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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In May, just after bird flu was discovered in the Ivory Coast, hundreds of young people flocked to Abidjan's night clubs to taunt the disease with a new dance imitating a chicken in the throes of death, according to a Reuters dispatch ("leaning backward, shaking (the) wrists, arms and legs ... with a loud clucking sound").

■ As volcanologists warned of the possible eruption of Indonesia's Mount Merapi in May, nearby farmers continued to listen instead to the mountain's spirits and to continue their rituals and offerings to ward off an eruption, according to an NBC News report. In one region, to preserve the mountain's tranquility, men "gather naked in groups late at night and run in circles around their villages."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 193rd day of 2006.
There are 172 days left in the year.

On July 12, 1862, Congress authorized the Medal of Honor.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The tragedy is not that things are broken. The tragedy is that they are not mended again."

ALAN PATON
SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHOR (1903-1988)

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LOCAL SPORTS



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

DRILL BIT: Players with the Santa Monica High School Vikings football team run drills on campus before heading to Mission Viejo for a scrimmage game on Tuesday.

Cuda and Vikings gear up for football season

BY MILOS BLAGOJEVIC
Special to The Daily Press

SAMOHI — To say new Santa Monica High School football coach Zach Cuda has big shoes to fill may be an understatement of epic proportions.

Cuda, 28, has replaced Michael Burnett, who led the Vikings to consecutive playoff experiences in the final two years of his three-year stint at the helm of Samohi football.

Before Burnett, there was Norm Lacy, currently the interim athletic director at Samohi, who led the Vikings to a 27-9 record and a CIF

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Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

CUDA 'DO GOODING': Zach Cuda has high hopes for the Vikings this season.

Woman raped at Virginia Ave. Park

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK — Police were searching Tuesday for a 20-year-old Hispanic man wanted in connection with a sexual assault that occurred here earlier in the day.

Officers said the victim was using a pay phone about 6:10 a.m. in the 2200 block of Virginia Avenue when the suspect approached her and raped her, police said. The suspect fled on a bicycle. The color or brand of bike was not available.

The victim was taken to a local

hospital where she was treated and released, police said.

The attack was the second violent incident to occur at the recently-renovated park in the last week.

On Friday, July 7 at 8:45 p.m.,

See **ASSAULT**, page 12

Airport study takes flight

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM AIRPORT — A bill that would have required City Hall to spend an estimated \$450,000 to monitor the idling and taxi times of aircraft here has been grounded and may never take off after airport officials announced this week that they will include a key provision of the measure in an air quality study currently underway.

Bob Trimborn, manager of the Santa Monica Municipal Airport, said City Hall will spend \$35,000 to have airport staff use stop watches and clipboards to record the time it takes for an aircraft to take off from the main runway.

Known as the Aircraft Operation Data Augmentation project, the added monitoring will enhance an unprecedented air quality study conducted by the South Coast Air Quality Management District through a \$400,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency.

That comes as AB 2501, known in Sacramento as the Santa Monica Airport bill, failed to win the support of the state Senate Transportation and Housing Committee last month, putting the controversial bill on hold until another version can be drafted.

Passage of the bill may be difficult in light of the move by city officials, who opposed AB 2501 because it did not include any funding for City Hall to conduct the monitoring of idle times for all outgoing and incoming aircraft.

Through aggressive lobbying and testimony from Trimborn, City Hall was able to convince many lawmakers to oppose the bill, including the environmentally-conscious Assembly member Fran Pavley, (D-Woodland

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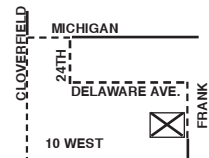
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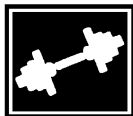
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Take a stand. You might discover that the unexpected occurs when an information fissure opens. You might hear more than you want. Discriminate and sort through others' news with a trusted associate — then you'll get results. Tonight: In the limelight.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Everyone wants your attention. Think through news with an eye to gaining new information. You might find that another's optimism makes you smile from ear to ear. Let others have more say and follow-through. Tonight: News spills out.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Work with others directly, and you'll get the type of results you would like. Your energy is increased by what goes down and the general mood of cooperation. Listen to what someone shares. You can empower your work and life through the message. Tonight: Out late.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ If you use your mind more than your feelings, you'll come up with ideas and solutions. Others run with the moment. Yes, they are very emotional. Your creativity emerges like a fountain; and like a fountain, it might seem endless. Tonight: Say yes.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Put your feet up and think before you take any dramatic actions. You will be on top of a problem if you think and tap into your innate resourcefulness. A partner might surprise you with his or her ideas. Listen. Tonight: Choose a stress-buster.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Your imagination and creativity surge. You do have answers if you are willing to work and find them. Screen your calls if you are overwhelmed by the circumstances. Think carefully about your choices. Tonight: Use your imagination.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Stay centered even if money matters could be extreme or overwhelming. Think positively and maintain a low profile. Your imagination adds vigor to your work and ability to contribute to different situations. Tonight: Easy does it.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You have a positive attitude and an ability to understand more of what is happening. Your creativity emerges, taking you in a new direction. Think positively about what you can do. Your ideas could be way-out but workable. Tonight: Hang out.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Expenses could earmark your decisions far more than you realize. Investigate what is happening, especially if you feel that costs are out of control. Remember, you are in charge of your own spending. Tonight: Pay bills first, then decide.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You are raring to go and get results because of your enthusiasm. You draw others to you in an unprecedented manner. The unexpected occurs when dealing with others. You could shake your head at what you hear. Tonight: Just be. Everything seems to happen around you.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Take your time before you launch into action. In fact, if you can stall for a while, you might be a lot better off. Right now, time is your ally. Use it. Others might expect much more than you can give. Tonight: In the limelight.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Take your time making decisions, especially if you think they will point you in a new direction. Friends help instrument change, tossing you in a new, unanticipated direction. Take an overview if possible. Tonight: Where the gang is.

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ALEXANDRA PAUL

‘Baywatch’ star empowers fellow activists
By Daily Press staff

like-minded activists.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 26, at the Friends Meeting Hall, located at 1440 Harvard St. in Santa Monica. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the free-to-the-public support gathering will begin at 7 p.m. The gatherings are free and there is free on-site parking.

For more information, log onto www.activistsupportcircle.org, or call (310) 399-1000.

Santa Monica a desirable place to be

By Daily Press staff

It’s all about location.
It seems that in the eyes of perspective buyers, Santa Monica is an ideal location in Los Angeles County.
NorthStar Moving Corp., a residential and commercial mover in California, ranked the top 10 most popular places to move to in LA County, based on their current number of incoming moving requests.
NorthStar ranked the following cities as the top 10 most moved-to cities:
1. Los Angeles
2. Santa Monica
3. Woodland Hills
4. Sherman Oaks
5. Beverly Hills
6. Chatsworth
7. Marina del Rey
8. Valencia
9. Long Beach
10. Northridge
“We are pleased to recognize Santa Monica as one of our most requested places to move to for the 2006 moving season,” said NorthStar Moving Corp. founder and president Ram Katalan. “We have a unique perspective on the real estate happenings in the LA area and we enjoy analyzing our data to spot regional trends.”

Go for a hike and clean it up

By Daily Press staff

REI Santa Monica, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy have coordinated a family volunteer day at Franklin Canyon Park.
The day will start off with weeding, watering, painting, trash clean-up and trail work, all which are kid-friendly. There will be an optional hike/tour of Franklin Canyon given by the Conservancy. The leisure hike will take place around the three-acre lake and continue around the duck pond, oak woodlands and end by the family picnic area for lunch.
Participants are asked to come prepared with gloves, water, a sack lunch, comfortable clothes and sun protection. To sign-up, e-mail Alaina at acunnin@rei.com, or call (310)

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The Q-Line

Cup runneth out ...
Amidst all the excitement surrounding Sunday’s World Cup final, during which Italy defeated France in a shootout, comes the after-day realization that the sports world has reached a summer dry spell.
With baseball in mid-season and NFL players not yet reporting to camp, a void in spectator sports will likely thrust more people outside on weekends.
So this week, Q-Line wants to know:
What outdoor activities, sports or other, will you be partaking in this summer?
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Santa Monica is no Palm Desert

Editor:

On May 23, I left Santa Monica and moved to Palm Desert, Calif. I was paying \$2,300 per month for a decrepit two-bedroom apartment built in 1968 at Second Street and Montana Avenue. I bought a two-bedroom house in a gated development with two golf courses, three club houses and four swimming pools — talk about having a beach, we have a beach everywhere via three outdoor pools and now I only pay \$1,800 per month and I own the house. I have a real problem with the rent subsidies that are promulgated by rent control. I have a friend who has a two-bedroom apartment off of Ocean Park Boulevard near Main Street. After 26 years, the rent is only \$880 per month. I have concluded that if all the folks in rent-controlled apartments ever have to pay market rates for housing, the homeless population in Santa Monica will increase even more. Anyone who thinks this situation can continue is in for a rude awakening.

My move was precipitated by the homeless population that continually rummages through the trash cans and defecates and urinates in the alleys, parking structures and doorways. What you don't realize is that much of this urban runoff usually ends up in the storm drains and dumps out onto the beaches of Santa Monica and frequently results in beach closures, even though there are attempts to solve the problem of urban runoff through installation of dryflow systems which capture some of this effluent and pump it to the Hyperion treatment plant. In the meantime beach goers don't swim. They just go through the movements. No pun intended.

Much is made of the Third Street Promenade. It is OK but how does it compare to The Grove?

Santa Monica, wake up. You are living in a dream world.

J. Roger Collins
Palm Desert

Be part of the solution

Editor:

Every day I try to walk through the city of Santa Monica and I am harassed by homeless people. Santa Monica has become a place where homeless men and women build permanent shanties in our parks, sleep in the driveways of our houses, and beg for money on our streets in an increasingly forceful and intimidating manner.

At the June 20 budget meeting, Santa Monicans for Sensible Priorities (SM4SP) gave sufficient suggestions on how to resolve the homelessness issue in the city. Members of SM4SP discussed:

1. The need for enforcement of already existing vagrancy laws.
2. Moving the feeding programs away from the city center or indoors.
3. Allocating funds to allow homeless individuals to contact and arrange housing and reunification with family members throughout nation.
4. Supporting and encouraging the Veterans Hospital to take more of a role in bringing in homeless veterans because unfortunately, one-third of all Santa Monica homeless are veterans.
5. Finding alternatives to monetary handouts for the homeless.

One example would be to hand out food cards to residents and tourists with information regarding where feeding programs are located. Another alternative to monetary handouts would be to pass out cards providing information as to where the homeless can become enrolled in rehabilitation programs.

Our distribution of money to the homeless and our homeless programs need to be conducted using different and more effective means to an end.

I think it is amazing that we are trying to help the homeless problem, but Santa Monica cannot help every chronic homeless person. The people we do help need to be dealt with through active programs.

Mark Strano
Santa Monica

GUEST COMMENTARY BY JOHN WHITEHEAD

Where Klaatu and E.T. meet

In 1947, “flying saucers” — a description coined by the media following pilot Kenneth Arnold’s famous June 24 sighting of nine disk-shaped objects over the Cascade Mountains in Washington — began to be seen in ever-increasing numbers across the United States. And in July 1947, the infamous Roswell incident furthered the notion that the country faced a possible invasion from outer space. Thus, it was no surprise when Hollywood quickly capitalized on the craze.

It was 55 years ago, and I was only 5 years old. The year was 1951 and my father, clasp- ing my fingers in his large hand, took me to see “The Day the Earth Stood Still.” This film helped legitimize what was allegedly hap- pening in the real world, except that its alien invasion was couched in a very old story.

In fact, the theme of this film, as the Overlook Film Encyclopedia notes, “mirrors the birth, death and resurrection of Christ.” And Paul Meehan in his book “Saucer Movies” writes that this film “is a modern day passion play, with Klaatu playing Christ and Gort (read: God) playing angry Jehovah of the Old Testament.” “The Day the Earth Stood Still” has as well an allegorical flavor that pervades films since 1951.

The story involves an alien planetary fed- eration that disapproves of Earth’s nuclear bomb testing and dispatches Klaatu and his robot, Gort, to warn Earth nations to stop their aggression or the planet will be blown apart. The duo land in Washington, D.C., in an impressive flying saucer with this awe- some message.

Klaatu, as the prince of peace, descends from the saucer with a cylinder in his hand. A trigger- happy soldier, believing it to be a weapon, fires at Klaatu, smashing the cylinder, which we soon find out is a gift of peace — the cure for cancer — that is destroyed by the soldier’s bullet.

Thereafter, Klaatu escapes, assumes the alias of Mr. Carpenter (remember Jesus’ trade?) and hides among earthlings to learn more about them in the hopes of convincing them that love, peace and harmony among people and nations is the best path for humanity to follow. Klaatu is later gunned down as a false prophet. But Gort, in the confines of their spacecraft, resurrects Klaatu. The resurrected Klaatu then gives a final message of peace, laced with a vague threat of annihilation, to a host of diplomats and scientists assembled at his saucer. The film ends with Klaatu ascending Christ-like to his federation. Indeed, a feeling of genu- ine religious awe pervades “The Day the Earth Stood Still” — a sense of apocalyptic miracles in the age of science.

But many films of every genre have used the Christ-theme and/or Christian mysticism to underlay the storyline — such as “Shane” (1953); “Cool Hand Luke” (1967); “Taxi Driver” (1976); “Amadeus” (1984); “U Turn” (1997); “The Matrix” (1999); “Hellboy” (2004); “Superman Returns” (2006) and so on.

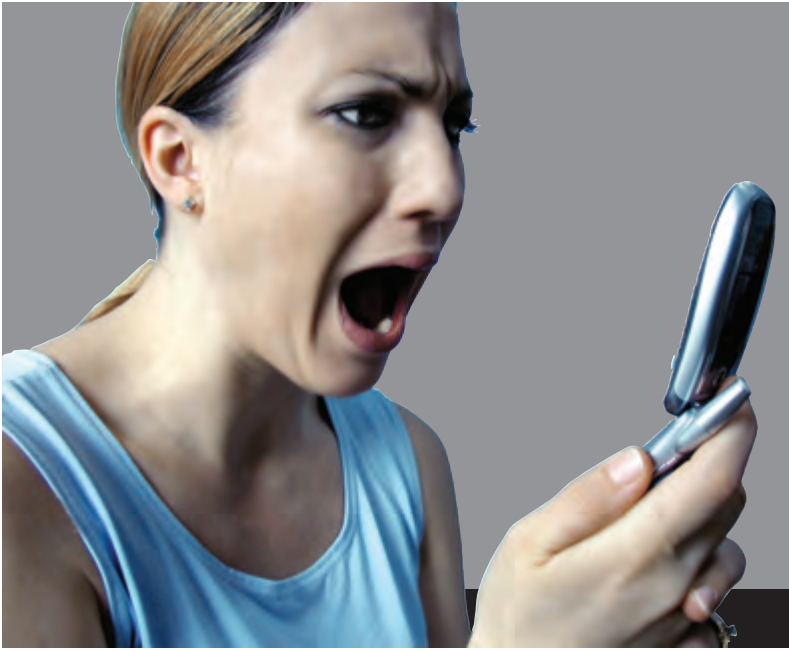
One of the most successful films to use the Christ theme was Steven Spielberg’s “E.T.” (1982). When the film’s screenwriter Melissa Mathison commented on the critics’ reaction to the film, she cited various influ- ences when she wrote the screenplay, adding: “And then there is the Christ-symbolism.” Although she may not have intended it at first, Mathison, who was Catholic-school educated, noticed the similarities in the small extra-terrestrial living on earth: fright- ened, accepted, learning earth language and human communication, although with more knowledge and skills than the humans. Hunted, as was Christ, by the authorities, E.T., writes Peter Malone in “Movie Christs and AntiChrists,” “suffers, dies, but by the mutual love for Eliot, he comes to a new life, rises, bequeaths his good will to his followers and ascends into the heavens.”

Many of the great films that deal with the meaning of life in some way use the Jesus story as the model. This is for the simple rea- son that the Jesus story, properly under- stood, provides a source of hope through the catastrophe of death, followed by resurrec- tion and new life.

J.R.R. Tolkien, author of “Lord of the Rings,” created a word to describe this — “eucatastrophe.” The Greek word for “well” is “eu.” Thus, for Tolkien (and the Gospel writers) and for those who believe that the hope is in Christ, suffering, which is real and painful, is, nevertheless, a eucat- astrophe — that is, a catastrophe that has positive ramifications. For example, the Christ figure suf- fers and undergoes a disaster, but the suffering finds meaning in some new life experience. And while this is a catastrophe, it is a eucatastrophe.

In this chaotic age, people are increasingly seeking something outside themselves to give order and meaning to their lives. While other art forms such as painting once tackled these ques- tions, modern films like The DaVinci Code now address this search. Inevitably, this includes the subject of God. And in today’s world, film may be the most suitable forum for a discussion of religion, God and the meaning of life.

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Jackson was 'oblivious' to employee's past

BY LINDA DEUTSCH

AP Special Correspondent

SM COURTHOUSE — In November 2001, Michael Jackson was oblivious to the fact that the man he hired to produce a charity recording to benefit victims of the Sept. 11 terror attacks had been a producer of gay pornographic movies, the singer's former lawyer testified Monday.

Zia Modabber said he broke the news to Jackson about F. Marc Schaffel's background and met with the pop star in the middle of the night to show him a video of Schaffel directing a gay porn scene.

"Can you describe Mr. Jackson's reaction?" asked Thomas Mundell, who is defending Jackson against Schaffel's claims that the pop star still owes him \$1.6 million.

"I think he didn't want to believe it was real or true," said Modabber. "He appeared angry, upset."

Modabber's testimony was elicited as Jackson's side sought to show that Schaffel enriched himself at the singer's expense. Modabber was permitted to testify on limited subjects after invoking attorney-client privilege.

He identified a blizzard of letters that moved between him and Schaffel's lawyer after Schaffel was notified that he was being terminated by Jackson.

"My focus was on doing what I could to get the rights to release the single," Modabber said of the song, "What More Can I Give," which was being held up because Schaffel claimed rights to it.

"I got involved with trying to clean up that mess," said Modabber.

He told how his efforts led to a Japanese company that was negotiating with Schaffel, unbeknownst to Jackson, for the rights to the master recording of the song.

Modabber's letters continually warned that Schaffel "has no rights to exploit, distribute or in any way pledge any interest in the master recording of 'What More Can I Give.'"

But he said that Schaffel went ahead and at one point collected \$900,000 from the company, Music Fighters. He said the company essentially received nothing.

In a videotaped deposition shown earlier in the trial, Jackson unequivocally stated that he was the composer of the song and the rights belong to him.

With Modabber still on the witness stand, Schaffel's lawyer, Howard King, attempted to show that Jackson intended for Schaffel to have rights to the record.

Modabber said he was aware that in 2003 Jackson began working on something with Schaffel again, and he protested, saying, "We should not be doing business with Mr. Schaffel."

Asked how Jackson's people responded, the witness said, "I was told they were handling it."

Earlier, Jackson's attorney questioned Schaffel about his rush to issue 18 backdated checks totaling \$784,000 in the days after being fired by the pop star.

Schaffel said he wrote the checks for items including prepayment of \$54,000 in rent on his home, prepayment of utilities and phone bills, and reimbursement for expenses such as camera rentals after he received a termination letter on Nov. 15, 2001.

Showing Schaffel one of the checks, Mundell said, "And you dated it Nov. 14 because you knew if you dated it after that you would run into problems because of the termination?"

"Yes," said Schaffel.

Schaffel also said he "just didn't want to get caught holding the bag for expenses Mr. Jackson had agreed to."

He said there was an agreement for Jackson to pay his expenses for six months after the date of termination.

"I wasn't sure with the jockeying that was going on with the advisers that part was going to happen," Schaffel said.

Schaffel also testified that, even after being informed he was being let go, he and Jackson remained friends and talked frequently about projects.

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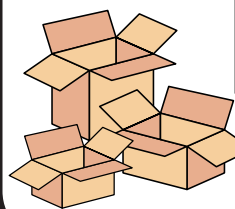
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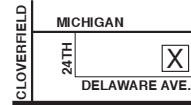
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Climate change could devastate U.S. wineries

BY RANDOLPH E. SCHMID

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — Climate warming could spell disaster for much of the multibillion-dollar U.S. wine industry.

Areas suitable for growing premium wine grapes could be reduced by 50 percent — and possibly as much as 81 percent — by the end of this century, according to a study Monday in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The paper indicates increasing weather problems for grapes in such areas as California's Napa and Sonoma valleys.

The main problem: An increase in the frequency of extremely hot days, according to Noah Diffenbaugh of the department of earth and atmospheric sciences at Purdue University.

Grapes used in premium wines need a consistent climate. When temperatures top about 95 degrees they have problems maintaining photosynthesis and the sugars in the grapes can break down, Diffenbaugh said in a telephone interview.

"We have very long-term studies of how this biological system (of vineyards) responds to climate," said Diffenbaugh, and that gives the researchers confidence in their projection. Diffenbaugh is a co-author of the paper.

Scientists and environmental experts have become increasingly alarmed in recent years by accumulating gasses such as carbon dioxide in the atmosphere as a result of the burning of fossil fuels.

A panel of climate scientists convened by the National Academy of Sciences reported last month that the Earth is heating up and "human activities are responsible for much of the recent warming." The scientists said average global surface temperatures rose by about 1 degree in the 20th century. While that may not sound like much, many blame it for melting glaciers, weather changes — perhaps even more hurricanes — and threats of spreading diseases.

James A. Kennedy, a professor of food science and technology at Oregon State University, said he was shocked by the report on the potential effects on wine grapes.

"We're definitely, in the wine industry, starting to be concerned about global warming," said Kennedy, who was not part of the research team.

"The lion's share of the industry is in California, so it's a huge concern from a wine quality standpoint," he said. For people in the industry "this paper is going to be a bit of a shocker."

While problems are seen for California wine country, the paper suggests grape-growing conditions might improve in parts of the Northwest and Northeast.

However, the researchers note that the Northeastern and Northwestern states have higher humidity levels than the current top wine regions.

High humidity is associated with fungus outbreaks and other potential growing problems, Diffenbaugh said, "so it could be very expensive to produce premium wines in those areas."

"Our simulations suggest that the area suitable for the production of premium wine grapes will both contract and shift over

the next century," the researchers concluded.

"Production potential was almost completely eliminated in the Southwest and central United States; only high elevations were marginally suitable in the Intermountain West," they reported.

Some favorable regions remain in coastal California, Oregon, Washington and New England.

A thousand years ago when Viking explorers arrived on the coasts of eastern Canada and New England they named the region Vinland, a designation that has perplexed many historians since grapes are uncommon there now.

The weather was warmer then, however.

In Medieval times there were vineyards in England that were later knocked out by a colder period known as the Little Ice Age, Diffenbaugh recalled. Now, wine grapes are being grown in England again.

The research was supported by the National Science Foundation, National Center for Atmospheric Research and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.



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'Brown tide' washes in along Washington coast

BY DONNA GORDON BLANKINSHIP

Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE — Scientists say a bloom of deadly "brown tide" that makes a surprise visit to Washington's inland waters a few times each decade, killing fish and then quickly heading out to the ocean, swept through the area last week.

The brown tide is blamed on a single-celled organism called *Heterosigma* that sometimes blooms in late June or early July when water conditions are just right. This year's plankton bloom was the first major event since 1997, but not nearly as bad as an occurrence in 1991, when fisheries reported millions of dollars in dead fish.

"We lost a small percentage of our fish. This wasn't anything like '89 or '91," said Kevin Bright, a biologist who has worked for American Gold Seafoods in Anacortes ever since they lost most of their stock in net pens during the 1989 plankton bloom. He would not be more specific about the number of fish killed by *Heterosigma* this year.

Farmed salmon are particularly vulnerable because the fish can't swim away from their pens when the wind or current pushes the plankton blooms to them. Scientists said wild salmon are also threatened by the organism because other fish swim deeper to avoid the plankton that stays close to the surface.

Researchers believe *Heterosigma* kill fish by lodging in their gills and suffocating them.

Bright said scientists have gotten some good ideas about how to lessen the impact of *Heterosigma* in the past 15 years and his company probably saved some of its fish by watching the water closely and knowing the right time to stop feeding them.

Somehow, starving the fish helps them fight off the impact of the plankton.

"It's sort of like running a marathon with a steak and baked potato in your stomach, it's not a good idea," Bright said.

He said this year's plankton bloom was widespread, from Canada's Georgia Strait to the Strait of Juan De Fuca, the San Juan Islands and Anacortes. From the air, the

water contained large areas of water that had a coffee brown color on the surface and redder sections near the shore.

Rita Horner, senior researcher at the University of Washington's School of Oceanography, who has tracked *Heterosigma* for about 40 years, said this year's bloom lasted about a week.

Horner said she heard reports of lots of fish being killed this year, but none of the commercial fish farms told her how many fish they lost and fish kills in the wild are difficult to measure.

Warm temperatures, a certain percentage of fresh water in the marine waters — usually caused by rivers filled with early snow melt — and calm weather all seem to encourage the plankton blooms.

Unlike some other algae blooms, *Heterosigma* doesn't affect human health. In the past, the state Health Department has allowed fish killed by the plankton to be sold and eaten unless it had signs of bacterial decay.

"As far as we know, there's no danger to humans and probably not a danger to other organisms, either," Horner said. She said, however, that the plankton does appear to kill other kinds of algae.

She said the *Heterosigma* bloom doesn't arrive on a regular schedule and that Washington's marine waters can go years without a major breakout, or it could show up twice in one year.

"It could come back next week if conditions are right," Horner said, adding that some of the plankton may still be spreading off the Pacific Coast where fish could be dying but no one would notice because the water isn't being tested regularly.

She said it is difficult to study the plankton and hard to gauge its impact because it dies quickly under laboratory conditions and the only people keeping a close eye on it are biologists like Bright who work for fish farms.

Jack Rensel, an independent scientist who tracked the most recent *Heterosigma* bloom for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said early July and early September are common times for the plankton to bloom.

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Detainee treatment once again tests unity of GOP

BY ANNE PLUMMER FLAHERTY

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Unity among Republicans on Capitol Hill is once again being tested over the treatment of suspected terrorists, with lawmakers trying to decide in an election season how military detainees should be tried and what their rights should be.

After a Supreme Court ruling last month striking down the Bush administration's secret military tribunal system, many conservatives agree that Congress must pass legislation authorizing such a system.

"There is, I think, little doubt that Congress should act and act promptly, to overrule this decision by statute," Daniel Collins, a lawyer based in Los Angeles and a former Justice Department official in the Bush administration, said in remarks prepared for delivery Tuesday to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

A copy of the remarks was obtained in advance by The Associated Press.

Led by Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., the committee's hearing was the first of three this week planned by congressional panels. The House and Senate Armed Services committees also were conducting hearings.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said Monday that the Senate is unlikely to take up legislation addressing the legal rights of suspected terrorists until after Congress's August recess. His plan not to act until this fall pushes the issue squarely into election season, when Republicans will be seeking support from voters by arguing that they are strong on national security issues.

A June poll conducted by ABC News and The Washington Post, before the court decision, found that 57

percent of Americans support holding suspected terrorists at the U.S.-run Guantanamo Bay prison without trial, while 37 percent oppose doing so.

Drafting a legislative package that would satisfy key House and Senate members will be a difficult task because the issue cuts across committee jurisdictions and has prompted varying opinions, even among Republicans. Specter has already introduced his own legislation, which would authorize a tribunal system but impose requirements on the Defense Department to assure that each prisoner is afforded certain rights.

"We need to have a body of law directed at this new battlefield" against terrorists, said Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., also is likely to weigh in on the matter. McCain last year successfully pushed through legislation barring the mistreatment of detainees. The Bush administration adamantly opposed the legislation at one time, and it has since maintained that detainees are not protected under the Geneva Conventions, intended to safeguard prisoners of war from abusive treatment.

The Supreme Court ruled last month, however, that Bush's military commissions violate the Uniform Code of Military Justice and the four Geneva Conventions signed in 1949.

Lawmakers and congressional aides say there are a range of options that could be pursued, including passing legislation specifically authorizing Bush's proposed military tribunals or setting up a system similar to military courts-martial.

Intended to protect classified information, the military tribunals would grant fewer rights to suspected terrorists. Defendants also would have limited rights to appeal.

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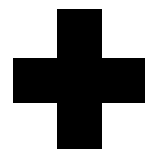
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Federal judge removed from Indian trust case

BY JENNIFER TALHELM

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Federal Judge Royce Lamberth has long been known for speaking his mind — most notably in rulings siding with American Indians in their battle with the government over their trust funds.

But Lamberth went a step too far, an appeals court said Tuesday, citing one particularly harsh decision last July in which he accused the government of racism.

In a rare move, a panel of judges from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ordered Lamberth removed from the 10-year-old Indian trust case, saying he had lost his objectivity.

"We conclude, reluctantly, that this is one of those rare cases in which reassignment is necessary," the judges wrote in a decision reversing two other Lamberth rulings.

When he lambasted the Interior Department in a decision last July, the government petitioned to remove him from the case, arguing he was too biased to continue.

The department, Lamberth wrote in the opinion, "is a dinosaur — the morally and culturally oblivious hand-me-down of a disgracefully racist and imperialist government that should have been buried a century ago."

Writing for the three-judge panel, Circuit Judge David Tatel said Lamberth was understandably frustrated. But the July decision — combined with eight rulings the court said were evidence of bias — went too far, Tatel wrote.

Lamberth did not immediately return a call to his office for comment.

Led by Blackfeet Indian Louise Cobell, the plaintiffs claim the government has mismanaged oil, gas, timber and other royalties from their lands since 1887 costing them tens of billions of dollars.

Her lawsuit was filed in June 1996 and was assigned to Lamberth, a conservative Reagan appointee from Texas. Over the past decade, Lamberth has surprised many with his severe rulings accusing the government of malfeasance and incompetence in its dealings with Indians.

The case has bounced between the district and appeals courts. Lamberth has held interior secretaries Gale Norton and Bruce Babbitt in contempt and twice ordered the Interior Department to disconnect its computers.

Many of his decisions have been overturned by the appeals court, including the contempt charge against Norton.

Lawyers familiar with Lamberth say he is known for holding the government to a high standard, a principle he developed in the U.S. Attorney's office and later as a judge overseeing wiretap warrants for the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.

But they also said he had become very invested in the Indians' case.

Tatel wrote that the appellate ruling "presents an opportunity for a fresh start" and urged both sides to work on a solution.

Interior officials said they look forward to moving on.

But Cobell said the plaintiffs will appeal part of the decision. She added: "With any new judge, we will continue to prevail."

Congress may ultimately decide the case, however. The plaintiffs have offered to settle, and are working with Senate Indian Affairs Committee Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., to come up with an amount.

Joining Tatel in the ruling were Circuit Judge Janice Rogers Brown, appointed by President George W. Bush, and Senior Circuit Judge Laurence H. Silberman, appointed by President Ronald Reagan. Tatel was appointed by President Bill Clinton.

Judge rules against AL marijuana law

BY MATT VOLZ

Associated Press Writer

JUNEAU, Alaska — A judge on Monday struck down part of a new Alaska law criminalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana, saying it conflicts with past constitutional decisions made by the Alaska Supreme Court.

That means the police won't be able charge people with a misdemeanor under the new law for possessing less than 1 ounce of marijuana in their homes.

The state Department of Law was expected to quickly file an appeal with the high court.

Superior Court Judge Patricia Collins said a lower court can't reverse the state Supreme Court's 1975 decision in *Ravin v. State*. In that case, the Supreme Court ruled the right to privacy in one's home included the possession of small amounts of marijuana for personal use.

"Unless and until the Supreme Court directs otherwise, *Ravin* is the law in this state and this court is duty bound to follow that law," Collins wrote in her decision.

Collins granted a summary judgment to the American

Civil Liberties Union of Alaska, which sued the state when the law took effect in June.

Collins limited her decision to possession of less than 1 ounce of marijuana, even though the new law increases penalties for possession of more than that amount. Before the law took effect in June, it had been legal in Alaska to possess up to 4 ounces of the drug.

Collins said she limited her decision because the ACLU argued that the only issue in this case is the Legislature's power to regulate possession of small amounts of marijuana.

"No specific argument has been advanced in this case that possession of more than 1 ounce of marijuana, even within the privacy of the home, is constitutionally protected conduct under *Ravin* or that any plaintiff or ACLU of Alaska member actually possesses more than 1 ounce of marijuana in their homes," Collins wrote.

The new law makes possession of 4 ounces or more a felony. Possession of 1 to 4 ounces is a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail. The part the court ruled against was that less than 1 ounce would be a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail.

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2006 is a mixed bag for real estate trends



DAYS ON THE MARKET

BY JODI SUMMERS

Two prestigious real estate schools have different predictions for the real estate market. In their second quarter market wrap up, economists for University of Southern California's Lusk Center for Real Estate noted that unless there are substantial job losses, the real estate market appears on track for a soft landing.

"We don't believe the housing market is going to fall off a cliff," said Stuart Gabriel, Lusk Center director in San Francisco last week. "We don't really subscribe to the hard-landing story."

Meanwhile, the second quarter Anderson Forecast, a product of the University of California-Los Angeles observed, "The risk of a housing crash rather than a slowdown is far greater than what most people think."

David Schulman, a senior economist for the UCLA Anderson Forecast in his report titled, "Housing, Inflation and the Fed," wrote that "History is on the side of a crash. Every major housing cycle of the past 45 years ended with activity declines in excess of 50 percent. Because the current cycle was so powerful, why should we expect any less?"

The latest National Association of Realtors (NAR) forecast predicts existing-home sales to drop 6.8 percent in 2006. That

is down from NAR's first quarter forecast, which called for a 6.4 percent drop in existing-home sales this year.

USC's Lusk Center spokesperson Gabriel felt that it's "unlikely that there will be a major shrinkage in house prices, given the strength of employment numbers. Interest rates, though marching up, are not high by historic standards."

The Lusk Center report confirmed that the housing market has entered a time of "stagflation," or "economic stagnation coupled with inflation ... And the real estate market is losing steam — with a general slowing in price-appreciation and sales."

The Anderson Forecast offered the opinion that the housing market is hindering the national economy.

"The driving force behind both the slower growth and the rising inflation is the housing market," Schulman noted. "The great housing boom of the past five years is unwinding under the weight of higher interest rates and unsustainable home prices."

The Lusk Center cited higher interest rates and energy costs, and reduced refinancing activity as reducing consumer spending, which has dropped from 3.9 percent in 2004 to its current 3 percent.

The Anderson Forecast supports the growing rumor that there are some markets that are having real estate bubbles, and this may fall on the Federal Reserve Board.

"There is some truth to the notion that the Fed created the housing bubble to prevent the deflationary forces of collapsing stock prices to take hold in the real estate

economy," the report states.

The UCLA report hints that the Fed "is in a box" because it needs to deal with rising inflation and a decline in housing activity. Ultimately, the housing market could be a casualty as the Fed works to curb inflation.

"Central banks lose their credibility for failing to fight inflation," said Schulman, who expects the Fed to raise the federal funds rate at least one more time, with "a long wait before the next easing."

The Lusk Center report did not liken the current market conditions to those in Southern California in the early 1990s, when job losses contributed to a major downturn in the real estate market. Gabriel cited that the impact of job losses in the aerospace sector hit Southern California's real estate market hard during that period.

"Barring that sort of event we don't expect significant fall off in house prices," he summarized.

Gabriel's forecast calls for the economy to slow to between a 3 percent to 3.5 percent rate of real gross domestic product growth for the remainder of the year, after a rate of about 5 percent in the first quarter.

Edward Leamer notes in the UCLA Anderson Forecast that globalization and automation may have something to do with the unimpressive employment numbers in the national manufacturing sector.

"We do not expect manufacturing jobs to suffer as much as in earlier housing-related downturns," he said. "It appears as though construction is ready for a tumble."

Historically, cycles in manufacturing paralleled construction "with peaks and troughs occurring very close in time."

Leamer concluded that after the 2001 recession, job cycles for those two industries became disconnected — construction jobs recovered and made substantial gains, while manufacturing jobs fell by 3 million from 2000-03, and as the Anderson Report states, "have been drifting sideways ever since."

Raphael Bostic, director of the master of real estate development program at USC and a Lusk Center expert, noted that job losses in construction and real estate-related industries during this slowing period should not cripple the housing industry.

"Problems in housing have almost always led into recessions and attendant increases in unemployment that has amplified the housing adjustment," affirmed Leamer on behalf of the Anderson Forecast. "Our best guess is that this time, unlike all the other times, the problems will be mostly in real estate and will not produce a national recession."

In conclusion, the second quarter Anderson Forecast Report noted, "both prices and volumes (got) out of control in the last several years. Prices ... are starting to fall back to the normal band, but have another 10 percent to get back into the normal range."

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TO: Concerned Persons

FROM: The City of Santa Monica

PROJECT TITLE/LOCATION: Property Acquisition of 1301 – 1333 4th Street, City of Santa Monica, California

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

An Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration have been prepared and are available for your review and comment. The Initial Study examines the environmental impacts of the proposed acquisition of 1301 – 1333 4th Street by the City of Santa Monica, California. The property is described below:

- The property at 1301 4th Street consists of a free-standing 1959/60-built Bank of America bank branch with the public areas on the main street-level floor, plus a basement and mezzanine. This is driveway access from 4th Street and a paved public alley on the east side (4th Court). There is an open, uncovered parking lot on the south side of the building with 50 parking spaces.
- 1333 4th Street consists of a free-standing Washington Mutual bank branch with the general public areas on the main street-level floor and a mezzanine which contains offices. There is also driveway access from 4th Street and paved public alley on the east side (4th Court). There is an open, uncovered parking lot on the north side of the building with 37 parking spaces.

The City intends to purchase this site with the purpose of achieving various public purpose goals and objectives. There is currently no building demolition being contemplated and no plans for reuse or redevelopment have been prepared. The property will remain in its present condition and be leased back to the current occupant until such time as plans are developed and approved by the City. Any future re-use or re-development of the site will be subject to separate review for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. No project-related environmental impacts have been identified in the Initial Study. The property to be acquired by the City of Santa Monica is not included on any lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code regarding hazardous waste.

HOW TO COMMENT ON NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration on the proposed project are available for your review at the address below in the Office of the City Clerk and the City Planning Division public counter. A copy of the Initial Study may be obtained at the City Planning Division public counter. All documents that are referenced in the proposed Initial Study are available for review at the City Planning Division public counter, Room 111, City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA. The Initial Study is also available at the Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90401

DUE DATE FOR COMMENTS: August 1, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

WHERE TO SEND COMMENTS: City Planning Division, Attention: Paul Foley, Principal Planner, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California 90401-3295. Telephone: (310) 458-8341.

Español: Esto es una noticia de un estudio preliminar y declaración negativa sobre la adquisición de propiedad por la ciudad de Santa Monica. Este estudio preliminar y declaración negativa han sido preparados y están disponibles para su revisión y comentario. Para más información, llame a Carmen Gutierrez al numero (310) 458-8341.



THE HOA ADVISOR

BY MICHAEL CHULAK

When your board goes too far

QUESTION: The majority of homeowners in our association are outraged by the conduct of our board of directors. The next election won't be held for another eight months. Our bylaws are silent on the subject of recalling the board. What can we do?

ANSWER: The California Corporations Code sets forth the procedure for recalling a board of directors. It involves calling for a special meeting, sending out proxies and then voting. An association attorney can assist you with the details.

QUESTION: What are the most common reasons that boards of directors of homeowner associations are recalled?

ANSWER: The most common reasons for recalls are:

- 1) The board violates or has violated the law.
- 2) The board has failed to operate within the business judgment rule (See Corp. Code Section 7231).
- 3) They fail to plan ahead, resulting in large special assessments.
- 4) Board members act in an autocratic, arrogant and secretive manner.
- 5) Deferred maintenance has been allowed, resulting in lower property values and the potential for special assessments.
- 6) They refuse to enforce the covenants, conditions and restrictions and/or rules.
- 7) The board refuses to permit members of the association to adequately address issues at board meetings.
- 8) They fail to treat all members equally.
- 9) The board misuses "executive session," which means closed meetings.
- 10) The board's collection policy is either too harsh or too lenient.

QUESTION: Our homeowner's association has a management company that assists us with collections. Is it permissible for our management company to appear in small claims court on behalf of the association in collection matters? We are a non-profit corporation.

ANSWER: Yes. However, in accordance with section 116.540 of the California Corporations Code, a corporation may appear and participate in a small claims action only through a regular employee, or a duly appointed or elected officer or director who is employed, appointed, or elected for purposes other than solely representing the corporation in small claims court. Technically, a member of the association must represent the association while a representative of the management company may appear as a witness. Often, small claims court commissioners and judges ignore this rule, however, it would be unwise to count on it.

QUESTION: Our homeowner's association board of directors serves as the architectural committee of the association. We recently submitted an application to the architectural committee before having our home painted. The color is not an approved color and therefore, the architectural committee rejected the application. Can they do this?

ANSWER: Yes. A board of directors may exercise its discretion and aesthetic judgment in deciding whether to approve or disapprove an application for an architectural change provided that its decision is made in good faith and is reasonable. In making such decisions, association boards have wide latitude.

(Michael T. Chulak is the founder of Michael T. Chulak & Associates, a Law Corporation, based in Agoura Hills. Questions can be sent by e-mail to info@MTCLaw.com. Answers are general in nature. An attorney should always be consulted when legal advice is needed. For more information visit www.MTCLaw.com and www.HOAQandA.com.)

Readers get a little 'TIC'



IN YOUR SPACE

BY CHRISTINA S. PORTER

Here are some common questions about Tenants in Common (TIC):

1. Can I defer the payment of capital gains taxes on the sale of my primary residence?

Revenue Procedural Code, Section 121 is the main way that homeowners deal with any gain on the sale of their home. It allows homeowners to exclude up to \$250,000 — \$500,000 for married couples filing joint tax returns — of the tax obligation incurred from a capital gain as a result of the sale of their home and up until a few years ago those amounts were sufficient to cover any gain. Many homeowners are now experiencing gains over those amounts and looking for other ways to defer the payment of capital gains taxes. There are two ways that a residence can be involved in a 1031 exchange. The first is an investor buying a residence under a 1031 exchange as investment property and later converting it to his primary residence. The second is an investor buying a residence as his primary residence and then converting it to an investment property to be sold under 1031 exchange. Note that there are specific holding periods involved.

2. If I purchase multiple properties will they satisfy the IRS ruling that the replacement property must be "of equal or greater value" as the relinquished property?

Yes. An investor may buy multiple properties of which the aggregate value — including debt — is equal to or greater than that of the relinquished property. This is often used by investors that are buying Tenants In Common (TIC) interests. There are very specific rules on how one can do that. An investor should consult with his tax professional prior to structuring a 1031 exchange in that manner.

3. What is Tenant In Common?

Holding title as tenants in common is defined as a form of asset ownership in which two or more persons have an

undivided interest in the asset, where the ownership shares are not required to be equal, where ownership interests can be inherited, and each co-owner has a separate deed. In 2002 the IRS issued a set of 15 guidelines under which investors looking for an exchange property would be permitted to utilize the TIC ownership structure in order to provide an additional avenue for deferring the payment of capital gains taxes.

4. Can I sell my TIC share whenever I choose?

Yes. However, there may be fees imposed by the lender that make selling your share before the rest of the group prohibitive. Additionally, there is currently no significant secondary market for TIC shares. In most co-ownership agreements for TICs, the sponsor and the co-owners have a right of first refusal to purchase any of the other shares should a co-owner want to sell his portion. An investor should discuss the possibility of selling its share prior to the sale of the entire property with the TIC sponsor as part of its investigation of the investment. TICs as are considered an illiquid investment and an investor should expect it to be a long-term investment.

5. How do I evaluate the risk on TIC interests?

Although the terms and conditions of the TIC agreement and any loan on the property should be carefully reviewed by legal counsel prior to committing to investing in a TIC, an investor should begin his risk evaluation with carefully assessing the quality of the property. That is done by looking at the underlying real estate to evaluate the risk of the TIC investment. For example, the investor must assess the quality (credit) of the tenant(s); the terms and length of the leases; the location and age of the improvements and the growth potential for the area the property is located in. After evaluating the quality of the real estate, the investor should consider what would happen if the TIC sponsor goes away and whether or not his investment and cash flow will be negatively impacted. The answer the investor should be looking for is that nothing materially would happen to his investment.

*(You can reach **Christina Porter** at 1-877-4 TM 1031, or e-mail her at christina@tm1031exchange.com to discuss your specific needs. TM 1031 Exchange assists investors in planning and executing successful real estate investment strategies. Visit www.tm1031exchange.com for a complete list of investment properties and to download the TM 1031 Tool Kit.)*

A recipe made to order for real estate loans



INGREDIENTS

- 1 property
- 1 qualified buyer (pre-approved with a lender of choice)
- 1-2 real estate agents (optional)
- 2 yrs. tax returns
- Dash of other information (add as needed or requested by loan officer)

The process of a real estate transaction is similar to any recipe. There are specific ingredients needed in a specific order. Allow me to explain in more detail:

PLANNING

An important part of a recipe, and of a real estate transaction, is planning. The first thing you want to do is contact a loan officer to discuss what type of loan or financing you

need. The loan officer will provide you with a pre-approval letter showing you the biggest loan for which you qualify. Lastly, you will need to make sure you can make the payments.

PREPARATION

Just like you need to prepare a recipe, you need to prepare yourself or at least know your credit score. Pulling your credit report may be nerve-racking, but do not worry, once you have the score you can remedy almost any problem. Lenders use three credit bureaus to get your credit report with scores that range from 500 to 850. Scores at 720 and above are considered excellent. The three credit bureaus: Experian, Equifax and Trans Union will provide you a free copy of your credit, if you request it, once a year. Think of your credit report as a report card for adults. If you cannot make your Visa payment on time, the lender will wonder how you plan to make your mortgage payment on time. Lenders can work around a lot of problems except for poor credit. Here's a tip

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— make sure your total revolving debt, such as credit cards and charge cards are below 45 percent of their maximum limits. For example, if you have a credit limit of \$1,000, make sure you have not used more than \$450 of it. Also, do not have a lot of people pull your credit before you get a loan. Every time someone pulls your credit, your score goes down a few points. If you are shopping for a loan, bring a copy of your credit report with you so your loan officer does not need to pull it.

GETTING STARTED

Now that you have planned and prepped, it is time to get started. What you need first is an application. Most residential lenders use a standard application, known as a 1003 (pronounced “ten oh three”). In the last few years, a lot of effort has been put into simplifying loan applications. The trick to completing a loan application is to make sure you complete the financial section to the best of your ability, as this is one of the most closely examined sections. Today, you can do an application over the phone or Internet. Remember it is your loan officer’s job to assist you with a loan application. Therefore do not hesitate to ask them for help. Also, do

not forget to provide any supporting financial information such as tax returns, W-2 forms, bank statements, etc.

BAKING

Baking, or waiting, is the easy part of a loan process. Once you have submitted your loan application and all the requested documentation, it is a waiting game on your part. If you are wondering what goes on in the “oven” of the bank, allow me to open the “oven door” for you. The baking begins with the ordering of an appraisal. Once the appraisal is in, the loan goes to underwriting where an approval or commitment letter, showing you the loan dollars, happens. The commitment letter will lay out the loan terms and will expire after anywhere from one to four weeks.

SERVING

The loan process is almost complete. Now you read and sign the loan documents, checking carefully to make sure all terms are as agreed, have the loan funded, documents recorded, close escrow, get the keys and move in.

Bon appétit.

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Study to determine if SM airport is a health hazard

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Hills) whose district includes Santa Monica. Pavley opposed the bill because of the unfunded mandate it presented.

While the bill’s sponsor, Assemblyman Ted Lieu, (D-Torrance), vowed to bring the bill back during the next legislative session, his own chief of staff said that could be difficult given City Hall’s intense lobbying efforts.

“The senate committee granted the bill reconsideration, which gives us time to take another look at it to see if we can work out some kind of amendment, but I’m not hopeful that this will happen,” said David Ford, Lieu’s chief of staff.

Nonetheless, Ford and Lieu said they are proud of the work they’ve done — if not for the introduction of AB 2501, City Hall would have never agreed to monitor aircraft idling times, a measurement which they hope can be used by the SCAQMD as it tries to determine the amount of pollution emitted by each aircraft.

The SCAQMD will submit the study to the EPA sometime next year, at which time federal officials may be able to determine the potential health effects caused by airport operations.

“I think the reason they (City Hall) are doing this is because we brought AB 2501,” Lieu said. “I’m pleased that Santa Monica is doing this. We’ll wait and see what happens in the meantime to see what we’ll need to do when the Legislature reconvenes in August from (summer) recess. I could see us proposing AB 2501 as a supplement to the city’s augmentation.”

Those backing Lieu said they were pleased with City Hall’s decision, however, the battle isn’t over yet.

“The augmentation is really watered down. It’s only for three months, which isn’t the year which we requested, nor does it include the arrival of jet aircraft,” said Martin Rubin, president of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution, (CRAAP), which has been fighting with City Hall for years to reduce jet operations at the airport. “The AQMD study is inadequate in that it doesn’t distinguish between pollution coming from cars on Bundy (Drive) from aircraft” just a few hundreds yards away.

Trimborn said AB 2501 was not clear as to what the data collected would be used for. He also said the augmentation will include measurements for the first two weeks of July and all of December, January and February, enough time to provide enough data to help the SCAQMD.

Safety an issue in Pico park

ASSAULT, from page 1

police said a young Hispanic man was shot in the upper torso while at the park. He was transported to a local hospital with non life-threatening injuries. As of Monday afternoon, police were still searching for the suspect.

“My concern is that this incident further raises the issue of whether or not the park is a safe place to be,” said Betty Macias, who manages the park. “For the most part, I think this is still a safe place. I mean, how do you account for something like this? It could have happened anywhere. I really don’t know what to say about it, except that there has been an increased police presence here during reg-

TIP THE POLICE

Anyone having information regarding the incident is encouraged to contact the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8491, or Sgt. Gary Herman or Detective Sal Lucio at (310) 458-8451. Callers who wish to provide anonymous information also may call the We-Tip national hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME (27463). Callers with information that leads to an arrest and conviction become eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.

ular program hours.”

The 9.5-acre park officially reopened in December after a \$13 million expansion and renovation that was intended to clean up the aging and outdated space, where troubled teens outnumbered families.

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Rumsfeld welcomes growing NATO role in Afghanistan

BY ROBERT BURNS
AP Military Writer

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban will be defeated in Afghanistan although cross-border movement of militants is continuing, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday.

Rumsfeld also called on Europe to provide a “master plan” to Afghanistan to help curb its massive drug trade, which has seen heroin flood Europe and Russia.

At a joint news conference with Afghan President Hamid Karzai, Rumsfeld said militants “don’t want to see a country like Afghanistan have a successful democracy. They won’t succeed.”

Rumsfeld, who arrived unannounced in the Afghan capital, also said regional cooperation with Afghanistan’s neighbors to stop Taliban and al-Qaida movements entering this country “has been helpful, but it has not reduced cross-border” activity.

Rumsfeld did not single out any particular country for criticism, but said dealings between the U.S. military and Afghanistan with neighboring Pakistan has improved and is ongoing.

Many Afghans accuse Pakistan of not doing enough to stop militants using its territory as a base to stage attacks inside Afghanistan. Pakistan denies such claims and says it has deployed 90,000 troops to its side of the border to stamp out pro-Taliban militants operating there.

On Afghanistan’s massive opium trade, Rumsfeld said the drug’s spread was a “danger” not just for Afghanistan but for Europe where opium smuggled out of this country is in wide use.

“It seems to me that it is important for them (Europe) to recognize that it is a lot cheaper ... for them to assist the Afghan government in providing master over-all plan for dealing with the counter-narcotic effort,” Rumsfeld.

Afghanistan produces more than 90 percent of the world’s opium and heroin supply. Many of the drugs are thought to be smuggled through Iran and Pakistan to Europe and elsewhere.

Despite the international community pumping hundreds of millions of dollars into anti-drug campaigns, opium production is increasing across the country, particularly in southern Taliban hotbeds, where the militant group is believed to benefit from income generated from the illicit trade.

Rumsfeld’s remarks at a news conference came hours after the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan said the rise of

Taliban resistance in southern Afghanistan reflects the weakness of the government more than a strengthening of the fundamentalist movement that once sheltered Osama bin Laden.

“The areas that the Taliban is operating in are areas that the government of Afghanistan has not heretofore had the strength and had the presence,” Lt. Gen. Karl Eikenberry told reporters before boarding a plane to fly here with Rumsfeld from Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

Rumsfeld had said previously that he is concerned that the large-scale drug trafficking in Afghanistan is helping fuel the Taliban’s comeback, but has also has expressed confidence that NATO, with U.S. participation, is capable of handling the violence while mainly U.S. troops hunt down al-Qaida fighters and look for bin Laden.

Eikenberry said the Taliban are operating in areas where a weak government has created a security vacuum.

“It’s not a question of the enemy being strong,” he added. “It’s very much a question in many instances of the institutions of the state of Afghanistan still moving slowly to stand up in governance and Afghan national security forces. But we very much have the momentum.”

Eikenberry said the Taliban has been able to assert itself, particularly in the south. “The Taliban is more organized than they were last year and they have more fighters in certain areas,” he said.

Eikenberry would not discuss any plans to increase or decrease U.S. troop levels, which now stand at about 23,000. Last December, on his most recent previous visit to Kabul, Rumsfeld announced that U.S. troop levels would drop from 19,000 at that time to 16,000 by this summer.

In remarks to reporters in Tajikistan before flying here, Rumsfeld welcomed an expanded role by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Afghanistan, but also expressed worry about drug trafficking.

In coming weeks, NATO is set to take over command of the international security forces in the south from the U.S.-led coalition, although U.S. troops will remain. Canadian, British and Dutch troops are deploying in the region.

Before arriving in Afghanistan, Rumsfeld had told reporters that “Western Europe ought to have an enormous interest in the success in Afghanistan, and it’s going to take a lot more effort on their part for the Karzai government to be successful.”

Rumsfeld told reporters that the Pentagon has no interest in setting up more permanent bases in Central Asia, but he noted that other basing arrangements are needed to support military activities in Afghanistan.

Airline pilot charged with being under the influence of alcohol

BY JENNIFER DOBNER
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — A Southwest Airlines co-pilot accused of being intoxicated just minutes before takeoff was charged in federal court here Monday.

Prosecutors have charged Carl Fulton, 41, with one count of operation of a common carrier under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison and up to \$250,000 in fines.

Fulton made an initial appearance in U.S. District Court on Monday, but did not enter a plea to the charge.

A preliminary hearing date was set for July 28, although Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Kennedy said he intends to take the case to a grand jury, so the hearing may not be necessary.

Fulton was arrested Sunday morning after a Transportation Security Administration screener reported smelling alcohol on Fulton’s breath at a security check point. That was about 30 minutes before Southwest Flight 136, on which Fulton was the first officer, was set to depart from Salt Lake City International Airport for Phoenix.

Court documents say Fulton told federal air marshals and police he had consumed two “large beers” at a local movie house that serves food and beer, and a third drink — vodka — at a bar in the hotel where Fulton was staying.

Fulton said he stopped drinking at 10 p.m. Saturday, according to court documents.

Airport police administered two breathalyzer tests on Fulton.

In the first test, taken one hour after Fulton was removed from the plane’s cockpit and detained, his blood-alcohol level was .039 percent, court documents said. In a second test, taken six minutes later, Fulton’s blood-alcohol level was .038 percent.

Daniel Love, an air marshal with the Federal Air Marshal Service, said it was “mathematically not possible to have a BAC of .039 the following day if Fulton had only consumed three drinks,” the documents said.

Federal Aviation Administration guidelines say a pilot is prohibited from flying within eight hours of consuming alcohol.

The FAA sets the blood-alcohol limit at .04 percent, although regulations state that if a pilot tests between .02 percent and .039 percent, he or she is not allowed to work. Regulations also call for a second blood-alcohol test within 30 minutes of the first test, and say that if the blood-alcohol range remains the same, the pilot can’t work for another eight hours, or until the level drops below .02 percent.

Federal law provides a presumption of impairment at .10 percent, although federal prosecutors say that other forms of evidence can be used to prove impairment in court.

Dallas-based Southwest Airlines spokesman Ed Stewart said the company subscribes to all FAA regulations regarding alcohol consumption. Fulton flies for Southwest out of Dallas and has been employed with the airline for two years.

He has “a perfectly clear record,” Stewart said.

Southwest has placed Fulton on paid leave — which prohibits him from flying — pending the outcome on an internal investigation. What action the airline may take does not necessarily depend on the criminal proceedings, Stewart said.

Fulton, of Fort Worth, Texas, spent Sunday night in the Salt Lake County Jail. U.S. Magistrate Judge Paul Warner released Fulton from custody Monday, on the condition that he not use drugs or alcohol while the case is being adjudicated. Warner also ordered Fulton to undergo random drug and alcohol testing.

FAA officials are also investigating the allegations and interviewed Fulton on Sunday.

The agency regularly matches pilot’s names against DUI data in the national driver’s licenses registry, FAA Northwest Region spokesman Allen Kenitzer said. The agency also requires airlines to have random testing programs in place. Between 2000 and 2003, more than 10,200 pilots were tested, FAA data show.

Which of These Costly Mistakes Will You Make When You Sell Your Santa Monica Home This Summer

BY JAMES COSTELLO AND JOHN MCCORMACK

SANTA MONICA – A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes have become

increasingly less and less effective in today's market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of home sellers don't get what they want for their home and become disillusioned and — worse — financially disadvantaged when they put their home on the market.

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Simpson goes for the young ones

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK

Jessica Simpson's schedule is getting even busier now that she's co-hosting the Teen Choice awards.

The eighth annual special will air live Aug. 20 on Fox (8 p.m. EDT). Her co-host will be announced at a later date, Fox said Tuesday.

At "Teen Choice 2006," Simpson is nominated for choice movie breakout performance for her role as Daisy Duke in "The Dukes of Hazzard," choice red carpet fashion icon and choice hottie.

In the youth-centric ceremony, teen-friendly stars of film, television, music, sports and fashion win surfboard awards.

Voters can cast their ballots until Aug. 11 on the Web sites Teenpeople.com, MySpace.com, Ign.com and Fox.com.

Simpson, 26, stars in the comedy "Employee of the Month," which opens Sept. 15. Her new album, "A Public Affair," debuts Aug. 29.

She and Nick Lachey, who co-starred in the MTV reality show "Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica," recently divorced after three years of marriage.

NEW YORK

Dipping hubby to be a divorcee



GRIFFIN

Kathy Griffin says her 4 1/2-year marriage ended in divorce after she discovered her now ex-husband was taking money from her bank accounts.

In an interview on CNN's "Larry King Live" that aired Monday night, the comedian accused Matt Moline of taking \$72,000 over a period of time.

"My ex-husband, without my knowledge, was sneaking into my wallet when I was asleep in the mornings and taking my ATM cards of my own private accounts and withdrawing money," Griffin alleged. "That money totaled \$72,000. ... over about a year and a half."

He "admitted it and apologized," she said. They went to couples therapy, but couldn't "get beyond the trust issue."

In a statement released to CNN, Moline said he was upset about Griffin's comments.

"Since our divorce, I have not made any public comments about my ex-wife or our marriage," he said. "It saddens me that she would choose to make such accusations at this time. I have no intention of engaging in a public debate over private matters."

Griffin and Moline were married in February 2001. She filed for divorce last September, citing irreconcilable differences. They have no children.

"Eventually, I end up putting everything into the act," Griffin, the star of Bravo's "My Life on the D-List," said. "I kind of turn tragedy into comedy and I find that that's a great way for me to kind of deal with it."

HONG KONG

Chan gets drunk and insulted



CHAN

Jackie Chan disrupted a concert by Taiwanese singer-songwriter Jonathan Lee and exchanged insults with the audience.

The 52-year-old action star was quoted in a news report as saying onstage that he was drunk.

Chan jumped on the stage Monday night and demanded a duet with Lee. He then tried to conduct the band but stopped and restarted the music several times, Ming Pao Daily News reported Tuesday.

As the awkward interruption dragged on, audience members started to heckle Chan, who replied with an insult, according to the report.

A spokesman for Chan, Solon So, said he hadn't seen Chan since the alleged incident and had no immediate comment. He said he didn't attend the concert.

Concert organizers didn't immediately return a call seeking comment.

Chan, whose Hollywood credits include the "Rush Hour" series and "The Tuxedo," was an invited performing guest at Lee's show Sunday night.

NEW YORK

From the dirt to the designers

Keri Russell may have been a tomboy growing up,

and TV audiences know her as a college coed on the TV series "Felicity." But now she's gone glam as a CoverGirl.

The 30-year-old actress joins Christie Brinkley and Queen Latifah as a spokesmodel for the venerable beauty brand. The new TV ad for Outlast Double Lipshine debuts this month, and the print ad will be in August magazines.

Being a makeup model isn't what Russell expected in her career.

"When I first started, I did do a commercial for a deodorant or something. I don't even think it aired. This is the first thing I've done like this. It's a lot less stressful than doing a film. This take two days, not a few months or the whole year of a television show," she told The Associated Press recently.

But the CoverGirl shoot wasn't just about looking pretty. Russell described the TV ad more as a mini action movie, in which she fights a group of ninjas. Looking pretty, of course.

Thanks to her role in "Mission: Impossible III," Russell said, she probably knew more about the stunts than applying makeup.

Brinkley, a CoverGirl for 30 years, is in some ways her role model in the beauty world, Russell said. "Fresh and natural — it's what she is, too. ... I'm not really the sexy vixen type."

She'd rather be in jeans and sneakers than the designer evening gowns she wears on the red carpet. "When I find a dress I really like, I say, 'Can't I wear this dress again? It's really pretty.' I guess it doesn't work like that. I'm learning."

CROMWELL, Conn.

Star enters the 'real world'

A cast member on MTV's "The Real World" was arraigned on a misdemeanor assault charge after police said she bit her boyfriend during a domestic dispute.

Paula Ann Meronek, 25, allegedly bit her boyfriend several times when he refused to let her into their home early Sunday morning, police said.

"I think it was an argument that led to one thing then another," said Cromwell Police Chief Anthony Salvatore. "He attempted to keep her from the house. It got physical and we were contacted."



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Thursday, July 13
Children Of Paradise 7:30

Friday, July 14
Performance 7:30

Saturday, July 15
A Hard Day's Night 7:30

Sunday, July 16
Monster House 3:00
Barbarella & Danger: Diabolik 7:30

AMC7 Santa Monica
1310 3rd Street
(310)289-4262

Cars (G)
11:00am, 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 10:00

Nacho Libre (PG)
10:10am, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:05, 9:30

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13)
10:30am, 11:45am, 1:00, 2:00, 3:15, 4:20, 5:30, 6:45, 7:45, 9:00, 10:10, 10:55

Superman Returns (PG-13)
10:15am, 12:30, 1:30, 4:00, 5:00, 7:30, 8:30, 10:45

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 3rd Street
(310) 458-6232

The Break-Up (PG-13)
1:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00

The Da Vinci Code (PG-13)
12:45, 4:15, 7:30, 10:45

The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13)
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Landmark Nuwiltshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd
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Strangers With Candy (R)
11:45am, 2:15, 4:45, 7:40, 10:00

Who Killed the Electric Car? (PG)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 2nd Street
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An Inconvenient Truth (PG)
12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10

Leonard Cohen: I'm Your Man (PG-13)
1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55

Scanner Darkly, A (R)
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Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 3rd Street
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The Lake House (PG)
12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

A Prairie Home Companion (PG-13)
11:00am, 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50

Waist Deep (R)
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Wassup Rockers (R)
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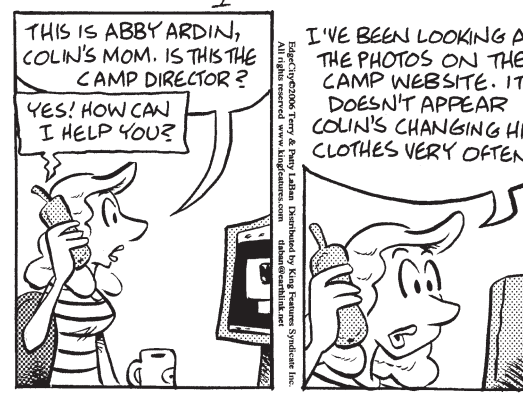
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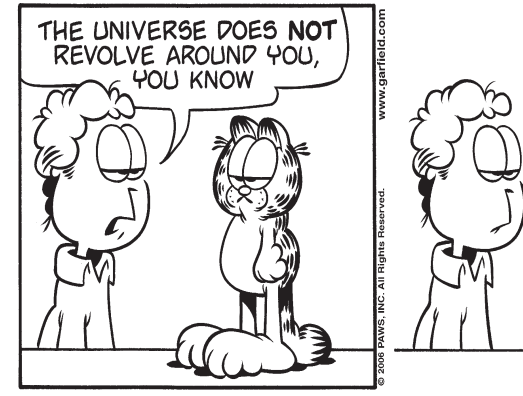
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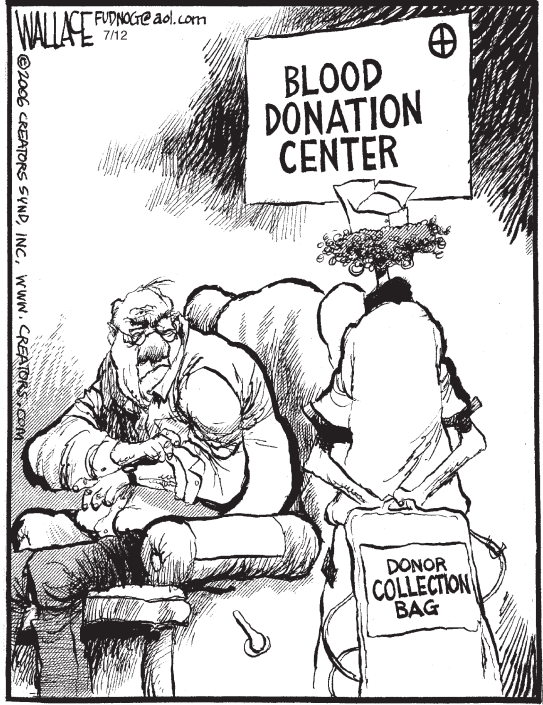
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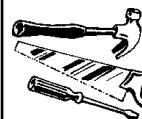
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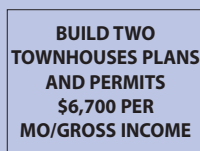
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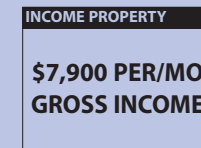
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