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Shock the monkey handlers

Students want animal acts to stop exploiting helpless critters

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL When it comes to animals being used for profit on the Third Street Promenade, students at Crossroads School hope it becomes a case of monkey see, monkey do.

About a half-dozen students from the private school in Santa Monica asked the City Council late last month to follow Los Angeles' lead and pass a comprehensive ban on the use, display, giving away or selling of animals in public spaces.

While Los Angeles allows animals to be used in acts if a special permit is obtained, according to city officials, the students want Santa Monica to go one step further.

Students told the Council they were horrified and heartbroken by such acts on the promenade as the "psychic cats" pulling fortunes from a bowl and the capuchin monkey, sporting a hat and vest, plucking dollar bills from passersby. Students reasoned that the cats must be drugged because no feline can sit still for as long as the psychic cats. As for the monkey, they raised concerns about public health, saying the city could be held liable if the animal were to attack someone.

"We oftentimes deny that animals feel emotions that we usually attribute only to humans. Animals also feel fear, feel elation and feel pain and deserve to be treated like living creatures, not as objects for sale or display," said Julian Isaacs, a 17-year-old senior at Crossroads who is leading the effort. "It violates the basic principals of respect and compassion we value in our society."

Not only is the use of animals in performances a public safety issue, but the students contend it also sends the wrong message to children that animals are not living creatures, but rather "play toys that can be subjected to human whim."

The owners of the monkey and fortune-telling felines could not be reached for comment.

Donn Umber, manager of the Santa Monica Animal Shelter, said he is leading the city's investigation into the condition and treatment of the animals mentioned, as well as those in the care of Patricia Stake, who runs Lost Angels, a pet adoption agency that sets up a table along the promenade most weekends.

Umber is in the initial stages of the investigation and is currently gathering information on the parties in question.

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All 80 pieces shown in this exhibition were donated to the YMCA in order to help the Senior Programs. Besides those from the Emeritus College, Fabian Lewkowicz, YMCA Board member and photojournalist participated in this venture and donated several of his works. These works will be auctioned to raise funds for the YMCA Senior Programs when the exhibition ends.

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.

Fitness Boot Camp for women

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

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

Wednesday, July 4, 2007

Main Street 4th of July Parade

1685 Main St., 9:30 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

Community organizations, arts organizations and groups of friends are all invited to march, stroll, ride or waltz down Main Street for the First Annual Main Street Parade. The parade begins in front of City Hall and follows Main Street south to Marine Street, ending in the parking lot south of Ocean Park Boulevard on the beach.

House of Vibe

1432 Fourth St., 9:30 p.m.

Harvelle's is feeling funky this Fourth with House of Vibe. 21 + over. For more information, call (310) 395-1676.

Marina del Rey's Annual Fourth of July Fireworks

Chace Park, Marina del Rey, 9 p.m.

Fireworks shot over Marina's main channel. Burton Chace Park and Fisherman's Village are popular viewing spots, but arrive early for parking. For more information, visit www.visitthemarina.com.

Pacific Palisades' Independence Day Celebration

Palisades Charter High School, Pacific Palisades, 2 p.m.

The Palisades Parade's Grand Marshal will be Pat Boone. For more information, visit www.palisadesparade.org.

July 4th Extravaganza

5800 Topanga Cyn. Blvd., Woodland Hills, 6 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

Don Sweeney and The SRO Big Band will play some of the Big Band Era favorites and pop classics. Joining the festivities, The Swing Dolls will perform songs and dancing in tributes to the Andrews Sisters and the McGuire Sisters. Fireworks will also be included. This event is free. For more information, call (818) 704-1358.

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.



Fourth of July beckons

Independence Day for the whole family

BY REAGAN WHEELER
Special to the Daily Press

MAIN STREET Each year around this time, the stars and stripes start showing up on houses, business storefronts, even paper plates, commemorating the Fourth of July. Nothing new there. This year, however, the street itself will be awash in star-spangled regalia — decorating cars, bikes, floats and the revelers themselves during the 1st Annual Fourth of July Parade.

Anticipated to become an annual event, the procession will be a “family-style” parade, according to Todd Roberts, co-owner of ZJ Boarding House. Roberts, who along with his business partner, Mike Pierson, is donating a surfboard for the best-decorated wagon, first got involved when a former neighbor — Joel Brand — asked for him for some creative ideas.

Brand is a volunteer on the Ocean Park Association's parade committee. The Ocean Park Association, in conjunction with the North of Montana Association, is presenting the parade. “We wanted to keep it simple,” said Roberts. “It is a chance for the neighborhood and families to interact and become active with an event.” Getting an early start on a holiday morning will likely be a change of pace for many participants, as a large number of children are expected to be strolling along the route. Joey Rosenblum, 11, expects to take part in the parade. A clarinet player and a member of the Santa Monica Pony League All Star Band, Rosenblum wasn't planning on playing in the parade until recently.

“It should be fun,” he said Monday afternoon.

Local organizations, such as Borderline and Santa Monica Girl Scouts Troop # 840, and Roosevelt Elementary School have

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Courtesy photo

HELPING HANDS: BIG FUN staff member Christian Lorentzen works with kids one-on-one to develop both their bodies and their spirits.

Deep in Gene Pool

Innovative program helps kids with more than just getting fit

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM SWIM CENTER Her limp has almost disappeared, she hasn't had to use laxatives in weeks and she's swimming on her own — all major developments for Mia Macias, a 4-year-old suffering from a congenital heart disease and cerebral palsy, a neurological disorder that can severely limit one's ability to move.

Mia's mother, Irma Macias, credits a new therapy regimen designed by the folks at BIG FUN Therapy and Recreational Services, which recently began offering the Gene Pool technique at the Santa Monica Swim Center.

By combining gymnastics with swimming exercises, the technique helps children with special needs stay physically fit, while at the same, build social skills to help them interact with their peers.

“I can't even explain how wonderful it has been for her,” Irma Macias said of Big Fun. “No one would have ever expected her to be swimming on her own, and now she's jumping into the pool. She's using muscles she never did before and it's a big thing for her.”

“The doctor said ‘whatever she's doing, keep doing it because it's working.’”

It's working so well that Irma Macias drives her daughter all the way from Azusa once a week to the Swim Center for treatment, a long road trip but one that is worth it because of the benefits.

“She's much happier now and so is our family,” Irma Macias said. “We're all happy to see the improvements.”

The Swim Center is the latest of 23 facilities to host BIG FUN, now serving nearly 500 children throughout Southern California and Arizona, said Gene Hurwin, executive director of BIG FUN, which is based in Culver City.

“Santa Monica has a beautiful pool and the nice weather permits us to operate all

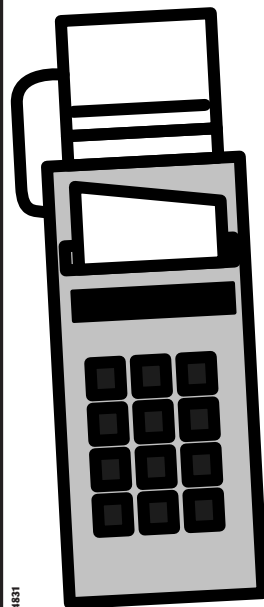
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pleading against the ‘tree-o-side’
Editor:

What exactly do we have to do to stop the “tree-o-side” planned for Second and Fourth streets in Santa Monica? I thought we were a city committed to being green and the environment, and yet we are talking about cutting down mature trees because they block signage and they are messy. I found, on a recent trip to Fourth Street, that the signs are visible as a pedestrian and to car traffic. The wonderful, welcome shade and the reduced temperature they provided was bliss. I found no tree debris, just man-made debris. We need the trees. We need their shade. We need their majestic beauty. We need the cleaner air that the trees help to provide.

Phyllis Chavez
Santa Monica

Offended by ‘spaying’ commentary
Editor:

I am writing in regards to Mr. Pisarra’s commentary (“Welfare mothers need to be spayed,” page 4, June 26). I consider myself to be an open-minded person. I applaud (Mr. Pisarra’s) decision to have his precious little dog neutered. I appreciate the fact that he and his partner are responsible pet owners. I imagine that he also takes very good care of his dog and loves him very much. I am, however, offended by some of the statements that (Pisarra) made in his commentary. First of all, human beings are not spayed. The correct term for female sterilization is tubal ligation. For a man, it is a vasectomy. He also has indicated his ignorance of the rules of the welfare system. A woman who has an additional child while receiving benefits is not entitled to any additional cash benefits if she has more children while she is receiving aid. If that woman does become pregnant while on aid, she must provide documentation of why her method of birth control failed. I am most offended that Pisarra said that people who are on public assistance are obese. If Pisarra makes these types of statements, it is customary, as a journalist, to provide some type of facts to back up your statements.

I realize that these are his opinions, but they lack validity without facts. Pisarra made a very sound argument about being a responsible pet owner, yet he lost my respect when he compared public assistance recipients to animals. Pisarra is also mistaken if he thinks that all public assistance recipients and people who receive subsidized housing are uneducated. One fact that he seems to be unaware of is that a person can work and receive section 8. I am trying to give Pisarra the benefit of the doubt concerning these opinions. I am very sad that his commentary promotes more ignorance and perpetuates myths concerning public assistance. I think there are many ways that his point could have been expressed and been considered as valid. The way that he did it was not one of them.

Before Pisarra judges anyone else on public assistance or Section 8, I highly recommend that he go to these agencies and talk to the recipients and the workers. Maybe if he showed as much compassion for people as he does for his pet, Pisarra would express yourself differently. As a former journalist, I respect his First Amendment right to free speech. As a human being, I am appalled that Pisarra was too lazy to take the time to more carefully research his topic before putting pen to paper.

As a lawyer, he should know better.

Debra Shepherd
Santa Monica

City Council dozing on the job
Editor:

On the subject of the sleeping council members: Why do I know about this and not them? There is a skateboarder problem that is seriously dangerous at the corner of Fourth (Street) and Broadway. You have two bus stops and a blind corner. When will the city care? When somebody gets hurt and sues the city?

The store Active has contacted the city, and tried to put up signs on their own saying not to skateboard, or at least be careful, but they are not allowed to place those signs because they are not city signs, so it is illegal for them to put up a sign that says “watch out.” And the city refuses to place a sign. Maybe if City Council members were not sleeping they would be aware of what to do and do it.

Marcus Kohl
Santa Monica



What’s the Point?

David Pisarra

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The Fourth of July’s foundations revisited

TOMORROW IS JULY 4, A DAY SET ASIDE to remind us of the foundations of from whence we came. There will be a parade in Santa Monica, I’ll be in it, along with many other people. We’ll be celebrating the birth of our nation and be reminded of the history of the war for independence from the British.

Most people think that July 4 is the day we achieved independence from the British. They are wrong.

July 4, 1776 is the date that the conditions in the colonies became so bad, that a small group of men were able to convince a larger group of men to sign a declaration of rebellion. This date was the beginning of a long and bitterly fought war, and it is the date that we, as a nation, became a nation of rebels.

The underlying reasons for the Declaration of Independence are shockingly similar to the situation that we still have today.

The King of England was taking no action on legislative measures, and ironically, in light of the president’s descriptions of “activist judges,” the colonial judiciary was at a standstill and had become a puppet force of the king, doing his bidding, since they were dependent on the whims of the king for their income. This lack of action by the judiciary was a major contributing cause to the frustrations the colonists felt.

Trade with foreign nations was delayed or prevented. The king created new offices and imposed taxes to such a degree that the people could not provide for themselves and the economy was stalled. A growing bureaucracy and lack of trade was choking off the entrepreneurs; sounds familiar doesn’t it?

Immigration was prevented, thus negatively affecting the labor pool and stunting growth that was needed. A growing economy needs a cheap labor force. It was true in 1776 and it’s true today.

The king wanted to render the military independent of, and superior to the Civil Power. Which is why we have a civilian leadership of the military today.

This is how the military scandals of 1776 were described: “He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.” Sounds a lot like us in Iraq and Afghanistan.

We are not forced to house armies in our homes, but we pay for them just the same. Mercenaries were hired by the king to do his dirty work, today they are called military contractors.

The Declaration of Independence is the high water mark in defining statements. It is eloquent and clear, elegant and insightful. It is short and simple.

It gets right to the point: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that

among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the consent of the governed.”

It is for these reasons that we need to remember from where we came. It is for these ideals that we need to defend the weakest amongst us.

The phrase “unalienable Rights” means that there are certain things that you cannot give up, and that cannot be taken from you. Those rights are partially listed in the Bill of Rights, such as Free Speech, Freedom of Religion, and a right to not be a witness against yourself.

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We have a stable government today, and we institute reforms as needed, and so long as the Supreme Court remains conservative we will likely still have some freedoms left by the time the current King George — the one at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue — leaves office.

But the battle continues. We still need voices in the wilderness to lead us through to the meadow. We still need the rebels, and the free thinkers.

It is hard to find them these days. But they are there. It’s harder to get them elected, but we can. Americans are known as many things, but lazy and afraid of hard work are not two of them.

In the coming days we will need to right the wrongs of the last few years. It is not going to be easy, we need to bring in some rebels, some free thinkers and some fighters for freedom.

July 4 is Independence day — independence from the tyranny of following. Americans know how to take control of their own destiny. It is our greatest strength. And we should not forget it.

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Putting 'Independence' back where it belongs

AMERICA'S CITIES AND TOWNS WILL soon fill with parades, fireworks and barbecues in celebration of the Fourth of July — the 231st birthday of America. But one hopes that the speeches will contain fewer bromides and more attention to exactly what is being celebrated. The Fourth of July is Independence Day, but America's leaders and intellectuals have been trying to move us further and further away from the meaning of Independence Day, away from the philosophy that created this country.

What we hear from politicians, intellectuals and the media is that independence is passé, that we've reached a new age of "interdependence." We hear demands for mandatory "volunteering" to serve others, for sacrifice to the nation. We hear demands from trust-busters that successful companies be punished for being "greedy" and not serving society. But this is not the message of America. It is the direct opposite of why America became a beacon of hope for the truly oppressed throughout the world. They have come here to escape poverty and dictatorship; they have come here to live their own lives, where they aren't owned by the state, the community, or the tribe.

"Independence Day" is a critically important title. It signifies the fundamental meaning of this nation, not just of the holiday. The American Revolution remains unique in human history: A revolution — and a nation — founded on a moral principle, the principle of individual rights. Jefferson at Philadelphia, and Washington at Valley Forge, pledged their "lives, fortunes, and sacred honor." For what? Not for mere separation from England, not — like most rebels — for the "freedom" to set up their own tyranny. In fact, Britain's tyranny over the colonists was mild compared to what most current governments do to their citizens.

Jefferson and Washington fought a war for the principle of independence, meaning the moral right of an individual to live his own life as he sees fit. Independence was proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence as the rights to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." What are these rights? The right to life means that every individual has a right to his own independent life, that one's life belongs to oneself, not to others to use as they see fit.

The right to liberty means the right to freedom of action, to act on one's own judgment,

the right not to have a gun pointed at one's head and be forced to do what someone else commands. And the right to the pursuit of happiness means that an individual may properly pursue his own happiness, e.g., his own career, friends, hobbies, and not exist as a mere tool to serve the goals of others. The Founding Fathers did not proclaim a right to the attainment of happiness, knowing full well that such a policy would carry with it the obligation of others to make one happy and result in the enslavement of all to all. The Declaration of Independence was a declaration against servitude, not just servitude to the Crown but servitude to anyone. (That some signers still owned slaves does not negate the fact that they established the philosophy that doomed slavery.)

Political independence is not a primary. It rests on a more fundamental type of independence: The independence of the human mind. It is the ability of a human being to think for himself and guide his own life that makes political independence possible and necessary. The government as envisaged by the Founding Fathers existed to protect the freedom to think and to act on one's thinking. If human beings were unable to reason, to think for themselves, there would be no autonomy or independence for a government to protect. It is this independence that defines the American Revolution and the American spirit.

To the Founding Fathers, there was no authority higher than the individual mind, not King George, not God, not society. Reason, wrote Ethan Allen, is "the only oracle of man," and Thomas Jefferson advised us to "fix reason firmly in her seat and call to her tribunal every fact, every opinion. Question with boldness even the existence of a God." That is the meaning of independence: Trust in your own judgment, in reason; do not sacrifice your mind to the state, the church, the race, the nation, or your neighbors.

Independence is the foundation of America. Independence is what should be celebrated on Independence Day. That is the legacy our Founding Fathers left us. It is a legacy we should keep, not because it is a legacy, but because it is right and just. It has made America the freest and most prosperous country in history.

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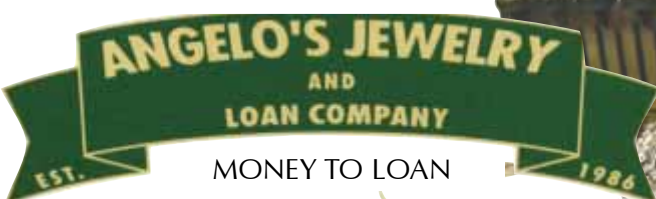
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WHAT'S COOKING?

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Local kids prepare chili dogs in a blanket during the Santa Monica Police Activity League's 'Cool Kids Cook with Judy' cooking class last week.

'Slummy Mummy' makes for entertaining disasters

BY BETH GARDINER

Associated Press Writer

LONDON Novelist Fiona Neill's morning sounds like something straight out of her new book "Slummy Mummy" — a plumbing crisis left her floor under 2 inches of water and she was late getting her children to school because the car broke down.

When she arrives at a north London cafe for an interview, though, Neill seems to hold onto a calm that eludes her protagonist. Maybe that's because of the book's success in her native Britain, or the plug it got from Vogue magazine ahead of its U.S. release July 5 (Riverhead Books).

"Slummy Mummy" offers a comical window into the life of Lucy Sweeney, a high-powered television news producer turned stay-at-home mother of three, who is drowning in the anarchy of domestic life.

Unable to control the mess that surrounds her, Lucy careens from one disaster to the next: She's detained to wait for police when she tries to buy gas with a credit card she's reported lost. She accidentally sends an embarrassingly personal e-mail to all the parents at her kids' school.

Meanwhile, questioning her purpose in life as well as her marriage to a caring but tightly wound man, she flirts with the Sexy Domesticated Dad she meets at the school.

Neill, 41, who lugs a tote bag stuffed with newspapers and old sneakers and wears a jean jacket over a casual print sundress, is clearly familiar with the kind of domestic disorder that Lucy's facing down. She's still able to giggle, though, while juggling motherhood with a successful writing career.

"Slummy Mummy," which started life in 2005 as a Times of London column, sprang from a conversation Neill had with a friend.

"We were sort of comparing notes on motherhood and saying how nothing you really see (in print) reflects the reality of the chaos of being a parent," she said.

A longtime journalist for The Times, she found her fictional column a hit, and soon landed the book deal.

The title is a play on "yummy mummy," the label the British press has given the wealthy, well-dressed women pushing strollers through London's posher neighbor-

hoods. Neill recalled saying to her friend, "Far from being the yummy mummies, we're the slummy mummies. And I just knew when I said it, that was it."

The book hit a nerve in Britain, becoming one of the more successful in a wave of so-called "mum's lit" titles. Many have done well as "mommy lit" in America, too, said Jonny Segura, an editor at Publishers Weekly, including Allison Pearson's "I Don't Know How She Does It," Sophie Kinsella's "Shopaholic & Baby" and Jill Kargman's "Momzillas."

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Fiona Neill

Novelist

Such novels are often lumped together as lightweight heirs to the "chick lit" phenomenon launched in the 1990s by another British import, "Bridget Jones's Diary," by Helen Fielding. The characters (and writers) are a decade or so older and adapting to a new phase in life.

An excerpt of "Slummy Mummy" ran in June's Vogue, and the magazine's editor, Anna Wintour, predicted in her introduction to the issue that it would be a literary phenomenon in America to rival Fielding's book. The new novel, she wrote, "plays with the chaos and comedy of 30-something metropolitan maternity and brings it to an unexpectedly moving conclusion."

Behind their pastel covers, many of the "mommy lit" books delve into the serious issues women grapple.



Dear Dorie

Dorie Meek

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Your other alternative is to ask the parents around you what they do for part-time care. In most instances, this will be a babysitter or nanny that comes highly regarded. Be prepared to pay \$10-15 per hour in cash on an as-needed basis. Good luck.

Dorie

PARENTING BRIEF

SANTA MONICA

Dodgers team up with local library

The Los Angeles Dodgers are partnering with local libraries to encourage kids to read "just for fun" as part of Los Angeles Libraries' annual Summer Reading Program. Children who complete the program requirements (that vary by library but generally include fulfilling 10 hours of reading or being read to) can earn free tickets to the Dodgers game on Aug. 5 against the Arizona Diamondbacks. "The perfect way to advocate summer reading is to offer a fun incentive such as a ticket to a Dodger game which will hopefully build a year long interest in reading," said Dodger Senior Vice President of Public Affairs Howard Sunkin.

For more information on specific reading program guidelines call (323) 224-1435 or visit your participating local public library.

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PEDDLE POWER

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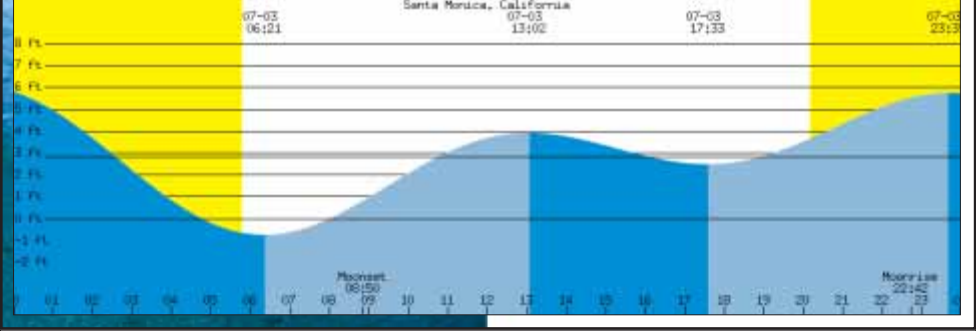
Today it looks like NW wind swell will hover around waist to at times chest high as the SW builds to chest high and sets become more consistent. The tide though will still be rather low early.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

WIND SWELL IN VARYING DEGREES THIS WEEK...

SOUTH AND SW SWELLS BUILD THIS WEEK...

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BEACH REPORT CARD



NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 2

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 3

Number of wet days -- 0

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 43 / 15

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / 15

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Camillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Altos creeks	A+	ns
Enchanted Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Tomaras Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd., (private)	A	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Rossmore Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Escamido Creek, just east of Escamido State Beach	A+	ns
Ledigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Saltwater Canyon at San Blas County Beach	A	ns
Puente State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Maize Canyon storm drain at Puente Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Surfside Beach at Malibu Calvary fence	A	ns
Surfside Beach (beach location)- daily	B	ns
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 18948 PCH stairs	A	ns
Pine Creek at Los Tunes County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Taganga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A	ns

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken



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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 Palga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Teneccal Canyon drain	C	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chantreaga)	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/Venice storm drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	C	ns
Venice Beach at Erskine Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice Beach at Woodward 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- shipyard 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 GWW jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hygienic Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns

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Don't go cheap in choosing sunglasses

BY CARLA K. JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

Once upon a time, a baby wearing sunglasses was merely a chance for a cute snapshot. Now, some eye doctors say parents should start putting sunglasses on babies as young as 9 months to protect their eyes. The cumulative effect of the sun's damaging ultraviolet rays can cause early cataracts, these experts say.

Other eye doctors are skeptical, saying no medical studies link childhood sun exposure to later eye disease.

But makers of sunglasses aren't waiting around for more research. Foster Grant, Julbo and Baby Banz have designed sunglasses (\$15 to \$30 per pair) with wrap-around straps to keep them on a little one's head. The frames come in pink, blue and dozens of other colors and patterns.

Dr. Nathalie Azar, a pediatric ophthalmologist at University of Illinois Chicago, applauds the products and encourages parents to start sunglasses young.

"The sooner you do it, the better. If kids get into the habit, they can learn to keep sunglasses on," says Azar, who is working with the Lions Club International on a campaign to get kids to wear sunglasses.

Dr. Richard Lewis, professor of ophthalmology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, says there's only suggestive evidence of harm. For example, people who live at high altitudes and don't wear sunglasses are more prone to cataracts than

people at lower altitudes. He doesn't push sunglasses for babies. He says, "Is it an OK idea? Sure. Is there good rational scientific proof? No."

Weighing the evidence, many parents will decide to err on the side of caution. Here are some tips from the American Academy of Ophthalmology for protecting babies' and children's eyes:

- Look for sunglasses that offer protection from UVA and UVB, two types of ultraviolet light that can injure the eye. Cheap sunglasses, without UV protection, actually do more harm than good because tinted lenses cause the pupils to dilate, letting in damaging UV rays.

- Choose frames made from polycarbonates, which are less likely to break. Look for acrylic or other scratch-resistant lens material.

- Let older children choose their sunglasses. Make sure they try them on to check for comfort.

- Select frames with a built-in saddle for the nose. They're more durable than ones with adjustable nose pads

- Be aware that light-colored eyes have less pigment and are more sensitive to the sun.

- Buy prescription sunglasses or clip-on sunglasses for children who wear prescription eyeglasses.

- Offer brimmed hats and baseball caps to children who just won't wear sunglasses.

- Be a good role model. Wear your own sunglasses and hats outdoors.

Officials say partnership with mayor a year away

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa must wait until fall 2008 to participate in running the nation's second-largest school district, officials said.

Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent David Brewer and school board President Marlene Canter said the partnership with the mayor will require extensive planning before he can oversee even a small cluster of campuses.

The earliest it could begin would be September 2008, they said.

"There's a process to this, and it's about autonomy and choice," Brewer said.

"Everybody thinks this is just 'Kumbaya,' I'm getting to partner, and it happens. No,

no, no. You've got to go in there and talk to teachers and faculty," he said.

Last week, the mayor voiced his commitment to a partnership beginning this September.

Matt Szabo, a spokesman for Villaraigosa, said there was no discord between the superintendent and the mayor about when the partnership would begin.

The California 2nd District Court of Appeal previously upheld a ruling that found the mayor's plan to shift some district powers to his office was unconstitutional.

But with Villaraigosa now having support from a majority of the new school board, it was widely assumed — even by the mayor — that he would gain control of some campuses this fall.

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ONE-ON-ONE: Francine Alcantara, right, works with a BIG FUN student in the Gene Pool at the Santa Monica Swim Center.

BIG FUN program helping children gain in self esteem

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year round outdoors,” Hurwin said. “Everyone has been very welcoming to these families and it really shows (Santa Monica’s) commitment to the community.”

More than 60 kids are enrolled at the Swim Center and the list is growing, Hurwin said.

Sessions at BIG FUN empower children to maintain the strength and endurance demands of peer play when at a playground. The BIG FUN sensory diet teaches self-regulation and modulation of behaviors which, in turn, helps children be more alert and organized at school and relaxed at restaurants, the shopping mall, and family outings and gatherings, Hurwin said.

BIG FUN started in 1999 as Hurwin and over 50 coaches and therapists sought to combine gymnastics with traditional occupational and physical therapy. The idea was to make therapy fun for kids, many of whom are autistic, while also providing a steady challenge that could last the rest of their lives.

“There’s never a time when we say to the child that there is nothing else we can do for them and they are discharged,” Hurwin said. “With gymnastics there is always more to do, moving to new levels and new extremes. We are only limited by our own imagination.

By brining kids into the water, Hurwin said he is able to tackle two issues at once, the physical limitations and mental inhibitions. Kids build up their strength and their confidence by running through drills designed by their instructors. During their

sessions, which cost \$70 an hour, kids learn how to use muscles they may not have ever used before and they also overcome fears of being in the water.

“Many kids with autism cannot stand the feel of water on their bodies,” Hurwin said. “We slowly integrate them to this new world and get them comfortable to the point that they are now swimming.”

By building endurance, BIG FUN builds up one’s confidence too. Often times at the playground, a child with special needs is unable to keep up with their peers, succumbing to fatigue and eventually dropping out of the activity. This can lead other youth to not pick that special needs child to play next time, creating a sense of isolation for the child, who is excluded.

“But if we can get a kid in the water here, he or she is committed and says ‘I can do this,’” Hurwin said. “Once that happens, we have removed one big barrier for kids who say ‘I can’t keep up,’ or ‘I have nothing to offer the group.’”

Irma Macias said she will continue to send her child, Mia, to the Swim Center for as long as she can manage. Her daughter loves her instructor and has memorized her swimming routine. The Swim Center is perfect for Mia because it has shallow pools that are only a few feet deep.

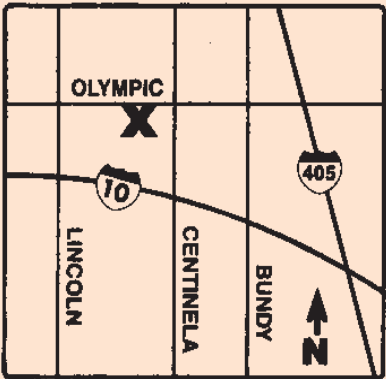
“She likes the fact that she can touch the bottom if she has too,” Irma Macias said. “It makes her feel a little safer.”

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TOUGH AUSSIE: Australian native and Lightweight World Champion boxer Michael Katsidis prepares for a recent sparring match at Redwood's Boxing Gym in Venice. Pictured with the 25-year-old Katsidis is his trainer and manager, Brendan Smith. Gloves hang, left, from the ropes Wednesday afternoon at Redwood's Boxing Gym on Main Street. The Venice gym is the training grounds for Lightweight World Champion Michael Katsidis, an Australian native.

Boxing champ laying low

'Katsidis the Great' to defend world title on July 21 in Las Vegas

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

VENICE Huffing and puffing — and drenched in perspiration — Michael Katsidis pounds away on a former world boxing champion, exhausting himself as he wraps up 14 rounds of fighting.

The small room inside Redwood's Boxing Club on Main Street was hot and humid, consumed by the stench of sweaty towels last Friday. The sensory distractions were irrelevant to the Aussie fighter, however, as he prepared to defend his world title for the first time in Las Vegas later this month.

The quiet scene outside the gym was one Katsidis has grown accustomed to since December — devoid of a gathering of fans and lack of recognition on the street for this Australian superstar.

To the people in his hometown of Toowoomba, Queensland — one of the largest cities in Australia — Katsidis is a boxing god, blessed with the prized pugilist ability to knock out opponent after opponent.

Now the golden boy from Down Under is thousands of miles away from home and in the midst of a new phase of his nearly six-year career — an introduction to the U.S. market, carving out a niche among American boxers.

Known as "Katsidis the Great," the 26-year-old boxer arrived in Venice shortly before Christmas 2006 to prepare for the World Boxing Organization Interim Lightweight Championship fight in England in February.



Photo courtesy

TAKE THAT: Lightweight World Champion boxer Michael Katsidis has cruised through his career thus far. Katsidis is undefeated in 22 fights with 20 coming by way of a knockout.

Used to the warm Australian summer, the boxer initially came to California to get acclimated to the colder temperature expected in England, training in Venice for about a month and then in New York for another month before making his way to Wembley Arena in London.

His efforts paid off. Katsidis captured the world title, knocking out Graham Earl, who was ranked number-one in the world at the time. Katsidis became the first Australian ever to win the world title in the lightweight class, according to his trainer and manager Brendon Smith.

Since then, Katsidis has found a home in Redwood Boxing Gym, training rigorously for a highly anticipated bout against Czar Amonsot at the Mandalay Bay on July 21, the first defense of his

recently acquired world title.

"We love the area," Smith said Friday. "It's the perfect training ground for us."

The state-of-the-art boxing ring is a far cry from where Katsidis began putting up his dukes at the age of 11 in Toowoomba, located about two hours inland from Brisbane.

It was in a dilapidated roofless aluminum shed where Katsidis learned his craft with the help of Smith, a local trainer whom Katsidis had sought when he decided he wanted to be a boxer.

Athleticism runs in the Katsidis family — a maternal uncle was a featherweight fighter, his brother a well-known jockey.

"I think boxing chose me," Katsidis said on Friday.

Since Katsidis took on professional status in December 2001, he has been compared to

I THINK BOXING
CHOSE ME."

Michael Katsidis,
Boxing champion

the likes of Oscar de la Hoya and Arturo Gatti, compiling an undefeated record of 22-0 with 20 wins by knockout.

To continue his winning streak, Katsidis undergoes a rigorous daily workout schedule, which includes pushing a wheel barrel full of rocks for about 30 meters, continuously swinging a 15-pound sledge hammer and fighting in the ring with former world champions.

Last week, Katsidis started training in the ring with Lupe Aquino, a former middleweight world champion.

The two battled it out for 14 rounds on Friday afternoon.

"He's in very good condition," Aquino said following their training session. "He's very focused, very strong on the inside and has good speed."

Though Aquino has yet to retire from the profession, he has not been involved in a match since 2003, having suffered from a string of injuries in the past few years, including breaking the femur.

He might not be recognized on the street, but Katsidis said he wouldn't trade the experience of training and living in the United States for anything, adding that all he needs is his entourage for support.

"My dream is becoming a reality," Katsidis said. "I'm leaving no stone unturned in achieving my goal."

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Students saving animals

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This isn't the first time that Umber has been called on to investigate. Over the years, he has received several calls from people concerned about the psychic cats. Each time, Umber said he found no evidence that would lead him to believe the animals were being mistreated.

"People see the cats and they assume they must be drugged because they are in a very busy, public place and don't seem to be stressed at all," Umber said. "Every time we have checked in on the cats, they are very well cared for, very healthy. I've spoken with (the owner) personally and he does rotate the cats and uses them only for a couple of hours, usually in the evenings.

"They are very well conditioned and socialized."

As for the monkey, Umber said the animal is licensed with the California Department of Fish and Game. The monkey is not a member of an endangered species and came from a breeder — not snatched from the jungle. Umber said there have been instances in which capuchin monkeys have been trained to assist the disabled.

The owners of the monkey and cats have not been seen on the promenade for several months, some have reported not since Christmas.

LONGTIME ADVERSARIES

Stake with Lost Angels is the most active of the three targeted by students.

There have been allegations that Stake's Los Angeles is not a legitimate pet adoption and rescue agency because it is not a registered non-profit and is run primarily by Stake and a handful of volunteers out of her home in Santa Monica. The Crossroads students charge that Stake also does not spay or neuter animals in her care, which contributes to the overpopulation problem.

Stake defended her organization, as did her veterinarian, Dr. Gary Adams of the Westside Animal Emergency Hospital, who

said Lost Angels finds more homes for cats than any other group with which he works.

"The bottom line is she's finding homes and saving lives," Adams said. "I can't see the city banning groups like Patricia's unless there was some liability issue. I'm sure there are ways to curb that without a ban."



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DROP IT: Zuni, a capuchin monkey dressed in his Christmas outfit, shakes hands with Anthony Haznedar, 4, at the Third Street Promenade in December. City Staff, at the request of students from Crossroads School, are investigating the condition and treatment of the monkey and other animals on display on the promenade to see if a ban is necessary to protect public health and the well being of the animals.

Stake admits she is not a nonprofit, but claims she doesn't need to be one to operate. She does accept donations, but only in small amounts, and all of that money goes towards feeding the animals and making sure they are healthy and ready for adoption, she said.

Outside her veterinarian's office on last week, Stake produced handfuls of receipts for food, water and other supplies for the animals in her care. She also had several bills from Dr. Adams for routine check-ups performed on rescued animals.

She said her animals are spayed and

neutered when Dr. Adams deems it necessary.

"The donations we get from the public are great, but they aren't nearly enough to support what we are doing," said Stake, a former furniture maker who started working with animals around 16 years ago when she

in Venice after word got out that Stake was keeping around 80 animals there.

An LA Times article from August 1999 details how Stake was subsequently evicted from the home she rented in Venice and had to scramble to find homes for the animals. The home's owner complained about the way in which the animals were kept, calling the conditions "terrible."

Stake, who said she was the one who called animal control, said her home became a defacto shelter — a place where drug dealers, prostitutes and the poor came to drop off animals they couldn't keep or no longer wanted. She tried to say no, but people would leave animals chained to her fence when she would return home from work, leaving her no other choice but to take them in.

Ever since, Stake said Kaplan has been harassing her, which has prevented Stake from completing her application to become a non-profit.

"Every time I would get around to working on it, Melya Kaplan would come again and start attacking me, so I had to defend myself," Stake said.

Kaplan denied that she was stalking Stake and said it was her students' idea to include Stake in their efforts for a ban.

"If you have a pet store, you have a business license and pay taxes, that's a different story. She is not a pet store," Kaplan said of Stake. "There is no oversight of her agency. Where are these animals being boarded? What about vet bills? These are things we have to produce for the record, but she doesn't."

Stake said she plans to finish her application to become a nonprofit by the end of the year. The only reason she is following through with it, she said, is to protect herself from animal activists like Kaplan.

"We are doing a good thing here," Stake said. "We are finding homes for these animals, so why should we be victimized? Why should we be a target?"

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Fourth of July parade to include quite a few local residents

FROM FOURTH PAGE 3

signed up to walk with banners and ride bikes. The Police Activities League will have martial arts students breaking boards and demonstrating basic moves along the way, too. Other groups expected to take part include the Santa Monica Playhouse, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, Cub Scout Parks 97 and 67, and Pacific Park.

The Andre Comeau Band, a folk bluegrass band from the Los Angeles area, has been designated as the final group in the parade.

The parade is scheduled to set off at 9:30 a.m. in front of Santa Monica City Hall. Parade spectators can pull up their lawn chairs and blankets along Main Street all the way south to Marine Street. The parade will wind up at the beach parking lot, south of Ocean Park Boulevard.

The entire route is approximately 1.7 miles and is expected to include more than 700 participants. With an early start time and so many people in the parade, groups are expected to line up as early as 7:30 a.m., said Ted Winterer, President of the Ocean Park Association.

The Borderline neighborhood, also known as Dogtown, will have skateboarders, bicyclists and walkers from the area, all decked out in traditional red, white, and blue clothing. The small, core-group has been actively getting people involved in the parade, but have had slight difficulties getting a large group together with many families going out of town for the holiday.

"I think that later, a couple years from now, people will probably be more interested in the parade," said an excited Nicole Picard, representative for the Borderline neighborhood.

Being that the parade is a first-year event, many groups are having the same troubles getting large numbers of participants to sign on. However, with 58 groups registered, the parade should still line Main Street for close to one hour.

Groups like the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) are "small, but mighty," said Deborah Sharp, Regent of the Santa Monica DAR. Sharp will be riding in a convertible with two other DAR members — her sister Suzanne and their 90-year-old mother, Harriet.

One group that had no trouble getting participants was Roosevelt Elementary School. The school should be well

represented on Wednesday, with more than 120 parents, kids and teachers in the parade. Kids have decorated scooters and bicycles and have chosen to wear funny costumes.

"We hope this will be the beginning of a new tradition," said Karen Rigberg, a booster club co-president and webmaster at Roosevelt. Rigberg's two children will also be taking part.

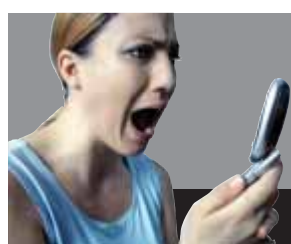
Recently retired principal Jerry Harris was selected as the Grand Marshall for the parade. As an educator and administrator in Santa Monica for 40 years, Harris said he is "deeply honored and pleased" to be the Grand Marshall.

In addition to organizations and businesses, a number of individual families have decided to take part in the festivities.

The Freericks of Santa Monica are one such family, with mother Alicia, and two children, ages 9 and 11, pedaling along in patriotic red, white and blue.

Freericks said on Monday that she was "thrilled" to see Santa Monica putting on a parade and immediately encouraged her children to participate.

For more information about the parade, visit www.opa-sm.org/parade/



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How much pot can a sick person keep?

BY CURT WOODWARD
Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE This fall, sober public servants will convene a series of meetings across Washington state to answer a pressing question: Just how much marijuana constitutes a two-month supply?

That may seem like an odd question for straight-laced government types to tackle. But it's a serious attempt to shore up the state's medical marijuana law, which has been around for nearly a decade without defining the "60-day supply" patients are allowed to have on hand.

Now, after years of unsuccessful attempts

to amend the law, the state Health Department has been ordered to spell out how much marijuana makes up that theoretical two-month cache.

Prosecutors and police seem generally happy with the change, saying it should help rank-and-file officers determine whom to arrest and whom to leave alone.

The American Civil Liberties Union and supportive state lawmakers think it could be the beginning of even broader reforms by the state's Democratic-controlled Legislature.

But some patients wish the state simply wouldn't bother, spooked that the government will make the limits too restrictive and spark far more arrests for people in frail health.

If the law is going to be changed, dis-senters would rather see stronger protection from arrest or an allowance for group growing operations. Defining the 60-day supply, they say, is a do-nothing compromise aimed mostly at pleasing law enforcement.

"Once again, politics have trumped patients' rights. Once again, politics have trumped science," said Dale Rogers, head of Seattle's Compassion in Action Patient Network, which distributes medical marijuana.

Washington's medical marijuana law was approved by nearly 60 percent of voters in 1998, following closely behind California in the first wave of such measures around the country.

Under Washington's law, doctors are allowed to recommend marijuana for people suffering from "intractable pain" and several serious diseases, including cancer, AIDS and multiple sclerosis.

Marijuana patients still can be arrested and prosecuted, but may avoid conviction by proving a legitimate medical need. And like anywhere else in the country, nothing in state statute shields a patient from prosecution under federal law, which does not recognize medical uses for marijuana.

But unlike the 11 other laws that protect medical marijuana users from a state criminal conviction, Washington has never set a specific limit.

Despite friendly veneer, policy differences chill relationship

BY DEB RIECHMANN | Associated Press Writer

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine U.S. relations with Russia are on simmer, so President Bush's meeting Monday with Russian President Vladimir Putin will be judged on how respectfully the two leaders agree to disagree.

They have different views on democracy and missile defense, NATO expansion into Russia's backyard and independence for Kosovo. They both want to stymie Iran's nuclear weapons ambitions, but they don't see eye-to-eye on whether Iranian missiles currently pose a threat.

It was all handshakes, smiles and kisses when Putin arrived at the Bush family estate that overlooks the rocky Atlantic seacoast. Putin gave pecks on the cheeks to first lady Laura Bush and the president's mother, Barbara Bush, and handed them bouquets of flowers. Before disappearing from public view, Putin was seen aboard former President George

H.W. Bush's speedboat, zooming along the coastline, grinning and waving to photographers.

There was "family style dialogue" about coming elections in both countries as they dined on lobster and marinated swordfish, but the two leaders didn't have in-depth talks about policy differences, Putin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Sunday night.

He denied any tense discussions.

"Definitely not," Peskov said. "We could not have predicted the warmness and hospitality from President Bush. The Russian president was very much satisfied with that."

For all the pleasantries and talk about patching up the Bush-Putin friendship and forging fresh relations with Russia as it transitions from its communist past, the rhetoric coming out of the Kremlin of late seems mired in the Cold War.

Buoyed by a strong economy, Putin has become more

assertive on the international stage. At home, he's stoked nationalism, encouraging Russians who want their country to be viewed with respect. Putin feels he's gotten the brush-off from Bush.

"It's vital that this relationship be doctored a bit," said Sarah Mendelson, Russia policy expert and senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

In February, Putin blasted the United States, saying it had "overstepped its national borders" in every way. And Putin has taken a tough stance against a U.S. missile system planned for Europe, even threatening to reposition Russian rockets in retaliation for an American-engineered missile shield in Poland and the Czech Republic.

Last month, Putin surprised Bush in Germany by proposing the shared use of a Russia-rented early warning radar in Azerbaijan as a substitute for radar and interceptors the United States wants to place in Poland.

Explore others' ideas, Aries

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- ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Friends get the show on the road. All you really need to do is be present. How nice is that for a change? Insecurity could mount if a key loved one acts contrary. Perhaps what or he or she sees as perfect plans could be different. Tonight: Explore others' ideas.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Stepping up to the plate is more than natural for the Bull. Yet getting caught in the crosswinds of differing opinions might not be very appealing or instinctual. If you feel irate or as if you have to proceed differently, do so. Tonight: March to your own drummer.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You might need to filter out some confusion or try a totally different approach. Your ability to move a situation forward could be somewhat stalemated. Walk in a new direction and approach a situation differently. Tonight: Opt for a unique happening.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You might want to try another approach or do something very different. A partner simply loves and demands all your attention. Don't try to buck trends. Listen to someone with care. This person isn't kidding. Tonight: Your choice –with one or many.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Others continue to dominate, which on some level causes friction in your mind, if not your heart. Realize when you really have had enough and you need to head in a new direction. Understand your reactions first. Tonight: In the whirlwind of fun.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Much centers around you. Fortunately, carrying responsibilities might be natural; however, you, like many, enjoy your time off. Opt for changes if you are that unhappy. Remember, there is always a solution. Tonight: Say "yes."

- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Your sense of fun merges with an endless creativity. Don't be surprised if someone acts up or seems jealous. You have it all and handle life as he or she would. Be more empathetic with a somewhat down person. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You see life from a renewed, energetic perspective. Understanding helps draw and bond others. You may or may not enjoy their feedback. Think positively and recognize what could happen. Tonight: Keep the party close to home.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Others really want your opinion, even if they act weird once you share it. Knowing what is plausible is important. Others will tap into your good ideas with a little stronger presentation. Tonight: So what if someone changes his or her mind?
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Easy does it. You might be prone to extravagance right now. Whether encouraging yourself or someone else to be more expressive, the end results will be positive. Openness breeds openness. Tonight: Happy as a cat.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Express yourself and let others think whatever they want. Your imagination and caring emerge. A few people have good, original ideas. Someone lets you know how much he or she cares. Enjoy this person's attention. Tonight: Now it's time to choose: What would make you the happiest?
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Know when to pull back. Take your time and visit with a special friend. Make time for reverie and dreaming. What comes up could be rather dynamic. Someone lures you into joining him or her. You like this person's style. Tonight: Know that you don't have to be the main event.

Born Today

Actor Tom Cruise (1962)

Playwright Tom Stoppard (1937)

Writer Franz Kafka (1883)



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Consider your options with an open mind this year. Often your knee-jerk reaction could be wrong. If you hang in there and look at the possibilities, the answer very well might be yes. You have unusually close and dynamic interactions. For many, a key partnership will star in your life this year. Caring emanates from you in many subconscious ways – a smile or a look. If you are single, consider waving goodbye to that status. You could meet that special someone by this time next year. If you are attached, your romantic life could sizzle, as you might find a newfound closeness.

Vanished!

Criss Angel's estranged wife claims he deserted

CRISS ANGEL'S wife says the magic has gone from their marriage and she now wants to make him vanish from her life.

Angel, known for his "Mindfreak" show on the A&E network, subdued his sometimes flashy look for a court hearing Friday. But he flashed a bit of humor during a break, gesturing toward his estranged wife's lawyer and saying, "I can make him disappear."

Angel, whose real name is Christopher Sarantakos, and his wife, Joanne, 37, married five years ago, after a decade of dating, according to her lawyer, Dominic Barbara. But the magician kept his marriage quiet and then deserted his wife as he became famous and hasn't given her "a cent" of his millions, Barbara said.

Angel's lawyer, Elliott Wiener, said Joanne

Sarantakos' accusations of mental cruelty and abandonment were unfounded, and "the notion that she's not being supported is simply not accurate."

The 39-year-old punky illusionist dedicated his latest stunt – a seeming escape from a box encased in concrete and suspended 40 feet above the ground near Manhattan's Time Square on June 5 – to "Shrek the Third" star

Cameron Diaz. But he demurred when asked whether they were dating, telling AP Radio News they were "good friends."

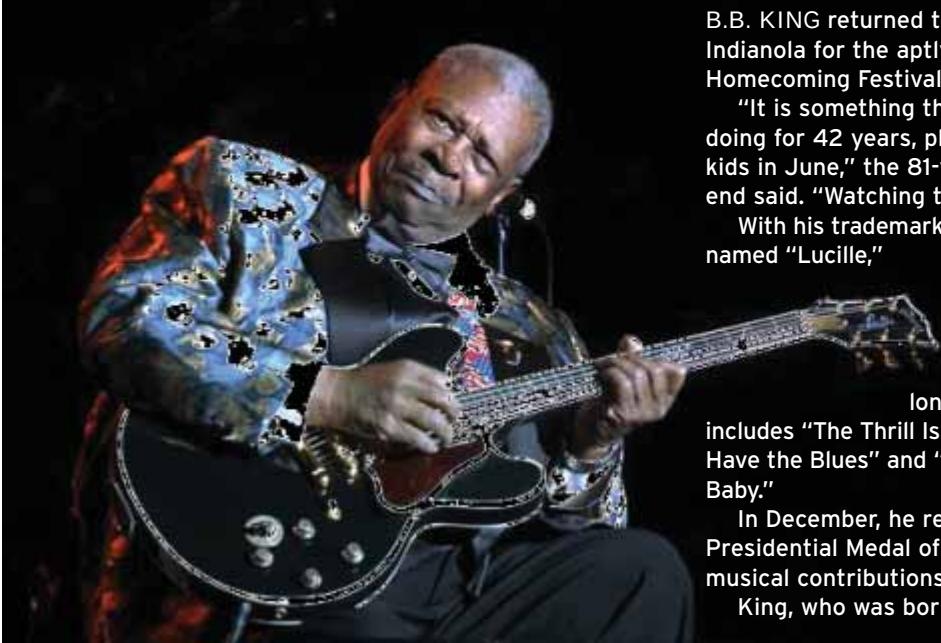
Barbara told a judge he would aim to subpoena the 34-year-old actress.

Diaz' publicist, Brad Cafarelli, said in a statement Monday that Angel was already separated from his wife when Diaz met him in May.

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B.B. King's summer plans include blues festival



B.B. KING returned to his hometown of Indianola for the aptly titled "B.B. King Homecoming Festival."

"It is something that I have been doing for 42 years, playing free for the kids in June," the 81-year-old blues legend said. "Watching them grow."

With his trademark guitar that he named "Lucille,"

King is one of the nation's most influential blues musicians. His long list of hits includes "The Thrill Is Gone," "Every Day I Have the Blues" and "You Upset Me Baby."

In December, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his musical contributions.

King, who was born on a plantation in

Itta Bena near Indianola, said no one famous came to town to play music for the children when he was growing up.

"I wanted to let them know that if B.B. King can do it, they can do it better," he said.

King's busy schedule also included a 16-city blues festival tour with Etta James and Al Green starting July 24 and Eric Clapton's Crossroads Guitar Festival in the Chicago suburb of Bridgeview, Ill., on July 28. The festival will benefit Crossroads Centre, the drug-rehab facility Clapton founded in Antigua a decade ago.

"Trying to come onstage after Etta James is frightening," King joked during a recent telephone interview with The Associated Press. He said Green is equally as frightening to follow.

AP

Rushdie's marriage is a wrap

'Top Chef' and author agree to a divorce

The three-year marriage of **SALMAN RUSHDIE** and Padma Lakshmi has ended, their publicists said Monday.

"Salman Rushdie has agreed to divorce his wife, Padma Lakshmi, because of her desire to end their marriage," his representative, Jin Auh, said in a statement. "He asks that the media respect his privacy at this difficult time."

Lakshmi's publicist, Christina Papadopoulos, said in a separate statement that Lakshmi "has agreed with her husband-author, Salman Rushdie, to

end their marriage."

"After an 8-year relationship including over three years of marriage, Lakshmi regrets that their mutual efforts failed to make the marriage work," the statement said.

Rushdie's recent British knighthood led to worldwide protests from Muslims angered by his 1989 novel, "The Satanic Verses."

Iran's late spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, issued a 1989 fatwa, or religious edict, ordering Muslims to kill Rushdie because "The

Satanic Verses" allegedly insulted Islam. The threat forced Rushdie to live in hiding for a decade.

Besides "The Satanic Verses," Rushdie's novels include "The Moor's Last Sigh" and "Midnight's Children," a Booker Prize winner and one of the most highly praised books of the past quarter century.

Lakshmi is the host of Bravo's "Top Chef" and the author of the cookbook "Easy Exotic." She starred in the 2006 ABC miniseries "The Ten Commandments."

AP

PRINCE EDWARD'S WIFE, SOPHIE, EXPECTING



The royal family will be a little larger by December, Buckingham Palace said Monday, announcing that **PRINCE EDWARD'S** 42-year-old wife, Sophie, is expecting the couple's second child.

Edward – the youngest son of Queen Elizabeth II – and Sophie, who are the Earl and Countess of Wessex, are the parents of Lady

Louise, who was born in November 2003.

"The earl and the countess are both thrilled and excited. The countess will continue with engagements as normal and take doctors' advice," a spokeswoman said. She spoke on condition of anonymity in line with palace policy.

A statement from Buckingham Palace said the queen and her husband, Prince Philip, "are delighted with the news."

When Edward and Sophie married, it was announced that their children would not bear the title of Royal Highness.

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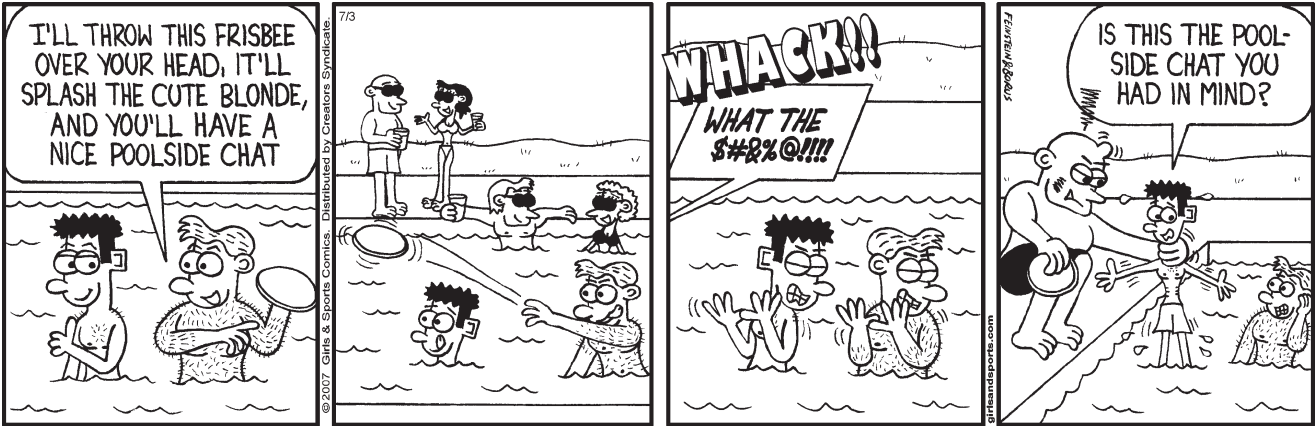
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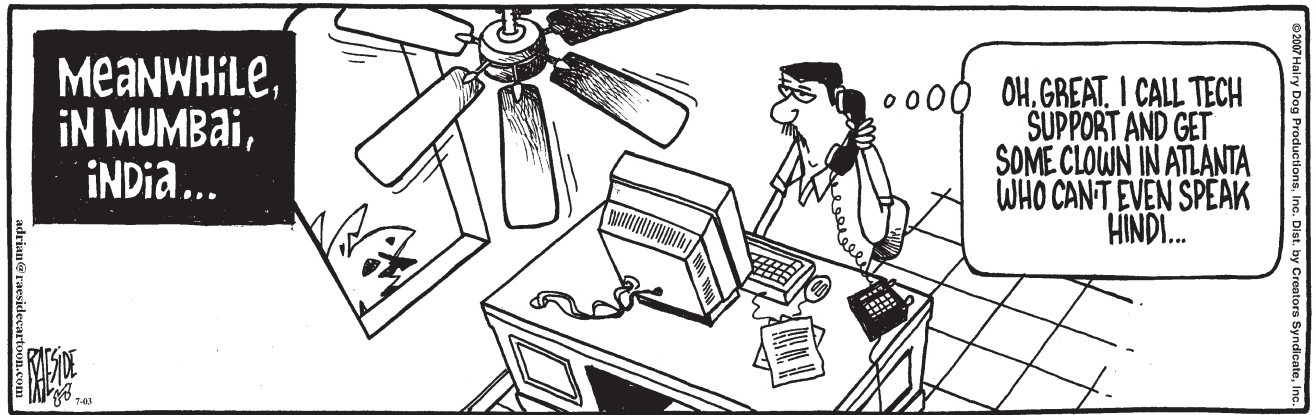
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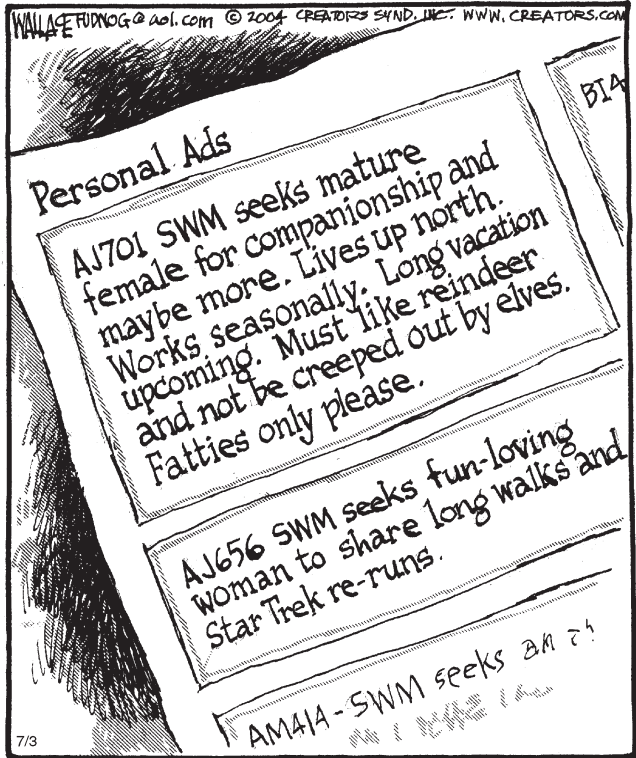
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Years ago, officials on the Torres Martinez Indian reservation (about 40 miles southeast of Palm Springs, Calif.) decided that the tribe could make more money as a toxic dump than with casinos and luxury hotels, but now faces millions of dollars in federal fines as an out-of-control Superfund site, according to a June Los Angeles Times report. In addition to pits and piles laden with arsenic, dioxin and chromium, there is an area about 1,000 feet by 300 feet by 40 feet high consisting only of human sewage. The site's problems are not easily resolvable, said a UCLA professor who has studied Torres Martinez factions, in that "inter-tribal relationships" make it "complicated" to change policy.

In early March, highway patrol officers near Ontario, Calif., came upon an unlocked rental truck whose engine was still warm and which contained marijuana worth an estimated \$20 million, with the driver undoubtedly on the run, and not just from police. And in April, the driver of a cocaine delivery truck took a curve too sharply in Medellin, Colombia, and spilled its 1-ton cargo on the highway. The driver (perhaps luckily for him) was arrested.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1284** According to legend, the Pied Piper lures 130 children of Hamelin away.
- 1409** Western Schism: The Roman Catholic church is led into a double schism as Petros Philargos is crowned Pope Alexander V after the Council of Pisa, joining Pope Gregory XII in Rome and Pope Benedict XII in Avignon.
- 1483** Richard III becomes king of England.
- 1541** Francisco Pizarro is assassinated in Lima by the son of his former companion and later antagonist, Diego Almagro the younger. Diego is later caught and executed.
- 1718** Tsarevich Alexei Petrovich of Russia, Peter the Great's son, mysteriously dies after being sentenced to death by his father for plotting against him.
- 1723** After a lasting siege and firing from the cannons Baku surrendered to Russians.
- 1807** Lightning hits a warehouse in Luxembourg, killing 230 people.
- 1848** End of the June Days Uprising in Paris.
- 1857** The first investiture of the Victoria Cross in Hyde Park, London.

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Obituary



HEATHER MARIE HOBKIRK the beloved 18-year-old-daughter of Brentwood residents Carl William and Christina Giancola Hobkirk, passed away suddenly on the morning of Thursday, June 21, 2007 after a severe epileptic seizure. Heather attended Roosevelt Elementary School, Lincoln Middle School (where her father is an assistant principal), and Santa Monica High School. When her epilepsy emerged during her junior year at SAMO, she transferred to a community day school associated with UCLA Medical Center and was to have graduated with her class on the day she died. Santa Monica High School, however, awarded her a diploma posthumously. She is also survived by her brother Kyle, 17, and sisters Katie, 12, and Erin, 9.

Heather was born on October 1, 1988 at Santa Monica Hospital. A lifelong resident of Santa Monica and Brentwood, she received her first holy communion at St. Monica's with Monsignor Torgeson, who will lead Heather's services, and attended St. Clements Catholic Church and Brentwood Presbyterian Church, where the family now attends regular services. She was strong in her faith and enjoyed her participation in Brentwood Presbyterian youth groups along with her brother and sisters. In April she was able to participate in her second trip with the church to build homes for impoverished families in Tijuana. This trip was led by Roche Vermaak, a pastor at Brentwood Presbyterian Church, who will co-lead services for Heather. The family is comforted by the fact that Dr. Janice Miyakawa, who delivered Heather, was also present when she passed.

Heather loved to sing and was a member of Lincoln, SAMO, and Brentwood Presbyterian choirs. She also loved to write poetry and draw. She was a member of the Girl Scouts and recently received the Gold Award, the highest rank in Girl Scouting. The award required a community service project, and Heather chose to build a "magic tree house" for the classroom of her second grade Roosevelt teacher, Leslie Talt. Heather played volleyball in the City of Santa Monica's sports programs. She also participated in Rosie's Girls, a popular summer program that develops confidence, leadership, and life skills for middle school girls. She was looking forward to participating in its emeritus program. In addition to all of these activities, Heather attended the National Epilepsy Foundation's summer camp at Lake Arrowhead for the past two summers and was looking forward to attending this summer. Heather was particularly proud when she returned to Santa Monica High School in May to attend her senior prom.

A memorial mass for Heather Marie Hobkirk will be held at 10:30am, Friday, July 6, at Saint Monica's Catholic Community, 725 California Avenue. Reception and luncheon will follow immediately after the service. There will be music, laughter and food for all at Lincoln Middle School, 1501 California Avenue. Parking will be available at Lincoln on the basketball courts. SMMUSD yellow school buses will relay guests from the school to the church starting at 9:45am. These same buses will also relay guests back to the school after the service.

In lieu of flowers, the "Heather Hobkirk Memorial Fund" has been set up at First Federal Bank. Gifts will be used to support the family and to set up scholarships in Heather's name for two programs: The National Epilepsy Foundation Summer Camp Fund and the Brentwood Presbyterian Church (BPC) Senior High Mexico Work Trip for families living in the poblaciones of Tijuana. Contact information is the following: First Federal Bank, 1630 Montana Avenue, Santa Monica, CA, 90403, attention: Rory. The phone number is 310 829 4477.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF EDWARD P. DELLA MAGGIORE aka EDWARD DELLA MAGGIORE aka EDWARD D. MAGGIORE

Case No. BP105192

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of EDWARD P. DELLA MAGGIORE aka EDWARD DELLA MAGGIORE aka EDWARD D. MAGGIORE

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Joe Angeli 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.

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by EDITH FARRE TURNER in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that EDITH FARRE TURNER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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A HEARING on the petition will be held on 08/03/07 at 9:15AM in Dept. R located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401

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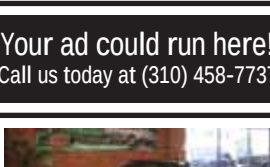


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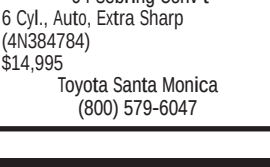


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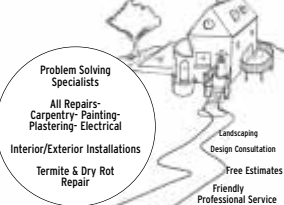
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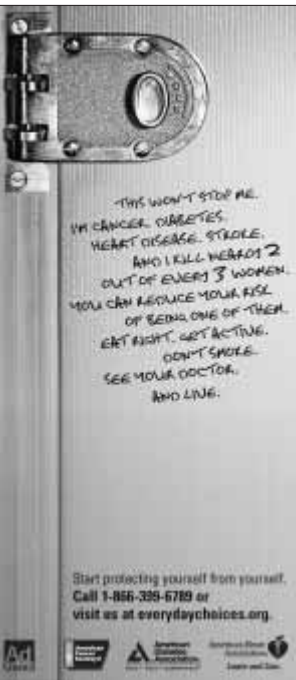
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