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THE GOING SOLO ISSUE



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POPULAR ATTRACTION: **The Annenberg Community Beach House boasts a 100-foot-long outdoor pool, a splash pad and playground. The Beach House, located on Pacific Coast Highway, is free to the public, but those who wish to use the pool must pay a swimming fee.**

Beach House heats up

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM BEACH Under the late morning sun, a man and his young daughter stand in line at the Annenberg Community Beach House, waiting to pay the price of admission to enjoy a day by the pool.

They were teased in the meantime by the sounds of children splashing and laughing nearby, and the sights of wet haired little ones exiting the facility with towels wrapped around them, talking about what they would have for lunch.

When the father and daughter finally reached the window, instead of receiving a wristband, they were directed to the waiting list, told the pool had reached capacity.

Despite a gloomy May and June, the Annenberg Community Beach House has received a strong flow of visitors since its long-awaited grand opening the last weekend in April, attracting both local residents and tourists to the historic pool and other amenities even though the ocean lies just yards away.

"People walk around with half a smile and half a state of awe," Barbara Stinchfield, the director of community and cultural services for City Hall, said.

City Hall spent several years rehabilitating the former estate of late Hollywood starlet Marion Davies, restoring the original guest house and pool and constructing new volleyball courts, an event house, splash pool and garden.

The estate, which at one time featured more than 100 bedrooms and 55 bathrooms, was built by newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst for his rumored mistress, who sold it for $600,000 to investors when she fell into financial trouble.

Today the property is home to the nation's first public beach club.

Pacific Palisades resident Nicki Azami visited Annenberg for the first time with her two children on Monday, finally giving in to her curiosity of what lay behind the tall walls separating the beach house from Pacific Coast Highway. She said the Santa Monica Swim Center has a more child-

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ACLU files suit against City Hall for homeless

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL There was a 56-year-old woman who once lived on the streets of Santa Monica, suffering from paranoid schizophrenia and claiming she sees spaceships coming for her nightly, the same ones that murdered her parents and sister.

Homeless and surviving on Social Security checks, the woman relocated to Venice after she was reportedly arrested and jailed by the Santa Monica Police Department at least three times for violating City Hall's ban on camping in public spaces.

She is one of six chronically homeless individuals for whom the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California filed a lawsuit on Tuesday against City Hall. The suit says City Hall violated constitutional rights by arresting the plaintiffs for breaking a local law against camping when there is a lack of sufficient shelter space to accommodate them.

The suit claims City Hall is criminalizing homelessness.

The lawsuit was filed jointly by the ACLU and the law firm of Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, seeking a moratorium on all arrests for sleeping in public until adequate shelter and housing is provided.

"In America, to be poor and homeless and mentally disabled is not a crime," Mark Rosenbaum, the ACLU legal director, said. "But in Santa Monica, police routinely cite, arrest, handcuff and jail the city's mentally ill homeless residents."

In a city known for the level of services provided to the homeless (which was even spoofed in an episode of "South Park" where the main characters get rid of a transient problem by directing the homeless to friendlier Santa Monica) the accusations of harassment came as a shock to local officials.

"I'm really perplexed and surprised that this would come about," Julie Rusk, the human services manager for City Hall, said. "Santa Monica is at the forefront of developing solutions that are effective, compassionate and are about getting people off the streets so their homelessness is ended."

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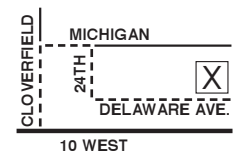
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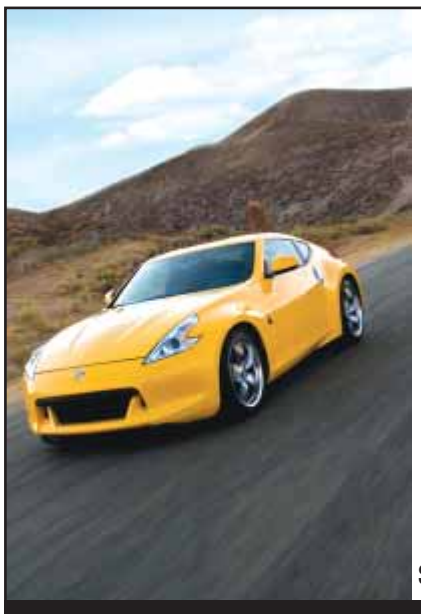
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Top to Top
2621 Wilshire Blvd., 6:30 p.m.
Whether you're training for a marathon or just starting the running thing, join Top to Top for a fun way to stay in shape. Runners meet in front of the Santa Monica store every Wednesday for announcements and special guests before the run. Participants choose between 5k, 5 miles or 10k loops. Food and water are provided. Call (310) 829-7030 for more information.

Thursday, July 16, 2009

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Laughter welcome
Shakti's Elements
717 Broadway, 11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
Kim Selbert, certified laughter yoga leader, invites everyone to join her to laugh their socks off. This body-mind exercise is welcome for all ages and fitness levels. The session costs $10 per person. Call (310) 849-4642 or visit www.kimselbert.com for more information.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



Ray Solano *news@smdp.com*

NEW FACILITY BUBBLES UP: **City Councilman Bobby Shriver is surrounded by bubbles thanks to two girls during a press conference for the opening of a 'toy-rary,' where formerly homeless kids with Upward Bound House can borrow toys for weeks at a time and exchange them.**

Free 'toy-rary' opens at Upward Bound House

BY EMMA TROTTER
Special to the Daily Press

WILMONT The staff of Upward Bound House would like nothing more than to lose their jobs — because that would mean homelessness and the many problems it causes have been eliminated.

As it stands, though, they have a months-long waiting list of families hoping to obtain housing, classes, and other services offered by the agency. The toy loan program, kicked off Tuesday, is a small but important part of those services.

"The program is an antidote to the loss of dignity that can come from being homeless," said Booker Pearson, president of the nonprofit's board of directors. "It can be very meaningful for them to feel like somebody cares."

"Toys are about magic," added Executive Director David Snow. "They take kids out of this life and allow them to imagine and dream."

In keeping with that theme, a magician performed at Tuesday's event. Children from the audience volunteered to help with magic rings and disappearing coin tricks.

"The program gives kids an opportunity to play with toys that their parents might not be able to afford," said Senior Case Manager Cherrise Payne, who works with families to help them get acclimated to the program, connect with services and save money to move into permanent housing. The toy library, she added, is one of Upward Bound's after-care services, open to families who currently live or have lived in the Upward Bound House.

"There is a tsunami of homeless children in the Westside, in California and in the nation," Pearson said. "They are the hidden homeless — they don't sleep in your front yard, throw beer bottles in your back yard or panhandle on the streets. They're not an irritant or a threat, so we ignore them."

Upward Bound House, made up of 80 apartments for seniors and 21 units for homeless families with kids, aims to counteract the effects of this negligence.

> **"TOYS ARE ABOUT MAGIC. THEY TAKE KIDS OUT OF THIS LIFE AND ALLOW THEM TO IMAGINE AND DREAM."**
>
> **David Snow**
> Executive Director, Upward Bound House

In addition to receiving a free toy for attending the opening, once the loan center is fully up and running — which should

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Dine out to fight cancer

BY NATALIE JARVEY
Special to the Daily Press

OCEAN AVENUE Eating at some of Santa Monica's best restaurants can now also help in the fight against breast cancer.

The Los Angeles County affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure is hosting the first annual Dine Out for the Cure today, with restaurants donating 10 percent of their proceeds toward the cause.

"This event is good for Komen because it raises awareness and the critical funding that we need, but it's also good for the restaurant partner and the restaurant diner," said Catherine Mullally, executive director of the L.A. County affiliate.

Cèzanne at Le Merigot Hotel in Santa Monica is one of 17 restaurants to participate in the event, donating proceeds from breakfast, lunch and dinner.

"We wanted to get involved, number one because we want to be involved in donating for [Susan G. Komen]," said Cèzanne Chef Desi Szonntagh. "We feel our restaurant is a great place to showcase menu items that are actually healthy."

Szonntagh has created a special cancer-fighting menu full of healthy food options, including vegetarian dishes and ingredients that are high in antioxidants.

"There are foods that have been long discussed in various nutritional reports and media reports that are anti-cancer foods and promote good health," Mullally said.

Szonntagh's menu takes these foods, gives them a French twist and turns them into inventive menu specials.

"We took some of the items that we do serve here, and the style, and we tweaked it to fit the format," he said.

The special menu will be served all week and includes dishes such as a lemon-banana smoothie "bisque" with fresh berries, almonds and pumpkin seeds for breakfast and peach granola cobbler served with Farmers' Market berries and watermelon sorbet for dessert.

"I've run the banana smoothie before this and it just happened to be a perfect fit," Szonntagh said.

Other restaurants participating in the event include BLVD 16 at the Palomar Hotel in Westwood, West Restaurant & Lounge in Brentwood and the Waterfront Restaurant in Marina del Rey.

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Taking the good with the bad

Editor:

In regards to Melody Hanatani's article about rent control still being controversial ("Rent control 30 years later," page 1, July 13).

Yes, still controversial but not as much because vacancy decontrol has leveled the playing field.

What both opponents and advocates of rent control in Santa Monica should understand is that it is not all bad, or all good.

I was a renter back in the late 1970s when market conditions forced speculators, developers and investors who bought buildings for high prices to raise rents. The goal in buying income property is to not lose money and if possible to make money either by a profit through rents or appreciation on the property. I was facing a rent increase for a two-bedroom from $250 per month to $700 per month. I ended up borrowing money for a down payment and buying a duplex, living in one unit. I was entitled to an exemption (owner occupied three units or less) but not after the "gestapo" Rent Control Board fought me for 10 months and cost me thousands of dollars in legal fees trying to keep me from having that exemption. I now, along with my bank, own a home in Santa Monica.

So many of us can see both sides of the issue. Some of us can't, mostly because of being blinded by the quest for political power, or the all mighty dollar.

GOOD POINTS: Our city was and still is diversified. It did help tenants deal with unfair market conditions and helped end the rampant real estate speculation. It brought to power a new and progressive organization, replacing a government that was run mostly by the Chamber of Commerce, businessmen and landowners who owned large apartment buildings. It produced jobs to staff the rent control bureaucracy.

BAD POINTS: It helped produce run down unkempt buildings because owners could not afford to maintain their buildings. It hurt mom and pop apartment owners of 10 or less units who were fair, not greedy, and kept there buildings mainly for retirement income not huge monthly profits. Many often lived in their own buildings and took pride in its upkeep. Many wealthy people rented the controlled units (they knew a steal when they saw one) and many subleased for a profit. Many tenants learned how to abuse or use the law to their advantage. Since most of the city are renters they kept Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights in power for three decades, bringing a sense of entitlement and a narrow minded view to most issues.

I am sure there are other good and bad points. Greed, power and selfishness strike again.

Larry Arreola
Santa Monica

Service with a smile

Editor:

I hear from others that their DMVs are really bad, and not helpful.

Not Santa Monica DMV.

The other day I had an excellent experience at the Colorado Avenue DMV. A young girl named Jenny was so very kind, and helpful. She took care of all my needs, was knowledgeable and efficient. She told me her office manager was the one who set up the excellent system for every service.

Congratulations to the DMV in Santa Monica.

Sara Binder
Santa Monica

Obey the law

Editor:

There is another side to the cyclists' argument that motorists are hostile to bike riders. Perhaps motorists are "hostile" to those cyclists who ride through stop signs and red lights and those who race on sidewalks and ride outside the bike lanes in high traffic areas. Perhaps motorists would feel less "hostile" if all cyclists would obey the traffic laws.

Don Wagner
Santa Monica



Going Postal

Steve "the Mailman" Breen — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

The anesthesia of hope

Editor's note: This is the final installment of a two-part series.

IN MY PREVIOUS COLUMN I CONSERVATIVELY circumscribed about the nature and extent of Obamaholism and Bush Derangement Syndrome that has led many liberal sycophantic sufferers to splash about like Cleopatra, the Queen of Denial. St. Augustine wrote two very valuable works on lying and denial, "De Mendacio" and "Contra Mendacio," in 395 A.D. Unfortunately since neither Latin nor English is taught in California public schools these days, I have provided a simplified version for the simple minds of Democratopia without all the really confusing big words.

If liberal critics are so self-righteously sure that George W. Bush is both such a liar and a scoundrel then please allow me to demonstrate that President Obama only lies when his teleprompter's lips are moving.

The anatomy of lies

1. The bald faced lie.

2. Telling only half of the truth, aka "lying by omission."

3. Telling the utter, cherry tree chopping truth but telling it so unconvincingly that the hearer doesn't really believe you.

4. "There are lies, damned lies and statistics" — Mark Twain.

Please note that lies from politicians are as malleable as a combination of cow manure and chewing gum. Any given lie might taste like crap but at least it's mint-flavored. Just ask John Edwards. Further note that a lie can combine any or all of the enumerated elements above. As a practicum, here are examples of some big, myocardial infarction whoppers. Feel free to defibrillate accordingly:

"I did not have sex with that woman!" — Bill Clinton, at anytime during the last two centuries.

Please note that his mere qualification of "that woman" does not preclude having had sex with any other animal, vegetable or mineral of the female persuasion within his cigar-smoking distance. Is this a #1 combo with a #2 on the side or an inclusively democratic #3?

"We cannot sustain deficits that mortgage our children's future" — Obama, April 2009.

Of course he said this after enacting his $787 billion dollar Porkzilla Act which is merely a monolithic carbon copy of Bush's TARP of 2008, both of which chain our grandchildren into decades of indentured governmental servitude. That's a #3.

While Obama frequently refers to economic "belt tightening" as a requirement for average Americans, it does not necessarily extend to our Imperator-in-Chief's own tawdry shopping habits as the average American factory worker laid off from GM isn't accustomed to flying in gourmet pizzas on ScareForce One, purchasing $540 sneakers, a $6,000 VBH designer purse nor a custom $30,000 diamond and rhodium ring for his Klingon queen after his $170 million coronation.

Do the math, pretty grim numbers.

Speaking of numbers, get a load of this patient's flip chart! A poll published by the NY Times, a subsidiary of ObamaMedia LLC, fabricated that "72 percent of respondents favored the creation of a government health insurance plan that would compete with private insurers." This has been cited by local idiots from the Democratic Underground as proof positive public support of Dr. MacDaddy Squealgood's socialized quackery called ObamaCare.

Is it an inconvenient truth that only 24 percent of the respondents queried were mainlined as conservatives? Would the NYT's poll be just as relevant if it was taken in Bulgari's on Rodeo Drive rather than taken outside of a fast food joint? Is this a scientific false positive or an Obamaholic "false choice?" How valid is a poll that had only 895 respondents? Is 895 respondents reflective of the collective political MRI of over 330 million Americans?

Definitely a #4, thank you, Mr. Twain!

Lastly, in February 2004, the CEO of Obama's House of Waffles said, "I opposed the Defense of Marriage Act in 1996. It should be repealed and I will vote for its repeal on the Senate floor."

Is it an inconvenient truth that on June 11, 2009, President Janus' Justice Department submitted a legal brief to a federal judge asking for dismissal of pending gay-rights litigation [Smelt v. USA, State of California] on the grounds that the 1996 DOMA is "appropriate, carefully balanced and justified by reason?"

Wow. Would someone please stitch the president's cojones back on again? They keep falling off.

Former Army Captain and JAG officer, Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran, James Pietrangelo II, following his recent loss before the Supreme Court over his dismissal from military service under "don't ask, don't tell" had this to say, "[Obama's] a coward, a bigot and a pathological liar. … This is a guy who spent more time picking out his dog, Bo, and playing with him on the White House lawn than he has working for equality for gay people."

Hooah, Capt. Pietrangelo!

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Word in Edgewise

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Leading man needs to lead

IF SOME GUY HAD TOLD ME SIX YEARS ago that Arnold Schwarzenegger the movie star would be governor, I wouldn't have believed it, partly because I don't think he can be taken seriously in the role of a politician. If that guy also told me that Gov. Schwarzenegger would be presiding over an intractable budget crisis, I would have called him crazy, partly because Arnold the movie star had proven he mastered the art of the deal with his contract for "Terminator 3." An actor who can get a studio to guarantee a $29 million payment whether or not a movie is made, $1.6 million for every week shooting runs over schedule, 20 percent of gross receipts in every market in the world — and change the usually mystifying definition of the "cash break-even point" on the back end — can do anything.

I wrote in this column in February that the governor needed to get tough on one or two Republicans and push his budget through. Now that he's out of the frying pan and into the proverbial fire, it's time for a different approach. He should reject the premise that California can't afford to pay our bills — along with the false choice of either raising taxes or cutting spending. The combination of his movie star status and his family's political history put him in a unique position to lead by his example on a budget issue that will be widely supported by Democrats and Republicans in the Assembly and be very popular among voters: closing the tax gap.

The state of California has one of the largest economies in the world (ranking somewhere between France and Italy) and our budget is about $25 billion short this year. That would seem like an insolvable problem until you find out the difference between what the state of California is owed in personal income, corporate, sales, and use taxes and what we'll collect is estimated at $8.5 billion. When 30 percent of the problem can be solved by balancing the books, it's not a budget crisis, it's a leadership crisis. Our country has a great leader, but it has yet to be seen if our state can say the same thing.

In the midst of a historic recession, the federal tax code is being changed to emphasize fundamental fairness and close the loopholes that have led to a $350 billion federal tax gap. If Gov. Schwarzenegger had the courage to take similar steps here (starting with ending the supermajority requirement to raise taxes), we could add as much as $5 billion from readjusting the top tax bracket and $5 billion from taxes on alcohol and entertainment to the $8.5 billion that is our tax gap and reduce our budget deficit by two-thirds — without cutting services or raising taxes on the middle class. And we'd be well on our way to a future of consistently balanced budgets. That legacy has to be more appealing to Arnold than being remembered as the governor who ruined the state's credit rating while taking medicine away from poor kids and little old ladies so California's super-rich could have lower taxes.

Schwarzenegger is at a crucial point in his political life. He doesn't have to look any further than the Republican ticket in '08 to see the obvious pitfalls of not solving this budget problem. He can't go to Washington if he doesn't work this out because there is no higher office available to failed governors (ask Sarah Palin). And it doesn't matter if you passed landmark climate control laws, if you're out of touch with the economic realities of this recession, that's all anyone will remember about you (see: John McCain — "The fundamentals of our economy are strong").

The economic reality in California is that there is plenty of money to go around, but not enough is actually going around. For example, the $30 million Arnold was paid for "Terminator 3" wasn't paid to him, but to Oak Productions, Inc., a front company that, for tax purposes, then "lent" him to the movie. While that might make sense for Arnold the movie star who understandably wants to keep all of his money, it makes the job of balancing the budget much more difficult for the governor and the Assembly.

If there is one person alive who can square that circle, it's Arnold Schwarzenegger. This is a man who has made a fortune in the private sector, becoming one of the most powerful people in one of the most influential industries in the world, then rose to become one of the most powerful people in politics. He now stands astride both worlds with a sphere of influence our former movie star governor, Ronald Reagan, would have to envy. It's time for him to set an example by very publicly vowing to pay his fair share in taxes, then convincing, cajoling, begging, or shaming people in his and Maria's professional and social circles into following suit — if for no other reason than the financial health of the state of California.

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The Q Line

Three decades later

Santa Monica's rent control law, first passed by voters April 10, 1979, has been in effect for three decades and it continues to be a hot button issue in this city by the sea.

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GOVERNMENT

House health plan to boost taxes on rich

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WASHINGTON House Democrats on Tuesday rolled out a far-reaching $1.5 trillion plan that for the first time would make health care a right and a responsibility for all Americans, with medical providers, employers and the wealthiest picking up most of the tab.

The federal government would be responsible for ensuring that every person, regardless of income or the state of their health, has access to an affordable insurance plan. Individuals and employers would have new obligations to get coverage, or face hefty penalties.

Health care overhaul is President Barack Obama's top domestic priority, and his goal is to slow rising costs and provide coverage to nearly 50 million uninsured Americans.

Democratic leaders said they would push the measure through committee and toward a vote in the full House by month's end, while the pace of activity quickened on the other side of the Capitol.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said he wanted floor debate to begin a week from Monday. Other officials said that timetable was likely to slip. Even so, it underscored a renewed sense of urgency.

The House legislation unveiled by Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other Democrats would slow the growth of Medicare and Medicaid payments to medical providers. From big hospitals to solo physician practices, providers also would be held to account for quality care, not just ordering up tests and procedures. Insurance companies would be prohibited from denying coverage to the sick. The industry also would face stiff competition from a new government plan designed along the lines of Medicare.

The liberal-leaning plan lacked figures on total costs, but a House Democratic aide said the total bill would add up to about $1.5 trillion over 10 years. The aide spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the private calculations. Most of the bill's costs come in the last five years after the 2012 presidential election.

The legislation calls for a 5.4 percent tax increase on individuals making more than $1 million a year, with a gradual tax beginning at $280,000 for individuals. Employers who don't provide coverage would be hit with a penalty equal to 8 percent of workers' wages with an exemption for small businesses. Individuals who decline an offer of affordable coverage would pay 2.5 percent of their incomes as a penalty, up to the average cost of a health insurance plan.

With Obama pressing Congress to act on health care this summer, House leaders want to move their bill quickly through three committees and to a floor vote before the August congressional recess. But a group of moderate and conservative Democrats has withheld support, and no Republican votes are expected.

The House bill seemed unlikely to win broad backing in the Senate, where the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee was expected to finish its version of the legislation Wednesday in what was looking to be a party-line vote. Another panel, the Senate Finance Committee, was striving to unveil a bill by the end of the week.

Standing before a banner that read "Quality Affordable Care for the Middle Class," Pelosi, D-Calif., called the moment "historic and transformative." The bill would provide "stability and peace of mind" by braking costs and guaranteeing coverage, she said.

"We are going to accomplish what many people felt wouldn't happen in our lifetime," said House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Henry Waxman, D-Calif., one of the main sponsors. Obama, who issued a statement hailing the measure, plans to keep up the pressure on Congress by delivering remarks in the Rose Garden on Wednesday.

Speaking in Warren, Mich., where he was promoting new spending for community colleges, Obama anticipated a congressional confrontation over health care.

"There's going to be a major debate over the next three weeks," he said, deviating from his prepared text. "And don't be fooled by folks trying to scare you saying we can't change the health care system.We have no choice but to change the health care system because right now it's broken for too many Americans."

Separately, Obama spoke by telephone with Sen. Charles Grassley, the Iowa Republican viewed as critical to the fate of bipartisan negotiations in the Senate.

House Democrats said the income tax increase in their bill would apply only to the top 1.2 percent of households, those who earn about one-quarter of all income. The wealthiest 4 percent of small business owners would be among them. The tax would start at 1 percent for couples making $350,000 and individuals earning $280,000, ramp up to 1.5 percent above $500,000 of income, and jump to 5.4 percent for those earning above $1 million.

The tax would raise an estimated $544 billion over 10 years.

Business groups and the insurance industry immediately assailed the legislation. In a letter to lawmakers, major business organizations branded the 1,000-page bill a job-killer. Its coverage mandate would automatically raise the cost of hiring a new worker, they said.

"Exempting some micro-businesses will not prevent this provision from killing many jobs," the letter said. "Congress should allow market forces and employer autonomy to determine what benefits employers provide, rather than deciding by fiat."

The business groups also warned that the U.S. health care system could be damaged by adding a government-run insurance plan and a federal council that would make some decisions on benefits, as called for in the legislation. Thirty-one organizations signed the letter, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Business Roundtable representing top corporate CEOs and the National Retail Federation.

The House bill would change the way individuals and many employers get health insurance. It would set up a new national purchasing pool, called an exchange. The exchange would offer a menu of plans, with different levels of coverage. A government plan would be among the options, and the exchange would eventually be open to most employers. Insurers say that combination would drive many of them out of business since the public plan would be able to offer lower premiums to virtually all Americans.

MARKETS

Return to big profits for Wall Street powerhouse

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NEW YORK Goldman Sachs is emerging as the king of post-meltdown Wall Street.

Already the nation's most powerful financial company before the credit crisis, the bank profited handsomely from Wall Street's rally and the recovering credit markets during the second quarter and distanced itself from the few competitors still standing.

The result was a stunning profit of $2.7 billion — even as the bank repaid $10 billion in federal bailout money. The total blew past what Wall Street analysts were expecting.

Goldman pulled off a remarkably speedy recovery from last fall, when it lost $3.3 billion in four months during the worst of the financial crisis. And it had its best quarter since the end of 2007, when the recession was just beginning.

The results also confirm that despite controversy over everything from its role in the meltdown and the bonuses it pays executives and even the power of its alumni who sit at the highest levels of government, one thing remains constant: Goldman knows how to make money better than anybody else on Wall Street.

While other firms have curtailed risk and preserved cash to protect against further losses, Goldman has returned to what made it so profitable in the past — high-risk trading and investing in everything from mortgages to commodities and underwriting of stock and debt offers.

"Goldman really is in a class by themselves," said Phillip Silitschanu, a senior analyst with Aite Group. "They've always been the golden child of the market."

Of course, Goldman also benefited because there are fewer competitors on Wall Street following the demise of Bear Stearns Cos. and Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. in 2008. Both companies were felled by their investments in risky, and ultimately failed, mortgage-backed securities.

And in a sign that the mood in Washington may be shifting, there was little outrage directed at Goldman from officials who have criticized the firm in recent months. Goldman took the bailout cash under pressure from the government at a time when faith in its financial institutions was shaken to its core.

While Goldman is making money in its core businesses, it's also gotten some hard cash into its corporate treasury that has also strengthened the company. Warren Buffett made a well-publicized investment of $5 billion in the bank in September. Goldman also benefited from the government's bailout money to insurer American International Group Inc., which paid Goldman $12.9 billion during the first quarter. AIG was forced by contracts it had signed to compensate banks like Goldman for losses they suffered from complex mortgage investments.

On Tuesday, President Barack Obama's press secretary was reluctant to discuss Goldman's results.

"I'm generally hesitant — as I think the Treasury Department is — to comment on individual earnings reports," Robert Gibbs, the president's press secretary, said during a meeting with reporters aboard Air Force One.

Goldman is the first bank to report second-quarter earnings. JP Morgan Chase, Citigroup and Bank of America will follow this week.

By repaying the bailout money, Goldman freed itself of government-imposed restrictions on executive pay and bonuses that some of its rivals, including Citigroup and Bank of America, are still under. Goldman spent $6.6 billion in the quarter on pay and benefits, 41 percent more than in the first quarter.

Goldman's peers have been stung by bigger loan losses because of their focus on retail banking and because they dealt more in the risky mortgage-backed securities that drained hundreds of billions of dollars from other firms.

Wall Street staged a huge rally in the second quarter, and Goldman took advantage of a recovery in the credit markets. With its own balance sheet intact, Goldman was ready to help other companies looking for an underwriter.

"When times are bad, the thinking goes, go with the best of the best," Silitschanu said.

Another reason business will probably keep coming Goldman's way: The demise of competitors like Bear Stearns and Lehman Brothers means investors simply have fewer places to take their money.

Goldman earned $4.93 per share for the quarter after paying preferred dividends. Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters, on average, expected $3.54.

Goldman shares rose 22 cents to close at $149.66 on the New York Stock Exchange. The stock was trading close to $50 during the financial crisis last fall.

The muted reaction from investors wasn't a negative sign. They had bid up Goldman, and the rest of the stock market, Monday after respected analyst Meredith Whitney issued a bullish report on the bank.

TECHNOLOGY

SpaceX launches Malaysia satellite

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAWTHORNE Rocket developer Space Exploration Technologies said Tuesday it conducted its second fully successful launch, placing a Malaysian satellite into orbit.

The company's two-stage Falcon 1 rocket lifted off late Monday PDT from Omelek Island in the Kwajalein Atoll, 2,500 miles southwest of Hawaii in the central Pacific.

The rocket's stage separation and deployment of the satellite went perfectly, said Cassie Kloberdanz, spokeswoman for the Hawthorne-based company.

The RazakSAT satellite, built by Astronautic Technology Sdn. Bhd. of Malaysia, carried a high-resolution camera that can be used for land management and similar purposes.

Space Exploration Technologies, known as SpaceX, is developing new launch vehicles with a goal of increasing reliability while reducing costs.

SpaceX was formed in 2002 by PayPal co-founder Elon Musk. It has had three launches that did not reach orbit. Its first successful launch put a dummy payload into orbit in September 2008.

In December, SpaceX won a $1.6 billion NASA contract to supply the international space station.

Its next mission will be the launch of a larger Falcon 9 rocket from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

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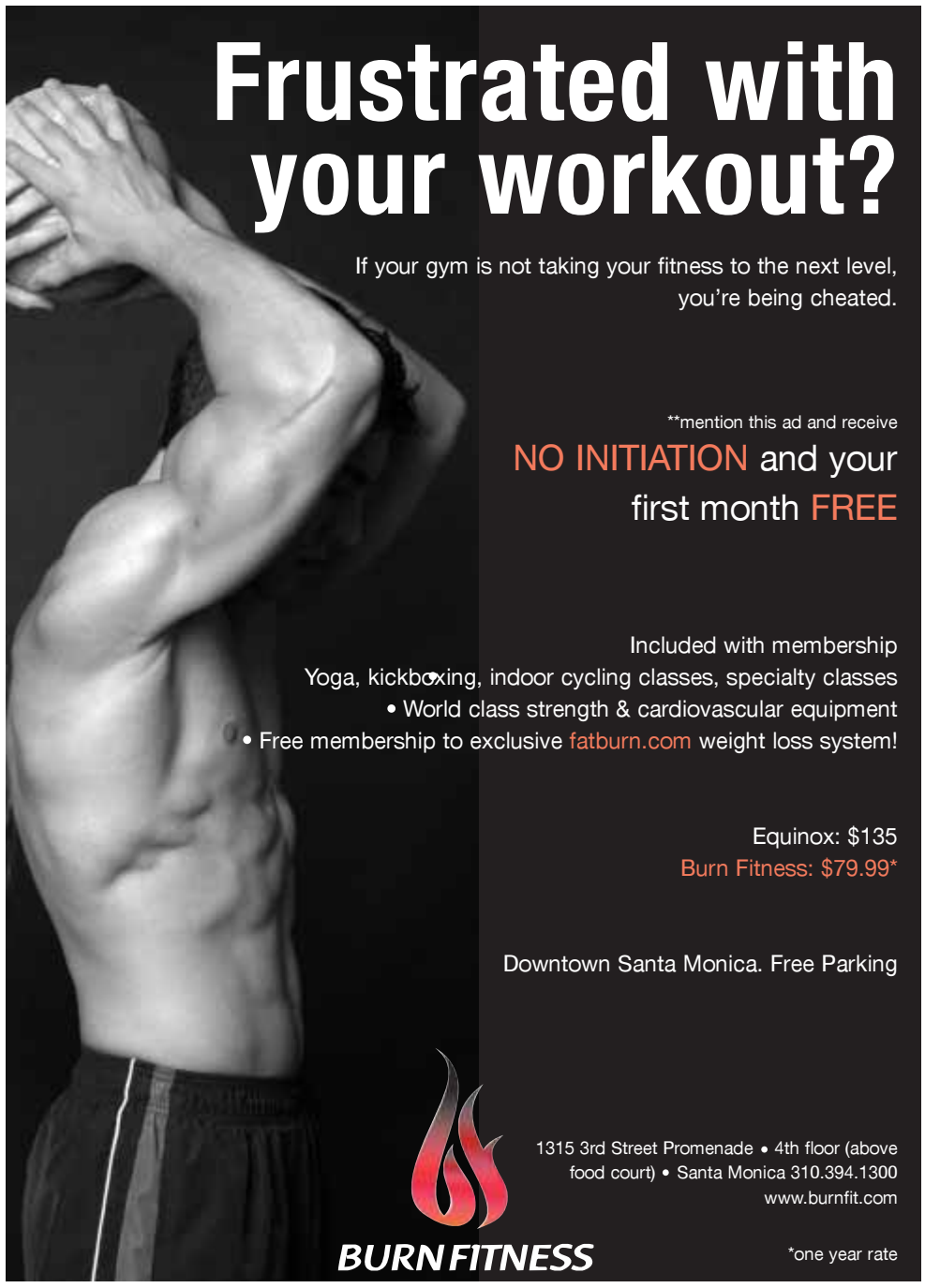
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Swine flu fears close more summer camps

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DENVER Swine flu is keeping kids with asthma home from camp this summer.

The American Lung Association has advised its affiliated camps to close, including one in Colorado that was scheduled to begin next week. Champ Camp in Ward was a traditional sleep-away weeklong camp for boys and girls with asthma — no campfires allowed.

The decision came after four campers were hospitalized when they became sick at an affiliated camp in Julian, Calif., said Heather Grzelka, spokeswoman for the Washington-based Lung Association.

Grzelka said the association has about 50 affiliated camps nationwide, but that they are not run by her group and that she wasn't sure how many would close.

The American Lung Association of the Southwest called off three summer camps — the Champ Camp, plus camps in Tooele, Utah, and Reno, Nev. All were scheduled for July.

"We just became increasingly worried," said Curt Huber, director of the American Lung Association of Colorado. "Anywhere kids sleep together and eat in the same room, this is going to be a worry."

Grzelka said kids with asthma or other respiratory diseases are at greater risk from swine flu.

"It poses a special health risk to children with asthma," Grzelka said.

Similar concerns have prompted at least 50 summer camps nationwide to cancel sessions or send campers home early. Last month, the Tucson-Ariz.-based Muscular Dystrophy Association canceled 47 camps in 35 states, a decision affecting some 2,500 campers.

At the California camp in June, four campers came down with swine flu and an additional 85 had flu-like symptoms. All have since recovered, but the American Lung Association of California has called off a day camp planned for August in Santa Barbara.

"Considering these are sick kids to begin with, I think it was a prudent decision," said Debra Kelley, a spokewoman for the American Lung Association of California.

Former senator gets 55 years for corruption

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PHILADELPHIA A former Pennsylvania lawmaker who prosecutors said became "drunk with power" in his many years in the state senate was sentenced Tuesday to 55 months in prison for corruption.

Former Sen. Vincent Fumo misappropriated millions from the state and two nonprofits. A jury found he used their coffers to clean his mansion, charter yachts, and spy on an ex-girlfriend and political foes.

"Maybe I should not have asked my staff to do the favors I did," an ashen-faced Fumo said before he was sentenced. "Judge, I never intended to steal. The last thing on my mind was taking money from anybody. I've never done that."

U.S. District Judge Ronald Buckwalter sharply reduced Fumo's sentence from the 15 years prosecutors asked for and the more than 20 years recommended in a probation report. Buckwalter said the former legislator gave years of extraordinary public service.

Even so, the judge found that Fumo grew accustomed to the perks of office, flagrantly misused taxpayer money and then worked to destroy evidence. He scolded voters for returning him to Harrisburg each term.

"I'm afraid voters may have succumbed to the repugnant adage, 'Our senator may be a crook, but he's our crook,'" Buckwalter said.

The judge also ordered Fumo to pay about $2 million restitution, including $1.3 million to the Senate, plus pay $411,000 in fines.

Fumo is to report to prison on Aug. 31.

Acting U.S. Attorney Michael Levy said the sentence sends "a mixed message." The public sees Fumo going to prison, but for less time than others sentenced for public corruption in Philadelphia in recent years.

"The question ... is, 'Is that message strong enough, given the size of the violations?'" Levy said.

Fumo, 66, amassed nearly unrivaled power during his 30 years in the Pennsylvania senate. He is credited with winning utility rate regulation for consumers and shaping the state's casino-gambling law.

Throughout his career, Fumo steered hundreds of millions of dollars in public funds to his native Philadelphia and controlled 90 state jobs and many more through his service on influential civic boards. On top of his Senate salary, Fumo earned $1 million a year to refer clients to a law firm and a few hundred thousand more as chairman of a family bank.

"He didn't need to steal," Assistant U.S. Attorney John Pease argued during the proceeding. "He stole because he could, because he was drunk with power."

The defense asked for well below 10 years in prison, citing Fumo's good works and poor health.

Early in his career, Fumo was acquitted of two other indictments. In the current case, federal prosecutors spent years pursuing Fumo and won convictions on all 137 fraud, obstruction and tax counts at a five-month trial that ended in March. Jurors rebuked Fumo afterward for comparing the abuses to "spitting on the sidewalk."

Fumo has spent millions on his defense since 2004 when the FBI raided a South Philadelphia charity he created and funded with $17 million from Peco Energy during deregulation talks with the state. Fumo then used the charity, along with the Senate and a seaport museum, to subsidize an enviable lifestyle that included several vacation homes.

Gov. Ed Rendell, a spying target and sometime rival, called his fellow Democrat "ruthless" but told the judge in a letter that Fumo nonetheless "has a deep sense of social responsibility."

The twice-divorced Fumo is estranged from the oldest of his three children.



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REST STOP: **A homeless man lays out a sheet on the grass for a nap at Palisades Park Tuesday.**

City officials surprised by suit

FROM SUIT PAGE 1

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie said she could not comment on the legal aspects of the lawsuit until she reviewed the complaint, but added that based on her experience working in Santa Monica, City Hall welcomes suggestions about how best to assist the homeless.

"I know that the city is committed to respecting individual rights," she said. "As far as I know, until last night, no one in the city even knew the ACLU had concerns."

Standing in front of City Hall for a morning press conference on Tuesday, Rosenbaum talked about the specific men and women who claimed they have been unfairly targeted and harassed by police officers, alleging that there exists a policy and practice of intimidating the homeless to force them to other communities.

He spoke of a 38-year-old recovering addict who was working at a Vernon produce plant. The man was arrested early one morning for allegedly sleeping just steps outside of a local shelter that had reached capacity.

The man showed officers his employee badge and said he would lose his job if arrested, which happened after spending two days in jail and later pleading guilty in court, Rosenbaum said.

"Santa Monica is one of the most affluent cities in this nation with a median home price of $1.65 million," Rosenbaum said. "Each night in this community it is estimated that some 915 homeless residents must sleep in public places because of the unavailability for any housing or shelter beds or necessary services."

The figure he quoted came from the 2009 Homeless Count, which tallied the number of homeless individuals in the city on the evening of Jan. 27, finding 435 in shelters and other institutions and 480 on the streets.

Rusk said there are more than 400 shelter beds in Santa Monica. That includes a range of temporary places for people to stay.

She adds that the focus of City Hall and many other communities across the country has shifted to permanent supportive housing.

"We know that while shelters can be an important stop gap, they don't end someone's homelessness," she said. "Our plan is really about ending homelessness for people."

She added that if every community in the county contributed 400 shelter beds, this issue would be moot.

"If every community is spending the kind of resources we're spending to address homelessness, there would no longer be a homeless problem in L.A. County," she said.

SMPD spokesman Sgt. Jay Trisler said the department takes an approach of balanced enforcement when it comes to the homeless, addressing the quality of life issues of the community and the individual's need for supportive services.

The department last year contracted West Coast Care to supplement efforts of its Homeless Liaison Program, established in 1991 to address the community's concerns regarding the issue. The HLP team consists of six officers who not only work to enforce the law, but collaborate with different agencies to help the homeless.

Run by former San Francisco minister Ron Hooks, West Coast Care goes out five days a week to areas in the city where the homeless typically congregate, talking to them about seeking help or reuniting with their families.

"It's not about trying to get the homeless out of the city, it's to address their needs," Trisler said.

Trisler added that officers often will first warn homeless individuals about the camping ordinance, arresting them if they are found to violate it a second time.

ACLU officials said that it's also in City Hall's best financial interest to cease the arrests, saying that it costs taxpayers $60 for each day a person is jailed and $5,000 a day to prosecute their case.

"Every individual that goes to jail could be put up at the Bonaventure (in Los Angeles) … or the Loews in Santa Monica at a cheaper price," Rosenbaum said.

Former Santa Monica Mayor Jim Conn was also among the speakers at the press conference, blasting City Hall and saying that he felt ashamed of his hometown.

He said there was a joke at the time of his election that everyone knew tourism season was about to begin because the Los Angeles Police Department would sweep its homeless from Venice into Santa Monica, only to have the SMPD push them back about two weeks later.

"We set policies in place to build affordable housing and shelters for homeless people," Conn, the founding chair of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, said. "At that time we were pleased to know it was Beverly Hills and Culver City who put people on a bus and said at the end of the line in Santa Monica, get off."

The ACLU has filed similar lawsuits against Los Angeles and Laguna Beach.

John Maceri, the executive director of homeless service provider OPCC, said the lawsuit points to the bigger issue that there is not enough housing resources and services available for the chronically homeless in Santa Monica.

OPCC in early 2007 opened a new 22,000-square-foot facility called Cloverfield Services Center, which includes about 55 beds. It represented the first addition of beds to the homeless service system on the Westside in the past decade. City Hall contributed $7.4 million to the effort.

"People at some point have to sleep or lay down or sit down," Maceri said. "People can't stay awake 24/7."

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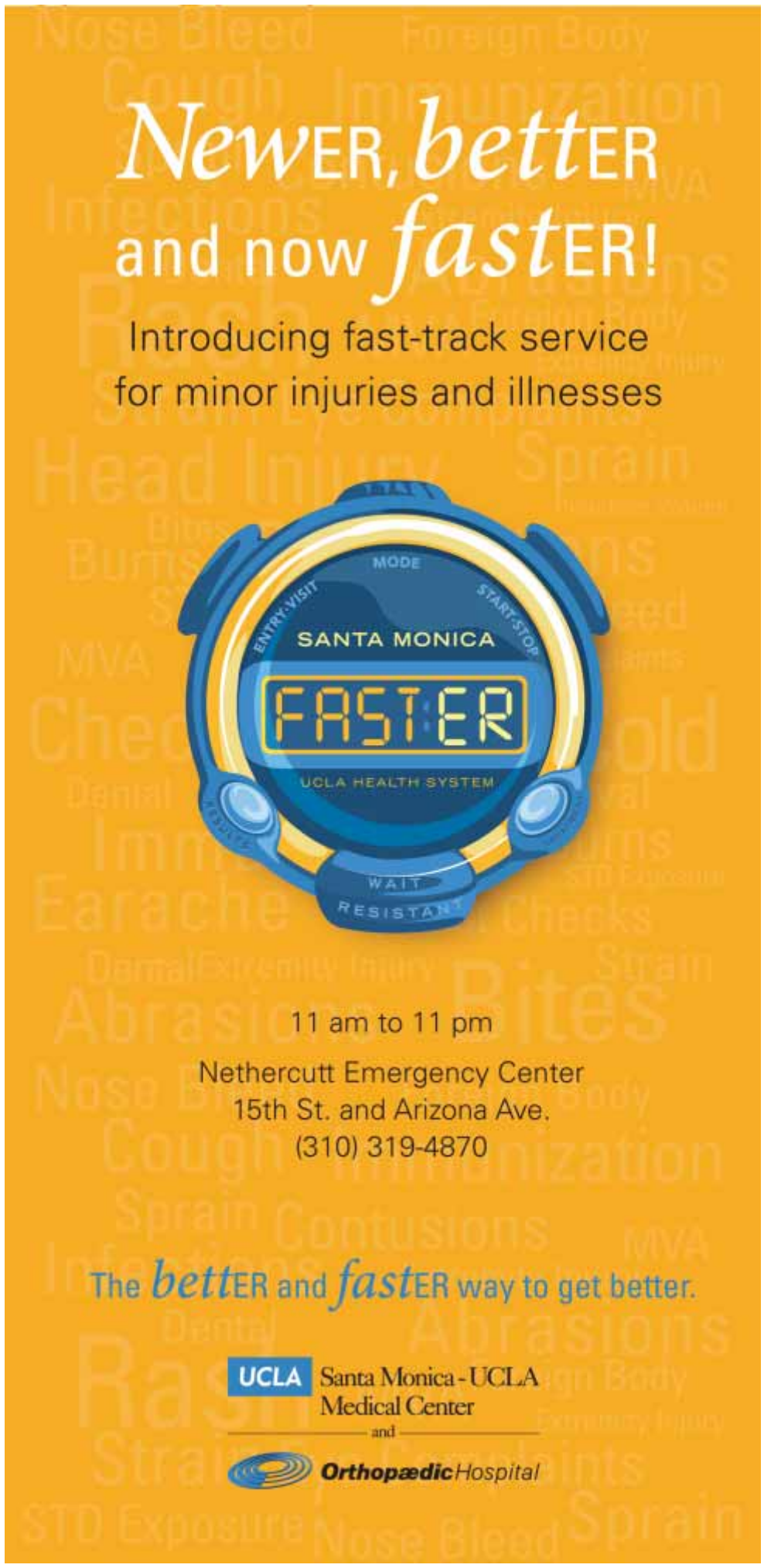
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Beating the heat

With temperatures soaring to near triple-digit territory in Southern California and rising above normal on the Westside, emergency physicians at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital encourage residents to take precautions to prevent heat exhaustion and other heat-related illnesses.

Dr. Wally Ghurabi, medical director of the hospital's Nethercutt Emergency Center, offers these tips to help residents beat the heat:

- Drink plenty of fluids, especially water, before you become thirsty.
- Consume caffeinated beverages in moderation because they can hasten dehydration.
- Curtail outdoor activities or schedule them early in the morning or later in the afternoon, when the weather tends to be cooler. When going outdoors, wear sunscreen, sunglasses and hats.
- If you want to exercise, do so in moderation and choose the "cooler" option. For example, work out at an air-conditioned gym rather than jogging outdoors.
- Avoid poorly ventilated buildings and places, if possible. Seniors should try to remain in air-conditioned buildings.
- Wear light-colored clothes and lightweight, breathable fabrics, such as cotton and linen.
- Use fans to cool off warm households and cook with your microwave, instead of your stove or oven.
- Never leave children or pets locked inside cars, even for brief periods of time or with the windows partially rolled down!

Ghurabi said that seniors, young children and those with chronic health problems are the most susceptible to heat-related illnesses and require extra precautions.

Gov. Schwarzenegger released a statement Tuesday warning Californians to take precautions and prepare for increased temperatures through the week.

According to the National Weather Service, temperatures in and around Santa Monica on Tuesday reached into the low 80s, with temperatures in the upper 80s inland and the lower to mid 90s in the hills.

"This week's rising temperatures should remind everyone to prepare for California's summer heat waves," the governor said. "By following simple steps such as drinking an adequate amount of water, staying indoors during the hottest times of the day and pacing yourself when outside, we can all keep cool and safely enjoy the outdoors during hot weather. I have directed my administration to ensure that the state stands ready to assist local governments in the event this hot weather continues."

Additional tips on preparing for heat-related emergencies are available on the following web sites:

- California Emergency Management Agency: www.calema.ca.gov
- California Department of Public Health (CDPH):www.cdph.ca.gov
- California Division of Occupational Safety and Health: www.dir.ca.gov/HeatIllnessInfo

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CITYWIDE

On the lookout

Drivers better pay close attention to pedestrians this Thursday. The Santa Monica Police Department's Traffic Safety Unit will be out in full force that day, paying additional attention to the many crosswalks and intersections.

Officers want to remind pedestrians to use caution when approaching intersections and crosswalks. All vehicles, including bicycles, must stop and yield the right of way to pedestrians who are legally within the crosswalk, or the driver may be subject to a citation.

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Children can borrow, return toys

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happen later this week or next week — children will be able to borrow toys on a weekly basis from a "toyrarian."

A child receives a "satisfactory" mark each time a toy is returned on time and in good condition. Incentive for good behavior comes in the form of extra toys and "Honor Borrower" status — conferred after 20 satisfactory marks — at which time a child can choose a toy to keep.

The toy loan honor code reinforces the virtues of honesty, patience, courtesy, promptness, cleanliness, cooperation and responsibility. Old and new toys were donated by corporations, toy manufacturers and private citizens.

"The benefit of the program is that my kids get to play with different toys every time they come back," said Jackie King, Jr., father of seven kids ages nine to 15 who all attended Tuesday's event. "Different toys show my kids different things — each toy has a different meaning."

King and his family have taken advantage of Upward Bound House's parenting and budgeting classes, job aids and trips. Upward Bound also helped them find affordable housing.

"They help families in a time of crisis when they really do need it," King said.

Various local officials made remarks at the event. Flora Gil Krisiloff, from the office of L.A. County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, revealed that the county has over 40 toy loan centers — more than any other county in the nation — and Santa Monica Councilman Bobby Shriver encouraged a young girl to pick out a doll she'd had her eye on amid a cloud of bubbles.

"We get to play with toys all day — we've got a great job," said Marcia Benitez of the county's Department of Public Social Services — which secured many donations for the program.

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Drug central to Jackson case partially recalled

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LOS ANGELES A maker of the potent anesthetic propofol found in Michael Jackson's home has been contacted by federal officials investigating the pop star's death and has recalled tens of thousands of vials of the drug after two tainted lots sickened dozens of patients.

There is no apparent connection between the bacterial contamination that prompted the recall and Jackson's death on June 25, Teva Pharmaceuticals spokeswoman Denise Bradley told The Associated Press on Tuesday. The tracking number on the tainted lots was different from the number on a vial that Drug Enforcement Administration investigators told the company was found at Jackson's home, she said.

Propofol usually is administered intravenously in hospitals to patients who need to be unconscious for surgery or other procedures. A central question in the Jackson investigation is who provided that drug and other prescription medications found at his rented Beverly Hills mansion. Investigators are talking to doctors who treated Jackson.

On Tuesday, Los Angeles assistant chief corner Ed Winter went to the offices of Dr. Arnold Klein, Jackson's dermatologist, seeking subpoenaed medical records. Klein's attorney, Richard Charnley, said in a statement that the doctor will provide the documents Wednesday.

Klein has said he sometimes sedated the pop star for medical procedures but never prescribed propofol.

Meanwhile, a nurse who provided nutritional therapy for Michael Jackson said Tuesday that she was interviewed by Los Angeles homicide detectives who told her needle marks were found on the pop singer the day he died. Cherilyn Lee said she told the detectives that she didn't see any so-called "track marks" on Jackson's arms when she visited his home to provide vitamins and other supplements earlier this year.

The detectives replied that "the day the paramedics came (to Jackson's house), he had a lot of track marks," Lee said.

Lee also was asked in the 20-minute interview at her office last Friday if she saw bruising on Jackson. Lee said she didn't but told police Jackson's veins were small, which made placing an IV needle difficult and could result in bruising.

Lee has said Jackson asked her for Diprivan, the brand-name version of propofol, to alleviate his insomnia. She said she refused to help him get access to the drug.

Lee, a registered nurse, said Jackson had complained of sleeplessness and told her he knew that Diprivan could provide immediate relief. She cautioned him the drug was to be administered in a hospital under careful supervision and had potentially dangerous side effects.

Jackson replied that he would be "fine as long as I'm monitored. ... He knew that somebody should monitor him with equipment," Lee said, which she took as an indication that he had used Diprivan before.

Lee was asked if there was an IV pole at Jackson's house, and told detectives that the only one she saw was the one she brought to administer a vitamin-mineral supplement, known as a "Myers' cocktail," through a needle placed in the back of Jackson's hand. While administering the vitamin IV on several occasions, Lee said, she needed to move Jackson's sleeves up his arms and saw no evidence of needle marks. She treated the singer from January to April.

Jackson investigators are seeking to trace how propofol ended up in his home. Teva can provide information on which distributor bought specific vials. From there, distributors typically sell directly to hospitals or doctors.

Bradley said she didn't know which distributor handled the drug found at Jackson's home. DEA spokesman Rusty Payne declined to comment.

Teva announced it was recalling two lots of propofol — 57,620 vials in all — after concluding bacterial contamination caused up to 40 patients in Florida, Arizona and Missouri to develop fevers and chills since May. Investigators believe vials were distributed nationally and are urging doctors not to use any propofol from the two lots.

Most of the affected patients were undergoing an endoscopy, an examination in which a tube-like instrument, usually with a camera attached, is passed into an area of the body such as the colon or esophagus. One patient was hospitalized and all recovered, said Dr. Arjun Srinivasan, lead investigator for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Karen Riley, spokeswoman for the Food and Drug Administration that oversees drug recalls, said the contamination was found in a single outpatient facility in each of the three states. She did not identify the sites.

FDA investigators arrived Monday at the Teva plant in Irvine, Calif., where the suspect lots were made and were looking for any irregularities in the manufacturing process, Riley said.

Investigators believe that bacteria in vials of the anesthetic released toxins into the drug which caused the fever, Srinivasan said.

Cèzanne will donate proceeds

FROM **DINING** PAGE 3

The funds raised from Dine Out for the Cure will help provide screenings, diagnostics and treatment for women diagnosed with cancer who are living below the poverty line or uninsured. Komen National will also receive 25 percent of proceeds to fund research.

"At Komen we're always looking for ways to raise money very specifically for the programs that we fund in the community," Mullally said. "We provide significant amounts of money into the underserved community."

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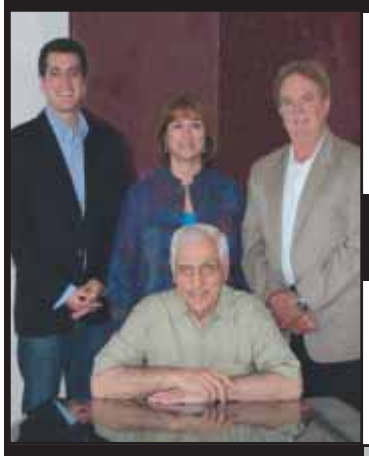


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TIME FOR A LITTLE FUN: **Julia plays in the splash pad at the Annenberg Community Beach House on Tuesday. It was her second time visiting the newly opened facility, her mother said. It is about a 30-minute drive from their home in the San Fernando Valley.**

Beach House keeps it simple, efficient

FROM **BEACH HOUSE** PAGE 1

friendly pool because it has steps leading in as opposed to the ladders in the pool at Annenberg that just drop down. But she nevertheless likes having the choice of swimming at the facility or the nearby beach.

"It's beautiful," Azami said as she cradled one of her children to sleep. "I love the columns, I love the buildings.

"The architect did a beautiful job."

City officials previously set targets for the number of pool passes to sell every day. During the first five days of July, between 97 and 180 pool passes were sold.

Monday is one of the busiest days of the week thanks to the Dollar Splash program through which visitors entering before noon can use the pool for a discounted admission of $1.

Pool passes cost $10 for adults, $5 for seniors, $4 for children and $24 for a family pass. Parking ranges from $6 to $10 per day.

Some of the major holidays since the grand opening, including Memorial Day and Independence Day, also drew large crowds.

"We do get a lot of visitors off the bike path who are just walking or biking when they see it and they kind of walk or ride in and look puzzled," Stinchfield said. "We have a lot of people come back and new visitors as well."

Attracting visitors is key given the cost of operating the facility, which is currently subsidized by the general fund. In December, city staff said the Beach House would need roughly $3.3 million annually for operations, generating an estimated $1.9 million in revenue. There were concerns during the planning stages that the facility could become a drain on city coffers, failing to generate enough revenue to sustain itself.

Stinchfield said the challenge in the opening months has not been getting the word out but letting people know exactly how they can use the beach house. One way to clear up the confusion is by improving the Web site, Stinchfield said.

The beach house, for now, is getting some positive remarks.

Kris McDonough of Ship Bottom, N.J. came to the beach house on Monday with her friend Cara Barrese, a Santa Monica resident.

"I wish we had something like this where we live," McDonough, who resides in a small beach town, said.

Barrese, who has visited Annenberg three times, said she was originally excited to learn that a beach house was opening but was concerned about whether the operation would be well-run.

> **"I WISH WE HAD SOMETHING LIKE THIS WHERE WE LIVE."**
>
> **Kris McDonough**
> visitor to Annenberg

"I thought it would be chaos," she said. "But it's been organized."

Officials are also planning on expanding the programs offered at the beach house in the coming months, including creating lap swim classes and building a fitness room. Current programs offered include family beach workout on Saturdays, beach tennis on Sundays and yoga for adults on Wednesdays.

"Our motto is let's do simple things exceedingly well and we'll build based on what people want," Stinchfield said.

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Play Time

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A Greek revival, 2,500 years later

LISTEN, WOULDN'T YOU THINK THAT A MUSICAL THAT could produce lyrics that rhyme "prodigious, religious, prestigious and litigious" would be a show you'd like to see? Well, yes and no. Other than a few good lyrics, a leading actor with a marvelous voice, and a cast with the energy of a lightning bolt, "The Wasps" doesn't have a whole lot more going for it.

You see, long before there were White Anglo-Saxon Protestants in America, there were WASPS in Greece. They were citizen jurors known for their "stinging" verdicts. (Thus, they were called "wasps." Get it?) And in 422 B.C. the playwright Aristophanes wrote a satirical play about them that apparently had his contemporaries rolling in the aisles of the amphitheatre. Unfortunately, 2,500-year-old jokes don't hold up very well. Or maybe they were lost in translation.

At any rate, playwright, composer, and director Meryl Friedman has made a valiant effort to update all the silliness and shtick for a modern audience. Originally commissioned and presented by The Getty Villa in Malibu for their Villa Theater Lab Series, the play has since been reworked (and reworked and reworked). This version is, apparently, Version 217. Or thereabouts. But the verdict is: it needs work.

The current plot, as in the original, revolves around an aristocratic juror (Peter Van Norden, he of the big beautiful voice) whose son (Albert Meijer) thinks it's time for him to retire. But the Old Man doesn't want to. And that's about it.

Around this meager plot is woven a play within a play, in which an imperious Manager and Chorus Leader (Mark Doerr) attempts to bully the players into hurrying up. The players, three jurors and a slave, (John Apicella, Steve Totland, Hubert Hodgin and Robert Alan Beuth) continue to derail the action, however, with appeals to the audience and arguments with each other. They chase each other around the stage, break into song, change costumes, and make a tremendous amount of indiscriminate noise. At one point (a high point, actually) they do a respectable facsimile of Zorba's dance, which then degenerates into a Jewish wedding dance (chair in the air, if you please), which then segues into a Russian soldier's squat dance.

The humor is at the level of knock knock jokes and silly faces, the music is derivative and not very memorable, and the instruments by which it is delivered include a piano, kazoos, and a barbershop septet.

There is also, finally, a trial in which a cat is tried for stealing a hunk of cheese (don't ask!)

To be fair, much of the audience seemed to love the production. There was a lot of laughter to encourage the players. But as far as I'm concerned, Aristophanes is highly overrated. And "The Wasps" still needs work. A LOT of work!

Just call me an old Groucho.

"The Wasps" will continue at The Lost Studio Theatre, 130 S. La Brea Ave. in Los Angeles Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. through July 26. Call (800) 838-3006 for tickets.

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Blogger sentenced for leaking album

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LOS ANGELES A blogger who admitted to leaking part of the Guns N' Roses album "Chinese Democracy" was sentenced to a year of probation on Monday.

U.S. District Magistrate Judge Paul L. Abrams also ordered Kevin Cogill to serve two months of home confinement, subject his computers to government scrutiny and record a public service announcement for the Recording Industry Association of America.

Cogill pleaded guilty earlier this year to one misdemeanor count of copyright infringement for posting nine tracks from the long-awaited Guns 'N Roses album last year.

Cogill apologized for his actions in court Tuesday and said he didn't mean any harm by posting the tracks online.

"I never intended to hurt the artist," Cogill told Abrams. "I intended to promote the artist because I'm a fan."

Abrams noted that Cogill is an artist, and should have known better.

A federal prosecutor pushed for a short prison term to act as a deterrent to others.

"This is the type of case where I believe the court needs to send a strong message," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig Missakian.

Too many people think of posting copyrighted work online as a "victimless crime," he said.

Cogill's attorney argued against a prison term, saying his client realized his wrongdoing and had suffered serious repercussions already.

"He did lose his job as a result of this case," defense attorney David Kaloyanides said.

Missakian said after the hearing that while prosecutors hoped Cogill would be incarcerated, the case should serve as a warning to others that the government takes copyright infringement violations seriously.

Abrams said he thought Cogill had learned his lesson, and did not think he would repeat his mistake.

As part of his plea deal, Cogill will have to allow authorities to search or seize his computers.

He will not have to pay any fines or restitution, although authorities at one point calculated the losses from his actions at more than $371,000.

Kaloyanides said after the hearing that arriving at any damage amount was difficult and that sending Cogill to prison could have created a backlash.

"It doesn't help to educate the public of the importance of respecting copyright law when you become too heavy-handed with punishment," Kaloyanides said.

Cogill will have some input into the public service announcement he records for the RIAA, which has used lawsuits to pursue people it suspects of illegally downloading music.

Kaloyanides said he hoped the ads would target fans who upload and download copyrighted works by explaining to them that they're really hurting their favorite bands.

"You need to reach the fans," he said. "He (Cogill) speaks their language."

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Mexico identifies 12 slain as federal agents

GUSTAVO RUIZ
Associated Press Writer

MORELIA, Mexico Twelve people tortured and killed in a cartel-plagued Mexican state were federal agents investigating organized crime, the government said Tuesday, marking one of the boldest attacks on federal forces since President Felipe Calderon launched his war on drugs.

Mexico's national security spokesman, Monte Alejandro Rubido, said the 11 men and one woman were off duty when they were ambushed and abducted by members of the La Familia drug cartel in Calderon's home state of Michoacan, which has been a center of his crackdown on drug traffickers.

Their bodies were found piled up along a mountain highway late Monday near the town of La Huacana. Michoacan state prosecutor J. Jesus Montejano initially said Tuesday that they were soldiers, but the army denied that.

Initial reports indicated the victims were likely killed over the weekend, when federal agents arrested Arnoldo Rueda Medina, a reputed chief of operations of the Michoacan-based La Familia cartel.

Police say his arrest Saturday set off a string of brazen attacks against federal forces that left six federal police officers and two soldiers dead. Gunmen threw grenades and fired on federal police stations and hotels where the agents were staying in three states.

"This marks an important change in the drug war in that they are attacking federal forces directly," said Jorge Chabat, a Mexican drug expert. "It also suggests the capture of this person has affected the operations of the cartel. It was a major blow and this is a reaction out of weakness not strength."

Federal forces arrested politicians in several Michoacan cities, including La Huacana, during an unprecedented sweep in May against local officials believed to be cooperating with drug traffickers. Seven mayors, one former mayor and the state prosecutor remain jailed on charges of protecting the La Familia cartel.

Rubido said Tuesday that an arrest warrant for alleged links to La Familia has been issued for Julio Godoy, half brother of Michoacan state Gov. Leonel Godoy and a federal lawmaker for the leftist Democratic Revolution Party, or PRD.

Julio Godoy, who has gone into hiding, is allegedly one of several people in charge of seeking government protection for the cartel, Rubido told a news conference in Mexico City. Julio Godoy was elected to Congress a week ago.

A PRD spokesman said the party wouldn't comment on the case.

"Any person from Michoacan who is responsible for a crime has to face the consequences and if they are innocent they also should get a fair process," Leonel Godoy said in Mexico City after meeting with federal Attorney General Eduardo Medina-Mora.

A former Green Party congressional candidate from Michoacan state has also been accused of collaboration with La Familia, Rubido said.

Since Calderon took office in December 2006, he has sent more than 45,000 troops to drug hot spots. More than 11,000 people have been killed in drug violence.

Michoacan, located on Mexico's western coast, has been wracked by a wave of killings and arrests in recent weeks. Federal forces there are fighting La Familia, which is locked in a battle with the Zetas drug hit men, who form a branch of the Gulf cartel. On Tuesday, three bodies were found in the town of Nuevo Urecho.

In the northern state of Chihuahua, meanwhile, gunmen killed the mayor of the town of Namiquipa, officials said.

Hector Mixueiro was driving his pickup truck near Namiquipa when gunmen opened fire Tuesday. A message left on a Ciudad Juarez bridge hours earlier threatened Mixueiro saying he had helped soldiers arrest 25 gunmen last month in the town of Nicolas Bravo, said state prosecutors spokesman Fidel Banuelos.

In neighboring northern Coahuila state, four police officers in the border city of Piedras Negras were kidnapped hours after the police chief was pulled from his patrol car, Piedras Negras' Public Safety Director Jose Castillo said Tuesday.

Gunmen kidnapped Piedras Negras Police Chief Rogelio Ramos on Monday morning.

Officials said the kidnappings could be related to efforts to curb corruption by militarizing the police force in Piedras Negras, across the border from Eagle Pass, Texas. The city is one of many in Mexico that have turned to the armed forces for help controlling cross-border drug trafficking.

Castillo's predecessor, army Col. Arturo Navarro, was shot and killed in April — less than three weeks after he took over the local force with the aim of purging alleged corruption.

Also Tuesday, soldiers detained 19 police officers from the wealthy Monterrey suburb of San Pedro who are suspected of links with organized crime, authorities said.

The San Pedro officers were detained Monday evening and Tuesday morning, said a spokesman for the state attorney general's office on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to give his name.

The detentions follow the June 26 capture of a Beltran Leyva cartel operative in San Pedro who police said was carrying a list with the names of San Pedro police officers.

In the Gulf coast state of Tabasco, prosecutors announced homicide charges Tuesday against five alleged Gulf cartel hit men for allegedly killing two policemen and 18 of their relatives in massacres carried out in February and May.

They had been arrested in recent days but held at a nearby military base, where a sixth man who was allegedly the leader of the group died of a heart attack while in army custody.

Tabasco state Attorney General Rafael Gonzalez refused to take questions about the death of suspect Raul Martinez, who was arrested Friday. Gonzalez said Martinez reported feeling ill Sunday and was taken to a military clinic, where he died. Gonzalez said an autopsy revealed Martinez had an enlarged heart.

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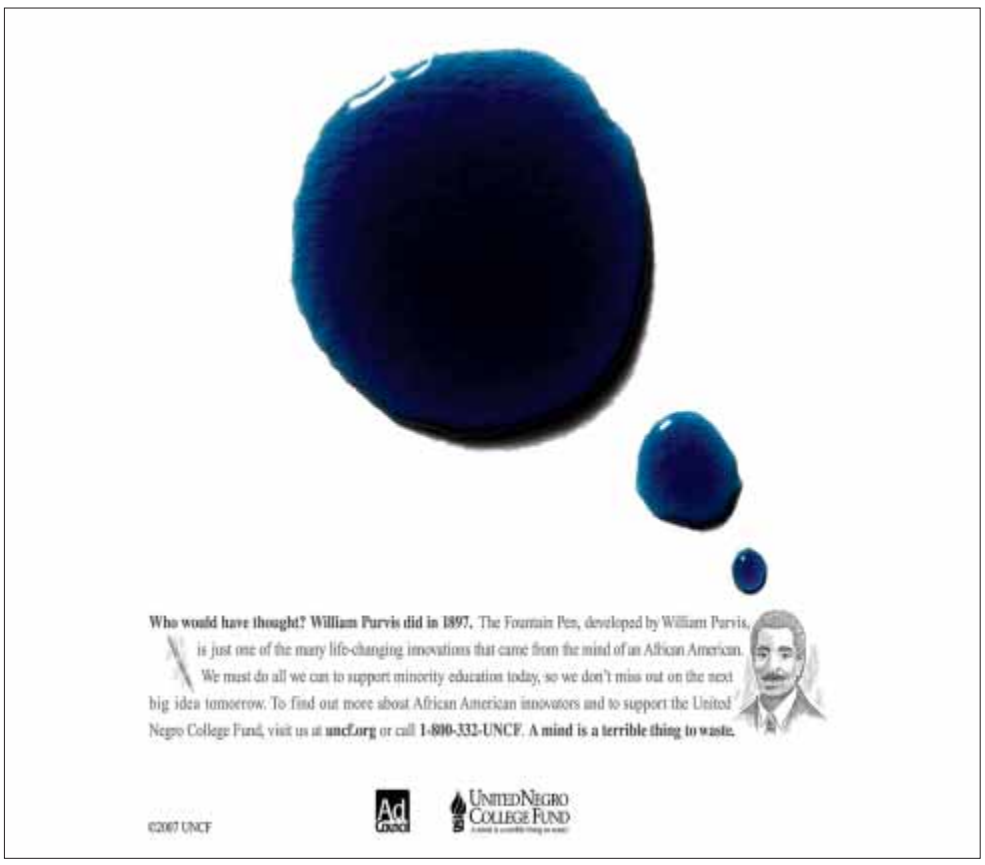
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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather — 3 / ns

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	C	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Puiga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	C	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A+	ns
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Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
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Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
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LEGEND

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I Love You, Beth Cooper (PG-13) 1hr 42min
11:10 a.m., 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) 2hrs 33min
11:15 a.m., 2:45, 6:15, 9:45

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The Proposal (PG-13) 1hr 48 min
11:15, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:20

Up (Digital 3-D) (PG) 1hr 36min
10:30, 1:15, 4:05, 7:10, 9:50

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
12:05, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:35

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
11:00 a.m., 2:30, 6:20, 9:45

Public Enemies (R) 2hrs 23min
11:30, 2:45, 6:40, 10:00

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) 2hrs 33min
9:10 a.m., 12:00, 12:45, 3:30, 4:15, 7:00, 7:45, 10:30, 11:15

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Whatever Works (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

Moon (R) 1hr 52min
1:50, 4:30, 7:30, 9:55

The Hurt Locker (R) 2hr 26min
1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:15

Soul Power (PG-13) 1hr 48min
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Away We Go (R) 1hr 37min
11:40 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

My Sister's Keeper (PG-13) 1hr 46min
11:10 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:20,10:00

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (PG) 1hr 27min
12:20, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (PG) 1hr 27min
11:20 a.m., 1:50, 4:10, 6:30, 8:50

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Visit a buddy, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Allow yourself to go full steam ahead. Don't underestimate what is happening behind the scenes. Tension builds on the home front. In the afternoon, deal with finances and areas that will benefit from your talents. Tonight: Stop and visit with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Consider today only a preview of the next few days. In the morning, clear out obstacles or negative thinking. Your ability to understand others emerges in the afternoon, though others will bend more easily than normal. Tonight: Go for something different.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Use the morning, when you feel more together and connected than you have in a long time. Your optimistic thought patterns continue to be an asset. Tonight: Take a personal night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You continue to demonstrate your makeup and what you are about. Others notice, as you will discover sooner rather than later. A meeting in the p.m. opens many more doors than you thought possible. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You will simply know what to do and when. Realize you might not have another choice right now. You must lead if you want a job handled in a certain way. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Discussions relate on a one-on-one level. Understand what is happening with a friend, ask questions and walk in his or her shoes. You suddenly will see a child or new friend in another light. Tonight: Take in a movie.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Others claim their power and feel like they have to do a project or deal with an issue their way. Loosen up the reins. You might think that a partner needs to evaluate his or her impact, especially professionally. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Dive into work and refuse to get distracted. You have limited time to accomplish certain projects. Others, especially family, support you in an endeavor. Communication could open your eyes. Tonight: Go with another's suggestions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Use the morning for creative ventures. In the afternoon, you might want to rethink a decision or get some work done. You have a lot on your plate. Tonight: Check out an invitation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Though you might be slow to express what you are thinking, a lot happens. Your imagination merges with your intellect, making anything possible. Your perspective changes as you work with someone to solve a problem. Tonight: Kick up a storm.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Clear out calls and meetings in order to have time to really focus on a project, situation or simply a visit with a loved one. Investigate another's concepts. Tonight: Easy works best.

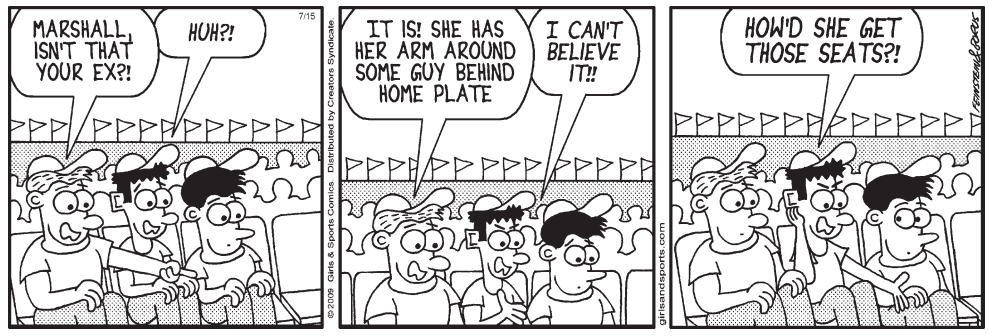
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ As you attempt to do something very differently, you discover the many different approaches and options. Answer calls and schedule appointments in the afternoon. Meetings held in the morning can be quite resourceful. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

Happy birthday

This year, you head in a new direction and make a difference. You will do best in groups, though you will relate well to individuals, too. However, you will discover the power of a support group. You will frequently update your long-term goals, desires and even revise your list of friends. If you are single, you could meet someone very interesting and exciting. You will grow because of this person. If you are attached, you discover that your sweetie could be changing and growing in a new direction. Avoid power plays at all costs. TAURUS is a loyal friend.

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

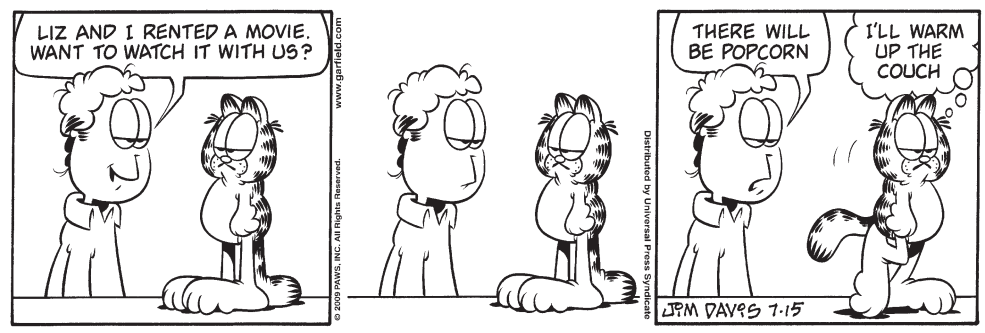
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	2	3			1	9	8	6
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

6	2	7	9	5	3	1	4	8
5	9	3	4	8	1	2	6	7
4	1	8	6	2	7	9	5	3
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Get ready, briefly
5 Deep cut
9 Slow tempo
11 Javelin
12 Jingle writer
13 Fury
14 Clock numeral
15 Trig function
17 Stein's kin
19 Singer Phair
20 Bounded
21 Clinic nickname
22 Alpine heroine
24 Prohibit
26 Spills the beans
29 Glimpse
30 Danced
32 Beach bum's marking
34 Lennon's wife
35 Whale's home
36 Nomad
38 Nullifies
39 Tiny dot
40 Finishes
41 Waiting aid

DOWN

1 Pigtail
2 Tire type
3 Kingly fur
4 Links org.
5 Criminal group
6 "Measure for Measure" role
7 Like a vista
8 Frequency unit
10 Recorded
11 Touch down
16 Craftsman
18 Madeline of movies
21 Bell sound
23 Some eateries
24 Sailing signal
25 Virgil work
27 Scrutinize
28 New York tribe
29 Kitchen fixture
30 Sardine holders
31 Clueless
33 Young fellows
37 Be decisive

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2nd: 02 Lucky Star
3rd: 08 Gorgeous George
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In May, the University of Washington ran a two-month campaign of compassion to help out people hurt by the downturn in the economy. Fans of UW's football team who lost their jobs or are otherwise financially unable to renew their Huskies' season tickets can tap into a special philanthropic fund. A donor's $500 tax-deductible gift to "Dawgs Supporting Dawgs" would permit a hard-hit fan to maintain his place on the priority season-ticket list (though this year's seats would be in an inferior location).

■ "Heyyyy, Like 'Arf-Arf,' Man": Nestor Waddell had to rush his 11-year-old Labrador mix, Jack, to the vet in May when he started acting strange during a walk, which had taken him into some bushes. The vet concluded that Jack had discovered and devoured some dry, harvested marijuana. According to Waddell, "(Jack's) eyes were kind of glossed over. ... When he was trying to walk, he was looking at his paw, and then looking at the ground and then trying to get his paw to reach the ground, but was unsuccessful."

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1870 Georgia became the last Confederate state readmitted to the Union. Manitoba entered confederation as the fifth Canadian province.

1916 Boeing Co., originally known as Pacific Aero Products Co., was founded in Seattle.

1918 The Second Battle of the Marne, resulting in an Allied victory, began during World War I.

1948 President Harry S. Truman was nominated for another term of office by the Democratic national convention in Philadelphia.

1958 President Dwight D. Eisenhower ordered U.S. Marines to Lebanon, at the request of that country's president, Camille Chamoun, in the face of a perceived threat by Muslim rebels. (The Americans withdrew in October 1958.)

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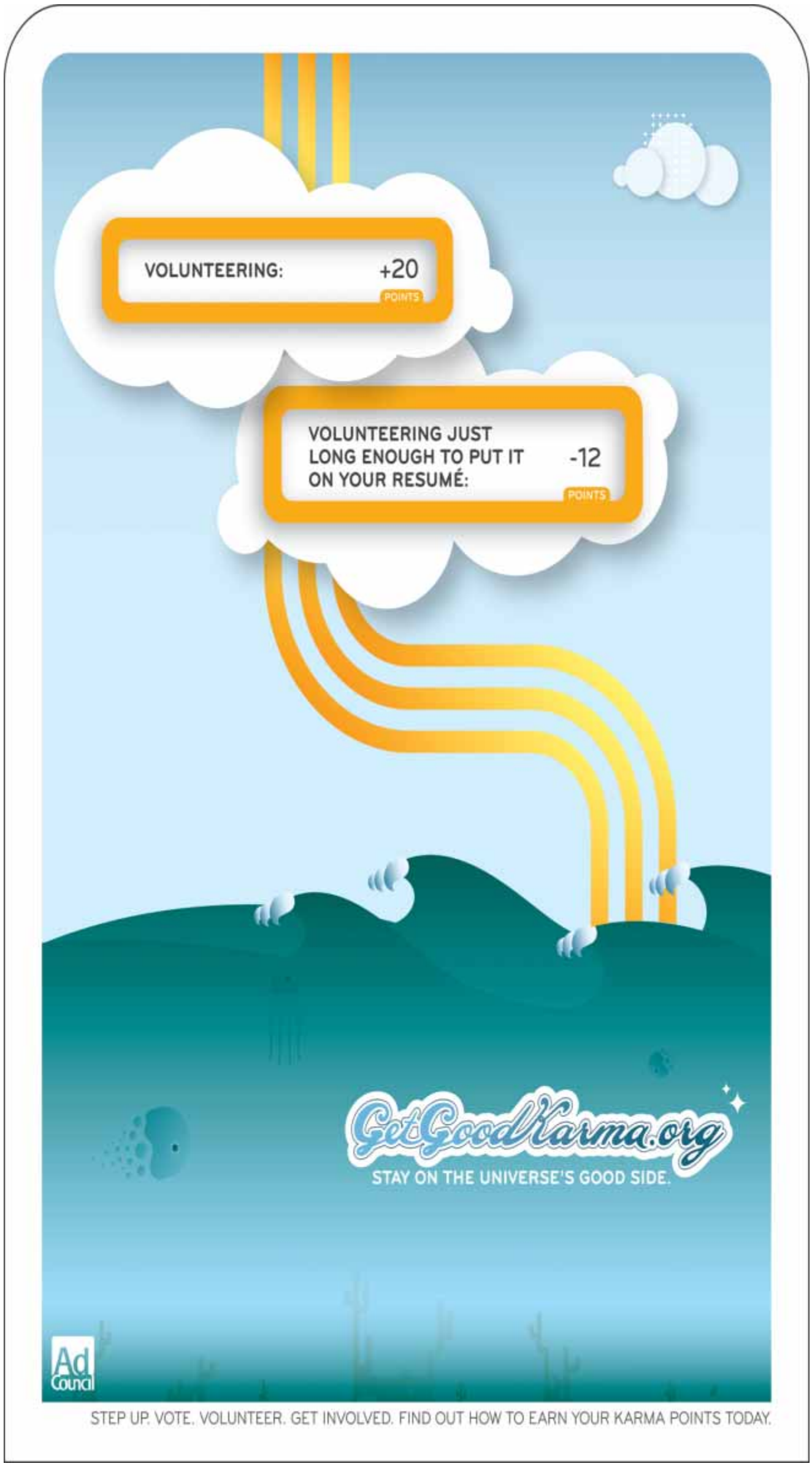
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20091015817 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BCG SANTA MONICA, 457 17TH STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90402, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GLENN P. CRAMER,457 17TH STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90402; LAWRENCE N. GODDARD, 5812 ZUMIREZ DR, MALIBU, CA 90265; WILLIAM E. BAGSHAW, 800 ALISAL COURT, SANTA MONICA, CA 90402 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/1/1991. /s/: GLENN P. CRAMER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/7/09. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 7/10/2009, 7/17/2009, 7/24/2009, 7/31/2009





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