteria. It is your job to research each site and choose the best match for you and your family. This is where the gut instinct comes in.

You'll want to see a clean and safe physical environment with organized space for play (inside and out), as well as a cheerful atmosphere. Remember, one man's trash is another man's treasure, so follow your instinct about where your child would be happy. You'll also want to look for age-appropriate routines and materials. Definitely secure and call references — if they don't provide them, walk away — period!

Above all, watch the children in the program. Quality child care oozes happy and confident children. That's the stuff you really want to see. Good luck.

Dorie

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EDUCATION BRIEFS

Construction on ambitious campus begins

Construction work begins this month on the Los Angeles Unified School District's most ambitious project to date — the new Heritage K-12 campus at the site of the former Ambassador Hotel on Wilshire Boulevard. Architects for the project, Gonzalez|Goodale of Pasadena, announced that the K-3 school building will be the first structure on the campus, which is expected to be complete by the fall of 2009.

Completing the K-3 building will enable area students to begin classes at the new facility a year before the middle and high school buildings are opened to the public. One of the largest school construction projects in the country, the Heritage K-12 Campus will feature classrooms, a central mechanical equipment plant and a 320-car parking structure with playing fields above it. When complete, approximately 4,400 students will attend the school. Hensel Phelps Construction Co. is serving as general contractor on the project.

"The new Campus will alleviate some significant problems faced by families in this area of Los Angeles," says Harry R. Drake, AIA, principal and Heritage K-12 project manager at Gonzalez|Goodale. "Most of these students are now being bused to distant, overcrowded schools, which was especially challenging for the K-3 age group. Soon, they will be able to attend school in their own neighborhood. No student will live more than nine blocks from the school."

The K-3 School will house 1,150 students and is approximately 60,000 square feet. The building consists of 46 classrooms in a two-story structure that will be located at the southwest corner of the Ambassador Hotel site, with the main entrance and vehicular drop-off area along Eighth Street.

While the children will be physically separated throughout much of the day, there are times when older and younger students will interact. "This is the first new K-12 campus that LAUSD will build and we have carefully developed a partnership with the community and the local superintendents' office to ensure that this campus provides a safe, inclusive environment with great opportunities for mentoring and collaboration," says Eugene Aguirre, Senior Design Manager at Los Angeles Unified School District.

Gonzalez|Goodale designed the K-3 School with special features aimed at offering a safe, quality learning environment for young children, while addressing concerns from area residents.

REAGAN WHEELER

Get ready for the future, Latinos

Providing better educational opportunities for Latino and Hispanic students will be the subject of a June conference, "Preparate: Educating Latinos for the Future of America," hosted by the College Board.

More than 250 educators from across the country will participate in workshops led by educators, community leaders, parents and advocates who will discuss topics such as financial aid, the PROMISE Initiative (Pursuing Regional Opportunities for Mentoring, Innovation, and Success for English Learners), setting high expectations and ways to empower Latino students.

"Preparate: Educating Latinos for the Future of America" will be held June 14 - 15 at the Westin Los Angeles Airport Hotel, and will include workshops and presentations from several distinguished speakers, including Don Hossler and Raymund A. Paredes, the commissioner of higher education at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

All sessions are open to members of the media. For more information about the conference and for a complete list of sessions, visit www.collegeboard.com/preparate.



SCULPTING CREATIVITY

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At right, Garrett Kirk, 10, a Boy Scout from Santa Monica Pack 67, and his younger brother Sean, 8, a Bear Scout, make clay sculptures during the Fourth Annual Cub Scout Fun Day at the Methodist Church on Saturday.

Tales from the crib

Angie Wagner

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

How my 'break' from work isn't anything to brag about

WHEN MY FIRST DAUGHTER WAS 3 months old, I went back to work. I cried a few times on the way to my job, but mostly, it worked out well.

We loved the nanny. Our baby was happy. I loved my job and really didn't have that hard of a time making the transition back to work.

Then came the hurricane. Or, as her birth certificate proclaims: Aubrey.

She's a different kid. The kind that leaves me out of breath from chasing her so much. The kind that picks up every germ and sends us to the doctor's office all the time. I worry that the nurses think I have that disease where parents create illness in their child.

Life got a lot more complicated with two. And working and being a mom didn't seem to be as easy as it once was.

I wanted to be the one to pick up my toddler from school. I wanted to take Aubrey to her gym class or be the one to pick her up out of the crib after her nap.

So I made the decision to take a break from work -- two years, to be exact.

Some of my friends understood completely. Others seemed shocked, saying: "I don't think it's a good idea. You'll be so behind when you return to work."

Other opinions aside, it was the decision that was best for our family.

Now it's been two months.

I can honestly say I've never been more exhausted. I've never been so frustrated. And I've never been so fulfilled, so eager to start each day.

OK, I admit there are days when I utter: "You are driving me crazy" at least three times. Or when I really would just like to use the bathroom by myself or go to Target and actually look around instead of just grabbing the things we need and getting out as fast as we can.

Why does my baby poop three times a day? Why won't she nap longer than 45 minutes?

Why does my toddler go into a demon mode and demand that she have a smoothie RIGHT NOW?

It's nap time and I have promised her if she takes a nap she can have a smoothie. I know, I'm negotiating with a toddler, but I need her to take this nap. Otherwise, she will be a monster and so will I.

Ten minutes pass, and the door opens. Crying.

Her: "I don't want to take a nap. I'm not tired."

Me: "I don't care. I'M tired. Go to sleep or no smoothie."

Her: "Well, I have to have jammies on to take a nap."

Me: "No you don't. Go to sleep or I'm calling Daddy." (Maybe this will work?)

I leave the room.

Ten minutes later the door opens again.

Her: "Did you call Daddy?"

Me: "I'm getting ready to. Now GO TO SLEEP."

What I really want to say is, "You are driving me bonkers and I really just need an hour where you and your sister are sleeping."

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Demand soars for joint health miracle discovered in Japan's 'feel good village'

By G. W. NAPIER

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So, what would it be like getting older but feeling good?

Believe it or not there are people living this way and a major network news crew found them.

They live in a small village called Yuzurihara and seem to defy the laws of aging with their active lifestyle.

Doctors and scientists have discovered that their secret to an active lifestyle is a diet that increases their body's production of an amazing molecule called *Hyaluronate*.

Nobody can put it in a pill to make people live longer. But, scientists at PatentHEALTH, an innovative U.S. health care company, have successfully added this amazing molecule to a 'feel good' joint pill called Trigosamine®.

This remarkable oral tablet is so impressive because it contains *Hyaluronate* which has the ability to retain fluid up to 1000 times its own weight. It has the potential to increase lubrication in the joints allowing them to move with ease.*

"Using Trigosamine is like taking a can of oil and applying it directly to your joints," said Dr. Joseph Dietz, Director of Health Science, Research and Development for PatentHEALTH.™

And thanks to the luck-of-the-draw, readers of this newspaper are among those who can get it right now. That's because this area has already been assigned a toll-free Regional Health Hotline. But the catch is the hotline is set to close in just 72 hours.

"We recommend that those living in this area call now to get their share," said Valerie Moore, Director of the Regional Health Hotline.

"Right now, we're shipping out everything we have on a first-come-first-served basis. We may not be able to meet everyone's demands as word continues to spread across the country," she said.

Trigosamine's key ingredient is present in 'human joint oil', which is medically known as synovial fluid.

This fluid reduces friction in the joints allowing for effortless motion. It not only lubricates the joints but it also acts as a comfortable shock absorber.

"Synovial fluid is part of what allows young people to be highly active without having sore joints. But, as the body ages the production of synovial fluid declines which can force the joints to grind together resulting in nagging discomfort," Dr. Dietz said.

The Trigosamine supplement (pronounced *Tri-go-sa-mean*) combines *Hyaluronate* with the essential blend of glucosamine and chondroitin. This blend is available without a prescrip-



■ **STILL ACTIVE AT 86-YEARS-OLD:** Yuda Miya, 86, who lives in the region near the village of Yuzurihara, just loves to garden and she does it everyday. Researchers believe a special diet increases the body's production of a molecule called *Hyaluronate* to keep people in Yuzurihara active. Although no pill can promise a longer lifespan, an over-the-counter joint supplement has developed a proprietary formula featuring *Hyaluronate*. This pill, called Trigosamine, will be available in many U.S. drugstores.

tion in once daily tablets.

It has been clinically shown that this essential dose of glucosamine and chondroitin helps to build healthy cartilage in the joints and allows for increased flexibility and range of motion.*

This impressive combination works

to alleviate uncomfortable joint dysfunction by promoting elasticity, allowing joints to move freely and with greater flexibility.*

A clinical study conducted by the United States government found that glucosamine and chondroitin, similar to those present in Trigosamine, had

a remarkable 79.2% effective rate for those with moderate to severe joint discomfort.2*

It was also announced at an American College of Rheumatology meeting that the combination of glucosamine and chondroitin showed promise among persons with moderate to

Special report brings national attention to an amazing molecule now reproduced in breakthrough joint pill available in U.S. drugstores

severe discomfort.²

"Even though there is no pill that can make you live longer, the clinical trials have been consistent. The essential blend like the one present in Trigosamine has been proven safe and is extremely effective for joint health," said Dr. Dietz.*

The tough part now is how to get it.

"Everybody wants it," said Moore.

"The first drugstores to get this formula couldn't keep it on the shelves," she said.

That's why **CVS/pharmacy** and **Rite Aid** stockpiled the first available shipments. All the other drugstores may not get their shipments until

later this year.

That makes the next 72 hours so critical for everyone living in the local area. Those who get through to the Regional Health Hotline before the deadline will get the Trigosamine supplement sent directly to their homes.

Otherwise, those who miss the deadline and everybody else living in other parts of the country may be hard pressed to get it.

So, even with the clock ticking local readers still have the advantage of being among those who can get their hands on this medical breakthrough. ■

Here's how to get it

Until all pharmacies are fully stocked this national distribution of Trigosamine is being conducted on a state-by-state basis. Those living in the states listed below with a star ★ next to it are authorized to have it sent directly to their home by calling The Regional Health Hotline now.

Regional Hotline Approval Code: **TG2632**

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IMPORTANT: You may be able to find Trigosamine at **CVS/pharmacy** and **Rite Aid** since they have received the first shipments. Otherwise, if you do not live in a state with a star ★ next to it you must wait to call until future announcements in this or other publications.

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1. Dr. Joseph C. Dietz, PhD currently conducts full-time joint care and nutraceutical research on Trigosamine for PatentHEALTH, LLC.

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Getting older shouldn't mean getting heavier

Local readers get free supply of diet capsule that increases metabolism, burns more calories

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UMS - Don't let it happen to you.

Getting older doesn't have to mean gaining weight.

But millions of people are letting it happen to them, not realizing that gaining weight can cause problems like joint pain and lack of energy.

The really sad thing is it doesn't have to be that way. There's a diet capsule that can increase metabolism and burn more calories.¹

Local readers can be among the first to get a free month's supply of this incredible diet capsule called PatentLEAN; all they have to do is cover the

cost of the second month plus shipping.

PatentLEAN's active ingredient has 4 U.S. patents pertaining to weight loss and is backed by clinical science.

As we age, our metabolism slows down causing the body to burn fewer calories leading to weight gain.

A clinical study has shown that PatentLEAN can increase a person's resting metabolism. Participants in this clinical study had a metabolic rate that was significantly higher than participants who just tried a reduced calorie diet.¹

A higher metabolism means the body is burning more calories. Weight loss can't hap-

pen until more calories are burned.

For people who can't exercise or have limited physical activity but need to lose weight, this capsule could change their lives.

"People that take PatentLEAN can burn more calories while they are watching TV, reading a book or even sleeping. And burning more calories over time leads to weight loss," said Dr. Joseph Dietz,² Director of Health Science, Research & Development of PatentHEALTH, the company that distributes PatentLEAN.

"In another clinical study, people who took PatentLEAN lost up to 3 times more weight

than those using just diet and exercise alone,"³ added Dietz.

The company has set up a National Order Hotline to take the calls from consumers who want the free month's supply; all they have to do is cover the cost of the second month plus shipping.

"All people have to do is call **1-800-243-1659** and ask for Dept. **H6529**," said Matthew Woods a spokesperson for PatentHEALTH.

"But those interested better call ASAP ... there is a limited supply of free product."

That's why consumers must call now or run the risk of missing the opportunity to get a free month's supply. ■

What people are saying ...

"I'm 66 years old and only 5 feet tall so it's hard for me to lose weight. I used to be able to lose weight by cutting down to fruits and vegetables. Although I ate sensibly, I was still gaining weight."

Then I saw an ad for PatentLEAN in the newspaper and decided to try it out of desperation. After I started taking PatentLEAN I began to lose weight. In fact, I started eating like I always did and I lost 20 lbs.³ This is a great product for seniors ... it really works."



Kathryn Haddad
66 years old
Ontario, Canada

How to get the free supply

Call **1-800-243-1659** ask for
Dept. H6529

1. See Zenk, J.L. FASEB J 2004; Abstract E8239. Clinical study showed a significant increase in Resting Metabolic Rate for participants using PatentLEAN in conjunction with diet as compared to those using diet only. 2. Dr. Dietz currently conducts full-time diet and weight loss research for PatentHEALTH, LLC as Director of Health Science, Research and Development. 3. Included a sensible diet and exercise that included swimming everyday for at least 30 minutes. 4. See Current Therapeutic Research, Vol. 61, No.7, July 2000 and Vol. 63, No.4, April 2002. Clinical trials showed that PatentLEAN, combined with diet and exercise over an 8 week period, is, on average, 3 times more effective at reducing body weight and body fat than the same diet and exercise alone.

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Tenants want some answers

BY KRISTIN MAYER

Special to the Daily Press

MID-CITY Behind a neatly groomed hedge on Colorado Avenue, nestled between a church and a café, Village Trailer Park rests in a precarious position, its fate increasingly uncertain.

Will high-rise condominiums soon jut into the sky, finally eliminating the vacant lots now overrun by weeds? Will vines continue to meander up the mobile home owners' trellises undisturbed? Or will the residents' anxious waiting continue without end?

Given Santa Monica's considerable housing prices, a two-acre chunk of land on the city's east side — between 26th Street and Bundy Drive — would seem a developer's dream. That is, if someone can convince the steadfast, but weary, tenants to let their mobile homes deteriorate elsewhere.

The last thing most residents of Village Trailer Park, who are primarily elderly and frail, want to do is roll their 1950s-era trailers off their current nesting spots and onto the open road. But it's a scenario each has had to confront. On three separate occasions within the last year, the residents peered into their mailboxes and were greeted with notices of closure.

While J&H Property Management has yet to file the development application necessary to change the current residential mobile home zoning, they did mail stacks of papers in large, official-looking packets to their tenants, offering a couple thousand dollars in relocation fees and counseling services in return for their departure.

Jeremy Kay, an outspoken park tenant who vows to be the last off the property, explained how intimidating and confusing the packets were for the park's fragile population.

"The problem is the old folks keep reading it, and all they see is 'eviction,' and they go back and lock the door," Kay said. "Most people would rather not think about this stuff because it's unpleasant."

The tenants, many of whom cringe at the thought of trying to decipher legal jargon, view the notices with a palpable anxiety.

June Griffin, president of the Village Trailer Park homeowner's association, described her initial shock upon receiving her first notice.

"I was, like, 'Oh, my God. What now?' It was scary," she said. "To most of us, it was out of the blue. We had had problems with the ownership for a number of years, but we never expected this."

THE PROPER PROCESS

The Mobile Home Parks Act contains a provision that owners have a right to close their park. But in Santa Monica, the Rent Control Board requires an owner to apply for a permit before any closure can take place, according to Tracy Condon, public information officer for the city's rent control agency.

Village Trailer Park has yet to file for the removal permit.

"The property owner and the attorneys for the residents have been in discussion," said Alan Seltzer, the deputy city attorney who addressed the issue of the original closure notices. "Any time people talk, it's a good thing. I see it as a positive development, but it's still all preliminary."

Seltzer has written two letters informing residents that the notices distributed to them didn't comply with state law.

"There's a disagreement between the city and the park owner over the proper procedures to close the park," Seltzer said. "As a result of those disagreements, there have been discussions that extended the closure date two times."

The first round of notices listed July 2007 as the date for residents to make themselves scarce. The management subsequently pushed the date back to Oct. 31, and then to its present Jan. 31, 2008. The delay could allow park management to formally identify how it will use the expansive property.

'EATING THEIR GUNS'

A bust of Abraham Lincoln greets passersby at one end of Village Trailer Park. Cacti and red potted geraniums separate the faded Streamlines and Fleetwoods from one another. Lampposts poke out of bushes along Colorado Avenue.

A jasmine bush by Kay's trailer has grown into a full-fledged tree, bringing back memories of a time before 2000, when parking spaces displaced many of the park's rare trees.

Neighbors who soak up the sunshine from the comfort of their lawn chairs grumble about a park management system that seems determined to boot them all out.

"(A former on-site manager) told me his goal was to make it as miserable as possible for the residents," said Tom Baxter, a retired costume designer who lives next to Kay. "It's really an unbelievable abuse of people."

An August 1999 inspection by the city's Building and Safety Department — in response to resident complaints — found 18 health and safety code violations for plumb-



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ON THE OUTS: Ralph Meyer, 82, has been living at the Village Trailer Park for a quarter century. 'I love this place,' Meyer said last week. Of the 99 residents remaining at the trailer park, 38 are over 60 years of age.

ing, electrical wiring and other problems. The park managers spent roughly \$1 million in repairs.

The following year, 45 tenants won a failure to maintain lawsuit.

Later, a dozen residents won a case against park management, who had failed to tell them about rent control prices when they moved in.

"The population has been thinning out, unfortunately, because the management has been threatening us with closure," Kay said, noting that the park's last 50-year occupant passed away this spring.

Of Village Trailer Park's remaining 99 residents, 38 are over 60 years of age and 32 are physically disabled or chronically ill, according to Griffin. The park presently has 75 units, 22 vacant spots and 13 empty trailers.

Baxter said that very few people have actually moved away, yet residents with waning enthusiasm realize it might be easier to just leave than stay and fight.

"When somebody dies or moves away, they move the trailer out," Kay said. "The big objective is just to clear the place."

Kay continues to mourn the suicide of his neighbor John Stiles last fall.

"Unfortunately, many of them are just eating their guns," Kay said. "My neighbor blew his brains out. It just makes me very sad."

Griffin had tried to calm Stiles down during a lengthy conversation the night before

the latter took his life, when he expressed his distress over the park's imminent closure.

"He just really was unable to cope with it, as are a lot of the tenants," Griffin said. "It's hard to do because, at this time of life, things aren't supposed to be in an uproar."

Griffin said Stiles had no place to go and even contemplated living on the beach. He had lost his wife prior to moving into the trailer park. She described his former neighbor as a delightful man whose enormous capacity for empathy made him hurt for his neighbors who had to live in anxiety.

LIFESTYLE CHOICE

Ten years ago, Griffin moved in to Village Trailer Park hoping to spend her last years in a unit where she could maintain a certain level of financial and physical independence despite her heart problems, bone disease and reliance on a wheelchair.

There is no backup plan if the park actually closes. Griffin's only family is a son in the military. Like Stiles, many residents have no alternative to their lives at Village Trailer Park.

While the park is offering between \$4,500 and \$7,200 for relocation costs, Griffin said the sum would not cover the expenses of tearing down, moving and reskirting her mobile home.

Tim McCormick, a city building officer, said it was unclear where the residents would

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GOING MOBILE: The Village Trailer Park in Mid-City — which occupies a two-acre expanse between 26th Street and Bundy Drive — has proven an uneasy dwelling for many of its residents, who fear they will soon be evicted to make room for condominiums.

wind up if the park closed for good. “There will be a place for them to go, but it wouldn’t be in Santa Monica,” McCormick said. The city is renovating another trailer park in town, but it will take a couple years to finish the project, McCormick said. “These old people just don’t understand,” Kay said, admitting that his alternative to living at Village Trailer Park is a Ralph’s shopping cart. “They came here and felt this was where they were going to have a pleasant lifespan until the end.”

CLOSING SHOP “The park is going to be closed. We have no vacancies,” said June Willis, an assistant manager who started working at Village Trailer Park earlier this year. Willis was unsure of the exact closure timeline, but knew that upper management at J&H Property was talking about the beginning of next year as a target date. Willis said that all the tenants received notices informing them of the decision. With closure looming, residents contend the management is hesitant to let them buy or sell their trailers.

“I’ve had this (trailer) sold three times, and each time the manager said ‘no,’” Baxter said. “I’ve been a prisoner for 10 years.” Baxter estimated that he could sell his trailer for \$150,000. He had planned on using that money to buy a house, but now feels “hopeless.” Tenants contend they are not allowed to upgrade their trailers while on park property. “It would hardly seem logical,” Willis said. “Why would they want to do that? We’re leaving.”

SOMEBODY MOVED THE OCEAN In 2000, rumors had already begun spreading that the park would be sold to developers. Fears subsided when the city noted that the land was zoned for trailers. Park management offered to sell the property to the city shortly after it completed repairs from a series of code violations in 1999, but the city declined, McCormick said. “One of the reasons they want to go out of business as a mobile home park is so they can build something else there,” McCormick said. “They’ve expressed that from the very first interaction we had with them several years ago.”

James Joffe directs the mobile home division of J&H Property Management, the off-site managers upon which the tenants pin their frustration. J&H began managing the 109-lot park in May of 1990. Joffe declined to comment on plans for redeveloping the trailer park site. “We’re not even a part of that,” Joffe said. “We’re just here to manage the property.” Kay suspects the owners would build a

high-rise condominium complex if allowed and doesn’t look forward to the added volume of people the development would add to the neighborhood. Rush-hour traffic already congests Colorado Avenue, Kay said, with large office buildings for MTV Networks, Sony Music, Microsoft, Universal Music Group and Yahoo just around the corner. “The traffic is bumper-to-bumper already,” Kay said. “And to put a high-rise in — that would put 500 more cars in the street at that time. I used to be able to look down the street and see the ocean. Now, we just see cars.”

HE JUST REALLY WAS UNABLE TO COPE WITH IT, AS ARE A LOT OF THE TENANTS. ”

June Griffin, President of the Village Trailer Park homeowners association

AFFORDABLE MEASURES Village Trailer Park was originally built as a camp for vacationers and weekend beach visitors in the 1950s. The property started out as completely rent controlled, but the numbers are dwindling. Between 1986 and 2006, more than 2,200 units in Santa Monica went off city rent rolls as low income, according to Griffin. Only 480 of those were re-rented, meaning a loss of at least 1,733 low-income units. For a rent-controlled property to redevelop, the project that replaces it must allocate at least 15 percent of its new housing options to low-income applicants. Thanks to rent control, tenants at the park only pay between \$250 and \$500 per month for the ground their coaches sit on, according to Condon.

“It is probably some of the most affordable housing in the city because tenants are just renting spaces,” Condon said. In the past, the city changed the zoning on the land from trailer to mobile home with the intent of ensuring that it be used for affordable housing, McCormick said. “Steps were taken to protect the park, it would be a high hill to climb,” McCormick said, explaining his doubts regarding a zoning change. “Obviously, we’re concerned for the safety of the park, and the city overall is concerned with maintaining affordable housing, which that park provides.”

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SURF REPORT

SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 64°

SWELL FORECAST (3-5 FT)

Today the SW is expected to increase a tad, more along the lines of consistent chest high, slightly better perhaps on the set waves. Wind swell is also expected to increase by about 10-15%, more along the lines of chest high. SW facing breaks might see some combined-sea waves towards head high from time to time, but rare. Winds should be calm for the morning and the tide not a problem until night.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

LIGHT SW DUE NEXT WEEKEND...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



BEACH REPORT CARD



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

QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 1

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0

Number of wet days -- 0

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / ns

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / ns

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso 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 Wildfire Rd. (private)	C	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	D	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	B	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily	A	ns
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	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
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	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
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	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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The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

Cost of conflicts has a serious local impact

FROM WAR PAGE 1

Supporters of the war on terror, which includes the conflict in Iraq, said the Web site is trying to draw attention away from the most pressing issue at hand — homeland security and protecting the world against extremists.

City staff did investigate the site at McKeown’s request and prepared a brief report on it, basically stating that the site exists and how it calculates cost.

Finance Director Carol Swindel said a true account of the cost paid by Santa Monicans would be difficult to produce, and would be costly, but the option is there if the council wishes to pursue it. Swindell said the Web site does not provide a real clear picture on the economic impact of the war on Santa Monica, but rather just money spent.

“Looking at the economic impact on Santa Monica, that is a completely different kind of a study than what is presented on the Web site,” Swindell said. “That would be a fairly complex undertaking and would be based on a lot of assumptions.”

The site, which receives about 7,000 hits per day and provides cost comparisons, including how many teachers, scholarships or public housing could have been purchased with the money spent on Iraq, was created to help Americans better understand how much cash the war effort requires to sustain itself, not what its impact is on local economies, said Pemela Schwartz, communications director for the National Priorities Project.

“The numbers are really about enabling people to comprehend the magnitude of the cost and so to say that this dollar figure spent on the war could provide every child with health care for the last four years or every graduating senior a college education, that allows people to better grasp the enormity of the numbers,” Schwartz said. “When you say billions or trillions, that’s hard to comprehend, as opposed to showing consequences of these choices and what that money could have been spent on.”

Schwartz said she agrees with Swindell and others who feel the site does not accurately reflect the true economic impact of the war, and believes the real cost is much

higher than what is presented.

The counter only includes military and non-military spending that has been appropriated by Congress since the war in Iraq began. Potential future costs, such as future medical care for soldiers and veterans wounded in the war, are not included.

It also does not account for the war in Iraq being deficit-financed and that taxpayers will need to make additional interest payments on the national debt due to those deficits, said Schwartz.

The total is divided by the number of residents in a particular city to calculate the cost per city.

For Santa Monica, the cost was \$145,637,118 as of 4:37 p.m. Monday. For that amount of money, Santa Monica officials could have placed 19,289 children in Head Start; insured 87,207 children for one year; hired 2,523 teachers; built 1,311 units of affordable housing; or offered 7,060 high school seniors scholarships to attend a public university for four years, according to the Web site.

“The National Priorities Project clearly feels that we are not effectively spending our

national security dollars,” Schwartz said. “We are in the middle of a failed war that is costing us close to half a trillion dollars already in just immediate, Congressionally allocated war dollars and this is money that could be better spent on our needs at home.”

Sal Russo doesn’t see it that way. Co-founder of Move America Forward, a non-profit organization that vocally supports the war and America’s troops, Russo feels the U.S. isn’t spending nearly enough money on defense and that no price is to large to pay to protect one’s way of life.

“Our position is that the greatest threat Americans face today is the threat from terrorism and those whose goal is to destroy not only the U.S. but western civilization,” said Russo, chief strategist for the group who began his career in political consulting by serving as a special assistant to Gov. Ronald Reagan. “I think this is a fight for survival, so I don’t think there is an unreasonable cost. You can’t afford to not battle against somebody who wants to destroy you.”

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City Council given a wide variety or topics to take into consideration

FROM BUDGET PAGE 3

upgrades are all part of the plan for the site. The council’s contract with Ahbe Landscape Architects is in need of a modification, in the form of an additional \$99,000.

Based on community concerns about improved street lighting, the services to be provided would include conversion of street lighting circuits from series to multiple, relocation of existing street lights, traffic signal upgrades and modifications, an upgrade of the existing traffic signals to fiber optic communications, and relocation of electric meter pedestals.

The new agreement amount is not expected to exceed \$549,100.

FLOAT ON

A request for \$6,000 of discretionary funds for the 1st Annual July 4th Main Street Parade will be heard at tonight’s meeting. The council will also consider becoming a co-sponsor of the event.

CITY HALL COOLS IT

The 20-year-old heating and cooling system currently within City Hall is in need of replacement, due to its lack of energy efficiency and poor operating condition. An

agreement with the company Black and Veatch for design and bid preparation for the system is being considered.

Black and Veatch is currently under contract to design the seismic retrofit of City Hall, which is due to start construction in the spring of 2008. The seismic retrofit and the new project are extensively linked, making Black and Veatch the most likely candidate for the job.

An existing contract with Black and Veatch was not able to be amended due to FEMA regulations. This separate agreement, which is budgeted at \$54,178 includes the design development for two heating and

cooling system options for the replacement project. Work to be done under this contract includes the design of new rooftop equipment, new ducting through the building and incorporation of this system into the Building Management System established at the Public Safety Facility. The newly anticipated agreement calls for funds not to exceed \$320,666, in addition to \$1.3 million included in the 2007-08 Capital Improvement budget for construction of this project.

Additional consulting of wastewater rates Raffelis Financial Consultants, Inc. will be asked to complete additional analysis.

A must appearance, Leo

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★ Dynamic ★★★★ Positive
★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Look at your budget, and if need be, pull it apart. Make strong decisions about your future. For many, this analysis might involve a professional, not personal, situation. Intentions don't count right now; actions do. Tonight: On top of your game.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might want to make solid decisions that could involve your personality, the unexpected and what is going on. Approach a situation with your eyes open. A friend or meeting provides surprising news or certainly an unexpected change. Tonight: Decide for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★ Know when to back off and distance yourself. You have a problem that you might not choose to share. Investigate and make decisions accordingly. No matter how much feedback you get, your perspective is askew. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might want to make decisions that will impact your long-term well-being. Though you could make good decisions, you still might not be getting feedback that you need. Hold off and avoid finalizing matters. Tonight: Play racquetball or Scrabble with a friend. Competition is healthy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Step up to the plate despite confusion and a lack of direction. Your ability to understand could take you down a new path. Listen to the waves of information heading your way. Know there are more facts to come. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Understanding punctuates decisions. You might want to try a new approach or blaze a new trail. What is stopping you? With understanding and direction, you'll make strong decisions. Be willing to stretch mentally and emotionally. Tonight: Note what is not being said.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Your creativity could lead to a bad risk. Realize when to say “no.” You might not like what you are hearing. Investigate news with an eye to a different or changing perspective. Tonight: Yes, a friend is very difficult.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ If you defer, though not natural to you, you will see more of the whole story. Rather than make a mistake, look, listen and evaluate. A boss or someone in authority might be difficult. Understanding heads your way. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You can wait all day for specific news and it still might not be forthcoming. Instead of moaning and groaning about your situation, dig into work or get a project done. The unexpected runs riot. Maybe you need more excitement! Tonight: Work through stress with your preferred tension-buster.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ The unexpected plays a strong role in plans and decisions. More than most signs, you have the skill set to integrate what you hear. Know more of what might be necessary in the long run. If you don't like your daily life, make changes. Tonight: Fun and games.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Feeling grounded might be one thing; feeling the weights and burdens of your immediate world is different. Consider a spontaneous expense that could change the immediate tone of your life. Others' moods might have nothing to do with you. Tonight: Fun and games.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You mean what you say, but what you say changes by the moment. Your ability to understand and move in a new direction remains strong. Don't let routine pull you down. The more innovative you are, the better. Tonight: Catch up on news with a friend.

Heading home

Michigan's 'Idol' Jones performs for her state

LAKISHA JONES, fourth-place finisher on "American Idol," was greeted by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and hundreds of other fans Monday at the state Capitol.

Jones, a native of Flint, wowed the crowd with "And I'm Telling You I'm Not Going" from the "Dreamgirls" film and "God Bless the Child." She had performed both songs on

the hit Fox network talent contest.

Fans held signs, snapped photos and cheered Jones along as she continued a homecoming trip through Michigan before leaving to rehearse for an upcoming tour.

"Never in a million years" did she dream that she would be on the Capitol steps with the governor, Jones said.

"My life is at a complete

360," the 27-year-old singer told reporters. "God has really blessed me tremendously."

The single mother said she plans to live in Houston, where she lived more than six years before moving to Baltimore for a bank-teller job.

She made the "Idol" semifinals in February, got an on-camera kiss from sometimes-churlish "Idol"

judge Simon Cowell and remained in the running until May 9, when she was outpolled by Melinda Doolittle, Blake Lewis and eventual winner Jordin Sparks.

Jones will participate in the "American Idol" tour this summer. She was to leave Tuesday for rehearsals in Los Angeles.

Michigan is proud of Jones, Granholm told the

crowd. The governor also said she had voted for Jones.

Jones sang the national anthem Friday before the interleague game between the Detroit Tigers and New York Mets. She also was honored in Flint on Saturday with "LaKisha Day."

The Lansing celebration featured a performance by the choir from her church.

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QUAID'S EXPECT TWINS

DENNIS QUAID and his wife, Kimberly, who are expecting twins by a surrogate mother, know the sex of the babies – a boy and a girl.

The couple are the biological parents of the twins, due later this year, Quaid publicist Cara Tripicchio said Monday. The pregnancy was announced last month.

Quaid has a 15-year-old son, Jack Henry Quaid, from his marriage to Meg Ryan.

Screen credits for the 53-year-old actor include "Far From Heaven," "The Rookie," "The Right Stuff," "Great Balls of Fire!" and 1998's "The Parent Trap," co-starring Lindsay Lohan.

Quaid and Kimberly Buffington were married in 2004.

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Mori wants to be on screen

Miss Universe hoping for a possible role on 'Heroes'

Less than a month after being crowned **MISS UNIVERSE**, **RIYO MORI** is hoping to land another job – a role on the NBC sci-fi series "Heroes."

"As soon as I won Miss Universe I had this big chance," Mori said in an interview Monday. "I've never acted before. I went to the casting audition and read a script in English and Japanese, and they said it was really good. So I hope I can be in the show."

Mori said the role of Yaeko would be a love interest for one of the main characters on "Heroes."

The 20-year-old dancer won the 2007 Miss Universe contest in Mexico City last month. The only other time Japan has won

the pageant was in 1959, when Akiko Kojima became the first Miss Universe from Asia.

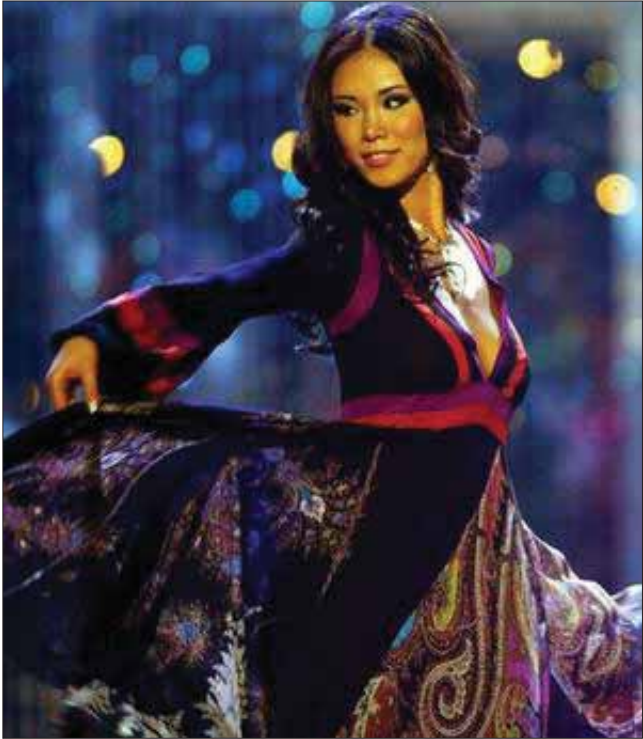
"I'm only here for a week, then it's back to New York" and a tour around the world, Mori said.

"It's funny because I've never been surrounded by so many people, so many cameras," she said. "Japanese people never cared about beauty pageants before. But this is a huge thing in Japan now."

Mori said she's hoping to devote herself to her new role – which includes being a spokeswoman for AIDS issues.

Mori was encouraged to enter the competition by her friends.

AP



ROCKER MELLENCAMP TO PERFORM WITH THE BOSTON POPS



JOHN MELLENCAMP will celebrate Independence Day with the Boston Pops.

Mellencamp will join conductor Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops for the annual Fourth of July concert and fireworks show on the banks of the Charles River.

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He will perform some of his hits during the concert, said a statement on Mellencamp's Web site. The 55-year-old rocker's hits include "Jack and Diane" and "Pink Houses."

The "Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular," hosted by Craig Ferguson of "The Late Late Show," will air live on CBS.

Mellencamp's latest album, "Freedom's Road," was released by Universal Republic Records.

Al Gore lobbied Chili Peppers

If you saw the Red Hot Chili Peppers whispering to **AL GORE** when they accepted their Grammy Award for best rock album in February, that's the moment they committed to playing Live Earth.

Gore said he met with band members for more than an hour before this year's televised awards show, trying to persuade them to perform at one of the concerts.

While receptive to the idea, they weren't sure

they could fit the July 7 concert into their schedule, Gore said Friday.

"I was pushing and pushing them that no matter how difficult it was, that it was important," he said.

The former vice president, who lost the 2000 presidential election to George Bush despite winning the popular vote, is promoting the Live Earth concerts to raise climate change awareness.

Gore, who presented the Grammy for the best rock

album with Queen Latifah, said that amid their celebration for winning the award for "Stadium Arcadium," band members "came over to me on stage and whispered in my ear: 'We're in.'"

"That was the greatest place to get a confirmation that I've had yet," he said.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers are among the headliners for the London concert. Another show is slated for New York.

AP

MOVIEGUIDE

AERO THEATRE
1328 Montana Avenue
(310) 395-4990

Trilogy Weeping Meadow
(Trilogia I: To livadi Pou Dakryzei)
7:30

AMC LOEWS BROADWAY 4
1441 3rd Street
(310) 458-1506

Knocked Up (R)
12:55, 3:45, 7:00, 10:00
Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13)
12:45, 3:25, 6:45, 9:40

Pirates of the Caribbean:
At World's End
3:00, 6:25, 9:55
Spider-Man 3 (PG-13)
1:00, 4:05, 7:15, 10:10

AMC 7 SANTA MONICA
1310 3rd Street
(310) 289-4262

Hostel Part II (R)
12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15
Knocked Up (R)
12:30, 1:25, 3:25, 4:25, 6:25,
7:40, 9:25, 10:40

Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13)
1:40, 2:15, 4:35, 5:15, 7:35,
8:15, 10:30

Pirates of the Caribbean:
At World's End (PG-13)
2:00, 5:35, 9:15
Pirates of the Caribbean: At
World's End DLP-Digital
Projection (PG-13)
12:35, 4:10, 7:55

LANDMARK NUWILSHIRE
1314 Wilshire Blvd
(310) 281-8223

Black Book (Zwartboek) (R)
1:00, 4:30, 8:00
Election (Hak se wui) (NR)
12:00, 4:15, 8:30

LAEMMLE'S MONICA
FOURPLEX
1332 2nd Street
(310) 394-9741

Once (R)
12:00, 2:20, 4:55, 7:20, 9:40
Paris, I Love You
(Paris, je t'aime) (R)
1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 9:55
The Valet (La Doublure)
(PG-13)
12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
Waitress (PG-13)
12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15

MANN'S CRITERION THEATRE
1313 3rd Street
(310) 395-1599

Mr. Brooks (R)
11:30am, 1:10, 2:30, 4:20, 5:30,
7:20, 8:30, 10:20
Shrek the Third
DLP-Digital Projection (PG)
11:40am, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
Shrek the Third (PG)
12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:50, 10:10
Surf's Up (PG)
11:20am, 12:20, 1:50, 2:50, 4:10,
5:10, 6:30, 7:30, 9:10, 9:50

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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
SILVER

				3				
6	4		5			2		8
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9		4				1		7
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4		6			2		8	9
				4			1	

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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

7	6	3	9	5	8	1	4	2
5	4	2	7	6	1	9	3	8
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4	1	8	6	2	9	7	5	3
8	7	4	3	1	5	2	9	6
3	2	5	8	9	6	4	7	1
6	9	1	2	4	7	3	8	5

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♪ TAAAKE MEEE OUT TO ♪
♪ THE BALLGAAAME... ♪

KARAOKE NIGHT

FEINSTEIN

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The Meaning of Lila

"THE WALK FOR HUNGER" IS A WAY TO HELP THE LESS FORTUNATE.

NOT WORKING.

YOU'LL GET FRESH AIR AND EXERCISE.

STILL NOT WORKING.

YOU'LL MEET MEN WHO CARE ABOUT OTHERS...

GETTING WARMER.

AND WHO ARE IN GREAT SHAPE AND TAKE OFF THEIR SHIRTS.

WE HAVE LIFT-OFF.

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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose

The Other Coast

ANOTHER HUMAN-BEAR ENCOUNTER ABOUT TO END BADLY...

SO, I'M TAKING THIS NATURAL ANTI-WRINKLE REMEDY. IT'S DERIVED FROM BEAR GALL BLADDERS...

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By Adrian Raeside

Garfield

WHAT'S WITH THAT WEIRD LOOK ?

ARE YOU OBSESSING ABOUT FOOD AGAIN?

NO...

I JUST NEVER REALIZED HOW MUCH YOUR HEAD LOOKS LIKE A TURKEY LEG

YOU'RE CREEPING ME OUT

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By Jim Davis

Dog eat Doug

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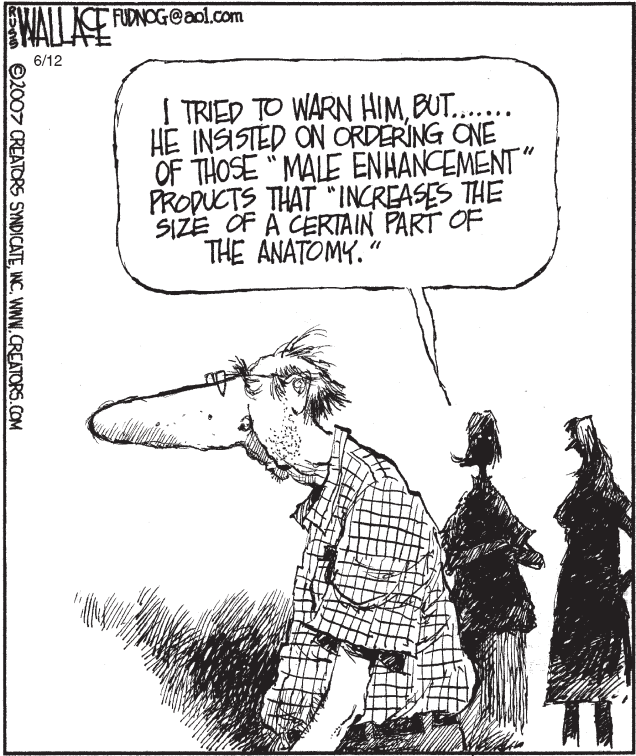
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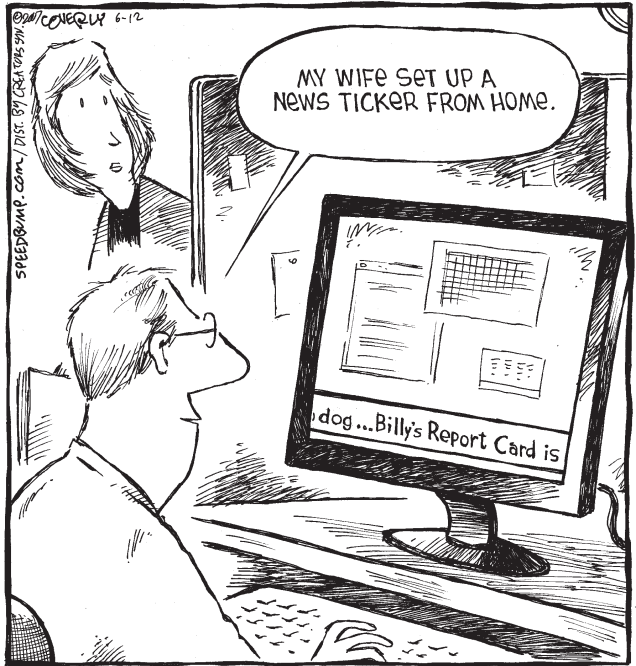
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Updates: (1) Zimbabwe's almost comically sad hyperinflation, which News of the Weird reported had reached 1,593 percent in January (one could buy a house, pool and tennis court in 1990 for the same dollars as would buy a single brick today), was up to 3,731 percent in May, and is expected to get much worse. (2) Star Trek obsessive Tony Alleyne, who News of the Weird reported in 2006 was having a hard time selling his small apartment in Leicestershire, England, that he had fastidiously outfitted to the specifications of the starship Enterprise, and then redesigned as the flight deck of the Voyager, reported in May that he had a buyer, for the equivalent of about \$840,000, roughly five times the value of a comparable flat in that neighborhood.

■ In November, News of the Weird reported the arrest of Michael McPhail of Spanaway, Wash., who was charged with bestiality under the state's brand-new law, having allegedly been caught by his wife having sex with the family dog. In May 2007, a jury in Tacoma, Wash., found McPhail not guilty.

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1560 Battle of Okehazama: Oda Nobunaga defeats Imagawa Yoshimoto.
1860 The State Bank of the Russian Empire established.
1880 The first baseball perfect game is pitched by Lee Richmond.
1885 At a murder trial in France, a roof collapses, killing 30 people.
1903 Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity is founded at the University of Michigan School of Music.
1939 The Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is dedicated in Cooperstown, New York.
1942 Holocaust: Future essayist Anne Frank receives a diary for her thirteenth birthday.
1964 South Africa sentences Nelson Mandela to life in prison.
1979 Bryan Allen flies the Gossamer Albatross, man powered, across the English Channel.
1981 Major League Baseball players begin a 49 day strike over the issue of free-agent compensation.
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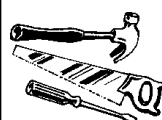
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