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Showing Bush the exit

Group of progressives plan rally calling for impeachment

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A coalition of progressive political activists will hold a rally here, urging elected officials to join nearly 90 other cities in calling for the impeachment of President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney.

Leaders of Progressive Democrats of Los Angeles, the

Santa Monica Democratic Club and Westside Greens plan to hold the impeachment rally on the steps of City Hall in efforts to catch politicians as they arrive for the evening's City Council meeting, representatives from the coalition said.

"When our local lawmakers take the oath of office, they pledge to uphold the Constitution," said Julie Lopez Dad, president of the Democratic Club. "Consequently, we, the people, expect our lawmakers to join us in our efforts to preserve our constitutional rights."

"Unless we demand accountability by calling for impeachment, there will be no limits to executive power."

The coalition claims both Bush and Cheney misled the public to wage war on Iraq; issued signing statements to override federal legislation on torture and other issues; approved massive illegal wiretaps in violation of the Fourth Amendment; and suspended habeas corpus and Sixth Amendment due process rights in the indefinite imprisonment and torture of detainees.

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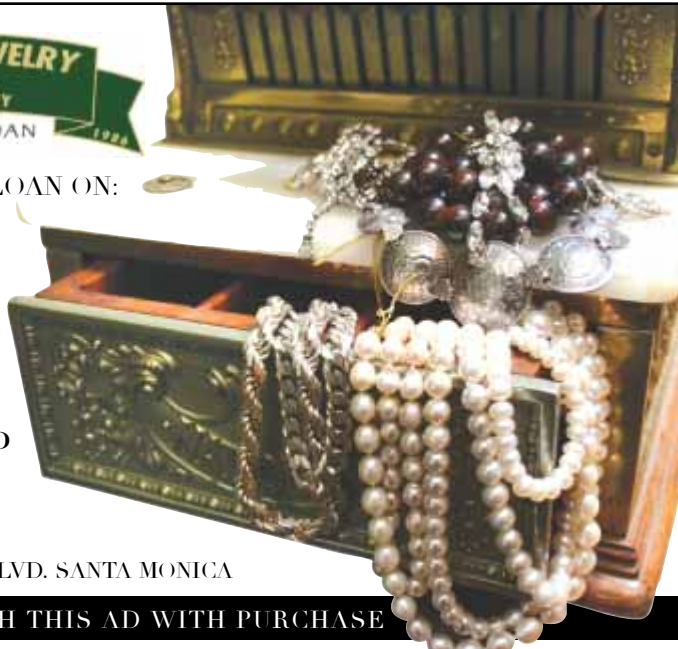
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Monthly Movie Classic: 'Shane'
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
The Main Library presents a free screening of the classic western "Shane," directed by George Stevens and starring Alan Ladd. All ages are welcome. Seating is first come, first served in the MLK Jr. Auditorium.

Learn to breathe
1001-A Colorado Ave., 7:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Breath coach Melanie DuPuy will lead a two-hour workshop, guiding students to breathe into transformation. Reiki Master Kataka Gara will perform utilizing sacred instruments. Meditation will be included. Fees are \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door.

Toddler Story Time for Twos
2601 Main St., 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
The Ocean Park Library hosts an afternoon of stories and music for toddlers, aged 24-36 months, accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. To register, call (310) 392-3804.

Write-Away
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., noon — 3 p.m.
Inspiration, guidance, direction and support for writers. Group meets at the Fairview Branch Library. Contact John Smith at (310) 458-4675 for further information.

Morales is 'Super Regular'
1028 Montana Ave., 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Deborah Page Gallery presents "Super Regular," an exhibition of new work by Julio Cesar Morales, whose work incorporates photography, sculpture, video and installation and has been largely inspired by the street culture, design and popular music of his native Tijuana, Mexico. For more information, visit www.deborahpagegallery.com or call (310) 458-4400.

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

Mystery book discussion group
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
The Main Library's mystery and thriller discussion group takes up Faye Kellerman's "Straight Into Darkness," a thriller set in 1930s pre-war Munich. This group is open to all and will gather in the Community Meeting Room, located on the second floor.

Solar Santa Monica open house
1212 Fifth St., 5 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Visit the Solar Santa Monica office and learn about the city's program. Meet "preferred" solar contractors and experience hands-on solar exhibits, receive fact sheets on energy efficiency and rebates, and sign up for a free solar assessment. Refreshments will be served.

Montana book discussion
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
The Montana Branch book club will discuss James Surowiecki's "The Wisdom of Crowds."

Venice Arts Youth Photography Exhibit
1809 Lincoln Blvd., 5 p.m. — 7 p.m.
The Venice Arts Gallery hosts an opening featuring black & white photography created by teenage girls who have participated in Venice Arts' Advanced Studies programs. Their work includes documentary photography, self-portraits, environmental portraits and experimental works. For more information, visit www.Venice-Arts.org.

'Pure'
1700 Ocean Park Blvd., 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Daniel Francisco's current exhibit, "Pure," is on display at Kultur Books. For more information, call (310) 450-8707.

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.



CORRECTIONS

The photograph of the police badge currently being worn by officers of the Santa Monica Police Department that appeared on page 1 of the June 18 edition should have been credited to Staff Photographer Fabian Lewkowicz.

The annual Father's Day fishing derby held on the Santa Monica Pier, as depicted in a front page photograph in the June 18 edition of the Daily Press, should have identified the event as the Santa Monica Pier Bait and Tackle Father's Day Fishing Derby.

CONSENT AGENDA

Big bucks for BBB

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

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The City Council is expected to spend nearly \$700,000 tonight to help low-income residents make home improvements and improve customer service at the Big Blue Bus.

Elected officials are being asked to extend a contract with Comprehensive Housing Services, Inc. (CHS), which has been in charge of administering the Residential Rehabilitation Program for the last three years, according to a city staff report.

The extension is being recommended so that CHS can complete six rehabilitation projects that should be completed by the end of the year, as well as the rehabilitation of 11 mobile homes at Mountain View Mobilehome Park.

City Hall has operated the rehabilitation program since 1996, providing financial assistance for a variety of repairs to low-income homeowners and property owners renting to low-income tenants. Priority has been given to multi-family properties housing Section 8 tenants; multi-family properties where at least 51 percent of the tenants qualify as low income to moderate income; low income owner-occupants that are over 62 years of age; and low income disabled households.

FRESH FACES

To better serve the public and keep cash coming in, Big Blue Bus is asking the council for \$447,507 to purchase new software and fareboxes that will be able to read the new \$20, \$10 and \$5 bills.

New software is needed to accommodate a change in fares and the creation of a day pass. Reprogramming the existing software would result in a minimum delay of six months at an estimated cost of \$20,000, according to a city staff report.

Combined with lost revenues from the delayed fare change, the shortfall would be approximately \$800,000.



Rendering courtesy of City of Santa Monica

DRAWING INPUT: The view of the proposed Village community from Olympic Boulevard is seen in this artist's rendering. Some critics contend that planners will have to build higher in order to lighten the density of the structures.

Sitting down to talk

City Council weighs in on Civic Center development project

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Elected officials look to weigh in tonight on three issues that will affect Santa Monica for generations to come.

In addition to a new mixed-use housing project in the heart of the Civic Center, the City Council is also expected to discuss the future of the electoral process and the way in which neighborhoods should be protected and enhanced.

City planners are recommending that the council endorse key placemaking principals

and conservation guidelines developed by residents over the last six months. The principals are a driving force in the development of a new Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE), a document that guides development throughout the city, providing a blueprint for how land should be used and how neighborhoods should interact with commercial corridors and open space.

The LUCE has not been updated in roughly 20 years. The process was delayed somewhat over the last two years by the departures of the planning director and city manager, both of whom have since been replaced.

Residents were asked their opinions on neighborhood conservation and placemaking — the integration of planning and people to create a place that is ideal in which to play, work and live. They focused primarily on what makes for a good neighborhood and how to maintain those aspects when

building for the future. The discussions included public transit, landscaping, traffic impacts and building bridges between residential areas to the east and west.

Residents overwhelmingly showed support for active uses along boulevards, such as restaurants, cafes and outdoor dining to attract people looking to leave their cars at home. There was also a call for better landscaping, more attractive streetscapes and the creation of pocket parks where available.

The next topic to be tackled in the LUCE process will be the future vision for the city's industrial lands and how they may be able to accommodate a diverse range of housing, thus relieving pressure on existing neighborhoods.

In a somewhat related topic, the council is also being asked to begin negotiations with the Related Companies for the develop-

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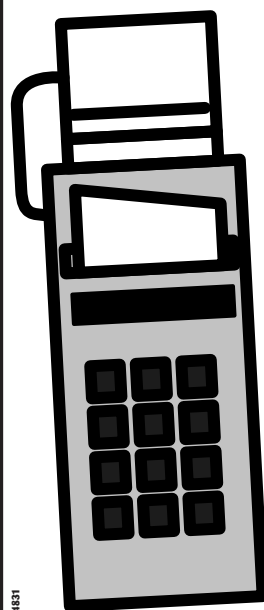
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Leaf blower fallout is more than hot air
Editor:

(Re: John Hoelle’s letter “Leave the blowers behind,” June 16)

I fully agree about leaf blowers. Not only are they noisy, push all the debris right into the run-offs that go to the ocean and choke us all with exhaust, they are actually against the law. Oh, yes. Call City Hall and get the information. The law has been on the books for quite some time and carries a fine and/or jail time.

Any noise workers make prior to 8 a.m. is against the law, and if you are “leaf blowered out” at any time during the day, you can call the police and make them enforce the existing law – hopefully, at least, telling them to stop using the blower.

Marilyn Brennan
Santa Monica

Public transit isn’t for the people
Editor:

A bus system which is eliminating transfers and refuses to offer monthly passes gets a windfall offer. And how do they propose to spend it?

1) Promote bike usage. Hardly an option for most of its customers, as well as being dangerous and a hazard in city traffic.

2) A parking lot sign. (Why would MTA fund that?) Plus, Santa Monica College students will get to ride free, while the actual residents and taxpayers who support the system are shafted with double and triple fares.

No transfers. No monthly passes. What a great way to promote public transportation!

Marjorie Campbell
Santa Monica

Hanging on every word
Editor:

Saddam Hussein was hanged for crimes against humanity because he ordered his military to invade an area which harbored the people who had tried to assassinate him, resulting in the murder of hundreds.

Does anyone remember Bush’s original reason for invading Iraq? Wasn’t it because Saddam had tried to assassinate his father? When that failed, lies about Saddam’s connection to 9/11 and WMD, unfortunately, did not, and as a result, so far, hundreds of thousands have been murdered. Since reasons two and three were proven to deliberate lies, we are left with Bush’s original reason only.

The precedent is there. What are we waiting for?

Cecilia Rosenthal
Santa Monica

Tallying war costs is disingenuous
Editor:

Please explain how the Iraq conflict is costing \$145 million to the residents of Santa Monica (“Putting a price tag on the Iraq war,” June 12). The National Priorities Project organization is trying to cause a riot. The cost of the war, as figured by the experts, is a daily cost for the U.S. military. Not one gives an account as to what the military (all branches) would be doing without a war. All military costs do not stop in the absence of war.

Now, who wrote the check that took all this money away from (per Kevin McKeown) education, social services and housing to end homelessness? The story of returning veterans is a hoax. Let me mention when a WWII veteran arrived on the East Coast from duty, he was asked where he lived. Then, with his mustering out-pay, he was given a ticket home on a train or bus.

That was it. If they wanted to live on the streets, that was their choice. The towns and cities did not feed and coddle them. When I was discharged from the Korean event as a veteran, Santa Monica was noticeably absent with compassion.

Let us get back (according to the article) to when and who spent this great amount of money. No general assumptions, please, but an actual accounting.

Terrorism and fear of terrorism is an entirely different subject. The American people and the American way of life do not understand how to deal with terrorism. More facts and less presumption for reportorial reliability please.

David L. Darling
Santa Monica



What’s the Point?

David Pizarra

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

The long shadows of development

I LIVE IN THE PICO NEIGHBORHOOD, it’s that area north of Pico, east of 20th that includes the Virginia Avenue Park. We are a mix of single family homes on large lots, apartments and condominiums. The street is one of those lovely places with mature trees, that if all goes well, the city will avoid destroying, unlike the Second and Fourth streets debacle.

On my street, we have an eclectic mix of individuals. We have artists and musicians, a lawyer, a civic activist, many office workers and a few retired folks. There are twentysomethings who have moved back in with mom, and a few rapscallions on skateboards who keep the dogs barking.

We also have a rather constant stream of construction workers in this neighborhood. Being one of the best places in this city for increased density, the City Council, the planning department and the developers all see this cute little neighborhood as a great place to develop condominiums. There were five units developed last year, and all are sold. There are an additional 16 units to be developed at the end of the block, and around the corner, there are an additional 11 units being put in.

Of the six lots on my block that are ostensibly single family homes (some have a second unit on the back half of the lot), all will likely, eventually, become condominiums. At the moment, we have a nice neighborhood where the homeowners know each other. We share garden tools and chat as we water the yard and walk the dog.

I love my little neighborhood, and I know that one day, it will be gone. It will have been consumed by the rapacious growth that is Los Angeles. As people continue to flood into the basin by the bay, we will have to increase our density. One day, my home will give way for a four- or five-unit, beige monstrosity with no grass, no character and will house people who will most likely not speak to each other.

It is an odd aspect of humanity that, as we become more tightly packed, we lose contact with each other. As we have less and less individual space, we fight that much harder for our privacy and sense of self. The more precious our individual time and space becomes, the more insular we make ourselves.

The city leaders love to talk about quality-of-life issues in poetic terms and with a manner that leads voters to believe they really are concerned with life in this city. They like to paint themselves as the protectors of the flame of a way of life, but what is really happening is so far beyond their control, that any efforts are really just meaningless campaign promises.

Our city is rapidly becoming nothing more than the latest victim of urbanization and overgrowth that has happened to all major cities, globally. All one has to do is raise one’s eyes to the density of a London or Tokyo to see the future. We are not unique, and we are not going to stop the inexorable creep of development.

The best we can hope for is to plan with greater vision than our forefathers. But alas, as the fate of the Fourth Street trees shows, our leaders have myopia just as bad as the dreaded stockholders of Wall Street. Short term gains, quarterly returns and who will get re-elected are the bane of all long term thinking visionaries. Unfortunately, our city has a bad case of short term thinking.

AS PEOPLE CONTINUE TO FLOOD INTO THE BASIN BY THE BAY, WE WILL HAVE TO INCREASE OUR DENSITY. ONE DAY, MY HOME WILL GIVE WAY FOR A FOUR- OR FIVE-UNIT, BEIGE MONSTROSITY WITH NO GRASS, NO CHARACTER AND WILL HOUSE PEOPLE WHO WILL MOST LIKELY NOT SPEAK TO EACH OTHER.

The business community is saying that the trees on Fourth Street interfere with their signage and that is adversely affecting their business. Maybe that is true. Or maybe the fact that the Third Street Promenade is built in such a fashion that it does not open itself up to the surrounding streets in a welcoming way is part of the problem. It casts a long shadow over the adjacent streets. The way it is designed, to funnel people up and down, with almost no horizontal outlets causes it to be an insular experience.

At the time it was developed, Third Street was a blighted area, the development of it into a tourist attraction has brought many benefits to the city. Development can be a great thing, but like a good story, it takes time to be planned.

The condominiums going in around my neighborhood are necessary in the long run. But like the effects of the promenade on the surrounding streets, the shadows they will cast will be long, and leave many of us alone and in the dark.

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Guest Commentary

John Foley

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The next generation will pay for mistakes

I ENJOYED READING YOUR PIECE ON bottled water and how it compares to the tap ("H2 Oh!" June 2-3). I love blind taste tests. Irene (Manahan) did a great job. It was an unbiased piece. Here are my slightly biased remarks.

As a local water treatment professional, I see this phenomenon over and over again. For many people the bottle gives the perception of quality. It is this perception, rather than actual quality, that causes them to buy it. I like to call these folks "water snobs" because, in their minds, the bottle itself represents security. It may make them sleep better at night. I cannot say whether or not this is bad thing.

I do not believe that Santa Monica tap water has won any quality awards, but it is safe (according to the city's most recent water quality report). It does not taste as bad as some water supplies I have seen. There are actually areas in Southern California where the tap water would have won a blind taste test 90 percent of the time against the brands (the Daily Press) used. There are also supplies that would fail an inspection because of the way they look and smell, before anyone took a sip.

For mineral content alone, some Santa Monica water would be considered barely tolerable. Residents that have been around the city for 10 years or more probably remember the MTBE contamination problem the city had. That was when leaking underground fuel tanks forced the city to close several wells and caused them to warn residents not to drink from the tap. Most residents do not know that the city still will not use some of their wells because of this problem.

As a municipal water provider, the city of Santa Monica is responsible for testing the water that they deliver regularly. This is done to make sure that it meets national primary drinking water standards. This is actually how problems like toxic levels of a fuel additive (MTBE) are discovered. There is no standard for taste. Standardized testing will pick up only the things that they know about and are looking for. Unknown contaminants are normally discovered only after a problem comes up (Erin Brockovich comes to mind).

The real reason that buying our water in bottles is irresponsible and a bad idea has nothing to do with quality. It has nothing

to do with taste. In fact, as your taste test shows, for many folks, tap water often does measure up taste-wise with no treatment at all. No, the problem with bottled water, as far as I can see, is that it is terribly inefficient. If you think driving a gas-guzzling SUV is irresponsible, a little reading about the life cycle of a plastic water bottle will have you refilling at the tap in no time.

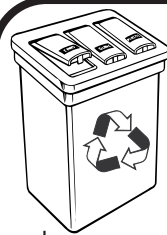
The companies that manufacture plastic bottles do not publicize how much energy it takes to make them. I have never heard them mention that a very low percentage of their bottles are properly recycled, or that the bottle that it took you five minutes to empty could stay in the environment for 70,000 years. There are even some people now who believe that the bottle itself might be putting something into the water.

Bottled water costs pennies to make and dollars to buy, not because of the water, but rather because of the bottling and the weight. Just like free dirt would cost you money to have delivered to where you need it, the cost of your water is mostly in the transportation (and profit).

The bottled water business is so profitable that the soda guys (Coke sells Dasani and Aquafina is a Pepsi product) could not stay away. When they found out that we would buy one of their raw materials without the expensive additives, and that we would actually pay more for it, they were all in.

We live in the most developed nation in the world. Our economy relies on us being consumers. We pay over three dollars a gallon to burn inefficient fuels that pollute the air we breathe, even though better, cleaner technology exists. We are filling our solid waste landfills and polluting our environment at a frightening rate. We are consumers and we are proud of it. We watch the commercials, we read the ads and, like robots, we go out and buy the product. In this case, we are choosing a big diesel truck, polluting plastic and other waste to pay a lot more for something that comes conveniently to our house in a pipe almost for free. Hopefully, future generations will be smarter than we have been.

JOHN FOLEY is a manager for Rayne of Santa Monica, a water conditioning firm.



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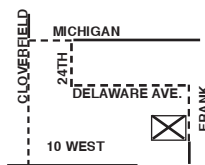
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The Q-Line

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Who will budge on badges?

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So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you think that SMPD should go ahead with the new badge plan or is it a case of mismanaged funds?

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Translating for a frustrated mom

Dear Dorie,

I'm having difficulty understanding some of the words my toddler says. He'll put two or more words together but sometimes I can't figure out what he's trying to say. He answers questions and his hearing is fine. I want to know if there is a certain age range where I should be able to understand everything he says? Thanks.

Mumbles at Mama

Dear Mama,

Your son's development of language and other communication skills is an ongoing process that begins in utero and continues through life. His range of development will vary based on his unique abilities and environmental exposure. Whether you'll ever understand everything he says is a tough question, but there are a few things you can do to observe and encourage his efforts.

I'll assume your son is around two years of age in which case you should be able to identify about twenty words. These don't have to be perfectly pronounced (e.g. "ba" for "ball") but they should be recognizable to you. Make a list throughout the day of words

that he regularly uses to get a rough count.

As he's already putting two or more words together spontaneously (a very important milestone), you can support him by continuing to use words to express his needs or wants. If he points at something, gently persuade him to say what it is. Also, I would support picture or object identification during reading or conversation. He should be able to identify around 10 objects or pictures.

Finally, watch for regression of abilities. Language and communication skills should increase over time (gradually or dramatically). If there is a decline in his abilities, notify your pediatrician immediately and ask for an assessment.

Perfect comprehension is not typical for any relationship (my mother still doesn't understand me all the time) but your son should be able to let you know the basics of what's going on in his young life. Good luck.

DORIE MEEK is director of the Infant & Family Support Program, provided by Saint John's Health Center in partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Submit your questions to meek@smmusd.org.

Roller-shoe injuries are up, parents advised to be vigilant

BY LINDSEY TANNER

AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO Injuries from trendy roller shoes are far more numerous than previously thought, contributing to about 1,600 emergency room visits last year, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission said recently.

The injuries were mostly in children, the target market for the wheeled shoes that send kids cruising down sidewalks, across playgrounds and through shopping mall crowds.

Scott Wolfson, a spokesman for the Consumer Product Safety Commission, said last week that the agency knew of at least 64 roller shoe-related injuries and one death between September 2005 through December 2006.

The new higher estimate is based on a more recent and thorough examination by staff statisticians of data reported to the agency, Wolfson told the AP Wednesday.

The update follows new safety advice posted online Tuesday by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, which recommends helmets, wrist protectors and knee and elbow pads for kids who wear wheeled shoes.

The academy's advice stems from recent reports from around the globe about doctors treating cracked skulls; broken wrists, arms and ankles; and dislocated elbows in kids injured wearing the shoes.

On Monday, a report in June's Pediatrics said 67 children were treated for roller-shoe injuries at a hospital in Dublin, Ireland, over 10 weeks last summer.

Heelys, the most popular brand, are sold in 70 countries. They're made by Carrollton, Texas-based Heelys Inc. The shoes feature removable wheels in each heel that pop out when wearers shift their weight to their heels.

The company responded to the higher injury estimate by releasing a statement about their shoes' safety from Edward Heiden, president of Heiden Associates, a product safety consulting firm that Heelys hired to study the shoes.

"The injury rate of using wheeled footwear has not increased in the past 15 months. More wheeled shoes are being sold and so, as you would expect, more incidents are being reported," Heiden said.

Heelys reported in April that a Heiden Associates analysis of data from the government's product safety commission showed the shoes have a lower injury rate than many other sports, including skateboarding, inline skating and even swimming.

Heiden said the new numbers confirm that previous analysis, "which tells us using wheeled footwear is 42 times safer than basketball, 29 times safer than bicycling, and 18 times safer than skateboarding."

ON THE NET

■ **Consumer Product Safety Commission:** www.cpsc.gov

■ **American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons:** www.aaos.org

■ **Heelys Inc.:** www.heelys.com



NO PAIN, NO GAIN

Matthew Paruby, 10, struggles to get his chin above the bar during the United States Navy's Pull-up Competition at Venice Beach recently.

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Other mothers still offer most enlightening advice

BY MELISSA RAYWORTH
Associated Press Writer

Though every generation has its own parenting experts, one has always remained constant in the eyes of mothers: another mother.

The Internet has only served to amplify that option, sometimes replacing the back fence or the neighborhood playground as the quickest and best place to find real-life advice. Mothers scattered across the globe can log in to these sites, freely sharing thoughts and fears about any motherhood-related topic imaginable.

The 24/7 availability of networking sites fits well into the frenzied schedule of new mothers, and many find comfort in the odd blend of intimacy and anonymity the Internet provides.

"There's so much competition in the mommy community," says Rosie Amodio, executive editor of TheNestBaby.com, a networking site that launched in May. "You have all these questions, and you don't always feel comfortable asking your friends. You're not going to come out and say, 'Is my child the only one who hits people?' So you find this community that provides you with support, but there's also some anonymity."

Networking sites for mothers aren't new. Clubmom.com was founded in 1999 (by "Today" co-host Meredith Vieira, among others) and parenting conversation has been a central part of iVillage.com since its launch in 1995.

In March, iVillage added a new platform called Connect, where mothers form conversation groups to discuss anything from coping with pregnancy to serving dinners that teenagers will actually appreciate.

As online communities subtly elevate regular moms to the rank of expert, publishing houses appear to be picking up on the trend.

Several new parenting-related books hitting stores this spring are written not by child psychologists, but by women whose only qualification is their personal experience as mothers.

Here are just a few of the newest sources of mommy wisdom:

THENESTBABY.COM (LAUNCHED IN MAY)

Mission: Helping new moms tackle motherhood. "You have questions, you want answers. You don't have time to weed through tons of information," says executive editor Rosie Amodio.

New moms will find more advice and shopping ideas here than they'll probably ever need, all packaged with the stylish design of TheKnot.com and TheNest.com, out of which NestBaby grew. It focuses on pregnancy and the first year of babyhood, with chat topics ranging from the simple ("Where can I find a hat for my baby?") to the serious ("My baby is sick and refuses to take his medicine"). The site also links to LilaGuide.com, which offers product reviews done by moms.

Cost: free to join

MOMSPACE.COM (LAUNCHED IN MARCH)

Mission: Helping moms buy things. "MomSpace was created to help you, the CEO of your household," announces the home page.

Although it includes a bit of personal networking and chat, this site mainly connects women with businesses in their geographic area that have been rated by other local moms. "It's formalizing the bus stop talk," says Colleen Devine, publicist for the site, "but it's not just for the new mom. It's used by moms with teenagers and even empty-nesters."

Cost: free to join, and moms can earn money by requesting a part-time job selling advertising space on the site to local businesses in their area.

MOMJUNCTION.COM

Mission: Helping moms talk with each other. "Tap into the wisdom of moms everywhere" says the home page slogan, which is accompanied by slide show of a variety of moms — young and old, corporate and stay-at-home. The page conveys an accessible, all-inclusive vibe, suggesting a chatting-over-coffee sort of friendliness.

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Renewed focus

Olympic High School seniors graduate today

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK One of the lost kids of Santa Monica High School, Jennifer Garcia will proudly walk to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance," reflecting on a journey that has seen her go from a student in danger of not graduating to taking the stage with the rest of her class to receive a diploma.

She is among the group of seniors graduating from the district's only continuation school — Olympic High, a place with a bad reputation amongst students at Samohi.

Many of the seniors graduating tonight ended up at Olympic for the same reasons, whether it be falling behind in credits or getting into trouble. But every student at Olympic has a different story behind how they lost focus and their faith in education.

"Some students do well as being a big fish in a small pond," said Marcia Gecht, a criminal justice teacher at Olympic High School. "But some do better in a nurturing environment."

Cesar Berben was a junior at Santa Monica High School in 2005 when racial tension erupted between the African-American and Latino students. A Latino himself, Berben said he became angry at the relations between the two racial groups, disillusioned and started ditching classes to avoid facing the situation.

"I wanted to leave," Berben said. "It's a lot of BS and I didn't want to deal with it."

He slowly started falling behind in his

credits, failing English and science classes. Concerned, Berben's mother took action, enrolling her son at Olympic High School.

Transferring wasn't something that Berben welcomed, hearing stories from his friends of fights breaking out everyday at Olympic High School and of students getting beat up in the hallway. Upon starting Olympic, Berben realized the stories might have been a bit embellished.

It was around the middle of last year when things finally clicked for Berben. He was sitting in his class and looked around, seeing his peers in a new light, some whom he described as "not going anywhere."

"I didn't want to be like that," he said.

The focus once lost has returned with the help of his teachers. With a little mentoring, Berben began excelling in his studies.

Yet, near end of his senior year, Berben was still short of the 220 units required to graduate from high school. Though he walked in the graduation ceremony in June 2006, Berben still had to continue taking extra classes this year in order to attain his diploma.

Now with 270 total units, Berben is ready to move on to post-secondary studies and a possible career in filmmaking.

This summer, Berben plans to participate in the Inner-City Filmmakers Summer Program at the University of Southern California, learning first-hand the different aspects of filmmaking, from screenwriting to directing.

It took Berben two weeks to complete the

application process for the summer program, which included an autobiography and a rough draft for a film storyline.

This fall, Berben plans to attend Santa Monica College, majoring in animation with the hopes of one day transferring to USC.

SOME STUDENTS DO WELL AS BEING A BIG FISH IN A SMALL POND."

Marcia Gecht
a criminal justice teacher
at Olympic High School

Looking at his own evolution, from a teenager angry at the system to an aspiring filmmaker, Berben credits his teachers with helping him regain focus.

"Back then, I thought I knew the world, but I didn't," Berben said. "When you go to one school and then another, you see stuff. It changes you."

SECOND CHANCES

Olympic's Gecht was always amazed at Garcia's initiative, asking for business cards whenever a law enforcement officer would come to speak to the class.

Little did she know that Garcia was pondering a career in law enforcement.

It's a long way from where Garcia was

more than a year ago. A student in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School district growing up, Garcia and her family moved to Canoga Park when she was in middle school, attending Canoga Park High School until her sophomore year.

Because of issues at Canoga Park High, Garcia said she came to Santa Monica High School with little motivation and didn't focus on her studies. She eventually fell short on her credits and during her junior year, Garcia was told by her counselor that Olympic was her only shot at graduating on time.

She wasn't receptive to the idea of attending Olympic initially, a place she had known as having a bad reputation. But she quickly saw the benefits of attending a smaller school that offered her more individualized attention from teachers. The school also offered more elective courses than Samohi, such as yoga, Garcia said.

For Garcia, the class that really served as the turning point was criminal justice with Gecht.

She was intrigued by the field of law enforcement, her curiosity being fed through class visits by SMPD officers. It is because of the criminal justice class that Garcia is now considering becoming a police officer.

"At Samo, the teachers tell you how to do things," said Garcia, who will attend SMC in the fall. "Here, it's on you. It's up to you how much work you get done."

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SECOND CHANCE: Jennifer Garcia is set to graduate from Olympic High School tonight.



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Pursuant to Section 609 of the City Charter, newspapers adjudicated to be newspapers of general circulation published in the City of Santa Monica are hereby invited to submit bids to publish legal notices, and other matter required to be published, for the City for the 2007-08 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007. The City shall consider the following criteria when selecting the official newspaper for the publication of such notices:

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- Reputation of publication

In no case shall the contract prices for such publication exceed the customary rates charged by such newspaper for the publication of other comparable legal notices. The City reserves the right to reject all bids.

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SANTA MONICA

SMFD encourages a safe and sane Fourth of July

As Fourth of July nears, the Santa Monica Fire Department reminds everyone that all types of fireworks are illegal in the City of Santa Monica. The dangers of fireworks are serious, including permanent scarring as well as loss of hearing and vision.

"Safe and sane fireworks don't exist," according to Dr. John Hall of the National Fire Protection Association. Fireworks displays conducted by trained professionals are the safest way to celebrate the holiday according to experts. Santa Monicans can enjoy a safe display on Saturday, June 30 at Santa Monica College's "Celebrate America" festival.

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LOS ANGELES

Dodgers' Repko gives back to the community

Dodger outfielder Jason Repko's personal initiative, "Repko's Dream Team," will bring 10 kids from the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services along with two chaperones to Dodger Stadium for a meet and greet with the Dodger outfielder. The next date Repko will be hosting the event will be July 16. Please contact the Dodgers' Public Relations Department at (323) 224-1301 for additional information.

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IRVINE

Boot camp for new dads receives grant

The non-profit orientation program Boot Camp for New Dads was recently rewarded with a \$15,000 grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

The grant makes it possible for the program to provide fatherhood educational materials to new fathers via their Web site, www.bcnd.com.

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BLAZING HOT: A commercial fire erupted in a Santa Monica business on 14th Street near Pico Boulevard Monday evening. Members of the Santa Monica Fire Department responded in force.

Investigators look for clues

BY MELODY HANATANI
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Daily Press Staff Writers

PICO NEIGHBORHOOD Firefighters expected to be battling a structure fire into this morning after slow-burning blaze erupted at a media production facility shortly before dusk on Monday, sending plumes of dark smoke into the sky and residents into the streets.

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to the call of a structure fire at 1928 14th St. around 7 p.m., according to Fire Marshall Jim Glew, where they were greeted by flames shooting up from the two-story, 8,000-square-foot building that houses Imperial Media Services.

One firefighter was injured and trans-

ported to a local hospital to treat a minor leg injury, according to Capt. Scott Ziegert of the Santa Monica Fire Department. The cause of the blaze has not been determined. Damage was estimated to be approximately \$500,000 by fire officials at the scene.

Upon seeing the extent of the blaze, firefighters sounded a greater alarm, involving more than 35 units from Los Angeles and Santa Monica at the height of the blaze.

"This is going to be an all night event," Fire Marshall Jim Glew could be overheard yelling into the phone, listing all the rescue equipment on the scene. "You name it, we got it."

Cars jammed Pico Boulevard for nearly half a mile in either direction as a roughly six-block radius of the epicenter was shut off to vehicular traffic while firefighters battled

the blaze into the evening.

The roof collapsed early on, Glew said, as firefighters took a "defensive attack," circling the perimeter and fighting the blaze from afar once they were assured by Imperial owner Howard Ganz that there were no employees inside the building.

Residents and onlookers crowded the corners of Pico Boulevard and 14th Street, holding up cell phone cameras and camcorders, documenting the scene unfolding before their eyes.

Watching the string of events unfold from beyond the yellow police tape was Dennis Stankie, a Northridge resident who was in town attending the first day of classes for Santa Monica College's summer semester. Stankie's truck was parked right in front of the Imperial building.

"I came here around five o'clock and there was a guy locking the front door," Stankie reported. "He asked if I was going to be parked there tomorrow morning because he had to work ... I guess he won't be working tomorrow."

Stankie watched intently, worried that a building collapse would destroy his truck.

"That's all I have in the world, that little truck," he said. "God sure works in mysterious ways."

Officials were optimistic that a total collapse of the building was unlikely.

The smoke continued to billow as darkness descended on Santa Monica, making things even harrier for the firefighters battling the blaze and the handful of television news helicopters circling the sky overhead.

Hoses two and a half inches thick were dumping more than 1,000 gallons of water per minute on the fire, which continued to burn at a steady rate. Jewel cases used to pack compact discs were to blame, Glew said, as the discs themselves tend not to ignite.

The fire occurred in a neighborhood surrounded by apartments and small businesses, including auto repair shops. Residents in an apartment building located a few hundred yards away watched from a stairwell, the best seats in the house.

Kenneth Carlisle was sitting outside of his home at Hirschhorn Manor when a neighbor informed him of the fire brewing just five blocks away. Curious, Carlisle walked down, slowly seeing how serious this fire just was, saying he was feeling "freaked out."

"I've never seen anything like this in person," Carlisle said.

Shaquita Boyd and her sister stared wide-eyed in amazement at the fire, the first serious fire they have seen in their neighborhood in the 14 years they have lived there.

"I just hope there is nobody in there," Boyd said, describing her reaction as being "shocked."

Like many of the people who watched the fire in person, Boyd and her sister came out, curious to see the carnage, wondering what had caused the fire. They left knowing very little information, people speculating the type of business that occupied the two-story buildings. Perhaps it was an auto shop, or maybe a store that contained a lot of plastics.

Specializing in media production and manufacturing entertainment and sports industries, Imperial Media Services was founded in 1982 by Howard Ganz. The business calls itself "Southern California's largest CD and DVD duplicator."

The SMFD and SMPD are expected to begin their investigation as to what started the blaze this morning, when they will attempt to pinpoint the exact start of the fire.

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Coalition is calling for impeachment of Bush

FROM RALLY PAGE 1

Recent polls conducted by Newsweek and Ipsos show 39 percent of Americans favor the impeachment of Bush and Cheney, while 55 percent are opposed.

Peace activist Jerry Rubin made an attempt earlier this year to have the issue discussed by the council, however, it was never placed on the agenda. Mayor Richard Bloom, who is charged with setting meeting agendas, said the impeachment of the president did not fall under the council's purview.

The council has passed resolutions opposing the war in Iraq and the Patriot Act. Those supporting the grass-roots effort said impeachment should be discussed in light of a recent report issued by the city's finance department that referenced figures from the Web site www.costofwar.com, which showed that the Iraq war has cost Santa Monica taxpayers at least \$145 million.

Councilman Kevin McKeown, who requested the report, pointed out in an interview with the Daily Press that the war has undoubtedly cost Santa Monica even more resources in terms of emergency National Guard troops being diverted to Iraq, lost productivity from local soldiers sent to war and money that could instead be invested in public education, social services and affordable housing.

Activists want Santa Monica and other cities to encourage the California legislature to pass its own impeachment resolution, which can then be submitted to the House Judiciary Committee for consideration by the full House of Representatives. In recent interviews, House Judiciary Chair John Conyers (D-MI) said he supports the nationwide impeachment movement.

"There can no longer be any question

that this war and the malfeasance of the president are local issues," said Ellis Perlman, a Santa Monica resident. "We want our City Council to speak out for Santa Monicans and demand accountability through investigations into impeachment."

While many Council members expressed their personal opposition to the war and President Bush's policies both here and abroad, they agreed Council should stay focused on priorities closer to home, such as passing a balanced budget or charting the course of future development.

"I think as a council we shouldn't get into it," said Mayor Pro Tem Herb Katz, who works with the mayor and city manager in developing council agendas. "Personally, I think they should impeach him. He's the worst president we've ever had. I think the man is absolutely dangerous."

Council member Pam O'Connor said many issues that go before Congress affect Santa Monica, however, that does not mean the council should be speaking out on every single one of them, not when there are more pressing issues facing Santa Monicans. O'Connor said it would be better if residents contacted their elected officials at the federal level whose duties are to investigate the executive branch.

"It's ironic that the Greens are involved in this," O'Connor said. "If they wouldn't have ran a candidate in (the 2000 election), Bush probably wouldn't be there ... If there are concerns about the war in Iraq, I think there are better ways to pressure getting out of Iraq and getting a good president elected (than pushing for impeachment)."

The impeachment rally is slated for 5 p.m. at City Hall (1685 Main St.)

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'The Village' to be addressed

FROM COUNCIL PAGE 3

ment of The Village, a mixed-use project that will include affordable and market rate housing mixed in with live-work spaces, ground floor retail and open space. The development will be located in the heart of the Civic Center, just yards away from City Hall and the RAND Corp. headquarters.

The project is intended to breathe life into the Civic Center, but there are critics who claim the initial concept design shows a development that is too dense and out of character for the city. Debate is expected on density and height and whether or not Related should be allowed to build higher to accommodate the call for more affordable housing without having to cram so many units together.

Landscaping could also become an issue, along with parking, with some calling for a parking structure to be built underneath an adjacent park.

Currently, there are approximately 325 residences planned, 160 of which will be affordable. The plan calls for the extension of Olympic Drive from Main Street to Ocean Avenue, integrated public art and a public plaza.

Ways of improving the electoral process in Santa Monica will also take center stage tonight, with council members set to receive a report stemming from a community meeting in May.

The meeting was the result of a council discussion earlier this year on whether or

not to create a public financing program in which residents' tax dollars would be used to fund political campaigns.

Residents floated several ideas and showed strong support for public financing. Residents felt that City Hall was providing timely information to new candidates and that the information helped prospective candidates navigate through the nomination process. They also applauded the work of the City Clerk's Office, which is responsible for posting campaign expenditures online as well as candidate statements and information on the electoral process.

The public indicated its support for the existing \$250 contribution limit, although there were those who were for both increase or decreasing the limit.

Overall, participants seemed to feel that the electoral process is working, but that special interests groups are having too much of an influence on who wins. People wanted clarification on the campaign contribution limits and how of if they applied to independent expenditure committees.

The council is expected to review the comments and then give staff direction on how to proceed. This could mean public financing or a host of other things, such as the creation of term limits, ranked voting, and the mentoring of new candidates by incumbents so that more minorities run.

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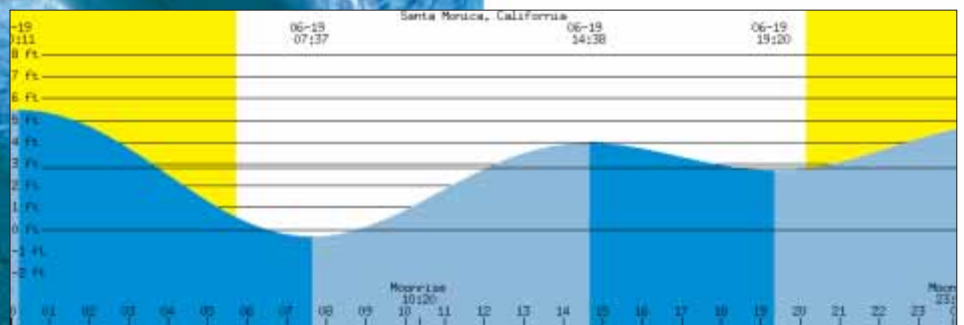
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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	B	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	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan 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	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	ns	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	F	ns

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken



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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	D	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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Future of area schools outlined

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Nearly two years of planning and outreach, countless community workshops and the passage of a \$268 million bond measure have led to a first draft of a document outlining the construction and maintenance of public schools over the next 20 years.

Public schools in Santa Monica and Malibu are set to receive a drastic makeover, according to a recently released preliminary draft of the Facilities Master Plan, with new libraries, athletic fields and technological upgrades that could render some of the campuses in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District unrecognizable.

A project team, consisting of consultants from Harley Ellis Devereaux, Concordia and Sidewalk Studio, as well as district staff and members of the community, recently released the first draft of the long-anticipated Facilities Master Plan, creating a blueprint for the district to follow when upgrading school facilities in the years to come.

Taking center stage in the Facilities Master Plan are several large-scale projects, including the replacement of the Edison Language Academy with an entirely new campus, a new science wing at John Adams Middle School, a new library and performing and visual arts wing at Lincoln Middle School, a new community library center at Malibu Middle and High schools, and the replacement of the business building at Santa Monica High School with a new Applied Instruction Building and Library.

Aside from some of the major rebuilding projects, the Facilities Master Plan includes sub-plans for each school in the district, out-

lining renovations and upgrades specific to the needs of each campus.

“There will be infrastructure improvements happening on every campus,” said Tim Morneau project manager with consultant Harley Ellis Devereaux. “We are looking at making certain that each facility is meeting the basic district standards for available classroom space.”

If the Board of Education approved the plan today, nearly every single school in the district would undergo construction of some sort, whether it’s buildings added or removed from the campus.

In many cases, this means the replacement of portable classrooms with new permanent facilities. Such temporary classrooms currently exist at many of the elementary schools, including Roosevelt, Franklin and Webster.

Perhaps seeing the biggest change will be the Edison Language Academy, a magnet elementary school located on Olympic and Pico boulevards. Preliminary plans call for the replacement of the entire school with a new K-5 or K-8 school.

The current configuration of the school does not allow much usable outdoor playing space as it is cluttered with the relocatable classrooms. Under the master plan, a new two-story, 36 classroom structure would be constructed on the northern portion of the campus.

The campus could also be expanded if the district purchases residential property abutting the school.

Including demolition and construction, the new Edison Language Academy is estimated to cost approximately \$22.9 million.

“It’s deemed as one of the worst school facilities so through the process of developing the Facilities Master Plan, the district deemed it worthy of a new campus,” Morneau said.

BIG CHANGES IN STORE FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

The largest school site in the district might not get an entirely new campus, but it’ll certainly come close with an estimated \$99 million project.

In addition to a new Applied Instruction Building, which would contain a media center, library and art studios, the Facilities Master Plan calls for the construction of a new synthetic turf athletic field and a subterranean garage at Santa Monica High School.

The \$99 million price tag does not include the parking structure, which is estimated to cost \$12 million on its own.

A considerably less expensive upgrade is slated for Malibu High School whose biggest project would be the construction of a new library and media center. The current library would be transformed into a central administration office.

Malibu would be among the schools that will have temporary classes removed, except in this case, there are no plans to replace them with new classrooms. Instead, the extra space will be used to expand the high school’s quad.

IS IT ENOUGH?

In reviewing the Facilities Master Plan, Board of Education member Barry Snell said he was pleased with the general direction in which the district was headed, but had some reservations about the specific plans for Will Rogers Elementary School.

The Sunset Park-area elementary school is expected to see approximately \$22 million invested in renovations and upgrades, including a new amphitheater and new preschool as well as kindergarten classrooms and playground improvements.

“It’s one of the schools we need to take a hard look at (to see) what the needs are,”

Snell said, adding that the plans are preliminary and subject to change at any time.

One of the main focuses of the board will be to make sure that each and every school has the same set of facilities and the same access to resources, said school board member Jose Escarce.

“We want to make sure what we end up with is all the schools having pretty much the same opportunities for students,” Escarce said.

THE NEXT STEPS

The master plan is now set to undergo an Environmental Impact Report, a state-mandated process that will take roughly a year to determine the potential effects the proposed projects outlined in the plan would have on its surroundings.

While the plan is going through the EIR process, the district administration could move forward with some of the smaller projects, as long as the projects don’t require an EIR, Morneau said. But none of the projects, large or small, will move forward until a program management firm is hired to assess which projects will be developed and paid by Measure BB funds.

In the meantime, the public still has opportunities to weigh in the preliminary draft, which will be a work-in-progress until the school board formally adopts it in about a year.

One thing Snell said he would be interested in looking into is revenue generating opportunities through sharing facilities with the public, such as renting out the use of the new athletic fields.

Snell believes that the state-of-the-art playing fields will be attractive to groups interested in renting the facilities.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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★★★★★ Your fiery nature zeros in on a chaotic situation. Listen with detachment. Understanding points to a new road. Be open to innovation and different thinking. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might be considering a change that will impact your personal life. A partner could be very strong about what he or she wants. Listen well to feedback. Tonight: Relax first.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your imagination, if expressed, can be a source of fun and ideas. Though you might not want to say everything that you are thinking, be a tad more spontaneous. Tonight: Listen to everyone's ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Understanding takes you in a new direction. Your ability to realize goals and head in a new direction emerges. Structure your finances. Tonight: Head home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Right now, if you feel like royalty in your world, act like royalty. Don't be pompous, but do express the special caring and concern that emanates from someone who is secure. Others look to you as a measure of what is right. Tonight: Decide what works.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Still moving a bit like a snail, you process an enormous amount of energy. Others could push very hard, but you have the strength and desire to hold your own. Tonight: Surprise! Finally a blast of energy!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You might want to approach life from a totally different perspective and see what happens. Emphasize commonality and joint effort. Tonight: Isn't it time to slow down?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Not everyone sees eye to eye on what is going on around you. Consider your options and listen to suggestions. Tonight: What starts out as serious becomes light.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You can transform any situation into a non-problem if you tune in to your mental abilities. Absolutely be willing to say "I don't know." Tonight: Surround yourself with music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Work with one person, revealing all that is necessary. Vulnerability will allow greater openness and flow. You might not always have the solution. Tonight: Be selective.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You are energized and full of fun. Others seek you out, but at the same time, you zero in on who and what you want. Do nothing halfway right now. Enthusiasm from friends or associates energizes you. Tonight: Act like the world is your friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ A steady and even pace brings unanticipated results. You might be delighted by someone's take on a very important situation. Tonight: Off to the gym or relax watching a baseball game.

Born Today
Actress Kathleen Turner (1954)
Singer, dancer Paula Abdul (1962)
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Tied Jon Cryer of CBS' 'Two and a Half Men' marries TV Guide Channel host Joyner

JON CRYER married entertainment reporter Lisa Joyner in Mexico this weekend. Cryer and Joyner, host of TV Guide Channel's "InFAnity," were wed Saturday in Cabo San Lucas, Cryer's spokeswoman, Karen Samfilippo, said Monday. He co-stars with Charlie Sheen in the hit CBS sitcom "Two and a Half Men." Cryer also starred as the nerdy outcast Duckie in the 1986 teen movie classic "Pretty in Pink." Cryer, 42, has a 6-year-old son, Charlie, from a previous marriage.

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ANDRZEJ WAJDA HONORED

Andrzej Wajda was honored Monday by the United States for films that chronicled the development of the Solidarity freedom movement.

Wajda, who supported the pro-democracy movement that helped topple communism in 1989, is the first recipient of the Czeslaw Milosz Award for Contributions to U.S. Polish Understanding. The award is to be presented annually by the U.S. embassy in Warsaw.

"Andrzej Wajda is being honored because he is not only one of the most acclaimed directors in the history of film, but also because he brought Polish culture and politics to the American and international audiences through his films," United States Ambassador Victor Ashe said in a ceremony at his residence.

"Many times he put his career at risk in order to defend truth and freedom of speech," Ashe said.

"As Steven Spielberg once said, Wajda belongs to Poland, but his films are part of the cultural treasure of all mankind."

AP

Michael Jackson settles lawsuit

Trial was set to begin in district court within days

Lawyers for **MICHAEL JACKSON** settled a lawsuit Monday brought by a New Jersey financial company that was seeking \$48 million.

The lawsuit by Prescient Acquisition of Hackensack, N.J., was settled just as jury selection was set to begin in U.S. District Court

in Manhattan.

Terms of the settlement weren't released.

Steven Altman, a lawyer for Darien Dash, who owns Prescient, said Dash was owed the money for helping Jackson refinance a \$272 million bank loan and secure \$573 mil-

lion in financing to buy Sony Corp.'s half of the Beatles' song catalog that Sony co-owned with the pop superstar.

Jackson, 48, had claimed he never heard of Dash and didn't remember signing an agreement.

AP



Julia Roberts gives birth to newborn named Henry

JULIA ROBERTS has welcomed her third child, a boy named Henry Daniel Moder.

Henry was born Monday in Los Angeles. He weighed 8 1/2 pounds, said Roberts' publicist, Marcy Engelman.

"All of the Moders are doing great," Engelman said in a statement.

Roberts, 39, and her hus-

band, 38-year-old cinematographer Danny Moder, have 2-year-old twins, Hazel and Phinnaeus.

The couple were married in July 2002 at Roberts' home in Taos, N.M.

Roberts won the best actress Oscar in 2001 for "Erin Brockovich." Her screen credits also include "Steel Magnolias."

AP

Coleman treated for heat-related dehydration

ORNETTE COLEMAN was treated for heat-related dehydration after he collapsed during his performance at the Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival this weekend.

The 77-year-old saxo-

phonist, who is considered a pioneer of "free jazz," was taken to a local hospital Sunday and released later that night, said publicist Ken Weinstein.

Coleman won the 2007

Pulitzer Prize for music for his 2006 album, "Sound Grammar," his first live recording in 20 years. The album features six new compositions and remakes of classics "Song X" and "Turnaround."

He received a lifetime achievement award at this year's Grammy Awards. Conditions at the Bonnaroo festival, about 60 miles southeast of Nashville, were hot and dusty.

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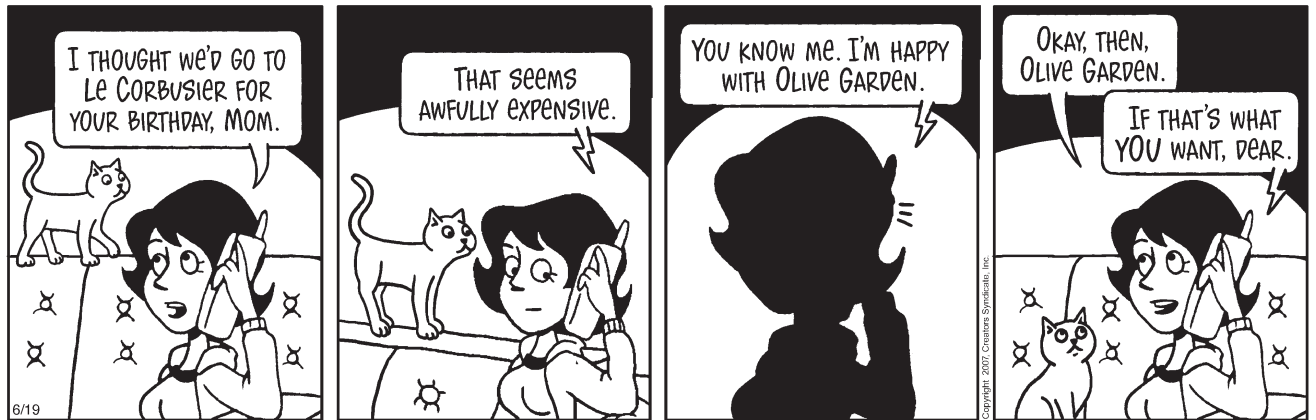
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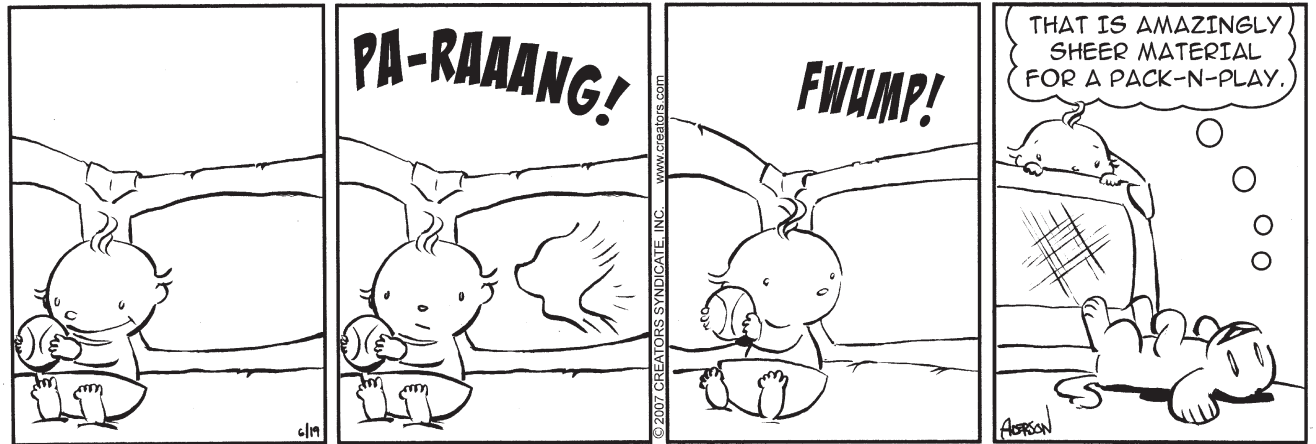
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 - 30 At hand
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- 19 Winter weather
- 20 Skin holes
- 21 Ball girl
- 22 Court
- 23 Bunch of bills
- 25 Carried
- 28 Celtics score
- 29 Notorious dancer
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Spectacular:** (1) Last year (according to a March 2007 Associated Press report), a computer technician for the Alaska Department of Revenue accidentally erased a disk containing all the data for paying the state's 600,000 residents their annual oil-revenue dividends, and a duplicate disk was also erased, and the fail-safe backup tape was discovered to be unreadable. It took two months of around-the-clock work for state employees to re-computerize all paper records. (2) London's Daily Mail reported in April that it was probably a 17-year-old apprentice plumber, on his first day of work, who mishandled a blow torch and started the fire that quickly burned to the ground a waterside mansion in Devon, England, worth the equivalent of about \$9.8 million.

■ John Brandrick told London's Daily Telegraph in May that he will seek compensation from Royal Cornwall Hospital in Trillick, England, because he's still alive. He was diagnosed in 2006 with pancreatic cancer, with about a year to live, and he quit his job, stopped paying his bills, and used his life's savings to enjoy his last days. However, he was recently told he merely had (non-fatal) pancreatitis, and now he's broke.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1179 The Norwegian Battle of Kalvskinnet outside Nidaros. Earl Erling Skakke is killed, and the battle changes the tide of the civil wars.

1269 King Louis IX of France orders all Jews found in public without an identifying yellow badge to be fined ten livres of silver.

1306 The Earl of Pembroke's army defeats Bruce's Scottish army at the Battle of Methven.

1770 Emanuel Swedenborg reports the completion of the Second Coming of Christ in his work True Christian Religion.

1807 Admiral Dmitry Senyavin destroys the Ottoman fleet in the Battle of Athos.

1816 Battle of Seven Oaks between Northwest Company and Hudson Bay Company, near Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

1821 Decisive defeat of the Philiki Etairia by the Ottomans at Dr?gflani (in Wallachia).

1846 The first baseball game under recognizable modern rules is played in Hoboken, New Jersey, United States.

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RICHARD "DICK" HERMAN ERICKSON

quietly passed away surrounded by his family on June 15, 2007. Dick was born in Minnesota to Ethel & Herman Erickson on August 3, 1930. Dick enlisted in the Army when he was only 15 years old and served in Japan. After he married Donna Lee Wigfield in 1948, he worked as a truck driver until 2002. He owned and operated Erick and Sons, Inc. before moving to Couer d'Alene in 1981. Together they had two sons and one daughter. Dick was a member of the El Katif Shrine, Paliminio Patrol. Al Malai-kah Shrine and Legion of Honor. Dick is survived by his wife Donna, children Rick (Mary) Erickson of Post Falls, Judy (Mark) Anderson of Coeur d'Alene and Robb (Brenda) Erickson of Post Falls, along with six grandchildren Life Erickson, Joel Erickson, Shane Anderson, Jessica Nelson, Kelly Erickson, and Tracy Erickson, and six great grandchildren Pierce, Sage, Kaden, Kianna, Chloe, and soon to be great grandson. Dick was preceded in death by his parents and brothers. At the request of the family, there will be no service. There will be a gathering of just the family. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Hospice of North Idaho, 9493 N. Government Way, Hayden, ID. 83835, Shriners Hospital for Children, 911 W. 5th Ave., Spokane, Wa. 99201 Please sign Dick's guest registry and view online memorial at www.englishfuneralchapel.com

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of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publica-tion of the Notice of Sale is \$452,625.36. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. Date: 06/12/07, First American Title Insurance Company, First American LoanStar Trustee Services, 3 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707 Original document signed by Autho-rized Agent, Teresa Marianos -- FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 530-672-3033. First American Loanstar Trustee Services May be Acting as a Debt Collector Attempting to Collect a Debt. Any Information obtained will be used for that purpose. NPP0122084 06/12/07, 06/19/07, 06/26/07

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF STEVAN L. KAPLAN

Case No. BP104396

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of STEVAN L. KAPLAN

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

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

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

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.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 11, 2007 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-ing of the petition, you should appear 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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: HERBERT HYMANS CASE NO. BP104997

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

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that RICHARD A. STONE 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.

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. A HEARING on the petition will be held on 07/18/07 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear 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 person 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 appraisal 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.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DARRELL ANTHONY RUSSELL, II CASE NO. SP007174

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of DARRELL ANTHONY RUSSELL, II.

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ELEANOR RUSSELL 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.

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A HEARING on the petition will be held on 07/27/07 at 9:15AM in Dept. R located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401
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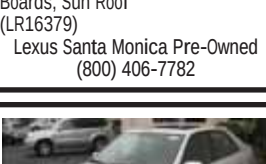
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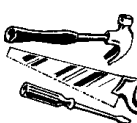
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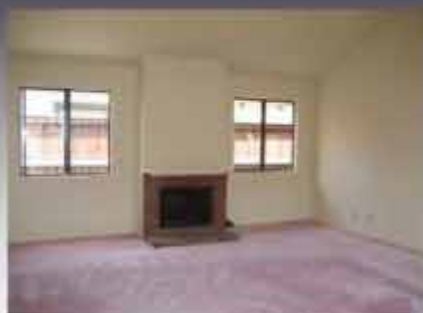
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