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THE WOMAN DOWN ISSUE

NOT AGAIN!

With grocery workers
set to strike again,
shoppers may not be
so understanding

STORY BY MELODY HANATANI

CITYWIDE It was nearly five months of hell.

Jessica Dozoretz grimaces at the memory of the 2003 supermarket strike, when 70,000 grocery workers were locked out of the three major Southern California chains — Ralphs, Vons and Albertsons — over a labor dispute involving health care and salary.

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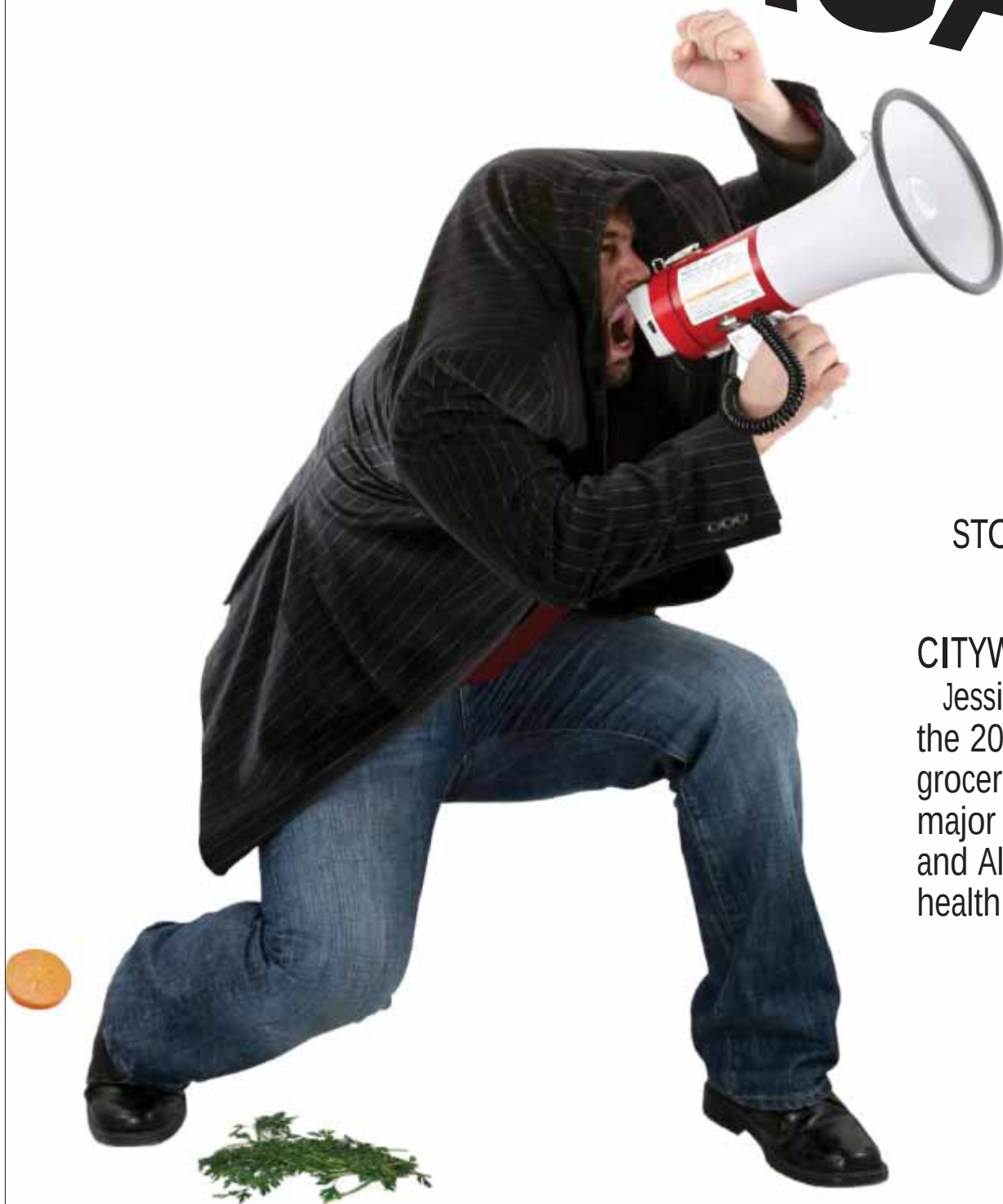


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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS

'How Do You Spell Magic?'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., noon — 1:30 p.m.

George Beahm, author of "Muggles and Magic," and Stan Goldin, author of "the Whimsic Alley Book of Spells," will join Tim Kirk, a Disney Imagineering veteran, for a Harry Potter event at the Main Library. Muggles of all ages welcome.

Monthly musical movie: 'Gentlemen Prefer Blondes'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.

Join the Main Library for a free screening of the classic musical "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," starring Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell. MLK Jr. Auditorium. All ages welcome. Seating is first come, first served.

Karmically good coffee

4437 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.

The Synergy Cafe & Lounge launches its new monthly singer/songwriter series — Grassroots Acoustica — with tonight's event. In lieu of a cover charge, collection plates at each table invite donations. The full collected amount will benefit a different non-profit organization every month. No cover charge. For more information, visit www.synergycafelounge.com.

Forever 'Fast Times'

6000 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood, 7:30 p.m.

Cinespia Cemetery Screenings is showing "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery. \$10 donation. Tickets are available at the gate. For more information, visit www.cemeteryscreenings.com.

Luau Saturday

6712 Hollywood Blvd., 4 p.m.

The Egyptian Theater's Third Annual Enchanted Tiki and Luau Weekend will take place in the Egyptian Courtyard. Artist Kevin Kidney will host an hour of vintage tiki-themed television from the 1960s preceding the luau. Tickets for the luau are \$15. Separate ticket prices for the screening. For more information, visit www.americancinametheque.com or call (323) 466-FILM.

A Brentwood contradance

731 S. Bundy Dr., Brentwood, 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Celtic/Bluegrass duo, Jamie Laval and Ashley Broder, will perform at the Brentwood Youth House. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.southpasadenacontra.org or call (310) 396-3322.

Sunday, July 8, 2007

Rumbling the Cha-Cha

Marine Park, Santa Monica, 6 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Learn to basically dance the Cha-Cha and Rumba in eight weeks. Partners not necessary. No previous dance experience required. \$5 per person. Call (323) 753-6646 for more information.

'Rancho Monterey'

2612 Main St., 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.

The California Heritage Museum's current exhibition showcases Monterey and rancho-style furniture, California ceramics and tile, Mexican ceramics and pottery, touristware and costuming, and fine arts by artists including Phil Paradise, Victor Clyde Forsythe and Hernando Villa. General admission is \$5, students and seniors are \$3, and children 12 and under get in free. For more information, call (310) 392-8537.

Throw the kid back

3116 Second St., 8 p.m.

"The Boomerang Kid" is a fully interactive, audience-directed comedy in which the audience controls the fate of the main character, who is trying to make it on his own without the assistance of his parents. Audience members will be asked to make a choice on his behalf, using touch-screen, wireless PDAs to cast their votes. They'll go through the play twice — once in the first act and once again after intermission, and experience two completely different plays. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling (866) 633-6246, ext. 9 or by visiting www.powerhousetheatre.com. Call for group rates.

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 pictures of protesters outside a building 3101 Main St. that appeared in the July 6 edition (pages 1 and 11) should have been credited to Daily Press photographer Christine Chang.

On page 10 of the July 5 edition of the Daily Press, which featured a photo essay on the Main Street Parade, the sponsors of the event should have been identified as the Ocean Park Association and the North of Montana Association.

Also, OPA representatives Jeff, Faye and Morgan's last name should have been spelled as Jarow.



PICKING UP THE HABIT

A boy tries to get the hang of surfing on Friday along Santa Monica Beach. Area beaches have been jam-packed since Independence Day, despite the sun's intermittent appearances.

Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

Finding parking in the red

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Maybe a little white-out can erase the city's parking woes.

Looking to provide some relief for residents and visitors frustrated by the lack of parking spaces around town, transportation planners are in the midst of an extensive review of no-parking zones, and in some cases, are removing red-painted curbs in favor of those with parking meters.

City staff is also assessing areas in which there are no meters, allowing people to park for long periods of time for free. Those drivers included residents in nearby apartment buildings and condos, as well as employees of local businesses and students from UCLA, who would park their cars

and hop a bus or ride their bikes to campus, returning several hours later.

In efforts to move long-time parkers along — and free up space for others — city staff has installed meters, a move that has already created a stir at locations such as Douglas Park, a popular spot for families. Meters have been placed along the park's perimeter, forcing visitors to bring plenty of change or risk receiving a \$47 ticket.

"It's a bad idea. It's just killing us," said Phil Dunn, vice president of the Santa Monica Lawn Bowls Club, which plays games at the park's southern end.

Dunn said the new parking meters are costing bowlers plenty, with one member receiving two parking tickets in one week. Since most members are seniors on fixed incomes, the tickets can take a bite out of

their wallets.

"It really is an economic burden for some people and it disrupts the games," Dunn said on Friday, as he stood on the lawn watching members roll. "I understand the rationale for doing it, but make it four hours instead of three."

The meters have subtracted from enjoyment of the park, Dunn said.

"Look around," he said. "There are still as many cars as there were before. It's packed."

Dunn said he asked City Hall to provide decals or placards for lawn bowlers so that they could be exempt from the new parking restrictions, but reports that he was denied.

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Couples, gamblers in heaven

Occurrence of so many number sevens makes this day a special one

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Lucky or not, the repetitive sequence of numbers of today's date will reap huge benefits for two of the largest industries in the United States — weddings and gambling.

It's the day when the phrase "Lucky number 7" holds an extra magical feeling, a day when superstitious gamblers across the country will flock to the race tracks and casinos to capitalize on the rare occurrence of July 7, 2007, commonly referred to as 7/7/7.

Seven is traditionally a lucky number, a number of karma, said Maria Shaw, an astrologer for the National Enquirer.

"It is a number that has a lot of power," Shaw said. "We're not talking about money luck, because 8 has more of that type of prosperity."

The belief that seven is a lucky number is said to date back to biblical times, a symbolic number frequently mentioned in the Bible.

While some people take the superstition seriously, others see no significance in today's date — another repetitive sequence of numbers that fall on a date once every one hundred years, just like last year's June 6, 2006 and next year's Aug. 8, 2008.

"I'm not superstitious, but I think lots of people will be going to Vegas," said Patsy Sambrano, who spent Friday afternoon shopping on the Third Street Promenade with her niece.

For tens of thousands of starry-eyed couples across the globe, 7/7/7 will forever hold a special place in their hearts as the date when they tied the knot.

"I would say it's the busiest wedding day in years," said Nily Glaser, founder of

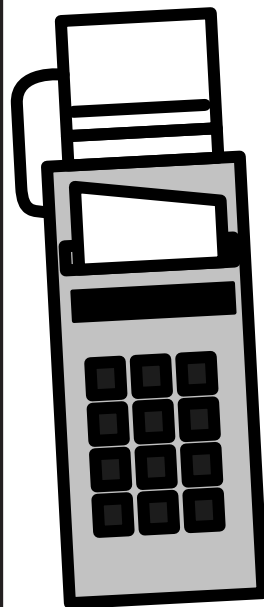
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't mock constitutional rights
Editor:

In her argument on behalf of the detention of prisoners at Guantanamo ("Don't mock it till you try to love it," July 2), Charlotte Hays chooses to ignore the fact that they have been held almost six years without trial.

The argument is not whether to free them. It is that they have been denied due process of law, which is the entitlement of every individual regardless of citizenship. Without that right, the U.S. becomes another totalitarian dictatorship.

Phyllis Elliott
Santa Monica

Lobbing some feminist fireworks
Editor:

(Re: July 4)

As years go by, I am, more and more, deeply appreciative of my life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. Thanks to those who took action in 1776, I have the liberty to choose to drink whatever I want in the morning (I choose tea because I like it and not because I have no other choice). Sweet Liberty! I fully understand why King George and his minions did not want to part with country.

As we remember the Founding Fathers, the Minutemen, Paul Revere, John Paul Jones, I ask you to consider remembering the contribution of the women of that time and place. Most know about Betsy Ross, Abigail Adams and Molly Pitcher, but there are many unsung women who were part of what won our independence and liberty.

Just to mention a few:

Sybil Ludington, who rode through a chilly Connecticut midnight in April 1777 to warn the area militia that the British were burning nearby Danbury. Her brave ride, like Paul Revere's, allowed our troops to stop the British and forced them to retreat.

Margaret Corbin, a soldier's wife, who, at the age of 25, fought side-by-side with her husband when the British attacked Fort Washington.

Deborah Sampson Gannet, who dressed as a soldier and fought heroically until severely wounded in a battle at Tarrytown, NY.

Nancy Hart, a six-foot sharpshooter in the Georgia frontier who fought the invading enemy.

Lydia Darrah, a Philadelphia Quaker who, as a self-appointed spy, warned Washington's army of an impending British attack.

As a woman, I am luckier than men when it comes to Independence Day. I celebrate my independence twice a year — once on the Fourth of July and again every year on Aug. 18, the day in 1920 when women became full citizens of this beautiful country with the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Since there's no e-card for that day, I'll acknowledge it here. Without the actions behind July 4, none of us would have a voice. Without the 19th Amendment, July 4 would be a day when half this country — its women — would have no voice. And everybody knows how I love to talk!

Dee Cappelli
Santa Monica

Stamp of disapproval
Editor:

As with the I.R.S., I believe that the U.S. Postal Service causes extreme aggravation. I am satisfied that they are doing a reasonable job of delivering the mail in my postal zone, though I hear lots of grumbling from the outskirts. Where they have really gone wrong is in the pricing of their product, and worse yet, in the way they delineate it. We only needed two denominations of stamps then. This didn't take any extra time and seemed to work perfectly well.

Now, some idiot decided that the whole thing gets changed when your letter weighs over three ounces. You then pay \$0.17 for the next half ounce and, worse yet, you pay \$0.39 for the next additional half ounce.

Here's a great way to beat the system if you want to mail something to a friend in town: Just put their name and address in the upper left corner of the envelope and let the post office deliver it to them with returned for postage stamped on it.

Jim Mount
Santa Monica



Modern Times

Lloyd Garver

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

How does Cheney stay so very busy?

LOTS OF PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY have two jobs to help make ends meet. Last week, Dick Cheney — maybe to demonstrate that he's just an "ordinary American" — claimed that he had two distinct jobs: One was the Vice President of the United States and the other was the President of the Senate.

Yeah, I know. It's not really the same as a teacher who sells insurance on the side.

In the past, when he has been asked to comply with various Congressional requests and orders, Cheney has claimed Executive privilege because he's the Vice President. But last week, he claimed he wasn't a member the Executive branch of the government, but was a member of the Legislative branch. That was because he's the President of the Senate, and therefore, he felt he wasn't subject to the Presidential order giving the National Archives' Information Security Oversight Office the right to make sure that Cheney and his office have demonstrated proper security safeguards. By the end of the week, he was back claiming that he was actually the Vice President, and therefore, could claim Executive privilege once again as he rejected demands from Congress about information regarding the firing of U.S. attorneys.

How does he keep track of which job he's going to claim each day? Does he put on a different tie?

As opposed to the millions of Americans who have more than one job, the Vice President didn't do this so he could make an extra buck. He went back and forth with these claims just so he could avoid complying with Congress and the law. That doesn't seem like proper behavior no matter which job you want to consider him having, does it?

Maybe he thinks he's a superhero with two identities. He's Senate Boy and then he changes into Veep Man — both of whom have amazing powers not found in the Constitution. It's as if he's trying to exist in a Fourth Branch of the Government — Cheneyland.

It's gotten a bit silly, as it's become more outrageous. With a straight face, White House press secretary Dana Perino came up with an ingenious defense for Cheney claiming to be a member of the Legislative branch, not the Executive. She said his paycheck came from the Senate. So what? Does anyone think that he lists his occupation on his income tax form as "President of the Senate" rather than "Vice President of the United States?" When his aides make a reservation for him at a fancy

restaurant, do you think they make it for the "President of the Senate?" When he ran for office, was the campaign, "Vote for George Bush for President and Dick Cheney for President of the Senate?"

Cheney's dance was an amazingly nimble one. But the fact that he had the audacity to try this Wyoming two-step was not nearly as startling to me as the fact that he got away with it.

HOW DOES HE KEEP TRACK OF WHICH JOB HE'S GOING TO CLAIM EACH DAY? DOES HE PUT ON A DIFFERENT TIE?

Oh sure, his Democratic foes cried, "foul." But the American people didn't rise up and say, "Enough already." And why didn't his Republican colleagues say, "Come on, Dick, now you've gone too far?"

That's who really should be upset with this gambit — the Republicans. The foolishness of acting this way and not cooperating with Congress and not making things public makes people suspicious. If you refuse to be open about things over and over again, the public doesn't feel that you're doing this because the office demands that kind of secrecy. After you act this way repeatedly, the public starts thinking that whatever you don't want to tell us must be pretty bad. They suspect that you must have some horrible secrets that you don't want us to know.

And this conclusion by the public might very well be wrong. Generally, cover-ups and refusals to be open end up being much worse than the thing that is being kept secret. But by not being more open, he's just contributing to the erosion of credibility of this administration. So, you'd think that some big Republicans — hey, maybe even the President — would tell Dick Cheney to knock it off.

And I think he should, too. While I'm sure it was fun for him to pretend he had two different jobs, it's time for him to accept that the one he's got is a pretty good one.

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STRA Y talk

A CENTER-CUT, NO-FAT REVIEW OF WHAT WAS SAID THIS PAST WEEK BY FOLKS THE WORLD OVER AND RIGHT AT HOME

"I felt euphoria, devastated, when I finished one chapter near the end. I absolutely howled, it had been planned for so long."

— Harry Potter" author, J.K. Rowling, on finishing the series' last book. The seventh and final book comes out this month

"I felt it was important to have some discussion because it is such an icon that has contributed greatly to [the] enjoyment of many Santa Monicans."

— Planning Commissioner, Jay Johnson, on the proposed conversion of the 1930s NuWishire Theatre into a retail space with subterranean parking

"I never thought of this, it makes sense that if you had lawless gay people, they would do this kind of thing."

— Political pundit, Bill O'Reilly, on his Fox cable show, "The O'Reilly Factor," commenting on a story about the alleged epidemic of gay gangs that commit violent crimes

"Poker takes a lot of time if you want to stay good. I don't want to suck. I was good. I'm still good. Family is better though."

— DActor Ben Affleck on why his poker game's not as good as it once was

"Everyone knows about Santa Monica. It's a fabulous location."

— Shannon Kildare, a House Swapper, on Santa Monica as a prime location for travelers looking to swap houses in lieu of a hotel stay

"They tried to trick me when it was unnecessary."

— Daniel Speaker, the Atlanta lawyer who traveled with tuberculosis and caused an international health scare, on allegedly being duped into a federal quarantine.

Quotations captured and compiled with care by CYNTHIA VAZQUEZ.

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THE MOST
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— Bert, an 83-year-old man on using a pump to maintain his active sex life.

Study: Back Pain Sufferers Benefit From New Technology

Santa Monica – "A new study shows that technology may have finally found a non-surgical solution for chronic back pain and sciatica sufferers."

That's what Santa Monica Chiropractor, Dr. Tim Bullock is saying about a treatment called Spinal Decompression. Dr. Bullock has been using FDA approved non-surgical spinal decompression in his office for over two years now. This treatment is a drug free breakthrough to treat back pain, disc herniation and sciatica.

"I am amazed at the results spinal decompression gets with patients who were about to give up searching for a solution for their problem. And how safe and easy it is... even for patients who have already had surgery. I am also shocked to learn that so few doctors throughout the country have this new technology available in their office," commented Dr. Bullock.

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The QLine

GLOOM AND DOOM COMES ALONG WITH AIRPORT

This past week, Q-line asked:

Is the Santa Monica Airport a valuable commodity for the city of Santa Monica or just a nuisance and safety hazard?

Here are your responses:

"THE AIRPORT IS LIKE AN ILLEGAL DRUG in that it seems to be good for Santa Monica, but it is doing great harm to her and creating a great liability by, no doubt about it, affecting the health of its neighbors. It's become a tremendous nuisance and safety risk to so many that are impacted by the noise, odors of idling jets and so much more. Santa Monica Airport is becoming SMX and worse."

"REGARDING THE SANTA MONICA Airport, I suppose it's a commodity and value for some people – local citizens that have prop planes – and should not be used for jets. They make way too much noise and there is a lot of danger involved. The fumes are obnoxious, but the main thing is the noise, much too noisy."

"THE SIGHTS, SOUNDS AND SMELLS around Santa Monica Airport are pretty ghastly and make life for the citizens in the surrounding area a nightmare. Then again, so are the sights, sounds, and smells around a lot of Santa Monica, especially the downtown area and beach and parks due to the escalating number of lowlives and bums pulling into Santa Monica for the handouts and the permissive atmosphere."

"I LIVE IN VENICE, ON THE OTHER SIDE of the jet takeoff by the beach. Santa Monica Airport is absolutely a nuisance and a safety hazard."

"I'M AN LA RESIDENT EAST OF THE airport and it's a disaster. There's gonna be a major accident one day and we're all gonna look back and say, 'Why did we let this happen?' Santa Monica Airport needs to be turned into a golf course."

"THE SANTA MONICA AIRPORT IS BOTH a valuable commodity for the city of Santa Monica and a nuisance and safety hazard, and that's a shame. With better management, it could just be a valuable commodity. The sheer number of jets that are allowed to land there and the size of the jets being allowed to land there have transformed it into a maddening disaster just waiting to happen. The pollution that's going on now isn't waiting, it's just happening."

"A SIMPLE RESPONSE TO YOUR question – they knew there was an airport there before they bought their house."

"PART ONE: YES, THE SANTA MONICA Airport is a valuable commodity, but only for a privileged few and they don't live in the neighborhood surrounding the airport. It is probably too noisy and polluted for them. Part two: No, the airport is not just a nuisance, Santa Monica Airport is a clear and present danger to the health and safety of all the people living, working and going to schools in the area. All are forced to breathe the toxic jet emissions and to endure the noise of jets screaming overhead and, no doubt, some will be unwilling participants in the inevitable tragedy invited by the FAA's insistence on almost non-existent safety run-off areas on runways – never built for the new, fast jets. That is not a nuisance, it is more like criminal negligence."

"THE SANTA MONICA AIRPORT IS A very valuable commodity for the city of Santa Monica and the entire west side of LA, because it could be the only outside communication and transportation for the whole Westside in the event of a disastrous earthquake or other calamity that might strike. It is a nuisance for the people that live in the immediate vicinity of the takeoff area around Bundy and National, but they bought their properties long after the airport was open in 1919."

"YEARS AGO, I USED TO THINK OF the Santa Monica Airport as kind of a quaint throwback to the old historic days of the beginnings of air travel, but things have really changed over the past dozen years. It has become this noisy, polluting place, rather than a few putt-putts taking off from the airport, being somewhat cute. This is a serious health hazard and noise hazard. It is also not using the enormous area that we have, that the airport encompasses in a good way. We could use that space in Santa Monica in a much better way."

"I LIVE NEAR PICO AND ROBERTSON, not really in Santa Monica, and am really upset. I've lived there for over 30 years and the jets coming over my neighborhood, coming into Santa Monica Airport are just awful, almost a reason for me to move. I'm five or six miles away. I can't believe they allow that many jets to fly over. They're flying over Beverly Hills. I can't believe that it's tolerated to accommodate the millionaires. I'm not happy."

"I THINK IT SHOULD REMAIN OPEN, BUT with three things. The city should install 1,000-foot runway safety areas as soon as possible. Two, it should eliminate the jets. No. 3, it should require the prop planes to use unleaded fuel."

"SANTA MONICA AIRPORT IS SANTA Monica's dirty little secret. This environmental Mecca has a canal in its midst. The city keeps letting this happen. Santa Monica Airport needs to be eliminated."

"THE SANTA MONICA AIRPORT IS A noisy, polluting nuisance and a definite safety hazard. We'd be well to do without it."

"AS GOES SANTA MONICA, SO GOES the airport. Big money developers are ruining Santa Monica, and the big money is ruining the airport. The airport can stay, but as it was before the jets and big planes took over."

"I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE AIRPORT closed, or if not closed, I would like to see the number of aircraft rolled back significantly, so that we accommodate a few small planes and no jet aircraft."

"THE WAY THE AIRPORT IS TODAY, it is mostly a nuisance and a safety hazard. If it were limited to small, private planes and jets were eliminated, it would still be a noisy, but a far more welcome neighbor."

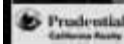
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my voice not weigh in on the issue of Santa Monica Airport. I side on the opinion of it being a nuisance and a safety hazard. Living just off Ocean Boulevard, we hear the jets early – the moment the clock strikes 7 a.m. until way after 10 at night. Even though they can't take off after that time period, they can land there, so the issue surrounding this and our health in Sunset Park is something that I hope our elected officials take very seriously."

"THE AIRPORT IS A CLEAR AND PRESENT danger to the community, both by the risks to the homeowners from a possible aircraft crash to the toxic fumes generated by idling aircraft on the runways. Considering the airport is also illegal with the city and the FAA combining in running of an illegal operation, it should be closed. As the airport is a prime asset of the City Council that is being wasted. If the City Council were a board of directors, they would all be fired."

"NO, I DON'T THINK THE AIRPORT IS A valuable commodity, because the only people who benefit from it are very wealthy people who get to land their jets there. As a part of the community where small jets get to come and land, I think it's lovely because people get to come and see small planes and they've got the museum there. That's really nice, but the jets truly destroy our peace of mind. It's such a safety hazard, it's ridiculous."

"MY IDEA ABOUT THE AIRPORT, IN brief, is that I live right next to it, the airport is embedded in an absolutely residential neighborhood. It is surrounded by parks and playgrounds, and it seems to me, what started out as a small airport is becoming a full blown industrial enterprise. I find it terrifying that jets are landing near where my kids are playing. My opinion is that it should simply be shut down altogether. It was a bad idea from the start. If it were a revenue source, there are other ways of making revenue with that land. It is a city owned property that could be used in all kinds of different ways. It could be positive revenue for our residents that might need the tax money. Anything is better than an airport."

"I THINK THAT THE SANTA MONICA Airport is a valuable commodity for the city of Santa Monica, period. I would like to see fewer jets coming in and out, but do think that we need to keep the airport open and available."

"THE AIRPORT WAS ONCE AN ASSET. It was once connected to Douglas Aircraft, which was a major employer in SM. Douglas Aircraft is long, long gone. What is left now is an airport that only serves the privileged and elite. It is simply unaccountable to the neighborhood. It's continuation in Santa Monica is no more than a blot on Santa Monica now. It no longer serves the purpose it once did."

"I THINK SANTA MONICA AIRPORT HAS become a nuisance and is a safety hazard. As far as nuisance and safety hazard, I live about a mile away and last summer I bought some white outside furniture. Within three months, it turned black. I keep wondering what's happening to the children playing in the playgrounds and us living in the neighborhood."

"I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP Santa Monica Airport open as long as commercial jets aren't allowed, because the airport has been there for a long time. What if we have a national disaster or some outrageous thing? People know about the airport, so why in the heck do they buy a home there? The airport has been there longer than a lot of those homes."

"THE AIRPORT IS A SAFETY HAZARD and it's a nuisance; all these jets that are using the airport, even though the airport wasn't designed for it. They should just

limit the airport to the planes that were designed to use it. The jets are all rich people. They don't care about anyone in the area. They don't live in the area, that's why they don't care about the noise or flying late at night and waking everybody up. They don't care, let them use Van Nuys. If they can afford to jet-set, they can use Van Nuys."

"I LIVE ONE BLOCK NORTH OF ROSE AND we have continual noise, pollution and fumes from Santa Monica Airport. It just needs to go. The jet noise is unbearable and it disturbs us at all hours, even after 11 at night and before 7 a.m. It's unbearable."

"IF THE SANTA MONICA AIRPORT would get rid of the jets, then it might be a valuable commodity for the city. Unfortunately, the jet pollution and the safety factors are just too much to bear for residents on both sides of the airport, the Santa Monica side and West LA side."

"THE FUMES AND POLLUTION from Santa Monica Airport are making people sick. The lack of runway safety area is a tragic accident waiting to happen. Santa Monica Airport is a nuisance and safety hazard."

"I'M REACTING TO THE ROAR OF JET engines that fly over. I'm on the path to the Santa Monica Airport. It is really, disgustingly inconvenient. A lot of times, I can't even talk on the telephone as the jets go by, again and again, especially on the weekends. It just keeps going. If there's any way to stop that airport or restrict the types of planes that go by it, that would be greatly appreciated."

"IN SPITE OF THE CONTINUED ATTEMPTS by a few very, vocal airport haters to spread fear and confusion with a continuous stream of fake scientific findings, manipulated statistics and outright lies, Santa Monica Airport is a professionally managed facility that meets all current safety and noise regulations. Although saddled with a board of commissioners, that often seems more inclined to destroy rather than enhance its ability to operate, it is a valuable resource that helps contribute millions of dollars in tax revenue to the city annually. Its presence and age in attracting the entertainment- and music-related businesses of which the city is justifiably proud. It also provides a base for thousands of police, life safety and rescue operations each year. Most Santa Monicans are proud to have this historic airport in their community and are eager to work together to find positive solutions to any issues raised its continued operation. We should definitely keep this airport in our community."

"THE SANTA MONICA AIRPORT DATES back before WWII and played a major role in the U.S. winning that war due to the Douglas Aircraft Company using Santa Monica Airport to launch their manufactured aircraft into the war zone. The brave pilots who flew those aircraft played a valiant role in the defeat of the enemies of the US and its allied forces. After the war, came the residential developers who were well aware of the airport's location who still constructed what are now multi-million dollar homes at the east and west base of the take off and landing pattern of the airports. The individuals who purchased those homes were also aware of the location of the airport. Yes, there is a danger to any city that has aircraft flying overhead. Still, most crashes occur upon take off do to engine failure. Crashes upon landing are often due to pilot error. These crashes are far and few apart. I wish I could say the same regarding deadly automobile crashes that take the lives of motorists on a daily basis. The definition of commodity is something that is of use or is valuable, an article of trade or commerce. No one can argue about the value of the airport. The land alone is worth millions of dollars.

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Trust me folks, the developers of condominiums have their eyes out for another location to develop another playa vista. If such a building project was allowed, my response would be 'ouch, ouch.'"

"SANTA MONICA AIRPORT HAS BECOME a greater burden in the 10 years we have lived close by. It is now often an assault on me and my family inside our four walls. Noise, stink and who knows what health hazards. In a five-unit condo unit facing the airport, two people have cancer. I also think of my cousin in the LAPD watching LAX remove housing where airplanes took off. This was over 25 years ago. The FCC and the Santa Monica Airport don't seem even concerned with what could happen in one of their planes – especially a heavier jet – should fail to take off properly. Close it, we need another green park."

"HERE IS YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF "don't bother me" leadership. Like over-building, we have too many jets in this town. Charge a larger fee for millionaire jet users. Establish a more efficient control system to allow quicker takeoffs. Maybe a strict time limit for taxi-ing jets with fines for either the owner or the city control system. Keeping in mind that the weather is all-important to flying, otherwise maybe have reduced take off during hot and still weather conditions, and spacing out take off and landing times. The FAA will never allow Santa Monica Airport to close down. If there is an emergency such as a terrorist attack, or a natural disaster, or the government gets tired of paying lip-service to democracy, they will need the airport to send troops and supplies in order to protect the Santa Monica Council."

"WELL, WE KNOW IT'S A SAFETY hazard, there's been plenty published about that. It's a traffic nuisance, we all have to drive around it, so that's for sure. What about a valuable commodity? How about, economically, does it benefit the city? I can't imagine the paltry landing fees are profitable economically as what could be done with the land. It's an aesthetic nightmare, just a piece of asphalt occupying half of Sunset Park. How about the environment? Well, it pollutes the environment with noise and toxic fumes. So it



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RARE AIR: Residents would prefer if more propeller planes used the Santa Monica Airport as opposed to the many jets that use the facility currently.

doesn't really affect the health and well-being of our citizens very well. Finally, who does it cater to, citizens or people outside of the city of Santa Monica? Well, I can't imagine many citizens flying private jets out of Santa Monica Airport, so it's clearly benefiting outside the city more than the inside. But you know, it must be a valuable commodity or else our great politicians would have found a higher and better use for the land by this point".

"THE SANTA MONICA AIRPORT HAS become a nuisance and a hazard. It was never designed for the size and frequency of the jets using it. Its runways have no

over-run areas, which is a violation of the FAA's own regulations. Jets like those that use the Santa Monica airport have recently over run airports in Santa Barbara and in Conway, Arkansas. In Santa Barbara no harm was done because the airport did have an over-run safety area. But in Conway, two people were killed when the jet plane went through the end of the runway chain link fence and smashed into a house"

"I HAVE RESIDED IN SUNSET PARK for the past 58 years, and the Santa Monica Airport has never interfered with my quality of life. I can remember when the Douglas facility located on the airport paid

more than one half of the property taxes in the city. The planes taking off have to meet a stringent noise level, and although I live less than a mile from the airport and just two blocks north of the traffic pattern, I have never experienced jet fumes from the jets. The airport is an important economic asset in the city, and in the event of a national or local emergency, it is an essential asset. Please believe that."

"THE AIRPORT HAS BEEN HERE SINCE before the complaining neighbors. However, it was built for planes, not jets. If a jet crashes in our town it will be a horrible catastrophe."

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WEST COVINA
Pair accused of throwing objects at vehicles

Two men were charged with felonies for allegedly throwing bricks, bottles and other objects at vehicles from an overpass on the Pomona Freeway in Hacienda Heights this week.

Justin Adam Pecor, 20, and Anthony John Balsz, 24, were scheduled for arraignment Friday afternoon.

Charges filed late Thursday included four counts of assault with a deadly weapon involving four victims in two vehicles and two counts of throwing a substance at a vehicle, the Los Angeles County district attorney's office said.

Sheriff's deputies arrested the men Tuesday after objects were hurled onto the freeway. Prosecutors said the alleged targets were one vehicle carrying three people, two of whom were injured, and a truck whose driver was not hurt.

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ORANGE COUNTY
Volunteers help clean up beaches after July 4th

Revelers at Orange County beaches over the July 4 holiday left a lot of trash.

So volunteers including Christina Mora of Dana Point and her son Nick, 10, on Thursday helped the Doheny Longboard Surfing Association with its annual beach clean up.

The tradition began a decade ago.

"Usually there's not enough resources to clean up after the crowds," Mora said.

With a coffee mug in one hand and a trash bag in the other, she combed the water line along Doheny State Beach.

Volunteers also hit the San Clemente Pier and Huntington Beach.

Debris included cups, cigarette butts, beach balls and clothes.

"It was so massive and overwhelming," said Vicki Wiker, who manages cleanups at Doheny.

AP

LOS ANGELES
Jury awards \$2,500 in damages in firefighter suit

A jury added \$2,500 in punitive damages to the \$6.2 million awarded to a Los Angeles firefighter in a lawsuit that claimed she was harassed by colleagues because she is black and lesbian.

The jury on Thursday awarded Brenda Lee punitive damages against her former supervisor, Capt. Christopher Hare. The panel awarded the \$6.2 million win earlier this week.

Lee's lawsuit against the Los Angeles Fire Department said her superiors made derogatory comments about her because of her race and sexual orientation, and put her through grueling drills without proper safety precautions. She also claimed someone put urine in her mouthwash.

Lee, of Mission Hills, has been on unpaid leave since 2005.

Her attorney, Genie Harrison, expressed satisfaction with Thursday's decision.

AP

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA
Two 'persons of interest' sought in missing student case

Authorities searched Friday for two men described as persons of interest in the disappearance of a female college student who met one of them on an Internet site.

San Diego State University student Donna Jou, 19, went missing two weeks ago, said Orange County sheriff's spokesman Jim Amormino.

She was last seen by her brother on June 23 getting on the back of a motorcycle driven by a man only identified as "Skinny Puppy," or by the name Kyle, Amormino said.

Jou met the man on the Web site Craigslist.com, Amormino said.

Investigators were also looking for registered sex offender John Steven Burgess, who rents the house Jou apparently went to that night for a party.

"We're not calling them suspects at this stage, but we want to question them," Amormino said.

The day after Jou left for the party, her mother received a text message from Jou's cell phone saying she was coming home, Amormino said.

Jou, however, never arrived.

"It was suspicious that she didn't call, and that the message was in all caps. Her family says she doesn't text like that," Amormino said. "It's also of great concern that Burgess is a sex offender. We want to see if he can shed any light on what happened."

Jou had also not accessed her credit cards or cell phone since she was reported missing, Amormino said.

AP

SOCAL
Wildfires burn in Santa Barbara, San Bernardino

Fire crews struggled down ridges Thursday to attack a 1,200-acre fire burning in rugged foothills northwest of Santa Barbara.

Another fire spread over 400 acres in the high desert of San Bernardino County, authorities said.

In Santa Barbara County, the Zaca Fire about 15 miles north of Los Olivos was only 30 percent contained and had "potential to grow," county fire Capt. Eli Iskow said.

No buildings were burned since the blaze began on Wednesday and there was no immediate threat to homes, ranches or wineries in the foothill area about 30 miles from Santa Barbara.

The fire was burning in drought-stricken lands covered with everything from chaparral to heavy stands of oaks, Iskow said.

It was mostly being fought from the air because the steep and broken ground made it hard to get fire crews into position, Iskow said.

Some were being slowly taken up to ridgetops so they could drag hoses downslope to flank the flames.

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Cashing in at the right time

Hilton Hotels Corp. shares soar on news of buy-out deal

BY GARY GENTILE
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES Shares of Hilton Hotels Corp. soared 26 percent Thursday, two days after the company agreed to be bought by The Blackstone Group for \$20.1 billion in cash. The deal was valued at \$26 billion including debt.

Shares of other lodging companies also rose as analysts speculated about which ones might become the next buyout targets. Hilton's shares were the most heavily traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Shares rose \$9.34 to \$45.39.

The proposed acquisition deal represents a 32 percent premium over Tuesday's closing price. It would instantly make Blackstone the world's largest hotel owner.

Shares of Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc., which operates the Sheraton and St. Regis chains, rose \$5.42, or 7.8 percent, to \$74.55, while shares of Marriott International Inc. increased \$3.11, or 7 percent, to \$47.57.

On the budget lodging end of the spectrum, Choice Hotels International Inc., with brands that include Comfort Inn and Econo Lodge, shares gained \$2.92, or 7.4 percent, to \$42.60.

Hotel and resort shares have been undervalued compared to other real estate, such as malls, apartments and office buildings, said Robert A. LaFleur, an analyst at Susquehanna Financial Group.

"Either the public valuation needs to come up, or private

equity will buy up the whole space," LaFleur wrote Thursday. "Either way, shareholders win. We think other deals are likely."

More details of the takeover bid targeting Hilton were released Thursday, including that Hilton would have to pay Blackstone a breakup fee of \$560 million if it decides to accept a sweeter offer.

Beverly Hills-based Hilton would also be required to allow Blackstone to beat any competing bid before accepting another offer, according to a proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.



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Blackstone agreed to pay Hilton a breakup fee of \$660 million if it is unable to produce financing for the deal — an unlikely scenario given that the \$26 billion is coming from two of Blackstone's investment funds.

The companies revealed few additional details during a conference call with analysts, declining to discuss the chronology of the deal or if Hilton solicited other offers.

Hilton co-chairman and chief executive Stephen F. Bollenbach said those details would be contained in a

proxy statement to be filed in about a month.

Blackstone, fresh off a \$4.1 billion initial public offering, has offered to buy all outstanding Hilton shares for \$47.50 each. Hilton's board approved the deal on Tuesday. Both companies expect to close in the fourth quarter, pending shareholder and regulatory approval.

The acquisition would take Hilton Hotels private and boost Blackstone's portfolio of lodging properties. Blackstone already owns more than 100,000 hotel rooms in the United States and Europe, including La Quinta Inns and Suites as well as LXR Luxury Resorts and Hotels.

Hilton owns or operates 2,800 hotels and 480,000 rooms in 76 countries and territories and includes such brands as Doubletree, Embassy Suites and Hampton Inn.

Among Hilton's premier hotels is the Waldorf-Astoria in New York.

Blackstone said it intends to invest heavily in Hilton and does not foresee any significant divestitures.

The company was founded in 1919 by Conrad Hilton and went public in 1946. Three years later, Hilton bought the Waldorf-Astoria.

In 1996, Conrad's son, Barron, became president. With Conrad's death in 1991, Barron — the grandfather of socialite Paris Hilton — was named chairman.

He remains co-chairman of the board and owns 5.3 percent of Hilton Hotels' outstanding shares, according to the company's latest proxy statement.

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Five arrested in Tahoe contractor police sting

Investigators set-up undercover operation following wildfire

By the Associated Press

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE Five people were arrested following an undercover sting targeting unlicensed contractors in the aftermath of the Angora fire at South Lake Tahoe, officials said.

Licensing board investigators conducted the operation Thursday in cooperation with the California Department of Insurance, and the El Dorado County district attorney's office and sheriff's department.

Two Nevada men and three Californians were arrested on charges of contracting without a license.

"We want homeowners in the fire area to know that unlicensed and unscrupulous operators may try to make them a victim a second time," said Steve Sands, registrar of the California State License Board.

"We also want the unlicensed operators to know that we will be aggressive in keeping you out of the disaster area."

Investigators posed as people whose homes were destroyed during last week's fire, that destroyed 254 homes and 75 other structures. They invited suspected unlicensed contractors to bid on debris removal and various reconstruction projects.

Those arrested were identified as William

Tanner, 33, and Troy Meadows, 37, of Gardnerville, Nev.; Chase Rossier, 27, and Steve Killion, 47, of Yuba City, Calif.; and Kurt Kimm, 40, of Placerville, Calif.

Contracting for work of \$500 or more in a state or federally declared disaster area without a valid California contractor's license is a felony. Punishment may include a fine of up to \$10,000 and up to 16 months in state prison.

The board also issued administrative citations to a licensed contractor who was using an unregistered salesperson to solicit work and a tree trimmer registered with the California Department of Forestry to work on state land but not on private property. Each citation includes a \$750 penalty.

Sands said unlicensed operators are part of a multimillion-dollar underground economy that takes jobs from legitimate contractors and tax dollars from schools, roads and law enforcement. Illegal operators rarely have workers compensation or liability insurance. Homeowners have little recourse if something goes wrong with an unlicensed operator, he said.

The board has had investigators in the fire area since June 26, meeting victims and conducting patrols. The board also is placing dozens of signs in the fire area, warning consumers about unlicensed and unscrupulous contractors who might prey on them, and warning operators that they will face felony charges if caught.

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Biologists find deadly bacteria

BY KEITH RIDLER
Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho Biologists at Washington State University say they have isolated a bacterium that may have contributed to the deaths of thousands of bighorn sheep in the West over the past five decades.

The biologists say they found mycoplasma ovipneumoniae in tissue taken from dying lambs captured in Hells Canyon — a chasm that borders Idaho, Oregon and Washington. They believe it inhibits the ability of hairlike structures in the sheep's airways to eliminate bacteria that lead to pneumonia — a leading cause of death in bighorns.

"This is the first problem I've worked on where there is quite a bit of evidence piling up where the agent is a mycoplasma," said Tom Besser, a professor in WSU's department of veterinary microbiology and pathology.

In herds known to be infected with mycoplasma, more than half the sheep die each year from pneumonia. Lambs are the most susceptible, mainly because their immune systems are not fully developed, said Frances Cassirer, a wildlife research biologist with Idaho Fish and Game.

Pneumonia is the leading killer of bighorns infected with mycoplasma, she said. In herds not infected, the leading cause of death is predators, she said.

In blood samples from herds in several Western states and Alberta, Canada, WSU researchers found antibodies to the mycoplasma in herds that experienced deaths due to pneumonia, but not in herds that had not.

"We found some really promising patterns and things seemed to fit together really well," Cassirer said.

Further testing on the bacteria's effects are being conducted.

About 2 million bighorns once inhabited the West, but they disappeared over most of their range in the 1800s and early 1900s due to unregulated hunting and disease believed to have been carried by domestic animals, biologists say.

Repopulating projects and added protection in the last 50 years have now boosted bighorn numbers to about 50,000, Cassirer said.

But sweeping epidemics of a mystery illness have wiped out thousands of Western bighorns, and biologists say the herds are not growing as fast as they should be.

Vic Coggins, a biologist with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, said pneumonia likely was more to blame than even unregulated hunting for the species' decline. He said habitat loss also factored in, but there is enough habitat available now across the West to support far more than the current population.

"We estimate that in Hells Canyon we could have over 10,000," Coggins said. The area is currently home to about 900, he said.

If mycoplasma bacteria are to blame, treating infected sheep may not be possible, said Cassirer. Attempts to develop vaccines for the bacteria for domestic sheep have failed, and even if a working vaccine existed, administering it to wild bighorns would be difficult, she said.

Furthermore, biologists have not found that infected herds can build a resistance to the bacteria over successive generations, Cassirer said.

"If it's happening, it's not obvious to us. That's why we're looking for another solution because the sheep might not be able to deal with it on their own," she said.

Domestic sheep infected with mycoplasma bacteria typically survive, Besser said.

Nutrition analysis companies in high demand these days

BY T. SUSAN CHANG
Associated Press Writer

The business of counting calories is starting to add up.

The national obsession with healthy eating (or at least talking about healthy eating) is translating into a booming business for the companies that restaurants and food processors turn to for performing nutritional analyses of their products.

"More and more restaurants and food manufacturers are looking to meet the needs of health and diet in their consumers," says Julie Bush, one of the owners of On The Menu, a 2-year-old nutrition analysis company based in Denver.

"There are definitely weeks where we ask each other 'What are we going to do?'" because they have so much business, says Bush's business partner, Rebekah Spetnagel. "But it's a good problem to have."

Just a few decades old, the nutrition analysis industry first saw strong growth during the 1990s, when the National Labeling and Education Act required companies to disclose foods' fat, cholesterol, sodium, sugar, fiber, protein and carbohydrate content.

With its Atkins-fueled focus on carbohydrates and other obesity-related issues, the early part of this decade brought another surge for the industry, says Carol Harvey, owner of Palate Works, a San Francisco-based nutrition analysis firm.

Quantifying how this growing demand has changed the industry is difficult. Most nutritional analysis companies are small, there are no trade associations representing it, and some of the larger food companies do their analyses inhouse.

"All I know is there are many more individuals (and) companies in this field now than 10 or even five years ago," says Harvey.

For her company, business has increased steadily since she started 15 years ago, and particularly picked up last year, when the government began requiring the labeling of trans fats, a type of hydrogenated oil studies have linked to heart disease.

Companies such as Harvey's typically offer a range of services, including analyzing restaurant menu items, creating nutrition labels for food manufacturers, and reviewing labels to ensure compliance with regulations.

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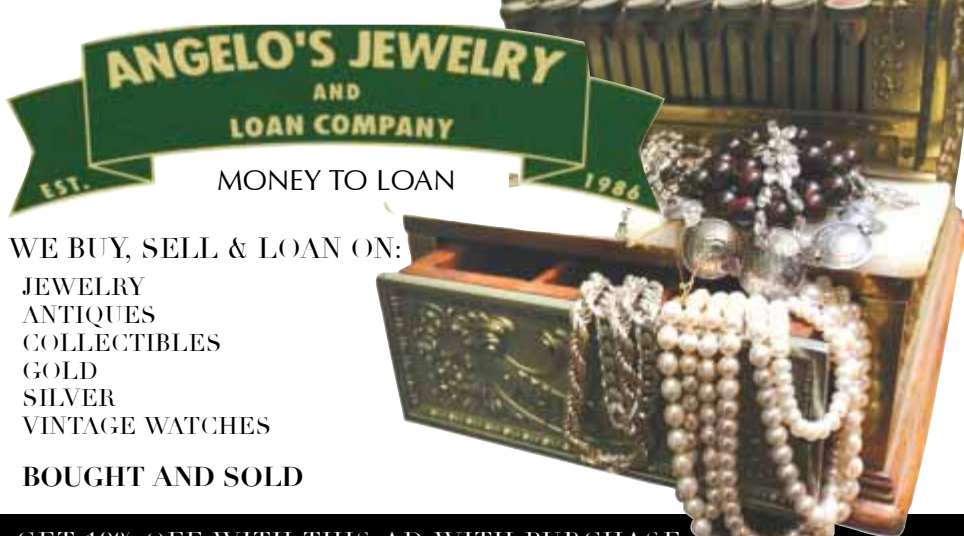
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West sizzles

Forecasters report that little relief is in store

BY MATT GOURAS
Associated Press Writer

HELENA, Mont. If a record-breaking heat wave doesn't lift soon, cattle rancher Sharon McDonald may see her hay crop turn to dust.

While oppressive temperatures eased a bit in some areas of the West, other places including Montana baked under record heat. Forecasters reported little relief in the days ahead, saying the weather system that brought the high temperatures could last well into next week.

In Montana, where cattle outnumber residents by more than 2 to 1, livestock and people sought shade and drought-weary farmers watched for damage to grain.

"We are trying to get our hay up before it disintegrates," said McDonald, a rancher near Melville in central Montana. "It just gets crispy and just falls apart."

Warnings of excessive heat were posted Friday for much of Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Oregon and Washington state.

Air conditioners — and even swamp coolers — were predictably hot sellers at the hardware store.

"I'm telling you, it has been nuts," said Dennis VanDyke, a manager at Power Townsend in Helena. "The only thing I am getting calls for is air conditioners."

VanDyke said some people prefer swamp coolers over the more power-hungry air conditioning units.

"They are being bought faster than we can put them on the shelves," he said.

In Montana, triple-digit temperatures are usually not seen until August. The normal July high in Helena is 83 degrees — not the 105 expected Friday. By midday, records were already set or tied in the Montana cities of Cut Bank, Great Falls, Havre, and Bozeman.

The Montana Department of

Transportation said it was putting maintenance crews to work early in the morning so they could finish by midday.

In Boise, where it was headed well above 100 degrees Friday, some found it was too hot to play at a public water fountain.

"We'll probably leave soon. Two or three o'clock is about my limit before I want to get in some air conditioning," mother Monica Player said as children ran through jets of water.

Temperatures were expected to ease slightly in Southern California. Phoenix saw a modest drop, a relatively cooler 111 degrees compared to 115 reported Thursday. With the approach of Arizona's summer rainy season, humidity levels have started climbing along with power demand.

Heat remained an issue along the border. The bodies of six suspected illegal immigrants have been found since Monday in southern Arizona deserts, all likely victims of heat illness while trying to walk into the U.S. from Mexico. The toll, while high, is not unusual during hot spells in the region.

In central Oregon, population growth and a burgeoning demand for air conditioning meant a rise in electricity demand. The Bonneville Power Administration said it was worried fires could damage transmission lines and cause outages.

Officials said the fire season could turn fearsome following the dry heat.

"It's an early start and a hot start," said National Weather Service meteorologist Chris Velter in Great Falls.

The National Forest Service reported Friday that there were at least 16 fires over 500 acres in size throughout the West, including three new ones reported Thursday.

The agency said fire danger was most extreme in Arizona, California, Oregon and Utah.

Suspect in extortion case may change plea

By the Associated Press

HONOLULU Attorneys involved in the case of an Indian national charged with attempting to extort \$35,000 from Gov. Linda Lingle's former chief of staff, Bob Awana, worked Thursday to reach a plea agreement.

Pamela Byrne, a federal assistant public defender representing Rajdatta Patkar, said she was completing an agreement to have him plead guilty to one of five extortion charges that became public just prior to Awana's resignation last month.

The remaining extortion count against Patkar would have a maximum sentence of about two years in prison, Byrne said.

But Patkar, who has been held in custody in Honolulu since March and several more months while awaiting extradition from Japan to Hawaii, would likely be credited for the time he has already served behind bars.

Patkar has pleaded not guilty to the charges. A change of plea hearing slated for Thursday morning in federal court was postponed until Tuesday.

According to media reports, Patkar allegedly threaten to expose an extramarital affair Awana had with a woman in the Philippines. He has declined comment on his relationship and has not said whether the bribery arose from one of the official trips he made to the Philippines with Lingle and other state officials and Hawaii business leaders.

Awana, who resigned his top government post on June 28, has cooperated with the FBI in the extortion case.

Last year, Awana was questioned in a separate public corruption probe involving a Northern Mariana Islands waste management company in which he has a stake. He has denied any wrongdoing.

Lingle, in announcing Awana's resignation, gave no reason for it, saying only that she had met with him about "his current situation, and we mutually concluded it was in the best interest of all that he resign his position effective immediately." The second-term Republican governor has declined to answer questions about Awana since his departure.



Photo courtesy U.S. Government

NO BULL: Montana officials are proposing placing limits on the annual bison hunting season.

Montana officials want to limit hunt

A decline in bison population motivates lawmakers' proposal

By the Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. State wildlife officials are proposing scaling back Montana's hunt of bison that leave Yellowstone National Park, saying last year's hunter success rate was low.

"The first year, we had almost 100 percent success with plenty of bison out, but last year it was very different," said Mel Frost, a spokeswoman for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks in Bozeman. "This is our response to try to mitigate for that."

Last year's success rate for bison hunters was 22 percent, the agency said.

The latest proposal would allow Montana to issue 40 bison licenses spread over three hunting periods from mid-November to mid-February. Up to 110 additional licenses could be issued if more bison wander out of the park and into hunting areas during that time.

Last year, Fish, Wildlife and Parks issued 140 permits but only 31 were filled. The

main reason was that few bison left the park during the hunt periods, mainly because of mild weather.

Montana reinstituted its bison hunt in 2005-06 after a 15-year hiatus. That season, 50 tags were issued and hundreds of bison wandered out of Yellowstone.

"This is a hunt of a migratory population," Frost said. "We can't predict the weather and can't know when or if they'll come out."

The new proposal would allow 15 either-sex licenses for bison in the Gardiner Basin for the three periods: Nov. 15 to Dec. 31; Jan. 1 to Jan. 22; and Jan. 23 to Feb. 15.

Around West Yellowstone, 25 either-sex licenses would be issued for the three periods.

The proposal would allow additional cow-calf tags to be issued if 50 to 75 bison, depending on the time and area, are seen in the hunting districts during the periods.

The department also is considering issuing two licenses in the Absaroka-Beartooth portion of one hunting district for Sept. 15 to Nov. 14.

The proposal is an attempt to be more flexible and responsive to the bison's movements, Frost said.

The state wildlife commission is scheduled to discuss the proposal at its Aug. 2 meeting. Public comments are being accepted through July 16.

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THE HARD WAY: Striking supermarket workers tow the picket line outside Vons on Lincoln Boulevard in January 2004 during a bitter, five-month strike.

Shoppers aren't happy with strike

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"It was horrible," Dozoretz said, getting out of her car on Friday to shop at the Vons on 13th Street and Wilshire Boulevard. "It was a horrific inconvenience."

Though she lives just nine blocks away from Vons, Dozoretz decided against crossing the picket line, instead making the trip to the Trader Joe's in Culver City.

Now, faced with the possibility of another strike over a disagreement involving health care and wages, Dozoretz sighs, but says she'll respect the picket line if another lock-out occurs.

She knows many of the Vons employees on a first-name basis.

"A lot of these people are single moms and are just trying to look out for their family," Dozoretz said. "They don't make bank here."

It's been less than four years since the protracted grocery strike, which kept shoppers away from the three major Southland chains for 20 weeks — from Oct. 11, 2003 to Feb. 26, 2004, when a new agreement was finally ratified by the United Food and Commercial Workers.

The contract expired on March 5 and union and supermarket representatives have been at it again since January, trying to hammer out a new deal.

Frustrated with negotiations, the seven local UFCW unions in Southern California — from Bakersfield to the Mexico border — authorized a strike last month if talks failed once again with Ralphs, Vons and Albertsons.

Talks will resume on Monday.

HERE WE GO AGAIN

Thoughts of another strike makes shoppers cringe.

"I'm going to be gone for three weeks soon, so if they do strike, I hope it's while I'm gone," joked Victoria Rambow on Friday, as she was leaving Vons.

Regular shoppers of the three major chains were supportive in the last strike, oftentimes patronizing alternative mar-

kets such as Wild Oats, Whole Foods and Trader Joe's.

They avoided crossing the picket line for various reasons. Some were appalled by the offer laid out by the supermarkets, others didn't want to deal with the hassle of crossing the picket line and the possibility of harassment by the disgruntled workers.

But shoppers might not be as willing to support the strike this time around, some citing strike fatigue.

"I think there might be a little fatigue," said Renee Florsheim, associate professor of marketing for Loyola Marymount University. "Depending upon how much people remember of the resolution of the last strike, there may be people who perceive that the workers are getting a little too demanding."

Others might assume that the workers just didn't get enough in the last contract, Florsheim added.

"It's hard to predict, but I think it's a risky market for supermarkets and that may play well for the union," she said.

Enter Tesco, the largest retailer in the United Kingdom. The British supermarket chain is reportedly opening a few operations in California this year, adding another alternative to the mix for shoppers if grocery workers do proceed with the strike.

"Between the British market coming in and the fact that people are disaffected, if it's becoming too much of a problem shopping at a supermarket ... they might go somewhere else," Florsheim said.

More than 50,000 regular shoppers of Ralphs, Vons and Albertsons have already given their pledge to stay away from the picket line, said Mike Shimpock, a spokesman for the unions.

Grocery workers have been handing out pledge cards over the past few months, collecting more than 50,000 signed cards and receiving several text messages of support, Shimpock said.

"People get it that this is a bigger fight than just grocery workers," he said. "These

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Strike not very welcome

FROM STRIKE PAGE 14

are people who work hard, and if you work hard, you should be able to make a wage to support your family.”

A strike is the union’s last resort, but if a protest does move forward, Shimpock believes the shoppers will be supportive once again.

A Mar Vista resident who occasionally shops at the Vons on Wilshire Boulevard and 13th Street, Rambow said she plans to respect the picket line if a strike is called. As a granddaughter of union members and a member of the court workers union, Rambow empathizes with the workers.

“I have a tendency to go for what’s right,” she said. “If it’s right, I’ll bend over backwards, even if it (inconveniences) me.”

A regular shopper at Whole Foods, Santa Monica resident Carol Gary occasionally runs to Vons to purchase smaller everyday items. The Vons is only a few blocks from where she lives.

She admits to crossing the picket line several times during the last strike, but not because of ideology.

“Laziness, probably,” Gary said. “I tried not to. I feel bad for the grocery store workers.”

BATTLING IT OUT ONE MORE TIME

The dispute in 2003 concerned the union’s opposition to a two-tier salary and benefits system, separating new employees from the veterans and lengthening the time in which new hires have to wait before qualifying for health care.

In the end, approximately 86 percent of the union voted to ratify a contract that created a two-tier system where new employees earned, on average, about 5 cents an hour above the minimum wage and had to wait about a year and a half before they could qualify for health care.

“From the company’s perspective, no one wins in a strike,” said Adena Tessler, the spokeswoman for the three chains. “Certainly, no one won the last time

around — not the companies, not the customers and not our employees.”

The upcoming contract will cover 60,000 workers from seven local UFCW unions.

The union is now demanding a repeal of the two-tier system, which it calls “unfair,” and a wage increase, which they haven’t received since 2002, Shimpock said.

Of the approximately 44,000 second-tier workers — the employees hired after the 2004 contract — less than 4,000 have health care coverage, Shimpock said. Even fewer have health care coverage for their children.

New employees currently have to wait 18 months before they qualify for health insurance. The union is proposing changing the policy to six months to cover the employee and the child. The new employees currently have to wait three years to qualify their children for health care coverage.

The union would also like to see a wage increase comparable to what they will receive under a new contract signed with Stater Bros. and Gelson’s in January and February, respectively. The old contracts for both companies were set to expire on March 5.

Under the Stater Bros. and Gelson’s contracts, similar two-tier salary systems are eliminated and grocery workers receive a wage increase ranging from \$1.25 to \$1.63 an hour. The contract is good for three years.

Shimpock declined to state what the union is exactly seeking in terms of wage increase from Vons, Ralphs and Albertsons.

Representatives from the supermarkets are taking the time off this week to prepare for next week’s negotiations. Tessler said she thinks it’s unfortunate that the union is, instead, using their time to prepare for a strike when there is no strike imminent.

“Our focus is to get back to the bargaining table and to negotiate a contract that would be good for our employees and good to our companies,” Tessler said.

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Samohi star to don the black and orange of OSU

BY EMILY SKEHAN

Special to the Daily Press

SAMOH A Viking will soon become a Beaver.

Ryan Katz, an incoming senior at Santa Monica High School and the No. 19 quarterback prospect in the nation, has accepted an offer to attend Oregon State, beginning in the fall of 2008.

“Everything that I wanted in a college, Oregon State had,” said the 6-foot-2-inch, 190-pound Katz, who received three Pac-10 offers in three days at the end of May.

Katz, who verbally committed to Oregon State last Sunday, earned First Team All-Ocean League honors last season and was named Santa Monica’s Offensive MVP.

He is also a stellar student, notching a 3.8 core GPA.

“Replacing a kid like Ryan is never an easy thing to do” said Samohi coach Zach Cuda, who accompanied the quarterback to the Oregon State campus two weeks ago.

Cuda, who also attended Oregon State, doesn’t think Katz rushed into the decision, despite the pressure his suitors applied.

“Everything happened really quickly,” he said. “Ryan received three Pac-10 offers in about 48 hours, but he didn’t want to make a decision rashly. He thought about all the things he wanted from his college experience, and I think the school is a great fit for him.”

A planned trip to the University of Washington in July was canceled after Katz fell for the Beavers.

“Oregon (State) has everything I want,” Katz said Friday. “It has a great family atmosphere. I feel comfortable with the coaches. It’s just a good place for me.”

Meanwhile, the high school standout has reportedly been acting as a mentor to some of the younger players who hope to fill in his shoes. Still, he knows when the time arrives, it may prove difficult leaving home.

“I’ve always lived in Los Angeles, so it will be a bit of a change,” said Katz. “Nothing can live up to LA. Still, I visited the Oregon (State) campus and it’s really nice up there.”

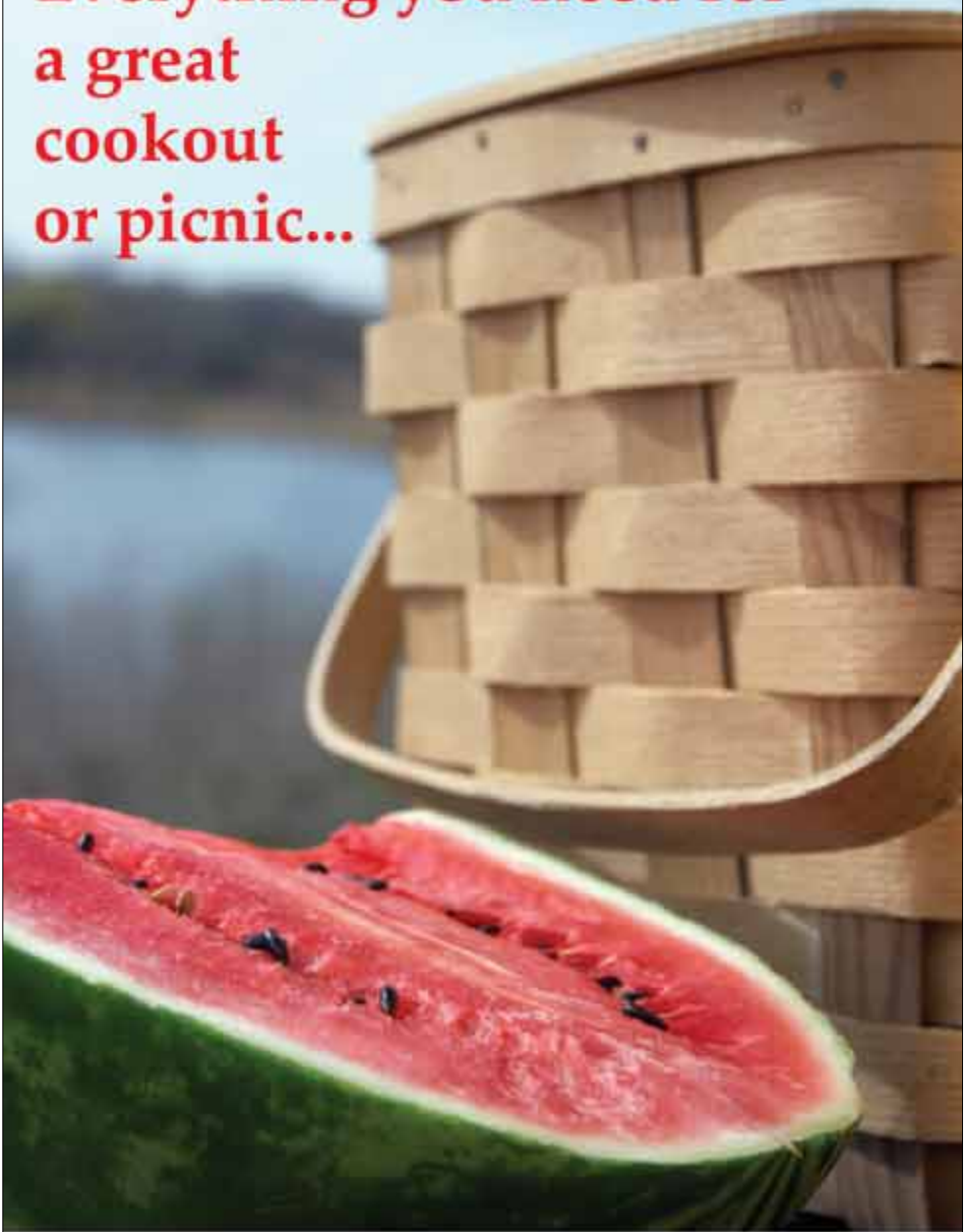
Back at Samohi, the star signal-caller should have plenty of backers.

“Everyone on campus is very excited for Ryan,” said Cuda. “He’s a great kid.”

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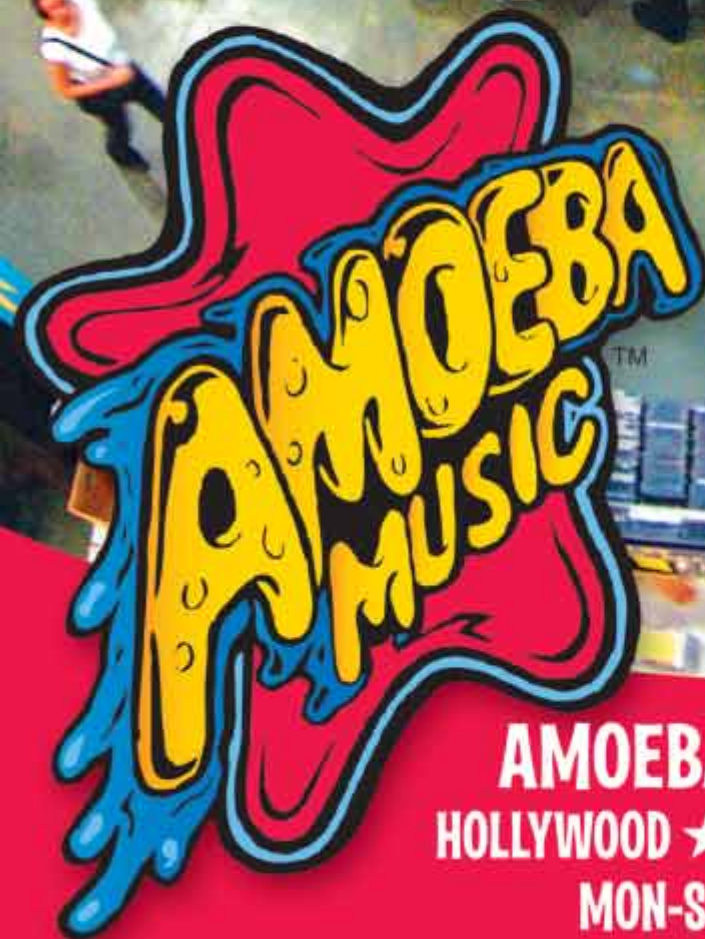


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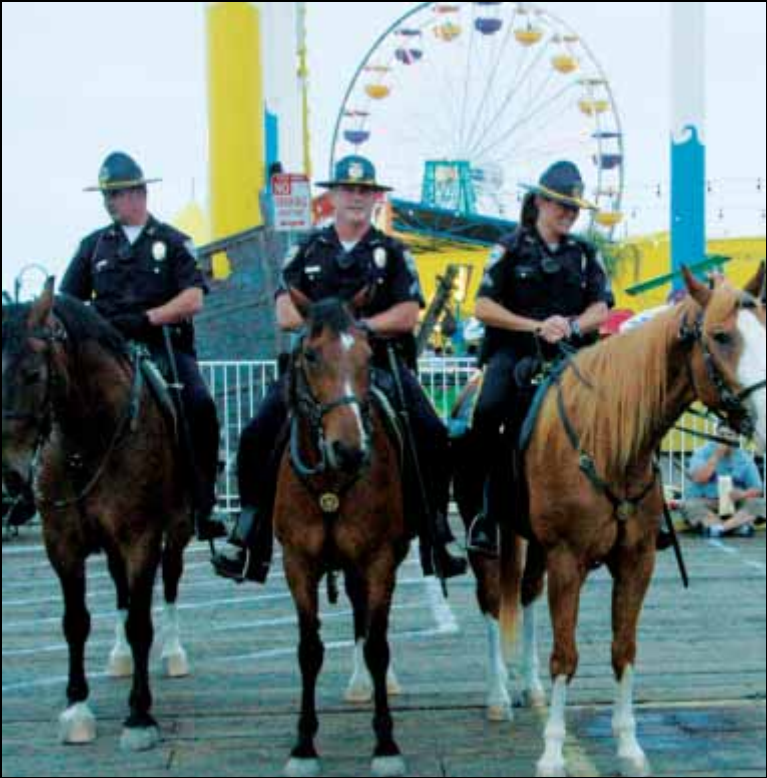
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Couples hope for prosperity

FROM SEVEN PAGE 3

A-Weddingday.com, an online wedding resource. "Next year, it's possible if 8/8/8 falls on a weekend, that it will be a popular day."

Glaser believes 7/7/7 is especially popular for couples because it falls on a weekend, making it a fun wedding date.

It also makes it easier for the groom to remember wedding anniversaries.

"That is the clincher," Glaser said, referring to 7/7/7 falling on a Saturday, which is already the most popular day of the week to get hitched.

Celebrities are also joining in on the hoopla, including *Desperate Housewives* actress Eva Longoria and NBA star Tony Parker, who got hitched on July 7 in France.

Two popular Santa Monica wedding destinations — Hotel Casa Del Mar and Shutters on the Beach — will be fully booked this weekend, including guest rooms and reception areas, said Stacey Copeland, the spokeswoman for the two hotels, which are owned by the Edward Thomas Management Company.

"It's an unusually busy weekend for weddings," Copeland said. "It's hard to say because they're (already) fully booked for July wedding season."

While couples might think it's fun to get married on 7/7/7, Shaw doesn't believe it's the best decision for couples.

The solar system is currently experiencing Mercury Retrograde, a triennial event when the planet begins moving backward, causing delays in people's lives, from being stuck in traffic longer than usual to missing scheduled appointments, Shaw said.

The retrograde started on Jun 15 and is expected to last until July 10, Shaw said.

This means that couples might see snags in their wedding plans, from the groom being stuck in traffic to the maid of honor missing a flight, Shaw said.

"That would not be a day I would choose for one of my brides," she said.

One of the most popular destinations for weddings — the home of the drive-through chapels — is expected to see record number of couples saying their vows this weekend.

"It is going to be very busy," said Alicia

Malone, spokeswoman for the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. "We're anticipating a lot of people here for weddings and also press their luck in the casino."

Most chapels in Las Vegas are overbooked and will be open for extended hours to accommodate the demand for wedding services, opening earlier and closing later.

Popular Las Vegas hotels are reportedly booked solid this weekend as gamblers take advantage of the symbolic day, hoping to see the 7-7-7 combination pop up on the slot machine.

For William Ta and Emily Young from Los Angeles, today will be just like any other day.

"Next year, it'll be 8/8/8, which is a lucky date for Asians," Ta said on Friday. "Eight is a prosperous number, so you'll probably see lots of Asians getting married on that date. It means 'money, money, money.'"

With reports by Emily Skehan

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THEIR NUMBER'S UP: 'Desperate Housewives' actress Eva Longoria and NBA star Tony Parker chose this day for their nuptials.

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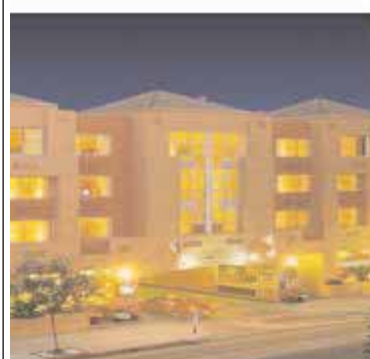


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DROPPING A DIME: Parking meters are popping up along curbsides that used to be no-parking zones, like this one on the fringes of Douglas Park. The city is making an effort to create more parking spots, as well as free up those near parks to accommodate more visitors.

Park with caution

FROM PARKING PAGE 3

The benefits of turnover outweigh the inconveniences, said Lucy Dyke, City Hall's transportation planning manager, adding that she understands the frustrations felt by park users. With more spaces changing hands on a more regular basis, more people can enjoy the park, while those looking to run a quick errand or two will not have to waste time and gas driving around in circles looking for a spot.

"We love to have people be able to park for free when going to our parks, but we'd also like for them to be able to park near the park even more," Dyke said. "It's just a result of how busy the region is. Parking spaces are really heavily used and if they are not regulated ... people tend to take advantage, especially those spaces that are near Wilshire and Santa Monica (boulevards) and other commercial areas, where spaces are really needed for customer parking or park parking."

City staff will continue to look at major thoroughfares like Pico and Ocean Park boulevards to see if more spaces can be created in places where curbs are currently painted red for no parking. In the light manufacturing district of Colorado Avenue, Dyke said more meters are going to be installed shortly, a product of the red curb review.

Curbs are painted red for safety reasons, according to Dyke. By doing so, City Hall is trying to ensure that no

one parks in front of a fire hydrant or too close to an intersection, creating a hazard for other drivers and pedestrians who may not be able to see clearly.

City staff follows guidelines set forth in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control devices, which contains specific dimensions for the length of on-street parking stalls and red curbs. Cities are required under the California Vehicle Code to follow this manual, according to a city staff report.

Based on the manual, drivers are not allowed to park within 30 feet in advance of a signalized intersection.

Kevin Corcoran, who was having a picnic on Friday at Douglas Park with his wife, Jackie, and his young son, James, said no one likes to pay for parking, but he is willing to do so, especially if the money is used to pay for park maintenance. His biggest issue is that he doesn't get as much for a quarter as he used to.

Instead of an hour, a quarter only buys you 15 minutes, he said.

"I really see the need," Corcoran said. "It hasn't stopped us from coming. You just have to be prepared. You used to be able to park at the beach for free. That's changed too, so you just have to get used to it. It's just a sign of the times."

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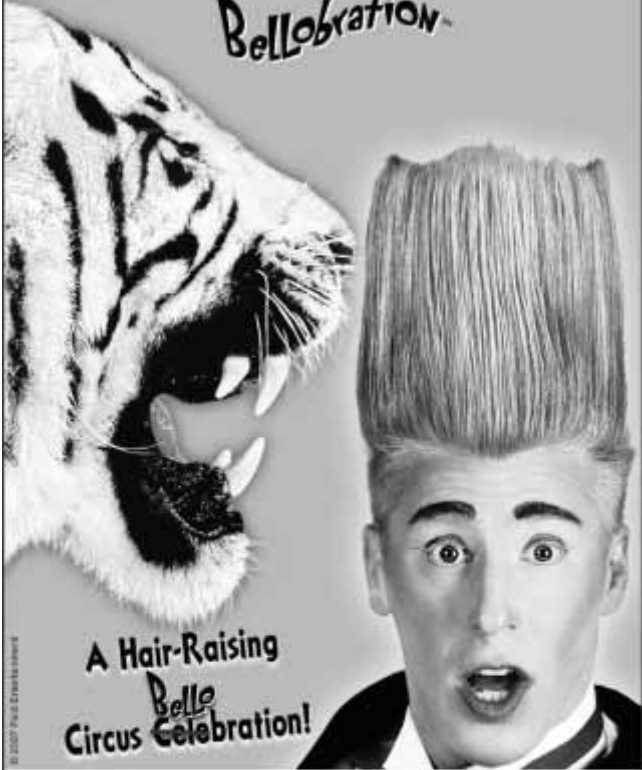


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Made in China has problems

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON First it was pet food that sickened dogs and cats. Then came warnings about toothpaste, toy trains, car tires and several types of fish.

The warnings had one thing in common — all of the products came from China. And that has people worried.

"I'm scared to death. We are dependent on our government inspecting things," said Joyce Simple, a church secretary, interviewed on a recent shopping trip to a Wal-Mart in Houston. "I would be careful of anything that came from China."

For Emily Pokora, a 24-year-old law school student in Phoenix, the problem hit even closer to home. Her cat got violently sick in March after eating tainted pet food. While the cat survived, the episode has shaken Pokora's faith in the products she buys.

"You go to the store and you can't trust anymore that it's not going to kill your animal or hurt you," she said.

The string of recalls has not gone unnoticed by shoppers, based on Associated Press interviews around the country.

"Here we're buying all of these products from China and they're not adhering to our standards. It's very disturbing," said Joanne Metler, a community college teacher in Chicago.

The food and safety issues are one more irritant in a trade relationship already strained by a ballooning U.S. deficit with China. That deficit hit \$233 billion last year, the highest ever recorded with a single coun-



Photo courtesy

STICKER SHOCK: U.S. consumers are increasingly having problems with products made in China.

try. Imports of Chinese products into the United States totaled \$288 billion while U.S. exports to China totaled \$55 billion. That means for every \$1 in goods the United States sells China, China sells the United States more than \$5 in products.

Chinese exports to the United States last year were nearly triple the level of just five years ago. The flood of Chinese products has increased since China's entry into the World Trade Organization in late 2001, a development which removed many of

the remaining U.S. barriers.

China is now the dominant supplier in a whole range of areas that go far beyond the athletic shoes and low-priced clothing that have traditionally displayed the Made in China label.

Meanwhile, Cao Wenzhuang, a former department head at China's drug regulation agency, was sentenced to death Friday on bribery charges. A department director at the State Food and Drug Administration, he was given the death sentence with a two-year reprieve on charges of accepting bribes

and neglecting official duties, said his lawyer, Gao Zicheng.

Cao, who oversaw the pharmaceutical registration department, had been secretary to Zheng Xiaoyu, the head of the agency, in the 1980s. Zheng was sentenced to death in May for taking bribes to approve substandard medicines, including an antibiotic blamed for at least 10 deaths.

In the pharmaceuticals department, Cao, 45, had the power to approve pharmaceutical production in China from 2002 to 2006.

Of the toys sold in America, 80 percent are produced in China. China has become the top foreign source of tires in the United States with imports from all countries accounting for about 40 percent of the U.S. market last year. China is now the world's leading supplier of seafood, shipping \$1.9 billion worth of fish and shellfish to the United States last year, making it the third biggest foreign supplier in the U.S. market.

The increase in imports, however, has been accompanied by rising numbers of defects being discovered. The number of Chinese-made products that are being recalled in the United States has doubled in the last five years. Chinese imports accounted for more than 60 percent of the recalls announced by the Consumer Product Safety Commission this year and all of the 24 toy recalls.

"The government of China is struggling to enforce the limited standards they have given the hundreds of thousands of Chinese firms in the export business," said Nicholas Lardy, a China expert at the Peterson Institute, a Washington think tank.

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BIG DUMMIES: Air Force officials claim that the so-called bodies found in Roswell, N.M. in 1947 were actually dummies like these shown in this handout photo. Alderson Laboratories anthropomorphic dummies of this type were often dropped from balloons during testing.

Does Roswell exploit aliens?

BY TIM KORTE
Associated Press Writer

ROSWELL, N.M. Sixty years after bigheaded, toothpick-limbed green aliens allegedly crashed in the New Mexico desert — leaving little but paranoia in their wake — Roswell embraces the extraterrestrial.

To a point.
A McDonald's mimics a UFO. A wall of Wal-Mart displays a large rendering of a green spaceman. Arby's restaurant is hospitable: "Aliens Welcome," reads the big sign out front. The city draws thousands of enthusiasts to its annual UFO festival, which runs this weekend.

But when it comes to support for space oddities, it seems that the sky is not the limit.

Gene Frazier and Thomas Armstrong have a dream: Earth Station Roswell, a \$67 million resort and conference center for UFO enthusiasts featuring a 1,000-seat concert center, an exhibit hall, fine-dining restaurant, cafe, deli, lounge, a 400-seat theater and lecture hall, an RV shop, lagoon-style swimming pool and a massive underground parking garage.

The anchor would be the "Mothership," a 75-foot high, 300-room hotel that Frazier calls "the world's largest replica of a flying saucer."

There had already been those, like Julie Shuster, director of the International UFO Museum and Research Center, who questioned whether UFO exploitation had gone too far. "Greed and ego are rampant among the UFO field and among everybody who is trying to capitalize on it," she says, shaking her head.

Now the resort proposal — and another by city officials to build a UFO-themed

amusement park, complete with an indoor roller coaster that would take passengers on a simulated alien abduction — have fueled some talk: How much should Roswell exploit its little green men?

"Anytime you talk UFOs, aliens or the paranormal, you're going to get a divided room," says city planner Zach Montgomery.

Shuster grew up in Roswell. "I don't want to make it sound like Mayberry or 'The Donna Reed Show,' but we were never inside in the summer," she says. "You knew everybody. Good Lord forgive you if you ever got in trouble because your parents knew about it before you got home."

She describes Roswell residents as cautious people who "don't typically jump in unless you know the depth of the water, you know if there's rocks under there."

The economy relied upon petroleum exploration, banking, dairies, ranching and the military, at least until the Air Force base closed in 1967.

Folks never talked about the UFO affair.

"People were told — people in the military, in particular — if you want a VA loan or any government assistance for you, for your kids or your grandkids, you won't say anything about it now or ever," she recalls.

Shuster's father, Walter Haut, played a small part in all that. As the public information lieutenant at Roswell Army Air Base, he was ordered by a colonel to issue the July 8, 1947 news release disclosing the recovery of "a flying disk" at a ranch near Roswell.

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Rookie could fit right in

Clippers believe Thornton can make immediate impact

BY JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Al Thornton isn't one of those young phenoms who typically fill the first round of the NBA draft every year, although his braces make him look a lot younger than 23.

Rather, Thornton played four years at Florida State, and believes he enters the professional ranks ready to make an immediate impact. The Los Angeles Clippers, who made him the 14th overall pick in last week's draft, feel the same way.

"I feel like I can play against anybody," Thornton said Thursday upon being introduced to the local media at a Staples Center news conference. "That wasn't the case three years ago. I feel like I was a work in progress — I had to be a work in progress."

"I had a desire to try and get better and better each year. I think I got the job done. I had a great coaching staff. They molded me into a player from an athlete. I'm very versatile — I can do a lot of things."

The 6-foot-8, 220-pounder was a reserve during his freshman year and most of his sophomore season before becoming a starter. He averaged a team-leading 16.1 points and 6.9 rebounds as a junior, and an Atlantic Coast Conference-leading 19.7 points and 7.2 rebounds as a senior.

"I thought about coming out last year," he said. "I talked it over with my family, I talked it over with my coaches. There were a couple things I needed to work on."

And so he stayed, and went from a perhaps a second-

round draft selection to a lottery pick.

Thornton, who turns 24 in December, signed a two-year rookie contract with team options for two more years before Thursday's news conference. As the 14th overall pick, he'll earn \$1,652,280 next season.

When asked if Thornton would be part of the Clippers' regular rotation next season, coach Mike Dunleavy replied: "I am expecting that. He certainly has all the physical maturity. Physically, he's a man."

Dunleavy said he believes that somewhere around six or eight rookies are ready to contribute on a playoff-caliber team.

Thornton would be one of them.

"Al is an accomplished 3-point shooter. He has a low post game as well," Dunleavy said. "He's got a 7-foot wingspan with a 41-inch vertical jump. He's a former football player, he's got that kind of mentality when he plays."

"To put it simply, he's been yelled at for four years already. His skin's probably thicker than it was four years ago."

Thornton didn't work out for the Clippers before the draft, but Dunleavy said he became sold after watching him play on film and speaking with his coaching staff at Florida State.

The two met at the NBA pre-draft camp in Orlando, Fla., and Dunleavy told Thornton that if he was available when the Clippers drafted, they would take him.

Then, Dunleavy said he watched Thornton work out in Phoenix the day before the draft.

"That put me way over the top, that we should do whatever we could do to get him," Dunleavy said. "He was our No. 1 guy."

Thornton will be joining a team that went 40-42 last season, and just missed earning consecutive playoff berths for the first time since 1992-93.

First, though, he'll play for the Clippers' summer league team in Las Vegas.



Photo courtesy Florida State University

NEW IN TOWN: Al Thornton could fill an immediate roll with the Clippers as they look to return to playoff-caliber basketball.

"I can't wait to get on the court and play," he said.

Thornton said he's been wearing braces for about three years. When asked when they'd be taken out, he smiled and replied: "Hopefully soon."

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LEGAL NEWS

Doing more time

BALCO related lawyer agrees to nine month prison for his role

BY PAUL ELIAS
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO The attorney who leaked grand jury testimony of Barry Bonds and other elite athletes investigated for steroid use agreed to a maximum sentence of two years and 9 months in prison, nine months longer than his original plea bargain.

In papers filed in San Francisco federal court Thursday, prosecutors said Troy Ellerman is willing to accept a 33-month prison sentence after a judge last month rejected the original deal of a 24-month maximum sentence as too lenient.

Federal prosecutors also agreed to reduce the maximum fine he faces to \$60,000 from the \$250,000 agreed to earlier.

District Court Judge Jeffrey White, who rejected the earlier deal, still must approve the new agreement when Ellerman returns to court July 12.

Ellerman's attorney Scott Tedmon said he will still argue that his client should be sentenced to 15 months in prison — an argument that didn't persuade the judge last month.

"We are trying to wrap this thing up with-

out a lot of litigation," Tedmon said. "We're trying to give the judge some latitude."

Ellerman pleaded guilty to allowing a newspaper reporter to view confidential transcripts of grand jury testimony from Bonds, Jason Giambi, Gary Sheffield and other athletes embroiled in the government's steroids investigation. The 44-year-old Ellerman initially blamed federal investigators for leaking the testimony.

Ellerman was a successful Sacramento attorney when Victor Conte, founder of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, hired him following the raid of the Burlingame nutritional supplements lab, part of the government probe.

Ellerman also later served as the attorney for BALCO vice president James Valente and has copies of the grand jury testimony being used to prosecute his clients. Ellerman allowed San Francisco Chronicle reporter Mark Fainaru-Wada to view the players' grand jury testimony, according to the plea agreement.

Fainaru-Wada and fellow reporter Lance Williams then published stories in 2004 reporting that Giambi and others had admitted using steroids, while Bonds and Sheffield testified they didn't knowingly take the drugs.

The leaked testimony was featured prominently in the writers' book "Game of Shadows," which recounts Bonds' alleged use of steroids.



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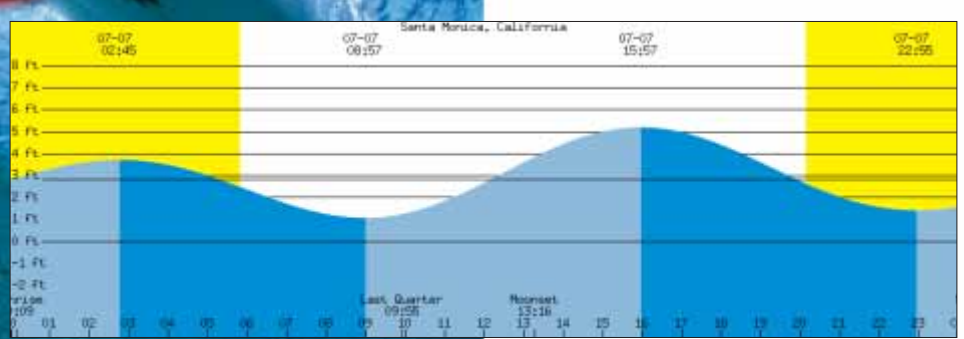
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Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Palgo Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Tenesca Canyon drain	C	ns
Escalante Canyon at El Morado State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chauliungon)	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Tencas Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wilshire Rd. (private)	A	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain	A	ns
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Selkirk Canyon at San Bonifacio County Beach	A	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	C	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Surfside Beach at Malibu Calvary fence	A	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Surfside Beach (beach location) - daily	B	ns	Venice Beach - projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	ns
Los Flares State Beach at Los Flares Creek (point zero)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19949 PCH stairs	A	ns	North Westchester State Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunes County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Dockweiler Beach - opposite Hygienic Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Castroville State Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Ynez State Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17280 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

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ns -- no sample taken

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Cooking up authenticity

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press Writer

EMERYVILLE Lights, camera ... saffron? "Ratatouille," Pixar's new film about one rat's dream of haute cuisine, came by its acting chops the old-fashioned way, turning to real-life chef Thomas Keller for the inside dish on kitchen kinetics.

Keller's stint as rat-a-tutor was part of an intensive prepping effort that included signing up the Pixar crew for cooking classes and sending filmmakers to dine in fine French restaurants.

The idea was to make sure the computer animation turned the gourmet goodness cooked up by Remy — the lead rat in "Ratatouille" — into a feast for the eyes.

"It was important that it looked really appetizing," said Kim White, the movie's lighting supervisor at Emeryville-based Pixar Animation Studios. "The food needed to look absolutely as beautiful as it could look."

So, sauces gleam with a rich patina, soups bubble with a palpable zest, chopped celery flies into a pot in a celadon whirl.

The finished product looks effortless, but it wasn't.

"Going into the movie we knew food was going to be hard," said Apurva Shah, the movie's effects supervisor. "Food is almost the opposite of a lot of computer stuff. It's organic. It's sloppy. It's fluid."

For the chopping sequences, Shah and his colleagues used what they learned from cooking class and watched videos of kitchen work to figure out such things as what kind of marks should be left on the board and whether to have little pieces of food clinging to the knife. The biggest challenges were the more elastic foods — how to make dough squish and bulge and wine slosh and swirl into glasses.

For Keller, the partnership began some years ago when the filmmakers asked if they could observe the French Laundry kitchen. "I said, 'Of course!'" Eventually, he was asked to make a version of the film's titular dish and also got a few lines as a restaurant patron. "It was the way I like things to happen; it just became a relationship," Keller said.

The joy of cooking is central to the movie, which revolves around Remy's efforts to teach hapless kitchen garbage boy Linguini how to cook.

Really, it's Remy doing the cooking,



Photo courtesy Pixar

RAT'S CHANCE: Real-life chef Thomas Keller helped producers refine their cooking skills for the recent Pixar release 'Ratatouille.' 'Remy' is the star of the animated movie currently in theaters across the country.

hiding under Linguini's toque and controlling the youth by pulling on his hair.

Rats in the kitchen aren't everyone's idea of a recipe for success. But filmmakers played down the "Willard" factor by making Remy a fiend for hygiene, a characteristic that is true to life said White, who has rats as pets. At one point, the conscientious Remy runs a pack of rat cooks through a dishwasher before letting them loose on the food.

The climactic scene comes as Remy and a host of fellow rats race to make a dish of ratatouille toothsome enough to win over snooty food critic Anton Ego.

Traditional ratatouille is a rustic vegetable dish, but for the movie, Keller created an elegant, layered version, tasty enough to melt the heart of even the crustiest critic.

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For Keller, the ensuing scene where Ego realizes that great cooks can come from unexpected places resonated personally — "certainly as a restaurateur, as somebody else who didn't specifically have any for-

mal training, just was very determined to be a good cook," he said. "How he came to realize that it does not necessarily have to be somebody who is a figurehead ... that was an important part for me."



NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS

Old-Fashioned Soda Fountain in the Carousel Building on the Santa Monica Pier

The City of Santa Monica seeks proposals from interested and qualified entities for a license to design, construct and operate an "Old-Fashioned" Soda Fountain located in the northeast corner of the Santa Monica Pier Carousel building.

This Request for Proposals (RFP) contains the key questions and informational requirements for respondents to address. To download the RFP, please go to http://www.smgov.net/business/space_avail.htm, or call Donna Rickman at (310) 458-8906 to request this package.

A Proposer's site walk will be held at **10:00 a.m. on July 19, 2007** at the Santa Monica Pier Carousel, 200 Santa Monica Pier. Proposers are strongly urged to attend this informational meeting.

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She did it again

Britney apologizes for attacking a car

BRITNEY SPEARS apologized for attacking a photographer's car with an umbrella in February, saying at the time she was preparing to try out for a movie part and got

carried away. The incident took place during the same period in which she shaved her head, got new tattoos and was seen partying hard in

Los Angeles clubs. "I apologize to the pap for a stunt that was done 4 months ago regarding an umbrella," Spears said in a statement posted Wednesday on her Web

site. "I was preparing my character for a roll (sic) in a movie where the husband never plays his part so they switch places accidentally. I take all my rolls very seriously and

got a little carried away. Unfortunately I didn't get the part." Not long after the incident, Spears checked into rehab.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROYAL REUNION

PRINCE WILLIAM has persuaded his former girlfriend Kate Middleton to rekindle their relationship 12 weeks after they split up, a British newspaper reported Friday.

The report in The Sun citing an unidentified royal source came five days after Middleton attended a concert celebrating the life of William's mother, Princess Diana, further fueling rumors that the two have reconciled.

William's Clarence House office has declined to comment on media reports that the two are back together.

William, second in line to the throne, broke up with Middleton in April as speculation swirled that the two were about to marry. Middleton had been pursued by photographers outside her London home.

AP

Rock band claims Avril stole tune for her latest hit song



AVRIL LAVIGNE faces a lawsuit by the members of a 1970s rock band who claim her hit song "Girlfriend" rips off one of their tunes.

Songwriters Tommy Dunbar and James Gangwer alleged in a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court that Lavigne and her co-writers lifted their 1979 song "I Wanna Be Your Boyfriend," which was originally per-

formed by new wave band The Rubinoos.

"We are not so naive as to chalk it up to some sort of cosmic coincidence," Dunbar said Thursday. "The lyric, the meter, the rhythm - they're identical."

The first court date has been set for Aug. 28 in Oakland.

A spokeswoman for Lavigne declined to comment.

Videos comparing Lavigne's song with the Rubinoos' tune were among the most popular on YouTube Friday. Nearly half a million people had watched various clips highlighting the similarities.

AP

Where the music is, Gemini

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★ Dynamic ★★★★★ Positive ★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult

Happy Birthday!

You make a difference this year, even when facing difficulties. If you are single, you could meet someone through your work or day-to-day travels. This person will want to relate on a deep level. The type of relationship you choose is your call. If you are attached, you need to make special time to be with just your sweetie if you value your bond. ARIES can be challenging.

Born Today

Drummer Ringo Starr (1940)

Designer Pierre Cardin (1922)
Actress Cree Summer (1969)



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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ You might be positive. Your commitment to being upbeat will be tested to the highest level. Friends inspire you to go after the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Swap ideas. Tonight: Whatever would knock your socks off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ Take your time before getting too involved with plans. A lazy time at home just might fit the bill. Don't push someone. This person has to come to his or her own conclusion. Tonight: Take this time for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Aim to be with friends. Whatever you do seems to work, except regarding finances. Don't make any money decisions right now. Act inspired. Feel inspired. Tonight: Where music is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might attempt to do something very differently. Friends might have ideas that involve you taking on even more responsibility. Do you want that? Stand up for yourself, and others will respect you more. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Give it a shot and see a situation through new eyes. With a different attitude and a better sense of direction, you will be able to comprehend another's behavior and gain a greater closeness. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Work with individuals, doting on one special person. Consider your options, but make no fast decisions. Tonight: Avoid groups if possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Let others romp; you might want to pull back and do less. You get strong insight into others when not judging. You might like what you pick up just observing. Tonight: Decide which invitation you would like to honor.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Get some exercise; clear out a project. Hanging out brings a definite sense of satisfaction. Though you might not have every idea, you are unusually innovative. Check out a diet thoroughly before deciding it is for you. Tonight: Find a favorite spot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ If you don't know what to do, trust in your ingenuity. Unusual, dynamic ideas stem from you. Surround yourself with music or go by water. Tonight: Fun and games.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You might keep a lot inside. As a result, sometimes you react more strongly than necessary. You might want to rethink a decision involving funds, family and your home. Give yourself permission to change directions. Tonight: You don't need to go far.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Though you might be tired and pushing hard, your sheer presence and thoughts inspire others. Be willing to share some imaginative ideas. Don't feel a need to do anything. Just hang out with friends and those around you. Tonight: Enjoy where you are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Investigate before you spend. You also might discover that you would rather do something else, like take a daytrip. Indulge yourself for a change. Tonight: Think before you leap.

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Live Free or Die Hard (PG-13)
11:55am, 1:20, 3:00, 4:25, 6:30, 7:30, 9:35, 10:35
A Mighty Heart (PG-13)
11:00am, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
Sicko (PG-13)
10:15am, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:05

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Evan Almighty (PG)
11:40am, 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30, 11:45
Knocked Up (R)
11:20am, 2:15, 5:10, 8:10, 11:15
Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13)
11:10am, 1:55, 4:50, 7:45, 10:40
Ratatouille (G)
DLP-Digital Projection
10:50am, 1:35, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
Ratatouille (G)
12:25, 3:15, 6:15, 9:15
Transformers (PG-13)
10:30am, 12:15, 1:40, 3:35, 5:00, 7:00, 8:20, 10:20, 11:40

LANDMARK NUWILSHIRE
1314 Wilshire Blvd
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Evening (PG-13)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
Joshua (R)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

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1332 2nd Street
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Once (R)
12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
Rescue Dawn (PG-13)
11:30am, 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 8:30, 9:55
You Kill Me (R)
12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

MANN'S CRITERION THEATRE
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1408 (PG-13)
11:50am, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
Fantastic Four:
Rise of the Silver Surfer (PG)
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License to Wed (PG)
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Nancy Drew (PG)
12:00, 5:10, 10:00
Shrek the Third
DLP-Digital Projection (PG)
2:30, 7:40
Surf's Up (PG)
12:10, 2:40, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20

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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty
GOLD

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There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 1 Obeys the photographer
 - 7 Unites
 - 11 Eastern temple
 - 12 Inkling
 - 13 Dumb-struck
 - 14 Bidding option
 - 15 Best Actor of 1958
 - 16 Music symbols
 - 17 Enthusiastic
 - 18 Singer Wilson
 - 19 Fed
 - 21 Wrap up
 - 22 Clamor
 - 25 Japanese honorific
 - 26 "The Black Album" rapper
 - 27 Star of the small screen
 - 29 Neighbor
 - 33 Allude
 - 34 Origami creation
 - 35 Shortly
 - 36 Trail mix bit
 - 37 Legal wrong

- 38 Light machines
- 39 Money
- 40 Serving need

DOWN

- 1 Punish, in a way
- 2 '50s first lady
- 3 "— at the office"
- 4 Cough drop
- 5 First place
- 6 Blue
- 7 It has a blade
- 8 "The Bronx Zoo" star
- 9 Fortune
- 10 Was pert
- 16 Singer Travis
- 18 Barge setting
- 20 Notable
- 22 Without
- 23 Unvarying
- 24 Russian empress
- 25 Layers
- 28 Car's scars
- 30 Underpinning
- 31 Fuse
- 32 Conviction
- 34 Hamster home
- 36 Slowing, in music: Abbr.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ On one fateful day in 2003 in Sikeston, Mo., according to Holly Adams, she had sex at different times with Raymon and Richard Miller, who are identical twins and who did not know about each other's encounter. Adams became pregnant, but both Millers deny paternity despite, of course, an identical DNA match for each brother (with both claiming that it must have been the other). Adams has named Raymon the father, and a court must decide paternity and child support just like courts did before DNA testing was developed.

■ Sarah Dacre, 51, walks around all day dressed like a beekeeper, which she says she must do following her 2005 self-diagnosis of "electrical sensitivity," according to an April profile in London's Daily Mail. The hallmark of her outfit is a veil that she says keeps away the incapacitating waves from appliances ranging from cell phones to refrigerators. Her house's windows have gauze shades, and the wallpaper a tinfoil lining, and Dacre, who still uses a computer three hours a day, nonetheless believes "wi-fi" will be the "tobacco" of our times, ultimately to be reviled for causing so many as-yet-undiagnosed illnesses.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1798 Quasi-War: The U.S. Congress rescinds treaties with France sparking the 'war.'

1898 History of United States overseas expansion: President William McKinley signs the Newlands Resolution annexing Hawaii as a territory of the United States.

1941 World War II: American forces land in Iceland to forestall an invasion by Germany.

1946 Howard Hughes nearly dies when his XF-11 spy plane prototype crashes in a Beverly Hills neighborhood.

1947 Downed UFO believed to be found in the Roswell UFO incident.

1958 President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs the Alaska Statehood Act into United States law.

1980 Last concert by rock band Led Zeppelin.

1983 Cold War: Samantha Smith, a U.S. schoolgirl, flies to the Soviet Union at the invitation of Secretary General Yuri Andropov.

2003 The United Communist Party of Armenia was formed.

2005 Influenced by Live 8, the G8 leaders pledged to double 2004 levels of aid to Africa from US\$25 to US\$50 billion by the year 2010.

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