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Board selects interim super

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SMMUSD HDQTRS A Bay Area education consultant who has held top administrative posts at several California public schools has been named the interim superintendent of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

Tim Cuneo, who most recently served as

a senior partner with Cuneo-Zinnner Group in San Jose (his wife Jane Zinner is a partner) specializing in organizational development for public and private educational ventures, will be present at the school board meeting on Thursday, at which time he will be officially hired.

Cuneo is expected to earn \$900 per day. His contract is day-to-day, giving the school board the flexibility to hire a permanent

replacement for former Superintendent Dianne Talarico, who left the district after serving just two years to become head of the Burlingame School District in Northern California.

As interim superintendent, Cuneo, 66, will be responsible for all day-to-day activities within the district, which serves roughly 10,500 students at 16 schools.

"After listening to parents, assessing our

needs and interviewing four highly qualified applicants, we are thrilled to have Tim join our team in Santa Monica-Malibu," said School Board President Oscar de la Torre.

"As the district continues to provide excellent education for its students, Mr. Cuneo's experience will be a critical and strategic part of our plans to strengthen governance,

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BRICK BY BRICK: Santa Monica College will place a bond measure on the November ballot to continue upgrades to its multiple campuses.

SMC places \$295M bond on ballot

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SMC Looking to remain competitive in the global marketplace, improve sustainability, and make needed safety improvements, the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees

voted unanimously Monday to place a \$295 million bond measure on the November ballot.

The measure would fund capital projects designed to improve the teaching of science, nursing, math, technology, media, and emerging high tech fields.

The measure, which will be before Santa Monica and Malibu voters on Nov. 4, will need a 55 percent approval for passage.

The cost of the bond would be approximately \$1.12 a month for renters and \$7.34

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Landlords pay record settlement

BY CHRISTINA YOON
Special to the Daily Press

CITY HALL In a nod to the city's many renters, the City Attorney's Office reached its largest-ever tenant harassment settlement on Tuesday. Local landlords Stacey and Megan Valnes have paid a total of \$200,000 to City Hall and a former tenant who alleged that the couple forced her to move out of her rent-controlled apartment under false pretenses.

"This case is a cautionary tale for that small group of landlords who would consider using deception or intimidation to get their tenants to leave," said Deputy City Attorney Adam Radinsky in a statement released Tuesday. Radinsky is also head of the Consumer Protection Unit of the City Attorney's Office.

The settlement comes one year after two separate tenant harassment suits were filed against the couple — one by the City Attorney's Consumer Protection Unit and the second by their former tenant, 82-year-old Winifred Goodman. The suits were later consolidated for trial, which was scheduled to begin this month. They claimed that soon after purchasing a four-unit rental property on the 2300 block of Colorado Avenue, the owners asked Goodman to vacate her apart-

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The Santa Monica Kiwanis Club is holding its weekly luncheon at the Santa Monica YMCA. There will be a guest speaker at the event. For information, call (310) 613-1249.

Children's summer program

1501 California Ave., 8:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Help your child shake off the dog days of summer with the Council of PTAs' Summer Adventure program. Summer Adventure is going to be held at Franklin Elementary, Lincoln Middle School and Point Dume Marine Science School from June 30 – July 25th from 8:30am-12:30pm. Reading, writing, computers, science, math, drama, sports and art are all a part of this fun and educational summer experience. You can find brochures and applications online at www.smmpta.org.

Midday labyrinth walks

1008 11th St., Noon — 1 p.m.

Give yourself the gift of some quiet moments in the middle of the week. Walk and meditate on the new permanent Labyrinth in Simkins Hall. Walks are available every Wednesday throughout the summer.

Thursday, July 10, 2008

Workouts for teens

3026 Nebraska Ave., 3:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.

Max offers two daily classes teaching teens how to exercise and eat properly in a cool and fun environment. They get to hang out afterwards in the wi-fi lounge, play Nintendo Wii, or simply surf the Internet. For information, call (310) 867-1650.

The Meathands have it

4455 Overland Ave., Culver City, 8 p.m.

The "Magic Meathands" perform an hour of fully improvised hilarity based on audience suggestions and participation. The show is presented by director Bill Johnson, in a great cafe that offers delicious coffee, food, drinks and comfortable couches. What sets this improv group apart is their personal connection with the audience and community, so their best material comes directly from the people around them. For information, call (310) 559-8868.

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.





Alexandra Bissonnette news@smdp.com

DAREDEVIL: Members of Free Arts for Abused Children from Santa Monica nonprofit organizations Upward Bound and St. Joseph's Center gathered on the Santa Monica Pier Tuesday to learn how to be trapeze artists. Above, Kiara Terveer looks down as she soars through the air.

A swinging good time for at-risk youth

BY ALEXANDRA BISSONNETTE
Special to the Daily Press

SM PIER For at-risk youth life is not easy and a fun day at the beach is not always a possibility, but the kids of Santa Monica-based organizations Upward Bound and St. Joseph's Center got to fly high into the air here with the help of Trapeze School New York.

The kids were all involved with Free Arts for Abused Children, an organization that works with local non-profit organizations to integrate the healing power of the arts into the lives of youth who have been abused, are homeless, or are considered at-risk. A staff of six manages the more than 400 volunteers working with Free Arts for Abused Children.

"What makes today so fun is that it's about physical creative expression," said Karrah Lompa, executive director of Free Arts for Abused Children. "The kids have this glow in their eyes."

Upon arriving at the pier, the kids made circus hats and costumes with supplies provided by the event's sponsor, the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. No one looked particularly apprehensive about their impending flight.

"It's been so fun to watch them," Lompa said. "They have been super excited and there has been a lot of big talk, but when it comes time to go, the whole story changes. But then they do it anyway."

Before the kids could fly, they watched trapeze artists from "The Flying Caceres,"

one of the world's premier aerial acts. After the performance they participated in a short training session with a staff member from the Trapeze School New York, which only recently opened up shop on the pier.

"We started in New York City, but we have had our eyes on the West Coast," said Jonathon Conant, president and co-founder of Trapeze School New York. "We are really glad to be here today. It's all a dream come true."

Once the kids had been properly instructed on basic techniques and safety measures, they were harnessed up.

"I feel like I'm wearing a big cement belt," said Kiara Terveer, an 11-year-old member

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Guerrilla gardening takes root

BY LAURA E. DAVIS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES More than a dozen people, some wearing orange protective gear, pulled rakes and shovels from a dingy shopping cart and started working on a parched patch of land along a busy off-ramp of the Hollywood Freeway.

It was a Saturday night and drivers whooshed past on their way to the Sunset Strip club scene.

But the crew was undeterred, and by the wee hours, they had transformed the blight into bloom with green bushes and an array of colorful flowers.

City workers on overtime? Nope, no budget for that. These were "guerrilla gardeners," a global movement of the grass-roots variety where people seek to beautify empty or overgrown public space, usually under the cover of darkness and without the permission of municipal officials.

"What we're fighting is neglect," said guerrilla gardening guru Richard Reynolds of London, founder of the website guerrillagardening.org.

Getting approval to beautify public property can be cumbersome, so guerrilla gardeners in cities worldwide take matters into their own dirt-caked hands.

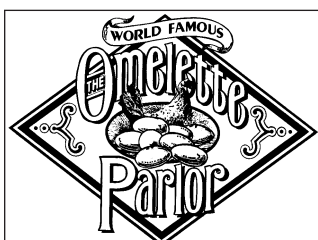
"We try not to let bureaucracy stand in the way," said accountant Steven Coker, who maintains an unsanctioned garden across from his house near an exit of the Santa Monica Freeway in West Los Angeles.

After starting his garden about 12 years ago, Coker has tried several times to officially take over its upkeep but to no avail.

Los Angeles Councilman Tom LaBonge said he supports guerrilla gardening as long as people don't present a safety hazard or impede traffic.

"I'm a guerrilla gardener, but I'm mostly just a maintenance guy," LaBonge said. "I pull weeds when I'm out walking. Everyone is welcome to do it. The city needs help."

Scott Bunnell, who has maintained a guerrilla garden on a median in Long Beach for about 10 years, said he wants to demonstrate that low-maintenance gardens are possible in southern California's arid climate.



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Throw 'em out

Editor:

I don't understand this city. I can't keep quiet any longer. The city spends untold millions on tourism and at the same time promotes a permissive attitude toward street people and bums. Why would a tourist want to return here? I know Europeans are appalled by these people on the street. Why would say, a German family of four want to return after some crazy woman starts screaming in front of their 4 year old or a smelly guy walks by talking to an invisible person. They can easily spend their money in a more comfortable environment.

What the city needs is one ordinance and enforce one ordinance only. It seems to most of us that the only laws enforced in this city and county are parking. Parking fills the coffers of the city and is easily collectible. Then they can spend it on an anti-panhandling study. The city needs an anti-transient ordinance with a anti-loitering component. It has been proven that a person that commits a petty crime, say, sleeping on the sidewalk will be more likely to then try and commit a more serious crime later in the day, such as robbery, assault and yes, even murder. If someone doesn't have a known address, throw them out. If someone is loitering, issue a citation, after a certain number, issue a warrant. There is a big difference between someone sleeping on the Palisades with all their belongings and a couple trying to enjoy a nice lunch or play with their kids. When you give the impression of tolerance, that attracts criminals. Criminals are opportunists. The first step in opportunity is a permissive behavior. That allows the space to look for an opportunity to commit a crime. Wake up! Just read the crime pages of this paper and you will see that most of all crimes are committed by transients and people from other communities.

As far as the promenade goes in general it mostly attracts groups of teenagers with nothing better to do but wander around. Then the street performers and the crowds attract transients.

What the people need to do is put individuals in City Hall that will do something, not just order studies. Spend the money on enforcement and the legal issues that are involved. Vote at the ballot box and not with your feet. Throw the bums (the other bums) out!

Michael Bancas

Santa Monica

Thanks, SMFD

Editor:

On behalf of Butte College I'd like to thank those in your fire department who responded to the Humboldt Fire in Butte County. They not only saved Butte College from serious and devastating destruction, but they protected our communities we all live in. Without their great efforts many more people would not have homes to return to, and much of our campus would not be available for providing education to those in our community. We're very grateful for all of their help ... they're the greatest!

Diana Van Der Ploeg
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Oroville, Calif.



Going Postal

Steve "the Mailman" Breen

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And did I mention he's a black man?

THE VICTORY HOOT THAT FROTHILY drooled from the besotted Obamanoidal mouth breathers during the climactic aftermath of the South Carolina Democrat Primary execrably droned, "Race doesn't matter!"

So why then is the alleged "post-racial" candidate now race baiting faster than his tackle box can handle. What's more, Obama's campaign maintains that this alleged racism will be in "Code." I am more inclined to postulate that his inability to obscure his substantial effluvial flaws of policy and character is his signatory raison d'être to pitch race cards from the bottom of the deck because we shouldn't be distracted from what's really important to the American people.

I swift-boated over to Amazon for a copy of "The Obama Code." No luck. I did hear, though, that a super-secret decoder ring could now be found in 527, specially marked boxes of Shrubs, Twigs and Oats. It has all the corn with twice the marshmallows smothered all over that rich, chocolaty "change." It's Obama-licious! So boys and girls, grab a box, slip on the ring and let's play "Break that Code!"

GAY MARRIAGE

"The heightened focus on [gay] marriage is a distraction from other attainable measures."

"The Audacity of Hope" 2006

"I do believe that marriage is [only] between a man and a woman."

Obama: ABC interview June 16, 2008

Let me get this, ahem, straight ... according to the homophobic Obama Code, is he inferring that his separate but equal anile mentality on the "distraction" of gay marriage is more legally refined than the more "attainable measure" of the recent Republican California Supreme Court ruling? According to your Obamaspeak De-coder Ring, hope and change only apply to straight people.

PUBLIC FINANCING

"Yes, I have been a long-time advocate for public financing ... as a way to reduce the influence of moneyed special interests."

Obama: Presidential Candidate Questionnaire Nov. 27, 2007

"I [am] very interested in pursuing public financing ..."

Obama: Fox News Sunday April 27, 2008

Obama's Web site now asks his supporters to "... declare our independence from a broken campaign finance system ..."

This is Obamaspeak for "I am a conventional politician Seeking to purcha\$e a Pre\$idency. You are the \$pare change that I've been waiting for!"

According to the Chicago Tribune this April, Long John Obama hoisted his Jolly Roger and landed \$125,000 from the Miami offices of uber-lobby firm Greenberg and Traurig in October 2007. Greenberg and Traurig's most infamous buccaneer was, of

course, influence peddling poster boy Jack Abramoff, who makes Obama's piratical next-door neighbor, Tony Rezko, look like the Skipper from Gilligan's Island by comparison.

The booty was bundled from 186 separate "small donor contributions," as Obama prefers to call them, so as to avoid an appearance of taking "big lobby money." This sophist strategy provides him fiduciary comfort absent the inordinate dyspepsia of equivocal conscience while he shaves in his morning mirror.

By March 2008, according to the FEC, the swag hauled aboard from lobbyists and law firms by Obama has been \$13.8 million. In 1996, Obama said, "Guilt is a luxury that not everyone can afford" unless, of course, it's purchased by "moneyed special-interests."

IRAQ

"It makes sense for us to begin a withdrawal of our troops. I think it is time for us to tell the Iraqi people that they are responsible for their country."

Obama: Larry King Live September, 2006

"We absolutely have an obligation to the Iraqi people. That's why I've resisted calls for an immediate withdrawal."

Obama: New York Magazine January, 2007

According to Obama's Web site, he introduced legislation in January 2007 "... to remove all of our combat troops from Iraq ..." while simultaneously resisting the "... calls for immediate withdrawal ..." in New York Magazine. Currently, at a recent Fourth of July in North Dakota, Obama then stated that, "[He's] going to do a thorough assessment when [he's in Iraq]. [He's] sure to have more information and continue to refine [his] policy."

College kids call this "cramming for the exam," after all, it has been over 900 days since he's last scuffed his Taryn Rose loafers on Iraqi soil, as he has been too busy redesigning his Presidential Seal rather than doing his job.

The next day in Montana while starring in his new bio-pic with Academy Award winning director David Guggenheim, Obama then assigned to the McCain campaign all blame for any confabulatory obfuscation regarding Obama's newly refined "Shifting Sands Policy" on Iraq. This is Obamaspeak for "Words matter. I'm ready for my close-up, Mr. Guggenheim."

However, as John McCain wasn't yet the presumptive GOP nominee until February 2008 and Obama was obviously enamored by his own celebrity on Larry King Live in 2006, then one can only surmise that Obama is crafting his foreign policy psychically.

This is Obamaspeak for "I'm too busy measuring my drapes for the Oval Office."

Oh, and did I mention he's black?

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Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack

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Outsmarting the pundits

BY NOW, READERS OF THIS COLUMN should know that I was the first person to predict an Obama presidency back in April of last year. Since it took the chattering class of syndicated columnists and TV talking heads until this May to figure out what I had known for over a year, when he's inaugurated in January I'll naturally assume the title of America's Smartest Pundit. I can't say my prescience was based solely on the stunning power of my own intellect as much as it was because I worked on the Kerry campaign with my friend, Mike Simmons, who had worked for state Senator Obama back in Chicago.

We had gathered outside Washington, D.C., along with about five dozen other activists, to train to open and run canvass offices for a 527 group hired by the DNC. I heard the name "Barack Obama" so many times during that week that it stuck in my head.

At one point, then-Chairman, Terry McAuliffe, came to fire up the troops with his usual "I'm rich, I'm Bill Clinton's best friend, I don't need to do this, I do this because I love it" speech, but nobody cared. All anyone wanted to know was how he planned to win southern states and how the party intended to use Barack Obama in the campaign.

Terry didn't have a good answer for us on either question, and I knew then that I had to find out more about this Obama guy. His keynote address at the 2004 Democratic National Convention sealed the deal for me and made me understand why whenever I asked Simmons about Obama, he'd smile at me with this look that said, "Just wait 'til you see him." This summer, the world will be getting its first look the same way I did four years ago.

As soon as it was clear that Barack was going to be the nominee, John McCain's campaign started trying to tear him down. One of the first things they did was challenge him to travel to Iraq. Senator McCain even offered to travel with him and "educate" him along the way. Fox News was keeping a running count of how long it had been since the last time Senator Obama visited Iraq and the conservative talk shows and blogs went to town on the issue of his foreign policy experience.

I find it funny that they never mention our current President's foreign policy experience when he was sworn in consisted mostly of a few trips across the border to Mexico. In fact, when he took the oath of

office, I don't think his passport had been stamped even once.

What the McCain team didn't count on was that Senator Obama, who has run maybe the most organized political campaign the country has ever seen, has the best advance people in the business. So when he scheduled a trip to Iraq, it also included stops in Germany, Great Britain, Israel, and Jordan.

He's planning a major speech in front of the Brandenburg Gate (where President Reagan said, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall"), he'll almost certainly meet with the German Chancellor, the British Prime Minister, the Israeli Prime Minister, and the King of Jordan — all before he arrives in Iraq and meets with that country's leaders as well as our troops on the ground.

All this will prove that the McCain campaign badly miscalculated their foreign policy offensive against Senator Obama (among many other things) since his meeting with a half-dozen heads of state before sitting down with American military leaders will make him look both presidential and like he's passed the "Commander in Chief test." As always, he'll draw enormous crowds, there will be saturation coverage in the press, and John McCain will have to light what's left of his hair on fire to get a mention on the Sunday talk shows.

I feel some sympathy for Senator McCain (like I did for Bob Dole back in 1996) because he knows he doesn't have a snowball's chance in Hades of winning the election, but he has to go through the motions anyway. Once Barack gets back from his "Summer of Hope" tour, seeing the two of them on stage together will be like looking at one of those New Year's Eve cartoons with last year represented by a decrepit old man and the New Year represented by a cherubic baby — only this baby has a degree from Harvard Law and a gift for public speaking. It's just impossible to look at John McCain with the wispy white hair and crooked yellow teeth in that melanoma-stricken face of his and compare it to the classically handsome visage and 1,000-megawatt smile of Barack Obama and think, "this guy is the best hope for America's future."

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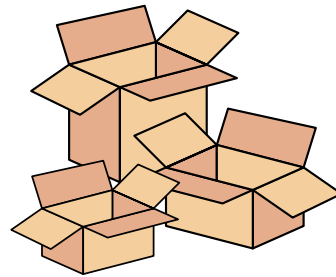
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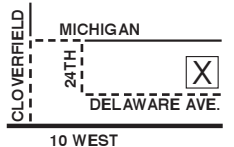
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The Q-Line

Safe catch?

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Flying in a lawn chair is relaxing, 'til balloons pop

BY JEFF BARNARD
Associated Press Writer

GRANTS PASS, Ore. Soaring over Eastern Oregon at 15,000 feet in a lawn chair rigged with helium-filled party balloons, Kent Couch felt like he was relaxing in his backyard — serene and peaceful — except when a balloon would pop unexpectedly.

"First it would make a noise like a gunshot, then it would shake the whole chair," Couch said Monday from his home in Bend, safely back on the ground after flying 235 miles in nine hours from his gas station in Bend to a farm field in Idaho. "Every time it happened, even though it happened about 15 times during the whole trip, I'd just reach for the handles of the chair."

But Couch had plenty of balloons to keep himself aloft: more than 150 of them.

After just two hours of sleep and a breakfast sandwich of egg and bacon on a biscuit from his gas station convenience store, Couch took off at dawn on Saturday. Dozens of volunteers helped him inflate and rig the balloons and hundreds of onlookers cheered as he safely cleared light poles and buildings.

"We thought we were having a hard time getting off the ground, but there was a guy behind me hanging onto a tow rope who wasn't letting go," said the 48-year-old Couch. "Then when he did let me go, I shot up fast."

So fast that a chase plane and helicopter couldn't keep up. They waved as he flew by.

Cruising at 15,000 feet, Couch flew over the Strawberry Mountains, the town of John Day, past the community of Halfway, and across the Snake River marking the Idaho border.

"It's different than looking out from an

IT'S DIFFERENT THAN LOOKING OUT FROM AN AIRPLANE. IT WAS LIKE LOOKING WITH GOD'S EYES DOWN THERE. NOT TO TAKE ANYTHING AWAY FROM GOD. IT WAS LIKE BEING OUTSIDE THE EARTH LOOKING IN."

Kent Couch
Lawn chair pilot

airplane. It was like looking with God's eyes down there. Not to take anything away from God. It was like being outside the Earth looking in."

Couch was too high for birds to fly by, but did see one plane. He heard dogs barking, cows mooing, a chain saw, crows, gunshots and one person yelling.

"I thought, 'Hey, they're yelling up at me.' so I said, 'Helloooooooo, helloooooooo,' but I never heard anything back."

Couch said his main worry was clouds — pilots had warned him about the turbulence — but found nearly all of them parted to let him through.

Even passing through one, he never got the childhood feeling he was looking for of floating on a cloud. Instead, he said it was "just like sitting in your back yard in your lawn chair."

His ears popped periodically, like "when you are going over mountains in your car."

Couch kept busy during the flight: using his Red Rider BB gun to pop balloons to control his elevation, checking his oxygen level, "or looking at the view."

At times he got a "sensation of just pure peace. Kind of a tranquil or serenity feeling,

looking at what God created down there."

"When you're traveling like that, you can't feel yourself moving. There's absolutely no wind. I actually hit 49 mph up there. But there is not a feeling like you're moving."

When Couch saw Farewell Bend on the Snake River coming up he knew he would soon be in Idaho, so started looking for a place to land. His chase crew had not been able to keep up with him, so he was on his own. He had lost 15 balloons that popped on their own, and another 15 he popped to keep from going too high.

"I was getting anxious to come down," Couch said. "Nine hours sitting in that chair is a long time. The parachute was poking me in the back. I was uncomfortable. I just can't sit still for so long."

He spotted the tiny farming community of Cambridge, Idaho, surrounded by green fields, pulled his BB rifle from the scabbard on his chair, and started shooting out balloons.

"You have to just point it like a shotgun," said Couch. "It's pretty hard to miss. I wanted to make sure I didn't hit two, so I always aimed."

Satisfied with his rate of descent, he cut

away the dead balloons and stowed what gear he could. He tossed his space blanket, because he couldn't get it folded back up and it was in the way.

"It was like a map trying to fold the thing up," he said. "I never could fold a map."

Seeing power lines ahead, he dumped some ballast, rose over them, and shot out two more balloons. The balloons were stretched out and didn't pop. A pencil-sized hole opened up and helium hissed out, controlling his descent.

As he neared the ground, about eight horses chased him. Townspeople, who had seen him fly over, pulled up in cars and pickups and ran to greet him. After touching down, he cut away enough balloons to stay put.

Couch had tried the same flight to Idaho last year, but came down in northeastern Oregon. Then, owners of the field where he landed chased him off.

But Couch got a welcoming reception from the people of Cambridge.

One woman told Couch: "Honey, I been praying for you since yesterday. Thank God you're safe."

A lady named Joy said to Couch, "Thank you for landing in my field."

Couch said a man walked up to him, "sticks this big bear paw of a hand at me and shakes my hand. He reaches into his pocket. I'm wondering what he's going to do. He pulls out a can of beer."

"It was still cold. He must have been thinking of me as he went out the door."

"I don't even drink beer, but I drank that one. I couldn't say no to that guy."

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Market Matters

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Charitable giving is for ordinary people, too

WHEN FAMOUS CELEBRITIES OR BUSINESS people announce that they're giving large sums of money to charitable or other worthwhile causes, it usually makes headlines on television and in the newspaper. But it's important to remember that the massive donations you read about aren't the only way to help out. While you may not have billions to give to a charitable foundation, you may still be interested in charitable giving. Here are some ways you can make donations that can benefit those in need, and also give you the added benefit of helping to reduce your taxes.

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Remember, you don't have to be rich and famous to initiate a charitable-giving strategy. Your financial advisor can help you choose the strategy that best suits your individual or family circumstances.

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LEGAL NEWS

State to seek fines against insurance companies

BY SHAYA TAYEFE MOHAJER

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES California health insurance regulators are scrutinizing 1,770 patient policies canceled by Anthem Blue Cross to see if they can impose a penalty stiffer than a \$1 million fine they announced but never enforced last year.

Each case of a canceled policy carries the possibility of a \$200,000 maximum fine against the state's largest insurer, which could dwarf the now-abandoned 2007 fine.

"The terrible practice of rescissions has caused irreparable harm to consumers by making some individuals responsible for large medical bills and hindering their ability to get and keep health coverage," said Cindy Ehnes, head of the Department of Managed Health

Care. "Our goal is to fight for the consumer in each and every case and to use all enforcement authority available under state law."

In addition, Ehnes told The Associated Press on Monday that the state's regulatory agency will also re-evaluate about 400 Blue Shield of California rescissions.

The renewed enforcement effort comes after the AP reported last week that the state didn't pursue the announced fine against Anthem Blue Cross because it was intimidated by the insurer's legal resources.

"The fines that were discussed several months ago, they really should only view those as a down payment on penalties for illegally taking people's coverage away from them," said Daniel Zingale, an adviser to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and former head of the regulatory agency.

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ENERGY

Costly gas crimps surfers' style, roils industry

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS

Associated Press Writer

SAN CLEMENTE For years, Chris Mauro took a 10-mile detour on his way to work each morning to check out the swells at his favorite surf break and plot the best location for his afterwork wave-riding.

But with gas now approaching \$5 a gallon, Mauro recently cut out his daily ritual in favor of the savings.

He isn't alone.

The surging cost of oil has been a dose of reality for many surfers who have long thought of their sport, with all its sun-kissed lore, as a counterculture niche shielded from the pressures of mainstream America.

The industry depends on petroleum-based products to build and ship its boards. And surfers in search of the biggest waves have to dig deeper into the pockets to fill their gas tanks or book flights to the best breaks around the world, including far-flung places like South Africa and Tahiti.

"We all think about oil in our cars, but very few of us really consider the fact that every little piece of manmade equipment around you is oil-based, and surfing's no different," said Mauro, who's seen the price of some surfboards double to \$750 or higher.

"The price of a surfboard, it used to be something where it was pretty digestible. Now, it's like, whoa, OK, I've got to put some serious thought into this."

Until now, surfing — with all its trendy clothing and gear — has been one of the fastest growing sports industries in the nation.

In 2006, independent retailers of surf gear brought in \$2.65 billion in revenue, up from \$2.46 billion two years before. Meanwhile, U.S. retail sales of surfboards jumped from \$106 million in 2004 to more than \$190 million in 2006, according to the Surf Industry Manufacturers Association.

Industry numbers for 2007-2008 aren't yet available, but some retailers and manufacturers say they expect that rapid sales growth to slow after seeing drops approaching 30 percent in their own operations.

Some predict the tough economic times will take a heavier toll on family-run surfboard workshops — once the mainstay of the industry — than on the large, national board makers such as Channel Islands, Lost Enterprises, Dewey Weber Surfboards and Surftech.

The smaller operations are struggling with the rising cost of petroleum-based resin used to coat surfboards. They also face lagging orders from mainstream retailers that tend to bypass regional board brands when times are tough.

Peter St. Pierre, who owns Moonlight Glassing in San Marcos, Calif., has seen the cost of resin jump 30 percent to \$1,000 for a 50-gallon drum in the past year, squeezing his profit margins when money is already tight.

"If we can break even this year, I'll be happy," said St. Pierre, who recalls a similar crisis during the oil embargo in the 1970s.

"It's a trade-off of being able to do something you love, with your hands, and being able to go out and go surfing instead of just

punching the clock," he said.

Mark Wooster, owner of Wooster Surfboards in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., said his retail sales have dropped about 20 percent this year after previous years of 40 percent growth.

Major surf and skate retailer Ron Jon hasn't ordered any of Wooster's boards for its California stores for a year because of lagging sales, he said.

Wooster, who produces about 1,000 custom-made boards in a good year, is convinced he can't raise prices because of competition from cheaper, mass-produced imports.

The market for surfboards was complicated by the demise three years ago of Clark Foam, a company that for decades supplied 90 percent of all the foam blanks that surfboard makers shaped into individual boards. A number of companies jumped in to fill the void, with quality taking a hit.

"It seems like our last little subculture, our niche craftsmen thing, is being taken away at an alarming rate, and it's a shame because it's more of an art than a manufacturing thing," Wooster said.

While most major manufacturers report board sales are flat or slightly down, the world's largest producer, Surftech, has seen a 15 percent increase during the past year, CEO Randy French said.

Still, the Santa Cruz, Calif.-based company that mass produces boards in Thailand will likely increase its prices next year to make up for the soaring cost of raw materials and shipping. It already has replaced the oil-based

sheetboard inside its boards with bamboo.

"I think the trickle down impact from these gas prices are a long way from being over," French said. "I think it's gonna hit harder in terms of board prices and manufacturing costs maybe next year, or even the year after."

With that in mind, many surfers have been changing their habits, hoping to ride out the choppy economic waters.

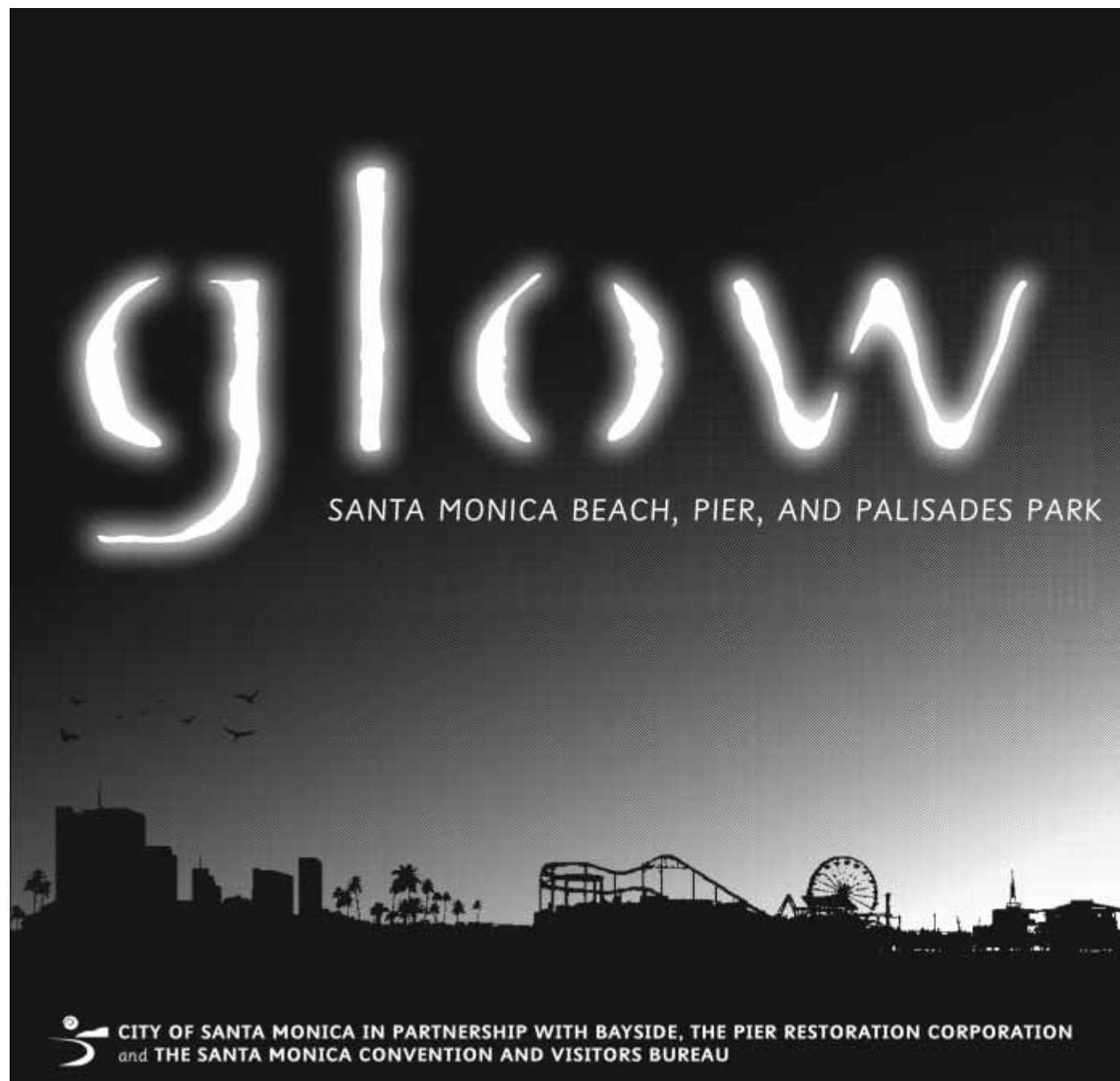
U.S. bookings to exotic surf spots in Asia have dropped 20 percent as airfares soar as high as \$2,500 to places such as Sumatra, said Sean Dunlap, sales manager at Wave Hunters, a specialty surf travel agency in San Diego. Many airlines have added or increased excess luggage fees that can add hundreds of dollars to a plane ticket for surfers with board bags.

Some surfers are using the Internet to find good surf instead of driving around until they spot it themselves.

Web sites with surf cameras have reported an uptick in users, said Mike Matey, vice president of marketing at Huntington Beach-based surfline.com.

Webcam traffic is up 10 percent at his site, which has cameras positioned at 135 prime locations worldwide. He also said subscriptions to the site's premium Web service have jumped 17 percent. Similar sites reported increases of 10 to 12 percent in Web camera traffic.

Other surfers said they are hitting the beach less often, cutting back on long drives or eliminating trips when they aren't sure in advance the waves will be great.



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TIMBER!

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Paul Zaragoza of the Santa Monica Community Forestry department cuts up a fallen tree branch Tuesday morning on Fifth Street and Idaho Avenue. The owners of the two damaged cars will be reimbursed by the city. "It's that time of year," Zaragoza said as he chopped away at the limb.

Parents would like to have more input

FROM BOARD PAGE 1

improve special education and implement school construction plans outlined in Measure BB," de la Torre added. "He brings extensive background in board protocol, policy development and team building, which will deliver an immediate benefit to our district."

Cuneo joins the district at a time when many parents feel they and their children are being taken for granted. Parents have expressed their concerns with special education and the so-called "secret deals" reached between administrators and parents with children with special needs, breeding what some have called a culture of fear.

Parents are also upset over the district's child molestation policy, which has been criticized following the arrest of Lincoln Middle School teacher Thomas Arthur Beltran, who has been charged with molesting a number of female students.

Then there was the transfer of a popular principal at John Muir Elementary School, who will be replaced by the principal at Lincoln, who has been blasted by parents there for failing to provide leadership.

"From the parents' perspective we need leadership that is collaborative and really proactive and can be responsive to all the stakeholders' needs, while at the same time have a very strong educational point of view," said Rebecca Kennerly, president of the Santa Monica-Malibu PTA.

That could be difficult given the many needs of the district and the lack of funding from the state.

"A real problem we've had with the district is feeling a real partnership and I think that is a big challenge in our community," Kennerly said.

Cuneo understands the district is in need of someone to take control and his priority — aside from finding a place to live within the district — will be meeting with stakeholders, both within the district and the community, to find out what the issues are and how best to solve problems. He will visit summer schools, PTA meetings and arrange meetings with the city manager and chief of police.

On Friday he expects to meet with district staff so that he can be fully briefed on special education.

During a telephone interview with the

Daily Press Tuesday, Cuneo, a world traveler who enjoys cooking, photography and road biking, said he is up to the challenge of guiding the district during a difficult time. He is not out to change the culture. Instead he wants to keep the district moving forward and help put the school board in the position to hire the best superintendent possible.

"The school district has a really good reputation and I am interested in working in a diverse community committed to education," Cuneo said. "You can really see that through the variety of activities provided for children and the high expectations set by parents. That is extremely important because that means we are going to better be able to deliver services. That's what attracted me to it."

In 2007-08, Cuneo served as the foreman pro tem for the Santa Clara County Grand Jury. Prior to that, Cuneo was interim superintendent for Scotts Valley Unified School District and senior executive director for the 21st Century Education Initiative as part of Joint Venture: Silicon Valley Network. In his role with Joint Venture, Cuneo was responsible for all aspects of the public/private partnership investing in K-12 school reform.

From 1966 to 1996, he held numerous superintendent, assistant superintendent, and dean of curriculum and instruction positions with Oak Grove, Whisman, Pajaro Valley Unified, and Fremont Union High School districts.

Cuneo is a former president of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA). In addition, he has served on a variety of boards from PACE (Policy Analysis for California Education), the Tech Museum of Innovation, Hewlett Packard Employee Scholarship Committee as well as the Xerox National Education Advisory Council.

Cuneo holds a bachelor's degree in Biological Science from Chico State University, a master's in Counseling and Guidance from the University of Santa Clara, and a California Administrative Credential from San Jose State University.

"The ultimate goal is to make sure that we are serving the needs of every child," Cuneo said. "Every decision we make should be in the best interest of our children and not in the best interest of adults. I'm more interested in what's best for children."

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GOING UP: Members of Free Arts for Abused Children from Santa Monica nonprofit organizations Upward Bound and St. Joseph's Center gathered on the Santa Monica Pier Tuesday to learn how to be trapeze artists. Above, Kiara Terveer anxiously climbs the ladder to the trapeze.

At-risk youth become real-life trapeze artists

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of the transitional housing program Upward Bound. She was recently placed in a home under Section 8 —a federal housing program providing assistance to low-income renters — with the help of the nonprofit.

Terveer was particularly excited to have her try on the trapeze. She wanted to be the first to swing high over the pier.

Although she nervously bit her nails before the climb up the ladder, Terveer had no trouble once she began.

"You feel really freaked out at first, but

when you're on and you're ready, they push you off and it's just like swinging on a swing," Terveer told her friends in an attempt to calm their nerves. "Do we get a second try?"

As each child rolled off of the net that hung below the trapeze, it was easy to see the pride of their accomplishment in their faces.

"At the end of the day, it's about the pride, excitement and opportunities that we can give the kids," Lompa said. "That's what this organization is about."

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Tenant harassment settlement funds educational programs

FROM SETTLEMENT PAGE 1

ment in the building, claiming that the unit would be owner-occupied. Goodman, who declined to be interviewed, had lived in the unit since 1982 and was paying \$529 a month in rent.

Doug Graham, Goodman's attorney, said that after relocating to Simi Valley, Goodman kept in touch with some neighbors and discovered that the landlords had not moved in after all. Shortly after Goodman left, the owners had rented her apartment to a new tenant for \$2,400 a month. Santa Monica law prohibits landlords from using "fraud, intimidation, or coercion" to make rent-controlled tenants vacate their homes.

"She didn't believe that she had some of the rights she did have," Graham said of Goodman, who still lives in Simi Valley.

The settlement disbursed \$40,000 to City Hall and \$160,000 to Goodman. The \$40,000 is to be added to the Consumer Protection fund to educate housing

providers and tenants about their rights and responsibilities. The fund pays for programs including an annual outreach program on fair housing held each April at Santa Monica public schools and educational seminars for landlords and tenants at the public library as well as the Ken Edwards Center.

Radinsky said that tenant harassment cases such as Goodman's are rare in the City Attorney's office these days.

"It's gotten less common over the years as knowledge about the law has spread," he said.

Still, Radinsky used this case as a valuable lesson for the city's large tenant population; encouraging renters to contact the City Attorney's office with any questions or complaints regarding their housing situation.

"It's also a cautionary tale to tenants," he said. "We encourage our local tenants to educate themselves as much as possible about their rights."

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Voters may have bond fatigue

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a month for the average homeowner or condominium owner in Santa Monica and Malibu, SMC officials said.

"Community-based education is critically important for people to sustain and improve their lives," said SMC Board of Trustees Chair Rob Rader. "With this safety and modernization measure, the college will have the infrastructure needed to fulfill its educational mission."

Rader said there are still many buildings that have not fully been repaired following the Northridge earthquake. By creating a new bus drop off center and additional parking, there is hope of alleviating traffic and removing bus stops in residential areas, a long-held complaint of residents.

"The college has a strong record of responsible spending of bond funds," said SMC President Chui Tsang. "The new support will allow us to provide important needed renovations to our facilities so that we can continue to be the No. 1 community college."

The board's action comes after the college conducted an extensive facility needs assessment and internal educational needs review. The review identified a number of building deficiencies and a critical need to meet new safety, energy, and technology standards.

A survey of Santa Monica and Malibu residents taken earlier this year shows that SMC is well utilized by the community and is highly regarded. Ninety-four percent of respondents consider the college an important part of the community; 85 percent say the college's performance is excellent or good; and 58 percent report that they or someone in their immediate family have attended the college.

The survey also shows that 68 percent of respondents would likely vote yes on a \$295 million bond measure to construct and equip math and science laboratories; improve student training in science, technology, media, communications, computers, and emerging high-tech fields; replace deteriorating buildings; upgrade fire safety; achieve energy savings; and complete earthquake repairs.

That said, there will surely be some opposition, particularly from residents living around the college, who have complained for years about the traffic created by SMC students, faculty and employees.

Others feel that they have been taxed enough in the last decade, approving several bond measures and parcel taxes to help fund public education and city efforts to keep the bay free of urban runoff and pollutants.

In 2002, voters approved Measure U, which was for \$160 million. In 2004 it was Measure S at \$135 million. For the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, voters in 1998 approved Measure X for \$42 million, Measure BB in 2006 for \$268 million, and Measure R in 2007, which combined two existing parcel taxes generating roughly \$10 million a year for schools.

Voters may be experiencing bond financing fatigue and will surely be more cautious about picking up the tab, political pundits said.

A handful of residents have expressed interest in creating a political action committee in opposition to the bond measure.

Rader said the college has been careful in how it spends the money voters approved, setting up a citizens bond oversight committee that has helped keep SMC in check. When the college does spend, it spends wisely, approving projects that have the greatest benefit such as the new parking lot on

Stewart Street that caters to students who come from outside the city and have trouble parking at the main campus.

"We now have a nursing program at the Bundy Campus and we hope to build an early childhood center at the Civic Center project," Rader said. "We actually build buildings with the money ... and with the public's confidence we will continue to do good things."

The major projects to be funded by the bond measure include:

- A replacement math and new science wing on the main campus: The math department currently operates in a temporary facility that is nearing the end of its life cycle and lacks the infrastructure to support modern classroom technology, SMC officials said.

In addition, the earth, life and physical sciences programs are operating in spaces that are too small and scattered around the campus. Also, there are insufficient science lab classrooms to offer needed course sections for the allied health and nursing programs.

- A new Career Opportunity and Job Training Building on SMC's satellite Bundy Campus: The new facility would provide career training programs operated by SMC's Office of Workforce & Economic Development — considered one of the most successful in California — and by city, county and other agency providers, SMC officials said.

- Media and Technology-Driven Programs Complex: The college operates a variety of programs in media and the digital arts in 1950s-era buildings that cannot support the modern infrastructure necessary for digital and online programs. A new Media and Technology complex at the SMC Academy and Entertainment Technology satellite campus would have the necessary infrastructure for classes in broadcasting, television, video, electronic media, and related digital programs. College officials said they plan to move KCRW — SMC's radio station and nationally recognized leader in new media and online delivery — to the site, which would provide a "dynamic asset to SMC's current and future media and technology-driven instructional programs." The academy is located in the heart of Santa Monica's media and entertainment district.

- Replacement of Corsair Stadium: The 1948 concrete structure is deteriorating and does not meet current seismic standards.

- New Bus Pullout and Shelter on Pico Boulevard: This facility, in front of Drescher Hall, will help reduce traffic congestion.

- Sustainability: The bond measure calls for putting aside 2.5 percent of the money for energy-efficient features.

- Joint Use Library and Educational Improvements in Malibu: SMC, the city of Malibu and the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District are working to develop a college-level library that could be used by SMC students who live in Malibu, as well as local high school students and residents.

Other projects include safety upgrades and improvements to the Health and Fitness and the Drescher Hall buildings on the main campus; seismic upgrades to the east wing of the Madison Campus; and infrastructure improvements for business and facilities, utilities, and technology.

In approving the bond measure, the board noted that SMC's bond program was in line with the effort underway at 10 other area community colleges.

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Animal rights protesters torment college scientists

BY MARCUS WOHLSEN
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BERKELEY In the hills above the University of California's Berkeley campus, nine protesters gathered in front of the home of a toxicology professor, their faces covered with scarves and hoods despite the warm spring weather.

One scrawled "killer" in chalk on the scientist's doorstep, while another hurled insults through a bullhorn and announced, "Your neighbor kills animals!" Someone shattered a window.

Borrowing the kind of tactics used by anti-abortion demonstrators, animal rights activists are increasingly taking their rage straight to scientists' front doors.

Over the past couple of years, more and more researchers who experiment on animals have been harassed and terrorized in their own homes, with weapons that include firebombs, flooding and acid.

Scientists say the vandalism and intimidation threaten not just themselves and their families but the future of medical research. Specialists in such fields as addiction, eye-sight and the aging brain have been targeted.

"It used to be everyone was worried about their laboratories being broken into and their data being destroyed, their animals being taken away," said Jeffrey Kordower, head of the Society for Neuroscience's animal research committee. "What they've decided to do now is make things more personal."

Accompanying the attacks is increasingly tough talk from activists such as Dr. Jerry Vlasak, a spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front press office. In an interview with The Associated Press, he said he is not encouraging anyone to commit murder, but "if you had to hurt somebody or intimidate them or kill them, it would be morally justifiable."

The Washington-based Foundation for Biomedical Research said researchers were harassed or otherwise victimized more than

70 times in 2003, up from just 10 the year before. The number of attacks has held steady or risen ever since, according to the group.

Activists say the escalation in tactics results from a frustration that nonviolent methods have failed to stop what they call the needless torture and killing of animals.

"An animal has as much of a right to life as we do. To take a life without provocation is immoral, it's violent, there's no excuse for it," said Jacob Black, 23, an organizer of demonstrations at the homes of UC Berkeley researchers. "To name and shame these people as morally bankrupt individuals in our society is key."

A Web site aimed at Berkeley lists the names of a dozen researchers and their home, work and e-mail addresses, their photos, and often their home numbers. The roster also includes graphic descriptions of each scientist's purported work with animals.

"This information is here so that others may pressure these individuals with legal protests — we do not participate in or encourage illegal activity," the Web site says.

Despite that disclaimer, the late May protest in the Berkeley hills left a window of the toxicology professor's home shattered along with the window of a neighbor, who sprayed demonstrators with a garden hose to drive them away.

Many scientists are reluctant to discuss the effect these incidents have had on biomedical research. They worry that any sign the attacks are succeeding could just lead to more of the same.

But at least one researcher decided the pressure was too much.

In 2006, activists began besieging the homes of several UCLA professors. Masked protesters converged on scientists' homes late at night, banging on doors, throwing firecrackers and chanting, "We know where you sleep," according to court documents.

Threatening calls and e-mails followed. Firebombs were left near homes three times;

two failed to go off, while the third charred a front door. One professor's home was flooded when a garden hose was shoved through a broken window.

During the onslaught, which lasted two years, a UCLA scientist with small children informed protesters he had stopped doing animal research.

"Effective immediately, I am no longer doing animal research," vision researcher Dario Ringach wrote in an e-mail. "Please don't bother my family anymore."

Though no one has been seriously hurt since the jump in home protests, the attacks have drawn the attention of the FBI. The agency has broad authority to investigate animal rights incidents under the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act of 2006.

"We consider this to be a serious problem, especially when people's lives are being disrupted," said agent David Strange, who oversees a domestic counterterrorism squad at the FBI's Oakland office. "We call it terrorism because it is a violent act violating federal criminal laws that has a political or social motivation to it."

Six members of a Philadelphia-based organization were sentenced to federal prison after they and the group itself were convicted in 2006 of using a Web site to incite threats, harassment and vandalism against people connected with a company that tests drugs and household products on animals.

But otherwise, few activists have been prosecuted, because of free speech concerns and the movement's extreme secrecy.

Recently, federal investigators joined a probe into an alleged February assault against the husband of a University of California, Santa Cruz breast-cancer researcher who experiments on mice. Police said masked activists pounded on the family's front door during a birthday party for their young daughter, and one threw a punch when the husband tried to force them to leave.

States, cities crack down on thefts of recyclables

BY MALIA WOLLAN
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Every Wednesday night, Bruce Johnson dutifully puts his garbage and recycling on the curb for pickup, and every week he fumes as small trucks idle in front of his home and strangers dig through his bins stealing trash they aim to turn into treasure.

Glass breaks, paper flies — the loot's gone hours before the waste company even arrives.

"They're like an army out there," said Johnson. "They're in trucks. They're on cell phones. It's a business."

With prices for aluminum, cardboard and newsprint going up and an economic slowdown putting added pressure on people's pocketbooks, curbside refuse has become a hot commodity.

A truck piled high with mixed recyclables can fetch upward of \$1,000; newspapers alone can grab about \$600.

"These guys are becoming much more organized and much more prevalent," said Robert Reed, a spokesman for Norcal Waste Systems Inc., a garbage and recycling company in San Francisco and other cities throughout Northern California. "This has nothing to do with the lone homeless man picking up cans. We're seeing organized fleets of professional poachers with trucks."

The issue has caught the attention of state and local officials, who are seeking more stringent regulations to curb theft, saying lost revenue threatens the financial viability of their recycling programs.

Pilfering cans, bottles and other recyclables from bins is already illegal in many places, including San Francisco and New York City.

In San Francisco, poachers can be fined up to \$500 and get six months jail time. In New York, thieves are subject to arrest, vehicle impoundment and fines of up to \$5,000.

California lawmakers are also considering legislation that would make large-scale, anonymous recycling more difficult by forcing scrap and paper recyclers to require picture identification for anyone bringing in more than \$50 worth of cans, bottles or newspapers and to pay such individuals with checks rather than cash.

In Westchester County, N.Y., a proposal would make large-scale curbside recycling theft punishable by time behind bars and fines of up to \$2,000.

Companies are also taking measures of their own.

Norcal Waste contracted private investigators and installed surveillance cameras at San Francisco spots frequented by poachers. The investigators compiled dozens of photographs of old pickup trucks covered by spray-painted graffiti and piled high with recyclables allegedly stolen from residents.

The free weekly The East Bay Express, which covers Oakland, Berkeley and other Bay Area cities, hired an ex-police detective to stake out thieves and began retrofitting curbside newspaper racks to make them theft-resistant because thousands of fresh copies go missing some weeks.

"We don't want to be spending all our energy printing papers that people take directly to the recyclers," said Hal Brody, the paper's president.

California dreaming — can McCain win?

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES John McCain is starting a California campaign that might already be over.

The Republican presidential candidate opens a handful of political offices this week in the nation's most populous state, the historical turf of Reagan and Nixon that in recent years has become a Democratic fortress in presidential contests.

The Arizona senator boasts that he can win California's 55 electoral votes, the biggest prize on Nov. 4, but he's running as the Republican successor to GOP President George Bush, whose approval rating is at an all-time low in the state. Three of four voters say the nation is on the wrong track, and McCain's opposition to abortion rights and his support for the Iraq war and offshore drilling leave him out of step with a potentially decisive swath of Californians.

A Republican hasn't carried the state in a presidential contest in two decades, and Al

Gore and John Kerry notched double-digit victories here. Democratic voter registration is inching up, while the Republican slice of the electorate is shrinking. The growing ranks of Hispanic voters — possibly 20 percent of the California vote this November — tilt Democratic.

The numbers are so daunting for a Republican that Bush didn't bother to contest the state in 2004.

Beyond the political environment — McCain campaign manager Rick Davis calls it "among the worst in modern history for Republicans" — McCain's biggest problem in California could be a tight budget.

Television is typically the only way to reach voters across the vast state, home to 38 million people. A statewide run of TV ads can cost several million dollars a week, and those prices could be an impediment for McCain in a race where Obama is expected to have a financial edge.

McCain "is likely to get outspent 2-1 nationally. He's going to have to be very careful about which states he targets," said

Michael Schroeder, a former state Republican chairman who was political director for Mitt Romney's California campaign.

For now, "he has no chance here because he's not trying," Schroeder said.

The campaign offices opening Monday are being financed by the California Republican Party, not the McCain campaign. They will serve as headquarters for McCain's workers and volunteers in the state, as well as other GOP candidates.

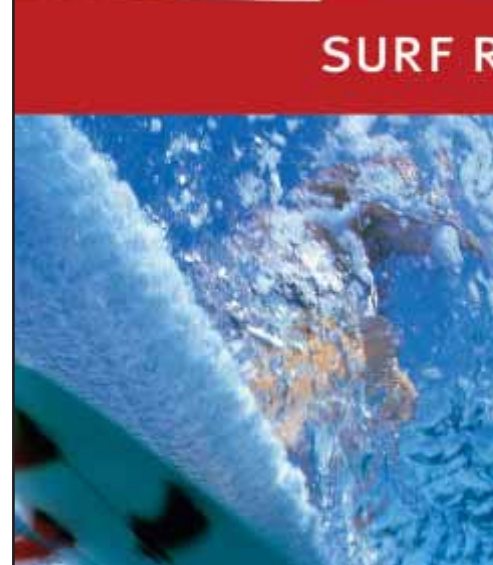
McCain has a single paid staffer in California.

For evidence of an opening, McCain supporters point to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, a Republican with moderate social views, celebrity credentials and a business-friendly outlook who is in his second term. They see McCain as sharing some of his traits — a willingness to work across party lines, a green streak on the environment and centrist appeal. But Schwarzenegger supports abortion rights, as does the other statewide Republican officeholder, Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner.



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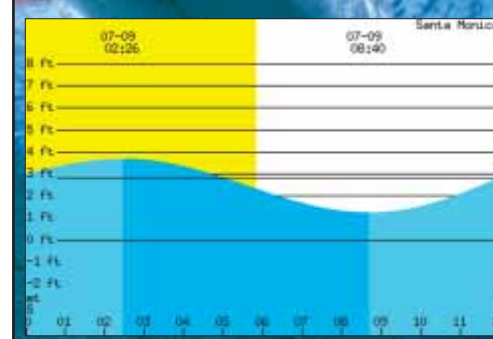


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Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / ns
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 7 / ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Camille Beach, at Arroyo Sepul 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 Palms Canyon storm drain	A	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Locks and Las Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Tennesson Canyon drain	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauque)	A	ns
Bread Beach at Trancas 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	D	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wilshire Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	C	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	ns
Lafayette Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Selena Canyon at San Blocker 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
Marine Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Calvary fences	A	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily	F	ns	Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	F	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
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint zero)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 18048 PCH stairs	C	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pine Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DOW 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 Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	ns	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

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

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NFL Foley to settle lawsuit with officer for \$5.5M

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO Former Chargers linebacker Steve Foley has agreed to settle his lawsuit for \$5.5 million against a police officer who shot him while off-duty two years ago, ending his pro football career.

Foley struck the agreement with the city of Coronado and Officer Aaron Mansker last week, on the day he was scheduled to testify in his civil trial in San Diego Superior Court, but the terms were not released until Monday.

“He’s going to be able to get on with his life and bring some closure,” said Foley’s attorney Harvey Levine.

The Coronado City Council approved the settlement Monday, said Mayor Tom Smisek.

The city, an upscale peninsular enclave on San Diego Bay, will pay the entire \$5.5 million, Smisek said. Insurance will cover all but \$100,000, which will come out of city coffers.

City Attorney Steve Boehmer, who represents the city and Mansker, did not respond to a phone message.

Foley, 32, was shot in his leg, hip and hand in September 2006 after Mansker

tailed his car home from downtown San Diego to suburban Poway, 15 miles north, on suspicion that the driver was drunk.

Mansker, then a 23-year-old rookie officer, was driving his personal car and wearing a T-shirt and jeans when he twice pulled up next to Foley and ordered the player to pull over. Foley ignored the orders and drove home because Mansker didn’t identify himself as a police officer, Levine said during the trial.

The two men confronted one another in Foley’s cul-de-sac. Mansker testified at the trial that he fired when he saw Foley reach for his waistband, thinking the player had a gun.

Foley pleaded guilty in 2007 to misdemeanor drunken driving.

He was released two years early from his contract with the Chargers in March 2007 and has moved to Houston, where he is caring for his 11-year-old daughter and plans to complete his college degree, Levine said.

Mansker was cleared of criminal liability after the San Diego County district attorney’s office found he shot in self-defense. Mansker was honored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving at a luncheon in March for making 57 drunken driving arrests in 2007.

OBITUARY Boxer Mando Ramos dies at 59

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Mando Ramos, a two-time lightweight boxing champion beset by drug and alcohol abuse, has died. He was 59.

Ramos died Sunday at his home in San Pedro, according to his wife, Sylvia. She said her husband, a diabetic, went into respiratory arrest and paramedics were unable to revive him. Ramos turned pro in 1965, three days after his 17th birthday. He retired a decade later with a record of 37-11-1 with 23 knockouts.

“I never really trained, not for a single fight,” he once told the Los Angeles Times. “Oh, I went to the gym every day. But I drank every night. Fighters never beat me. But drugs and alcohol (did).”

Ramos stopped Carlos Teo Cruz in the 11th round in 1969 to win the lightweight title, then lost it in 1970 to Ismael Laguna.

He regained the title in 1972 with a split decision over Pedro Carrasco, then lost it later in the year when Chango Carmona stopped him in the eighth round.

“By 1974, I was sleeping in cars,” Ramos told the Times.

He checked into a rehab clinic in the early 1980s and remained sober the rest of his life. When he got out of rehab, he started Boxing Against Alcohol and Drugs, a program aimed at youngsters.

Ramos, born in Long Beach, was inducted into the California Boxing Hall of Fame on June 21.

“He was the complete fighter,” said former champion Carlos Palomino, Ramos’ presenter. “He could box, he could brawl, he could do it all.”

In addition to his wife, Ramos’ survivors include a son, brother and four grandchildren.

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All smiles, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Staying on top of your game could create tension, as so much is going on around you. You find that opportunity strikes, and you simply might have too many choices. Is there such a thing? Tonight: Listen to offers, then decide.	LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Events succeed in making you feel as if you have too many choices. Worse things have happened. You might want to try something very different that suddenly appears on the table. Why not? Tonight: All smiles.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your efforts are remarkable to many. You accomplish a lot. Others seem to toss you work or extras, which might be fun if you like challenges. You might wonder when this will end as you run from one area of your life to another. Tonight: You deserve to put your feet up.	SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Pull back and don't feel pressured by any situation or person. You might want to rethink a decision. The answer you come up with could be very different from what is being suggested. You know much more than you realize. Tonight: Easy does it.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Your playful side emerges when dealing with the many people in your life. How you deal with someone and the choices you make reflect who you are. Be willing to say enough to a child or loved one who is never satisfied. Tonight: Fun times.	SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. You'll want to think about your long-term goals. If you are open to new information, you will see that something very different could occur. Be open to opportunities. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might realize better than anyone else what works and what is necessary. If you are tired, slow down. You don't want to make an unnecessary error. Think positively and create greater security. Tonight: Happily head home.	CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You might feel as if you are tossed in every which direction. You might not be sure about which way to go. It's as if you are on a merry-go-round. Take your time making a decision. Tonight: A must appearance.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Listen to news and follow through on what you see as pivotal. Not everyone agrees with what you are saying. Opportunities come through animated discussions, even if no one agrees. Tonight: Hanging out feels just about perfect.	AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You know what to do and how to approach a situation. Your ability to pull back and do some deep thinking identifies you as a mental maverick. Use just those abilities, and you'll come out smiling. Tonight: Look at what is not being said.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Even the precise Virgo can go overboard. Today you'll see temptation rear its head. You might not be able to say no, but soon enough you might wish you did. Remember, you are the power and creator of your life. Respond accordingly. Tonight: Say yes.	PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your creativity emerges when dealing with many different people. The most effective interpersonal style will be on a one-on-one level. How you deal with a situation and the choices you make could be determined by not one but several conversations. Tonight: Dinner for two.
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		8	2	1	9	6		

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3	2	7	9	1	5	4	6	8
4	9	5	6	8	7	3	2	1
8	6	1	3	2	4	7	9	5
2	1	6	8	4	9	5	3	7
9	3	8	7	5	1	2	4	6
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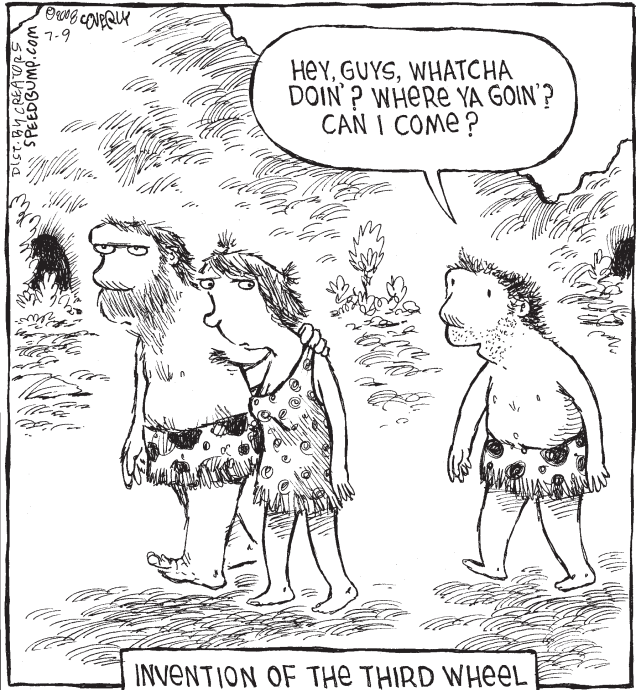
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5 See 1-Across
11 Bassoon's kin
12 Prologue
13 Scot's skirt
14 Overlooked
15 Slippery one
16 Nudnik
17 Corpulent
19 Bound
22 Crew member
24 Kitchen sight
26 Map dot
27 Dash
28 Conclusion

30 Phones up
31 Greedy one
32 Texas mission
34 Dance part
35 Owl's question
38 Flowering tree
41 Astronaut Shepard
42 Dumas character
43 Thinker
44 Mend one's ways

DOWN

1 Gag
2 Theater award
3 Home for a raccoon, perhaps
4 Tennis need
5 You're reading them
6 Telescope parts
7 Sunup site
8 Part of college e-mail addresses
9 Sermon topic
10 Sch. subj.

16 Apiece
18 Honey bunch
19 Ability to drink a lot
20 Egg outline
21 Corrals
22 Loaded
23 Ibsen's home
25 Squad
29 Has left-overs, say

30 Limit
33 Minimal amount
34 One or two
36 Put up
37 Addition column
38 Disfigure
39 Rage
40 Subway aid
41 Common verb

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ China's Xinhua news agency reported in March that a farmer in Jilin province had been found with a tortoise that is addicted to nicotine. The farmer, a smoker himself, said he was surprised when the pet puffed on a cigarette he had playfully stuck in its mouth, and since then, he occasionally shares smokes with it.

■ Magistrates in Sunderland, England, accepted a guilty plea in June from Samantha Pearson and David Step for animal cruelty. The couple had relocated quarters last October but left behind a pet, Milly, to starve to death. Milly was a pet rat.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1540 England's King Henry VIII had his 6-month-old marriage to his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves, annulled.

1776 the Declaration of Independence was read aloud to Gen. George Washington's troops in New York.

1816 Argentina declared independence.

1850 the 12th president of the United States, Zachary Taylor, died after serving only 16 months of his term.

1896 William Jennings Bryan delivered his famous "cross of gold" speech at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

1918 101 people were killed in a train collision in Nashville, Tenn.

1918 the Distinguished Service Cross was established by an Act of Congress.

1938 Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Cardozo died in Port Chester, N.Y.

1944 during World War II, American forces secured Saipan as the last Japanese defenses fell.

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