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City Hall gets shady

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITYWIDE It's not enough for a park to have plenty of open space, picnic tables, basketball courts and structurally sound playground equipment. It also has to have shade, and lots of it.

It seems some parents feel Santa Monica's parks don't have enough, prompting City Hall to study the amount of shade parks receive at different times of the day during different seasons to see if children and their parents are protected from the sun's harmful UV rays.

"It's important for these areas for small children to be shaded, not only from the sun, but from other issues such as the equipment being too hot to play on, not to mention the asphalt that can severely burn their little feet," parent Nikola Caravana wrote in an online petition signed by more than 200 people and presented to the City Council earlier this month.

"Please help keep our kids safe and happy," Caravana said.

City staff will be monitoring the movement of the sun and making recommendations to the Recreation and Parks Commission, said Karen Ginsberg, assistant director of Community and Cultural Services at City Hall. Staff will then be prepared to make recommendations for funding, including identifying any potential grant funding available.

Currently there is no funding set aside specifically for the purchase of shade structures, Ginsberg said. But if the City Council feels it is a priority, funds could be shifted.

"We are prepared to work Parks and Rec

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PLAY TIME: Children play on the jungle gym at Virginia Avenue Park on Tuesday. City Hall is studying whether or not playgrounds get enough shade, protecting kids from harmful sun rays.

Neighbors cry foul over NOMA senior housing plan

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

MONTANA AVENUE A planned senior group home located off the tail end of an upscale shopping district is ruffling the feathers of a few neighbors who say the housing complex will impact traffic on the once relatively quiet intersection.

The project at 749 17th St. includes 17 studio-style units, a communal dining room and kitchen, and subterranean garage, the development a proposal by a local couple who saw the site as the perfect location to fill an affordable senior housing need in Santa Monica.

"There was no other project I wanted to do," Carol Andrews, one of the co-owners of the site, said (Andrews has written columns on travel for the Daily Press). "I knew it had to be seniors and this property was there."

The location of 17th and Montana Avenue is considered desirable for senior citizens, close to shops and restaurants, a pharmacy and a branch of the Santa Monica Public Library, according to Andrews, who was a registered nurse and worked in geriatrics.

The property currently houses a 10-unit apartment complex, which will be demolished as part of the project, replaced with a Spanish-style building, borrowing architectural elements from its neighbors to fit in, according to architect David Kaplan.

But the proposal has drawn the ire of a group of neighbors who believe the project,

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Charges unlikely in crash into Venice churchgoers

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Charges likely will not be filed against a woman whose car crashed into a crowd of people outside a church, killing one person and injuring four others, police said this week. The woman told police she mistakenly stepped on the gas pedal when her daughter began having a seizure in the

sport utility vehicle, police said.

"It was just a tragic accident," police spokeswoman Ana Aguirre said. "She inadvertently panicked and hit the gas pedal instead of the brake. Obviously, it was no intention on her behalf."

The driver, who was not identified, was in her 50s, Aguirre said. The tragedy occurred Sunday afternoon on the sidewalk in front of

St. Mark Catholic Church in Venice.

"All these people just started yelling and screaming," said witness Maria Marquez-Cornejo, who was among more than 300 people who had attended Mass there. "One of the guys was pinned underneath the car. ... There were bodies and blood all over."

A 30-year-old woman was killed. Those injured included a 70-year-old woman with

abrasions; a man, 37, who sustained a broken pelvis and right leg; a woman, 35, who suffered facial lacerations; and a 2-year-old girl with abrasions and shoulder injuries. All were expected to survive, Aguirre said. The cause of the crash remained under investigation, but Aguirre said detectives investigating the case said they had no plans to seek any charges.



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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Bare essentials of Buddhism

235 Hill St., 6:30 p.m. — 8 p.m.

Learn the basics of Buddhism at the Church in Ocean Park. Etan Boritzer will provide an overview of the Buddhist principles derived directly from the canonical discourses (suttas) of the Buddha himself. For more information, call (310)621-2144

Personal politics

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.

Renowned cognitive scientist George Lakoff discusses his new book, "The Political Mind," which examines how politics might not be the product of rational thought, but instead the result of emotional functions within our minds.

Broadening horizons at the book club

1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Expand your knowledge of Russia, religion and history at the Montana Avenue Branch Library's book club discussion of "The Master and Margarita," Mikhail Bulgakov's provocative novel.

Thursday, June 19, 2008

Where it all started

1238 Lincoln Blvd., 5 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica are holding their 2nd Annual Alumni BBQ. Alumni and their families and friends are invited to sample food and fun. There will be a bounce-house, joust, prizes and more. Come and play a game of pool and foosball, make new friends and catch up with old ones. For more information contact the club at (310) 394-2582. RSVP to jen@smdgc.org.

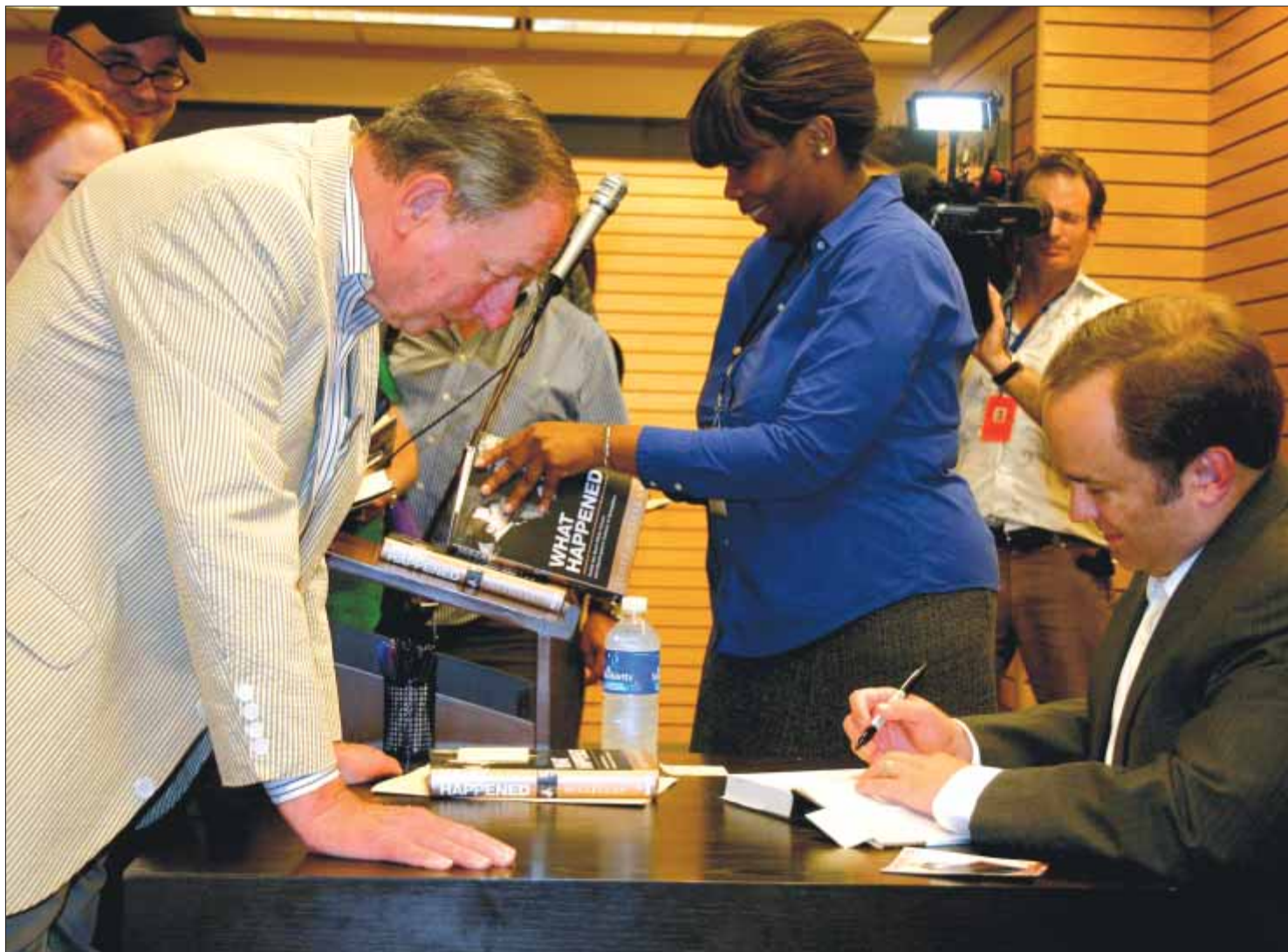
Breathe in, breathe out

235 Hill St., 6:30 p.m. — 8 p.m.

Yoga instructor Etan Boritzer will be hosting a mixed-level yoga class designed to slowly and carefully work on strength flexibility and balance. The focus is on unblocking the resistance in joints, muscles and minds, and restoring the weak energy links in the mind/body system. There will be no difficult acrobatic poses, just simple hatha yoga. If you can breathe, you can do this yoga. For more information contact Boritzer at (310) 621-2144, or at etan@yogainsight.net.

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.



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PENNED: Former White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan was at the Third Street Promenade Barnes & Noble on Monday to discuss and sign copies of his new book, 'What Happened,' which takes readers inside the Bush administration during a time of great controversy.

McClellan faces liberal crowd

BY ALEXANDRA BISSENETTE

Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN Former White House press secretary Scott McClellan was in Santa Monica on Monday to face the cheers and jeers of a notoriously liberal crowd — and to sell a few copies of his controversial memoir.

The room at Barnes & Noble on the Third Street Promenade was buzzing with anticipation to hear the first-person account of working under President Bush during a time when the administration was under attack for the war in Iraq.

McClellan made headlines earlier this year with the introduction of his memoir, "What Happened," in which he discusses his role in the alleged deception of the American people with respect to Valerie Plame, the CIA operative whose identity was leaked to

the media, and the decision to invade Iraq, a move that McClellan argues was promulgated by a "political propaganda machine."

Those hoping for juicy details regarding the inner workings of the White House may have been disappointed as McClellan focused his talk on his own experiences, in particular, his realization that he had been lied to.

"It was a very disillusioning moment for me. It undermined my credibility," McClellan said of the moment he became aware that former Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove and White House official Scooter Libby had misled him about their role in the Plame scandal.

"The leak episode really opened my eyes ...," he told the Santa Monica crowd. "They knowingly misled me."

In his book, McClellan acknowledges that

he "[allowed] himself to be deceived." When asked about the remark, he credited this to both his idealism and his lack of further investigation. Although he did note that further investigation would probably not have led to more straightforward or truthful answers.

McClellan has been a long time member of Bush's inner circle. He joined Bush's team in 1999 in Texas, and served as Bush's press secretary for three years, making it difficult to come out with his controversial memoir.

"It was not an easy book to write," he said.

Despite McClellan's accusations within the book that Bush used propaganda to lead the nation to war and that the administration grossly mishandled the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, McClellan still harbors

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Film buffs flock to Westwood

BY TAYLOR VAN ARSDALE

Special to the Daily Press

Thursday, June 19th kicks off the Los Angeles Independent Film Festival, and even with tickets for the opening night's show of director Timur Bekmanbetov's greatly anticipated adaptation of Mark Millar's graphic novel "Wanted," (starring Angelina Jolie and James McAvoy) going at \$100 dollars a pop, it should prove to be a packed reception.

The LA Film Festival, an annual film soiree held this June between the 19th - 29th, screens narrative features, documentaries, shorts and music videos from American and international filmmakers while offering attendees the chance to catch summer previews such as this year's closing film from director Guillermo del Toro, "Hellboy II: The Golden Army" (starring Ron Perlman and Selma Blair).

This year's event, as in prior years, takes place in Westwood one of the few locations that hosts "large screen" venues in which to watch films. The LAFF, now in its 14th year, has been instrumental in screening groundbreaking cinema as well as providing attendees the chance to hear leading luminaries in the film industry speak about their craft. There are also mixers and lunch box talks with outstanding actors, directors and writers.

Notable directorial debuts include, (in the narrative category) Lori Petty's "Poker House," a true story, set in 1970, about a young woman's struggle for survival growing up with a junkie-mother and pimp-father, which should prove to be both heart-breaking and hopeful. Serving as the centerpiece of festival is Sacha Gervasi's "ANVIL! The Story of Anvil" a documentary that follows the tribulations of an '80s Canadian heavy metal band whose songs bear luminous titles such as "Show Me Your Tits." Gervasi, whose writing credits include "The Terminal" starring Tom Hanks, creates a touching portrait of two irresistible metal-heads and their quest to keep on rocking.

In the comedy arena you may want to check out Seth Packard's "HottieBoombaLottie" and Sonja Heiss'

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A voice in opposition

Editor:

I am appalled beyond belief that our city would consider [restricting smoking in apartment buildings]. Our homes are our last refuge in a city that has banned us from nearly every public space.

All for enjoying a legal product that can be purchased easily in Santa Monica. If smoke was as dangerous as some claim, tobacco would have been banned a long time ago.

You are catering to a bunch of nutters right out of the movie “Safe” – I recommend seeing this film. I’m sure they will show up in full force, as usual to your meeting.

Most smokers feel they have no choice but to be silent in the hate-filled climate. Some risk losing their jobs, health insurance (many don’t even tell their doctors), and now their homes. I guess you need to be a property owner – rich – in this city to be allowed individual freedoms. I miss the Santa Monica that was once tolerant, easy going and fun loving.

Remember, the “moral majority” are often neither.

Frank Lee
Santa Monica

Boutiques belong elsewhere

Editor:

It has come to light that the school board is reviewing plans to create a “boutique” high school of 100 students to encourage green studies.

As a parent of a student at Santa Monica High School where my son has to maneuver through 3,000 students to get to classes of 35-plus students, I cry foul. Isn’t there a budget crisis in California? Now our precious Measure R taxes are to be used to create a “boutique” high school for 100 students so they can have a class size of 25 students? My 9 year old has a fourth grade class of 31 students. How is that equitable?

Those funds are desperately needed for all students throughout the entire school district. Let’s make all of Samohi green and equitable.

Dr. Lisette Bauersachs
Santa Monica

Alley cats

Editor:

Please consider this revised version of my poem.

I am certain that any Santa Monican living near an alley will appreciate it.

Alley Prowler

The cat comes running, a baby cries,
When the green behemoth down the alley flies.
Papers ply their way to the ground,
And people curse the prodigious sound
Of the daily prowling of this ravenous beast
As it gorges itself on its rubbish feast.
Hydraulics and brakes play a cruel melody,
Disturbing the peace, but we surely agree
By devouring for us our piles of waste
This public hero has our alleys graced.

G. M. Matthews
Santa Monica

Fire side

Editor:

In answer to the letter concerning L.A. fire fighters working with the Santa Monica Fire Department, my old house – 102 years old – was saved by just such collaboration. Last year an apparent arson-caused fire completely engulfed a three-story residence just 4 feet from my one-story wooden beach bungalow.

The S.M. firemen worked at the front of the building too keep flames from spreading into the neighborhood, and the L.A. department worked at the back of the lot and did the same.

It was truly a miracle that my home was saved and it was all due to the combined efforts of the two fire departments for which I am forever grateful. In any emergency we need all the trained help we can get.

Dorothy Thatcher
Santa Monica



Going Postal

Steve “the Mailman” Breen

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Ways to save gas

A FEW WEEKS AGO, I SPUN OUT AN article presciently monikered “Everything Costs \$5.” I mentioned that a gallon of gas would wind out to 5 bucks.

The day after the Lakers tanked at home during the playoffs, lo and behold, the 76 station next to SMC touted \$5.09/gal for top shelf octane. The gas station attendant now wears a ski mask when he takes your money.

I surrendered my use of an automobile in January of 2007. It’s my personal protest over the war for foreign oil. Nobody should have to fight for a resource that is luxuriantly surfeited in the Gulf of Mexico, the deep shelf off the Left Coast and in the Alaska National Mosquito Reserve.

Of course it doesn’t stop enviro-fascist Brown Shirts from displaying hypocritically hyped bumper stickers on the back of their Land Rovers proclaiming “No War for Oil!” Oh, but what the heck, freedom of speech ... it can test ya.

I’d like to personally extend my thanks, however, to all shrub huggers currently stuck in traffic as your addiction to “Texas tea” fattens my stock portfolio and pays for my monthly bus pass. By the end of 2008, I avariciously predict gasoline will be \$7/gal so that I may further impoverish the linings of your hempen post consumer waste wallets.

While I know that the burgeoning blow-up doll of inflated fossil fuel economics is as analogous to a crack addict who has just smoked his last rock, far too many folks are far too willing to patronize their petro-dealer du jour for just one more hit. Yet there is a rehab solution to your pollution. Think 12 Step meetings but without the cookies and cigarette breaks. Your sponsor will be “Uncle Sam”

I propose a nationally mandated legislative edict that moves our work force into a 4-day/40 hour workweek. It works one of two ways:

1. The simplest method is as stated: 4 days at 10 hours/day with no overtime. Overtime is only worked on the fifth day. Otherwise, enjoy your 3-day Margaritaville weekend.

2. The second method is for a 5-day workweek but Monday is a split shift. Monday is day workers only. The former Monday night workers show up on Friday night. No Friday day workers. Everybody still works his or her usual 10-hour shifts on Tuesday-Thursday. Subsequently the day shifters would have Friday-Sunday off and the night shifters would have Saturday through Monday off. Sweet, yes?

The immediate benefit is a 20 percent decrease in overall fuel consumption as you are commuting to work 20 percent less. This also translates into less pollution, fewer vehicles on the road and, most importantly, commensurate savings.

But let’s take it a step further.

Some of you may remember the old odd/even days of the first oil crisis’ in the 1970’s.

You could only “fill-er-up” at the pump on the odd days of the month if your license plate ended in an odd number while likewise contrary for even days.

Our new pro-enviro law would state that you could only drive your car on your appropriate day. This feature encourages car-pooling and heavier use of rapid transit while cutting our pollution and traffic in half. Essential “first responders” are exempt from the law. Politicians are not exempt; they aren’t essential. And since there will be less traffic on the roadway, we can go back to driving 55 mph to engender further fuel conservation.

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Additionally, if you were caught driving on your non-designated day without a demonstrable medical emergency, your vehicle would be instantly impounded and sold to pay for a new light rail system. The police will drop you off at the nearest rapid transit line as a courtesy.

Naturally there will be the hue and cry about the “right” to drive and to do as we please. Unfortunately, freedom to do as you please without governmental intervention is a decidedly conservative notion.

Liberals love legislating behavior and quality of life issues for others while making speculative movies about speculatively inconvenient truths about themselves rather than crafting a truthfully coherent energy and environmental policy.

The distinct entitlement of utilizing an automobile dovetails nicely with their environmental dystopia.

Yet since we are creatures of comfort, we will not change unless, according to accepted Democratopian dogma, we distill a more draconian potation to be imbibed from the Congressional alembic.

Remember, every vote counts and “Uncle Sam” will be there helping us be that change we’ve been so piously waiting for.

If you seek to disagree with me, you’ll find me on the bus.

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Your Column Here

Vinod Khosla

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All biofuels are not the same

LAST MONTH THE WALL STREET JOURNAL accused me of advocating subsidies for food-based ethanol. I ought to "take a vow of embarrassed silence," it said, for claiming that ethanol's contribution to the food crisis is "overblown." The Journal's claims would be laughable if the stakes were not so high.

Cellulosic biofuels offer a chance to have an environmentally meaningful impact on petroleum use while benefiting farmers, entrepreneurs and consumers. I have many investments in biofuels companies. Some say I believe in biofuels because I have invested in them. The truth is that I invest in biofuels because I believe they can help our environment, economy and national security.

We face an energy crisis, an environmental crisis and a terrorism crisis all related to oil. High-cost options to reduce consumption, such as hybrid and electric cars, sound good but are unlikely to materially reduce carbon emissions. To have a meaningful impact, at least half of the next billion cars manufactured on this planet must be low-carbon. The only cost-effective option likely to achieve broad market acceptance in the next 20 years is cellulosic-fuel cars.

Unfortunately, biofuels are the target of interested parties' paid campaigns. The Grocery Manufacturers Association, for example, is waging a multimillion-dollar campaign against ethanol; the American Petroleum Institute is more concerned about food prices than oil prices. Slogans about how much corn and water are required to produce a gallon of ethanol are repeated frequently. In fact, a 16-ounce steak takes about the same amount of corn and more water. Should we ban steaks, too? Similarly, hybrid cars are hyped, but we seldom hear that they reduce carbon emissions about as much as corn ethanol, and at a cost that is substantially higher than flex-fuel cars.

Congress has required oil refiners and fuel blenders to use up to 36 billion gallons of renewable fuels produced in America annually. Critics fault this renewable fuels standard, but reducing it could be disastrous for energy security and the environment. It would be smarter to build into the standard flexibility related to the price and availability of cellulosic fuels. Sufficient biomass exists as waste from forestry operations alone to meet the cellulosic fuels mandate (21 billion gallons) in the 2007 energy bill. All 36 billion gallons could be produced, at prices approaching \$1 per gallon, within 10 years, if we include agricultural crop waste, municipal organic waste and sewage. By

adding winter cover crops to about half of the land used for agriculture, land that sits idle during winter, we could replace most of our gasoline imports. By some agronomists' estimates, winter cover crops could produce 450 million tons of biomass a year within 10 years and more than 750 million tons by 2030. That by itself would be enough to replace much of our imported gas — without an additional acre of land being used for biofuels production.

Rising food prices are of course a concern, but principally blaming ethanol production is illogical. Oil prices affect the U.S. consumer price index for food two to three times as much as corn prices, the global analysis firm LECG has found. If biofuels were taken off the market, Merrill Lynch estimates, oil prices would climb 15 percent, putting further upward pressure on food prices.

For the urban poor, rising food prices are disastrous, but for the developing world's rural poor food price increases can boost incomes as subsistence farms become more economic. That's why developing countries such as India and Brazil have pressed to reduce Western food subsidies and increase food prices — so their farmers can generate income. Cellulosic biofuels, because of biomass's potential for raising rural incomes, may be among the most valuable poverty alleviation tools we have for Africa.

The environmental effect of corn and cellulosic ethanol also depends on their source. If ethanol is produced on lands that displace food production into rain forests, its environmental effect will be negative. But continuing to burn coal and oil would be bad, too. A better option lies in national and international policies that create incentives for countries such as Brazil and Malaysia to preserve their rain forests through carbon credits while banning biofuels from countries that do not meet rain forest deforestation reduction targets. Meanwhile, cellulosic ethanol production can reduce carbon emissions 75 percent while producing ethanol at a lower cost than corn ethanol and gasoline.

All biofuels are not equal. Done right, cellulosic biofuels offer a scalable and economic way to reduce petroleum use and have a meaningful impact on the environment while benefiting farmers, entrepreneurs and consumers.

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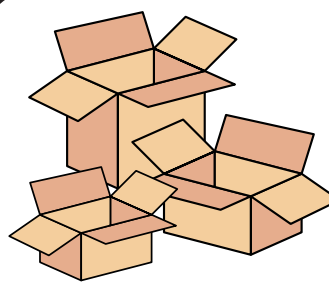
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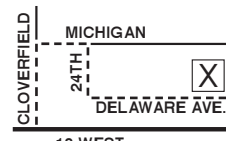


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The benefits of buying

URSULA K LEGUIN WROTE, "IT IS GOOD to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end." If you live in Southern California and own real estate you are probably wondering when the crazy real estate journey will end. "Up up and away" to "how low can it go" has been the real estate measurement over the last seven years.

However, with all the negative real estate news coming out on a daily basis, I think it is important to point out three positive aspects of real estate: asset tangibility, tax deduction and income stream.

Investorwords.com defines tangible assets as "Assets having a physical existence, such as cash, equipment, and real estate," as opposed to intangible assets such as stocks and bonds.

On a basic level, real estate can be profitable regardless of value, as long as income is being produced.

This can be beneficial in a situation where you have a property that produces a strong income stream, but due to variables such as location, values are depressed.

Real estate is great as a tax shelter. First, real estate property taxes are deductible. If you own a home, you can deduct the interest up to \$1,000,000.

You can also deduct interest on home equity loans up to \$100,000. Of course, there are limits and rules to work within, but using real estate deductions just makes sense.

One of the tax benefits to investment properties is depreciation. Basically depreciation is just a paper loss.

Once an investment property is purchased, the investor can write off or deduct a set amount of the property's cost basis.

The beauty of the depreciation is that the clock starts again when the next investor purchases the property.

Any investor will tell you that a good investment property is worth its weight in gold. If you think about it, real estate is amazing.

For example, an investment property is purchased for \$1,000,000 with the seller carrying back 90% (or \$900,000) at a 5% interest only rate.

The investor comes out of pocket \$100,000 for the down payment. After expenses and debt service — mortgage payment — the property cash flows \$2,000 a month.

Annually that is \$24,000 a year. After a little over four years, the initial investment is recovered.

After that, the property simply produces income and is a cash cow. Deals like this exist — one of my clients came across this deal six months ago.

Real estate is unlike many other investments because it is a tangible asset.

Even in the worst of times with declining values, real estate is an asset that cannot be produced or made — it can only be bought.

... WITH ALL THE NEGATIVE REAL ESTATE NEWS COMING OUT ON A DAILY BASIS, I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT THREE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF REAL ESTATE: ASSET TANGIBILITY, TAX DEDUCTION AND INCOME STREAM.

With the many legal tax benefits, it is hard to imagine why more people do not invest in real estate.

However, it is important to understand what you are doing before investing, as an inexperienced investor can bankrupt themselves quickly.

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United projects 2008 fuel costs soaring to \$9.5B

BY DAVE CARPENTER
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CHICAGO United Airlines on Tuesday projected its 2008 fuel bill to hit \$9.5 billion based on current prices, or more than \$3.5 billion higher than last year.

The nation's No. 2 carrier made the forecast in a statement submitted in Washington to back legislation aimed at enabling additional regulation of oil futures trading, where volatility has spurred record prices.

United parent UAL Corp. also estimated that passenger revenue for the second quarter will increase by between 4 percent and 5 percent over a year ago. It said in an investor update that it will take significant second-quarter charges for impairment, severance and the termination of contracts in connection with cutbacks it announced this month.

In addition, UAL said it expects deferred revenue accounting for its Mileage Plus frequent flyer program to decrease non-cash consolidated passenger revenue by about \$47 million in the second quarter.

Cargo, mail and other revenue is projected at between \$470 million and \$480 million for the quarter, UAL said in the update, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mainline operating costs per available seat mile, excluding fuel and certain one-time items, are expected to be up 3 percent to 3.5 percent compared with the second quarter of 2007. Jet fuel prices are expected to average \$3.31 per gallon, or \$3.67 per gallon excluding economic hedges.

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Incidents of skin cancer on the rise

FROM SHADE PAGE 1

to assess the need and really get a handle from the community, from the moms and others who signed the petition to really understand what they are looking for," Ginsberg said. "Shade moves of course. So we need to understand what we can do, what kind of analysis is needed at each site and what shade [parents] are looking for."

City staff is not aware of any state laws mandating a certain amount of shade at playgrounds and parks.

The lack of shade has garnered more attention in recent years given the rise of skin cancer in the United States. More than 1 million people in the U.S. develop skin cancer each year and about 10,000 people die from it annually, according to the American Cancer Society. Skin cancer among young adults and teenagers is more prevalent today than ever and parents are becoming increasingly concerned. Young people get about 80 percent of their total lifetime sun exposure before the age of 18, making protecting them now a top priority. Just one blistering sunburn is estimated to double the risk of developing melanoma later in life.

Statistics like those have prompted organizations like the National Playground Safety Institute to issue articles warning parents about the dangers of over exposure. But even they are finding that there is no standard for shade, often referring to shade structure manufacturers for the latest information on exposure.

Recreation and Parks Commission Chair Susan Cloke said shade has been on the minds of her and her colleagues for some time and they take into account shade when designing new parks. The new Airport Park includes a shade structure at the dog park to protect users, and trees were planted in locations that would provide for the greatest amount of shadows, however, those trees are still young and need time to mature, prompting commissioners to ask themselves if interim measures need to be taken.

"The issue of shade is a concern for us for several different reasons, but first and foremost is public health," Cloke said. "Secondly, it's a comfort issue for people using our parks. We want to look at different ways and different opportunities to provide shade in parks."

Palisades Park is a perfect example of good design, Cloke said. There are areas that are heavily shaded by trees, providing visitors a chance to cool down and get out of the

sun. Other areas are uncovered for the most part, allowing people to soak in the rays if they choose.

"We prefer to go the old fashioned way and use trees as much as possible," Cloke said of providing shade. "But we have looked at different mechanisms such as tarps or canopies. ... I think if you look around though you will find a good balance between shade and sun."

In designing the Annenberg Community Beach House on Pacific Coast Highway, commissioners worked with city planners and designers to incorporate shade structures into the playground. When looking at improvements the Reed Park city staff chose playground equipment that creates some shadows. That, coupled with shade provided by mature trees, should be enough to protect users, Ginsberg said, but the area won't be covered in shadows completely throughout the day.

Installing shade structures can be expensive, with some of the larger structures selling for as much as \$200,000, depending on the size and the material used. Smaller structures can sell for \$10,000. That can put a strain on a city or school district already facing tight budgets.

One group, Shade 4 Schools, has developed a fundraising model to help PTAs protect school children. Instead of selling cookies or chocolates and then using that money to purchase the shade structures, the model calls for PTAs to sell the shade itself, asking parents and companies to purchase portions of a shade structure.

There are also nonprofits with money available to purchase shade structures. The SHADE Foundation of America, which is dedicated to eradicating melanoma through the education of children and the community in the prevention and detection of skin cancer and the promotion of sun safety, provides grants to schools.

Some parents say cost shouldn't be an issue, especially when it comes to the health of children.

"I don't know of any playground in Santa Monica or Venice with shade," said Teresa O'Brien. "The sand and the actual structures are unbearable and burn in the summer. Most people play under the structures in the heat. I personally don't take my kids to any of the parks in the summer. Shade would be wonderful."

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McClellan calls for candor in White House

FROM MCCLELLAN PAGE 3

some friendly feelings for Bush.

"I still have a personal fondness for the president," McClellan said.

Following McClellan's prepared speech, there was a question and answer period with the audience. The general vibe in the room was amicable, with most audience members praising McClellan for coming out with the truth, however difficult it may have been.

Others were less forgiving, asking if the elections would be rigged again this year, or what McClellan himself knew about the "fact" that the Bush administration was behind the terrorist attacks.

One man asked in an almost hopeful manner if McClellan thought that his own

disillusionment could be realized by others in the Bush administration — namely Dick Cheney — to which McClellan replied a confident, "No."

"I had a great idealism to bring bipartisanship to the White House," McClellan said.

While he is disappointed by what has taken place within the Bush administration, McClellan contends that what is needed most in the next administration will be an "embrace of candor."

The past eight years have been increasingly divisive for the American people. What is needed now is "to restore civility, bipartisanship and candor in Washington," McClellan said.

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FUTURE? A rendering of the proposed senior housing project on 17th Street.

Neighbors cite safety issues with project

FROM HOUSING PAGE 1

in addition to negatively impacting traffic, poses several safety risks, mostly associated with the lane configuration of the building's driveway and the situation of the loading zone, which is located off 17th Street.

Ron Goldman, an architect who lives next door to the project, said the single-lane sloped driveway as proposed will cause visibility issues between the cars entering and exiting the building. If two vehicles simultaneously enter and exit the building, the car traveling on the ramp will be forced to back out onto Montana Avenue, said Goldman, who suggested a two-lane configuration.

Current building code permits a single-lane driveway if the garage or lot holds less than 20 spaces. The developers are planning to build an underground garage with 19 parking spaces. The project was set to go before the Architectural Review Board on Monday night but was postponed to address the neighbors' concerns with the driveway, according to Paul Foley, the principal planner with City Hall.

"We heard some concerns in the community about the proposed width of the driveway and the loading space and we wanted to get some information on that before we brought it to the ARB in case changes to the design have to be made," Foley said.

Kaplan said the project is designed within code and the slope of the driveway is legal. He added that if two vehicles enter and exit the building at the same time, the car approaching the senior housing home will not have to back out onto traffic and can instead idle in a parking lane.

"It's not unsafe," Kaplan said. "It's all within code."

Not all residents have taken the side of the opposition, some supporting the project for addressing the housing crunch for senior citizens, others pleased that the building will be designed to fit in with the neighborhood.

"I'm happy that it's going to be helping senior citizens," Donald Brand, a neighbor who lives two doors away on 17th Street, said. "Not everything needs to be a condo.

There is a specific need for this, which people forget."

Project opponents question the developers in their intention to operate the site as senior housing, some accusing the couple of masquerading the project in order to build high-priced condominiums. Among the doubtful is Goldman, who said the Planning and Community Development Department at City Hall forced the property owners to eliminate a full kitchen and bedroom wall in each unit, turning them into so-called efficiency units, a defining feature of senior housing.

"It's so easy for them because they're still showing a sink in the dining/living area and an electric outlet, which is all they need to bring a prefab kitchen unit," Goldman said. "With sliding doors on the market today, it's easy to close off the bedroom."

Sonya Sultan, who lives two blocks away from the project, argued the loss of the existing apartment complex would be a loss in affordable housing units.

Affordable housing has long been an issue in Santa Monica, a subset of those concerns related to the need for senior housing.

The current project is actually the second iteration submitted by the developer who initially proposed an adult day care center with three condominiums and seven senior group housing units. That proposal was withdrawn after neighbors complained about traffic and safety impacts. The amended version was submitted earlier this year.

"We want this to be a pleasant place to spend," Andrews said.

Al Montanari, who grew up in the house next door to the proposed site, said he was actually in favor of the first project, finding it less "intrusive" than the current proposal.

A project supporter, Montanari said considering some of the projects that have popped up in the city the past few years, the developer could've proposed something much more large scale.

"What's stopping more larger projects from going there?" Montanari said. "I'm worried about what could be there."

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Festival offers a wide variety of work

FROM FILM PAGE 3

"Hotel Very Welcome" which from its trailer looks to be everyone's worst travel nightmares assembled in one fun romp. Don't miss the Poolside Chats at the W Hotel, including "Back to the Stoner Age" which discusses pot smoking in films and will be hosted by none other than Cheech Marin.

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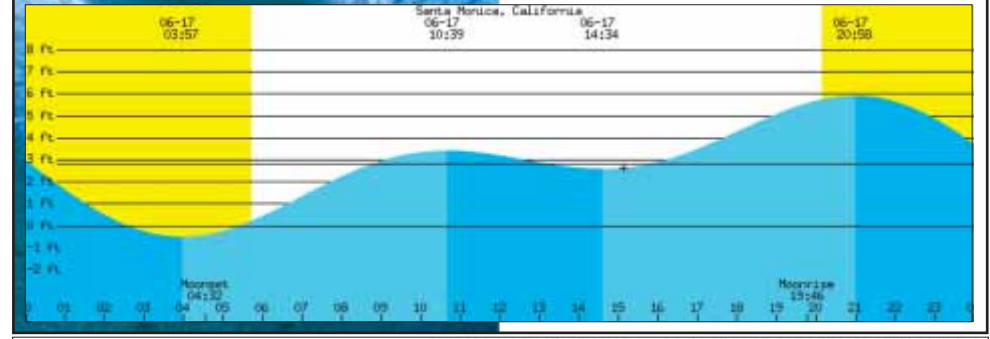
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We should see some more 210-degree swell come up from New Zealand. This should have 14- 16-second periods, angled from 210, and size chest high for south facing breaks. Wind swell should back off some, leaving west facing breaks in waist+ waves, bigger though at breaks with southwesterly exposure. Winds look mild for the AM, then 15 mph in the afternoon. The Full Moon will crest on Wednesday.

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cienegas Beach, at Arroyo Sepulveda Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Locks and Las Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Bread Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wilshire Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	D	ns
Escamido Creek, just east of Escamido State Beach	D	ns
Laguna Canyon Creek mouth	F	ns
Selkirk Canyon at San Blas County Beach	D	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marine Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Sunridge Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns
Sunridge Beach (beach location)- daily	C	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint zone)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 15048 PCH stairs	A	ns
Pine Creek at Las Flores County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	B	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

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LOCATION

DRY

WET

Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Palms Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Tennessee Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chatsworth)	A+	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	D	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topaz St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DWR jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
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Well-traveled Heath Pearce vying for starting spot on United States soccer team

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARSON Soccer has taken Heath Pearce from California to Oregon to Denmark to Germany — and could send him to South Africa for the 2010 World Cup.

The 24-year-old from Modesto, Calif., who played as a defender at the University of Portland, has become a leading candidate to start at left back for the United States.

Pearce, who never made more than five of his 15 total appearances for the national team in any single year, is likely to compete in his sixth successive match Sunday when the United States visits Barbados for a World Cup qualifier.

“I’ve seen big improvements,” said U.S. defender Steve Cherundolo, who started in the 2006 World Cup and plays in Germany for Hannover 96 against Pearce’s Hansa Rostock.

“He seems to be much more calm and experienced,” Cherundolo said. “He’s really playing solid. He’s reliable.”

Pearce made his debut in World Cup qualifying in the United States’ 8-0 rout of Barbados over the weekend in the first contest of their two-game series.

“Anytime you get to put the U.S. jersey on, it’s an honor,” Pearce said. “But getting to play when there’s something on the line is extra special.”

The defender also got to play in London’s famous Wembley Stadium for all 90 minutes in the United States’ 2-0 loss to England on May 28.

“It was a huge thing,” Pearce said. “Even some of my English friends say it’s a dream for everybody there.”

Pearce left Portland after three years to sign a contract with Denmark’s FC Nordsjaelland in 2005. But the turning point came once he

joined Hansa Rostock in August. After playing mostly in the back as a professional, Pearce spent much of his first season in Germany in a more offensive role on the left flank and adapted successfully.

“Somewhere along the line, I forgot my ability to get forward,” Pearce said. “Even with the national team, I never really had that comfort to go forward and use some of the strengths I have going forward.”

Changing positions also gave Pearce a new perspective on playing defense.

“It’s helped me to understand the position of a winger when I’m defending him, and how an outside back can make it hard for me as a winger,” Pearce said. “I’ve been able to learn from both positions and use them to my advantage.”

After starting four of Hansa Rostock’s first five games, Pearce was demoted to substitute and failed to play in 14 of the remaining 28 matches.

“There were some ups and downs for me,” he said. “There were a few misunderstandings between me and the club and some really tough spells.”

Those difficulties forced Pearce to take the initiative.

“One of the biggest things I learned was that if you’re not playing, you’ve got to put in the work on your own, train on your own, lift weights on your own,” he said. “Since then, I’ve felt a lot better about my game and my body has felt better.”

Even after three seasons in Europe, Pearce believes that the national team is a better soccer classroom.

“I have a long ways to go and a lot to learn still,” Pearce said. “But getting out here with these guys for a long period of time I think is helping my development the most.”

MLB

Dodgers put Penny on DL

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

He is 5-9 with a 5.88 ERA this season.

CINCINNATI The Los Angeles Dodgers put right-hander Brad Penny on the 15-day disabled list Tuesday with a sore shoulder that has bothered him for much of the season.

He went back to Los Angeles for a medical test Monday that detected tendinitis. He is 0-7 in his last eight starts, and pitched only 3 2-3 innings in a 12-7 loss to Detroit on Saturday.

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Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) 1hr 52min 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40	Kung Fu Panda (PG) 1hr 31min 12:45, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:45, 10:30	Sex and the City (R) 2hrs 15min 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:05, 6:20, 7:10, 9:30, 10:30
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Take a back seat, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You feel as if you tumbled into a pressure cooker! Everyone wants something from you. Juggle calls and be willing to prioritize. You will feel much better once you get through your meetings and calls! Tonight: Working late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ A partner demands the lead position on a financial decision. Are you really comfortable? Do you really have a choice? What are your alternatives? Be smart, and postpone everything you can until tomorrow. Tonight: Gather different opinions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your ability to move a situation along comes forward. You feel as if you must do something. Someone might bark orders. Don't worry about telling this person how unappealing that activity is. You will find the right time and place later. Tonight: Midweek break.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Investigate a new beginning or possibility. You see that you must clear out a lot of trivial matters. If you are going to jump into a new situation, be ready to incorporate new ideas. Tonight: Easy does it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ How you juggle different people, concerns and situations easily might determine how you feel at the end of the day. If you are a people person, you don't have a problem. If you need a lot of organization and control, well, prioritize fast! Tonight: Slow down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You get a second wind, which you have been looking for. If you feel exhausted, don't be surprised. You have pushed way beyond your normal level. Allow in more spontaneity. Tonight: Revisit a decision that impacted a relationship.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You need to loosen up and enjoy more. Listen to what is going on with those around you. Another perspective will add light to a situation. Your sense of humor comes through in a most unprecedented manner. Think through a decision carefully. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Visualize a bigger coffer and greater security. Though it might feel close to impossible to figure out the path to get there, you will get a glimmer in the next few days. Tonight: Keep smiling.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that comes forward. Rethink a situation, understanding that others also have limitations. A tense interaction will open the door to greater ease once the air is cleared. Tonight: Hanging out is fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Lie low. Try not to get caught up in today's Full Moon energy. Enough is enough. If you have an opportunity, take a break this afternoon. You'll discover you could get a second wind. Tonight: Try a different restaurant.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ A child or loved one seems to need a lot of attention. You know how to handle this person. Do whatever is necessary to move in a positive direction. Focus on priorities and a key friendship. Tonight: Where the gang is.

PISCES (Feb 19-March 20)
★★★ You are in a pressure cooker. No matter which way you turn, you feel like you cannot win. Loosen up when dealing with a friend or roommate. Everyone might be a tad stretched. Tonight: Let someone else make the choice.

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This year you might act like a pendulum, with perpetual mood changes, switching emotional views and opening up to new potential. Often you will wonder whether to follow your gut or your mind. Experiment. You will also become more sensitive to others as you go through your ups and downs. Insights come after long periods of confusion. If you are single, your attractiveness becomes more evident to many. How fun! Juggling this extraordinary popularity could be quite the task. If you are attached, you wonder how much you need to defer. Consider this: Make it OK for each of you to be different! CAPRICORN helps you make money.

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★★★★ Positive	★ Difficult
★★★ Average	

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GOLD

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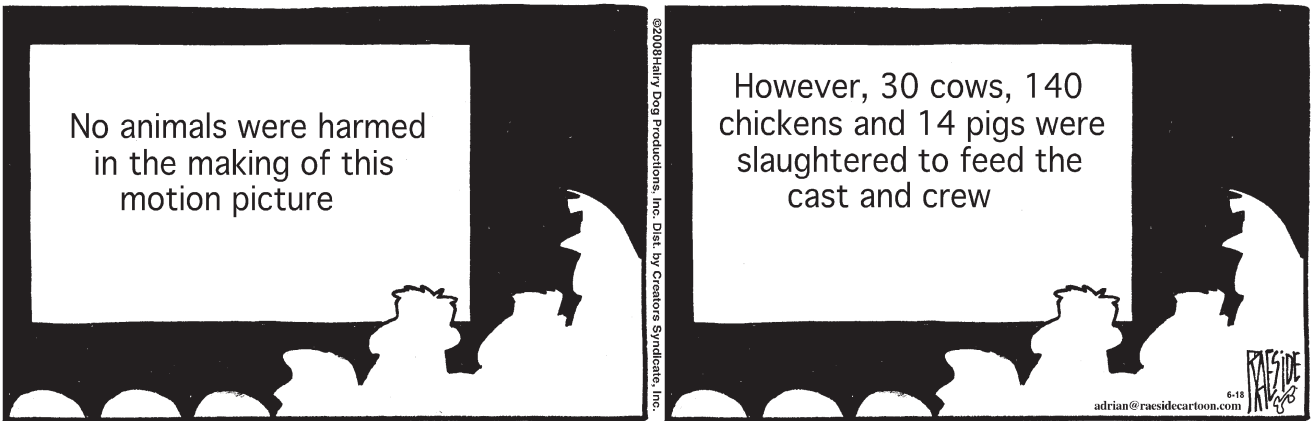
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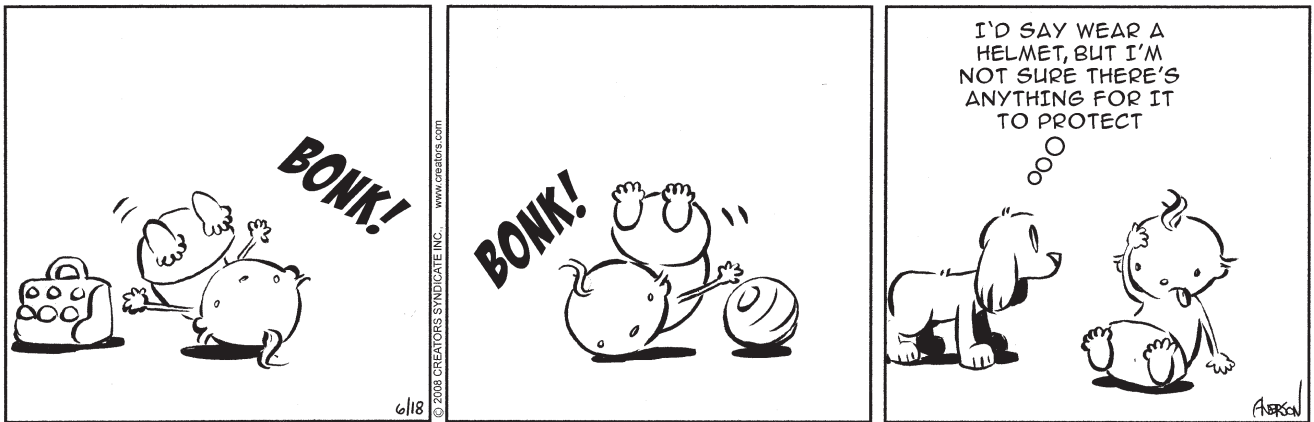
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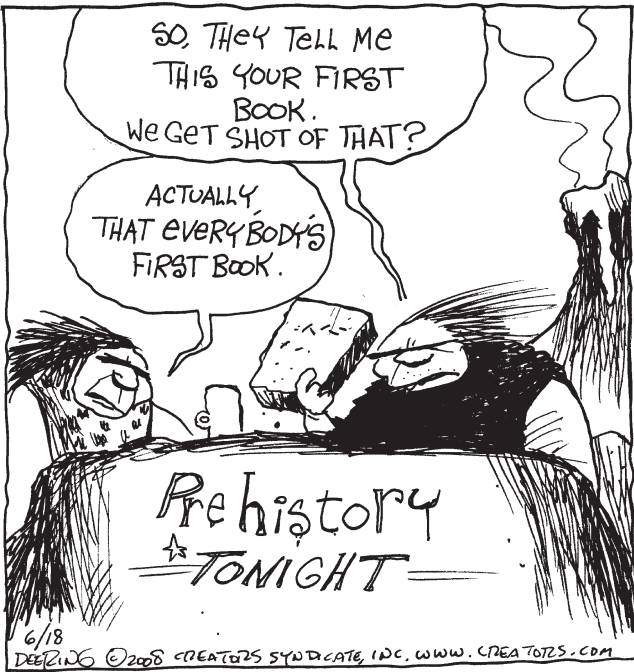


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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 40 Match

- 1 Cell parts
feature 41 Hoe target
5 Overlook
9 Make happy
11 African language
12 Photo collection
13 Bert's pal
14 Deli order
15 Actor's aid
17 Arm muscle
19 Father's Day gift
20 The heavens
21 Fellows
22 Out of the way
24 Tree fluid
26 Gallantry
29 Mariner
30 Sawbuck
32 Money-getting aid
34 Hole number
35 Shred
36 Wear away
38 Hack-neyed
39 Fiddle bow application

DOWN

- 1 Monster
2 Attraction
3 Hare's cousin
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6 Deep-seated
7 Recipe instruction
8 Jacket material
10 Game hosts
11 Honey bunch
16 Away from the mouth
18 Bloke
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23 Anger
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31 Market direction
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TODAY IN HISTORY

1778 American forces entered Philadelphia as the British withdrew during the Revolutionary War.

1812 the United States declared war against Britain.

1815 Napoleon Bonaparte met his Waterloo as British and Prussian troops defeated the French in Belgium.

1858 the United States and China signed a treaty promoting "peace, amity and commerce."

1908 William Howard Taft was nominated for president by the Republican national convention in Chicago.

1928 Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean as she completed it with pilots Wilmer Stultz and Louis Gordon.

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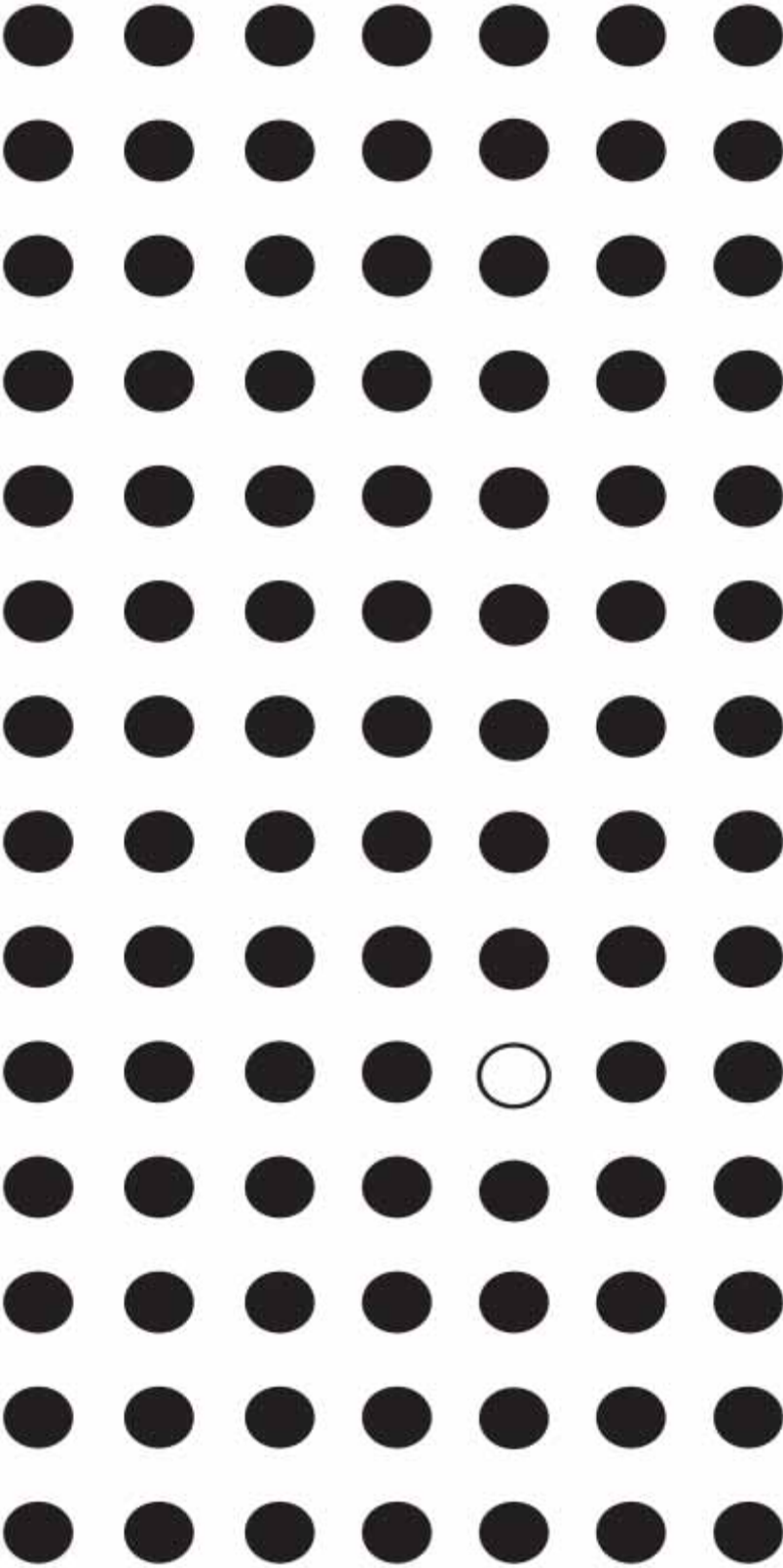
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