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Smoking snuffed out at SMC

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC When classes begin in the fall, students looking to light up a cigarette before school will likely have to do so on the outskirts of Santa Monica College following a decision Monday by trustees to completely ban smoking on campus. The 4-3 vote in favor of the total ban followed testimony from students, teachers and employees of the college, all urging elected officials to abandon its plan to create designated smoking areas and instead enact a campus-wide ban to protect

people from the dangers of second-hand smoke. The ban can be made official in July when the board holds a second and final vote on that matter. "I had originally thought that we could go along with designated areas, but the speakers' comments were very poignant and I felt that it wasn't fair for particular students who would be walking by these smoking areas every day for a semester. That is foul," said Rob Rader, vice chair of the board of trustees. "This is something we have to take responsibility for and create a healthy environment for our students and employees."

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Nearly 31 percent of full-time college students smoke, compared with about 25 percent of the overall population, according to the federal government's 2005 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Once the ban is enacted, SMC will join at least 43 campuses nationwide — from California to New Jersey — that have

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Palisades Park's status is unclear

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The perpetual preservation of Santa Monica's iconic ocean-view park will just have to wait.

Citing the need for city staff to spend more time reviewing an analysis of Palisades Park, the Landmarks Commission on Monday postponed a vote to designate the 26.4 acres of open space until its July 9 meeting.

While the details need to be sorted out, the park's eventual landmark status seems a certainty.

The commission heard concerns on the potential landmarks designation application filed for the park on Oct. 9, 2006.

Two fairly lengthy reports by City Hall consultants and city staff in the Planning

and Community Development Department didn't come into the hands of Karen Ginsberg, assistant director of community and cultural services, until Monday. The 59-page Landmarks Assessment Report by PCR Services Corporation and a 12-page analysis by city staff will get another look.

On Monday, Ginsberg, the owner representative for Palisades Park, aired several concerns after reviewing the staff report, one being the time frame allotted to prepare a Park Management Plan following the landmarks designation.

City staff would have just 95 days from the time the Landmarks Commission acts on designation to prepare the management plan, which would outline a regulatory process the commission would follow in reviewing future alterations to the park.

The 95-day window is too small to prepare the Park Management Plan, Ginsberg argued, and that at least 150 days would be needed.

"While I appreciate wanting to expedite (the process), I thought it was overly ambitious," Ginsberg said on Tuesday. "It wouldn't give adequate time to Recreation and Parks Commissioners who would likely like to review the plan at least twice."

The Recreation and Parks Commission was also interested in formulating a subcommittee with the Landmarks Commission to develop the management plan, said Ginsberg, one of the staff liaisons to the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Ginsberg was also concerned about inaccuracies in the staff report, specifically in a chart listing significant physical features in

Palisades Park and seeing whether they serve as contributing or potentially contributing historical features to the site.

There were "factual discrepancies" in the description of the features, she said.

While the Recreation and Parks Commission could discuss the reports at its meeting on June 21, it doesn't seem likely with an already stacked agenda. Ginsberg wondered if Recreation and Parks Commissioners will even have a chance to discuss the reports before the next Landmarks Commission meeting.

There seems to be little to almost no concern among members of the Recreation and Parks Commission and Landmarks Commission in the historic designation of

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Mayor's break-up hard to do

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
AP Political Writer

LOS ANGELES Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa took the blame Monday for his crumbling marriage but declined to answer when asked if he was romantically involved with a woman other than his wife.

"I take responsibility for what is happening, and I feel a personal sense of failure about it," a subdued Villaraigosa told reporters at a brief, standing-room only news conference at City Hall.

"While the public has a right to know about this change in our status as a family, I'm not going to entertain questions about our personal, private lives," he said.

The mayor announced last week that he and his wife, Corina, were separating after 20 years of marriage. It was not clear if the mayor or his wife would file for divorce.

When the pair married in 1987, they merged their last names — his "Villar" and her "Raigosa." The mayor will not change his

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WELL, THAT BLOWS

A gardener uses a leaf blower to clear the pavement last week at the corner of Arizona Avenue and Sixth Street. To the chagrin of many local residents, leaf blowers are still quite common in Santa Monica, despite their total ban by the Santa Monica Municipal Code (Sec. 4.08.270). Violations can be reported to the Santa Monica Police Department.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where Council falls on tree debate
Editor:

In a letter to the SMDP (“City leaders ignore constituents,” June 1), I decried the downward slide Santa Monica seems to be in and chided the City Council and city planners for not listening. I want to amend that somewhat. After my letter was printed, I received a letter from one Council member – Kevin McKeown, agreeing that the trees on Second and Fourth streets should not be cut down. I have since found out that his was the only dissenting vote.

For your edification, here is the breakdown of how the voting on cutting down the trees went:

Motion by Council member McKeown to amend the motion to retain existing trees. The motion died for lack of a second.

Motion to amend by Council member Shriver, to direct staff to explore some alternatives for funding, including a possible assessment to the improvement district. The motion was accepted as friendly.

The main motion, as amended, was approved by the following vote: AYE – Council members Genser, Shriver, Bloom, Mayor Pro Katz, Mayor O’Connor; NO – Council member McKeown; ABSENT – Council member Holbrook

Council member McKeown stated, for the record, that he voted in opposition because he prefers not to spend \$700,000 to cut down healthy trees. And there you have it – \$700,000 to cut down healthy trees. Shame on you. Those trees are beautiful, offer shade and are decorated at the holidays with lights.

Thank you SMDP for making it possible to be informed.
Marilyn Brennan
Santa Monica

Blame bad business, not trees
Editor:

The city of Santa Monica intends to destroy the large-canopy ficus trees along Second and Fourth streets in a fatally flawed attempt to make those streets more attractive to pedestrians and motorists. This bizarre logic flies in the face of research, surveys and studies stretching back decades.

One such study, “Trees on Main Street: Influences on Retail and Shopping Behavior,” said this:

“Ratings for both categories were significantly higher for the place that has large, full-canopy street trees. Place character (such as having a pleasant atmosphere and positive image) was rated 35 percent higher for the place having large trees. Judgments of products and merchants (such as customer service, informative merchants and well-made products) were 10 percent more positive for places having trees. Consumers made judgments about their potential shopping experience based on tree cues.”

The study can be read here: www.cfr.washington.edu/research.envmind/CityBiz/Sml%20Tn%203P_FS17.pdf

Once the trees are gone, they’re gone forever. Is this what the citizens of this city really want?

Dan Jansenson
Santa Monica

Leave the blowers behind
Editor:

As I type this, I am listening to the incessant racket of yet another leaf blower across the street, the man lazily blowing around a few leaves so that they wind up in the gutter. The noise could just as easily be a weed-whacker or another gas-powered mower. It seems like most days I end up closing my window in frustration because the neighborhood peace is constantly under attack by these machines. Today, I was awakened by a leaf-blower in the alley behind my girlfriend’s house. It was 9 a.m. this time, but not long ago someone fired up one of these machines at 7:15 a.m. We called in a noise complaint. I can only hope the managers of the building behind her were at least contacted.

Why are leaf blowers still being used, in an alley or anywhere else? If gardeners used a broom, maybe our gutters wouldn’t require street cleaning once a week.

Lawn care equipment burns fuel inefficiently and is a major polluter, and Santa Monica would do well in leading the nation in requiring lawn care equipment to be electric powered, reducing emissions and noise.

John Hoelle
Santa Monica



That Rutherford Guy

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Why the obsession with Paris Hilton?

THE MELODRAMA SURROUNDING Paris Hilton shows how perverse news reporting has become. It boggles the mind that newsworthy items of great importance are pushed to the background in order to cover someone who impacts society in no positive way and has no obvious talent other than getting in the news.

Who is Paris Hilton? And what has she done to warrant such extensive coverage? Apart from being born to opulent wealth and starring in a homemade sex video, reality TV series, minor film roles and a self-titled music album, there is little that sets this 26-year-old DUI offender apart from the mass of poseurs that haunt the pages of celebrity gossip magazines.

I’m not trying to belittle Hilton, who may be a closet humanitarian when she’s not driving drunk or cat-fighting with the likes of Nicole Richie or Lindsay Lohan. However, as news producers are fond of reminding us, there is only so much airtime available for breaking news (I was once bumped from a major nightly news show in order to make room for breaking news on the death of the Clintons’ dog, Buddy).

This leads one to wonder what real news is getting cut so that television news programs and newspapers can devote endless hours and print space to Paris Hilton trivia. Let me count the ways.

Terrorism. According to the Department of Homeland Security, we’re running a Code Orange on our domestic and international flights right now, which means that we’re facing a “high risk of terrorist attacks.” Yet, incredibly, Hilton’s release from jail and subsequent re-imprisonment has received more coverage than the plot to blow up JFK airport.

The war in Iraq. Even with American troops and Iraqi civilians dying on a daily basis, Operation Iraqi Freedom receives minimal coverage by the media. We rarely hear the names of our fallen soldiers — they are treated as the anonymous dead — nor do we hear anything about their lives or family members. Yet we’ve been treated to an excruciating amount of minutiae about Hilton’s first few days in jail — from the dryness of her skin (because there’s no cream in jail) to her attire (an orange and brown jumpsuit) and activities (she plays ping pong when she’s not in her room alone). Hilton’s “horrible experience,” in which she didn’t eat, sleep, was severely depressed and felt like she was “in a cage,” even merited an “exclusive” interview with Barbara Walters.

Operation Enduring Freedom. The war in Afghanistan has been dragging on for close to six years, and yet we rarely hear much about it anymore. This is despite the fact that Congress has appropriated about \$510 billion thus far for Iraq, Afghanistan and other security concerns.

The genocide in Darfur. It is estimated that there have been 400,000 deaths and more than two million people forced into

substandard refugee camps. Is Paris Hilton more important than the starvation, rape and mass killings of innocent civilians?

AIDS in Africa. According to former U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, between 1999 and 2000, more people died of AIDS in Africa than in all the wars on that continent, including Angola, Sierra Leone, Congo, Congo-Brazzaville, Somalia, Sudan, Ethiopia and Eritrea. UNAIDS estimated that worldwide at the end of 2006, there were 39.5 million people living with HIV, 4.3 million new infections of HIV and 2.9 million deaths from AIDS. Sadly, over two-thirds of HIV cases, and over 80 percent of the deaths, were in Sub-Saharan Africa.

I’M NOT TRYING TO BELITTLE HILTON, WHO MAY BE A CLOSET HUMANITARIAN WHEN SHE’S NOT DRIVING DRUNK OR CAT-FIGHTING WITH THE LIKES OF NICOLE RICHIE OR LINDSAY LOHAN.

Immigration is one of the more staggering problems facing this country in terms of security and its economic future, and yet we only occasionally hear updates on possible legislation. And whatever happened to our supposed rebuilding of New Orleans after Katrina? There are people living in tents and on the streets of New Orleans, but how many of us know it? And although many Americans won’t be taking a vacation this summer because they can’t afford the gas prices, there’s little analytical reporting on why we’re getting bilked at the gas pump.

These are just a smattering of the issues that should be getting better coverage but aren’t. And why is that? Largely because we live in a celebrity-obsessed culture where those writing, reporting and producing the news are more concerned with the antics of so-called celebrities such as Paris Hilton than they are with reporting on the issues that affect the lives of mainstream Americans.

But those who are consumed with such trivia are really at fault here. As a result, we no longer know what’s going on in our own country, let alone the world. And it’s a crying shame.

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Earth Talk

By the editors of E Magazine

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Sick of work? There's a good reason for it

Dear EarthTalk:

What is "Sick Building Syndrome?"

Annie Sundberg

New York, NY

THE TERM "SICK BUILDING SYNDROME"

was coined in the 1970s to describe a phenomenon whereby occupants of a building would become ill without explanation, and then symptoms would appear to decrease or go away altogether once they left the building.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), those afflicted usually experience symptoms such as headaches; eye, nose or throat irritation; dry cough; dry or itchy skin; dizziness and nausea; difficulty concentrating; fatigue; and extra sensitivity to odors. Usually sick building syndrome is associated with commercial buildings, but residential homes can also trigger symptoms. And, according to the U.S. Green Building Council, more than half of all U.S. schools have sick building syndrome.

Ironically, improvements in building design and energy efficiency may be major contributors to the problem, as airtight indoor space is not as well ventilated as areas cleansed by fresh air breezes. According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health indoor air pollution, biological contaminants such as bacteria and mold and inadequate ventilation have all contributed to a rise in SBS in recent years.

Adhesives, upholstery, carpeting, copiers, manufactured wood products, cleaning agents and pesticides are all sources of indoor air pollution, as are many of the chemical smells and other odors present in manufacturing and service settings. Also, according to the EPA, outdoor pollutants such as car exhaust can enter buildings.

It's no wonder that cases of sick building syndrome have been on the rise in recent years: People are spending more and more time indoors, and building materials, furniture and equipment contain many more synthetic chemicals than they did 50 years ago. Buildings operated or maintained in ways they were not originally designed for can create problems, as can occupant activities such as smoking or the use of colognes and perfumes.

Not everyone is convinced that on-the-job illnesses are associated with a building's environmental factors. In a study conducted by Dr. Mai Stafford, M.D. of the University College London Medical School, symptoms



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BETTER CALL IT IN: Sick often? Your office building could be the culprit. Many residential homes and more than half of all U.S. schools also have 'Sick Building Syndrome.'

were instead strongly linked to other factors such as job stress and lacking social support at work. Dr. Stafford and colleagues concluded, "...if sick building syndrome is reported, management should consider causes beyond the physical design of the workplace and should widen their investigation to include the organization of work roles and the autonomy of the workforce."

A combination of measures can help reduce sick building syndrome, including increasing ventilation and air distribution, removing known pollutants, replacing water-stained ceiling tiles and carpets, introducing air filtration, and educating management and maintenance personnel. Heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, at a minimum, should meet local building code ventilation standards. And time should always be allowed for new building materials to off-gas chemical contaminants before occupancy.

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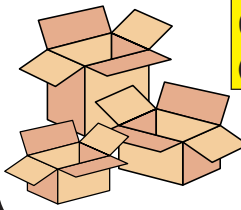
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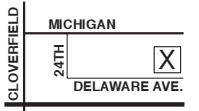
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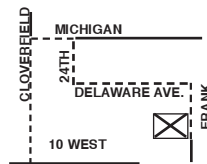
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Spector DNA absent from murder weapon

BY LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES Phil Spector's DNA was not found on the gun that killed Lana Clarkson, a criminalist testified Monday, but he suggested it might have been hidden under the large amount of the actress' blood on the weapon.

Sheriff's criminalist Steve Renteria, called by the prosecution in Spector's murder trial, acknowledged that numerous items analyzed by the crime lab showed only the DNA of the dead woman.

"Just because Lana Clarkson was the sole donor (of DNA) that doesn't mean that nobody else on Earth came in contact with those things?" Deputy District Attorney Alan Jackson asked the witness

"Correct," replied Renteria. "It all has to do with the amount of cells present."

He noted that a large smear of blood on the banister of a staircase next to her body showed only her DNA.

"There could have been trace cells from another donor," he said, but they would have been overwhelmed by the large smear.

"I didn't see his DNA but it could have been there underlying," said the witness.

Defense attorney Christopher Plourd, cross-examining the witness, elicited testimony that Spector's DNA was also not detected on the bullets found in the gun.

The defense is expected to argue that the absence of Spector's DNA on the gun means he did not pull the trigger and that Clarkson killed herself. The prosecution may argue that Spector wiped off the gun at some point.

Clarkson, 40, died on Feb. 3, 2003, from a single shot fired from a revolver in her mouth. Her body was found slumped in a chair in the foyer of Spector's Alhambra

mansion. The gun was found by police on the floor by one of her feet.

Best known for her role in the movie, "Barbarian Queen," she was working at the House of Blues when she met Spector and agreed to go home with him for a drink after closing time. Spector's chauffeur said that at 5 a.m. he heard a loud noise and saw Spector emerge from his home holding a gun and saying, "I think I killed somebody."

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EARTH CAME IN CONTACT
WITH THOSE THINGS?"

Alan Jackson
Deputy District Attorney

With the emphasis on forensic evidence as the trial entered its seventh week, Renteria also testified about the unexpected absence of blood spray from Clarkson on a wall near her body or on the carpet in front of it, suggesting something or someone in front of her could have blocked it.

Renteria, who set up the Sheriff's Department's DNA program in 1994, said he sprayed the area around Clarkson's body with Luminol, a chemical designed to detect blood unseen by the naked eye.

Oddly, he said, there was no blood on the wall next to her body or on the carpet.

STATE BRIEFS

VENTURA

Hiking trails closed following mountain lion sightings

Popular hiking trails above Arroyo Verde Park at the city's east end were closed because of mountain lion sightings.

There haven't been any attacks.

Ventura police received three reports of mountain lions in the hilly area in recent days and decided to close down the trails as a precaution.

Trailheads were blocked and signs were posted warning the public that a mountain lion, and possibly cubs, were on the prowl in the area.

The first sighting came about 7 p.m. Friday near a trail on the park's north end. The second occurred about 2 p.m. Saturday and a third occurred about 6 p.m. Sunday.

There may be more closures if mountain lions continue to pass through the park, Sgt. Jack Richards said.

"With schools out and camps starting, if the frequency keeps up we might relocate camps and close the park itself just till we're sure that the lions are out of the area," he said.

Police Lt. Ray Vance said it was best to stay inside the park and avoid the hills, especially at dawn, dusk and nighttime when cougars are most active.

APPLE VALLEY

Nearly 1,400 marijuana plants found in grow house

Nearly 1,400 marijuana plants worth an estimated \$4.2 million were found inside an upscale home used exclusively as an indoor farming operation.

There were no arrests.

Sheriff's deputies raiding the Huasna Road home Monday morning found a sophisticated growing operation with a special air conditioning system and lights.

"These guys knew what they were doing," said Lt. Greg Garland of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

Detectives said the home was purchased in January for about \$650,000 and neighbors began to notice construction activity soon afterward.

Southern California Edison investigators at the home Monday estimated the growers stole about \$4,000 of electricity a month.

There has been a growing trend in cultivating marijuana inside homes. The area Marijuana Eradication Team has busted nearly 40 of the operations in Phelan, Rancho Cucamonga, and around San Bernardino County, Garland said.

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Beach manners

How to keep things fun, sunny amongst the heated throngs

BY NICK DIVITO
Associated Press Writer

Headed for the beach? Please, beg fellow sun worshippers, remember the Golden Rule. “Beach etiquette is no different than everyday etiquette,” says Syndi Seid, founder of Advanced Etiquette, a San Francisco-based company that teaches social etiquette and protocol. “The overarching theme: be sensitive to the people around you, and refrain from behaving in ways that would be disruptive to your neighbors.” In other words, don’t be a beach bum. Some specific pointers, in case you need a tutorial:

LEAVE ONLY FOOTPRINTS.
Put litter in its place — even if its biodegradable. “For some reason, every time I go to the beach, someone is sucking on a chicken bone,” says Meredith Bergman, a 30-year-old legal marketer who recently moved to New York City from Southern California. “The next thing you know, there are bones in the sand. It’s extremely disgusting.” Leaving old soda cans or glasses is dangerous. Any kind of trash is unsightly. Bring a small garbage bag or plastic grocery bag with you so you can pack your trash and keep it from blowing away as your day goes along. (And then put the bag of garbage where it belongs, of course.)

WATCH YOUR KIDS.
The piercing shrills of screaming children can be a real buzz-kill, if you’re trying to relax to the dulcet tones of waves lapping the shoreline. Keep the kids in regular family play areas or off somewhere where they won’t bother anyone. Help them learn how to give a wide berth to others’ towels, and remind them not to kick or throw sand. Julia MacEwan, a 25-year-old education administrator from Brooklyn who frequents

Cape Cod, asks that if your kids dig holes, have them fill them up before they leave. “It kills me when kids dig up the beach and don’t put the sand back. Falling into the holes is pretty awful, especially in a two-piece,” she says. (Same rules apply to dogs, too.)

DON’T LET THE SMOKE GET IN THEIR EYES.
Most non-smokers don’t want their salty air to smell like nicotine. “There’s nothing worse than being downwind of a smoker,” said Cindy Neuberger, a 32-year-old real estate agent from Baltimore who regularly makes the three-hour drive to Bethany Beach, Del. If you do smoke, be mindful of others both during your break and after. “And then they just put the cigarette butts in the sand! Just clean them up, that’s all I ask,” Neuberger said.

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Meredith Bergman
Southern California beach-goer

KEEP IT DOWN.
Again, people came to the beach to relax, not to sit in on your public rock concert. Turn the boom box down, says Lydia Ialongo, a real estate agent from Ellwood City, Pa., who is a regular on the sands of Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic. “I don’t want to listen to your music,” she says. “I came to relax or read.” And please, leave the cell phones at home, she asks.

Tattoo time: What to expect when beach cover-ups drop

BY NICK DIVITO
Associated Press Writer

It’s summer, and that means it’s tattoo season, the best time of the year to show off — or take in — all that sexy ink. But forget the same old now-standard Asian characters or tribal bands. These days, the tattooed set is bringing a little more forethought and artistic value to the otherwise youthful and impetuous world of inking. “In the past three years, everyone’s been going crazy for custom work,” said Freddie Wadsworth, a 24-year-old tattoo artist at Ric’s Tattoo Studio in Lock Haven, Pa. “The days of walking into a street shop and picking the hearts or the star designs off the wall are numbered. It’s all about the intricate, custom work that clients help design.”

Other growing favorites: Asian-inspired art, new-school renderings of old-school favorites like anchors, ships and swallows, white-ink tattoos like Lindsay Lohan’s “breathe” script on her wrist, and “texttoos,” tattoos of phrases etched across body parts in simple fonts. Take Maureen Wyse, a 23-year-old magazine editor now living in Brooklyn, N.Y., who sports an estimated \$10,000 worth of fine art all over her body. Wyse, who’s from Seattle, and her best friend, Brandie Bailey, from Vancouver, made a “totally scandalous” decision to get the words “Northwest” tattooed on their inside of their right, middle fingers before boarding a plane and heading to their adopted home in New York City, she said. Five months later, Bailey was struck and killed by a trash truck while riding her bike.

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BUSINESS

Yahoo's corporate struggles threaten Santa Monica jobs

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE | AP Business Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Just before Google Inc. went public nearly three years ago, Yahoo Inc. Chairman Terry Semel assured a roomful of securities analysts and money managers that his company would remain the Internet's brightest star. To punctuate his high hopes, Frank Sinatra's "The Best Is Yet to Come" played in the background.

Google has so thoroughly eclipsed its rival since then that a growing contingent of Yahoo shareholders believes the company would be better off without Semel, who could face a chorus of discontent when he takes the stage at Yahoo's annual shareholders meeting Tuesday.

Even as it has struggled, Yahoo has continued to pay Semel like a rock star — yet another sore point for frustrated shareholders.

"The company is drifting," said Eric Jackson, who intends to confront Semel during the meeting on behalf of about 80 Yahoo stockholders who own a combined 2 million shares in

the Sunnyvale-based company. "And its problems ultimately lie at Terry's feet."

Although the stake held by Jackson's group represents less than 0.2 percent of Yahoo's outstanding stock, the shareholder misery is widespread, said Standard and Poor's equity analyst Scott Kessler.

"A lot of people are wondering what is going on and what management is doing to get the stock moving in the right direction again," he said. "I wouldn't want to be one of the presenters at that meeting."

Besides finding a new CEO, Jackson wants Yahoo to close its entertainment and news division in Santa Monica, lay off employees with overlapping responsibilities and institute a cash dividend.

Shareholders are exasperated largely because Yahoo has seemed to be meandering while online search leader Google has been stampeding farther ahead.

In the last year alone, Google has trumped Yahoo in the bidding for online video pioneer YouTube Inc. and Internet display ad service DoubleClick Inc. while widening its lead in the lucrative field of search. Google has established such a commanding advantage that the Mountain View company makes more money in a single quarter than Yahoo does in an entire year.

It's a humbling descent from the days when Semel was singing a happier tune.

After Google completed its August 2004 initial public offering, Yahoo was still the larger and more valuable company.

The IPO gave Google a market value of \$23 billion compared with \$39 billion for Yahoo at the time. Google's stock price has increased by more than sixfold since then, creating nearly \$140 billion in additional shareholder wealth. Meanwhile, Yahoo's stock price has fallen by about 4 percent during the same period, leaving the company with a market value of \$37 billion.

Semel, who ran a movie studio before becoming Yahoo's chief executive six years ago, isn't the only one on the hot seat.

Besides pushing for Semel's ouster, Jackson's group believes six other directors on Yahoo's 10-member board



Market Matters

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Identity thieves on the prowl

BEFORE TOSSING THAT CREDIT CARD STATEMENT IN the garbage and walking it outside to the driveway for the upcoming waste pickup, you may want to think twice. Your rubbish may get some unwanted attention from lurking identity thieves before the trash truck's morning arrival.

As identity theft becomes increasingly prevalent with nearly 9 million American adult victims reported in 2006*, it is essential that you take steps to protect yourself and your nest egg. Remember, while most identity thieves victimize their targets using old-fashioned techniques such as mail theft and dumpster diving, others are using more sophisticated electronic forms of theft.

In order to prevent identity thieves from targeting you, there are some easy guidelines you can follow.

Never e-mail sensitive Information: When using e-mail, never include account numbers, user names, passwords, Social Security or PIN numbers, or credit card information. You should also avoid using other information you deem confidential (e.g., passport information, photos, etc.).

Limit personal information: Never disclose personal information over the phone or via e-mail unless you initiated the correspondence.

Pick Web site passwords carefully: When using the Internet, choose user names, PINs and passwords that are difficult to guess. Do not use your birthday, phone number or obvious personal data. It is also important to type your log-in information each time you go online instead of letting your Internet browser save your log-in information.

Practice Internet safety: You should try to avoid using public computers to review personal information and account details because simply closing your browser does not automatically clear the browser's memory. Information stored in cache is still available until deleted. When you are using the Internet, look for sites that offer Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) technology. SSL is denoted by a locked padlock in the lower-right hand corner of your browser window. Also, when you log on to a secure site, "http" in the address bar will change to "https." These two things indicate that the site is secure.

Update anti-virus software: Make sure your antivirus software is current, and enable your personal firewall on your PC.

Review privacy policies: When applying for an account or ordering a product online, review the Web site's privacy policy to make sure you are dealing with a reputable company.

Shred it: Shred and destroy receipts and documents containing credit card information and your Social Security number.

Use caution with outgoing mail: Deposit outgoing mail in the United States Post Office boxes rather than your home mailbox.

Know your credit report: Review your credit reports from the three main credit bureaus (i.e., Equifax, TransUnion and Experian) annually. You can request your report online under www.annualcreditreport.com. If you notice that the information on one of your credit reports is inaccurate, contact the credit bureau to investigate.

Watch your statements: Be mindful of unusual purchases or transactions on your statements and report them immediately. Also, if your statement appears to have been opened and resealed, contact the issuing institution as once.

If you suspect your personal data has been violated or you have become a victim of identity theft, contact (877) ID-THEFT immediately.

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That's a wrap

Seaweed isn't just for sushi anymore; think salad and ice cream

BY TANYA BRICKING LEACH
Associated Press Writer

Most Americans know seaweed as two things — a wrapper on a California roll and a slimy obstacle en route to an ocean dip.

But along the nation's coastlines, small and dedicated groups of seaweed enthusiasts are turning what they like to call "sea vegetables" into a thriving cottage industry. Not to mention some pretty tasty dinners.

"People who live by the coast are often the least likely to want to try seaweed," says James Jungwirth, a Williams, Ore., man who harvests his own seaweed and likes to snack on brown kelp fronds.

"They wrinkle up their noses at it because they're thinking of the rotting piles of seaweed that end up on the beach," he says. But Jungwirth thinks that's like not eating vegetables because some end up in compost piles.

Most commercial seaweed — the sort used to make the mountains of sushi sold daily in America or that is processed to make thickeners that end up in everything from baked goods to ice cream — comes from Asia.

But seaweed proponents like to point out that varieties gathered from America's coasts offer a wide world of culinary options.

"I love the taste of it," says Linda Conroy, who runs a seaweed harvesting trip for women each summer on Lopez Island, off the coast of Washington. "Every seaweed tastes different. My favorite seaweed is the giant kelp. My whole entire body comes alive."

Part of what she does is teach people how to treat seaweed as a mainstream ingredient. Which means thinking beyond sushi and miso soup, another common Japanese dish

that includes seaweed.

Conroy offers simple recipes, such as gomashio, a Japanese condiment made from crushed dried nori seaweed, toasted sesame seeds and sometimes sea salt. It often is added to salads, rice and soups. She even has a seaweed oatmeal cookie recipe.

Seaweed also is a natural for many salads and soups, which is how Donna Bishop likes to sneak it into her husband's diet.

The 60-year-old Gualala, Calif., grandmother often gets up before dawn to clam-ber down a cliff, don a wet suit and plunge into the chilly ocean in search of nori and sea palm seaweed. Some she'll eat, the rest she'll sell dried or fresh at a farmers market.

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James Jungwirth
seaweed enthusiast

"My own husband won't eat seaweed," she says. At least not knowingly.

Bishop likes to use kombu, a large variety of kelp, as others do bay leaves. She adds it to soups while they simmer, then discards it before serving. Or she'll grind up dried seaweed and use it to season her soups and pastas.

And to hook those who doubt seaweed's culinary virtues, she makes a sort of trail mix by roasting sea palm (a Pacific Coast seaweed) and dried nori (the sort used in sushi), then toss it with sugar-coated almonds and a bit of salt.



Real Estate 101

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There is no quick fix for low credit scores

YOU ARE WALKING ALONG THE BEACH with the sun in your face and sand between your toes. Vacationing in Maui is for you. After some thought, you decide that you want to come back year after year, but you do not want to stay in a hotel. What you want is a beach house. The problem is that you cannot afford a vacation property by yourself — so you look for partners. Partnerships can enable a group of people to acquire an asset such as a beach house. However, partnerships, according to one company, can help improve a person's credit score. One online company called Instantcreditbuilders.com or ICB claims to help a person improve their credit score in 90 days or less.

First, let's talk about your credit and what it means to lenders. A credit score is a numerical number ranging from 300 to 850, often called a FICO score. The higher the score the better the credit. Credit scores are calculated using a number of variables such as number of revolving and installment lines of credit, the length of time someone has had credit and a series of other variables. Three credit bureaus — Experian, Equifax and Trans Union — have proprietary formulas which assemble credit data and generate a credit score. Each company has a name for a credit score, however, Experian owns the rights to the FICO name. Lenders purchase your credit score along with your credit history from the companies in what is known as a tri-merge credit report. Since one company may have information the other does not, lenders want to make sure they have an objective picture of a person's credit history. In general, the credit with less or no derogatory marks receives a higher score, which can translate into a lower interest rate. However, ICB has found a unique way to circumvent years of poor credit history through partnerships.

Instantcreditbuilders.com wants to help you improve your credit score so you are not taken advantage of by predatory lenders according to their Web site. What they do is not, as of today, technically illegal. On one hand, you have an individual who needs to improve their credit, so they hire ICB and pay them a fee. ICB goes and finds people with excellent credit in exchange for payment. Some lenders and credit bureaus have a problem with what they do next. ICB adds the person with mediocre credit to one of the trade lines of the person with excellent credit. When someone who does not have great credit is added to someone with great credit trade lines they essentially fool the computers at the credit bureaus and reap the benefits of the better trade line. After a few months the person with mediocre credit is removed from the trade line, but keeps the excellent credit holders trade line history, which can increase a credit score hundreds of points.

When applying for a loan from a lender, a person is asked if any of the information they provided is false. If a person has several trade lines that were not theirs, it could be deemed as false information. The other issue at hand is with rates. Lenders charge a higher rate to people with low credit because they are deemed as more of a credit risk. That risk is offset by a higher rate. Improving your credit quickly may seem like a good idea, but change is in the air.

It is likely that this practice will be eliminated in the near future due to lender and credit bureau concerns. In the end, the safest and most legal way to improve your credit is slowly over time by making timely payments and paying down debt yourself.

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Association rules can stand refresher

AMENDING ASSOCIATION CC&RS

Q. Our homeowner association is fairly old. Should we go to the expense of updating our governing documents?

A. If you answer "yes" to one or more of the following questions, you should seriously consider revising your governing documents:

1.) Are your CC&Rs over five years old?

If so, the document does not reflect a substantial portion of the legislation specifically enacted by the state legislature to govern the conduct and administration of associations.

It is important to realize that one of the primary purposes of CC&Rs is to provide notice to the members (including new buyers) of their legal rights and obligations. Revised CC&Rs, which reference all of the current code sections, will meet the disclosure obligations of the board and management company.

2.) Does your board find it necessary to regularly obtain legal opinions regarding provisions in the documents either because they are ambiguous or because they do not include recently enacted legislation?

While the need for future legal opinions may not be completely eliminated, well written, up-to-date documents (that are clear, concise and comprehensive) can substantially reduce the need for legal opinions and can save your association far more money, in the long run, than the short term cost of revision.

3) Do your governing documents adequately address possible disasters such as earthquakes and fires?

Until the 1994 Northridge Earthquake, many governing documents did not address this complex issue adequately. For example, after the earthquake, it became obvious that many governing documents required boards to make critical decisions before it was possible for them to become adequately informed on all relevant issues. This often resulted in less than optimum decisions that turned out to be very expensive for the association.

4) Do your governing documents include obsolete references to the developer and the rights of the declarant, which cause confusion?

These obsolete provisions can be eliminated, thus making the documents more concise and clear.

5) Do your governing documents omit important rules (such as parking rules) that, if included, would improve your ability to manage the association?

If your rules are inadequate, comprehensive (and legally enforceable) rules can be included in a revised set of governing documents. Top

DISCOURAGING RENTERS

Q. Is it possible to amend our CC&Rs so as to discourage renters?

A. Yes. While courts discourage unreasonable provisions to prevent owners from renting their properties, there are a number of ways to do so in a reasonable way. You should contact an attorney whose practice includes this area of law. Not all attorneys have the experience to amend governing documents for common interest developments.

ASSOCIATION SUED BY MEMBER

Q. Our management company recently recorded an assessment lien against the property of a delinquent homeowner. Before recording the lien, they carefully read the CC&Rs and then followed the requirements, only to find out afterwards that the CC&Rs were outdated and did not reflect the current law. As a result, we were sued by the delinquent homeowner and forced to pay a large sum of money to settle the case. Can we recover from our management company?

A. I believe you have a good negligence case. Your management company fell below the standard of care by failing to comply with the current legal requirements. The recordation of liens can have serious consequences and should be supervised by an attorney.

The situation you have described clearly illustrates the importance of amending your association's CC&Rs in order to make certain they reflect current law.

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Shake-up at Yahoo expected

FROM YAHOO PAGE 8

should be bounced: Roy Bostock, Ron Burkle, Eric Hippeau, Arthur Kern, Robert Kotick, Edward Kozel and Gary Wilson.

Only Yahoo co-founder Jerry Yang, Hewlett-Packard Co. printing executive Vyomesh Joshi and Ed Kozel, CEO of Silicon Valley startup Skyriders Inc., have done enough to remain on the board, Jackson contends.

Although still difficult to do, removing Yahoo's directors has become a more realistic option for shareholders because of a new policy adopted this year. The rules now require each Yahoo director to be approved by a majority of the votes cast. Previously, Yahoo directors only needed a single sup-

porting vote to prevail in uncontested elections, no matter how many shareholders may have been opposed. This system - known as a "plurality" vote - still governs most publicly held companies.

Despite the change to majority vote, Yahoo's board still can refuse to accept the letters of resignation each director must submit under the new rules. The resignation letters are supposed to ensure the directors can be removed if they don't win majority support, but the guidelines give the board the discretion to overrule the shareholders.

Three shareholder advisory firms - Institutional Shareholder Services, Glass, Lewis & Co. and Proxy Governance - have all recommended opposing three directors who sit on Yahoo's compensation committee.



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Lobster lights

The sun shines brightly on venerable seafood house

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN AVE. A popular seafood restaurant situated at the base of the iconic Santa Monica Pier will be the first business to go solar under an initiative sponsored by City Hall, which seeks to make the city energy independent by 2020.

The Lobster, a local fixture since 1925, has entered into an agreement with Sacramento-based SunTechnics Energy Systems to install solar tiles along the restaurant's roof, cutting electricity use by 10 percent, according to Laurel Rosen, director of sales and marketing for The Lobster.

The restaurant, which will also install a solar hot water heater, has already completed an extensive assessment of its operations, making immediate changes to help it become more "green" by discontinuing the use of plastics and cleaning products that are not environmentally friendly.

WE WANT TO BE GOOD PARTNERS WITH THE COMMUNITY AND BE GOOD ROLE MODELS."

Laurel Rosen, director of sales and marketing, The Lobster

"There are several reasons why we wanted to be first in line for this, the most important being that we felt it's the right thing to do," said Rosen, who jumped at the chance to participate as soon as she heard of the program. "Being where we are — at the cornerstone of the community — we felt we would be making a powerful statement that we support the environment and the city."

The restaurant's goal, according to Rosen, is to be recognized at next year's Sustainable Quality Awards, an event sponsored by City Hall and the Chamber of Commerce that spotlights businesses perceived to be stewards of the environment.

"We want to be on the stage," Rosen said. "We will be on that stage."

Known initially as the Community Energy Independent

Initiative, Solar Santa Monica is a two-year, pilot program designed by the Environmental Programs Division at City Hall to link residents and business owners with trusted suppliers of solar technology that could be purchased at a discount because customers would be buying in bulk.

The suppliers, hand-picked by city staff, offer packages for everyone from apartment dwellers to homeowners, mom-and-pops to larger corporations. Each package is intended to maximize power-saving technology to offer buyers a quick return on their investments.

The goal is for Santa Monica to become energy independent by the year 2020, and actually become a producer of clean energy that can be sold on the open market.

Susan Munves, energy and green building programs administrator for City Hall, said she hopes to use The Lobster as a means of reaching out to other businesses considering going solar. Because of its high-profile location adjacent to the Santa Monica Pier sign, Munves also feels the eatery can serve as a symbol of Santa Monica's commitment to the environment.

"We are very excited about this particular project because it is our first, really visible commercial project, and we hope thousands of people will take note of the roof and see that it's solar (panels) they are looking at," Munves said. "We really want to use The Lobster's installation to reach out to people who go to the pier."

The Lobster's general manager, Jack DeNicola, is in the process of finalizing plans with SunTechnics.

While it is cheaper than ever to install solar technology, with rebates and tax incentives, it can still be expensive, anywhere from \$20,000 for a modest system to more than \$100,000 for some of the larger ones. Those who decide to invest often have to wait years before seeing a return.

Well aware of the costs, Rosen said The Lobster decided to move ahead with the conversion more for the environmental benefits than saving a few bucks on the electric bill.

"There are just too many other reasons to do it than money," she said. "We want to be good partners with the community and be good role models. We want to speak out for what's right."

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Landmarks Commission shelves vote

FROM PALISADES PARK PAGE 3

Palisades Park. The former has been discussing designation for several years.

"We just want to make sure the information is all complete in terms of identifying significance," said Landmarks Commissioner Ruthann Lehrer on Tuesday.

Palisades Park was originally established in 1892, known as Linda Vista Park. The park extends from the 200 block of Ocean Avenue south to the 1500 block, a total of 1.5 miles. The only break in the continuous park is the California Incline.

The park has long been a hot spot for tourists for its beauty, a favorite workout location for exercise buffs and a favorite hangout for the homeless. Palisades Park houses several monuments, including the Sister Cities monument, the Veterans Memorial and the George Washington Memorial. The park is also home to the Senior Recreation Center and the shuffleboard courts.

"We do feel it is an important Santa Monica

landmark," said Susan Cloke, chairwoman of the Recreation and Parks Commission, on Tuesday. "Palisades Park, like the beach and the (Santa Monica) Pier, is a defining icon for the city of Santa Monica."

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PALISADES PARK, LIKE THE BEACH AND THE (SANTA MONICA) PIER, IS A DEFINING ICON FOR THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA."

Susan Cloke
Recreation and Parks
Commission Chairwoman



WHAT, NO KITCHEN SINK?

A woman (who asked not to be identified) stops to fill up her car at the Arco Gas station on Lincoln Boulevard and Rose Avenue on Tuesday. She claimed she was moving all of her belongings to Culver City 'in one trip!'

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A MATTER OF CIRCUMSTANCE

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The latest graduates of Santa Monica College absorb the experience at Corsair Field on Tuesday after taking part in the 77th annual commencement ceremony. SMC's summer semester begins on Monday.

Villaraigosa declines comment on marriage woes

FROM MAYOR PAGE 3

last name, according to his office.

Villaraigosa is temporarily relocating to his home in the city's Mount Washington area, while his wife and their two teenage children will remain at Getty House, the official mayoral residence.

Villaraigosa also has two adult daughters from previous relationships.

The announcement came about four months after he alluded to "ups and downs" in his relationship with his wife, amid reports that he was spotted without his wedding ring.

Villaraigosa has carefully tended an

image as a devoted family man, but his marriage has shown signs of trouble in the past.

His wife filed for divorce in 1994, but the couple reconciled after a two-and-a-half year split.

The mayor talked warmly of his wife on Monday, saying "we've grown up together." His news conference was attended by five family

members, including his adult daughters.

His wife did not attend. She was unavailable for comment, according to Villaraigosa's office.

"When you are not able to continue, it's difficult," the mayor said.

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Bay Area city revisits its ban

BY LISA LEFF | Associated Press Writer

BELMONT, Calif. A small San Francisco Bay area city that ignited a furious debate over the rights of smokers and nonsmokers when it entertained the idea of outlawing tobacco use almost everywhere is set to revisit the issue.

Three months after briefly considering a comprehensive policy allowing people to smoke only inside single family homes, the Belmont City Council is scheduled to decide Tuesday whether to go forward with an anti-smoking bill that would be among the toughest in the nation, or a less restrictive ordinance.

Mayor Coraline Feierbach said she thinks the five-member council will adopt the strictest law it can without infringing on the civil liberties of residents.

"Research has shown again and again that anywhere you smoke is pretty damaging. I don't know what to do with that," Feierbach said. "It's not going to be draconian, but it will be something that will help."

The proposed ban that went before the council in

March was modeled on one prepared by a statewide anti-smoking organization funded by California's tobacco tax, and would have prohibited smoking in all public places, places of employment and multiunit dwellings.

It would cover places where puffing is often regulated, such as shopping malls and parks, and many where it is not, including sidewalks, parking lots, construction sites, farmer's markets, and apartment buildings.

An outcry accompanied the council's earlier discussions, even though the model ban was presented as one of several options. Feierbach said she received threatening e-mails from opponents who accused the city of going too far and discriminating against renters who could not afford to buy homes.

"The feedback we received was divided. There was not a clear mandate," said Belmont Vice-Mayor Warren Leiberman.

Since then, city officials have held a series of meetings with neighborhood associations, apartment owners, the chamber of commerce and the American Lung Association. In a report submitted to the council Friday, the staff said

assigning areas where smokers still could light up with impunity would help the law fly.

"From these meetings, staff concluded that a stricter smoking ordinance would be generally accepted by all stakeholder groups so long as smoking was allowed in some designated outdoor locations throughout the city for business patrons and residents," the report states.

Another outstanding issue for the council to decide is what role, if any, it wants police to place in enforcing local tobacco laws.

Belmont is located 22 miles south of San Francisco.

Other Bay Area cities also are considering clamping down on outdoor smoking. The Oakland City Council on Tuesday is scheduled to review a proposed ban that would prohibit smoking in new apartment buildings and in "service lines" such as bus shelters, ATMS and movie ticket windows. And San Jose officials are considering a ban on smoking in all city parks.

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Even if you got 'em, you can't smoke 'em

FROM NO SMOKING PAGE 1

gone smoke-free, a trend gaining momentum as more information becomes available about the ill effects of cigarette smoke, which can increase a nonsmoker's chances of developing heart disease by 25 to 30 percent and lung cancer by 20 to 30 percent.

The U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona issued a report last year which concluded there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

That report, along with similar studies, prompted the Santa Monica City Council late last year to pass a comprehensive smoking ban that prevents smokers from lighting up on the Third Street Promenade, all Farmers' Markets, service lines like movie theaters and ATMs, all outdoor dining areas, bus stops and within 20 feet of any public entrance or window.

Banning smoking at SMC has been talked

about for years, but it wasn't until students voted in April in favor of it that the idea gained steam. Of the 2,222 students who voted, 62.9 percent were in favor of the ban and 37.1 percent opposed. SMC has more than 30,000 students who attend each year.

Following the vote, Associated Students passed a resolution in support of an all-out ban. That was followed by a similar vote by the District Planning and Advisory Council (DPAC), which is comprised of faculty, administrators, classified employees and students.

Those opposed to a ban cite the low turnout for the election as reason enough to not move forward with the proposal, while those who support it have used the results to back their claim that students have given the Board of Trustees a mandate.

College administrators proposed creating designated smoking areas out of concern for surrounding neighborhoods. Some believe the outlying areas will turn into massive ashtrays, as students seek out places just off



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SNUFFED OUT: A campus-wide smoking ban appears likely for Santa Monica College come the fall semester. The Board of Trustees voted Monday for the sweeping ban and can finalize it in July. Some nearby residents fear it will bring student smokers their way.

campus to smoke.

"I think that we should have had more transition time," said Trustee Nancy Greenstein, who voted against the ban. "I didn't want to set up a situation where people would be going along neighborhood streets smoking, particularly on Pearl Street across from (John Adams Middle School), where you have children walking back and forth ... and on 16th Street, where we have the Swim Center, and in the front, where we have pedestrian traffic and the bus stops.

"I'm not in favor of smoking, but I believe it's important to be a good neighbor."

Greenstein would like to see student representatives and college officials reach out to those living around the college to inform them of the new policy and plans for implementation.

Clearly all involved would like to see smoking fade away on campus, said SMC President Chui Tsang, but people differ on how best to make that happen.

"We have a very progressive outlook on things and a student body in support of that," Tsang said. "Students, faculty members and board members alike voiced their opinion that being in Santa Monica, we are in the forefront of the movement and the college decided to again take that leadership role."

Tsang said details of how the ban will be enacted will be developed in the coming weeks. The ban is expected to come back to the board in July for a second reading, with the goal of putting it in place by the start of the fall semester.

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Chui Tsang, president, SMC



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SOCCER

Wanted man

Five months after his very public ouster, Beckham's in demand

BY ROBERT MILLWARD
AP Soccer Writer

LONDON Back in January, it seemed no one wanted David Beckham except the Los Angeles Galaxy. He hadn't played for England since the World Cup after being dropped by coach Steve McClaren. His club, Real Madrid, had no use for him, either, because of his planned move to Major League Soccer. Beckham was training on his own because coach Fabio Capello thought he no longer had the motivation to play for Real.

That was then. Five months later, everyone's clamoring for Beckham. The Galaxy can't wait for him to show up and play in the MLS. Madrid doesn't want him to leave. Beckham is back in the England lineup and setting up goals for his teammates as they chase a place in next year's European Championship. Capello's team is on the verge of winning the Spanish league title thanks to Beckham's standout performances.

There's even speculation Beckham could be knighted. That would mean that the former England captain, who has played 96 times for his country, would become "Sir David Beckham." His wife, Victoria, would become "Lady Beckham."

While that is a long shot, there's no doubt Beckham has proved his critics wrong, Capello and McClaren especially. "The truth is with him we were all wrong," Capello said Monday, with his team one victory away from a record 30th Spanish league title. McClaren, however, believes his decision to leave Beckham out was the right one and it may even have been the catalyst to his return to form. "David has reacted exactly the way I thought he would, exactly the way I said he would when I made the decision to leave him out," the England coach said. "His last

performances have been excellent and he has brought a lot to the team. But I wouldn't change the decision I made in August. It was correct at the time." The turnaround in Beckham's fortunes is remarkable even by his own standards. Five months ago, it appeared his career in Europe was coming to a sorry end, even though he had a big money deal to look forward to in the United States _ with an opportunity to spread soccer to a wider audience in a country dominated by foot-ball, baseball and basketball. Now that Capello and McClaren have changed their minds about starting Beckham, there is a growing campaign to keep him in Europe at least for one more season.

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Steve McClaren
Head coach, English national team

Some English clubs have hinted they may try to persuade the Galaxy to allow him out on a loan deal, while Madrid president Ramon Calderon said he will implore Beckham to stay. Calderon even insisted there was a clause in the Galaxy deal which would allow Beckham to pull out of the move, although that's been denied by those handling the player's side of the contract. They say Beckham is definitely going to the Galaxy next month. The MLS club will want to get value for the money they are paying to get him.

BASEBALL

BALCO's former prosecutor feels steroid probe will end

BY PAUL ELIAS
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO The former federal prosecutor who oversaw the government's investigation into alleged performance-enhancing drug use by Barry Bonds and other professional athletes said Monday the nearly five-year probe could come to an end "in the not-too-distant future." Kevin Ryan declined to elaborate or offer firm dates, but said that "most of the heavy lifting was done" in the investigation before he left the office in March as part of the Bush administration's controversial purge of eight U.S. attorneys across the country. "All of the things you're reading about

now, the seeds were planted years ago," he said. But he did note that "it's not my call anymore." Ryan's replacement, interim U.S. attorney Scott Schools, declined comment. The steroids probe was launched with the raid of the nutritional supplement company called the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative — or BALCO — in September 2002, two months after Ryan was sworn in as Northern California's top federal prosecutor. So far, prosecutors have indicted seven people and won five convictions in the steroids investigation. Nonetheless, much of the public attention has been focused on the government's seemingly endless investigation.



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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 Wildlife 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 (breach 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

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	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

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Wake up and know that today you will step forward. What a change! Others might be receptive and sensitive. Where previously flak has greeted you, an agreement comes forth. A relationship, budding or established, feels good. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Funds appear where you felt stressed out previously. Realize your limits through positive action and a greater sense of commitment. You know what you want. You will get it as well. Understanding blooms. Tonight: Pay bills first.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You finally feel up to snuff. Act that way and put your best foot forward. Have others changed their minds? Perhaps the answer lies within. You are unusually persuasive and attractive. Your words flow. Tonight: If you're thinking about approaching someone and you've felt a little unsure, the time is now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Do what you feel, even if others might be a touch reactive. Slow down and allow associates to express their ideas, vulnerabilities and desires. Better understanding can be created through an empathetic approach. Tonight: What would make you happy?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Investigate different paths to the same objective. You'll discover one that could be much easier, though off the beaten track. Realize limits but don't create them. You have a way that draws many. Use that special touch. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Expect nothing, and you won't be surprised. You will have to take a stronger role in events that follow. You have tremendous understanding. Your intuitive actions pay off with a mundane or daily issue. Tonight: Expect to be out or working into the wee hours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ A smile might cave in a difficult person or situation. Finally you feel as if you are in the game and not a spectator. Dig as much as you need to in order to get the true facts. Anchor in on possibilities. Tonight: Trust that the action is where you are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ A key partnership or tie allows more possibilities. Though you might not even realize it, others notice that you are going around with a huge smile on your face. Trust one adviser or special friend. Accept a compliment graciously. Tonight: Go along with another's whims.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Others run with the ball. Your job is to let this occur and encourage those who feel insecure. News from a distance allows you to smile. Understanding draws opportunities and unthought-of ideas. Tonight: You have many choices. What would you most like to do?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Sometimes you have very little say. All you can do right now is be thorough and accept your responsibilities. Sometimes it is hard to hear the comments that drift in your direction. Don't fight the inevitable. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your creativity, sense of fun and appeal surge to the forefront. Realize what might be instrumental or important. Others finally seem to be able to understand and appreciate you. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Focus on the positive, and you could be delighted by what you can accomplish. Worry and anxiety take away from your ability to accomplish a lot. If you need cooperation, you have it. Just ask. Tonight: Head home. Take a timeout.

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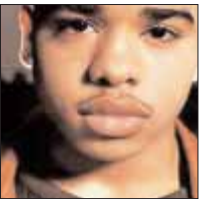
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Pearlman's assets included memorabilia from the Backstreet Boys and 'N Sync, the two boy bands he

created in the '90s that made him famous, and several of his lesser-known acts.

Pearlman allegedly defrauded about 1,000 investors of more than \$315 million by selling for years a bogus savings account plan, then using their money to cover his losses in other businesses. Banks are hounding him and his companies for more than \$120 million, according to court documents.

He also is being investigated by the FBI, IRS and state authorities.

Pearlman's whereabouts are unknown. He hasn't



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been seen or heard from in months, nor has he responded to multiple subpoenas.

Pearlman doesn't have

an attorney in either bankruptcy case against him or his companies.

Everything he left behind was on the block

Tuesday, from the ordinary (first aid kits for \$12.50 apiece) to the opulent (\$18,000 for a five-piece Chihuly glass art series).

Stacey Karatzas, an Orlando jewelry designer, attended for the glass pieces but did not buy them. She was disappointed there was not more big-ticket art.

"It's less than I would have expected," she said.

Dozens of bidders stood elbow-to-elbow in the office where Pearlman used to court aspiring stars. They sweated while an auctioneer shilled.

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IT'S GONNA BE A GIRL



Mexican pop star **THALIA** is pregnant with her first child.

The singer-actress is expecting a baby girl with husband Tommy Mottola, the former chairman and CEO of Sony Music Entertainment, publicist Kim Jakwerth confirmed to The Associated Press on Tuesday. The baby is due in September.

Thalia, 35, has sold more than 12 million albums worldwide and acted in Mexican soap operas. She has a clothing line for Kmart and her weekly radio program, "The Conexion Thalia Radio Show," debuted on ABC Radio en Espanol earlier this year.

AP

Country star hooks up vet with some wheels

Iraq veteran Peter Reid has gotten a boost from **LEANN RIMES**.

A 2004 mortar attack in Iraq's Anbar province left Reid, a Navy Seabee, partially paralyzed, blind in one eye and dependent on a motorized wheelchair. He also suffered a brain injury, and bits of shrapnel remain in his head and body.

Reid hadn't left his Palm Bay house for months because it took two people to lift him into and out of his van.

Now he's looking forward to shopping trips with his wife, Michele, because of a gift from Rimes.

Last week in Nashville, Tenn., the 24-year-old country singer handed Reid the keys to a new wheelchair-accessible van.

Chevrolet, the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes and Rimes, a supporter of the veterans group, teamed up to present the van to Reid.

"She's wonderful," Reid said of Rimes after returning Monday to Florida. "She

walked up to me like I was part of her family. She said, 'Pete, come with me. I have something for you.' I went out and there was the van. It was quite a surprise."

The Chevrolet Uplander is equipped with an automatic door and wheelchair ramp, allowing Reid to maneuver his wheelchair into and out of the van. While in Nashville, Reid and his wife attended a Rimes concert and her fan-club breakfast.

AP



Up-and-coming rapper shot to death

STACK BUNDLES, an up-and-coming rapper, was shot to death outside his home in a possible robbery, police said.

Bundles was shot in the

head and neck at about 5 a.m. Monday on a Queens street after a night out with friends, police said. Authorities were investigating whether the unidentified

shooter stole a chain from the 24-year-old rapper.

Bundles, whose real name was Rayquon Elliot, had worked with artists including Fabolous and DJ

Clue. He was affiliated with Byrd Gang Records.

The label "is deeply saddened by our loss," manager Yancy Smith said in a statement.

AP

Clarkson: I've never been in love

KELLY CLARKSON, who rails against a former flame in her new song "Never Again," says she's never been in love.

"I love my friends and family," the Grammy-winning singer and original "American Idol" tells Elle magazine in its July issue. "But I have never said the words 'I love you' to anyone in a romantic relationship. Ever."

Clarkson, 25, doesn't take romance lightly.

"I am very old-school, conservative in my thinking

when it comes to relationships," she says. "Love is something you work at. It doesn't come easily. There are going to be bad days. You are going to have to work at loving someone when they are being an idiot."

She adds: "People think they're just going to meet the perfect guy. Don't be ridiculous."

Marriage and motherhood aren't in the cards for Clarkson — not right now, anyway.

"My point of view is that I shouldn't be a mother at

all, because I'd be horrible," she says. "I'm not willing to be that selfless."

Her comments speak to the singer's frankness, which makes Clarkson stand out from many of today's publicist-protected pop stars. In recent weeks, Clarkson has made headlines for saying the media is exaggerating reports that she and music mogul Clive Davis clashed over her upcoming CD, "My December," to be released by RCA Records, a unit of Sony BMG Music

Entertainment.

It's a sensitive subject.

"I've sold more than 15 million records worldwide, and still nobody listens to what I have to say. Because I'm 25 and a woman," she says.

"I am a good singer, so I can't possibly be a good writer," she continues. "Women can't possibly be good at two things. I haven't lost my temper about it. It only drives me more. If your thing is to bring me down, cool. I'll just work harder."

AP

NOT SO KEENER

DERMOT MULRONEY has filed for divorce, seeking to end his nearly 17-year marriage to Catherine Keener.

The 43-year-old actor cited irreconcilable differences and asked for joint custody of their 7-year-old son, Clyde, according to documents filed Friday in Los Angeles County Superior Court. The couple, who appeared in the 2001 film "Lovely & Amazing," were married in November 1990 and separated in May 2005.

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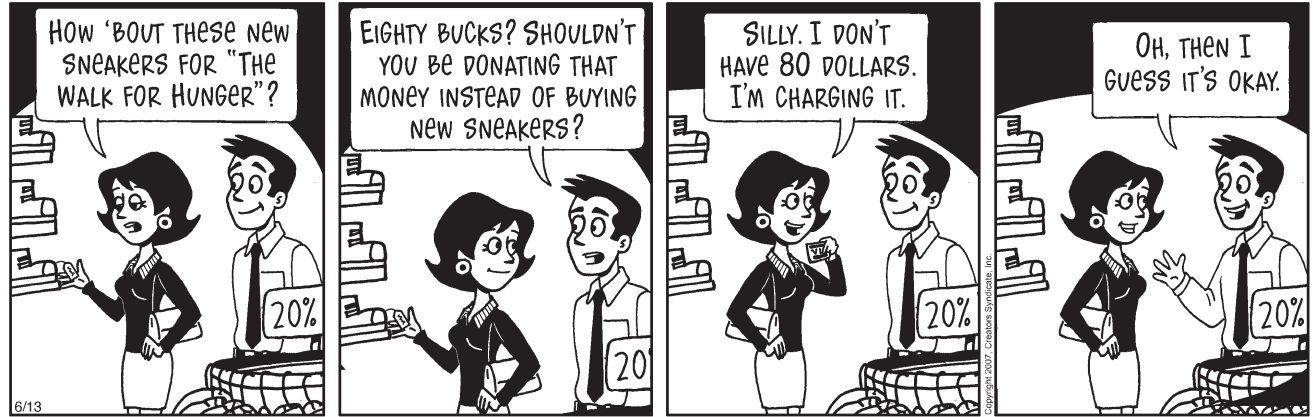
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Case No. SP007129

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ALFRED RALPH PENNELL

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Monica Haven in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Monica Haven be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 13, 2007 at 9:15 AM in Dept. No. K located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.

IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-ing of the petition, you should ap-pear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a per-son interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and ap-praisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: EDWARD M. BURGH ESQ SBN 134295

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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARY ALICE SMITH.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ELIZABETH J. GATES in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ELIZABETH J. GATES be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Monica Haven in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Monica Haven be appointed as Special Administrator with General Powers to administer the estate of the decedent.

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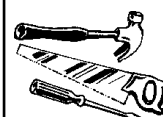
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