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THE SHINE YOUR LIGHT ISSUE

Civic leaders approve solar panel changes

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A controversial law requiring photovoltaic panels to be installed in the least visible location from the street got the greenlight from the City Council on Tuesday just weeks after solar advocates argued the rule would deter interested property owners in the future.

The ordinance, meant to streamline the permit application process for solar panel installation, was approved upon a second and final reading after it was initially introduced on July 2. The ordinance will be effective 30 days from adoption.

The issue in question concerns a subsection of the ordinance that requires solar energy equipment be installed in a location that is least visible from adjacent streets as long as it doesn't significantly increase costs or reduce performance. It excludes single-family homes.

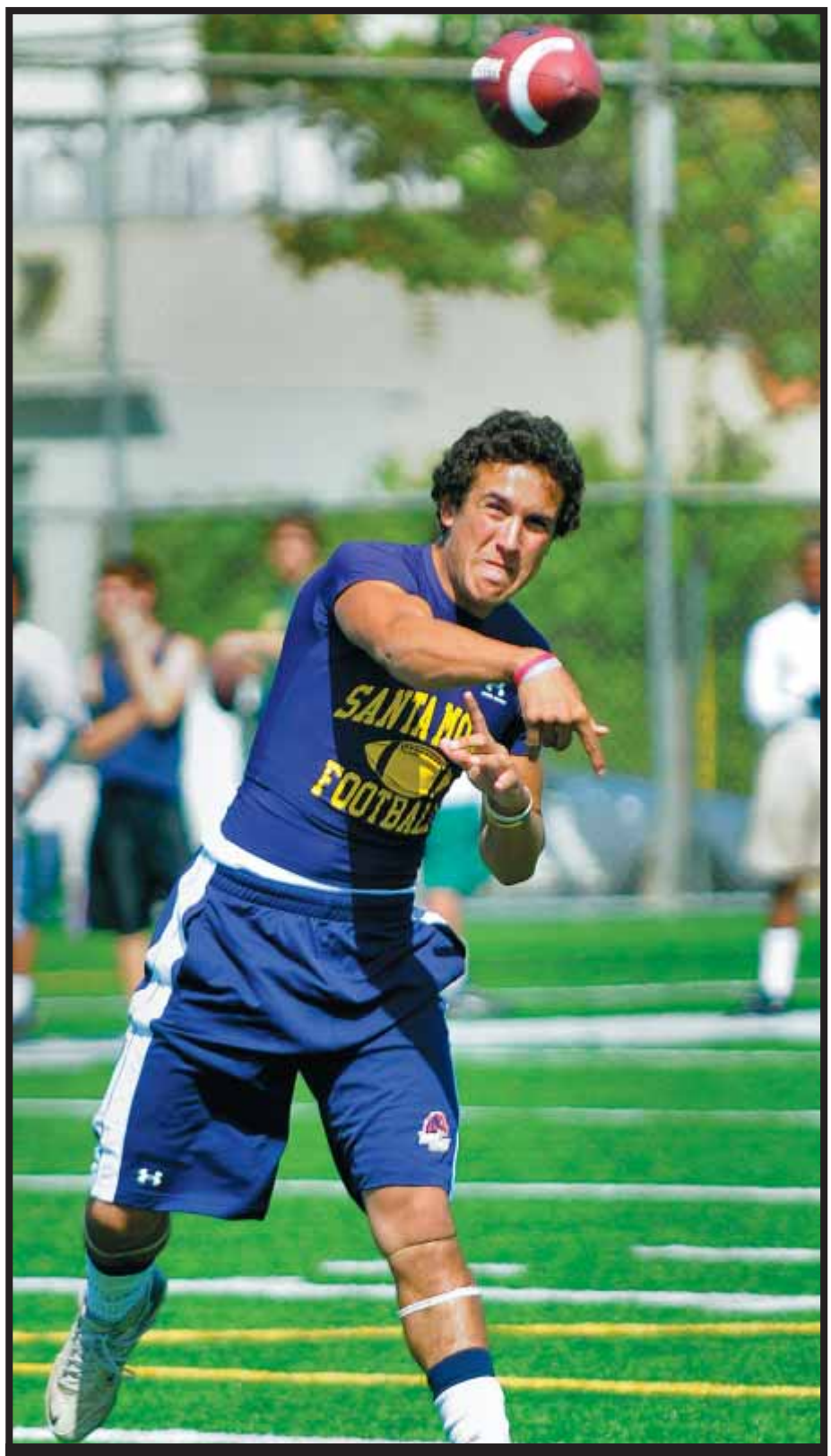
"We should eliminate barriers to renewable energy, not create new ones," Alexandra Kravetz, a policy associate for Santa Monica-based Global Green USA, said during a council meeting earlier this month.

City officials said the ordinance will establish objective development standards and allow administrative approval as long as it meets certain criteria. Solar panel systems that don't fall under the standards will need approval from the Architectural Review Board.

Under the new regulations, solar panels may be located up to 5 feet above the roof's surface or 7 feet for solar water and swimming pool heating systems. Single-family homes have more flexibility.

Some opponents have said the provision will create extra steps for applicants to receive their permits, having to return to City Hall to show how moving the panels would affect costs. City officials pointed out that the subsection specifically sates that panels be located in the least visible location, not be invisible.

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STRONG THROW Maya Sugarman news@smdp.com

Santa Monica High School's Garrett Safron makes a pass during a scrimmage against crosstown rival St. Monica on Wednesday at John Adams Middle School.

City Council moves Expo yard plan on

BY MELODY HANATANI
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CITY HALL A new proposal to move a planned rail maintenance yard further away from homes in the Pico Neighborhood will go onto the next phase of evaluation, disappointing some nearby residents who said the alternative doesn't go far enough.

The City Council on Tuesday authorized its staff to continue exploring a recently conceived plan to move the noisier operations of the Exposition Light Rail maintenance facility to 1800 Stewart St. on city-owned property, favoring it over an existing idea to place the yard at the Verizon site on Exposition Boulevard, which directly faces homes. Officials also requested the Exposition Construction Authority include the new option in its environmental analysis.

Councilmembers Bob Holbrook and Bobby Shriver were the lone votes in opposition. The final decision on the maintenance yard will fall on the Expo board.

The alternative proposal, which came after the council criticized the original location, would move the louder operations to the west side of Stewart Street next to cultural arts complex Bergamot Station and the City Yards, while the storage tracks and train washing facility would be kept on the east side of Stewart Street.

Doing so would still involve using part of the Verizon site, which sits east of Stewart, but the yard would be separated from homes on the south side of Exposition Boulevard by a mixed-use development that will include residences and perhaps some neighborhood-serving retail.

Nearly 30 neighbors, including businesses and residents, spoke in opposition to the plan, arguing that it creates a whole new set of problems and inconveniences for a community that has already been impacted by the I-10 Freeway and City Yards. Those issues include safety risks from trains crossing Stewart Street, residents said.

"A toxic triangle is unacceptable," Ana

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Friday, July 17, 2009

Bead fair
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 12 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Join more than 80 exhibitors on the first day of this three-day fair. The event will include classes with Jewelry Academy by Jade Gunnarson and Donna Palmer, bead spinner and wire working by Majesta M. and bead stitching with Sheri Tarrant. A weekend pass is $5 and children under 12 receive free admission.

'It's criminal!'
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 9 p.m.
Los Angeles criminal defense attorney Murray Meyers leads audiences through a wild and crazy journey through the criminal justice system in this comedy. The writer and performer has more than 20 years experience as a criminal lawyer. Admission is $16. Call (310) 394-9779 for more information.

Constitutional convention
Santa Monica College
1310 11th St., 6:15 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
This program addresses forming a constitutional convention for California and how it could help cities, schools and the government. It will include a video presentation from Sacramento Bee columnist Dan Walters.
Admission is free.

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.



NICE TRY

Maya Sugarman news@smdp.com

Blue Rider Surf instructor Brady Grover (left) gives Joanna Harris (right) of London her first surfing lesson Wednesday at Santa Monica Beach.

‘Salsamuffin’ on the menu

Pier concert series to feature a fusion of musical styles, including salsa, reggae and Afro-Cuban rhythms

BY NATALIE JARVEY
Special to the Daily Press

SM PIER Tonight’s Twilight Dance Series brings the international music stage to Santa Monica with one band combining reggae beats and salsa flavor, the other brining together Afro-Cuban rhythms.

“Our music is a fusion of Cuban music, Cuban rhythms, Cuban style and central African music,” said Ricardo Lemvo, who will perform later in the evening. “I’ve loved this music since I was a child. It’s fun music. It’s very infectious, good to dance to.”

Before Lemvo takes the stage, Sergent Garcia and his band will perform their unique blend of sounds known as “salsamuffin.”

Garcia was born Bruno Garcia to a Spanish father and French mother and sings in both languages as well as English.

He developed an interest in reggae at a young age when he discovered raggamuffin, a sub-genre of dancehall reggae that

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Packed concerts, increased security

BY NATALIE JARVEY
Special to the Daily Press

SM PIER As attendance at the Twilight Dance Series increases, the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp. is looking to reorganize to accommodate more concert-goers each week.

Last week the Santa Monica Police Department added heightened security along the beach once the pier reached capacity and people began to overflow onto the sand. It was the first time many locals can remember such a strong police presence during the concert series, now in its 25th year.

“We’ve had huge crowds for the first two concerts this summer and it has forced us to reevaluate some of the things we’re doing,” said Ben Franz-Knight, executive director of the Pier Restoration Corp., which manages and promotes the pier.

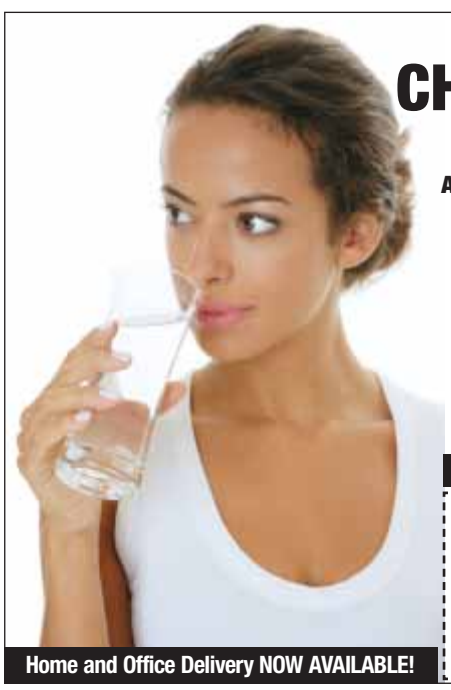
The first two nights of this summer’s concert series have reached capacity early in the evening, something that Franz-Knight said doesn’t typically happen until later in the summer, which is why the SMDP has added new security measures.

“It’s getting more and more crowded,” said SMDP Sgt. Jay Trisler. “There are a lot of people coming down onto the sand area also and enjoying the shows from down there.”

Franz-Knight attributed the big crowds to the economic downturn. “We’ve had some great shows but I think people in a down economy are more excited and looking more for free events and community gathering spaces, and I think the concerts provide that,” he said.

Regulars at the Thursday night concerts will notice new barriers, orange cones that now form an X-shaped pathway along the beach below the pier. The path leads from the bike path along the beach, the steps to the pier, the beach and the area south of the pier and spans about 10 feet.

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EDITORIAL

City Hall does its part to help the homeless

For most residents of Santa Monica, news that the American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit against City Hall, claiming it is violating the rights of the homeless by arresting them for sleeping in public spaces, came as a shock given the many efforts made to address this complex issue.

To say that Santa Monica is criminalizing homelessness by citing people for sleeping on the beach or in doorways and alleys when there are not enough shelter beds in Los Angeles County is absurd. And here's why:

Very few communities have committed themselves to the level of service that Santa Monica has, not only when it comes to residents, but to the down-and-out. We have partnered with social service agencies such as OPCC, Step Up on Second and the St. Joseph Center to provide scores of shelter beds and permanent housing to get people off the streets. City Hall hired a homeless liaison to reach out to cities in the region so that everyone is doing their fair share to help those in need. Santa Monica worked with allies in the county to create a homeless court so those who are cited for sleeping, drinking or urinating/defecating in public — heads up ACLU — can have their records wiped clean after completing treatment programs or committing to case management.

Then there is the police department, the target of ACLU's misguided attempt to pressure lawmakers to set aside funding for more shelters. The SMPD is unique in its approach to homelessness. Not only does the department collaborate with drug and alcohol treatment agencies such as CLARE, it also hired an outreach specialist to reconnect homeless individuals with their families. City Hall even pays for bus fare.

Santa Monica should not be the target. We are going above and beyond to address homelessness. We should instead be partners with the ACLU and other agencies in pressuring all levels of government to come together and find a solution.

Furthermore, this lawsuit will take City Hall's focus away from the real work that needs to be done and could jeopardize a plan that seems to be working, which is identifying the most vulnerable on our streets and getting them into permanent housing immediately so that they can have a foundation to rebuild their lives.

Mark Rosenbaum of the ACLU is grandstanding. He must think it is OK for cities to just let people sleep wherever they please, regardless of how dangerous it is. It's easy to say people shouldn't be cited for not having a home, but it is difficult to actually find that person a place of their own, something Santa Monica is doing daily. Rosenbaum likes to say the police department is harassing mentally ill or disabled people. But what about those who are dangerous, those just released from jail or sex offenders who are trying to hide from the law? Connecting with people for minor offenses such as camping leads to many arrests for other serious crimes. You can't ignore that, Rosenbaum.

It's not right that people have to sleep on the streets, but don't punish those who are trying their best to make a difference. Instead we all need to work together for a solution. And if it is proven that any service provider in Santa Monica helped bring this lawsuit, which the ACLU said did occur, they should be stripped of all city funding immediately. Don't bite the hand that feeds you.





Life Matters

JoAnne Barge & Katrina Davy Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Sabotaging job searches?

HAVE YOU SENT OUT NUMEROUS RESUMES only to hear nothing back? Despite the hours you are putting in to your job search you may be missing a few key points that are interfering with your success.

Your resume and cover letter are starters.

Although you may think that the online job search has made finding a new position an easier endeavor, not so fast! There are far more roadblocks and competitive factors to consider. Blanketing the job postings with your resume will bring limited success and ultimately hinder your job search. Consider looking at positions as if you were shopping and only apply to the jobs that truly fit you. Spending the time to sort through the jobs will allow you to focus your energy on crafting a resume that truly fits the position that is right for you. Try imagining a weary eyed employer reviewing dozens of resumes for his recently posted position. Realize that you've got about 30 seconds to impress this employer and convince him that you are right for the job. A well-tailored resume will focus on the skills and experiences you have that relate directly to the job you are applying for.

Don't forget to send a cover letter. Crafting a cover letter for every position you apply to can help set you apart from the other applicants. Your cover letter is the perfect opportunity to further detail your experience and desire to be considered for a particular position. A strong cover letter shows that you've done your research and have a clear understanding of the position and the company you hope to work for. It's also a good idea to highlight the specific skills you have and how your experiences will benefit the organization. Although it takes time to craft a strong resume and cover letter, it is time well spent.

Typos can be your downfall.

Although spell-check may be your best friend it is important to remember that the computer cannot check for all errors. A simple spelling, grammar, or worse yet forgetting to omit the name of a previous employer you have applied to, can ruin even the most perfect application. Many employers will admit that a typo on a resume or cover letter will make them question your attention to detail and professionalism and that can ultimately undermine all of the qualifications and experience you do present.

Do not keep your job search a secret.

Use your contacts and connections to help your search. The people you already know may be one of the best sources for new job opportunities and new professional contacts. By mentioning your interest in a particular field or industry you can extend your job search from your small network to having 10 more contacts searching out positions for you. The bigger your network, the more opportunities you will learn about. However, keep in mind that if you are currently employed it is a good idea to keep your job search private from work colleagues and supervisors.

If you are currently employed it is important that you resist the temptation to search for new jobs while on the clock. Many companies monitor employee Internet usage and searching for a job while at work may put your current position at risk. Dedicate time outside of work hours to locate new opportunities, revise your resume, and connect with new contacts.

Applying for a new job doesn't end when you click "submit." Put yourself ahead of the competition by following-through and getting in touch with the employer. Unless the job posting says "no calls" it is in your best interest to follow-up 10 days after you submit your application. In addition, once you go in for an interview, it is also important to follow-up afterwards. At the end of the interview, ask the employer for their card. With this information send a hand-written thank you note to show your interest in the position. This letter should be professional, should thank them for their time and pinpoint something specific about your interview. This is the perfect time and place to highlight your skills and interest in the position. Don't miss out on the opportunity to rise above the rest.

IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO SEARCH FOR NEW JOBS WHILE ON THE CLOCK.

Fear and worry will definitely undermine your job search. Becoming anxious can hinder your ability to put your best foot forward. Remain positive and focused on what you want and what you know that you can do. Resist the tendency to come up with negative "what if" scenarios. The best job search is a proactive and positive one. Think about all that you have to offer and then seek out companies that recognize your skills. Your job search should become an opportunity for you to showcase your skills and experience. Be patient and remain positive and job search success will surely come your way.

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Infamous last words

OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS THE MEDIA has bemoaned the loss of Farah Fawcett's hair, Ed McMahon's laugh, Billy Mays' OxiBeard, Michael Jackson's noses and what was left of Sarah Palin's credibility.

However, the death I found the most heartbreaking during the same time period was that of a woman who received little, if any, mention anywhere other than her obituary in the Cleveland Plain Dealer (http://obits.cleveland.com/obituaries/cleveland/obituary.aspx?n=nancy-lee-hixson&;pid=129179739). I didn't know Nancy Lee Hixson, yet more so than any of the aforementioned recently deceased (with the exception of Michael Jackson's nose, circa 1985), I wish I had.

After all, a woman saucy and cunning enough to have the final say on her life (excerpted below) would undoubtedly have been someone with whom I would have enjoyed a few quality hours:

"Nancy Lee Hixson of Danville, Ohio died at sunrise on June 30, 2009. In addition to being a teetotaling mother and an indifferent housekeeper, she was a board certified naturopath specializing in poisonous and medicinal plants; but she would like to point out, posthumously, that although it did occur to her, she never spiked anyone's tea. Her homemade cider and wine were reputed to cause sudden stupor. She opened her home to many children of poverty … raising several of them to successful, if unwilling, adulthood. She also enjoyed a long life of unmentionable adventures and confessed she had been a rebellious teen-aged library clerk, an untalented college student on scholarship, a run-away hippie, a stoic Sunday school teacher … an expert rifleman [and] a wife once or twice. In short, she did all things enthusiastically, but nothing well. In lieu of flowers, please pray for the Constitution of the United States."

Her 802-word magnum opus-tuary inspired me to prepare my own in the event that someone with an insufficient appreciation for the significance of my life is left to do it after my demise:

Meredith Cohen Carroll passed away (fill in the date) peacefully in her sleep after overdosing on red wine and "Sex and the City" reruns. She is survived by her husband (who has spent the time since her death happily not making the bed and leaving the bath mat on the floor), a never-used 40GB iPod and her long-suffering parents, who can hopefully get a good night's sleep at long last now that they don't have to lie awake wondering what she's gotten herself into this time.

When she was 5, Meredith starred as Fern in "Charlotte's Web" at the Emelin Theatre in Mamaroneck, N.Y. And while she was proud to have played the Blue Fairy in Mrs. Feltenstein's third-grade class' production of "Pinocchio," she minded a little that she had actually been up for the part of Geppetto but was callously passed over because she couldn't sing on key. Fortunately the sting of rejection, or her voice, didn't preclude her from going on to play the Artful Dodger in Mr. Fischer's fifth-grade-class production of "Oliver" and then the starring role in "Annie" in sixth grade.

She lived life to its fullest when it was a convenient excuse to avoid work or anything else resembling responsibility. She was not nearly as clever and bright as she told others she was, but thinks everyone should still remember her as thin and charitable. Meredith spent most of her free time surfing trashy celebrity news Web sites because someone has to read about Britney Spears' daily trips to Starbucks, otherwise the terrorists win.

She completed six marathons, and not once because anyone was chasing her. She had a guinea pig named Bubble Gum when she was 4, a parakeet named Mozart when she was 12, a dog named Roxanne who left us way too soon, and two uninvited mice in her first apartment that met their maker at the hands of the building's superintendent.

Meredith once passed up a piece of warm chocolate cake for something called a Butterscotch Budino, and that marked the final time she ever consumed anything with sugar that didn't have cocoa listed as the first ingredient.

Her guilty pleasures included reading Us magazine every week, although she didn't actually feel guilty about it. And Meredith would like to finally admit posthumously to never once having understood "Doonesbury" or anything that ever appeared in The New Yorker.

In lieu of one-off bouquets of flowers, please adorn her grave with tulips in the spring, peonies in the summer, asters in the fall, a thoughtfully-carved pumpkin in October and something expensive, hard-to-find and nearly-impossible to maintain in the winter. Oh, and please install a heating lamp over her grave in the winter, too. Now that she's dead, she has officially stopped pretending to like cold weather.

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The Q Line

Three decades later

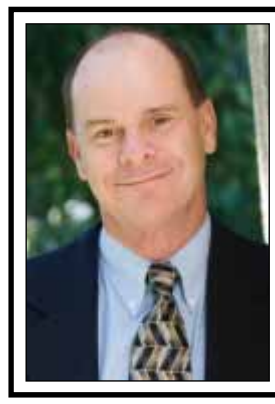
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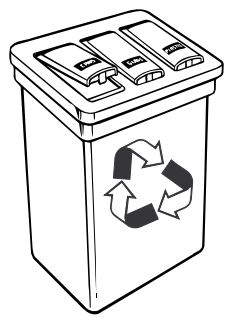
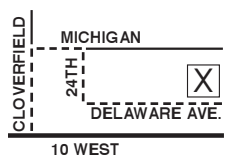
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Twitter learns another hard lesson on hacking

JORDAN ROBERTSON
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Breaking into someone's e-mail can be child's play for a determined hacker, as Twitter Inc. employees have learned the hard way — again.

For the third time this year, the San Francisco-based company was the victim of a security breach stemming from a simple end-run around its defenses. In the latest case, a hacker guessed the password for an employee's personal e-mail account and worked from there to steal confidential company documents.

The techniques used by the attackers highlight the dangers of a broader trend promoted by Google Inc. and others toward storing more data online, instead of on computers under your control.

The shift toward doing more over the Web — a practice known as "cloud computing" — means that mistakes employees make in their private lives can do serious damage to their employers, because a single e-mail account can tie the two worlds together.

Stealing the password for someone's Gmail account, for example, not only gives the hacker access to that person's personal e-mail, but also to any other Google applications they might use for work, like those used to create spreadsheets or presentations.

That's apparently what happened to Twitter, which shares confidential data within the company through the Google Apps package that incorporates e-mail, word processing, spreadsheet, calendar and other Google services for $50 per user per year.

Co-founder Biz Stone wrote in a blog posting Wednesday that the personal e-mail of an unnamed Twitter administrative employee was hacked about a month ago, and through that the attacker got access to the employee's Google Apps account.

Separately, the wife of co-founder Evan Williams also had her personal e-mail hacked around the same time, Stone wrote. Through that, the attacker got access to Williams' personal Amazon and PayPal accounts.

Stone said the attacks are "about Twitter being in enough of a spotlight that folks who work here can become targets."

Some of the material the hacker posted online from the Google Apps documents was more embarrassing than damaging, like floor plans for new office space and a pitch for a TV show about the increasingly popular online messaging service.

Twitter says only one user account was potentially compromised because a screenshot of the account was included among the stolen documents. The value in hijacking a user's account is limited, as those attacks are mainly used to post fake messages and try to trick the victim's friends into clicking on links that will infect their computers.

Sensitive Twitter documents were filched, though.

The hacker claims to have employee salaries and credit card numbers, resumes from job applicants, internal meeting reports and growth projections.

TechCrunch, a widely read technology blog, says it was e-mailed the documents, and subsequently published some of them, including financial projections that Twitter drew up in February. The forecast envisioned Twitter generating its first revenue in the current quarter, with sales of about $400,000 and about 60 employees. By the end of next year, Twitter expected to employ about 345 people with annual revenue of about $140 million, according to the documents published by TechCrunch.

Stone said in an e-mail that most of the documents TechCrunch has access to are "speculative exercises."

In his blog post, Stone said the stolen documents "are not polished or ready for prime time and they're certainly not revealing some big, secret plan for taking over the world," but said they are sensitive enough that their public release could jeopardize relationships with Twitter's partners.

Stone said the company is talking to lawyers about "what this theft means for Twitter, the hacker, and anyone who accepts and subsequently shares or publishes these stolen documents."

What the attacks on Twitter show is that Web sites don't need to get compromised in the traditional sense to put its users and employees at risk.

Hackers don't need to find a vulnerability in the site itself, or plant a virus on an employee's computer, to sneak inside.

The easier approach is much more low-tech: All they need to find is an employee who uses weak passwords for his or her e-mail accounts, or has security questions that are easy to answer with a little information about the person.

It's an old strategy that's becoming more and more valuable as people's personal and work lives merge online.

It can be trivial to guess someone's passwords, as former vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin found out during the election, when her personal e-mail was hacked and screenshots were posted online. The attacker sneaked in by accurately guessing the answer's to Palin's security questions, based on information about her and her family that was already online.

Password-guessing programs are also a common hacking tool. An attacker runs the program against an account, and if it's allowed to try lots of times and the password isn't very complicated, the hacker's in.

Twitter was hit twice before this year in similar incidents.

In an attack against Twitter in January, a Twitter support staffer's account was compromised using a password-guessing-program. The hacker got administrative access to the site. The Twitter feeds for Barack Obama, Britney Spears and other celebrities were used to send out bogus messages. A similar attack happened in May.

The attacks on Twitter serve as a reminder of why many corporations are reluctant to jump on the cloud computing bandwagon. Outsourcing sensitive jobs can save money but also open up companies to more risk, because their data aren't entirely under their control.

Another trend online is for Web-based services to streamline access by letting users log into each others' sites with the same usernames and passwords. Facebook and other services have begun to do this, raising possible security risks.

The lesson from Twitter's latest security troubles is an old one: Use strong passwords, which include some combination of letters and numbers, and for companies, be careful about how many accounts are linked to the same username and password combination.



Simple Real Food

Amanda Cushman

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Pass on the pasta at Ado

I DON'T KNOW WHY I GO TO RESTAURANTS that have become trendy except that every so often I still get sucked in by someone else's review of a place such as Ado at 796 Main St. in Venice where the old Amuse Café once was. We read on the Chowhound blog that this place was amazing and went there last night with two friends.

First of all, the place is charming and sweet, like sitting in a private house with cool ocean breezes wafting in the windows and friendly professional service.

After that it went down hill a bit. The chef is the same guy who cooks at Piccolo, which is one of my favorite restaurants in Venice. But the food here is nothing special. We all had appetizers; three of us ordered their special of fried sardines which were lovely but the portion too small for the price at $14. My friend had a soup of pureed fava beans that was nice but the grilled squid that it came with seemed to be non-existent.

Three of us ordered pasta, which is their signature dish as they are very proud of it being homemade. I have made pasta a hundred times and let me tell you it is not only easy but very inexpensive, after all it's flour, olive oil, egg and water, so how is it that they charge $17 for that with a handful of vegetables tossed in? I think in order to charge almost $20 for an entrée of flour and egg there needs to be fabulous sauce and some ingredients other than zucchini and tomatoes. So this was my dish and I thought it tasted fine, but the portion was small and the sauce, a walnut pesto, seemed more like a butter sauce to me. My friends all had pastas that were not as described and we felt the pasta was a bit thick and chewy. If your star dish is pasta, I say it should be perfect.

My husband had a veal chop that was served with a cherry sauce, nice but once again not memorable. We split a chocolate soufflé for dessert that came with a basil sauce, which we enjoyed and I would say was the most well done item of the evening.

The best thing about the place was the wine list (we had two lovely bottles) and the charming host who was warm, friendly and typically Italian, hugging you before he left, as if you were old friends.

All together I would say Ado is a trendy spot that will do well due to its charm and location, but I for one would not be returning to have another meal there.

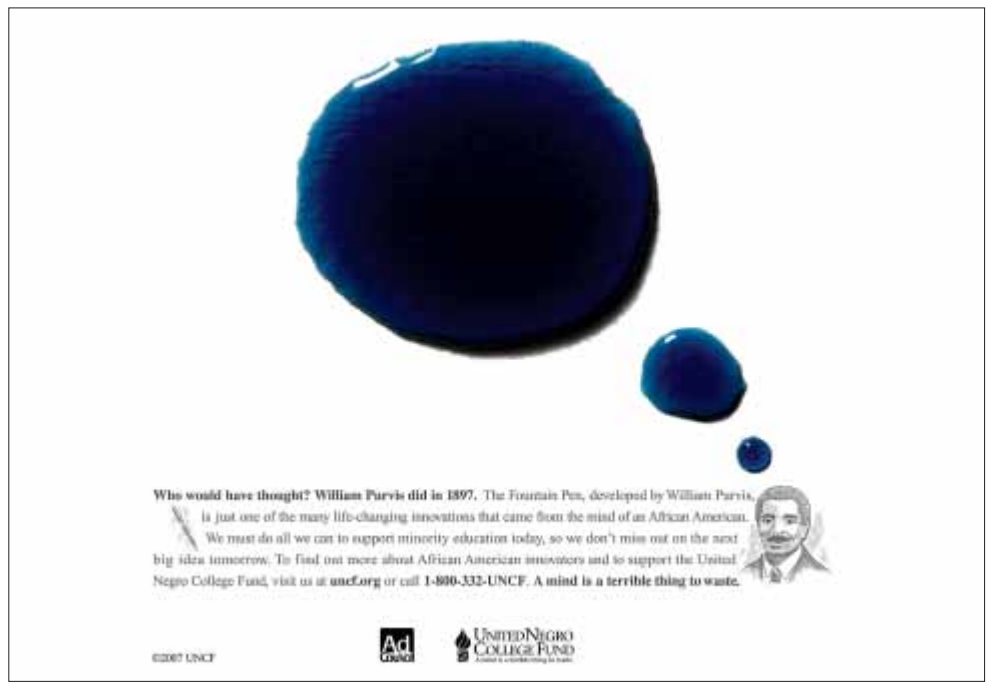
For those of you who would like to make your own fabulous pasta dish, this one is not only simple but tasty and inexpensive.

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Pasta with Ricotta Salata
Serves four

Ingredients
1/4 pound ricotta salata, grated
2 small red chili pepper, minced
1 garlic clove, minced
1 small bunch Italian parsley, chopped
1/2 cup oil-cured olives, pitted, chopped
1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
Salt
1 pound short shaped pasta

Procedure
1. Combine the cheese, chili pepper, garlic, parsley, olives, olive oil and salt in a medium serving bowl.
2. Cook the pasta in salted boiling water until al dente. Drain and add to the serving bowl and toss well.



Creative cake making can become a family tradition

MELISSA KOSSLER DUTTON
For The Associated Press

Kay Martin decided early on that she wanted special celebrations for her children's birthdays. For her, that meant homemade, hand-decorated cakes.

"I bought a cake-decorating book before my first kid was even born," said Martin of Plain City, Ohio. She wowed guests at her daughter's first birthday with a three-dimensional cake shaped like alphabet blocks. "It got rave reviews," she said.

For a growing number of parents, making creative, even over-the-top birthday cakes has become a treasured family tradition. A survey by the Craft and Hobby Association, using data collected through March 31, said the number of U.S. households decorating cakes rose from 9.5 million in 2008 to 11.3 million in 2009.

Amy Dunn figures she has saved hundreds of dollars over the years by making her own cakes. The mother of three also enjoys the challenge of finding the right cake to fit the theme of the child's party.

Dunn doesn't like to use decorating tools, so she usually relies on cookies, candies and ingenuity to bring her cakes to life. She once used Twinkies and cookies to create a cake depicting six girls in bed for a sleepover party.

"I don't make any claim to professional-looking cakes," said Dunn, of Apex, N.C. "The cakes look homemade. That's part of the charm. They're made with love."

The sleepover cake remains a favorite of Caroline Dunn, 11.

"My mom made each girl attending my party in cake form," she said. "I loved to look at each piece of cake and how it resembled her."

First birthdays often prompt moms or dads to try cake decorating, said Nancy Siler, a spokeswoman for Wilton Food Crafts, an Illinois-based company that specializes in cake-making products. Many even take cake-decorating classes to prepare for the big event, she said.

"It's an opportunity to show family and friends that you love your child and that you're a good mother," she said. "It is an expression of love. It is your creativity coming out."

When Leslie Green's daughter, Emma, was turning 3, mom spent hours making a Sleeping Beauty cake. When Emma was turning 4, Green tried to talk her into cupcakes, but Emma insisted on a Little Mermaid cake.

"She said, 'I don't want cupcakes. I want a pretty cake like last year,'" recalled Green, for whom cake-making then became a tradition. Party guests marvel over her creativity. She said she has lost sleep over her cakes, but loves doing them.

"You can make people so happy," said Green, of Tampa, Fla.

Martin's 6-year-old daughter, Lexi, is already looking forward to her next birthday: "I go to school, so I'm going to have a school bus cake."

Martin said she'll start researching school bus cakes a few weeks before her daughter's birthday, checking out various Web sites where proud moms post photos of their creations and offer tips.

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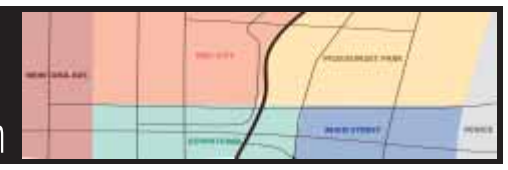


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OUT OF SIGHT: **The City Council approved a new law that would force developers to conceal solar panels.**

City Hall to phase renovation of mall garages

FROM **COUNCIL** PAGE 1

UNLOCKED DOORS FOR MASSAGE PARLORS

The council also adopted an ordinance requiring massage parlors to keep their doors unlocked during operating hours.

The new policy is meant to better ensure safety in the event of a fire. The ordinance also includes several changes authorized to existing massage parlor regulations, one of which is being passed to bring local laws in line with new state requirements that go into effect Sept. 1.

SB731, which passed last year, permits cities to require that technicians have state certification but does not allow for them to force those who are already certified to obtain additional licenses. The local ordinance will be changed to provide exemption for state certified technicians from local permit requirements.

The ordinance will go into effect 30 days from adoption.

CONSTRUCTION PRICE TAG INCREASES FOR MALL GARAGES

Facing an extra $8 million in costs to renovate parking structures 7 and 8, city officials are planning on phasing construction in stages as resources become available.

The project was originally estimated at $10 million but has since ballooned to $18.1 million because of changes in cost and several added components, including an increase of more than $830,000 to install bike parking facilities in both structures because of extra work required to install heating and cooling units.

Located on the northeast and southwest sides of Santa Monica Place, the parking garages are slated to receive facade improvements and several major changes inside, including attendant parking and ground-floor retail spaces.

The costs will be shared by City Hall and Macerich Co., the group the manages the mall.

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Information: For general information about the Beach House, visit http://beachhouse.smgov.net, email beachhouse@smgov.net or call 310-458-4904.

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City of Santa Monica

Neighbors still oppose rail yard

FROM **EXPO** PAGE 1

Jara, a member of the Pico Neighborhood Association said. "As a resident that lives adjacent to the 10 Freeway, I know about health risks and harms we will be dealing with for generations to come."

Howard Jacobson, a representative for Bergamot Station developer Wayne Blank, said the proposal is incompatible with the cultural arts facility that sits just steps away, creating disruption for the galleries.

He said that the development of a rail maintenance yard at that location would also be incompatible with the goals of the Land Use and Circulation Element for that area, which looks to build a transit village at Bergamot.

Expo officials looked at more than 40 different properties from Downtown Los Angeles to Santa Monica for a site that would meet the facility's physical requirements, finding that the Verizon site would be the only one that could meet all of its needs. Bergamot Station was also evaluated but taken off the list because it was found to require too many property acquisitions and for its cultural value.

The station was purchased in 1989 by City Hall to one day house such a facility but has since grown to be Southern California's premier art and cultural center, housing more than 30 galleries.

City staff hired a real estate consultant and engineering firm to review options for the maintenance yard, only to find that there was not a site that met all of Expo's operational needs.

Transformation of 1800 Stewart into a maintenance yard would also require working around a lease at the site with the Lionstone Group, which has a leasehold until 2030.

Several representatives of Lionstone spoke against the alternative proposal, arguing the hybrid plan would be more expensive and cause delay in bringing light rail to Santa Monica.

Daniel Dubrowski, a founding partner of Lionstone, said the hybrid plan would require acquiring the Verizon site and buying out the lease from the firm, which he said is not a willing seller.

"Our ground lease is not for sale and we will actively oppose any effort to take our lawful right to use that for the next 21 years," he said.

The rail maintenance yard will service light rail cars in the second phase of Expo, which travels from Culver City to Santa Monica.

"We need a maintenance facility on the Westside," Rick Thorpe, the CEO of the Exposition Construction Authority, said. "We've gone through twice now trying to find an alternative location and we haven't been able to do so."

He said that there is no phase two without a maintenance facility, whether it's in Santa Monica or elsewhere in the service area.

The alternative proposal would also encroach on Santa Monica College's satellite parking lot on Exposition Boulevard. The council directed its staff to work with the college to relocate the lot.

"The proposed project does not work for us," Don Girard, the senior director of government relations and institutional communications at SMC, said. "However we believe working together, we should be able to identify solutions mindful of the college's needs to find replacement land and replacement parking."

Mayor Ken Genser said he doesn't believe the placement of the rail maintenance yard in the Pico Neighborhood would exacerbate the health effects from the freeway, noting that the electric trains don't pollute.

"I think this (proposal) is far superior," he said. "It doesn't mean it's perfect."

Shriver urged that more sites be considered, even those that have multiple owners, which he said should not be a reason for taking a location off the list. Expo staff mentioned that one site was taken out of consideration because it was found to have too many owners, along with other physical issues.

"It's just hard for me to believe in a world we now live in where there's no financing for any development (and) every single piece of property all over the place is up for grabs … that we can't find a site somewhere in L.A. that is not adjacent to a long-standing neighborhood," he said.

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Beach laws must be followed

FROM SECURITY PAGE 3

"The cone system is so people can walk through safely, a pathway for emergency vehicles and for people to get out," Trisler said.

Officers present during the concerts will make sure those lanes are kept clear at all times and to remind concert-goers of the municipal codes governing the pier and beach areas — fires, unleashed animals, glass bottles, alcohol and smoking are prohibited.

"It's been identified that there are some people violating the municipal codes," Trisler said, adding that the number of police in attendance will vary based on the size and celebrity of the concert performers.

Mike Mendelson, manager of the Santa Monica Pier Bait and Tackle Co., said he has noticed a lot of people coming to the pier during concerts. Last week he had a hard time leaving his parking spot on the pier because the crowds forced many people to walk in the street.

"There's definitely a lot of people but I don't think it's benefiting any of the tenants on the pier," he said.

Though people are encouraged to listen to the music from the beach, Franz-Knight said he cannot cater the concerts toward those people due to the pier's strict permits.

"I think there's this anticipation built up about great sound from the beach, but as much as we'd love to please everyone on the beach, our permit doesn't allow it," he said.

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Photo courtesy Sergent Garcia

VERY COOL: **Sergent Garcia (center) and his band will perform at the Twilight Dance Series Thursday.**

Lemvo blends cool sounds

FROM CONCERT PAGE 3

improvises raps over music. Adding Latin and African music styles on top of raggamuffin is how he generated what he today calls "salsamuffin."

Garcia's band hails from all over the world and brings the sounds of congas, timbales, drums, piano, saxophone, trumpet and trombone to the mix.

Lemvo also draws influence from the mother continent and his music is rooted in African Diaspora. His style combines the Cuban music of his youth and Central African sounds from his Congolese origins.

Born in Angola to Congolese parents, his family moved to the Congo when he was young. It was there that he discovered the Cuban beats that were gaining popularity in Africa. At age 16 he moved again, this time joining his father in the United States and settling in Los Angels.

"Los Angeles is my home. This is where I've created this music," Lemvo said of the Afro-Cuban blend he is known for today.

In 1990 he started the band Makina Loca, bringing together the diverse musical influences of the Cuban rumba, soukous and Angolan semba and kizomba.

"When I formed this band here in L.A. in 1990, it was with the goal of creating a fusion of Central African music and Cuban music," he said. "It's the music I listened to when I was a child."

Makina Loca now consists of 11 members along with Lemvo, who contribute their own musical and cultural influences — members come from Cuban, Guatemalan, Puerto Rican, Mexican, Spanish and Russian backgrounds — to the band's international flavor.

The multicultural band helps Lemvo create his unique salsa sounds, but he said this is not what he first looks for in new members.

"Well talent is the most important thing. If the talent's there and they have a good attitude, they can join the band," he said. "I like to look for team players, someone who can work well with everyone else."

Though Los Angeles is the band's home base, they can be found traveling throughout Europe, Africa, South America and Australia.

Lemvo has released five CDs that include hits such as "Mambo Yo Yo" and "Tata Masamba."

Tonight's performance marks the release of his newest album, "Retrospectiva," out July 21, which will serve as a greatest hit's album for the band's nearly 20 years together, remixing many of their biggest hits.

"I decided to release [these songs] but with different arrangements, just to make it more fun," he said.

Fun is what Lemvo's infectious music is all about, encouraging the audience to join and become a part of what was once his childhood aspiration.

"I'm living my dream," he said. "It's a dream come true."

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Taking sustainability to the Web

City Hall has unveiled a new Web site aimed at fostering a greater understanding of what it means to live a sustainable lifestyle. The Web site, www.sustainablesm.org, is the latest creation from the Office of Sustainability and the Environment. It will provide information on important city services, programs, and resources for individuals and groups to network, link to news, workshops, events and local organizations.

The Web site can put the nature lover or parent in touch with outdoor activities and local field trip opportunities. The Web site links to the Santa Monica Public Library's growing Sustainable Santa Monica Collection, a one-stop shop for all the latest books and resources available at the LEED Gold Main Branch in Downtown.

Additionally, the Green Building Program (smgreen.org) has been seamlessly incorporated along with all the other subjects that include: Buying green, energy/solar, water, landscape, urban runoff, hazardous materials, environmental education, business resources, and the list goes on. One can visit the Green Office Buying Guide for a virtual tour of the ideal office with tips and specifications for all those interested in putting their dollars to work toward office greening.

And, the Sustainable City Progress Report is a section that posts all the most current data on how the community is on the conservation front.

– DAILY PRESS

Tax officials: Legal marijuana would be lucrative for state

MARCUS WOHLSEN
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO A bill to tax and regulate marijuana in California like alcohol would generate nearly $1.4 billion in revenue for the cash-strapped state, according to an official analysis released Wednesday by tax officials.

The State Board of Equalization report estimates marijuana retail sales would bring $990 million from a $50-per-ounce fee and $392 million in sales taxes.

The bill introduced by San Francisco Democratic Assemblyman Tom Ammiano in February would allow adults 21 and older to legally possess, grow and sell marijuana.

Ammiano has promoted the bill as a way to help bridge the state's $26.3 billion budget shortfall.

"It defies reason to propose closing parks and eliminating vital services for the poor while this potential revenue is available," Ammiano said in a statement.

The way the bill is written, the state could not begin collecting taxes until the federal government legalizes marijuana. A spokesman says Ammiano plans to amend the bill to remove that provision.

The legislation requires all revenue generated by the $50-per-ounce fee to be used for drug education and rehabilitation programs. The state's 9 percent sales tax would be applied to retail sales, while the fee would likely be charged at the wholesale level and built into the retail price.

The Equalization Board used law enforcement and academic studies to calculate that about 16 million ounces — or 500 tons — of marijuana are consumed in California each year.

Marijuana use would likely increase by about 30 percent once the law took effect because legalization would lead to falling prices, the board said.

Estimates of marijuana use, cultivation and sales are notoriously difficult to come by because of the drug's status as a black-market substance. Calculations by marijuana advocates and law enforcement officials often differ widely.

"That's one reason why we look at multiple reports from multiple sources — so that no one agenda is considered to be the deciding or determining data," said board spokeswoman Anita Gore.

Advocates and opponents do agree that California is by far the country's top pot-producing state. Last year law enforcement agencies in California seized nearly 5.3 million plants.

If passed, Ammiano's bill could increase the tension between the state and the U.S. government over marijuana, which is banned outright under federal law. The two sides have clashed often since state voters passed a ballot measure in 1996 legalizing marijuana for medical use.

At the same time, some medical marijuana dispensary operators in the state have said they are less fearful of federal raids since U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said the Justice Department would defer to state marijuana regulations.

Advocates pounced on the analysis as ammunition for their claim that the ban on marijuana is obsolete.

"We can't borrow or slash our way out of this deficit," said Stephen Gutwillig, California state director of the Drug Policy Alliance. "The legislature must consider innovative sources of new revenue, and marijuana should be at the top of that list."

Ammiano's bill is still in committee. Hearings on the legislation are expected this fall.

Also Wednesday, three Los Angeles City Council members proposed taxing medical marijuana to help close the city's budget gap.

Council members Janice Hahn, Dennis Zine and Bill Rosendahl backed a motion asking city finance officials to explore taxing the drug.

Hahn said that with more than 400 dispensaries operating in the city, the tax could generate significant revenue. The motion pointed out that a proposed tax increase on medical marijuana in Oakland, which has only four dispensaries, was projected to bring in more than $300,000 in 2010.

Meanwhile, marijuana supporters have taken the first official step toward putting the legalization question directly to California voters.

A trio of Northern California criminal defense attorneys on Wednesday submitted a pot legalization measure to the state attorney general's office, which must provide an official summary before supporters can begin gathering signatures.

About 443,000 signatures are necessary to place The Tax, Regulate and Control Cannabis Act on the November 2010 ballot. The measure would repeal all state and local laws that criminalize marijuana.

July proving to be deadly for U.S., allies in Afghanistan

ROBERT H. REID
Associated Press Writer

KABUL July is shaping up as the deadliest month of the Afghan war for U.S.-led international forces, with the number killed already matching the highest full-month toll of the nearly eight-year conflict, according to figures compiled by The Associated Press.

As of Wednesday, at least 46 international troops, including 24 Americans, had been killed in Afghanistan this month, according to statements by the U.S. military and the NATO command. That matches the tolls for the two previous deadliest months — June and August of 2008.

The rate of deaths in July — about three a day — is approaching some of the highest levels of the Iraq war.

The latest reported deaths occurred Tuesday. They include an American soldier who was killed by a roadside bomb in eastern Afghanistan and two Turks, including a colonel, who died in a traffic accident in the north of the country.

In addition, six Ukrainian civilians and a 6-year-old Afghan were killed Tuesday when an Mi-6 transport helicopter crashed in southern Afghanistan. The helicopter's owners in the former Soviet republic of Moldova said the helicopter was shot down, and the Taliban claimed responsibility.

In Washington, Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell acknowledged that the U.S. has lost troops "at an alarming rate this month."

He told reporters that July has been "an extraordinarily difficult month for all of us who are so heavily invested in trying to better the situation in Afghanistan."

U.S. commanders have been expecting higher casualties since President Barack Obama ordered 21,000 additional U.S. troops to Afghanistan this year to curb a resurgent Taliban that threatens not only the U.S.-backed Kabul government but also Afghanistan's nuclear-armed neighbor, Pakistan.

There are about 57,000 U.S. troops currently in Afghanistan, and the number is expected to rise to at least 68,000 by the end of 2009.

Obama's decision has effectively shifted the focus on the global war against Islamic extremism from Iraq, where the United States still maintains about 130,000 troops. Only two U.S. service members have died in Iraq this month — both from non-hostile causes, according to the Pentagon.

With the increase in troops heading for Afghanistan, the U.S. has stepped up the tempo of combat operations. About 4,000 U.S. Marines this month launched their biggest offensive since 2001 to break the Taliban stranglehold on the southern province of Helmand, the center of the country's opium poppy cultivation and a major insurgent smuggling route from Pakistan.

British forces, meanwhile, have been locked in fierce combat with Taliban fighters in another part of Helmand. Britain's 9,000-strong military force has lost 15 soldiers this month — including eight in a 24-hour period. Those deaths have prompted national debate in Britain over whether the Afghan conflict is winnable.

For their part, the Taliban have increased their attacks, including deadly roadside or suicide bombings that rose by 25 percent in the first four months of 2009 over the same period last year. The U.S. command expects bombings to rise 50 percent this year to 5,700 — up from 3,800 last year.

Other deaths this month among international forces include four Canadian soldiers and one Italian paratrooper.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said this week that international troops in Afghanistan face a difficult summer of intense fighting. He has long called on other NATO allies, and European nations, to play a larger role in combat operations in Afghanistan and insisted that the Afghan army should provide larger numbers of soldiers.

The Afghan government provided only about 650 soldiers and police to join the ongoing Marine offensive in Helmand.

During a visit to Helmand on Wednesday, the outgoing chief of the British army, Gen. Richard Dannatt, said the international mission needs more soldiers to control territory won from the Taliban to give Afghans more confidence in security and wean them away from the Taliban.

"I have said before, we can have effect where we have boots on the ground. I don't mind whether the feet in those boots are British, American or Afghan. But we need more, to have the persistent effect to give the people confidence in us," Dannatt told BBC radio from the British base in the Helmand town of Sangin. "That is the top line and the bottom line."

The U.S. is sending thousands more soldiers to train Afghanistan's police and army.

Obama said Tuesday that he hopes military operations in Afghanistan can move to a different phase after the Afghan presidential election set for Aug. 20. Obama said he is looking for an exit strategy in which the Afghan army, police, courts and government take more responsibility for the country's security.

During last year's election campaign, Obama accused President George W. Bush of diverting U.S. resources from the war in Afghanistan, where al-Qaida's leadership planned the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks in New York and Washington, to what he termed an unnecessary war to oust Saddam Hussein in Iraq.

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U.S., Columbia in talks to up military presence

FRANK BAJAK
Associated Press Writer

BOGOTA The United States and Colombia are nearing agreement on expanding the U.S. military's presence in this conflict-torn nation, likely basing several hundred Americans in a central valley in support of Air Force drug interdiction missions.

Both sides say they hope a fifth round of talks slated for later this month in Bogota will seal a 10-year lease deal.

Opponents worry a broadened U.S. military role in the world's No. 1 cocaine-producing nation could antagonize Colombia's leftist neighbors and draw Washington deeper into Colombia's complicated, long-running conflict involving leftist rebels and right-wing paramilitaries.

Most details of the negotiations are secret, but senior Colombian military and civilian officials familiar with negotiations told The Associated Press that the idea is to make Colombia a regional hub for Pentagon operations.

At a public hearing Wednesday called after criticism of secrecy surrounding the talks, three Colombian ministers defended the pending accord as vital in the fight against drug trafficking and "terrorism."

"We're not ceding even a piece of territory," said the acting defense minister, Gen. Freddy Padilla.

The accord would not authorize the U.S. military to use force in Colombia, and all its activities would have to be approved by the host government, he said. He added that the limit on 1,400 U.S. military personnel and contractors set by the U.S. Congress would not be exceeded.

Padilla said the deal would initially involve three air bases, principally Palanquero on the Magdalena river 100 kilometers (60 miles) northwest of Bogota. The other two bases are Apiay on Colombia's eastern plains and Malambo on the Caribbean coast.

The senior Colombian officials, who agreed to describe the negotiations only if their identities were not revealed, said the draft accord also specifies more frequent "visits" by U.S. warships to two naval bases, at Malaga Bay on the Pacific and Cartagena on the Caribbean. Colombia could also get preferential treatment in arms and aircraft purchases.

The U.S. interdiction missions that the Palanquero air base would take on — identifying suspect vessels and planes so Coast Guard and Navy ships can intercept them and look for drugs — have been flown out of Manta, Ecuador, on the Pacific Ocean. About 220 Americans shared space at Manta's international airport but were allowed no more than eight planes at a time.

The E-3 AWACs and P-3 Orion surveillance planes based in Manta were credited with about 60 percent of drug interdiction in the eastern Pacific. But the U.S. mission there is shutting down this week because President Rafael Correa refused to renew its lease, calling their presence a violation of Ecuador's sovereignty.

Colombia's Palanquero base had been off-limits to U.S. military operations until April 2008 because of human rights issues: A Colombian military helicopter operating from there killed 17 civilians in a 1998 bombing of a northern town that was initially covered up.

A bill passed by the U.S. House and pending in the Senate would earmark $46 million for construction at Palanquero, which has a 3,500-meter (11,550-foot) runway and two huge hangars. The base is home to Colombia's main fighter wing.

The money would be released 15 days after a base agreement is signed.

The U.S. Embassy declined to comment about the talks. Asked recently about the talks, U.S. Ambassador William Brownfield stressed that Washington would not be acquiring bases but rather obtaining increased access to Colombian facilities.

A spokesman for the U.S. military's Southern Command, Robert Appin, said the Pentagon would have no immediate comment.

However, one indication of the Pentagon's goals can be found in a U.S. Air Mobility Command document, "Global En Route Strategy," presented in early April at a symposium at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.

Beyond counternarcotics, the document says, Palanquero could become a "cooperative security location" from which "mobility operations could be executed" — that is, a potential jumping-off point for operations by expeditionary forces.

"Nearly half the continent can be covered by a C-17 (military transport) without refueling" from Palanquero, the document says.

Rafael Pardo, a former Colombian defense minister who is running for president in the May 2010 election, has complained of secrecy surrounding the negotiations and worries about alienating other South American nations. The radar and communications intercept ability of U.S. aircraft can extend well beyond Colombia's borders.

"If it's to launch surveillance flights over other nations then it seems to me that would be needless hostility by Colombia against its neighbors," Pardo said.

At Wednesday's hearing, Foreign Minister Jaime Bermudez said the agreement would specify that U.S. flights would not cross Colombia's borders without permission from affected countries. "This is a bilateral accord whose scope is exclusively in Colombian territory," he said.

It is not clear what other restrictions might be placed on U.S. military aircraft, warships or troops. Putting more Americans on the ground would raise the risk of casualties, although Colombia's leftist rebels — chiefly financed by cocaine trafficking — have no record of attacking Americans in the country.

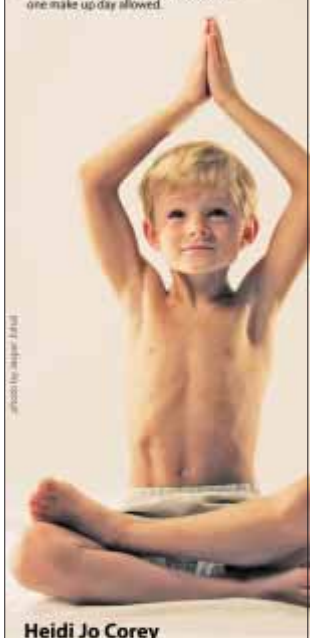
About 600 U.S. military personnel and civilian contractors already work in Colombia, according to the most recent figures. Advisers are attached to Colombian army divisions, have their own offices at armed forces headquarters and have trained thousands of Colombian troops since 2000.

Under U.S. law, the number of Defense Department employees in Colombia cannot exceed 800 while the number of military contractors cannot top 600.

That number would not change under the draft accord, the senior Colombian officials said. Nor, they said, would U.S. troops lose their immunity from local criminal prosecution.

While drug interdiction is the chief U.S. goal, some worry that bringing in more Americans will lead to the U.S. taking sides in a conflict in which leftist rebels and far-right death squads, often backed by the military, have killed tens of thousands of people.

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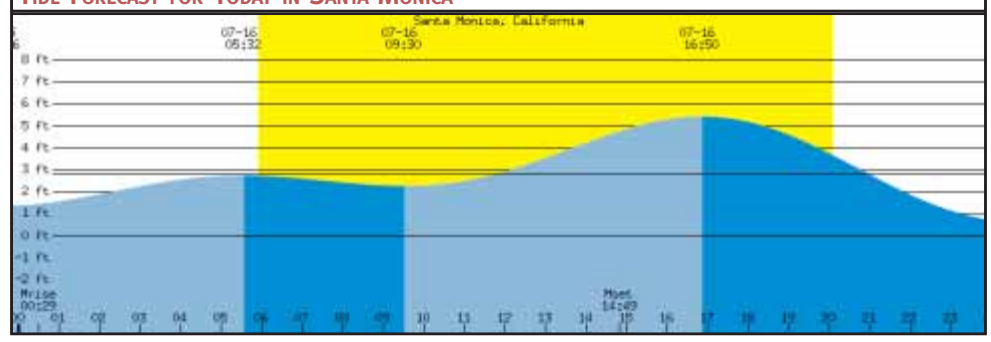
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Today is waist high or slightly better at south facing breaks, smaller at west facing spots. Winds should be light and variable in the AM, and onshore in the afternoon to 15 mph.

Long Range Synopsis

This weekend should see a slight swath of southern hemi swell to bring south facing breaks into waist or waist+ waves. West facing breaks will likely see a touch of NW wind swell to help bring knee to waist high waves to west facing spots.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)
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- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 44 / 44
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / 44

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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 Lachusa 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 Don Blacker 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 Pulga 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
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns

LEGEND
DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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Double Feature: Medium Cool 1hr 50min & Coming Home 2hrs 6min
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Irene In Time (PG-13) 1hr 35min
11:40 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:30, 10:00

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

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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The Proposal (PG-13) 1hr 48 min
11:15 a.m., 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

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
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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
1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30

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Bruno (R) 1hr 28min
11:30 a.m., 12:30, 1:40, 2:40, 3:50, 4:50, 6:00, 7:00, 8:15, 9:10, 10:30

Away We Go (R) 1hr 37min
11:40 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

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Tap into your imagination, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ The unexpected is always a factor in anyone's life, but even more so in yours. When events and situations go out of control right now, it is to help you see or notice what normally evades your perspective. Tonight: Indulgence seems natural.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Right now, you beam from one situation to another, grounded and directed. You seem to be able to mobilize great ideas with finesse and directness. Tonight: Don't nix something different.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Much goes on behind the scenes. Listen more; judge less. Evaluate more than decide. A boss can push the envelope, but you know how to respond. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Look to long-term results, and you will smile more. Friends cheer you on to a long-desired goal. Associates also could play a significant role in upcoming events. Unexpected insights guide you to exactly where you are suppose to be. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your sense of direction continues to guide others. You know what you want and where you are going. Listen to news with a touch of cynicism. Unbelievable events could occur within a partnership, where you least expect it. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Use an ability to detach and understand someone better by imagining what it must be like to be this person. People in general are unpredictable. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your style of communicating and your very different way make quite a bit of an impact. A key associate or partner has a lot to say. Rethink a decision with the advice of this person. You can make both of you happier this way. Tonight: Talk over dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Defer to others knowing you don't always want to be the one left holding the bag. A fun approach will get you quite far, if you allow it to. Instigate new beginnings, and relax. See -- you don't always need to carry the ball. Tonight: Say "yes."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Establish in your mind what you need to accomplish. A strong but steady pace will work best. Excitement heads in from out of left field. Someone could be simply too severe or hard for your taste. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your creativity resolves a situation, or it certainly will help. You could easily draw an unexpected reaction. A partner or associate has a lot of differing views. Tonight: Let your imagination lead, and your body will follow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Foundations must be strong in order to build what you want. Listen to good advice, but honor your goals. Sometimes for you the process of getting there can be more important than the end result. Tonight: Head on home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Keep conversations flowing, remaining sensitive to the many possibilities that exist around you. If you could get to the bottom of an issue, what would you do with the information? In many ways, you are unpredictable, more so every day. Tonight: Hang out.

Happy birthday

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

This year, focus on your long-term needs and desires. A strong group of supporters will cheer you on in the good times and the bad. In general, during this next birthday year, you will discover you work better with groups than individuals. Listen to your inner voice as well. If you are single, the world is nearly your oyster. You meet new people, make new friends and possibly meet your sweetie through friends. If you are attached, the more you socialize, the closer your bond will become. The more you share, the closer you will become. TAURUS serves as an anchor.

Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



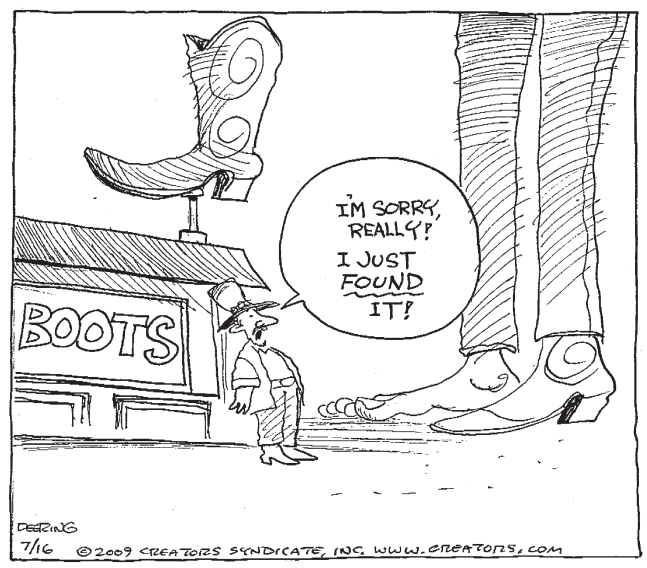
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Ten topper
5 Giraffe features
10 Ladd of "Shane"
11 Painter's place
12 Extra amount
13 Set
14 Liner's cheapest section
16 Reporting
20 Fancy
23 Outlaw
24 Ship decks
25 Unbroken
27 Suitable
28 Baltimore team
29 Sway
32 Parish building
36 Expose
39 Baseball's Rodriguez
40 Soft leathers
41 Leslie Caron film
42 Hand costs
43 For fear that

DOWN

1 Copier problem
2 Bunches
3 Give a hoot
4 Patella
5 Play setting
6 Less diluted
7 Unusual
8 Bind up
9 Heir, often
11 Barber's offering
15 Goes bad
17 Skilled
18 Make headway
19 Closes
20 Milky gem
21 Lasso
22 Kid's punishment, sometimes
25 Long story
26 General
28 Store fixtures
30 Steer clear of
31 Hills
33 "I cannot tell —"
34 Salon offerings
35 Way to go
36 Mex. neighbor
37 Convent occupant
38 Convened

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EVENING: 9 8 6

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In May, a court in Montreal, Quebec, ordered the Cinemas Guzzo theater to pay a woman $10,000 (CDN) for violating her family's privacy during an inspection of her and her daughters' bags (searching for video equipment that could illegally record a movie). Employees found no equipment but did uncover the teenage daughter's birth control pills, which the mother and the daughter figured would have been better left unrevealed to each other.

■ Oops! (1) Calvin Wells beat a certain, mandatory 10-year prison term for felony possession of cocaine because the verdict form signed by the jury contained a typographical error. Wells had 100 grams, but the verdict form certified "ten one hundred (100) grams," which an Ohio appeals court ruled in June could have meant "10/100th grams," which would be a misdemeanor whose maximum time Wells had already served. (2) Retired Florida judge Rogers Padgett said in March that he is trying to undo an error he made in sentencing Kenneth Young to life without chance of parole for a series of armed robberies committed at age 14. Padgett said he thought the Florida no-parole law for kids applied only to murder and sexual assaults and never meant for Young, now 23, to be forever ineligible.

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1862 David G. Farragut became the first rear admiral in the United States Navy.

1909 The Audi auto company was founded in Zwickau, Germany, by August Horch under the name Horch Automobil-Werke. (A legal dispute resulted in Horch renaming the company Audiwerke the following year.)

1945 The United States exploded its first experimental atomic bomb, in the desert of Alamogordo, N.M.

1989 Conductor Herbert von Karajan died near Salzburg, Austria, at age 81.

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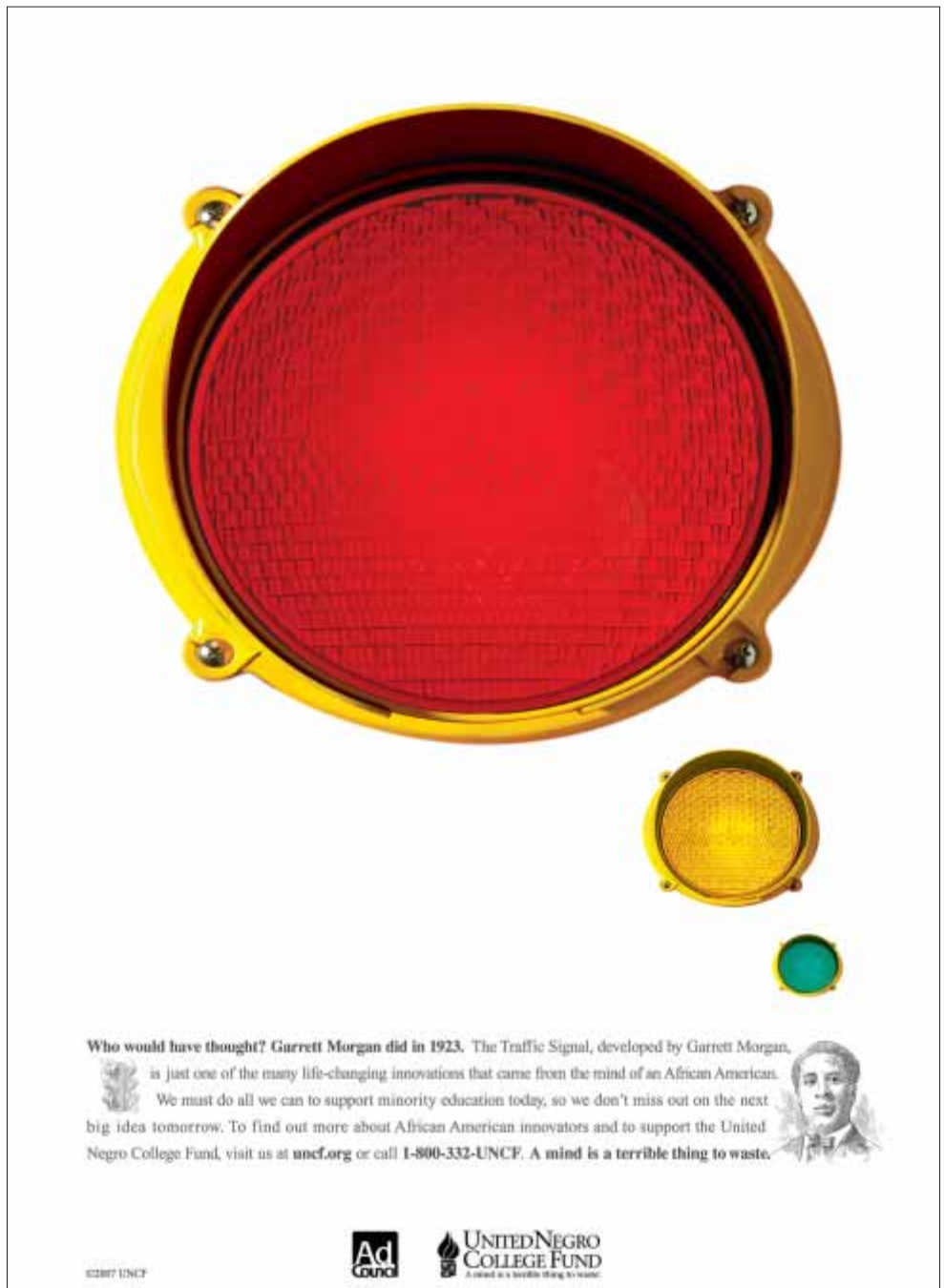
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