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THE JET LAG ISSUE

Project comes under fire

City Council blasts VA for lack of progress in housing homeless vets

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITY HALL Frustrated with the lack of progress in housing homeless veterans at the Los Angeles Veterans Administration Campus, the City Council on Tuesday issued a non-binding resolution calling on federal officials to pick up the pace.

During a meeting with representatives from the VA, the council learned that the plan to house veterans in three buildings at the campus is still in its infant stages, with a contract for rehabilitation and remodel of

one building not expected to be approved until January 2009 at the earliest.

It would be a year and several months after that before veterans could move in, officials said.

The process is taking some time because of a lack of room to move patients currently occupying one of the buildings, said Ralph Tillman, chief of assessment management for the VA. A bed tower also must be built to house patients, creating the need for a "phased approach."

Councilman Bobby Shriver, who has been advocating for more housing for vet-

erans for roughly three years, was the most vocal of all council members, blasting the VA and elected officials in Washington, D.C. for allegedly failing to serve those who have given so much to their country. He was not pleased with the phased approach being taken.

"This is outrageous," Shriver said. "I'm frustrated that this has happened. I'm frustrated that federal legislation has slowed this down ... [Former VA Secretary James] Nicholson made the decision a year ago

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Brownley tackles education issues

BY ALEXANDRA BISSONNETTE
Special to the Daily Press

SACRAMENTO From the budget crisis to the rise in immigration, California schools have been slammed with some major hurdles in recent years. On Monday of this week, Assemblymember Julia Brownley (D-Santa Monica) was appointed to serve as the Chair of the Assembly Education Committee to tackle some of those challenges.

"I am thrilled, honored and humbled," Brownley said. "As a 12-year school board member, I came to the Legislature to try and restore California's schools back to being the model of educational excellence for the nation. It is simply not acceptable anymore to find this great state near the bottom of every national ranking and measurement for student success. Our educational system has been battered by budget crises and decades of disinvestment. California students deserve better and our future truly depends on their success."

Taking on California's education system will not be an easy task. According to Education Week, California ranks 47th in the nation in spending per student, and many argue that Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's revised budget — which followed a proposed \$4.8 billion cut for K-14 education — is still not enough to ease the pains of a faltering school system and a worsening economy.

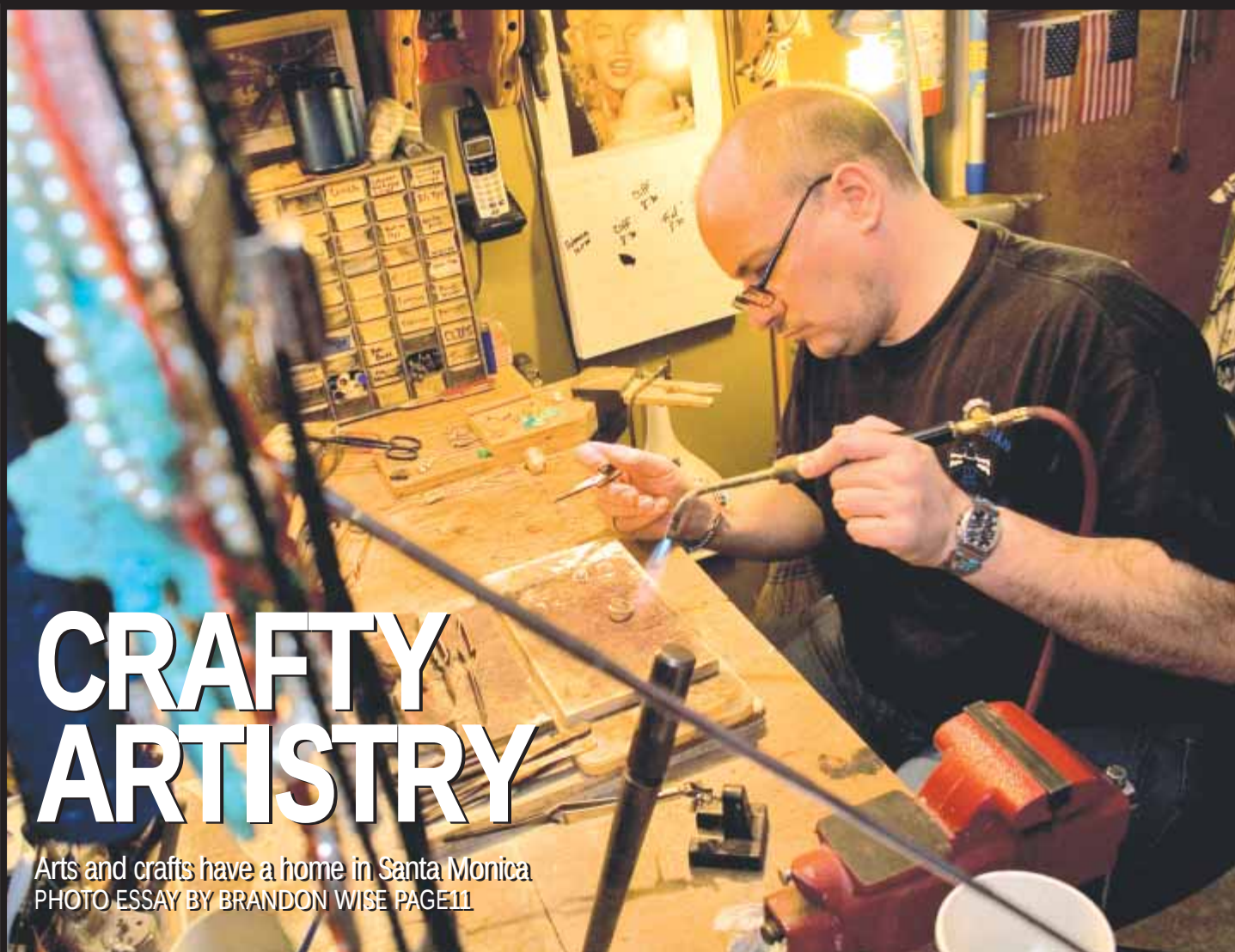
Despite the obstacles she faces, Brownley is confident that she can make the changes necessary to reshape the state's education system.

"I am excited to be in this leadership position where I can craft and monitor legislation that will focus on student achievement, facilitate innovation and improvement, and replicate best practices and excellence across all of our schools," she said.

Brownley is certainly not lacking in expe-

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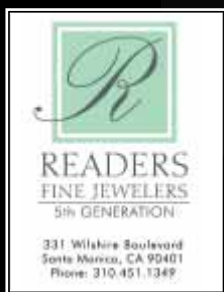




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Salsa stars heat up the pier

BY CHRISTINA YOON

Special to the Daily Press

SM PIER The forecast by the beach may be chilly and a bit cloudy, but Spanish Harlem Orchestra has plans to turn up the temperature for audiences. The Grammy-winning salsa sensations will perform at this summer's third Twilight Dance Series concert tonight.

The 13-member ensemble specializes in

"salsa dura," or "heavy salsa" — a traditional style of Latin music that celebrates the musicians' cultural and artistic roots.

"It's music that contains the essence of what salsa music is," said Oscar Hernández, pianist and musical director of the band. "It's not pop salsa."

Hernández is currently a Los Angeles resident but insists that he is "a die-hard New Yorker, born and raised," as are his band mates. He says that their New York upbringing

and close ties to Puerto Rican culture inspire them to create music that harkens back to the lively music scene of Spanish Harlem in the 1950s and '60s.

"We're keeping the tradition that was passed down to us," Hernández said. "Our mission is to put it on the pedestal that it deserves to be on."

Originally formed in 2000 by producer Aaron Levinson for Warner Brothers Records, the orchestra was put on hold and

ultimately dropped by the record company. The band, however, had formed a strong underground fan base and was soon signed to a small independent label. Eight years later, the orchestra has released three albums, each of which has been nominated for Grammys. The band won the Grammy in 2004 for their second album "Across 110th Street." The band's latest album,

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RISING UP

Members of Venice Move On protest gas prices Wednesday at an Exxon station on the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Michigan Avenue.

Brandon Wise brandonw@smdp.com

Local officials urge public to support transit

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

CITYWIDE Officials from the city and the Big Blue Bus are urging residents to contact their local members of the Legislature in an effort to denounce the proposed cuts to the state's transportation budget.

The proposed cuts to the state's already diminished budget would divert \$1.4 billion earmarked for transit, to other areas experiencing deficits within the state's General Fund.

This could cause the Big Blue Bus to lose as much as \$3.5 million, at a time when gas prices are at record highs and ridership has increased by 7.1 percent. Cuts of this nature would prevent the Big Blue Bus from adding any new services or additional buses to overcrowded lines.

A number of city officials said reduced funding may also lead to fare increases and service cuts around the state, just as transit ridership reaches all time record levels. The elderly, disabled, and residents who don't know a car would be hardest hit by any cut backs in service or possible fare increases.

"People all over Los Angeles and other parts of the state are flocking to public transit because of spiraling, out of control gas prices," said Stephanie Negriff, director of transit services for the Big Blue Bus. "People need to have transit options that don't involve driving a car to help them economi-

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Catch-and-release method

Editor:

I'm writing to applaud Michael Bancas for his letter on Santa Monica's homeless problem (July 9, page 4, "Letters to the editor"). Being homeless myself, and in full accord with the notion that homelessness should be confined to communities less prosperous and attractive than Santa Monica, I feel duty-bound to offer my expertise. While Bancas's idea of an escalating program of harassment culminating in jail time for mentally ill homeless people – his "smelly guy ... talking to an invisible person" – may sound like good fun, in practice it's not very effective. Homeless people, like stray kittens, generally return to the last place we got a good meal. Starving us might work, but the European tourists Bancas says are horrified by live homeless people might be almost as horrified by the sight of our emaciated corpses, so that's not really practical either.

What we need instead is a catch-and-release program for humans. Let's get some man-sized humane traps, bait them with gourmet take-out meals or sleeping bags – that's my expertise coming into play – and then release the trapped homeless people into environs from which they can't make their ways back to Santa Monica. I'd suggest gang neighborhoods, Baghdad or Death Valley, but any place with predatory bipeds or fatal extremes of climate would do.

Bancas complains about the endless and costly studies of the problem, and I'm with him on that score too. The last study I read was entitled, "Ending Homelessness in Santa Monica." I'm willing, indeed eager, to work with Bancas on an actual program. We could call it "Ending the Homeless in Santa Monica," or perhaps "The Final Solution."

European tourists would love that.

Weldon Berger

Santa Monica

Cyclists need to take heed

Editor:

Regarding "Crosswalks that sting" (June 28-29, page 1), as an occasional pedestrian in Santa Monica and the Westside, I applaud the efforts of the SMPD to make the crosswalks safer. However, it seems to me that bicycles also pose a real danger to pedestrians, both on and off the sidewalks. It is ironic that I can usually cross at even an un-signalized intersection in relative safety as motor vehicles (including the dreaded SUV) dutifully stop. It would be foolish of me to rely on the same consideration from bicyclists who usually run stop signs and crosswalks. While bicycles might be a benign form of transportation, a crash between a bicycle and a pedestrian can be deadly.

As a motorist I find that bicycles are usually a hazard that I have to be aware of, and as a pedestrian I find they are usually a danger I have to be on guard for, one reason I often choose to drive even short distances.

In the best of all possible worlds streets would be made safe and friendly for both bicycles and pedestrians. But in the best of all possible worlds, bicycles and their operators would have to be licensed, carry liability insurance, and be subject to legal sanctions for infractions of the vehicle code the same as their motorized brethren. In the interim I hope our local constabulary will direct some of their attention to laws regarding bicycles.

Joseph Gius

Santa Monica



The Rand Stand

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With or without nukes, Iran is a mortal threat

IMAGINE THAT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD is overrun by a gang. These brutes are wielding crowbars, knives, and pistols in a frenzied spree of home break-ins and mugging and murder. Now suppose the police reveal that their grand strategy for dealing with this gang is to block them from getting submachine guns — as if without such weapons, the gang would no longer bother people.

Would you sleep soundly at night?

Or would you be outraged? Of course you would, because this gang — even without more powerful weapons — is already a serious menace that must be stopped.

Now, what would you say if this ridiculous what-if scenario resembled our actual response to the very real threat from Iran?

Ever since taking U.S. embassy staff hostage in 1979, the Islamist regime in Teheran has led an international spree of bombings, hijackings, and other terrorist attacks on Americans and Westerners. Now politicians and diplomats, who put up with Iranian aggression for years, are loudly promising to block Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons.

On the campaign trail, for instance, the candidates debate how (i.e., with or without preconditions) they'd negotiate to dissuade Iran from pursuing a nuke — on the idea that without such a weapon in Iranian hands, everything will be hunky-dory.

But the uncomfortable truth is that if the mullahs got a nuke, Iran would not suddenly undergo a Jekyll-and-Hyde transformation from a friendly neighbor into a rabid enemy. Iran long ago proved itself a threat that must be stopped; a nuclear arsenal would only make it a far worse threat.

For three decades the ayatollahs of Iran have been using proxies — such as Hezbollah — to carry out murderous attacks. Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps helped create and train Hezbollah, which hijacked a TWA airliner and which kidnapped and tortured to death American citizens. Iran pulled the strings behind the 1983 bomb attacks on the U.S. Embassy in Lebanon and later the barracks of U.S. Marines, killing 241 Americans. Iran also orchestrated the 1996 car bombing of Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia, where 19 U.S. servicemen died.

There's more: The 9/11 Commission found that "senior al Qaeda operatives and trainers traveled to Iran to receive training in explosives," and that "8 to 10 of the 14 Saudi 'muscle' operatives traveled into or out of Iran between October 2000 and February

2001." During the Afghanistan war, Iran welcomed fleeing al Qaeda and Taliban fighters. Today, according to the U.S. military, Iran is running training camps near Teheran for Iraqi insurgents, who return to Iraq to practice and train others in their bomb-making skills. There's also growing evidence that Iraqi insurgents get bomb technology from Iran.

What's going on here?

A rational assessment of Iran would have to recognize that the mullahs in Teheran have been conducting a proxy war against America.

The inspiration for this war is Iran's jihadist goal of imposing Islamic totalitarianism globally. Iran is a leading sponsor of jihadists and the self-identified role model for exporting its Islamic revolution to other countries. It is the sworn enemy of the West. We should take seriously its call to bring "Death to America!" — because it has already done so.

But too many American diplomats and commentators refuse to judge Iran. Instead, they regard its past hostility as a string of disconnected crises, unrelated to Iran's ideological agenda.

They avoid naming the nature of the regime and behave as if its acquisition of a nuclear weapon would be the decisive event. But that particular weapon — despite its power — cannot be the whole story, since we don't worry about other countries, such as France and Britain, having nukes. The rarely admitted difference is that the regime in Iran would eagerly press the launch button.

This fear-the-weapon-not-the-killer mentality refuses to understand the threat posed by Iran right now. This view holds that only the concrete facts about Iran's arsenal have any practical significance, while its abstract, ideological goals and character can be disregarded with impunity. But whether Iran uses one nuke, or attacks with more conventional weapons, its victims are still dead.

Our leaders' narrow concern with Iran's nuclear capability cannot make the regime's longstanding hostility to America go away. Americans should face the real character and conduct of the Iranian regime, before it is too late.

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The Institute's royal screw up

I'VE NEVER HAD A PARTICULARLY inflated sense of self-importance. However, that all changed last month when an e-mail appeared in my inbox from Walter Isaacson — Aspen Institute president and CEO, New York Times best-selling author, former chairman and CEO of CNN and former editor of Time magazine — requesting my presence at an intimate evening with His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan and Queen Rania.

The invitation described how the Aspen Institute's Middle East Strategy Group is "working to create economic and educational programs to help the Palestinian people and to promote peace in the region." It went on to say that my presence was "welcome" at the limited seating "noble dinner" that promised an interesting discussion. The response form included a space for me to notate whether I wanted to pay for the \$5,000 ticket by check or credit card.

My initial reaction was that somehow I had been mistaken for a person of means. I thought perhaps I was spotted looking particularly moneyed and sophisticated in my flip-flops while opening a safe deposit box at the bank in June.

Then it dawned on me that the chance was slim of anyone confusing the marriage license, passports and wills that I shoved in the 5-inch by 18-inch box for something that might have been purchased, say, at last month's Christina Onassis jewelry event at Christie's in London. (Although if I had been the winning bidder of the \$7.1 million, 38-carat pear-shaped diamond pendant that sold at that auction, I probably would have stashed it in the bank, since I don't foresee ever having occasion to wear it.)

Since I was fairly certain I have at no time passed myself off to anyone as someone who has four figures to drop on a single meal, I wondered next if word had spread about my performance in the Great Books seminar in which I participated this winter, and my extraordinary analysis skills were being sought after as a result.

But then I thought about how I felt I was being out-Plato-ed, out-Aristotle-ed and just about out-everyone else-ed throughout the entire session. The post-college fantasy of taking a class with lots of reading and none of the homework and term papers was fabulous. The reality is that a full-time job and a family seriously impede any really deep, detailed, philosophical reading and interpretations.

Then I considered for a moment that Walter Isaacson might have known and been

impressed by the fact that I had seen the John Adams miniseries on HBO earlier this year.

Of course, at the same time, I realized if he knew I had seen it, then he was probably also aware that I had only actually seen three of the seven episodes before I lost interest. And then I remembered that Walter Isaacson had written a book about Benjamin Franklin, not John Adams (those Founding Fathers all blend together after a while, no?), so why would he care anyway?

Finally, I decided it was possible that the news could have leaked to the Aspen Institute that I was a Tony Awards voter in 2003, and that my presence was desired because having been a member of another elite group (albeit five years ago) made me a more tantalizing prospect.

But if that tidbit of information was known, then they also had to know that the first time I tried to flex my fancy Tony voter muscle to take my parents to see a show in New York — "Urinetown: The Musical" — the tickets weren't at will call because the show's press agent had failed to remember I would be in attendance that evening. Watching my mom and dad drive out of a theater-district parking garage and head back to the suburbs that night sans Playbill was not one of my finer moments.

In hindsight, it might have occurred to me that something was amiss upon rereading Walter Isaacson's e-mail and realizing it was addressed "Dear :—" — my name noticeably absent.

And, yet, it still didn't completely floor me when exactly three hours and 55 minutes later a second e-mail joined the first one in my inbox, this one with the subject line: "Retraction: Invitation to Dinner with His Majesty King Abdullah II of Jordan."

It explained, with a deep apology, that it was "necessary to recall the invitation," because I had only received it due to a "system error." However, it did go on to let me know that His Majesty would be speaking at a public event, tickets for which would be on sale to the general population shortly. The second e-mail didn't come from Walter Isaacson but from an Aspen Institute Web editor.

Which was fine with me, really. I'd rather hold out for dinner with Gandhi, Elvis or the Pope anyway. Because I figure there's a slightly better chance those invites would be legitimate.

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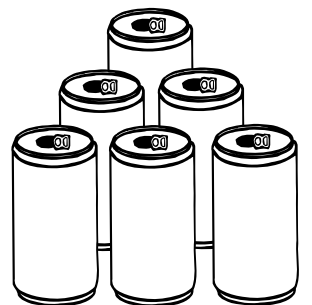
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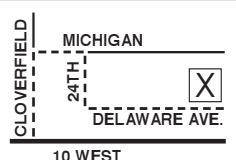
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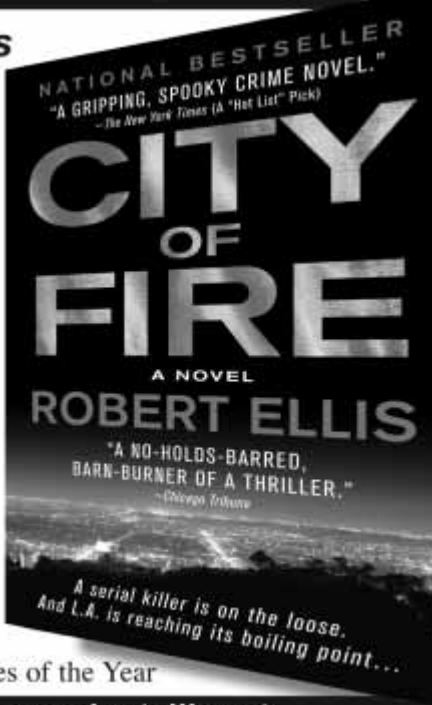
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Mount Shasta's glaciers growing, despite warming

BY SAMANTHA YOUNG
Associated Press Writer

MOUNT SHASTA Global warming is shrinking glaciers all over the world, but the seven tongues of ice creeping down Mount Shasta's flanks are a rare exception: They are the only long-established glaciers in the continental U.S. that are growing.

Reaching more than 14,000 feet above sea level, Mount Shasta is one of the state's tallest peaks, dominating the landscape of high plains and conifer forests in far Northern California. Nearby Indian tribes referred to its glaciers as the footsteps made by the creator when he descended to Earth. Hikers flock to Shasta's peak every summer to scale them.

With glaciers retreating in the Sierra Nevada, the Rocky Mountains and elsewhere in the Cascades, Mount Shasta — the southernmost volcano in the Cascade range — is actually benefiting from changing weather patterns over the Pacific Ocean.

"When people look at glaciers around the world, the majority of them are shrinking," said Slawek Tulaczyk, an assistant professor of earth sciences at the University of California, Santa Cruz, who led a team studying Shasta's glaciers. "These glaciers seem to be benefiting from the warming ocean."

Climate change has cut the number of glaciers at Montana's Glacier National Park from 150 to 26 since 1850, and some scientists project there will be none left within a generation.

Lonnie Thompson, a glacier expert at Ohio State University, has projected the storied snows at Africa's Mount Kilimanjaro might disappear by 2015.

But for Shasta, about 270 miles north of San Francisco, scientists say a warming Pacific Ocean means more moist air. On the mountain, precipitation falls as snow, adding to the glaciers enough to overcome a 1.8 degree Fahrenheit rise in temperature in the last century, scientists say.

"It's a bit of an anomaly that they are growing, but it's not to be unexpected," said Ed Josberger, a glaciologist at the U.S. Geological Survey in Tacoma, Wash.

By comparison, the glaciers in the Sierra Nevada, more than 500 miles south of Mount Shasta, are exposed to warmer summer temperatures and are retreating.

The Sierra's 498 ice formations — glaciers and ice fields — have shrunk by about half their size over the past 100 years, said Andrew Fountain, a geology professor at Portland State University. He inventoried glaciers in the continental U.S. as part of a federal initiative.

He said Shasta's seven glaciers are the only ones scientists have identified as getting larger, with the exception of a small glacier in the shaded crater of Washington state's Mount St. Helens.

It formed after the 1980 eruption blasted away slightly more than half the mountain's ice, and scientists believe it will not grow in area once it stretches outside the shade of the crater.

Glaciologists say most glaciers in Alaska and Canada are retreating, too, but there are

too many to study them all.

Although Mount Shasta's glaciers are growing, researchers say the 4.7 billion cubic feet of ice on its flanks could be gone by 2100. For the glaciers to remain their current size, Shasta would have to receive 20 percent more snowfall for every 1.8-degree Fahrenheit increase in temperature, Tulaczyk said.

The Shasta glaciers have been advancing since the end of a drought in the early 20th century. The mountain's smallest glaciers — named Konwakiton, Watkins and Mud Creek — have more than doubled in length since 1950.

Hikers seeking to cross Shasta's glaciers — marked with crevasses as deep as 100 feet — say they are much larger than the boundaries drawn on geological maps.

"I noticed I was traveling down farther than the maps were showing it," said Eric White, a U.S. Forest Service ranger who has climbed Shasta for 23 years.

Four glaciers at Washington's Mount Rainier are staying about the same size. Those glaciers — shielded from the sun on the mountain's north and east sides — have received just enough snow to keep them from shrinking.

The added ice on Mount Shasta might be good for the state's water supplies. Hydrologists believe the glaciers feed springs and aquifers, though they say it's unclear precisely how the water travels underground.

Until recently, the same phenomenon that is benefiting Shasta's glaciers was feeding glacier growth in southern Norway and Sweden, the New Zealand Alps and northern Pakistan, according to the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

In each area, scientists say, more snowfall temporarily offset warming temperatures in the 1990s and early 2000s. But rising temperatures since then have begun to shrink the ice.

Climate change is causing roughly 90 percent of the world's mountain glaciers to shrink, said Thompson, the Ohio State glacier expert.

"Best that we keep our eye on the big picture," Thompson said in an e-mail about Shasta's unique position. "The picture points unfortunately (to) massive loss of ice on land, which has huge implications for future sea level rise."

Global forecasts show temperatures warming from 2 degrees to 11.5 degrees Fahrenheit by the end of the century if no major efforts are undertaken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. At that rate, California's snowpack and its remaining glaciers are among the most vulnerable of its natural resources.

Even without global warming, another threat to Shasta's glaciers could come far more quickly: a volcanic eruption could melt them, creating mud flows that could bury the surrounding small communities.

Over the last 4,000 years, Shasta has erupted about every 250 to 300 years, and did so most recently about 200 years ago, said William Hirt, a geology instructor at the College of the Siskiyous.



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Welcoming the dog days of summer with produce

I AM HAPPY TO SAY THE DOG DAYS

of summer are here. There is something truly special about the hot summer weather and all that it brings. Slower pace, more time outdoors, longer evenings and fabulous summer produce.

For those of us who enjoy the Farmers' Markets in the Westside it is a particularly fertile time of year.

The fruits and vegetables right now are abundant and flavorful with a variety that can seem almost overwhelming.

One of my favorite Farmer's Markets is in Mar Vista every Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon.

There is a neighborhood feeling to it that is a bit like living in a small town. I religiously walk there (Sunday is my "car free" day) and pick whatever strikes my fancy to hold me over for the week.

Particularly delicious are the peaches, plums, apricots and nectarines. They have so many flavors and can be eaten as is or baked into a wonderful dessert.

Another great way to cook with these summer fruits is to grill them. Simply cut in half, remove the pit and lightly brush with melted butter. Grill flat side down until softened and caramelized and serve with ice cream or sorbet.

For those of you who may want a recipe using summer fruit here are a

Grilled pineapple with ice cream and rum syrup

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 1 ripe pineapple, skin cut off, cored and cut into wedges
- 3 Tb. butter
- 2 limes, juiced
- 1/3 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/3 cup dark rum
- Vanilla ice cream

Procedure

1. Transfer the pineapple to a baking sheet.
2. Combine the butter, lime and sugar in a small skillet and cook 3 minutes to dissolve the sugar. Add the rum and increase the heat, flambé, when the flame subsides, cook another few minutes.
3. Heat a grill. Brush the pineapple wedges with some of the rum sauce. Grill the fruit until slightly caramelized about 5 to 8 minutes. Serve with the ice cream and any remaining sauce.

Grilled peaches with honey and raspberries

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 4 large ripe peaches, about 1 1/4 pounds
- 2 pints raspberries, rinsed
- 3 Tb. confectioner's sugar
- 1 Tb. lemon juice
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1/4 cup
- 3 Tb. butter
- 1/3 cup cognac or rum
- 1 cup crème fraiche
- Mint sprigs, garnish

Procedure

1. Blanch the peaches in boiling water for 2 minutes. Transfer to a plate to cool.
2. Peel the peaches and then cut in half. Remove the pits.
3. Process 1/2 of the berries with the confectioner's sugar, lemon and vanilla until smooth. Strain through a sieve and then refrigerate.
4. In a large skillet combine the honey and butter and cook over high heat, stirring until smooth. Cook about 3 to 4 minutes add the rum or cognac and flambé or cook about 5 minutes to reduce the alcohol.
5. Heat a grill pan, grill the peaches basting with the honey sauce until slightly caramelized and softened about 4 minutes on each side.
6. Place a couple of peach halves in a serving bowl and spoon some of the puree over. Garnish with a dollop of crème fraiche as well as the remaining berries and mint.

couple you may enjoy.

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Vegetable fried rice makes the most of summer

BY JIM ROMANOFF

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By design, fried rice is a frugal cook's dream.

Cold (as in leftover) cooked rice is stir-fried with bits of cooked meat or seafood (also leftovers), a mishmash of vegetables (whatever is seasonal or on hand) and usually a few scrambled eggs.

There are no set rules to preparing this dish except that it is important to start with cold or at least room temperature rice. Freshly steamed rice will be too wet, causing the grains to stick together and the results to be lumpy and dense.

Most varieties of rice will work, but long grain white, jasmine and basmati varieties are best. Because these rice varieties are particularly sticky, they produce a pleasantly fluffy fried rice.

Brown rice will work, but stick with long grain varieties; short grain brown rice tends to be stickier.

The technique is simple: If you are including eggs, start by scrambling them in some oil, then set them aside. Next, add more oil and stir-fry (cook, stirring constantly) any aromatics, such as onions, garlic and ginger.

Add the cooked meat and vegetables

Summer vegetable fried rice

Serves 6 to 8

- 2 tablespoons peanut oil
- 5 large eggs, beaten
- 1 medium yellow onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 medium zucchini, cut into 1/2-inch dice
- 1 medium yellow squash, cut into 1/2-inch dice
- 1 red bell pepper, stemmed and diced
- 1 bunch scallions, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups finely diced Canadian bacon or ham
- 4 cups cold, cooked long-grain white rice
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce, or to taste

In a large nonstick skillet or wok, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil over high heat. Add eggs and cook, stirring, until scrambled. Transfer to a plate and set aside. Add the remaining tablespoon oil to pan. Add the onion and cook, stirring constantly, until it begins to soften, about 2 minutes. Add the garlic and cook, stirring constantly, 1 minute. Add the zucchini, squash, pepper, scallions and Canadian bacon. Cook, stirring constantly, until the vegetables begin to soften, about 5 minutes. Add the rice and cook, stirring constantly, until the rice is heated through, 3 to 5 minutes. Add the reserved eggs and soy sauce. Toss well, breaking up the eggs, until heated through, about 2 minutes. Serve immediately.

and stir-fry until the vegetables begin to soften. Then, add the cold rice and cook, stirring constantly, until heated through. Finally add the eggs, toss, and season

with salt or soy sauce.

It's helpful to cut all of your cooked meat and vegetables into uniform sizes so they will cook consistently.



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County gives City Hall \$1.1M for homeless

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and today, nearly a year later, we only have expressions of interest. That's mind boggling."

The legislation that Shriver was referring to is H.R. 2225, authored by Congressman Henry Waxman (D-Los Angeles) that permanently prohibits the sale of any West L.A. VA property. The measure was celebrated by city officials both in Los Angeles and Santa Monica as it prevented commercial developers from building on the campus.

That said, the law also prohibits the use of enhanced use leases on the property, which were used to partner with commercial developers as well as homeless service providers. There is a concern that without enhanced use leases — the preferred method of linking service providers with the VA — many nonprofits will be unable to secure financing and tax credits to operate at the campus, defeating the purpose of creating supportive housing there.

Representatives from Waxman's office said the congressman has studied the issue carefully and is confident that there are at least two other mechanisms available for nonprofits to operate successfully at the VA.

It was Waxman who suggested the council pass the resolution calling for swifter action.

Shriver was the lone councilman to vote against the resolution because he did not feel comfortable supporting something that "pats officials on their backs" when very little movement has been made, he said.

While he is grateful for the support of



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SITE IN QUESTION: Buildings 205, 208 and 209 at the Los Angeles Veterans Administration Campus on Wilshire Boulevard are slated to provide homeless veterans with housing and care.

Waxman and U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) as well as Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and L.A. City Councilman Bill Rosendahl, Shriver believes more can be done.

Tillman said the VA sympathizes with the council and shares some of their frustration.

The agency is committed to seeing the plan through.

"We want to get homeless veterans off the street," Tillman said. "We are taking every action within our authority to accomplish the same goals."

The VA is preparing to release more than

800 HUD-VASH vouchers to cities in Los Angeles County to help house homeless veterans. City Hall has identified 15 homeless veterans in Santa Monica, according to the VA, some of which are already actively engaged with service providers.

VA officials said they are in the process of hiring case workers so that they can distribute the vouchers. City Hall has expressed some disappointment that the vouchers have not been released yet.

"We are looking to get them off the streets as quickly as possible," said Julie Rusk, the director of Human Services for City Hall. "We would like to making more rapid progress."

VA officials said they will commit as many VASH vouchers to Santa Monica as the city needs.

In related news, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday voted to give Santa Monica \$1.1 million to assist the city and service providers OPCC and Step Up on Second with their efforts to house 70 of the city's most vulnerable homeless who have been without shelter the longest and are seven times more likely to die while living on the streets.

The money is for two years and will pay for case managers to work with those who are housed. City Hall will provide housing vouchers, Rusk added.

"This will be a great opportunity to get 70 people off the streets," Rusk said. "We already know who these people are."

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New head for assembly education committee

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rience. She is currently Chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee #2 on Education Finance, and Chair of the Select Committee on Higher Education in the 21st Century.

Her experience with education is in part what prompted Assembly Speaker Karen Bass (D-Los Angeles) to make the appointment.

"Julia's outstanding background and leadership skills uniquely qualify her to help form good education policy for 21st century California, from pre-K-12 all the way through college," Bass said.

Hopefully, experience and optimism will be enough to counter the challenges facing California schools in the fall.

One issue that continues to be on the

minds of education policy makers is the issue of California's achievement gap — the term used to describe groups of children that continue to trail behind their peers.

With all she faces, Brownley is anxious to get to work.

"I am so grateful to Speaker Bass for giving me this extraordinary opportunity," Brownley said. "I look forward to working with the Speaker and my colleagues in the Legislature, along with all of the educational advocates at the state and local level, to shape educational policy that will leverage educational excellence for all of California's children while simultaneously and systematically closing the opportunity and achievement gap that persists in California."

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HOT TICKET: Spanish Harlem Orchestra plays the Twilight Dance Series tonight at the pier.

Salsa orchestra gets the SM Pier moving

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"United we Swing," features special guest vocals by Paul Simon. Hernández formed a professional relationship with Simon when he arranged and produced the music for Simon's Broadway musical "The Capeman." "United We Swing" is nominated for a Grammy this year for Best Tropical Album.

"I'm extremely proud that people are giving (the band) the recognition it deserves," Hernández said. "It's not like we're an overnight sensation. I busted my butt!"

The band has toured internationally for years, and was the first salsa band to perform at the Sydney Opera House. Hernández is confident that Twilight Dance Series audiences will embrace their sound as openly as others have around the world.

"L.A. has a strong tradition of Latin music,

so we're happy to have them hear music that characterizes the East Coast," he said.

More than anything, Hernández sees tonight's concert on the pier as a ripe opportunity.

"The fact that we're playing for people who don't know who we are is an extra bonus," he said.

It's also helpful that audiences gathered at the concert tonight will have the space to show off some moves as the band plays its energetic, upbeat salsa hits.

"We've been playing a lot of performing arts centers and people always complain that there's nowhere to dance," Hernández said.

While the orchestra's music has more to offer musically than just a background beat to dance to, "ultimately, even at the performing arts centers people get up and dance."

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BBB could lose as much as \$3.5M

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cally with the rising cost of gas ... People depend on low cost and effective public transportation every day to go to work and school, to keep medical appointments, to shop for food, and to take care of other everyday needs. It will be devastating to a large number of people if we continue losing these funds."

This latest action of the proposed transit cuts follows last year's decision to permanently reduce the budget by diverting 50 percent of the revenue from the sales tax on gasoline (called "spillover" funds) into the General Fund to offset other budget prob-

lems. Until last year, 100 percent of spillover funds had been allocated for use by transit agencies, the use of which has been overwhelmingly and repeatedly approved by voters over the past 30 years, city officials said.

"We need the public's help to get this critical message across that transit funds that have been voted on and protected over and over again by the people should be used for transit only and not as a band-aid to help the state budget," Negriff said. "It's important to let your voice be heard, because people can make a difference in these matters."

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NBA
76ers ink Brand to deal worth reported \$82M

BY DAN GELSTON
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA Elton Brand signed with the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday, giving them the low-post presence needed to contend in the Eastern Conference. The power forward's arrival represents a huge move for the Sixers, who have worked quickly to become a threat in the East. He should immediately improve the emerging Sixers with his 20.3 points and 10.2 rebounds per game average over nine seasons. Brand played in only eight games last season because of an Achilles' tendon injury. Brand said Wednesday night he was 100 percent and ready to go. "I won't let anybody down," he said. Last week, Brand opted out of his contract with the Clippers, but Los Angeles was expected to make a strong push to re-sign him. Instead, he spurned the Clippers and agreed to a five-year deal with Philadelphia worth a reported \$82 million. "My intention was to try and work something out with the Clippers," Brand said. Agent David Falk said Brand was given a "take it or leave it" offer from the Clippers on June 30 at significantly less than what Brand signed for in Philadelphia. Falk also said the Golden State Warriors offered more total money — about \$90 million — but that Brand felt the 76ers were a better fit.

Philadelphia wanted to land a big man this summer and also had Hawks restricted free agent Josh Smith in town last week for a visit, but he left without being presented with an offer sheet. Smith will look elsewhere, or possibly stay in Atlanta. The 76ers were able to sign Brand to a big deal because they sent forward Rodney Carney and a future No. 1 pick to the Minnesota Timberwolves as part of a trade that cleared an additional \$2 million in salary cap space. That meant the Sixers — who entered the summer already \$11 million under the cap — could offer a starting salary in the \$14 million range. Brand had \$16.4 million left on deal he signed in 2003. Brand was the No. 1 overall pick in the 1999 draft out of Duke and spent two seasons with the Bulls before he was traded to the Clippers. Brand, a two-time All-Star, tried to leave Los Angeles once before as a restricted free agent. He signed an offer sheet with Miami, but returned to the Clippers once the deal was matched. The Sixers had been pointing toward this summer ever since they traded former MVP Allen Iverson in 2006 and decided to rebuild. They started clearing contracts — notably last season's trade of Kyle Korver to Utah — to have enough cash under the cap to pursue a franchise-shifting free agent. Once Brand surprisingly spurned the Clippers, the 76ers had their man.

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Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG-13) 2hrs 00min 1:10, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30	Wanted (R) 1hr 48min 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:20	Iron Man (PG-13) 2 hrs 6 min 1:20, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
Hancock (PG-13) 1hr 32min 12:00, 2:20, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00	Hancock (PG-13) 1hr 32min 12:30, 1:45, 3:00, 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30	Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G) 1 hr 31 min 11:10 a.m., 1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30
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Order in, Cancer

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Defer if you are feeling overwhelmed. Your willingness to say no could define the next few days. Consider opportunities that head in your direction. You might need to check them out. Once you get past a problem, you'll regain your composure. Tonight: Relax.	LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You make waves, though internally you could be obsessing beyond the call of duty. If you are open and deliberate, you can make an enormous difference in areas that concern you. Tonight: Live it up.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Listen to your friends and associates. A child, loved one or new friend could be playing games or feeling unusually negative. Don't allow a problem to overwhelm you. Tonight: Clear your desk.	SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ You might have difficulty resolving a situation or handling it in a more dynamic manner. The smart Scorp will pull back rather than act. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Your ability to make a vital decision will emerge, after much thought and evaluation. How you deal with a situation could change considerably. Let others see your ingenuity and ability to move past an immediate hassle. Know what you want. Tonight: Thinking early weekend.	SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Your fiery side emerges when dealing with friends. As a boss, you are focused but quite constructive. If you are an employee, you need to be goal-driven. You might be surprised by what heads down your path. Tonight: Find your friends.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Focus with intensity. New answers come forward when you are ready to go past the obvious answer. Listen to your inner voice. If you can work from home, you will achieve considerably more. Listen to feedback openly. Tonight: Order in.	CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You might want to try taking a leadership role. News that arrives needs concentration and focus to discern. At first you might have difficulty deciding which way to go. When you get it, there will be no more choices. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Defer to others. Speak your mind clearly. Investigate another's issues more carefully. Confusion surrounds you. You are coming from a very strong point financially. Listen to what is being shared. You easily could go on overload. Tonight: Fun and games.	AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You finally see another's point of view. How you see a situation could change radically in the next few weeks. Not everything is as clear as you might like. Keep trying to see what you might have missed. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You could come from a very different spot than usual. You are determined and most serious. When you apply your energy, you are close to unstoppable, if not actually impossible to contain. Tonight: Your treat.	PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Work with a partner. He or she is not budging. Therefore you have no choice but to work out this problem or clear the air. Think positively about new offers that head your way. You will get feedback from others, but ultimately it is your life. Tonight: Have an overdue chat.

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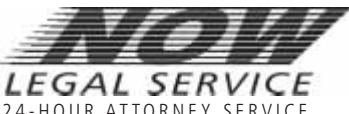
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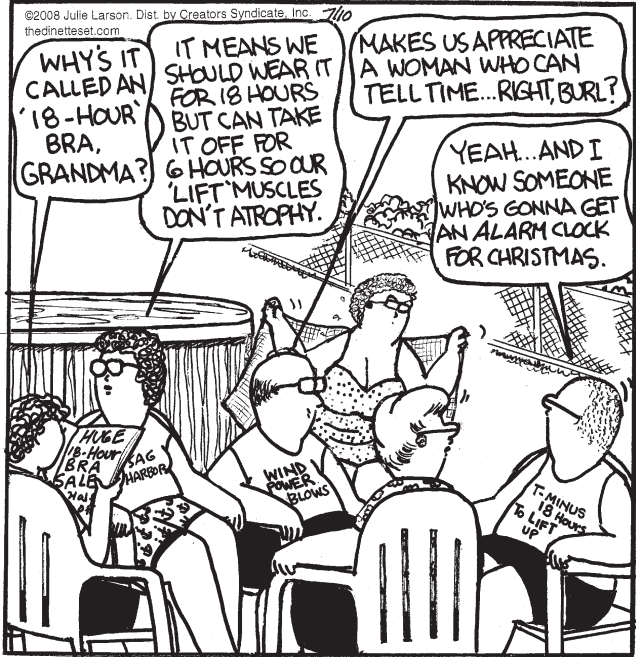
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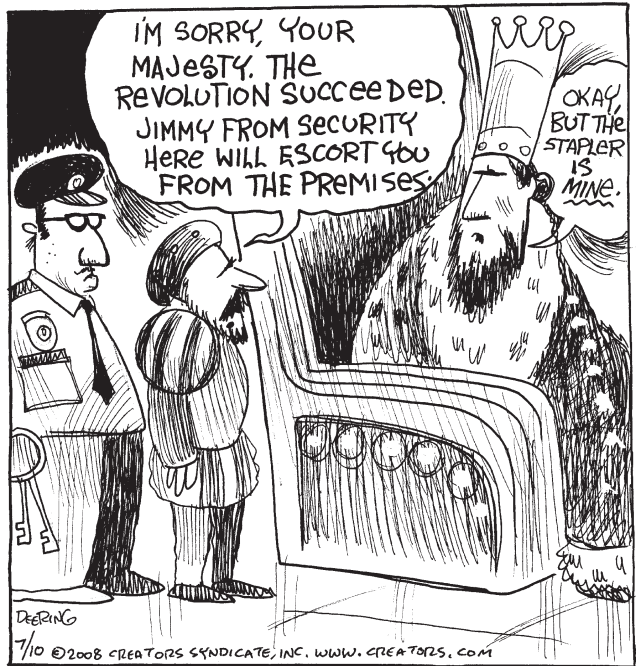
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Colleen
- 5 Join forces
- 11 Ibuprofen target
- 12 Five-time Derby winner
- 13 Worry
- 14 Baby rocker
- 15 Was enjoyable
- 17 Assam export
- 18 Stair part
- 22 Get some shuteye
- 24 Handled
- 25 Lot sight
- 26 Put away
- 27 Not sneaky

- 30 Quasimodo's concern
- 32 Tall boot
- 33 Unconscious
- 34 Night-spots
- 38 Mysterious
- 41 Vaccine variety
- 42 Probability
- 43 Where El Misti rises
- 44 Stagger
- 45 Wax-coated cheese

DOWN

- 1 Guffaw, informally
- 2 Field unit
- 3 Protected
- 4 Sofa's cousin
- 5 Snack in a shell
- 6 Goofs
- 7 Maine park
- 8 Ticked off
- 9 Web address
- 10 Usher's creator
- 16 Opening
- 19 Suffered in the heat

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Yesterday's answer

- 20 List-ending abbr.
- 21 Goes bad
- 22 Flat-bottomed boat
- 23 Kilauea flow
- 28 Take back
- 29 Spell
- 30 Big snake
- 31 Atlas section
- 35 Saloon order
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- 37 Run-down area
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BY CHUCK SHEPARD

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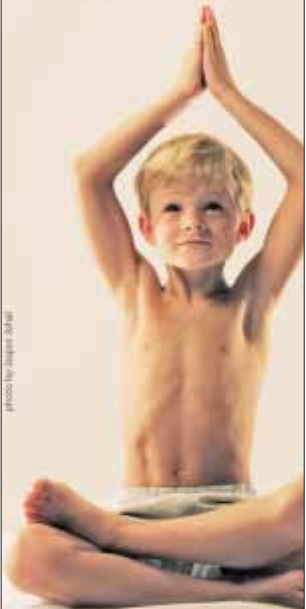
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