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THE IN THE RUNNING ISSUE

Election season kicks off

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Ficus trees, RIFT, LUCE and jets at the Santa Monica Airport — a formula that makes for an interesting election season.

Santa Monica residents surely have those issues in mind as the 2008 election officially kicked off on Monday when candidates for city and school races began pulling nomination papers, some incumbents, others newcomers, all with aspirations of coming out

victorious on Nov. 4.

Santa Monica and Malibu residents, who are eligible to run for the school board and the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees, have until Aug. 8 to pull and submit their nomination papers, which must include a petition with the signatures of 100 residents. Santa Monica and Malibu residents must be 18 years and older and be a registered voter in the city to qualify. There are 13 positions up for grabs this year, including a half-term, two-year seat on the Board of Education,

currently occupied by Ralph Mechur and previously vacated by Emily Bloomfield, who won re-election in 2006. Mechur, who was appointed to fulfill part of Bloomfield's term last summer, is running for one of four school board seats.

More than 20 people had pulled papers as of Tuesday morning, including seven incumbents. Both Susan Aminoff and Margaret Q. Quiñónez-Pérez, Santa Monica College trustees, have thrown their names in, as well as Mayor Pro Tem Richard Bloom

and Councilmember Ken Genser. Neither Mayor Herb Katz nor Councilman Bobby Shriver had submitted their names as of Tuesday. Bloom announced his candidacy for the council earlier this month and Katz has previously indicated he would run for re-election.

The already high number of interested individuals is typical of Santa Monica, which has an active electorate uncharacteristic of

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IN WITH THE NEW: Workers with Macerich Co. on Tuesday unfurl a banner welcoming Nordstrom to Santa Monica Place. The high-end retailer signed a long-term lease with the owner of Santa Monica Place, making it an anchor for the mall when it reopens next year following an extensive remodel. Nordstrom's arrival is expected to be a boon for the city, officials said.

Nordstrom finds a new place to call home

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN Upscale retailer Nordstrom will become a new anchor at Santa Monica Place, replacing Robinsons-May at the corner of Second Street and Broadway, officials from the mall announced Tuesday.

The three-level, 122,000-square-foot store

is scheduled to open in fall 2010 following the complete remodel of the mall, which is currently being transformed from a 1980s era, indoor shopping mall to a 550,000-square-foot outdoor retail village complete with a rooftop dining deck with views of the Santa Monica Bay.

"Santa Monica is a wonderful community and an exciting retail environment where

many of our customers visit, live and work," said Erik Nordstrom, president of stores for Nordstrom. "We compliment Macerich on their vision for the new Santa Monica Place, which we anticipate to be an outstanding shopping experience."

Macy's serves as the other anchor and has remained open during the remodel. The mall is expected to reopen in fall of 2009. It has been

closed for construction since January.

"We're very pleased to welcome Nordstrom to the new Santa Monica Place," said Randy Brant, executive vice president, real estate, for Santa Monica-based Macerich Co., the owners of the mall. "The extraordinary appeal of Nordstrom is a great match for this exception-

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

Children's summer program

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

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

Midday labyrinth walks

1008 11th St., Noon — 1 p.m.

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

Thursday, July 17, 2008

Fall Out Boy comes to the pier

Santa Monica Pier, 5 p.m. — 10 p.m.

The Twilight Dance Series presents Victoria's Secret Pink PINKapalooza. Fall Out Boy is the headliner with Danny Masterson (aka DJ MomJeans) spinning tunes before the live performance.

State of the City II

101 Wilshire Blvd., 11 a.m. — 2 p.m.

Join the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and local leaders as they discuss the economic outlook for our city with panelists City Manager Lamont Ewell, Mayor Herb Katz, Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau President Misti Kerns, Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp Executive Director Ben Franz-Knight, Bayside District Corporation President/CEO Kathleen Rawson and Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Laurel Rosen. For information, call (310) 393-9825.

'Infra-Man' screening

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:45 p.m.

The Main Library's Incredibly Strange Film Series continues with "Infra-Man," a 1970s kung fu superhero flick featuring some of the corniest supervillains ever seen on film. This free screening takes place in the MLK Jr. Auditorium. Seating is first come, first served.

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.



Black widows to serve life

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN L.A. An elderly Santa Monica woman was sentenced to life in prison on Tuesday for the murders of two homeless men, killed in an elaborate insurance scam that has stirred the minds of Hollywood deal makers, a throwback to the "Arsenic and Old Lace" tale.

Helen Golay, 77, and partner-in-crime, 75-year-old Olga Rutterschmidt of Hollywood were both ordered to serve life in prison without the possibility of parole, the punishment for the murders of Kenneth McDavid and Paul Vados in separate yet similar hit-and-run crashes that took place in Los Angeles area alleys.

A probation officer reported to the judge that the women have no conscience and

served as a threat to the public.

The two septuagenarian women sat in silence as their fate was handed to them, appearing depleted, the last streaks of color having slowly disappeared from

their hair, a far cry from their depiction in the mug shots taken shortly after their 2006 arrest.

They would remain silent and apparently stoic as the family members of the victims spoke passionately about the deceased, about how Vados, a Hungarian immigrant, was a good father, teaching his daughter Stella the tango, and of McDavid for his good sense of humor.



GOLAY

Sandra Salman began weeping less than a quarter of a way through her statement, choked with tears as she spoke of regret for not knowing that her brother, McDavid, had been homeless, the lost opportunity for giving him the help he needed.

"I would've done anything for Ken if given the chance," Salman said.

She spoke of the series of tragedies that have recently struck her family, her other brother suffering from schizophrenia, her mother in the early stages of dementia, a sister losing her husband.

In 2005, McDavid's body, twisted and bloodied, was found lying in an alley behind Westwood Boulevard, his DNA eventually discovered in the undercarriage of a car tied to Golay.

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Many residents remain priced out of housing market

BY ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES Doug Gylfe still can't afford to buy a home in Torrance despite a 23 percent drop in prices. And Congress isn't helping.

That's the dilemma this week for the nation's lawmakers and millions of Americans who are priced out of homeownership: any rescue policy to stem foreclosures could artificially prop up home prices and perpetuate the affordability crisis in many major cities coast to coast.

"In spite of the downturn in the housing market ... affordability continues to be the No. 1 housing challenge," said Rachel Drew, research analyst at Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies.

In Torrance, the coastal city 16 miles south of Los Angeles where Gylfe lives, the median home price in his Zip code has fallen from a peak of \$830,000 two years ago to \$636,000. But that's still twice what Gylfe can afford on his salary as a real estate appraiser.

"I've lived here since I was about 10 years old, so I really like it," said Gylfe, 53. "I would stay here in a heartbeat if I could afford something."

Lawmakers, however, appear more focused on the negative economic consequences of falling home prices than the benefits.

Congress is, in a way, facing a real estate Hydra: declining home prices, rising foreclosures, tighter lending standards, higher interest rates, and industry layoffs. Yet while trying protect the economy and honest homeowners who were suckered into bad loans, Congress may cut off one of the serpent's heads, only to see two grow back.

"It's very difficult, from a practical perspective, to implement policy prescriptions that are (metro) focused," said Sam Chandan, chief economist for Reis Inc., a New York-based real estate research firm.

And while most economists agree the imminent threat to the economy and financial system are great, Edward Leamer says, "The folks who sat on the sidelines, they should feel legitimately annoyed that the more speculative folks who bought homes they couldn't afford are going to be bailed out or helped by the federal government."

Leamer, a senior economist at the University of California, added, "And these other folks (who) acted responsibly and didn't get in over their heads and decided they didn't want to buy the home, they're not getting any benefit."



GAME FACE

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Alvin Bui (center right), a Santa Monica High School student on summer vacation, relaxes on Monday afternoon with fellow bridge players at the Fairview Branch Library. Putting together a Scrabble team has been a major goal of Bui's, but in the meantime he enjoys the weekly bridge games.



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Too much tomfoolery

Editor:

Re: page 4, Wednesday, July 9, Going Postal column, "And did I mention he's a black man?"

Concerning Steve Breen's statements about implied conflicts in Obama's policy positions:

1) Regarding gay marriage: A personal belief that marriage is between a man and a woman does not preclude Obama from respecting and defending the rights of gays to marry.

2) On campaign finance: "Obama 'landed' \$125,000 ... The booty was bundled from 186 separate 'small donor contributions,' as Obama prefers to call them, so as to avoid an appearance of taking 'big lobby money.'"

OK. \$125,000. 186 donors. That averages out to \$672 per donor; looks like small contributions to me, not "big lobby money." And Jack Abramoff, as you remember, was associated with a scandal involving Tom DeLay, which has nothing to do with Obama. Your unsubstantiated inferences fail to connect.

3) On Iraq: There is nothing incongruous about "resisting the call for "immediate withdrawal" while pushing for a "phased redeployment" of forces. Obama is vitally aware that we can not exit Iraq with the same precipitous haste we entered. May I refer you to "The Obama Doctrine" in the March 24th issue of The American Prospect magazine. I think you need to be brought up to speed on his comprehensive foreign policy positions.

Taking quotes out of context and re-arranging them to contrive untruths is transparent and ineffective partisan tomfoolery. I expect better of Steve in the future.

Tim Dillenbeck

Santa Monica

Oil in the soil

Editor:

Oil, oil, everybody's talking about oil. With massive oil spills from added offshore drilling rigs, we'll always have George Bush to thank.

As for the surge in Iraq: The surge is another name for a police state with soldiers stationed in volatile neighborhoods to keep Shiites and Sunnis from killing each other. As the Surge winds down, the Iraqi government will implement its own brand of police state not unlike it was under Saddam.

So, what's the point? Oil in the soil.

Ron Lowe

Santa Monica

Not a sweet idea

Editor:

Monsanto's Genetically Engineered (GE) sugar beats are hitting the marketplace this year and major food companies, like Kellogg's, have chosen not to guarantee that their products are free of any GE ingredients. Consumer groups, led by the Organic Consumers Association, have launched a boycott of Kellogg's subsidiary Morningstar Farms, until Kellogg's commits to sourcing GE-free sugar.

Genetically Engineered foods are untested, unlabeled and continue a toxic model of food production. GE sugar beats are designed to withstand massive doses of Monsanto's controversial Roundup herbicide. If given the chance, many Americans would avoid eating GE foods. Poll after poll have demonstrated that most people want mandatory labeling of all GE foods.

Protecting the environment and providing safe food for my family is very important to me. Until Kellogg's and other companies commit to sourcing non-GE sugar, I will be boycotting their products.

G. Hullar

Simi Valley, Calif.



Going Postal

Steve "the Mailman" Breen

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You've come a long way, baby?

MOST OF US ARE TRAPPED AT THE checkout counter at our local supermarket while the headlines from the magazine racks scream at us like an Edvard Munch collage of jealousy, greed, vanity, insanity, bulimia, fashion victim-hood and cellulite reduction. The Big Dog on this estrogen-soaked literary porch is, of course, Cosmopolitan.

When Cosmopolitan was founded in 1886, it published feature fiction from authors as diverse as Edith Wharton, Ambrose Bierce, Sinclair Lewis, George Bernard Shaw, Upton Sinclair and Ida Tarbell. By 1988, Cosmo had published a non-fiction piece that proclaimed, "...unprotected sex with an HIV positive man [did] NOT put a woman at risk for infection..." despite all evidence to the contrary.

Yup, you've come a long way, baby.

I haven't looked inside a copy of Cosmopolitan magazine since Burt Reynolds appeared buck-naked riding a polar bearskin rug in the infamous April 1972 edition. I'm still traumatized ... way too much hair! Most of today's folks, however, are only familiar with Burt's role as the skeezy porn film director in the flick "Boogie Nights." It is a fitting denouement to an estimably hirsute career.

A degree of decorum, however, is incumbent upon me to eschew a too strict of an accounting of the goriest details from Cosmo. It was akin to reading about a bad traffic accident on the 405 involving bowling balls, dishwashing liquid and hamsters ... horrid, but you just couldn't turn away.

The June issue of Cosmo covered, "The Hottest Things to Do to a Man" replete with instructions on how to use your cell phone as a sex toy! I had hoped it might have been a titular tutorial about how a gal might be enticed to pick up the dinner check or how to use a toilet plunger without coaching. You can bet, though, that I'll never ask to use a woman's cell phone again because you never know where that Crackberry has been last.

There was an article from a psychologist, a private eye and a Feng Shui practitioner entitled "How To Snoop on Your Man" providing detailed instructions on checking the junk in your man's pockets, beachcombing through the post-consumer detritus in his car and smelling his dirty laundry for evidence of any foreign perfume should you suspect your man-scaped cabana boy is cheating on you.

Ladies, if you are pursuing these assumptive activities in extremis to determine whatever presumptive character we men may or may not possess only leads one to the conclusion that you are in serious need of a hobby. There are many suitable suggestions detailed in the evocative piece on page 183 entitled "67 Blow-His-Mind Moves." One of them is doing an oil change on his car while attired in a mini-skirt. Don't

forget to bring beer.

Frankly, we men don't really care what you think about us despite all of the bovine scatology you may have lowed about in Pilate's class with your girlfriends. According to "O" magazine, "not caring" is a distinctly feminine complaint about men while "W" magazine reports that we men are not as smart as you ... until you ask us, of course, to open a stubborn pickle jar. More importantly, why do these women's magazines have only one letter in the title and lots of pictures of shoes? Oh, Edith Wharton, where art thou?

LADIES, IF YOU'RE GOING TO SLITHER SEDUCTIVELY LIKE KIM KARDASHIAN, DON'T EXPECT US TO DOOFUS ABOUT LIKE STEDMAN GRAHAM.

I'm having a difficult time squaring the circle of the overtly prurient propaganda propounded in the glossies that distinctly undermines the original critique of Friedanian mystique. Isn't it a trace insincere to devote over 200 pages every month on how to walk, talk and act like a call girl and then indignantly protest that men won't take you seriously? Of course we take you seriously. We seriously think you're a call girl and that we're "Client No. 9."

Ladies, if you're going to slither seductively like Kim Kardashian, don't expect us to doofus about like Stedman Graham. If you're quacking like a duck then prepare yourself to be slathered in a Szechuan orange glaze while adorning an airborne stripper pole as depicted in the movie "Ironman."

However, ladies, before you pass judgment on the porcine proclivities of the XY gender, Cosmo's current circulation is cumulate in 58 international editions, published in 36 languages and distributed in more than 100 countries. That's a whole lot o' quackin' goin' on.

And Cosmo also has a "twens to teens" spin-off called CosmoGirl. Their motto is, "Math is hard ... boys are cute."

By the way, while I'm at the market, do you need me to pick up anything?

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Learning to love those love handles

FIVE YEARS AGO, I WAS LIVING IN NEW York City and in the best shape of my life. Maybe it was all the stairs I was constantly climbing up and down to get to the subway, or the fact that I would follow an intense free-weight workout with a full hour of cardio three times a week.

I was 15 pounds lighter than I am now, but I still had issues with my body. Basically, I hated that I didn't have and couldn't get six-pack abs. Stupid, I know, but I was convinced the only thing between me and endless nights of coital bliss in the city that doesn't sleep was my insufficiently sculpted stomach.

These days, I'm more likely to find a washboard in the laundry room of my apartment building than I am to develop one in my abdominal region, but I'd still like to lose the weight I've put on since I moved out west. So a few months ago, I set out to get in shape for summer.

The key to effective weight loss isn't complicated, it takes the right combination of strength training, cardio, and nutrition. But I was determined to re-invent the wheel. I wanted to drop the pounds without spending too much time in the weight room and doing as little cardio as possible (my gym doesn't have TV's on the treadmills). So I focused on nutrition. My best friend's parents had recently lost about 30 pounds each by spending a month on something called "the soup diet." This sounded really promising to me because they're both in their 60s, so I know they weren't lifting any weights. I figured with my workout routine and the soup, I could shed 15 pounds in about two weeks and have the bod ready for the beach by Memorial Day.

The soup diet is something hospitals use to get patients to lose weight before surgery. Essentially, it calculates your nutritional needs over a seven-day period and provides your body with just enough of what you need to survive while eliminating everything else. So there are no carbs, no sugars, almost no fats, and no alcohol — though you can stuff yourself on vegetable soup and you get to eat steak on the fifth and sixth days. It works, too. I lost 12 pounds in two weeks and the only cardio I did was walking to and from work.

The only problem was that food is everywhere, especially on TV. I was watching the

Food Network constantly (for the commercials as much as the cooking shows) and I discovered there was a particularly cruel hour of the night when I was at my weakest and the fast-food places were all advertising the fact that they're open late. The 24-hour Jack in the Box on Santa Monica Boulevard gave me nightmares. Jack and his gigantic head would appear to me in my sleep saying, "Wouldn't you love some spicy chicken bites right now, Kenny?" It was horrific.

When the diet ended, I was so happy that I could eat whatever I wanted, that I ate whatever I wanted. Soon after, I realized that I'd only lost water weight and started to put it back on. By the Fourth of July, the scale was saying the same thing it said before I choked down all that soup. I was back to hating my midsection, that is until I randomly spent what my friend Madaket would call a "totally warm and fuzzy" night with a beautiful girl who I'm sure wasn't attracted to me because of my abs. I know this because I didn't suck in my stomach while we were spooning and she didn't run screaming from my apartment.

I used to be in love with a girl who was about five feet tall and 95 pounds who, ironically, thinks she's out of shape when she gets too far over 100. She used to ask if I thought she needed breast implants. I'd always tell her that she's a whole person, not a collection of parts, and I loved all of her. I've decided I'm not a collection of parts either, so I'll be okay if I never achieve abdominal nirvana or the hormonally crazed hard-bodied hotties that come with it.

After all, there really are only two body types: Underwear models and everyone else. The only way to get an underwear model's body is to work out like crazy while removing carbs, oils, fats, and sugars from your diet for the foreseeable future. That's impossible; I love delicious food that tastes good. As I told a retired NFL lineman (who told me, "I played in my 70's, I can't tell the wife I hit 299"), I'd much rather have a piece of cheesecake than a six-pack.

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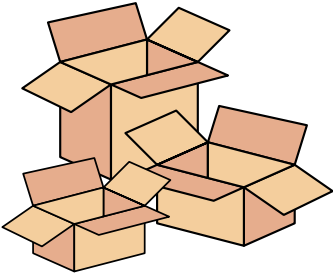
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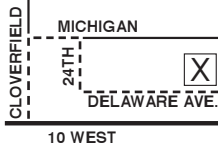
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The bottom line on adverse possession

ONE OF MY CLIENTS, WHO WE'LL CALL John, was telling me about a problem he was having with his neighbor, who we'll call Bill. The problem was in regards to a property line. Bill had a land survey done and the surveyor said John's fence was encroaching on his property. Bill was worried about adverse possession.

About.com defines adverse possession, "The laws of adverse possession allow a person to obtain title to land by simply using the land for a period of time specified by state and federal laws." A common example of adverse possession is with fence placement. If your neighbor places a fence on your property and you do nothing, after a set amount of time, your neighbor could lay claim to that land.

However, in California, before anyone can claim your land through adverse possession they must meet the following three criteria:

- The property in question must be used for a minimum of five years, continuously and uninterrupted.
- The land must be used openly and notoriously and considered to be a hostile use to the true owner, without permission.
- Property taxes must be paid and improvements must be made to the land within the statutory period.

After Bill told John about the fence, John hired his own surveyor, but discovered that land surveying is more of an art than a science. Which means two surveyors could come up with slightly different property lines. This is similar to two appraisers valu-

ing a property for slightly different amounts.

John said he could have taken a couple courses of action. He and Bill could hire attorneys and either mediate the situation or take it to court. Alternatively, the both of them could come to a resolution together without any attorneys. The latter was cheaper and in the end, depending on your neighbor, is usually the better course of action to take.

John and Bill decided to hire a third land surveyor. They agreed to take the median property line from the three surveys and mark it as the official property line between their properties. After reviewing the three land surveys, it was agreed that the fence was encroaching on Bill's property line. However, the encroachment was nominal, approximately two inches. John decided that he was going to buy the property from Bill. Instead of hiring an appraiser, John and Bill agreed on a price.

They went through escrow and had everything done officially. Luckily, John and Bill were friends before the incident, but this is the exception, not the rule. Many property line disputes go on for years as no one wants to give up land. If you have a property line dispute, talk to your neighbor first before hiring an attorney. A simple conversation could save you a lot of time and money.

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ECONOMY

Downturn gains steam as inflation roars ahead

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WASHINGTON The U.S. economic downturn gained steam Tuesday, with a report of the highest inflation since the early 1980s, more bad news for banks and automakers and a suggestion by the Federal Reserve chief that worse days are ahead.

President Bush sought to bolster confidence by declaring that the financial system was "basically sound," but he conceded: "It's been a difficult time for many American families."

The Labor Department said wholesale inflation, driven by skyrocketing gas and food costs, rose by 9.2 percent for the 12 months ending in June — the fastest pace since the summer of 1981, during another energy crunch.

At the same time, consumers hit the brakes hard despite a massive infusion of government stimulus checks. Retail sales turned in their poorest showing in four

months.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke delivered a somber midyear outlook to Congress, saying the U.S. faces "numerous difficulties" despite the Fed's interest rate-cutting campaign, which began last September in hopes of preventing a recession.

Bernanke said the Fed expected the economy to grow for the rest of this year "appreciably below its trend rate." He cautioned inflation was likely to move "temporarily higher" in the near future.

That puts the Fed in a bind: Rising inflation hamstrings the Fed from cutting interest rates to jump-start the economy. The Fed had already signaled last month the rate cuts were probably at an end.

Outside Washington, there was plenty more bad news. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrials closed below 11,000 for the first time in two years, and shares of troubled mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac tumbled again. Fannie shed 27.3 percent and Freddie lost 26 percent.

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Wide field runs for open seats

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many Southern California communities, according to Bob Stern, the president of the Center for Governmental Studies.

"People are just more interested in politics," he said.

He pointed to strong political groups like Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights — the city's ruling political party that has held a council majority for decades — believing that the power won't be relinquished anytime soon.

"SMRR has been a dominant power for a long time and there's been challenges to it, but it's not enough to overthrow the majority on council," Stern said.

The political organization was founded on the rent control platform, leading to the establishment of the Rent Control Board and the Rent Control Ordinance.

At least two candidates — realtor Bob Kronovet and Christopher Braun — have pulled papers for the two seats available on the Rent Control Board, neither of whom are incumbents.

Kronovet, who would serve as a counter-view to the majority on the board, ran unsuccessfully in 2006.

"First, I will represent the homeowner," he said. "My position on the board will cause open debate that will lead to better problem solving."

The controversial nature of the ficus tree removal plan in Downtown Santa Monica as well as the development issues with the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) are sure to influence the elections this year.

The removal of the trees have caused a number of disgruntled residents to call for a change in the council, which nearly unanimously voted for a plan that included the shady specimen's removal. Some residents even whispered of a recall campaign that never materialized. It's one of the main reasons pushing Santa Monica Treesavers' co-founder Jerry Rubin, a peace activist, to seek a seat on the council. Rubin, a 64-year-old Ocean Park resident, previously ran in 2000 and 2002, dropping out in the final few weeks during the latter campaign for political and health reasons.

"When the chainsaw came out and they started cutting down those trees, that might've been the turning point," Rubin said. "A number of those trees, people believe, were cut down unnecessarily."

Further impacting the election and possibly voter turnout is the Residents' Initiative to Fight Traffic, which seeks to limit commercial growth in Santa Monica. RIFT, as the initiative is called, will appear on the November ballot as well.

Sharon Gilpin, a former Santa Monica resident who still serves as a political consultant on local elections, said she believes the issues of development will have a noticeable effect on the election results this year.

"I think there is no doubt about it," Gilpin said. "A lot of the community was involved in the Land Use and Circulation Element planning."

The LUCE, which is an update for the city's general plan, is one that has influenced a number of candidates considering a run, including Susan Hartley, a lawyer who is also currently an Airport Commissioner.

"I want to do everything I can to see Santa Monica retain what's left of its small beach-town atmosphere," Hartley said. "I'm opposed to the growth, density and height being proposed by City Hall."

Ocean Park resident and member of the Recreation and Parks Commission, Ted Winterer, has also pulled papers to run for City Council. Winterer is a strong supporter

of RIFT and has been critical of the current City Council's stance on development. Not to be outdone by commercial growth and trees, homelessness is expected to be a key election issue once again. Linda Armstrong, a 15-year-resident, will again run on a platform addressing the issue of homeless women. The computer data entry operator ran unsuccessfully for the council in 2004 and 2006.

Since her original bid, matters related to homeless women have not been adequately discussed, Armstrong said.

"I'm the only one addressing this issue," she said. "Nobody else cares one way or the other."

The reasons why residents seek office runs the gamut, some hoping to bring back the pizzazz to Santa Monica.

Council hopeful Fred Loetterle, a movie producer, said he wants to restore the glamour of Santa Monica as a "Hollywood by the Sea," among the first things on his agenda being bringing back the Academy Awards which were once hosted at the Civic Center Auditorium. Loetterle is a Pulitzer Prize-nominated journalist who once worked for the New York Daily News.

"I am going to ask George Clooney and Julia Roberts to lead that campaign," Loetterle, who believes the arts is of utmost importance to his campaign, said. "I want our own walk of fame beginning with Mary Pickford's star."

There are also residents who just want to be civically involved and have a positive impact on the community.

"It's important to actively participate in government because it does affect our daily lives," said Kerri Spiegl, a 30-year-old Ocean Park resident considering a run for City Council. "We have the privilege to participate in our local government, that is why I'm considering a run."

CHANGES IN STORE FOR EDUCATION?

The past two years in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District have been somewhat rocky, rattled by one controversy after another, whether it be the confidentiality agreements in special education or the matters of fiscal responsibility.

But those issues have yet to be cited as reasons for running by some of the candidates who have pulled papers. Those issues could nevertheless shape the election this year.

The school board race could be a crowded one, with six candidates considering running as of Tuesday, including incumbents Jose Escarce, Maria Leon-Vazquez and Mechur. Kathy Wisnicki is also up for re-election.

"We have the capacity to provide every student in our schools with an education that will allow them to make choices as to what they want to achieve in their own lives," Mechur, an architect, said. "We need to use the resources in our community to meet the needs of the district to provide access and opportunity to all."

The school field includes a group of new faces to the local political scene, including Judith Meister, a former PTA president at Santa Monica High School.

For 18 years, Meister worked with Santa Monica City Hall, serving in various managerial capacities. Her reason for running is to bring open communication and an "educational vision of excellence" to the board.

Joining her in the field are Ben Allen, a former University of California Regent and Samohi class president, and Chris Bley, a current history teacher at the Brentwood

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Nordstrom to open in 2010

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al market, and for what we believe will be a one-of-a-kind retail project two blocks from the beach in Downtown Santa Monica."

Nordstrom's arrival is expected to be a boon for the city, attracting shoppers currently heading to West Los Angeles in search of higher-end, merchandise without breaking the bank at places like Bloomingdales or Neiman Marcus. Many residents have been calling for a Nordstrom for years, looking for more variety aside from the many boutiques located along popular shopping districts like Montana Avenue and Main Street, or the more youth oriented option on the Third Street Promenade.

"We're delighted," said Miriam Mack, economic development director for City Hall. "It will add a new dimension We are underserved in this area and we know our residents are leaving Santa Monica for the kind of merchandise that Nordstrom has. If we can capture those sales within Santa Monica and Santa Monica Place, it is going to be a significant benefit to the city and the Bayside District, too."

Downtown property owners recently approved a new business assessment district that will generate roughly \$3.6 million a year for added maintenance, marketing and an ambassador program. Those who voted in favor of the assessment said it is necessary to keep Downtown an attractive and desirable shopping destination for residents and visitors.

The addition of Nordstrom is expected to help by bringing in more customers who may shop elsewhere in Downtown once they arrive, helping other mall tenants as well as businesses on surrounding streets.

"The Downtown department store supply



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WORK IN PROGRESS: Construction crews work daily on the remodel of Santa Monica Place. Macerich Co. opted to tear the roof off the outdated mall in favor of an outdoor retail village complete with a third-level food court with views of the picturesque Santa Monica Bay.

was dwindling [following the loss of Robinsons-May] so with the arrival of Nordstrom I think it is good news, not just for Macerich, but for all of Downtown," said Rob York, a consultant for the Bayside District Corp., which helps City Hall manage and market Downtown.

The details of the lease between Macerich and Nordstrom were not made available. Brant said the lease is "a long-term deal."

There are those who believe the addition of Nordstrom may hurt its neighbor Macy's, but not Grecia Salmeron, a salesperson at the department store.

"I think it will improve business for us because Nordstrom will bring more people

into the mall," said Salmeron, a Pacific Palisades resident who frequently shops in Downtown.

Kristin Polak, who lives on Main Street, said she loves Nordstrom as well as the smaller boutiques by her home and likes the idea of being able to hit both on her shopping sprees.

Rachel Blondina, a Culver City resident who works at a salon on Main Street, said she would rather have seen a Target located at the mall instead of another department store given that the Third Street Promenade has plenty of retail options.

That said, she, like many other residents, is happy to hear that something will be at the mall instead of a vacant building.

"Honestly, I think it will just be cool to see stores there," Blondina said. "For a long time it was really just the food court in there."

Nordstrom is also planning to relocate an existing store in the Los Cerritos Center in Cerritos to a new location that will have two levels and 138,000 square feet. The new location will replace a Robinsons-May store and is expected to open in spring 2010. Nordstrom has operated a store in the Cerritos mall since 1981.

Nordstrom added that it will remodel and expand its store at Broadway Plaza in Walnut Creek. The retailer will add 32,000 square feet to the store for a total of 225,000 square feet. The remodel is expected to be complete in 2010.

Nordstrom currently has six stores in the Los Angeles area and four Nordstrom Rack stores. The company plans to open a new store this year in Thousand Oaks at The Oaks Shopping Center on Sept. 5. In the Bay Area, Nordstrom currently has six stores and four Nordstrom Rack stores.

Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 159 stores located in 28 states. Founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, today Nordstrom operates 105 full-line stores, 50 Nordstrom Racks, two Jeffrey boutiques and two clearance stores.

One of the nation's largest retail real estate investment trusts, Macerich currently owns approximately 77 million square-feet of gross leasable area in major markets across the United States. The company's diverse portfolio includes 72 regional malls and a mix of lifestyle, large-format retail and specialty centers.

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Council seats draw interest

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School.

Bley grew up in Santa Monica, attending Roosevelt Elementary and Samohi.

"I want to be able to provide that opportunity and education to other students," he said.

Allen, who also graduated from Samohi in 1996, has served in various volunteer roles in the district, including on the Financial Oversight Committee.

"I bring to the table a combination of deep roots in the community, youthful energy, a commitment to communication and outreach, and also a substantial education policy-making experience," he said.

A tight race might also take shape in the college board where three seats are up for grabs.

One of the biggest issues that might have an effect on the college board is the placement of a bond measure on the November ballot. The measure will pay for various construction projects.

"We had a very successful four years at the college and I would like to be part of that continuing success," Aminoff said.

She cited current issues in which she would like to be a part, including sustainability and workforce development. Quiñónez-Pérez, who has eight years on the board and is the most senior member, said she offers a veteran institutional memory. Part of the reason why she wants to remain on the board is to see through a number of projects currently taking place, including the workforce development program and the bond measure.

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Judith Meister
Ralph Mechur (2-year term)
Maria Leon-Vazquez
Chris Bley
Ben Allen

College District

Margaret Q. Quiñónez-Pérez
Susan Aminoff

"It's mostly about the renovation of the college and to continue to make Santa Monica the number one community college in [students who] transfer [to four-year institutions]," Quiñónez-Pérez said.

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L.A. Judge denounces women for sacrificing homeless men for greed

FROM GOLAY PAGE 3

"My brother Ken did not deserve to die the way he did," she said.

Vados' daughter followed, her statement introduced by attorney Gloria Allred, reflecting on the memories of her father, the two losing touch after she moved up to Northern California.

"Stella was daddy's little girl," Allred said.

Both Rutterschmidt and Golay, who owned three apartment buildings in Ocean Park, were convicted in April on first-degree murder and conspiracy charges.

Throughout the trial, prosecutors painted the two women as greedy and cold-hearted, plucking vulnerable homeless men off the street, setting them up in rent-free apartments and gaining their trust, killing them after convincing the men to sign them on to their insurance policy.

It's a bizarre story that has captured the attention of Hollywood, namely for the age of the defendants and the lengths they went to accomplish their murderous plot.

A movie based on the events is currently in pre-production according to the Internet Movie Database. "Poor Things" is expected to feature an all-star cast that includes Rosario Dawson, Brittany Murphy, Shirley MacLaine, and Olympia Dukakis.

The trial included a key piece of evidence

used by the prosecution, a videotaped conversation between the two women shortly after their arrest on federal mail fraud charges, one accusing the other of greed.

"You were greedy ... that's the problem," Rutterschmidt snaps at her long-time friend Golay in the tape.

The scene unfolded while the women were detained by the Los Angeles Police Department. The videotape served as a basis for a motion for a new trial that was filed by Golay's defense attorney, Roger Jon Diamond, claiming collusion between the FBI and the LAPD. He said the arresting officer did not observe the warrant when they sent Golay and Rutterschmidt to the LAPD instead of federal authorities, leading to the videotaping. The motion was denied by Judge David Wesley.

"What we have here is a disobedience to the federal warrant," Diamond said.

Before the women were sent off, Wesley, who said he normally doesn't comment following trials, addressed the women directly, speaking about the nature of greed.

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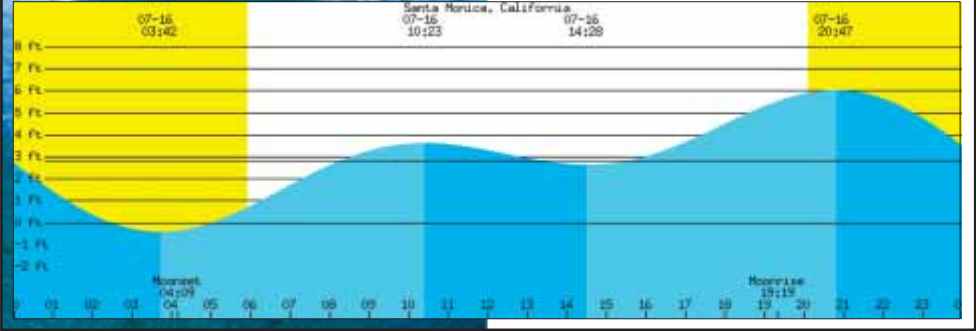


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Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Soguit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Las Alitas creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Morador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas 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	C	ns
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A+	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Selkirk Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	F	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Sunridge Beach at Malibu Colony fences	A	ns
Sunridge Beach (beach location)- daily	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	D	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
Pine Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns
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Will Rogers State Beach at 17260 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

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Stay close to home, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You take a stand in an unprecedented manner. Others wonder what has happened, as you might have refused to do just this in the past. Your high energy and strong sense of direction might stir up some strong reactions. Tonight: Let it happen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Reach out for more information. Through this process you'll grow and learn. Others might not understand that you aren't seeking advice. Be careful with someone who thinks that his or her way is the only way. Tonight: Change your mental focus.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ A key partner or associate touches base with you. It might be clear that it's this person's way or no way at all. Feel free to move past an issue or look at it differently. Don't even try to convince someone that you are right! Tonight: Say yes to living.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Revise your thinking, as new information hits the airwaves. Your sense of style and direction need a more easy and relaxing tone. If you're not communicating as you would like, consider a workshop. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You might want to revise your thinking about a certain person. Do just that! Use care with associates and co-workers. Misunderstandings could rear their head out of the blue. Tonight: Easy does it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Be open in your thinking when you speak to a certain friend. You'll gain yet another perspective. Ask all the questions you need to in a non-challenging manner. Tonight: A mid-week break.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ If you can, work from home. Some of you might call in and take a personal day. Quite clearly, you have much more done than you realize. Check out an investment or another security-related matter with a discerning eye. Tonight: Happy to stay close to home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You could be into a certain project, so much so that details and communication fall to the wayside. Be willing to say no to someone if a situation doesn't work for you. Use care with a sensitive person. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Possessiveness is normally not an issue with you, but you might be feeling insecure. Before you do or say anything you regret, slow down and think about where this feeling is coming from. Heal the core rather than indulge the need. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You are out of the gate first. You will continue to be the leader. The problem is that there might be confusion at the finish line because the judge doesn't have his glasses on. Verify and confirm all important matters during the day. Tonight: Top dog.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Success also comes from knowing when to retreat. You'll find a classic situation where you need to exemplify this behavior. An associate comes in like gangbusters and picks up where you might have left off. Tonight: Get as much sleep as you can.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your smile is a sure-bet winner. Understanding someone's intentions could be very important, because his or her actions might say otherwise. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.

Happy birthday

Use time as an ally rather than become impatient this year. A steady, patient approach will bring success. While many peter out on the way, you won't. Your endurance or energy will not falter. If you are single, you meet people with ease. Making the right choice might be difficult, as you will enjoy the courtship so much. If you are attached, add more spice, which will add in more romance. You will like what happens. CAPRICORN has the same issue as you but handles it differently.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS	
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:	
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★★★★ Positive	★ Difficult
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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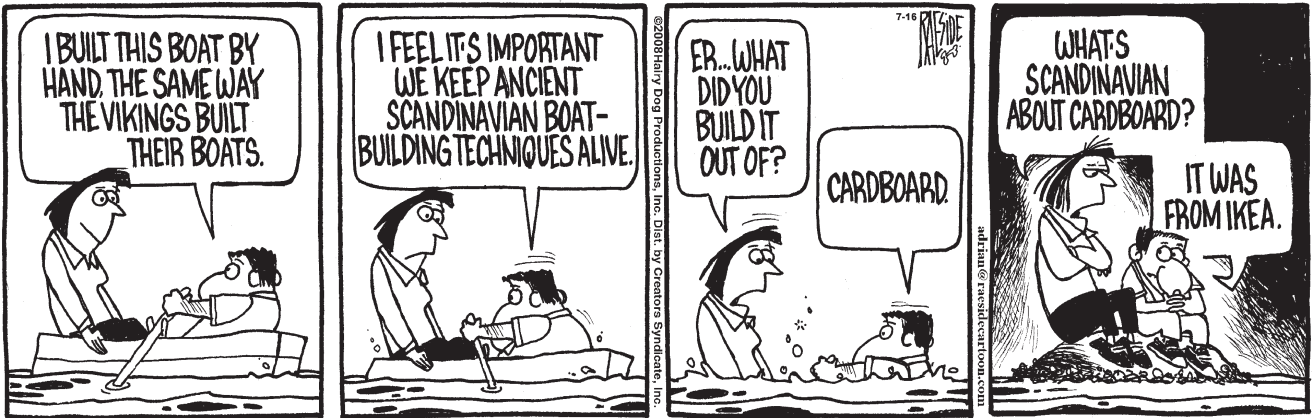
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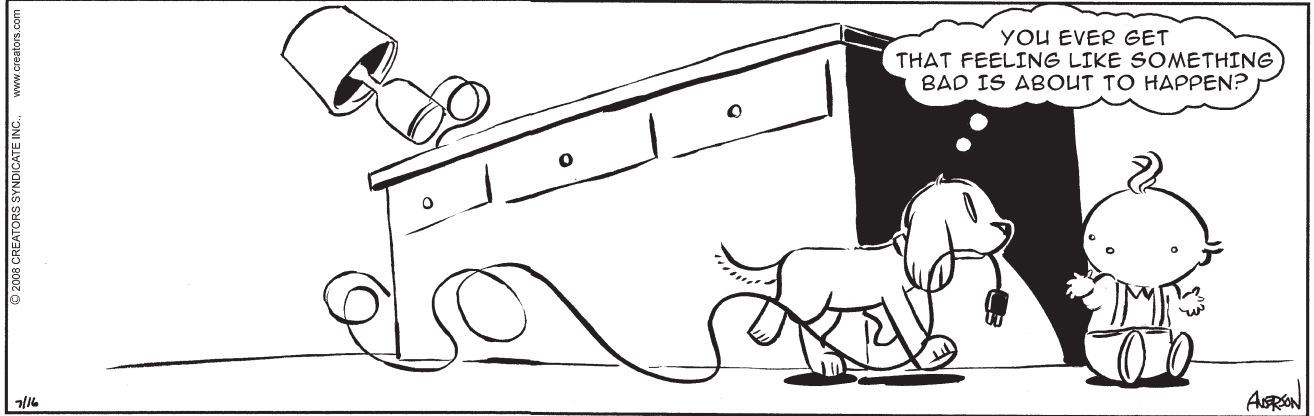
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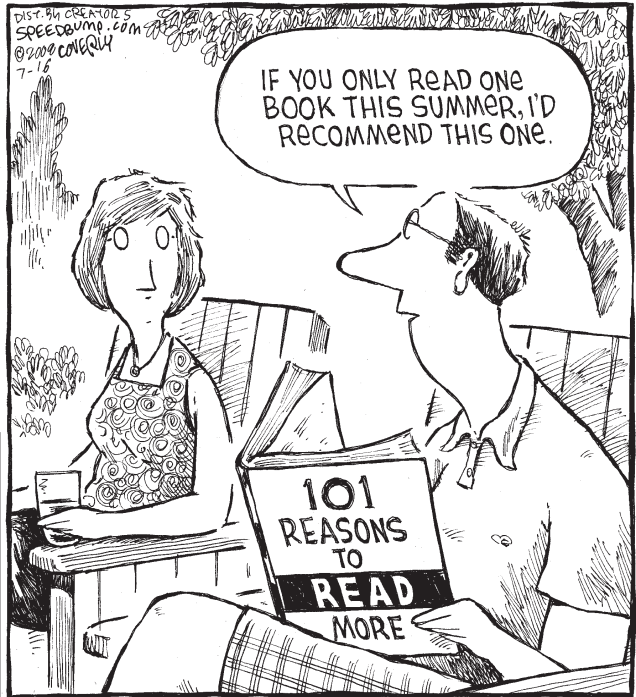
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- 1 Pack and send
- 5 Ninny
- 9 Script makeup
- 11 Oscar winner Wither-spoon
- 12 Available
- 13 Biscotti flavor
- 14 Links org.
- 15 Boring
- 17 Classified stuff
- 19 — Moines
- 20 Fixed look
- 21 Seed holder
- 22 Yard sur-rounder
- 24 Burmese, for one
- 26 Letter stroke
- 29 Cork sound
- 30 Port creator
- 32 Paving stuff
- 34 Hot drink
- 35 Annoys
- 36 Polite Post
- 38 Like xenon
- 39 Famed lover

DOWN

- 40 Filming locations
- 41 Laura of "Blue Velvet"
- 1 Feeds the pigs
- 2 Door parts
- 3 Unbroken
- 4 Soup veggie
- 5 Look after
- 6 Oddball
- 7 Released
- 8 Abounds
- 10 Bubble, e.g.
- 11 2000 Super Bowl champs
- 16 House-hold tool
- 18 River floater
- 21 Sassy
- 23 Heart
- 24 Secant's
- 25 Online program
- 27 Eventually

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ His countrymen are too polite, wrote French doctor Frederic Saldmann in his new book (translated as "Spring Cleaning") and can improve their health by uninhibitedly embracing their bodily functions that he said too many Frenchmen suppress. According to a May dispatch from Paris in London's Daily Telegraph, Saldmann wrote that the intestines, stomach and esophagus benefit if gas is expelled promptly and pores freely excrete toxins. In fact, he wrote, doing away with antiperspirants also facilitates "a certain number of messages that are potentially very attractive to the opposite sex."

■ A 50-year-old woman, married for 30 years, asked for a divorce last October (according to the Al-Arabiya news Web site in Dubai) because her husband had peeked at her face under her veil as she slept. The man apologized and said he would never do it again, but she said the customs of her village (near the Saudi city of Khamis Mushayt) dictate that he had contaminated the marriage by seeing her face.

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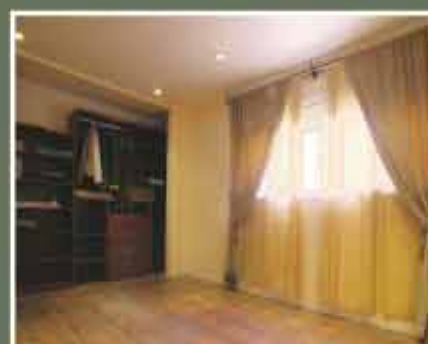
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