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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In June, three protesters dressed in clown suits broke a lock at a supposedly secure North Dakota missile facility and attacked the top of the underground housing that holds a live Minuteman III missile by beating it with hammers and painting anti-nuclear slogans on it. They were arrested within minutes, but publicly, the government seemed unalarmed that the trio had broken in so easily.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 201st day of 2006.
There are 164 days left in the year.

On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon as they stepped out of their lunar module.

In 1553, 15-year-old Lady Jane Grey was deposed as Queen of England after claiming the crown for nine days. King Henry VIII's daughter Mary was proclaimed Queen.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Courage without conscience is a wild beast."

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL
AMERICAN LAWYER AND POLITICIAN

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Breakout role



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Academy Award winning actor and Santa Monica College alumni, Dustin Hoffman, 59, (left) and legendary architectural photographer Julius Schulman, 95, (right), on Tuesday line up a shot of the new Performing Arts Center & Music Academy of Santa Monica College, currently under construction.

'Graduate' studies SMC

BY NORA SORENA CASEY
Special to the Daily Press

11th Street — A crowd of eager Santa Monica College officials and supporters, including film star Dustin Hoffman, looked on Tuesday morning as architectural photographer Julius Schulman documented the construction of the new Performing Arts & Music Academy of Santa Monica College (PACMA). Hoffman, a SMC alumni and PACMA supporter, proposed that 95 year-old Schulman photograph the construction of the new facility, since he is known for his architectural photography of buildings.

The event was organized to document the project in its making, as the

theater is now approximately halfway built, as well as to keep the community aware about the new facility.

"With a project this big and exciting for us, we want to remind the public that it's on and it's going well," said SMC spokesman Bruce Smith.

The new complex is being built at the Madison Campus, on Santa Monica Boulevard and 11th Street. It will include a 541-seat theater, a rehearsal hall, an art gallery, and classrooms and practice rooms for the Academy of Music.

The complex was designed by Renzo Zecchetto, a Santa Monica architect. PACMA is estimated to cost \$38.9 million, funded in part by public money from Measure U and Measure S, as well as private donations.

The construction of the complex began in January of 2005. Former SMC President Piedad F. Robertson had felt that the SMC concert hall was old and insufficient — it didn't even have bathrooms. The Madison Campus was leased in 1990 for 66 years, and also included an aging concert hall.

SMC officials hope that PACMA will serve both the local and school community. The performing spaces are to be used by students, as well as to host other shows and performers. SMC officials envision the theater to become a mecca for the arts on the Westside of Los Angeles.

SMC will present theater, dance, concert and opera performances upon the facility's opening in fall of 2007.

Police go on the defensive in Pico

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK — Parents came here Monday night looking for answers, but received little in return as a community meeting geared toward establishing better communication between police and residents crumbled under frustration caused by protocol and 20 years of misunderstanding and conflict.

The Virginia Park Advisory Board gathered to discuss ways in which residents and park employees could be better notified by the Santa Monica Police Department when violent crimes occur in the area — crimes such as the recent string of shootings in the Pico neighborhood and an attempted rape at the park. Board members also wanted to find ways in which city staff could be contacted when a youth is questioned by police while visiting the park.

However, shortly after the meeting was called to order at the Thelma Terry Building, it became clear that the capacity crowd was not there to simply sit back and listen. A handful of black and Latino parents came to confront city officials and high-ranking members of the Santa Monica Police Department about alleged misconduct by some officers, and the inability or unwillingness of City Hall to address gang violence.

Police Chief James T. Butts was

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STATE

Surfing's health benefits not lost in wave-riding fervor

BY JORDAN ROBERTSON
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The waves were flat at Ocean Beach, but Brian Bennett paddled out anyway.

For Bennett, a surfer of 20 years, it didn't matter that he might not catch a single wave on this crisp

sunny afternoon with no other surfers in sight. Surfing is what the 34-year-old ad salesman does for exercise.

"It's good to feel the electricity in the water," he said. "It's like taking a couple energy drinks. I'm up, I'm alert, and I'm a happier person."

It's not just the meditative mind

trip that gets surfers in the water. Some die-hards are loath to admit it, but the sport's health benefits are many.

Sinewy shoulders. Washboard abs. Improved cardiovascular health.

Dedicated surfers accidentally build physiques that health-club acolytes would trade their member-

ships for.

For most surfers, though, the reason for surfing is surfing itself, said Dr. Mark Renneker, an associate professor of family and community medicine at the University of California, San Francisco. The 54-

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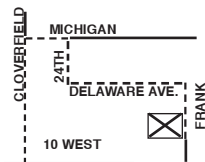
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♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Confusion marks a friendship. Decisions that you make involving money, friends and aspirations might not be as on-target as you would like. The solution is to wait a few days. The end results will be better. Tonight: Your treat.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Understanding makes a huge difference in what goes down. Make positive decisions. On some level, you are inspired, but also maybe not realistic. Discussions add to your ability to see where there might be a hiccup in your thinking. Tonight: Just do.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Know when to act. Thinking and dreaming help you see beyond your present circumstances. Enjoy the process, but refuse to act on it. You might want to rethink a decision. You understand much more than you realize. Tonight: Get extra sleep; you are going to need it.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Aim for more of what you want. Think in terms of gains. Creativity and good humor make an unbeatable combination. Zero in on what you want rather than what others desire. Make it OK to worry about yourself. Tonight: Find your friends.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Take charge and stand up for what you believe in and what you want. Please note that you might not be seeing someone for who he or she is. You don't need to be realistic, but don't howl with upset when this person disappoints you. Tonight: Could be late.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Take an overview. See situations as they very well might be. Listen to what others share and what goes on around you. Friends, associates and meetings all play significant roles in what goes on around you. Tonight: Where your friends are.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Work with others. Listen, but be aware that you might be a victim of selective hearing. If there is a backfire, you will need to look at yourself and no one else. Think positively, and you'll like what goes on. A must appearance is likely. Tonight: Togetherness.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might feel as if you are on-target. Truth be told, you are somewhere in between. Confusion or misinformation could be coloring your thinking. Think positively and seek out as many facts and opinions as possible. Tonight: Dinner out.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might want to work with others, but perhaps you interpret what they say in a way that they don't mean. Detach some from communication. Work with one person at a time. Tonight: Choose a stress-buster.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your creativity emerges when dealing with a confusing money issue. Use your sixth sense to get past a problem, and you'll succeed way beyond your expectations. Others are full of information. Listen. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Get down to basics, and you'll do very well. Don't underestimate what is going on. Stay more in touch with your feelings. Stay even and direct when dealing with the many people in your life. Your nurturing attitude comes back in spades. Tonight: Settle in; rest up.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ What you say might get an odd reaction. Perhaps you aren't clear enough about what you want. Keep at it. If one way of explaining doesn't work, try another way. You will get through, as long as you are clear. Tonight: Chat the night away. You choose the company!

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Sound off on life in SM

By Daily Press staff

Got something to say about the direction the city is headed or about the quality of life in Santa Monica?

The Santa Monica Social Services Commission is hosting a public forum, "Raise Your Voice" on Monday, July 24, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Thelma Terry Building at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave.

Come share your experiences with the commission as it discusses police-community relations; youth programs and services; and the quality of life in the city of Santa Monica. It's an opportunity for the public to address what has and has not been working in the city and talk about ways to make things better. The information will be used to guide the work of the Social Services Commission in promoting active and effective participation in civic affairs and community improvement efforts, as well as using outreach, dialogue and education to advocate for positive change in Santa Monica, commission members said.

There will be brief presentations by the chair of the Social Services Commission, Chuck Perliter, and former commissioner Karen Gunn, to be followed by group discussions. Spanish translators will be available.

For more information about the free public event, contact Scott Wasserman at (310) 458-8688; or visit the commission's web site at <http://santa-monica.org/hsd/BandC/ssc.htm>.

Electronics don't belong in the landfill

By Daily Press staff

Got an old stereo and computer cluttering your garage? Don't throw it away, recycle it.

Youth volunteers from the American Red Cross of Santa Monica will be collecting old electronics — stereos, television sets, telephones, computers and more — in the parking lot of the Wild Oats Market at 500 Wilshire Blvd. on Saturday, July 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Additional electronic recycling drives will be held at the Santa Monica Red Cross Chapter at 1450 11th St. every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the summer, ending Labor Day.

The consumer electronic recyclables will be collected in association with California Recycles, a private electronic waste management company. A portion of the proceeds obtained from the electronic recycling drive will benefit Santa Monica Red Cross youth programs.

Recent changes in state law prohibits the disposal of old and used electronics, including batteries, in the trash. Consumer electronic items, including electronic office equipment must be disposed of properly and that includes recycling, according to Red Cross officials.

Items that scan be recycled include CRT monitors and television sets, regular and cellular telephones, phone answering machines, and accessories.

Stereo equipment including loudspeakers, tape and cassette players and recorders, DVD and VCR players, computers and computer peripherals, scanners and fax machines, batteries, printer cartridges, audio and video tapes and floppy discs are all recyclable.

The Santa Monica Red Cross and California Recycles suggest that all files and personal data be erased or wiped from the hard drive of any computers turned in for recycling, as well as phone systems or answering machines to ensure privacy protections.



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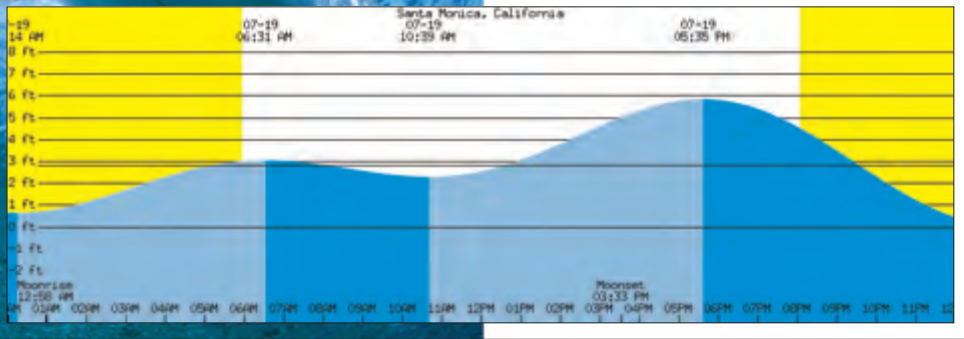
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The Q-Line

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Market on the rebound ...

Last week marked the three-year anniversary of the Farmers' Market crash, when an elderly driver plowed through the bustling market on Arizona Avenue, killing 10 people and injuring more than 50 more. The criminal and civil cases against the driver, Russell Weller, have been delayed numerous times, with a September trial date now scheduled.

This week, Q-Line wants to know:

"From what you know of the case, what is the best possible scenario for the defendant, the victims, the city and the Farmer's Market to close this painful chapter in the city's history?" Call 310 285-8106 or leave your post at smdp.com/forum and we'll print your responses in the weekend edition.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rio feels safer than Santa Monica

Editor:

I am sad to report that after just spending a week in Rio de Janeiro I felt much safer staying in their beach communities than I have felt living here in Santa Monica. I think we all know Rio's reputation for crime. In Rio, my girlfriend and I were never bothered walking around day or night, and routinely walked back after going out at night. Here in Santa Monica, I live in an apartment five blocks from the Third Street Promenade and we never walk back from it at night. Although we have not been victims of a crime in Santa Monica, it feels dangerous walking the streets of this city, especially during the night. Also, it is a shame that we have one of the most beautiful parks in the world, Palisades Park, and the tax-paying citizens do not even feel comfortable enough to enjoy it any more. As others have mentioned in recent letters to the editor in the SMDP, the homeless problem is out of control. Shame on Santa Monica for failing to live up to its potential.

Josh Epstein
Santa Monica

Something stinks in SM

Editor:

I commend Stephen Baker for speaking out in "Homeless are sucking the life from Santa Monica" (SMDP, July 6, page 4). Thank you for publishing his eloquent and frank description of the problems we face as residents of Santa Monica.

I was raised in Santa Monica. I love it here. My family and I enjoyed the beaches and the parks when we were growing up. We would have picnics, throw the ball, enjoy what we deserved as children in a nice neighborhood.

We were never accosted or threatened by people begging for money, food and even worse, be scared we were in danger of being hurt.

I used to enjoy the simple pleasures of walking my dog along Palisades Park. Unfortunately, this is not possible. The park is full of vagrants in sleeping bags and the disgusting piles of vomit and smell of urine have deterred our daily visits along Ocean Avenue.

It is very unpleasant to take strolls along the beach and so sad that we cannot enjoy the sunsets without being harassed or approached by a stranger.

The incredible attempts to beautify Santa Monica have created great looking benches that are being used by the homeless. Where do we sit when we want to take pleasure in a cup of coffee along our Promenade?

As a homeowner and taxpayer, I feel very fortunate to live in such a beautiful community, but what good is it if the current homeless situation keeps us on edge and prohibits us from relaxing and enjoying our city?

I agree with Mr. Baker, it appears the homeless are being excused for their atrocious behaviors and have preferential treatment because they are homeless. As a dispatcher from the police department stated, quote unquote "because the homeless, for the most part, are a little crazy."

Is that a rational explanation?
"Help me," too.
We want our city back.

Valerie Jean Hiss
Santa Monica

War and gas prices continue to rise, as do global tensions



THE
WITNESS
STAND

BY CLIFF NICHOLS

I was sitting at dinner recently when I heard a friend say, "Have you seen what's been going on in the Middle East? It seems like it might be a good time to top off the tank in the car before gas prices go up." On one level, I admit, it probably could be said that this is good practical advice for those of us residing on this side of the world. On another level, however, those statements seemed to reflect an amazing detachment from the horrors of war that I find stunning.

By way of background, let's review some recent events. If you will recall, the Hamas was democratically elected to rule the Palestinians some months ago. Sadly, however, they appear to have decided recently that it would be a good idea to kidnap an Israeli soldier as a symbolic gesture to protest Israel's existence. So, they do it, and Israel retaliates by raiding Gaza. In doing that, however, many are killed and eventually it results in hundreds of rockets and mortars falling on Israeli citizens from the Hezbollah in Lebanon, who apparently have decided it would be a good time to join the Hamas again in their anti-Jewish state movement. Israel then responds by bombing the Hezbollah in Lebanon and the Lebanese political leaders then respond by protesting that Syria, not Lebanon, is the headquarters of the Hezbollah's operations, and the Israelis therefore are shooting at the wrong target. But then, in anticipation of an expansion of Israel's actions to Syria, Iran — which is still tinkering with nuclear stuff — declares that an attack by Israel on Syria would be treated by them as the equivalent of an attack on the entire Arab world that, in turn, would be responded to harshly by Iran. But how harsh can it get before Israel would respond with the bomb that everyone knows they already possess, unless Iran means they would send their bomb first? Now Israel reports that a missile that attacked one of its Navy ships was supplied by Iran and simultaneously has issued to both Syria and Iran an ultimatum to release its kidnapped troops or else, causing one to ask yet again, "or else, what?"

Meanwhile, additional Palestinians are said to be streaming in from Egypt to join in the fray, the Vatican is condemning Israel for who knows what, various world leaders are joining with the Vatican's position, but America seems to be giving Israel a pass. Maybe that's because we have so many of our troops next door in Iraq. But, while most seem inclined to believe that may not be a good thing for our boys, as this

conflict seems to be spinning out of control, is there not one thing of which we can be sure. It sure looks like our efforts to export "democracy" to this region of the world are finally taking root and working their magic to make the Arab world a happier place — not.

Additionally, the foregoing occurrences are important, among other reasons, because they are currently making other otherwise significant events around the world seem remote and less relevant to our lives here in America. Like have we forgotten that North Korea is still playing with missiles that are said to have a range sufficient to reach portions of the United States; that, in response, Japan is at least contemplating a preemptive strike against North Korea to ward off this threat to their country; and that China is sitting back saying "Don't do it" to Japan, and "by the way, did we mention that we want Taiwan back" to the rest of the world? And where in all of this mix does this leave Russia, if one or more of these various tinder boxes should explode more than they already seem to be doing? Might it be said that in this global political climate it might not be a good thing that Putin now seems to be publicly dissing our very own Vice President Dick Cheney?

Right now, were one to exist, it probably would be a good thing to hit an international decompress button that would require all political leaders to go to their room for some time out, and reflect on where it is they are taking us. Some pundits have already speculated that we are at the advent of World War III or IV, depending on whether one counts the Cold War as one of them. In either case, however, it is not a good thing by any stretch of the imagination. It also is not a matter that should be considered lightly, even by us on the other side of the ocean.

As we all know in a remote sort of way, war by its very nature is the ultimate horror our world has to offer any society affected by it. But this time around, this concept is likely to be demonstrated at our very doorstep. And, so perhaps it's time we as a people invite our leaders to either find the decompress button or make one so it can be pushed. Otherwise, can we not most likely anticipate that a global conflagration will not be limited to far off places on a map affecting people we will never know on this go around? More likely, the conflicts we are witnessing now will find their way to our homes. Needless to say, that will certainly render the price of gas irrelevant even to those of us who live in America. And that takes some doing that I'm pretty sure none of us will want to see done.

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Blame game played in Pico

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on hand, as were Mayor Bob Holbrook, City Manager Lamont Ewell and Councilman Richard Bloom. School board member Oscar de la Torre and Planning Commissioner Terry O'Day also were in the crowd of about 50.

Mothers charged that their sons have been targeted and harassed by some officers for hanging out at the park, while older youth complained of a lack of programs and job opportunities.

"All youth in the Pico neighborhood are labeled as gang members," said parent Belinda Ramos. "Youth are told (by police) that they can't hang out at the park ... These shootings are done by some people from the outside and it's our children who are being oppressed and harassed."

Some suggestions were made as to how the SMPD and City Hall could better communicate with residents about violent crimes, including posting bulletins on people's doorsteps, using City TV to disseminate information on suspects, and having officers contact churches to reach older residents who do not know how to access the SMPD's Web site for updates.

But a structured conversation became difficult as emotions ran high. Warnings that residents and at least one board member were "out of order," seemed to do nothing to stop the conversation from turning to a critique of law enforcement.

The meeting was called by the advisory board, which does not make policy decisions for City Hall, members had very few answers to give. For the most part, Butts' comments were directed towards the board as he answered questions regarding notification of residents and staff. He refrained from addressing accusations against the department directly.

That seemed to anger some in the audience who wanted the board to abandon protocol and force officials to dig deeper into the issues raised.

"The hell with protocol," parent Lori Williams said. "We have the chief of police here, the mayor. This is an important issue (gang violence) and this is a time when we need to put the agenda for tonight aside and discuss what's really on our minds."

After nearly two hours of verbal attacks against the SMPD, many left the meeting, including Butts, who told the crowd that they were painting an inaccurate picture of the work his officers do to keep residents safe from gang violence, including increased patrols in the Pico neighborhood and the deployment of air patrol via a helicopter.

Butts said residents who are angry at the police fail to recognize efforts made by the SMPD to reach out to residents, including hosting barbecues at the park and interacting with youth at the Police Activities League and at the park's Teen Center.

"Listening to this is very demoralizing to those officers who are here for you," Butts said. "We don't have balance here."

Butts said the SMPD does everything it can to notify residents of a serious crime that has taken place. Within an hour or so of a violent incident, Butts said his officers prepare a press release that is e-mailed to the local media and city officials. A hotline also is updated, and community liaisons are available day or night to respond to concerns.

"We do the best we can to notify as many as we can, but it comes to a point where we have to rely on the mass media to get the word out," Butts said.

Irma Carranza, a board member, said that wasn't good enough.

"It sounds like the responsibility lies with the residents, as if they have to do all the leg work," Carranza said. "Residents have to do all the leg work instead of it being vice versa ... Half the people on the board didn't even know about the shootings."

SMPD Capt. Jacqueline Seabrooks said residents do share the responsibility of informing their neighbors.

"We look to you to share that information, which often can saturate the community much faster," Seabrooks said.

A day after the meeting, Bloom looked to put things in perspective, saying that only a small group of community members said they had negative encounters with the SMPD, and while that was unfortunate, he said it was important for people to realize City Hall and the police are committed to addressing the issue of gang violence.

"With one or two exceptions, virtually everyone who spoke had someone to blame," Bloom said. "They were pointing the finger and I just don't think the discussion needs to happen that way. It needs to be ongoing. We need to be united around one message and that is to this small group of people who are involved in gang activity that we are not going to tolerate you acting out in this way, and in a sense, inviting other people in our community to act this way. We're not going to live this way anymore." Bloom said.

Ewell, who was seen taking notes during the meeting, said the emotion was palpable at the meeting and that he is following up on residents' concerns.

In regards to notifying the community when crimes are committed, Ewell said he is looking into the feasibility of installing an automated message system that would speed dial homes in a certain area shortly after a crime has occurred.

In the end, Flo Benjamin, chair of the board, said division needed to be put aside in favor of working together.

"We need to make everyone accountable, including ourselves," Benjamin said. "We have to change the thinking process to penetrate what's already in place."



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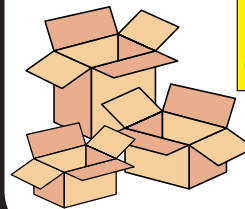
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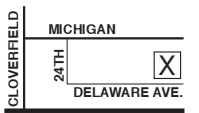
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Please call the City of Santa Monica, Human Services Division at (310) 458-8701 by July 19 to reserve a space.

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Surfers weary of danger, yet seek adventure

SURF, from page 1

year-old Renneker should know; he's a renowned big-wave rider himself.

"It's not a sport to them at all — it's a way of life," he said. "It's salubrious up the wazoo. You can't find anything that makes you as healthy."

Renneker frequently recommends surfing to nonsurfers to treat high blood pressure, repetitive strain injuries and chemical addictions.

But the biggest benefit, he said, is cardiovascular.

Renneker said a surfer's heart rate can recover from intense activity as quickly as that of a triathlete, because of the focus on controlled breathing. He says asthmatics have also experienced improved respiratory functioning, and the sport's meditative effects can reduce stress even in the most

anxious patients.

"It really is leaving the world, as it were, on land, and losing yourself in the rhythms of the ocean," he said. "And that has been the draw of surfing since the beginning. And then to have a really physical training ... to really progress you have to surf three times a week."

But it can also be dangerous.

Lance Harriman, 36, a surfer of nearly three decades and a San Francisco physical therapist, said top riders often limp into his practice with blown-out knees, shoulders and ankles.

Poor paddling technique can cause upper-body strain, and the water can be unforgiving to joints on big-wave wipeouts, Harriman said.

Many longtime surfers suffer from a shared malady: so-called "surfer's ear" that develops when bone grows in the ear canal

from repeated wind and water irritation, especially in colder climates. The surgery involves removing the bone.

But surfers are usually ferociously eager to get back on their boards.

"The fiends take this seriously," Harriman said. "You dangle the carrot in front of them — and that's getting back in the water — and they work hard. Sometimes too hard."

Harriman said many injuries can be prevented by simple stretching and strengthening exercises and attention to proper technique. Offseason cross-training for under-used lower-body muscles also helps.

But some longtime surfers scoff at the idea of injecting traditional sports training into a soulful, spur-of-the-moment passion.

Big-wave riders have always trained with breath-holding and strengthening exercises to survive tumbles from tall waves, but surfing's full-body workout is usually adequate

for most others, said Bob Wise, 58, owner of Wise Surfboards in San Francisco.

"I can tell a guy's been surfing a lot when he walks through the door," he said. "They don't have much leg muscle usually ... but they're broad in the shoulders. They're lean. You can't eat that much when you're out on the water three or four hours a day. You can just tell."

Wise has tried yoga to loosen a back stiffened from years of surfing and water-skiing.

But the "best part about it was when it was over," he said, adding that he doubts younger surfers will ever stop to stretch as they're charging toward the beach.

"The kids aren't going to accept that. They're not into serenity," Wise said. "You paddle out and you don't have to worry about North Korea firing missiles for an hour. You've got your own thing going. You've got a wave to catch."



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CAMARILLO

Zest for life: Farmer leaves his fruits to library

A former citrus farmer has left \$11 million to a foundation that will fund the library he frequented in his final years, among other organizations, officials said.

The bequest by the late Russell Fischer is the largest in the Ventura County Community Foundation's history, officials said Monday.

The money will be used to create an endowment fund in Fischer's name that will benefit the city's library, as well as its health agency, whose wheelchair-accessible vans he took to doctor appointments, officials said.

Money from the fund will also go to the American Red Cross' local chapter, the Salvation Army and Oddfellow-Rebekah Children's Services in Gilroy.

"Mr. Fischer was very interested in making sure these five organizations would sustain their work in the future," said Hugh Ralston, the foundation president and chief executive.

Fischer, who never married and had no children, died a year ago, his estate attorney said. He was 93.

WRIGHTWOOD

Under the gun: Highway workers fear for life

A stretch of highway closed for construction is being guarded around-the-clock to protect the project against vandals and its workers from physical threats, officials said.

In one instance, a driver frustrated about the detour threatened to fire at workers with a rifle, California Department of Transportation spokeswoman Terri Kasinga said this week.

"That there have been one or two people who threatened to shoot somebody makes me uneasy. I can understand how the workers feel," Kasinga said.

One California Highway Patrol officer is assigned to patrol the project area during the day and two officers are dedicated to the area at night, Officer Steve White said.

No threats have been carried out, but property on the construction site has been damaged, White said.

"There's been a lot of vandalism at night," he said.

RANCHO CUCAMONGA

California inmate gets additional sentence to his term

A prisoner will be sentenced to an additional term of 25-years-to-life behind bars for slashing a fellow inmate across the neck, officials said.

Dominic Rizzo, 37, pleaded guilty to assault with a deadly weapon Monday and agreed to have his sentence added to the life term he was already serving for attempted murder, officials said.

Rizzo would have faced life in prison without parole had he taken his case to trial and lost. The additional time means he will be 90 before he becomes eligible for parole, officials said.

"In other words, he's not getting out," Deputy District Attorney Thomas Colclough said.

He is scheduled to be sentenced Aug. 30, officials said.

ANAHEIM

Hospital becomes happiest place on earth

Children's Hospital of Orange County is getting a \$1 million dollar donation from Disneyland, company officials said Monday.

The hospital plans to use the money to help fund a \$20 million renovation and expansion of its outpatient center in Orange, hospital administrators said.

"Without this support, it would be much more difficult to expand," said Kim Cripe, hospital president and chief executive.

The outpatient center hopes to increase the number of children it serves to 135,000 by 2015, officials said. It served 88,000 during fiscal 2005.

COMPTON

Compton college expands its facilities

Compton Community College will operate as a satellite campus of nearby El Camino College for five to eight years, officials said.

The Torrance school, also a two-year community college, will begin overseeing classes and administration on the Compton campus starting in the fall term that begins on 28, officials said Monday.

The El Camino takeover ends the cash-strapped Compton college's battle to win back its academic accreditation that it lost because of financial and management problems.

It comes after state officials passed legislation authorizing a \$30 million loan for the Compton school that has lost about half its enrollment over the last two years.

That bill also cleared the way for Compton's takeover if it loses its accreditation.

"The goal is to help Compton during this partnership period to rebuild and recover and to eventually reapply for its own accreditation," said Cheryl Fong, a spokeswoman for the California Community Colleges' chancellor's office.

LOS ANGELES

Clean sweep: Feds bring charges to domestic company

Federal officials have sued a cleaning company amid reports of minimum-wage and overtime violations, officials said.

The U.S. Labor Department is seeking more than \$1.8 million in unpaid wages for about 380 workers from Southern California Maid Services and Carpet Cleaning, officials said Monday.

A Labor Department investigation found that the company's managers also failed to keep accurate records of hours worked, officials said.

The labor department continues to look into possible wage violations for other workers, said Priscilla Garcia, an assistant at the agency's East Los Angeles district office.

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Immigration move labeled 'mistake'

BY SUZANNE GAMBOA

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — After more than 50 congressional hearings on immigration, lawmakers complained Tuesday about the prospect of even more hearings in a House-Senate standoff over how to deter illegal immigrants.

House Republicans have called for six more hearings this month — and possibly more in August. The hearings began after the Senate passed a bipartisan immigration bill offering a chance at citizenship to millions of illegal immigrants.

The latest round of hearings has been criticized as a political maneuver to delay immigration legislation and to help Republican candidates in an election year. After more than 50 immigration hearings since the 109th Congress began in February 2005, even a Republican joined the criticism Tuesday.

"They ought to be called faux hearings," said Rep. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz. Flake sponsored an unsuccessful House bill that, like the Senate's measure, would offer some amnesty.

Republican leaders made no attempt to hide their disdain for the Senate bill.

A hearing Tuesday before the House Judiciary immigration subcommittee was entitled: "Should We Embrace the Senate's Grant of Amnesty to Millions of Illegal Aliens and Repeat the Mistakes of the Immigration and Control Act of 1986?"

Three witnesses testifying on behalf of Republicans criticized the Senate bill and the lone witness for Democrats, Rep. Silvestre Reyes of Texas, the only member of

Congress to serve in the Border Patrol, supported it.

The House bill, passed in December 2005, does not include a path to citizenship, or what critics refer to as amnesty, and makes all illegal immigrants in the country subject to felony prosecution.

Usually, the two chambers would go to conference committee to work out differences in the two bills. But House Republicans said they needed the hearings to learn more about the Senate bill and take the pulse of the American people on the issue. The majority of the hearings held since have been in Washington.

Rep. John Hostettler, R-Ind., said the current hearings don't duplicate the 23 his subcommittee already held. "We weren't addressing specific legislative provisions of a Senate bill," he said.

But more of the hearing was spent trading partisan shots, than dissecting the Senate bill.

"The GOP has become the Gab Only Party," said Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif. "This is just a bunch of gas."

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, said Republicans were holding "mock hearings," while Rep. Howard Berman, D-Calif., alleged the hearings amounted to a "con job on the American people."

Hostettler criticized Reyes, who said he was missing an Intelligence Committee meeting to attend the hearing that he considered political.

Rep. Louie Gohmert, R-Texas, refused to yield the floor to Jackson Lee, the ranking Democrat, and challenged Lofgren's assessment on who was spewing the most gas.

U.S. women prepare for ski jumping competition in Utah

BY DOUG ALDEN

AP Sports Writer

PARK CITY, Utah — It may be July. The nation may be gripped by a heat wave. But here, U.S. women's ski jumpers are bringing a little extra burst to their jumps, knowing they are practicing for something much bigger than any women had before in their sport.

The top women jumpers will be in Park City this weekend for the Women's Ski Jumping Festival, the first international competition since the International Ski Federation voted in May to add women's jumping to the 2009 World Championships.

"A lot more exciting — definitely. You feel like your training and all your hard work is actually going toward something," U.S. jumper Alissa Johnson said. "It's a good feeling to have."

Temperatures in the 90s this week have hardly seemed appropriate for Nordic sports but, thanks to technology, jumpers can practice year-round. Summer jumping is on the plastic thatching that covers the jumps and landing hill at Utah Olympic Park. The green surface is sprayed down and is slick like snow, which won't be around for a while.

The only snow left over from winter is in scattered patches well above where Utah Olympic Park sits. And the only relief from the sun Tuesday was the pool where the

freestyle jumpers splashed down while practicing.

The old-school Nordic jumpers had to tough out the heat in their skintight suits, soaring off the massive ramp and landing with a their wide skis slapping the plastic.

"It's very consistent to snow — unless you try to turn on this. It just doesn't happen; you just slide out and fall," said American Lindsey Van, who was No. 2 in the Continental Cup standings last season.

Five of the top-15 Continental Cup jumpers are Americans. And all train in Park City, one of just a few U.S. sites with all-season jumping. Utah Olympic Park will host the jumping competition Friday and Saturday nights.

Ski jumping has been part of the Olympics since the first winter games in 1924, but only for men. That bothered former Salt Lake City Mayor Deedee Corradini, who was on the bid committee that landed the 2002 Salt Lake Olympics.

"I had no idea that women were not allowed to jump in the Olympics. When I found out, I was quite upset about it," said Corradini, president of the Women's Ski Jumping USA Foundation. "It's a chicken and egg problem. If they don't have a goal, who's going to spend the money to prepare the women?"

The International Olympic Committee is expected to decide in November whether women's jumping will be part of the 2010 games in Vancouver, British Columbia.



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Ebb and flow highlighted in headlines



DAYS ON THE MARKET

BY JODI SUMMERS

As we were preparing the second quarter real estate wrap up, we were amazed by some of the news headlines and statistics that have emerged regarding the ebb and flow of the Southern California real estate market.

We'd like to share some of the most interesting headlines with you:

SOCAL REAL ESTATE SALES SLOW FOR SIXTH MONTH IN MAY

Steepest drop in activity reported in Orange County

Tuesday, June 20, 2006

— Inman News

Southern California slowed for the sixth month in a row in May, falling 11.7 percent compared to May 2005. It was the region's lowest sales total for the month since May 1999, according to DataQuick Information Systems, a real estate information service.

Also, home-price appreciation in May fell to the slowest pace in the past six years.

Sales dropped 31.6 percent in Orange County; 24.3 percent in Ventura County; 18

percent in San Diego County; 8.6 percent in Riverside County; and 4.7 percent in Los Angeles County, while rising 2.6 percent in San Bernardino County from May 2005 to May 2006.

Meanwhile, median prices increased 17.2 percent in San Bernardino County; 10.9 percent in Los Angeles County; 9.4 percent in Riverside County; 7.6 percent in Orange County; 3 percent in Ventura County and 0.4 percent in San Diego County during that period.

The median price paid for a home in Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Ventura, San Bernardino and Orange counties was \$485,000 last month. That was the same as April, and up 6.4 percent from \$456,000 for May last year.

STEEP DROP IN CALIFORNIA ARM USE

March 23, 2006

The use of adjustable-rate mortgages for home purchases has declined significantly in California during the past three months, the result of more caution among buyers and lenders in a market that is seeing slowing increases in home values, a real estate information service reported.

In February, 51.9 percent of all home buyers financed their purchases with an ARM, down from 63.7 percent in January,

68.7 percent in December and 70.9 percent in November, according to DataQuick Information Systems.

The use of ARMs, which are easier to get and are considered by many to be an indication that buyers are stretching their finances, peaked in May last year at 73.7 percent. Peak usage during the prior real estate cycle was in September 1988, when ARMs accounted for 66.1 percent of all home purchase loans.

HOME SALES PLUNGE 21 PERCENT IN CALIFORNIA

Median prices climbs 8 percent in May Tuesday, June 27, 2006

— Inman News

Sales of existing homes in California dropped 21.1 percent in May, while the median price increased 8 percent, according to an industry report.

The median price of an existing, single-family detached home in California during May 2006 was \$564,430, an 8 percent increase over the revised \$522,530 median for May 2005, the California Association of Realtors (CAR) reported. The May 2006 median price increased 0.5 percent compared with April's revised \$561,750 median price.

It was the first time since November 2001 that the median price did not increase by double digits, said CAR President Vince Malta.

So far this year, home sales are down 19.5 percent, according to CAR Chief Economist Leslie Appleton-Young. This is in line with the association's forecast, which projected a 16.8 percent decrease in sales for the year.

"We expect the rate of home price appreciation to increase 8 percent to \$565,900 for the year as a whole, compared with the impressive double-digit gains we've witnessed over the past four years," she said.

Unsold inventory in May was 5.9 months, compared with 2.7 months for the same period a year ago. The number indicates the number of months needed to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.

REAL ESTATE CONSTRUCTION PLUMMETS IN CALIFORNIA

Trade group reports 25 percent drop in permits from a year ago

Wednesday, May 31, 2006

— Inman News

Total building permits issued for single-family homes in California were down about 25 percent in April compared to April 2005, while total permits for the first four months

of the year were down about 18 percent compared to the first four months of 2005, the California Building Industry Association (CBIA) announced.

CBIA, a statewide trade association, represents about 6,600 businesses, including home builders, remodelers, subcontractors, architects, engineers, designers, and other industry professionals.

The number of building permits issued for multi-family projects was down 3.4 percent in April 2006 compared to April 2005, though the number of multi-family permits issued for the first four months of 2006 was up 12.2 percent compared to the first four months of 2005.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REAL ESTATE FORECLOSURES ESCALATE

"Real estate bubble continues to deflate," says research company CEO

Thursday, June 8, 2006

— Inman News

The number of foreclosures have jumped 29 percent in Southern California since January 2006, according to Default Research, a real estate research company based in Pennsylvania.

Riverside had the highest increase of 56.5 percent, followed by San Diego County at 49 percent and Los Angeles at 16.2 percent.

"The real estate bubble continues to deflate in Southern California," said Serdar Bankaci, president and CEO of Default Research Inc., in a statement. "This is not surprising at all because home prices are leveling off."

About 76 percent of the foreclosure activity involved single-family homes, while 12 percent were condominiums and 4 percent were duplexes and triplexes, the company reported.

Job growth in May was the lowest it had been since October 2005, Bankaci also noted.

"Combine that statistic with the rising interest rates, and you see that the average family suffered financially two times, putting a tremendous strain on families already stretched to the max," he said.

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(Jodi Summers is director of the investment division at Boardwalk Realty. For your real estate needs, e-mail Jodi Summers at jodis@boardwalkrealty.com, or call (310) 309-4219, or visit her Web site at www.santamonicalandmarks.com.)

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QUESTION: I am on the board of a large association and have just been advised that we cannot foreclose on a unit owned by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) even though payments have not been made for more than six months. Is this correct?

ANSWER: Yes. The supremacy and property clauses of the U.S. Constitution have been interpreted by a Federal District Court to prohibit an association from foreclosing on a unit owned by any agency of the federal government.

Notwithstanding this ruling, there are actions an association can take to protect its position.

QUESTION: We live in a small homeowner's association. Can our board of directors waive the legal requirement for a reserve study?

ANSWER: No.

QUESTION: Our homeowner's association consists of 12 townhomes. We have a three-person board, which includes two members who live off-site. The two off-site board members just voted as a majority to remove several beautiful, 25-year-old trees because they want to save money on tree trimming. The 10 members of the association who live on-site are furious about the decision. The trees are being removed within a week. Is there anything we can do?

ANSWER: If the board of directors has a good reason, in their reasonable judgment, to remove the trees, they may do so.

While I recommend that you present a petition signed by the 10 members to your board in order to influence their decision, they may legally exercise their reasonable judgment and remove the trees.

This situation illustrates the critical importance of electing board members who will represent the majority of members. Members of associations should take the subject of board elections very seriously.

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1031 comparisons boil down to 'cash on cash'



IN YOUR SPACE
BY CHRISTINA S. PORTER

In the world of investment real estate the terms "Cash on Cash" (COC); "Capitalization Rate" (Cap Rate); "Gross Rent Multiplier" (GRM), are utilized by investors to compare various opportunities in the market place. It is important to remember that the higher the return the higher the risk.

The COC return of an investment is the net cash flow to the investor after deducting all expenses including debt services.

Example:
Cash invested: \$100,000
Net cash flow: \$12,000
COC: $\$12,000 / \$100,000 = 12$ percent
The COC return and the cap rate will be the same if there is no debt service.

Investors can increase or decrease their cash flow on an investment by the type of debt placed on the property. Cash flows can be increased by using interested-only debt, debt with an interest rate less than the cap rate and by varying the time to pay the debt.

The cap rate reflects the return on the investment if there is no debt used in the investment. Cap rate is calculated by dividing the Net Operating Income (NOI) by the purchase price.

Example:
NOI: \$100,000
Purchase Price: \$1,000,000
Cap Rate: $\$100,000 / \$1,000,000 = 10$ percent
The NOI is the money remaining after all of the operating expenses are paid, not including debt service.

Sample Properties For Sale				
Office				
City	State	SF	Price	Cap Rate
Dayton	OH	60,000	\$1,091,000	13.4%
Tucson	AZ	4,808	\$1,444,000	6.50%
Ft Worth	TX	48,000	\$5,100,000	8.05%
San Francisco	CA	11,000	\$7,000,000	6.63%
Tenant In Common/Alternatives (No Management)				
Type	State	Minimum Investment	Year1/Year 5 Cash On Cash	
Office	GA	\$100,000	7.5%/8.6%	
Food Lion Retail Ctr.	NC	\$200,000	8%/10%	
New Medical Office	NC	\$250,000	7.5%/8.0%	
Retail Center	AZ	\$500,000	7.25%/8.0%	

The GRM is the gross income with no expenses divided by the purchase price. Most frequently GRM is used to compare smaller multi-family properties.

Example:
Gross income: \$100,000
Purchase price: \$1,000,000
GRM: $\$100,000 / \$1,000,000 = 10$ percent

None of those methods address the quality or the risk associated with the investment. To determine the risk of an investment, the investor needs to consider the credit of the tenant(s), demographics and the terms of the leases among other things.

It is important to remember that all the methods are a starting point and a handy way to compare various investments and should not on their own be used to determine the risk or suitability of a given investment.

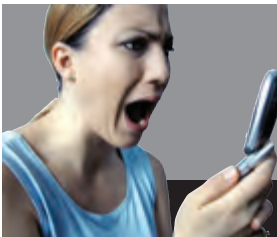
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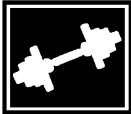
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Rescue teams search for tsunami victims

BY IRWAN FIRDAUS

Associated Press Writer

PANGANDARAN, Indonesia — Tearful parents searched for missing children Tuesday, and soldiers dug through the debris of homes flattened by the second tsunami to hit Indonesia in as many years. Well over 300 people were killed and more than 160 others were missing.

The waves tossed fishing boats 100 yards inland and turned the resort's main street into a tangled junkyard of busted buildings, cars and furniture. Bodies were piled in temporary morgues.

"I don't mind losing any of my property, but please God return my son," said Basril, a villager who goes by one name, as he and his wife searched through the debris piled up on Java island's southern coast.

The area hit by Monday's disaster was spared by the devastating 2004 Asian tsunami, and many residents said they

did not even feel the 7.7-magnitude undersea quake that unleashed the 6-foot-high wall of water.

But some recognized the danger when they saw the ocean recede and fled to higher ground, screaming "Tsunami! Tsunami!" A black wave shot to shore a half hour later, witnesses said, sending boats, cars and motorbikes crashing into resorts and fishing villages. The water reached 300 yards inland.

The death toll rose to at least 327, and it was expected to go higher.

"We are still finding many bodies. Many are stuck in the ruins of the houses," said local police chief Syamsuddin Janieb. He said at least 181 people were killed and 85 missing in the Pangandaran area alone.

Most of those killed were Indonesians, but a Pakistani, Swede and three Dutch nationals were among the dead, Janieb and consulate officials said.

At least 23,000 people fled their homes, either because they were destroyed or in fear of another tsunami, so accounting for the 160 missing could take time, other officials said Tuesday.

Survivors, meanwhile, recounted tales of horror.

"We saw a big wall of black water. I ran with my son in my arms and when I looked back, the waves were at our house. They destroyed our house," said Ita Anita, who was on the beach with her 11-month-old child and other relatives. "The water knocked me down, my son slipped out of my hands and was taken by the water."

Pedi Mulyadi, a 43-year-old food vendor, said he was waiting on the beach for customers when the wave struck, killing his wife, Ratini, 33. The pair were clinging to one another when they were swallowed by the torrent of water and pulled 30 yards inland, he said.

"Then we were hit, I think by a piece of wood," Mulyadi said. "When the water finally pulled away, she was dead. Oh

my God, my wife is gone, just like that."

Ira was playing with her 6-year-old son on the beach when the tsunami struck. The beach-front vendor survived Monday's onslaught, but her only child was torn from her arms.

"The water was too strong," Ira said as she dug through a pile of rubble with her bare hands, close to the spot where she was last with her son. "Oh God. Eki, where are you?" cried Ira, who gave only one name.

Roads were blocked and power cut to much of the area.

Indonesia was hardest hit by the 2004 tsunami that killed at least 216,000 people in a dozen nations along the Indian Ocean rim — more than a half of them on Sumatra island's Aceh province.

Though the country started to install an early warning system after that disaster, it is still in the early stages, covering only Sumatra. The government had been planning to extend the warning system to Java by 2007.

The island was hit seven weeks ago by a 5.9-magnitude earthquake that killed more than 5,800 people, though the 110 miles of coastline hit by Monday's tsunami was not affected by that temblor.

Monday's quake struck at 3:24 p.m. about 150 miles beneath the ocean floor, causing tall buildings to sway hundreds of miles away in the capital, Jakarta. The region was rattled by a series of strong aftershocks.

After the quake, the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center and Japan's Meteorological Agency issued warnings of a possible tsunami. It struck Java about an hour later and its effects could be felt as far away as Bali island and near Australia's Coco Islands.

In addition to the 181 deaths tallied in Pangandaran, central Java police chief Dody Sumantiawan said at least 89 people were killed and more than 70 others missing in nearby Cilacap district.



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
STORMWATER PARCEL REPORT**

On **TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2006, at 5:45 p.m.** the Santa Monica City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the approval of a Stormwater Parcel Report describing each parcel within the City and the amount of each parcel's Stormwater Management User Fee for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Stormwater Management User Fees are a funding source for urban runoff management activities; including periodic upgrades and construction of drainage facilities, maintenance of the storm drain system, catch basin cleaning, public education, runoff pollution control enforcement and other programs that protect the economic, recreational and biological resources of Santa Monica Bay from urban runoff pollution. The Fee will be billed through the L.A. County Tax Assessor on the 2006-2007 property tax bill. The hearing will be held at the COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 213, CITY HALL, 1685 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, at which time the City Council will hear and consider all objections or protests, if any, to the Report. A copy of the Report has been filed with the City Clerk's Office and is available for review. Further information may be obtained by calling the Urban Runoff Management Program Coordinator, (310) 458-8223.

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**City of Santa Monica
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE OCEAN PARK (1A) REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO EXTEND CERTAIN TIME LIMITS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2196 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2196 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") amends the Redevelopment Plan for the Ocean Park (1A) Redevelopment Project to extend for two years the time limit on the effectiveness of the Redevelopment Plan and to extend by two years the time limit for paying indebtedness and receiving property taxes for the Project Area.

Ordinance Number 2196 (CCS) was adopted on July 11, 2006, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.



**City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2195 (CCS)
(City Council Series)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE OCEAN PARK (1B) REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO EXTEND CERTAIN TIME LIMITS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2195 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2195 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") amends the Redevelopment Plan for the Ocean Park (1B) Redevelopment Project to extend for two years the time limit on the effectiveness of the Redevelopment Plan and to extend by two years the time limit for paying indebtedness and receiving property taxes for the Project Area and Added Territory.

Ordinance Number 2195 (CCS) was adopted on July 11, 2006, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.



**City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2193 (CCS)
(City Council Series)**

AN INTERIM ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA MODIFYING AND EXTENDING AN INTERIM ORDINANCE WAIVING CERTAIN DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR RENTAL UNITS WHICH WERE BUILT OR CREATED WITHOUT PERMITS AND REGISTERED WITH THE RENTAL CONTROL BOARD PRIOR TO APRIL 22, 2003 TO ELIMINATE THE CUT OFF DATE FOR REGISTRATION OF UNITS WITH THE RENT CONTROL BOARD

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2193 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2193 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") is an interim ordinance that modifies Interim Ordinance Number 2149 (CCS) to eliminate the cut off date for registration of bootleg units (i.e., residential units that were constructed or created without building permits or other approvals) with the Rent Control Board. The Ordinance extends all other provisions of Ordinance Number 2149 (CCS) to May 31, 2008.

Ordinance Number 2193 (CCS) was adopted on July 11, 2006, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

Violence in Iraq continues amid workers near shrine

BY QAIS AL-BASHIR

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide car bomber detonated explosives in a crowd of laborers gathered across the street from a major Shiite shrine in southern Iraq Tuesday, killing at least 53 people and wounding 105, officials and witnesses said.

The attacker drove a minivan to where Shiite laborers gather daily to look for work in Kufa, 100 miles south of Baghdad. He offered them jobs, loaded the minivan with volunteers and then detonated the vehicle, Najaf Gov. Asaad Abu Kalal told a Shiite television station.

The blast occurred about 7:30 a.m. across the street from Kufa's gold-domed mosque, police Capt. Nafie Mohammed said. The shrine, located in a congested area of the city, marks the place where Imam Ali, cousin and son-in-law of the Prophet Muhammad, was mortally wounded.

Senior provincial health official Dr. Muthir al-Ithari said the casualty figure had been consolidated from reports sent by hospitals in Kufa and nearby Najaf.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a Shiite, condemned the attack and promised to track down and punish those who planned it.

Kufa is a stronghold of radical anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, whose movement controls the mosque. It appeared the blast was aimed at undermining al-Sadr's position in Iraq's sectarian struggle, much of which has been blamed on al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia.

The blast occurred one day after gunmen killed at least 50 people in a major assault on a market in Mahmoudiya, 75 miles north of Kufa. Witnesses said the assault began with an attack on mourners at a funeral for one of al-Sadr's militiamen.

Women and children were among the dead and wounded in that assault, hospital officials said. Late Monday, police said they found 12 bodies in different parts of town — possible victims of reprisal killings.

Several witnesses, including municipal council members, said the attack began when gunmen — presumed to be Sunnis — fired on the Mahdi Army funeral, killing nine mourners.

Assailants then drove to the nearby market area in the town 20 miles south of Baghdad, killing three soldiers at a checkpoint and firing rocket-propelled grenades and automatic rifles at the crowd.

The assault occurred a few hundred yards from Iraqi army and police positions, but the troops did not intervene until the attackers were fleeing, the witnesses said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because of fear of reprisals.

The U.S. command announced that three American soldiers were killed in separate attacks Monday — two in the Baghdad area and one in Anbar province west of the capital. At least 2,554 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

There were conflicting casualty figures in the market attack, with a Shiite television station reporting more than 70 dead. But local police and Dr. Dawoud al-Taie, director of

Mahmoudiya hospital, said 50 people were killed and about 90 were wounded.

In the first 17 days of July, at least 617 Iraqis have been killed in war-related violence, at least 527 civilians and 90 police and security forces, according to an AP count. In the nearly two months since the unity government took office on May 20, more than 1,850 Iraqis have been killed, including at least 1,585 civilians and 267 security forces. The figures do not include insurgents.

The July figure represents a marked increase over the same period last year when an AP count showed at least 450 Iraqis killed, at least 306 civilians and 144 police and security forces. The 617 killed so far this July, not including Tuesday's suicide attack, is already near the total killed in all July last year: 714.

The Shiite television station Al-Forat broadcast strident quotes from Shiites who blamed the attack on Sunni religious extremists. They expressed outrage that Sunni politicians could not rein in the militants.

The main Sunni bloc in parliament said the attack may have been retaliation for the kidnapping of seven Sunnis whose bodies were found Sunday in Mahmoudiya. The bloc accused Shiite-dominated Iraqi security forces of failing to control the situation.

The events also raised doubts about the effectiveness of the U.S. strategy of handing over large areas of the country to Iraqi control, while keeping U.S. troops in reserve.

U.S. troops of the 101st Airborne Division reported hearing detonations and gunfire, the U.S. command said. But Iraqi troops are responsible for security in Mahmoudiya, and American soldiers do not intervene unless asked by the Iraqis.

Four soldiers and a former soldier from the division are accused of raping and murdering a teenage girl near Mahmoudiya on March 12. A sixth soldier is accused of failing to report the crime.

The Mahmoudiya attack was part of a rising tide of tit-for-tat killings and intimidation that many Iraqis fear is the prelude to civil war. The campaign of intimidation and attacks is slowly transforming Baghdad into sectarian zones under the tacit control of armed groups that protect members of their sect.

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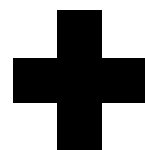
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Westerners flee Lebanon, attacks continue

BY SAM F. GHATTAS
Associated Press Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Israel struck a Lebanese army base outside Beirut and flattened a house near the border, killing at least 16 people in a new wave of bombings, while Hezbollah fired more rockets at northern Israel. Diplomats stepped up efforts to end the conflict, which has sent foreigners fleeing by land, sea and air.

A commercial ship, the Orient Queen, escorted by a U.S. destroyer was due to begin evacuating some of the 25,000 Americans in Lebanon on Tuesday, joining U.S. military helicopters that have already ferried about a score of U.S. citizens to a British base on the nearby Mediterranean island of Cyprus. More helicopter transfers were planned, a U.S. official said.

The base in the southern area of Kfar Chima took a direct hit as the soldiers rushed to their bomb shelters, leaving at least 11 soldiers dead and 35 wounded, the Lebanese military said.

The Lebanese army has largely stayed out of the fighting, but its positions have been repeatedly attacked by Israeli warplanes, undermining Israel's call for it to help push back Hezbollah from the border.

At least five people also were killed when a bomb hit a house in the village of Aitaroun, near the border with Israel, witnesses said. Israeli warplanes also fired four missiles on the eastern city of Baalbek, wounding four, and southern Beirut — both Hezbollah strongholds, according to witnesses and news reports. Another attack targeted the southern town of Qana, Lebanese TV reported.

The Islamic militant group fired rockets that knocked down a three-story house in northern Israel, but no casualties were immediately reported.

Tuesday's deaths raised the toll from seven days of fighting to at least 226 people killed in Lebanon and 24 in Israel.

Israel was allowing evacuation ships through its blockade of the country. France and Italy moved hundreds of nationals and other Europeans out Monday on a Greek cruise liner. An Italian ship left earlier with 350 people and other govern-

ments were organizing pullouts by land to Syria.

India also has evacuated 49 of its citizens from embattled Beirut and stationed four naval vessels off the Lebanese coast to assist in future evacuations, officials said Tuesday.

Diplomatic efforts gained traction with Israel signaling it might scale back its demands. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said two Israeli soldiers captured by Hezbollah had to be released and Hezbollah must pull back from the border for fighting to halt.

An aide to Olmert indicated, however, that the prime minister was ready to compromise on the question of dismantling the Islamic militant group. But the aide said Olmert might oppose a U.N. and British idea of deploying international forces to Lebanon.

The current U.N. force in southern Lebanon has proven impotent and a larger, stronger force could hamper any future Israeli attacks, should any deal fall apart.

An Israeli Cabinet minister, Avi Dichter, meanwhile, said Tuesday that Israel may consider a prisoner swap with Lebanon to win the release of two soldiers captured by Hezbollah, but only after its military operation is complete.

"If one of the ways to bring home the soldiers will be negotiations on the possibility of releasing Lebanese prisoners I think the day will come when we will also have to consider this," the public security minister told Israel's Army Radio.

The crisis began on June 25 when Hamas-linked militants in the Gaza Strip carried out a cross-border attack on a military outpost in Israel, killing two soldiers and capturing one. Lebanon's Hezbollah guerrillas joined the fray in July, attacking a military patrol on the border in northern Israel, killing three soldiers and capturing two. Both Hamas and Hezbollah have said the two attacks were not related.

Dichter also said efforts to gain the release of the soldier being held by Hamas-linked militants in Gaza and the two being held by Hezbollah were not connected to one another.

Delivering an impassioned speech to Israel's parliament on Monday, Olmert said the country would have no mercy on Lebanese militants who attack its cities with rockets.

"We shall seek out every installation, hit every terrorist helping to attack Israeli citizens, destroy all the terrorist

infrastructure, in every place. We shall continue this until Hezbollah does the basic and fair things required of it by every civilized person," he said.

Hezbollah's patron Iran, meanwhile, said a cease-fire and prisoner exchange would be acceptable and fair.

That was followed by a warning Tuesday from Iranian parliamentary speaker Gholam Ali Haddad Adel, who said no part of Israel is safe from Hezbollah rockets. However, he is not among the most influential power brokers in the regime.

"The towns you have built in northern Palestine (Israel) are within the range of the brave Lebanese children. No part of Israel will be safe," he told thousands of anti-Israel demonstrators in Tehran.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's special political adviser emerged from talks Monday with Lebanon's prime minister to say he would present Israel "concrete ideas" to end the fighting.

"We have made some promising first efforts on the way forward," the adviser, Vijay Nambiar, told reporters, while warning that much work needs to be done.

One U.N. official said Nambiar's mission had "very useful discussions" with Lebanon's prime minister and the speaker of Lebanon's parliament — a close ally of Hezbollah's leader.

"They have agreed on some specifics, and this is going to be carried to Israel, and they will probably go back to Lebanon if they are a promising signal," said the official, U.N. Undersecretary-General for Political Affairs Ibrahim Gambari.

Late Monday, Hezbollah dismissed international cease-fire proposals as "Israeli conditions," accusing foreign envoys of allowing Israel time to continue its military offensive to force Lebanon into submission.

"The international envoys have conveyed Israeli conditions. These conditions are rejected," said Hezbollah legislator Hussein Haj Hassan. "We accept what secures our country's interest and pride and dignity and not to submit to Israeli conditions," he said on al-Jazeera television late Monday.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Annan called for sending international forces to southern Lebanon, and the United States said it did not oppose the idea.



City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2194 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO EXTEND CERTAIN TIME LIMITS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2194 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:
Ordinance Number 2194 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") amends the Redevelopment Plan for the Downtown Redevelopment Project to extend for two years the time limit on the effectiveness of the Redevelopment Plan and to extend by two years the time limit for paying indebtedness and receiving property taxes for the Project Area.
Ordinance Number 2194 (CCS) was adopted on July 11, 2006, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.
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City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2197 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO EXTEND CERTAIN TIME LIMITS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2197 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:
Ordinance Number 2197 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") amends the Redevelopment Plan for the Earthquake Recovery Redevelopment Project to extend for two years the time limit on the effectiveness of the Redevelopment Plan and to extend by two years the time limit for paying indebtedness and receiving property taxes for the Project Area.
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City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2192 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE FOOD SERVING BUSINESSES TO ESTABLISH ANCILLARY SIDEWALK DINING CAFES OF UP TO 200 SQUARE FEET IN AREA WITHOUT PROVIDING REQUIRED PARKING IN THE RVC, BCD, BSCD, C2, C3, C3-C, C4, C6, CM AND C-P ZONING DISTRICTS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2192 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:
Ordinance Number 2192 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") amends the City's Zoning Ordinance to allow establishment of sidewalk dining cafes of up to 200 square feet in area as an ancillary use to food serving businesses in all commercial districts with the exception of the Special Office Commercial (C5) District, where restaurants are only permitted with approval of a conditional use permit. The Ordinance waives Code required parking for outdoor dining areas of this size, and creates an administrative process to evaluate applications, establish standard conditions of approval and ensure other related Code sections are properly amended for consistency with anticipated text changes.
Ordinance Number 2192 (CCS) was adopted on July 11, 2006, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.
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National Enquirer apologizes to Spears

By The Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ireland



SPEARS

The National Enquirer has apologized to Britney Spears in its British edition for reporting that she was ready to divorce Kevin Federline.

The articles were published June 5 and June 12 under the headlines, "Britney marriage is over!" and "Britney and Kevin: And now their divorce!" Both stories were vaguely sourced to unidentified friends of the couple.

The retraction and apology said National Enquirer officials "now accept that their marriage is not over and they are not getting divorced. These allegations are untrue and we now accept Britney's position that the statements are without foundation. We apologize for any distress caused."

A London lawyer representing American Media Inc., the Boca Raton, Fla.-based publisher of the National Enquirer, signed a settlement agreement with Paul Tweed, the Belfast lawyer representing Spears in Britain and Ireland. The settlement requires a published apology, but no cash damages.

Spears pursued a libel action on this side of the Atlantic, rather than in the United States, because British and Irish laws are much more plaintiff-friendly.

The 24-year-old pop princess and Federline, 28, an aspiring rapper, were married in September 2004. They have a 10-month-old son, Preston, and she is pregnant with their second child, due this fall.

"The couple are very satisfied with the Enquirer's prompt and good-faith response," Tweed said in a phone interview from Cape Cod, Mass., where he is on vacation. He confirmed the settlement meant the National Enquirer would not be sued, nor be required to publish the apology in the United States.

London lawyer Niri Shan, who represented American Media, declined to comment.

The office of National Enquirer chief executive David Pecker referred The Associated Press to a New

York public-relations firm that wasn't immediately aware of the lawsuit or settlement.

Whereas U.S. libel law requires a celebrity to prove that an article was both false and published maliciously, British and Irish libel law places the burden of proof on the publisher of such material.

The apology and retraction was published Tuesday in the British edition in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales and was being published Wednesday in its Republic of Ireland version.

LONDON

Springer show trial set



SPRINGER

A British Court of Appeal judge has ordered a trial to settle a dispute between distributors of "The Jerry Springer Show" and a company claiming the program became too strong for local tastes.

In effect, the Court of Appeal ordered a Commercial Court judge to watch samples of the show.

Flextech Television, which provides 10 channels of programming for British cable operator NTL Inc., contends it was entitled to cancel its "Springer" deal with Universal Studios International because it became impossible to air some episodes without violating British broadcasting rules.

Flextech entered into a contract in 1998 that committed it to "Springer" as long as the show was running in the United States. By 2001, Flextech contends, the "vast majority" of episodes contained content that was unsuitable for daytime viewing and did not comply with the Independent Television Commission code.

Universal contends the content changed little over the years.

In his ruling Tuesday, Lord Justice David Neuberger referred the case to the Queen's Bench Commercial Division of the High Court for trial.

Neuberger said it was up to a trial judge to decide whether content had changed enough to amount to a breach of contract.

"It must be necessary for the judge who determines such issues to see at least some of the episodes," he wrote.

Neuberger encouraged both sides to agree on "a sensible basis" upon which the trial judge can reach a conclusion "without having to view anything like the totality of all the episodes."

Lawyers say the total runs some 400 hours.

NEW YORK

An affair to remember



BRINKLEY

A 19-year-old former employee of Christie Brinkley's husband, Peter Cook, says he hired her and seduced her with lavish gifts, then attempted to woo her back with repeated notes and phone calls after she broke off the affair.

Diana Bianchi told the New York Post for Tuesday editions that Cook, 47, made advances on her shortly after she took a job at his architecture firm, adding that at the time she was "a little naive."

The interview appeared less than a week after Brinkley, the 52-year-old supermodel, announced through publicist Elliot Mintz that she and Cook, her fourth husband, had separated. They married in 1996 and have a daughter.

Bianchi said she first met Cook when she was a 17-year-old toy store clerk, but he made his intentions clear when she was a year older and his employee, typing in a computer document as she stood by his desk, "How would you feel if I told you I was attracted to you?"

"And I was like, 'Uh, I dunno,'" Bianchi said. "I didn't really answer him. I was kind of thinking, 'Are you serious? Are you kidding?' I really didn't know what to do at that point."

Bianchi's attorney, Joseph Tacopina, told the Post the pair had a sexual relationship that spanned about one year. Speaking to The Associated Press, the lawyer described the couple's relationship as consensual, but claimed Cook's role as employer and his gifts of a car, money and jewelry could possibly constitute sexual harassment.

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Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Avenue
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Friday, July 21
7:30 PM TOMMY

Saturday, July 22
3:00 PM THE WIZARD OF OZ
7:30 PM JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR & HAIR

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7:30 PM PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Monday, July 24
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Tuesday, July 25
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Wednesday, July 26
7:30 PM FLASHDANCE

Thursday, July 27
7:30 PM CALIFORNIA SPLIT

AMC7 Santa Monica
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Dead Man's Chest (PG-13)
10:30, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:30, 11:15, 11:50
Superman Returns (PG-13)
10:15, 12:30, 1:30, 4:00, 5:00, 7:30, 8:30, 10:50, 11:30
Nacho Libre (PG)
10:10, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:05, 9:30
Cars (G)
11:00, 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 10:00

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1441 3rd Street
(310) 458-6232

Little Man (PG-13)
11:55, 2:15, 3:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, 10:15
The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13)
11:30, 1:00, 2:00, 5:20, 6:45, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30
The Break-Up (PG-13)
11:40, 2:20, 4:55, 7:30

Landmark Nuwllshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd
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Strangers with Candy (R)
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00
Who Killed the Electric Car? (PG)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50

Laemmle's Monica
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1332 2nd Street
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A Scanner Darkly (R)
1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
Leonard Cohen: I'm Your Man (PG-13)
1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55
Wordplay (PG)
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15
An Inconvenient Truth (PG)
12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10

Mann's Criterion Theatre
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11:10, 1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
The Lake House (PG)
1:20, 7:10
A Prairie Home Companion (PG-13)
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4:00, 9:30
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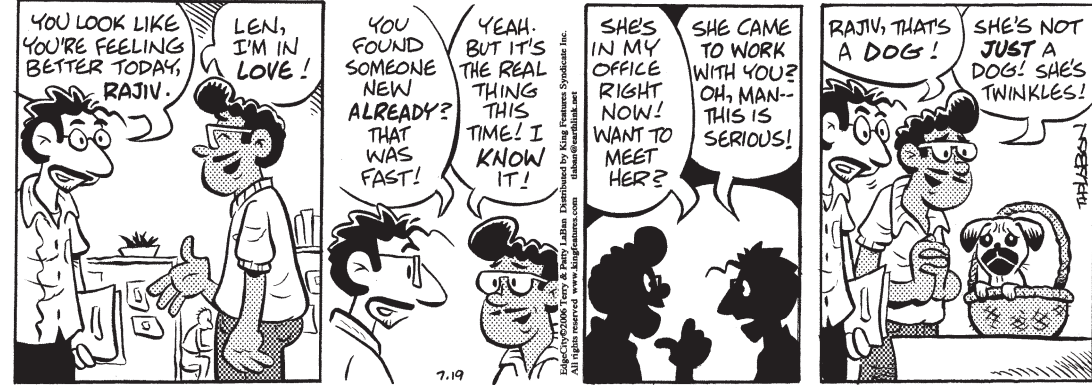
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A PETITION FOR PRO-
BATE has been filed by Alice Kath-
leen Love in the Superior Court of
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THE PETITION FOR
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THE PETITION requests
authority to administer the estate
under the Independent
Administra-tion of Estates Act. (This
authority will allow the personal rep-
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ac-tions, however, the personal re-
pre-sentative will be required to give
notice to interested persons unless
they have waived notice or con-
sented to the proposed action.) The
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will be granted unless an interested
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tion and shows good cause why the
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of estate assets or of any petition or
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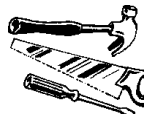
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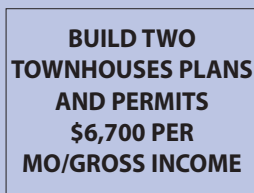


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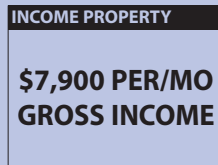


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