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Hedge war revisited by Council

City officials consider changes to ordinance adopted in 2005

BY MELODY HANATANI | Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The ongoing hedge height wars of Santa Monica continue tonight, when City Council considers changes to an interim ordinance that would streamline an appeals process for neighbors of the tall bushes.

The council will be asked to amend an ordinance regulating hedge height and maintenance, possibly adding language to clarify criteria used to assess appeals and include a requirement that all hedges that are legal, but do not comply with existing rules, be registered with City Hall.

“We asked staff to use some magic and come up with an ordinance to make it a fair and reasonable way for the city to resolve the issues,” said City Council member Bob Holbrook.

The interim ordinance was adopted in July 2005 in response to the so-called “hedge wars,” which erupted in 2004 when City Hall stepped up its efforts in enforcing a 1948 law and mandated that 200 residences cut their hedges or face a steep \$25,000-a-day fine.

The ordinance requires that hedges in the front yard not exceed 42 inches.

“I think the entire Council intends to maintain (the interim ordinance) and I think we struck the right balance between the rights of people with existing hedges and concerns of others about walling off too much to the community,” said City Council member Ken Genser.

The proposed amendments in the interim ordinance will address several outstanding issues, including establishing a clear process by which the city zoning administrator and Planning Commission would review appeals by neighbors.

The proposed amendment lists criteria considered in the appeals hearing — including a history of prior complaints that might demonstrate an ongoing quality of life issue; whether the hedges are higher than they need to be in order to achieve privacy; and if the neighbor frequently incurs expenses in maintaining hedges that encroach into their property.

City staff is also recommending that the appellant demonstrate how the hedge affects their use of outdoor space.

“(We wanted) an appeal program that was fair to both sides,” Holbrook said.

Also proposed is an amendment that would require

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VOLUNTEER HABIT

St. Monica parishioners lend a hand to Habitat for Humanity

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Reagan Wheeler news@smdp.com
MAKING A LOCAL DIFFERENCE: Ruben Gonzalez hammers a nail into the frame of a future house wall on Saturday in a Carson warehouse. Gonzalez is a Habitat for Humanity recipient.



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Toddler Story Time for Twos

2601 Main St., 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

The Ocean Park Library hosts an afternoon of stories and music for toddlers, aged 24-36 months, accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. To register call (310) 392-3804.

Monthly Movie Classic: 'Gidget'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.

The Main Library will screen the summer surfing classic, "Gidget," starring Sandra Dee and James Darren. All ages welcome. Seating is first come, first served in the MLK Jr. Auditorium.

Flower arranging demonstration

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Brenda Berkley, co-author of "Zen Flowers," will demonstrate the art of flower arranging at the Fairview Branch Library.

Foreign Thrills: Mystery authors in discussion

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

The Santa Monica Public Library presents a discussion between three mystery authors — Eric Stone, Timothy Hallinan and David Corbett, whose new novels take place in foreign lands. A book sale and signing will follow. Event to be held in the Main Library Auditorium.

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Pablo Neruda's Illustrated Poem Competition for Children

1700 Ocean Park Blvd., call for times

Kultura Books is holding a contest for children, ages 8 to 13. Kids are asked to illustrate one of Pablo Neruda's poems — "Ode to the Tomato" — from the collection "20 Love Poems and a Song of Despair." The entry must be submitted by July 25 on a poster board-sized surface with the inclusion of the handwritten poem in Spanish and/or English. Winning entries get a Mittel's Arts Center gift certificate for \$35 and will be exhibited on Kulturas' on-the-wall (art) space from Aug. 1 through Aug. 15. For more information, call (310) 450-8707 or write kulturasbooks@aol.com.

Dr. Nita Vallens supports activists

1440 Harvard St., 7 p.m.

Dr. Nita Vallens, psychotherapist and KPFF-FM radio talk show host, will be the guest speaker at the public gathering of the Activist Support Circle. For more information, visit www.activistsupportcircle.org or call (310) 399-1000.

Christmas in July

313 Wilshire Blvd., 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Yummy Cupcakes has turned its shop into Christmas with Christmas-themed cupcakes, music and decorations, in a drive to collect school supplies for homeless children in partnership with the Los Angeles Mission.

Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting

1332 Sixth St., noon — 1:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica Kiwanis Club holds its weekly luncheon with guest speakers at the YMCA. For more information, call (310) 828-1766.

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.



Supporting the subway to the sea

(Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.)

BY EMILY SKEHAN
Special to the Daily Press

CITY HALL Gridlock on the Westside is in City Council's sights, as elected officials look to support the extension of a subway line as part of the MTA's Long Range Transportation Plan.

The extension, set as a top tier priority after the completion of a Light Rail project, is part of 14 moves expected by the council tonight that will affect city residents, items ranging from inspecting trees to approving a request for a new beach club.

The council was asked to confirm commitment to the subway project and to collaborate with member cities to decide on the best route. Some conflict exists between Beverly Hills and West Hollywood, as the cities hold differing perspectives on where the subway line should run.

City Council is planning to support the project and agree to work with the cities to decide whether the subway should travel straight down Wilshire — as advocated by the Beverly Hills task force — or through West Hollywood, as that city would prefer, or along a different route altogether.

The Subway Extension project is part of the Westside Cities COG's continual effort to ease traffic congestion on the Westside.

TAKING ON TREES

A cost of \$50,000 per year will accompany the council's anticipated authorization of a contract with a consulting firm that will work to protect city trees by inspecting and monitoring private development.

R. Dan Jensen & Associates was chosen from among four recommended firms for the service, because of the firm's knowledge of Santa Monica's goals in sheltering trees, as well as experience in tree protection requirements, customer service, and timeliness.

The council's move will work to preserve

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Workers ink contract

Labor union ratifies a new deal with trio of major supermarket chains

By Daily Press Staff

CITYWIDE Southern California grocery workers ratified a new labor deal with three of the region's largest supermarket corporations on Sunday, approving a contract that increases wages and improves access to health care.

More than 87 percent of union members that cast their votes did so in favor of the tentative labor agreement reached between the United Food and Commercial Workers

and Ralphs, Albertsons and Vons on July 17.

The contract covers more than 70,000 workers from seven local UFCW unions from Bakersfield to the Mexican border.

The ratification puts an end to more than six months of contentious labor negotiations between the union and grocery stores over the terms of a new contract, which went into effect immediately and is retroactive to March 6 of this year, one day after the previous contract expired.

"The grocery workers are feeling this is a

huge victory and they also have a huge sigh of relief today," said Sandra Lloyd-Jones, a union spokeswoman. "They had six months of negotiations where their lives have really been on hold."

"There was a lot of concern and worry and now they'll be able to get back to work and get on with their lives."

Perhaps the most celebrated item in the new contract is a wage increase — the first since 2002 — and the demise of a two-tier wage

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HARRY SITUATION

Kyle O'Leary pays for an authentic Harry Potter chess set at Whimsic Alley on Wilshire Boulevard on Friday. His mother, Mary O'Leary, said that he raised money for the set by operating a lemonade stand near the farmers' market in Santa Monica. '\$60 came from the lemonade stand and \$40 was from his own allowance,' Mary O'Leary said.

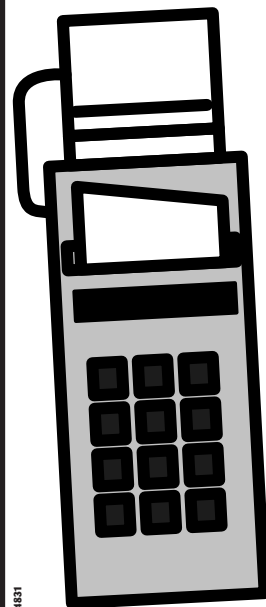
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's not too late to save the trees

(Editor's note: The following is an open letter to the Santa Monica City Council)

City Council members:

I implore you to reverse the council's decision of Oct. 11, 2005, to remove and replace every other tree on Second and Fourth streets downtown (<http://www.smgov.net/cityclerk/council/agendas/>).

Surely, you have read the large number of eloquent letters published in the Santa Monica Daily Press since May 2007 that have extolled the virtues of these gorgeous trees. I cannot add to the reasons why the trees must be preserved, nor should I have to. I live and work in Santa Monica, and each weekend, I walk downtown on Fourth Street – my favorite street in the city. If the trees are removed or replaced with smaller trees, walking on these streets will be no pleasure at all, and it will be a constant reminder of destructive, anti-environmental, short-sighted decision-making. You will witness the opposite effect, when visitors avoid those streets and the businesses located there.

If you still are in favor of the removal of the trees, against the wishes of all those Santa Monica residents who have written open letters to the council before me, please reply with your reasoning. If you believe that the city does not have the money to pay for the maintenance of the trees that exist today, will you please raise my taxes in order to obtain whatever funding you need.

Dr. Andrew Nestler

Santa Monica

It can most definitely happen here

Editor:

(Re: "Exposing Bush's Orwellian reality," opinion, July 19)

(Bennet Kelley) quotes George Orwell's "1984," as do most other modern political observers. When I was in high school during WWII, my history teacher insisted that, with our system of checks & balances, totalitarian governments like Germany and Italy were impossible here in the U.S.

Is there no one out there who remembers, as I do, a novel in 1937 by Sinclair Lewis titled "It Can't Happen Here"? Not only can it happen here, it is ... now!

Hale Porter

Los Angeles

Days are numbered for the circus

Editor:

I hope (the Daily Press') ad for Ringling Bros. – The Cruellest Show On Earth – doesn't generate a single ticket sale. Santa Monica residents have little patience with inadequate confinement of animals.

Phyllis Elliott

Santa Monica



What's the Point?

David Pizarra

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Constitution doesn't side against homeless

(Editor's note: David Pizarra is on vacation. This column originally ran in the Feb. 21, 2006 edition of the Daily Press.)

AS A LOCAL PUNDIT, I PROBABLY GET asked twice a month why the homeless get to "live that way." The starting point to remember with the homeless is that they are citizens of our society just as much as anyone else. Flaming liberals might disagree with this, but there is no law that states a person has to have a home.

As a society, we do not have to provide people with living spaces. We may wish to, because it alleviates our sense of guilt over our personal good fortune, but there is no constitutional obligation of society to provide for people (other than for prisoners, but that is another kettle of fish.)

When people decry the homeless, what is really being asked is: Why do we have to have them here? The answer is that public areas are open to every citizen. The Constitution guarantees each of us the right to live where we want. It does not state that we have to own property to be a citizen. In fact, historically, we have amended the Constitution to assure that voting rights were not tied to ownership.

While the Constitution does not require that we own property, it does allow for the government to regulate how we behave on public property. This is why laws against being drunk in public, spitting on the sidewalks and urinating in public are allowed. This is regulation of behavior, and that is allowed.

The regulation of behavior is not only allowed, it is perhaps the primary purpose of government. The government regulates how fast I drive, how old I have to be to drink, where I conduct business and what licenses I need.

The Constitution provides all citizens, natural born or naturalized, the same rights — those of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. Under the Constitution, we have the following freedoms: Freedom of speech, freedom of association, and freedom to express ourselves religiously, among others. These rights are not absolute, however.

As we are all aware, the freedom of speech is a restricted right. I cannot yell "fire" in a crowded theater. I cannot arbitrarily slander others — these are limits put upon the right to free speech.

Many activists in our community would like to assert that the homeless have an absolute right to live in Santa Monica. That would be an inaccurate assessment of one's constitutional rights. We have the right to live some place, so long as we adhere to the laws of that location. There is nothing in the Constitution which provides me or anyone else with the constitutional right to live in Santa Monica free of responsibilities like rent or property taxes.

Anyone has the right to live in Santa Monica, so long as they pay their way. In much the same way the homeless have the right to occupy public spaces, so long as they pay their rent, which in their case is complying with the laws against littering, defecating in public, being drunk in public, not assaulting others for money and not trespassing on private property.

The heated arguments between homeless activists on the one hand, and the law and order activists on the other, frequently confuse the meaning of "rights" with "entitlements." The homeless soapbox standers would have the general public believe that the homeless population is entitled by birth in America, to occupy, in whatever way they choose, public lands. The law and order activists would have the general public believe that the homeless have no right to be on public land because they are assaulting people and causing disturbances.

Neither side is correct. The homeless have the right to be on public property so long as they comply with the local laws.

The two sides need to understand that homeless citizens have some rights, but they

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are not absolute rights, and they have some responsibilities, which too many of them have been shirking. When the homeless begin to assume their responsibilities, I believe they will find that their arguments, and those of their high-profile supporters, will not fall on so many deaf ears.

As the debate rages on what to do with the homeless, what everyone is forgetting is that there is a large segment of this population that has no desire whatsoever to have a home. They don't want to live in a regulated environment, one that will require them to pay bills, cook for themselves and live in confined spaces.

You cannot take a person who wants to live a carefree existence of being homeless, and put them in a dormitory and expect them to be happy. It is condescension of the highest order to think that we know what is best for others.

Frankly, I find it annoying when someone I don't know tells me how I should cook dinner. I can only barely imagine how insulting it must be, to be told that I should live in a different manner entirely.

The smug, conceited, self-righteous, interlopers should stay out of the business of telling others how to live their lives. They should tend to their own front yard first. Don't they have hedges to cut or something?

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Healing a very sick emergency system

I GOT MY START IN MEDICINE THREE decades ago as an orderly in a small hospital in Michigan, changing bed sheets for the victims of farm mishaps and snowmobile accidents. I was drawn to the fast pace of emergency care, and to what seemed like the magical power of physicians to cure pain. Even now, after 27 years as an emergency room doctor, I find it incredibly gratifying to relieve the suffering of my patients. It's why I come to work every day.

Back in the old days, if a 40-year-old patient walked into the ER with a heart attack, we gave him oxygen and something for the pain, and he walked out of hospital with a nearly dead heart. Today, if a 40-year-old walks in with heart attack, we can send him out as a completely new person. We save people from every type of accident and tragedy imaginable, and offer patients a second chance in life. I now measure my success by the mountains climbed, the companies started and the families raised by patients who have left my care. They make our world a better place.

Despite these miracles, over the years, I have been struck by a sharpening paradox in American medicine. While we can create technically dazzling medical solutions to solve the most complex health problems, we can't seem to figure out how to create a health care system to address the basic societal issues, like making sure we have enough doctors or making certain everyone has access to care.

There's a lot of discussion these days about how America's health care system is ailing. But no area is more acutely sick than emergency care. Consider this: Over the past decade, as our population has grown by millions and the number of patients has increased by 26 percent, an emergency room has closed, on average, once every eight days. In the Los Angeles area alone, 10 ERs shut their doors. We have more and more patients going to fewer and fewer facilities.

By federal law, our nation's emergency rooms must attend to every patient that walks through our doors. We play this role gladly. But many hospitals are buckling under the strain, and the news is filled with terrible stories of where patients fell through the cracks. The average ER wait time, nationwide, is now close to four hours. A colleague of mine at the State University of New York-Stony Brook estimates physicians could save up to 25 out of every 100 deaths

if not for this overcrowding.

True health care reform will require us to solve the emergency room crisis in this country.

As with most things in life, big solutions require taking one step at a time. I'm proud to say that my hospital — Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital — is taking a step toward helping our community. Rather than announcing an ER closure, we are opening, on Wednesday, a state-of-the-art emergency department that will provide more efficient care in a more

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Back when I was an orderly in Michigan, I was awed by the appreciation my patients expressed for our care. One former patient of mine even comes in every few weeks with brownies carefully wrapped in aluminum foil and labeled for me and my staff. They're delicious.

On July 15, we held an open house for the Nethercutt Emergency Center, including tours of the facility, free health screenings, and food and entertainment. It was our way of reintroducing ourselves to a community we've been proud to serve for so many years.

DR. WALLY GHURABI is medical director of the Emergency Center at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital.



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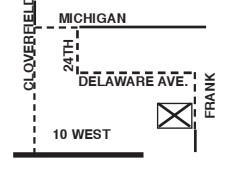
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The Q-Line

Showtime in Santa Monica!

With so many films shot in and around our city by the sea — like the upcoming Lindsay Lohan-Shirley MacLaine vehicle "Poor Things," based on Santa Monica landlord-turned murder suspect Helen Golay — it's high time some movies be made based on our humble hamlet's city government.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

If you could make a film that focused on any issue related to Santa Monica, what would it be and who would you cast in the starring roles?

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- A pre-bid job walk/conference is scheduled for Monday, August 6, 2007 at 2:00 PM in the Information Systems Department office at City Hall.

For further information, please contact Mr. Wolf at (310) 458-8381 or by email (jory.wolf@smgov.net).

'Liquid Dreams' replaces a common gang hangout

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Joined by artists, musicians, professional athletes and community leaders, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa unveiled this weekend a 140-foot mural on a wall surrounding the Sylmar Park Recreation Center, a wall that had been notorious for serving as a message board for gangs and graffiti crews.

"For decades, this wall — an indelible backdrop for the hundreds of children and teens who use this pool and park every day — has stood as a daily reminder of the underlying presence of gangs in our neighborhood," Villaraigosa said.

"Today, as a community, we have transformed it into a symbol of hope and strength for all our children."

Initiated by the Sylmar Youth Task Force, the mural represents a partnership between youth and neighborhood leaders, who reached out to gang leaders to ensure it would remain untouched by tagging crews.

More than 50 youth and community members painted the "Liquid Dreams" mural together and covered decades of

spray paint — more than an inch thick in some parts — with regular house paint.

The mural features simple, uplifting messages such as "I believe" and "You are loved" atop wavy geometric designs painted in vivid blues, greens and yellows.

"The idea for the mural was based on the healing powers that water can have and the strength of words," said Omar Ramirez, the muralist who designed the piece. "This wall has always been used to show the strength of words — we just changed them."

"Given the opportunity, these young people will make their mark," Ramirez said. "It's up to us if it's going to be positive or negative."

Dozens of volunteers, including rock musician Slash, donated time to help paint the mural between July 11 and July 20.

During that time, no tagging or graffiti was found on the recreation center wall — its longest graffiti-free period in more than a decade, according to the City Department of Recreation and Parks.



Photo courtesy

FAME GAME: Slash, above, was one of many stars on hand for the creation of a mural at Sylmar Park Recreation Center.

Los Angeles lawyer acquitted of smuggling drugs to jailed client

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A diabetic attorney who claimed his judgment was impaired by a hypoglycemic attack was acquitted of smuggling heroin and methamphetamine to his jailed client.

John Kolfschoten, 62, had been charged with one count of conspiracy to commit a

crime, one count of bringing drugs into a jail facility and two counts of transportation of a controlled substance.

During the weeklong trial, Kolfschoten testified he thought he was delivering family photographs to the jailed murder defendant. His dangerously low blood-sugar level at the time let the idea of inspecting the package slip his mind, the lawyer testified.

Kolfschoten said he was told by client George Vincent Carrillo's wife that he should pick up a package of photos from a man outside the courthouse.

Jurors acquitted Kolfschoten of the charges on Thursday.

"This has been one of the most traumatic and devastating events of my life," Kolfschoten said after the verdict.

Kolfschoten was arrested two years ago after deputies caught him pushing a package full of methamphetamine and heroin under the bars of Carrillo's holding cell at the Superior Court in Norwalk.

"The evidence clearly demonstrated my client had no knowledge of what was contained in those packages," Kolfschoten attorney Shelly Albert said.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SANTA MONICA PLACE REMODEL

The City of Santa Monica has prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the **Santa Monica Place Remodel**. The City of Santa Monica has prepared this Notice of Intent to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with information describing the proposal and its potential environmental effects. Environmental factors which would be potentially affected by the project include: Aesthetics, Construction Effects, Geology /Soils, and Hazards and Hazardous Materials. Mitigation measures have been identified that reduce impacts to levels of insignificance.

PROJECT APPLICANT: The Macerich Company

PROJECT LOCATION: 395 Santa Monica Place

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project would involve the remodel of the existing enclosed mall shopping area, and the retention of the two anchor department stores (one anchor store presently occupied by Macy's and the other was formerly occupied by Robinson's May) and the two parking structures. The remodeled area will be three levels in height and will accommodate retail and restaurant uses. The proposed remodel would result in a shopping center of 586,453 square feet of building area (compared with a current building area of 677,209 square feet) and remove the portion of Parking Structure 7 which currently overhangs a section of the mall, eliminating 63 parking spaces. The project site includes frontages along Broadway, 4th Street, Colorado Avenue, and 2nd Street.

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration on the proposed project may be reviewed at the following locations:

- City Planning Division Public Counter, Room 111, 1685 Main Street
- Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street
- Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard

REVIEW PERIOD: As specified by the State CEQA Guidelines, a 30-day public review period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration will commence on **July 24, 2007** and end on **August 23, 2007**. The City of Santa Monica welcomes agency and public comments on the document during this period. Any comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received within the public review period. **Comments may be submitted, in writing, by 5:30 p.m. on August 23** and addressed to: Sarah Lejeune, Senior Planner; City Planning Division; 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Fax: (310) 458-8341. E-mail: sarah.lejeune@SMGOV.net

ESPAÑOL: Esta es una noticia de un estudio preliminar y declaración negativa sobre, lo cual puede ser de interés a usted. Para más información, llame a Carmen Gutierrez, al número (310) 458-8341.



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Multiple shootings take place at party promoted on Web

A teenager was shot to death and four others were wounded, two critically, when gang members apparently showed up for a going-away party advertised on the Web.

The Saturday night apartment gathering was planned as a celebration for someone who is headed off to college, but about 100 people showed up, said Cindy Beavers of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

The party was advertised on the MySpace.com social networking Web site.

"When you advertise a party that way, you don't know what kind of people are going to show up, or what kind of problems they may bring," Beavers said.

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LOS ANGELES
Some L.A. supervisors balk at driving hybrids

Some supervisors cling to gas-guzzling vehicles 18 months after the Board of Supervisors decided on hybrid vehicles for the county fleet to protect the environment.

The county has replaced 170 vehicles in its fleet with gas-sipping hybrids, primarily Toyota Priuses. But supervisors still prefer large cars.

Only one of the five supervisors drives a hybrid.

Supervisor Gloria Molina drives a Buick Lucerne, bought by the county for \$32,409; Yvonne Brathwaite Burke has a \$37,854 Chrysler 300; Michael Antonovich has a \$31,663 Cadillac DTS; and Zev Yaroslavsky drives a \$27,600 Buick Park Avenue.

Yaroslavsky's Buick is the same car he had when he and Antonovich authored the November 2005 motion calling for cars to be replaced with hybrids only "where practical and economically feasible."

Supervisor Don Knabe drives a \$39,795 hybrid Toyota Highlander SUV, although he notes it is smaller than what he's used to.

Some supervisors and their deputies said hybrids were too small.

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LOS ANGELES
Skid Row's crime drops with more officers downtown

Crime has dropped 33 percent since 50 police officers were added to Skid Row patrols under the Safer Cities Initiative launched a year ago targeting downtown violence, drugs and prostitution.

"What we had was a living hell just a stone's throw from City Hall," said Estela Lopez, executive director of the Central City East Association.

"What this has done is make everyone accountable – whether it's law enforcement, businesses or the community at large – to deal with this problem," Lopez said.

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FUN AND GAMES

Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

Carmen Tellez, aka 'Charm' entertains children during the community open house for the Nethercutt Emergency Center on Sunday, July 15.

Tales from the crib

Angie Wagner

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

When kids become one with the country

I TOOK MY CITY GIRLS OUT OF LAS VEGAS for a two-week trip to visit my parents here.

I want my girls to experience everything I did as a child growing up in a small town of 5,000. It's been 16 years since I moved away, but as with most small towns, not much has changed. There are still just a few stoplights; the Methodists still try to beat the Baptists out of Sunday church so they can hit KFC first; and you can still ride the brown plastic horse at the grocery store for a penny.

When we arrived, it seemed like it'd been raining for about 120 straight days. So that meant the mosquitoes were out in force. My kids have never been bitten by a mosquito. Doesn't happen in Las Vegas.

But here, not only were they munched on up and down their legs and arms, I think one was in the bed I shared with my toddler.

How did I stand this growing up? Did I not notice?

My toddler doesn't know the difference between a fly and a mosquito. She screamed: "There's a bug on me! There's a bug on me!" and we all had to try to calm her down.

Bugs are new to her.

My mom pronounced my kids "city girls" after that outburst.

The next night, another amazing discovery — a tarantula. Ugh. I'd forgotten how big and nasty those things were. My girls were completely intrigued and scared at the same time.

It's amazing how many things they have never seen because we live in a city in Nevada.

Now, they've seen cows and horses in pastures up and down the highways here, a lot of roadkill I purposely didn't point out, and the most wonderful thing of all -- a front-yard, backyard AND a driveway!

This is almost as fun as Disneyland.

In Las Vegas, we have a tiny strip of grass in our front yard. Our backyard is a pool. And we certainly don't have one of those neat circle driveways to ride a bike around

and around on.

The neighbor's granddaughter arrived one day and my toddler burst out the front door, yelling: "I see a girl!"

Two hours later, apparently they were best friends, riding their bikes together and swimming in the plastic pool. In Vegas, this would have required me calling another mom to schedule a play date. No young children live next door to us and playing is rarely spontaneous because of that.

Then, my toddler asked if she could spend the night with her new best friend. I was shocked, and a bit hurt, that she wanted to leave me for this child she just met. We told her it was going to storm and she might be scared. But she held tight to her friend's hand and didn't budge.

She went to her first sleepover. I'm sad, thinking this moment should have come much later, when she was older. In between the squeals over bugs and tarantulas, my toddler is growing up.

The next few days were a blur. My girls discovered what riding lawn mowers are and my baby got her first skinned knees and picked up a new word: "Cow." My city girls love the endless grass, trees and the penny horse rides.

It's a whole new world here. I had forgotten how much fun it was to just play outside all day. In Vegas, we have to go to a park to run around outside. Here, they'd found freedom.

It was almost time to leave when my toddler ran through the front door with another find. "I found a roly-poly!" She previously had no idea what the bug was, but now she's an expert at spotting them. Unfortunately, this one ended up on the TV room rug.

Want to comment? Sound off at soundoffasapap.org.

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Parents teach children value of money with regular tithing

BY MELISSA KOSSLER DUTTON
Associated Press Writer

They're buying cows for hungry children in developing nations. Financing mission trips to build houses for poor families in the United States. Helping churches pay salaries, utilities and other expenses.

Many children around the country — with their parents' guidance — are learning early to donate 10 percent of their allowance to charitable causes. Parents and religious instructors of various denominations say that starting to tithe young instills a philanthropic spirit in children, as well as a practical lesson in budgeting.

**IT KIND OF
MAKES ME FEEL
GOOD. I KNOW I'M HELPING
OUT MY CHURCH."**

Olivia Sturtevant
9-year-old from Worthington, Ohio

It's just part of the efforts by many churches these days to help families manage money. Clergy are teaching or organizing classes for parishioners on balancing household budgets, overcoming credit card debt or saving for children's education.

Church is a place where families "can be transparent about their challenges with money without being judged," says Cynthia Sumner, author of the book "Dollars & Sense," which aims to teach mothers money management skills. The book, published in 2005 by the faith-based Mothers of Preschoolers support group, says tithing creates financial discipline and improves self-esteem.

"It kind of makes me feel good," says 9-year-old Olivia Sturtevant of Worthington, Ohio. "I know I'm helping out my church."

Every Saturday, Olivia and her sisters, 11-year-old Emilee and 5-year-old Amelia, divide their allowance into three envelopes: one for saving, one for spending and one for tithing. On Sundays, they put the tithing envelopes into the collection plate at Worthington Presbyterian Church.

Their parents, Coreen and Kevin Sturtevant, talk openly with the girls about the family budget, the dangers of credit card debt and the necessity of saving for unexpected expenses. They say they're trying to combat a culture in which many children have no concept of how much things cost.

"I'm preparing myself to get out in the world," says Emilee, who receives an allowance of \$5.50 - half her age. "I'm budgeting my money instead of buying every little thing I want."

Biblical Scriptures call for believers to give one-tenth of their income to support their faith.



Dear Dorie

Dorie Meek

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Should he head to class?

Dear Dorie,

I have a preschooler that is going into kindergarten next year. His birthday is in late August and I've heard a few conversations about holding back boys for an additional year of preschool in order to more adequately prepare them for kindergarten. What's the latest scoop on kindergarten?

Preparing to leave PreK

Dear Preparing,

Public school kindergarteners must be 5 years of age by the cut-off date of December 2; private schools can set their own policies but most require age 5 around September 2 (there are rumors that the state will change the public date to September but nothing official yet). That means that your son could enter kindergarten after just turning 5, and he might be in the classroom with other 4, 5 or 6-year-olds depending on their birth date.

For the last few years, there has been a trend toward holding "late birthday" kids back for another year of preschool until they are more mature. The parent assumption has been that this will set them up more adequately for academic and social success. Typically, these are parents of boys, as they tend to mature a little later than girls at this age.

Most research supports the conversations you've been hearing that children who enter kindergarten at a slightly older

age have an academic advantage over younger children. The caveat is that this difference typically disappears within a relatively short period of time. There is also no conclusive evidence that younger children acquire less knowledge than older children. So, ultimately the decision must be based on your knowledge of your son - your gut instinct on whether he's ready or not.

I do recommend that you ask yourself a few more questions while you make this decision:

■ Is your son's preschool prepared for a third year student aka is your son going to be bored with the same teacher/classroom/curriculum while he "matures"?

■ Is your class loaded with six year olds? This is difficult to find out in a public school as the enrollment process is ongoing through the summer, but some private schools will give classroom demographic information that may guide your decision.

■ Is it economically feasible to continue preschool for another year?

Have you had a conversation about this with his preschool teacher? If not, that's a great starting point.

Dorie

DORIE MEEK is director of the Infant & Family Support Program, provided by Saint John's Health Center in partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

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Volunteers look to raise the roof

BY REAGAN WHEELER

Special to the Daily Press

CARSON The signs of manual labor were everywhere inside the Keegan Warehouse on Saturday — the clanging of metal on metal, the blisters, the grunts of physical exertion. Still, even the sweat dripping down their faces couldn't wipe away the workers' satisfied smiles.

Roughly 30 patrons of St. Monica Catholic Church, 725 California Ave., were up bright and early Saturday morning, meeting in the church's parking lot, before taking part in a Habitat for Humanity project to build walls for four new homes.

The church sends volunteers once a month to a regional Habitat site. This past weekend, Sharon Zdunowski, co-chair for the Habitat for Humanity Ministry at St. Monica's, greeted the sleepy-eyed volunteers.

"When we see Sharon and the others from St. Monica's, we say 'Oh, it's St. Monica Day,'" said Habitat volunteer Sue Hunt, of Wilmington, Calif., who has been volunteering with the organization for two years.

Volunteers from St. Monica's have been helping Habitat for Humanity build houses for families in need since 1998, building many of the 180 homes that have been completed in Los Angeles County.

The concept that grew into Habitat for Humanity International was born in 1942 outside Americus, Ga., on a small, interracial, Christian farm — Koinonia Farm — the brainchild of farmer and biblical scholar Clarence Jordan. Millard and Linda Fuller visited the farm in 1965 and developed the



LENDING A MUCH-NEEDED HAND: Above left: Meghan Storm, a volunteer from St. Monica Catholic Church, pounds a nail into a 2 by 4 piece of lumber at the Habitat build in Carson on Saturday. Above right: Stencils with the Habitat For Humanity Greater Los Angeles area acronym are used to mark 200 donated ladders used at building sites throughout the county.



Reagan Wheeler news@smdp.com

idea of "partnership housing," where those in need of shelter and volunteers worked side by side to build simple, affordable houses.

The Fullers founded Habitat for Humanity International in 1976.

On Saturday, the group from St. Monica's set out for the warehouse — a last-minute location change due to volunteer numbers.

They journeyed in carpools, spending the 30-minute drive telling stories of their previous Habitat experiences or sharing their expectations for their first "build."

Many were first-time volunteers, including Meghan Storm, 27, who moved from Savannah, Ga., to Santa Monica a year ago.

"I heard about the build through the bulletin at church," said Storm. "I do architecture, so I wanted to come help out and get hands-on experience."

Storm, who attends St. Monica Church, brought along her friend and roommate, who was busy hammering away at a wall frame.

"I think it's really good for us volunteers to see the people out here who are receiving the houses and for them to see us, too," shared Storm.

The recipients of the houses built by Habitat volunteers work alongside them at build sites. Four future homeowners — all with families to support — were on hand at the warehouse on Saturday. They worked hand-in-hand with St. Monica volunteers to build the structures they would one day call home.

Pounding nails on Saturday, house recipient Ruben Gonzalez was thrilled to see more than 40 volunteers pitching in. His five children, wife and mother-in-law are all expected to move into the house by January 2008 — 14 months after he applied for a home.

"I just thank the Lord that this organization is helping us out," said Gonzalez. "I expect to become a volunteer after we move in. Without the volunteers, who would do the work?"

For all intents and purposes, Gonzalez hit the nail on the head. Volunteers, like those from St. Monica, play a huge role in getting the houses built for people in need of some helping hands. However, Gonzalez and the other recipients do have to help with the construction, putting in a required 500 "sweat equity" hours before they can move into their new digs.

"We have to do manual labor," said Gonzalez. "I expected that."

In October 2006, Gonzalez attended a seminar that explained the process behind obtaining a Habitat-made house and the history of the organization. Initially, it was a lot of paperwork, but well worth it, he said.

Fellow recipient Carmen Ruiz agreed. To date, she has worked nearly 40 hours and was happy to be on hand Saturday with the volunteers.

"It's very exciting to work with different types of people," Ruiz said. "They're all friendly and nice, plus they help us finish faster so we can move in sooner."

One of those volunteers on hand over the weekend, helping Ruiz and Gonzalez move in faster, was Sara Fairfoot, who started with Habitat in February. Like most of those in Carson, Fairfoot heard about the build through the St. Monica's bulletin.

"My first experience was building sawhorses at Frank's house," said Fairfoot, referring to Frank Casano, the co-chair for the Habitat for Humanity Ministry at St. Monica's. "My next experience was going to New Orleans to build a house in Musicians' Village."

Casano, who was unable to make it to the build on Saturday, said that the he and Zdunowski have gathered more than 300 names and e-mail addresses of people wanting to volunteer and those who have volunteered.

"It's neat to see business people come out and swing a hammer," said Casano. "It's amazing what can happen. We're doing more than building a house."

Casano and Zdunowski spearheaded St. Monica's involvement with Habitat. Both accompanied Fairfoot to New Orleans earlier this year, where, within one week, they went from having just two walls up to nearly an entire house constructed.

"When I heard about the opportunity to go down to New Orleans, I kind of jumped up and down and said 'Let's go,'" said Casano.

Even though the New Orleans experience was an once-in-a-lifetime chance for the volunteers involved, every opportunity to volunteer is life-changing and fun, according to Casano. After each build, many volunteers make new friends and a newfound appreciation for hard work is gained.

"Whether you're doing it for God or just for fun, it's still great," said Sue Hunt. "You get to meet families, who are truly precious, at dedications and the people you work with become your buddies."

For more information about Habitat for Humanity, visit www.habitat.org.

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City Council faces slate of consent items

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street trees, replace unhealthy or missing trees, and review the impact of private construction projects on public trees.

Residents who hope to develop near city trees will have to undergo inspection and approval by the firm.

BIG BLUE BUS GETS A MAKEOVER

The Big Blue Bus looks to go greener, and this week could represent another step toward the company's mission to clean up the city's air. The public transit line will revamp 67 New Flyer busses, equipping the vehicles with environmentally friendly diesel emission control devices, if the Council accepts a local vendor's bid.

Ironman Parts & Services is recommended as the best bidder to retrofit the 1997 diesel busses with a California Air Resource Board approved device. The emissions control device will reduce particulate matter emissions by at least 85 percent, and decrease the release of nitrogen oxide by 25 percent.

While the project could total a costly \$1,659,234, funds of up to \$577,965 might be reimbursable by a grant sponsored by the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

LANDMARK APPEAL DENIED

A historic apartment complex on San Vicente Boulevard will be designated as a city landmark, despite the wishes of the building's owner.

The structure at 130-142 San Vicente Blvd. is a pinwheel-shaped multi-family unit constructed in 1949 in modern vernacular style. Originally known as the Teriton, the Santa Monica building was designated by the Landmarks Commission as a landmark parcel, meaning that it will be preserved, maintained and protected as a historical property.

The apartment's owner, Haim Hashalom, appealed the commission's decision, but the Council is expected to vote to uphold the building's landmark status and deny further appeals. The complex was confirmed to hold aesthetic value and manifest elements of the social, economic, and architectural history of the city.

Designed by architect Stanford Kent, the San Vicente apartments are noteworthy in their incorporation of outdoor space, courtyards, and maximization of social interaction between tenants. After Kent's similar structure on Seventh Street was demolished, 130-142 San Vicente Blvd. became the only property with a pinwheel arrangement in Santa Monica, and one of two such properties in Los Angeles.

The complex has remained almost entirely unchanged since its construction, and exemplifies the clean, sunlight-enhancing style of modern garden apartment architecture that was popular in Santa Monica in the years following World War II through the 1960s.

BLOCK PARTY

Residents of Yale Street will be called on to applaud or object to the costs of improvements to their road and parkway. City Council plans to set a public hearing on September 25 to hear any protests to the confirmation of costs for a street improvement project that was completed this February.

The Yale Street Improvement Project was a collaborative project between area residents and the city to preserve the character of Yale Street between Montana Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard. The project widened the existing parkway which preserved the street's tree canopy while allowing for necessary street repairs.

Homeowners will pay per lineal foot of their affected property for the improvements, but may be pleased to find out that the improvements cost less than initially forecast; residents voted to approve a cost of \$195 per lineal foot, while the final estimate came to \$188.03 per front footage for both commercial and residential property owners, a difference of \$6.97 for each foot.

Property owners have the option of either paying for the improvements over ten years at an 8 percent interest rate, or paying their assessment in full within 30 days after being invoiced. Owners of controlled rental units may not pass through the cost of the assessment to their tenants.

Residents of Yale Street will be informed of the official hearing date at least 45 days before the meeting.

BETTERING THE BEACH

Beach-goers will have a wide new array of options available for their oceanside outings starting in early 2009, when a new beach club opens in Santa Monica. City Council is expected to approve a request to submit a contract term for the restaurant portion of the Annenberg Community Beach

Club located just off Pacific Coast Highway.

Currently known as Back on the Beach, the seaside cafe will be updated and expand to include to-go food service and beach equipment rentals, and possibly seasonal mobile food cart services. Before proposing this expansion, the city must get approval for the minimum bid requirements for the project.

The city expects to benefit from the improvements, generating at least \$100,000 per year in the form of rent. However this is a modest projection and the new additions to the club will probably generate more customers and

increased public usage of the beach, thus conservative revenue projections for the Annenberg Community Beach Club include approximately \$175,000 a year in rental revenue from the restaurant concession.

Following approval by Council, a request to the state for minimum bid requirements will be submitted in August 2007. If accepted by the state, it will be forwarded to the state legislature for consideration. Staff training and physical changes will take place in the fall of 2008.

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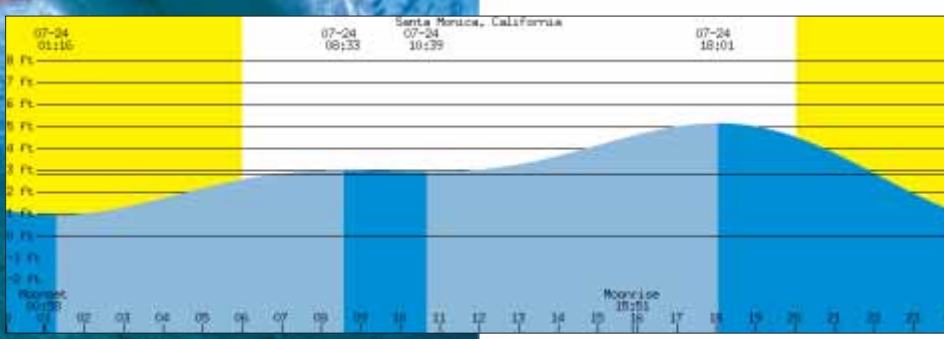
SWELL FORECAST (4-6 FT)

Today the wind swell should increase more towards waist to chest high at west facing breaks. Tuesday is also when we have some southern hemi ground swell due. As you may recall from our reports last week, this is from a good-sized storm in the southern hemisphere that spun off Antarctica and traveled northeastward toward French Polynesia.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

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TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **July 14, 2007**

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QUICK STATS

(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 1

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 3

Number of wet days -- 8

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / ns

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

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns	WVI Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	WVI Rogers State Beach at Pulgo Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachona and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns	WVI Rogers State Beach at Tennesseal Canyon drain	C	ns
Erskine Canyon at El Morado State Beach	A+	ns	WVI Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chantrelle)	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	B	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	ns
Lorigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Saltonia Canyon at San Diego County Beach	A+	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	ns
Malibu Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Sunridge Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	B	ns
Sunridge Beach (beach location)- daily	A	ns	Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- Skagard tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	B	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint zone)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 15948 PCN street	A+	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pine Creek at Los Tunes County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DWW jitty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hypanion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns			
WVI Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCN (1/4 mile east of Sunset 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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FILE PHOTO: A pair of women walk past a hedge that many would consider too tall.

Council to mull hedge ordinance

FROM HEDGE PAGE 1

that all grandfathered hedges — those that existed prior to the implementation of the interim ordinance and are legal even if they don't conform to current rules — be registered with City Hall.

When the interim ordinance was first passed in 2005, the city manager allowed residents to voluntarily register their non-conforming fences, hedges and walls. About 900 residents did so.

If the revised interim ordinance is approved, residents will have until Nov. 15, 2007 to register their grandfathered hedges.

"After this second registration process ends, no party will be able to assert a legal non-conforming right for any fence, wall or hedge in the city, unless it has been registered through this or the prior process," the city staff report states.

Another source of debate — hedge maintenance — is addressed in the revised ordinance to require that the shrubbery be maintained so that it does not hang into the

abutting property. If it does, neighbors would have the right to remove the portions that invades their property and charge the owner for any related costs.

The ordinance is set to expire on Sept. 30 and city staff is recommending that Council extend the deadline to Jan. 9, 2010.

The battle over hedge heights has pitted neighbor against neighbor in this city. Many of the residents who violated the law in 2004 contend that the hedges are used for privacy, blocking prying eyes. Those who supported regulations argued that hedges affect the quality of life in Santa Monica and create a fortress-like environment in neighborhoods, making the city an uninviting place for pedestrians.

The discussion tonight is the first reading of the proposed changes. If favorable, the council would approve the amendments later at a future meeting.

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A healthier future in store for union grocery workers

FROM AGREEMENT PAGE 3

structure separating new employees from the old. Implemented in 2004, the two-tier structure was a major source of debate during the negotiations in 2003-04. Under the new contract, all employees are now classified on the same wage progression schedule and are eligible to receive the top pay in their class.

Wages will increase gradually over the life of the contract — set to expire on March 6, 2011.

Another boon for the workers, the waiting period for new employees and their children to be eligible for health care has been shortened from 18 months to six months. Current employees who have been on the job for at least six months are now eligible for coverage.

The ratification puts to rest any fears of

another strike, which the union authorized in June if negotiations stalled again. The previous strike lasted for more than four months — taking an economic toll on both employers and employees, and a hassle for consumers that supported the strike but had to go elsewhere to get their shopping done.

"Three years ago, (workers) suffered through a debilitating strike and, today, they are going back to work and getting many of the things they lost in the last contract," Lloyd-Jones said.

Adena Tessler, the representative for Ralphs, Vons and Albertsons could not be reached for comment on Monday.

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Double bust

Ja Rule, Lil Wayne arrested in NYC for gun possession

JA RULE AND LIL WAYNE have been arrested and charged with criminal possession of a weapon in separate incidents, police said.

The best-selling rappers were arrested Sunday night shortly after Lil

Wayne's concert at the Beacon Theatre. It wasn't immediately clear whether Ja Rule had also performed.

Ja Rule, whose real name is Jeff Atkins, lives in Saddle Brook, N.J. Lil

Wayne, whose real name is Dwayne Carter, is from Miami.

Contact information for their managers could not be found early Monday, and there was no immediate response to messages

left with their record company, Universal Motown.

It also wasn't immediately clear whether they had attorneys.

Officers spotted Carter, 24, and another man smoking marijuana by a

tour bus near 61st Street and Columbus Avenue at about 11:30 p.m., police said.

The officers took the two men into custody, finding a .40-caliber pistol.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clarkson apologizes for feud with Davis

KELLY CLARKSON has done a lot of talking about reports of a feud with Clive Davis over the direction of her new album, "My December." Now, she's apologizing.

"I want to set the record straight on this by saying that I want my band, my advisors, those close to me and my record label to be one big, tightly knit family," the 25-year-old singer said Monday in a statement posted on her Web site.

"Like any family we will disagree and argue sometimes but, in the end, it's respect and admiration that will keep us together."

For months, Clarkson has weathered – and also fueled in candid interviews – reports of a battle with Davis, who oversees her record label, RCA, over the direction of "My December," which was released June 26.

"A lot has been made in the press about my relationship with Clive," the former "American Idol" said in her statement. "Much of this has been blown way out of proportion and out of context."

"Contrary to recent characterizations in the press, I'm well aware that Clive is one of the great record men of all time," her statement said. "He has been a key advisor."



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ALI TIES THE KNOT

LAILA ALI and retired NFL star Curtis Conway were married this weekend, her manager, Eric Kaufman, said Monday.

Kaufman wouldn't release any details of Sunday's wedding.

Guests included Ali's parents, Muhammad Ali and Veronica Porsche Anderson; her sister Hana Ali; Conway's 12-year-old twin sons, Cameron and Kelton; and his 8-year-old daughter, Leilani, People magazine reported on its Web site.

The 29-year-old quadruple crown super middleweight champion wore a champagne-colored silk charmeuse strapless mermaid gown, the magazine reported.

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1:35, 4:00, 7:05, 9:20
Live Free or Die Hard (PG-13)
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Sicko (PG-13)
1:25, 4:15, 7:15, 10:05

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Knocked Up (R)
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Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13)
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Ratatouille (G)
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Ratatouille (G)
11:00am, 1:45, 4:30
Transformers (PG-13)
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1314 Wilshire Blvd
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Evening (PG-13)
1:00, 7:00
The lives of Others (Das Leben der Anderen) (R)
2:00, 5:00, 8:00
Paris, je t'aime (R)
4:00, 9:45

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Goya's Ghosts (Los Fantmas de Goya) (R)
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Rescue Dawn (PG-13)
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★ Dynamic ★★★★★ Positive ★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult

Happy Birthday!

You have the wherewithal to create much more for yourself. Your home life could be an issue, as much frustration surrounds home, real estate and other domestic matters. Create much more of your desires with your endless creativity. If you can apply this talent to your problems, dynamic changes will occur. If you are single, you will have to fight to keep that status, or you might even decide to dot the horizon with your many suitors. If you are attached, you might opt to add to your bond through a child.



Born Today

Actress, singer Jennifer Lopez (1970)
Baseball player **Barry Bonds (1964)**
"El Libertador" **Simon Bolivar (1783)**

Find your pals, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might have a difficult time sorting through what is relevant and what is not. How you deal with others could completely change as a result of confusing information. Tonight: Distance yourself before you judge. Decide based on facts; ignore fiction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Others throw a tantrum, if it is their style; otherwise, they could be difficult. You might want to define a situation, but clearly someone you answer to will not. The unexpected occurs with an emotional situation. Tonight: Touch base with a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ How you deal with others could change considerably. Your ability to get past the obvious might emerge. However, the only person who is likely to see eye to eye with you is someone at a distance. Tonight: Sort through the possibilities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Understanding evolves to a new level. You need to get to the bottom of a problem. Understand what makes you tick in this situation. Your sense of direction and your ability to sort through what is unfathomable for many emerges. Tonight: Slow down.

LEO (July 23-August 22)

★★★★ You might get stuck, but the answer is close to the surface. You could find another's vagueness disconcerting, and whether you like it or not, it impacts you. Know when to say "enough." Your creativity spins into a problem. Tonight: Happy as can be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Handle the basics, yet keep reaching out for others. You find a brisk wind of confusion blows through even the best of ideas. You'll discover the problem. Allow creativity and centering to sort everything out. Tonight: Order in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Yes, expenses could be out of whack, and for good reason. You might not have follow-through on some research. You also might not care, as you want what you want. Stop. There is a tomorrow. Regroup and ask key questions. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ How you deal with others is more important than you realize. What comes around can make a difference, if you allow it to. Much that happens is tied into another's defiance or hard stance. Know what is important. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ What seems to be unredeemable becomes easier. Kick back and relax with others. You might want to understand what makes some of your associates or those in your daily life act the way they do. Trust that soon you won't even care. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ How you deal with a friend or group of associates depends on how much you can tolerate ineptitude. Recognizing their lack helps you realize more. Understanding helps you make headway. Tonight: Take needed time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Reach for the stars with the knowledge that you can change what is going on by assuming more responsibility. The real question lies in whether you really want to. Understanding evolves. Tonight: Find your pals.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Use your imagination to find the right answer. How you deal with someone could change your choices and direction. Extremes could create caustic comments or irritation. Let go of an issue. Tonight: Out late.

Janric Classic Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty
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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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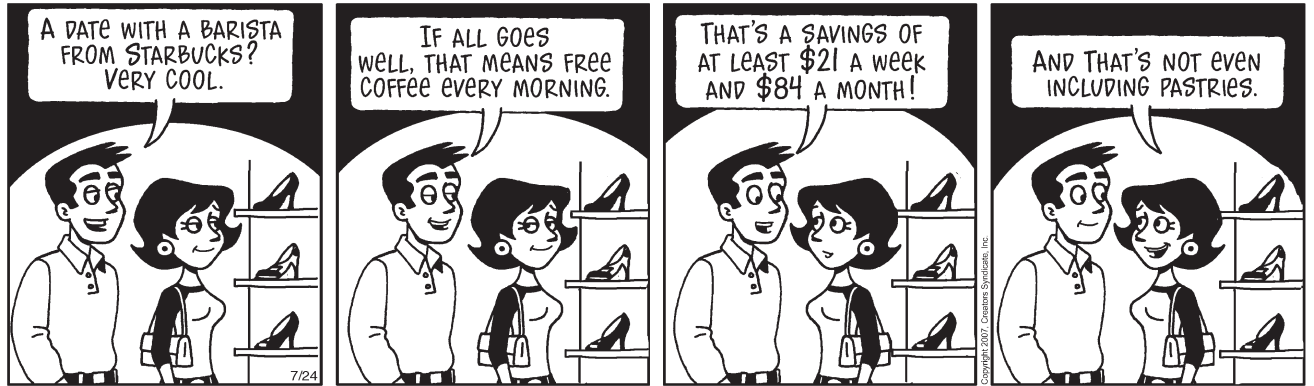
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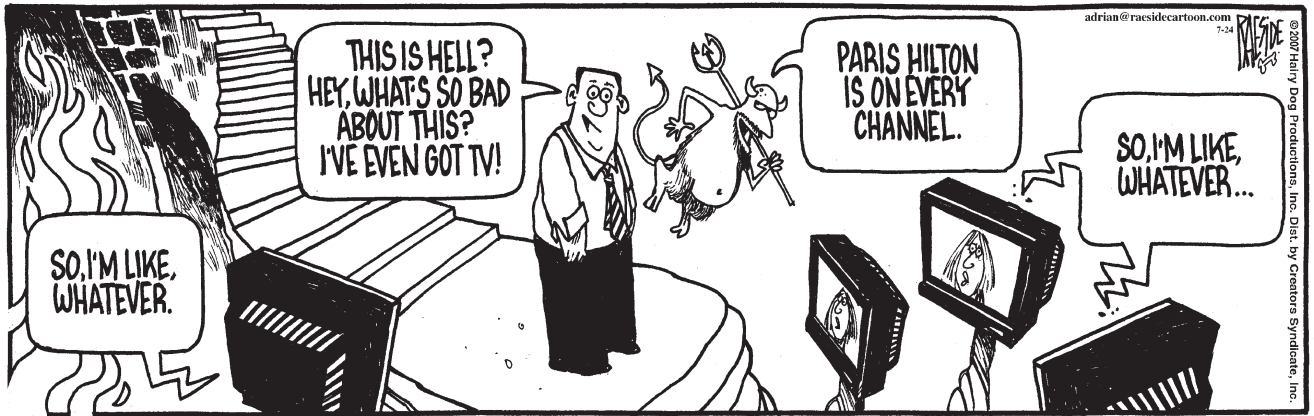
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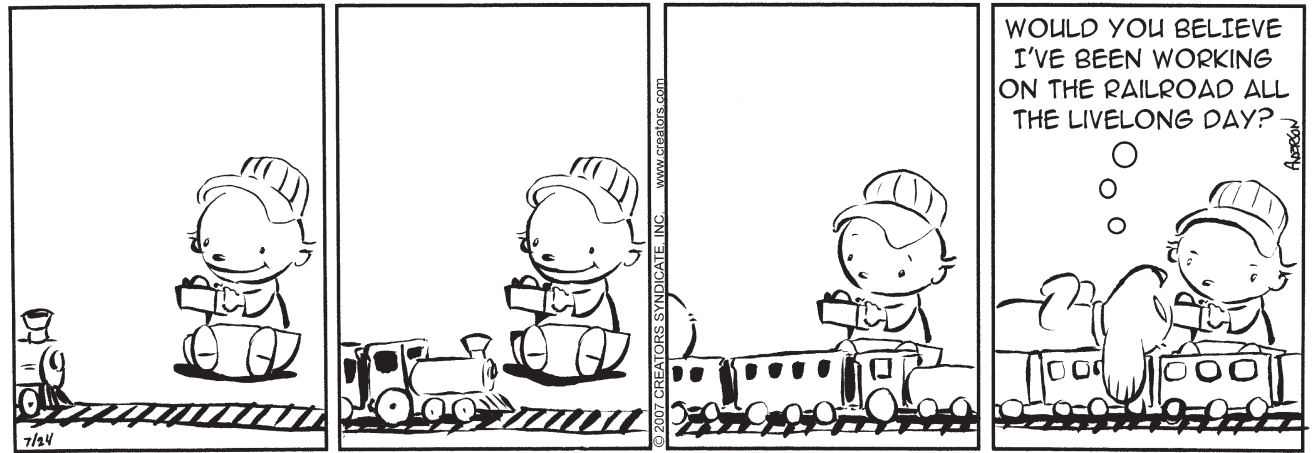
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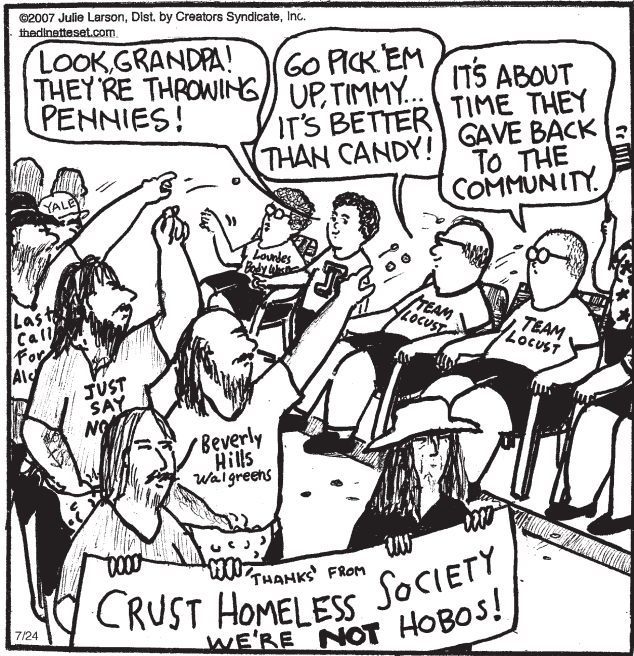


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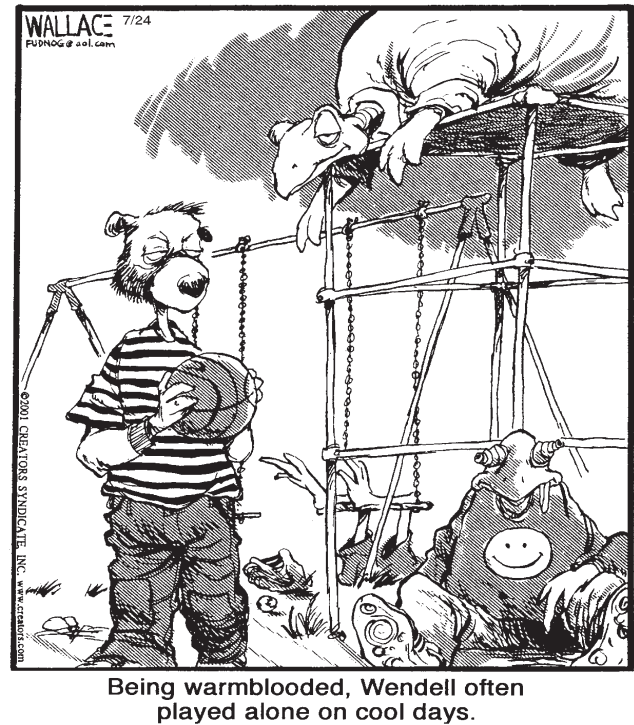
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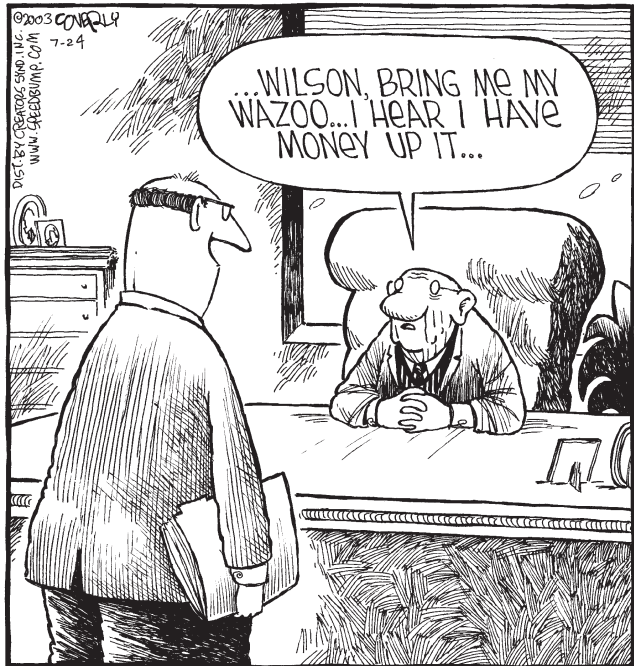
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- 15 By now
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- 17 Throw in
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- 23 Wheel tender
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- 29 Under
- 31 One of Lear's daughters
- 32 Origami need
- 34 Classified material
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- 45 Scoring unit
- 46 Emergency signal

DOWN

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- 2 Land unit
- 3 Ring contest
- 4 Rainbow shape
- 5 Furtive
- 6 Looks forward to
- 7 Knocking word
- 8 "The King and I" role
- 9 Tea type
- 10 Uncool fellow
- 14 Bikini half
- 18 Small porch
- 19 Rarin' to go

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- 22 Suffering
- 24 Spree
- 25 In the fashion of
- 26 Boxer Norton
- 30 Rabbits' home
- 31 News summaries
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- 35 Salami shop
- 36 Provoke
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2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 07 Eureka!
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Unclear on the Concept: (1) After the owner of a wrought-iron business in Brussels, Belgium, abruptly turned away a 53-year-old Nigerian native who had applied for a job, the local labor office declared the owner racist. However, the man said he was just trying to protect the Nigerian from the owner's dog. "My dog is racist," he said. "Not me." (2) Police in Kyoto, Japan, said in March that a man had been detained after firing a dozen rounds from his house toward a new, 11-story condominium building next door. The man explained that he was angry that the building was blocking the sunlight he had previously enjoyed.

■ The Litigious Society: St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Josh Hancock was killed in an April car crash after he collided with a stopped tow truck on Interstate 64 in the middle of the night, and according to a police report, Hancock was intoxicated, speeding, un-seat-belted, and talking on his cell phone at the time. Nonetheless, in May, Hancock's father filed a lawsuit claiming that the causes of the crash were (1) the tow truck operator, (2) the driver who was being assisted by the tow truck operator, and (3) the manager of the restaurant in which Hancock had been drinking.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1487 Citizens of Leeuwarden, Netherlands strike against ban on foreign beer.

1567 Mary Queen of Scots is deposed and replaced by her 1 year old son James VI.

1847 After 17 months of travel, Brigham Young leads 148 Mormon pioneers into Salt Lake Valley, resulting in the establishment of Salt Lake City. Celebrations of this event include the Pioneer Day Utah state holiday and the Days of '47 Parade.

1911 Hiram Bingham III re-discovers Machu Picchu "the Lost City of the Incas".

1929 The Kellogg-Briand Pact, renouncing war as an instrument of foreign policy, goes into effect (it was first signed in Paris on August 27, 1928 by most leading world powers).

1937 Alabama drops rape charges against the so-called "Scottsboro Boys".

1959 At the opening of the American National Exhibition in Moscow, US vice president Richard Nixon and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev have a "Kitchen Debate."

WORD UP!

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Escrow No. 6017985-DC
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s) and business address(es) of the seller(s) is/are: FERIAL ASSANI AND JAMIL ASSANI, 3301 OCEAN PARK BLVD, #101, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405
Doing business as: SUNSET PARK TRAVEL
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the seller(s) within the past three years, as stated by the seller(s), is/are: NONE
The location in California of the Chief Executive Office of the seller is: SAME
The name(s) and business address of the buyer(s) is/are: MEHROWB PASHA, 28077 CALDARO, LAGUNA NIGUEL, CA 92677
The assets being sold are generally described as: FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT and is located at: 3301 OCEAN PARK BLVD, #101, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of: CENTRAL ESCROW INC., and the anticipated sale date is AUGUST 9, 2007
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.
The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: CENTRAL ESCROW INC, 4040 BARRANCA PKWY, STE 200, IRVINE CA 92604-4778 and the last day for filing claims by any creditor shall be AUGUST 8, 2007, which is the business day before the anticipated sale date specified above.
Dated: JULY 5, 2007
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-07-79422-DL Loan # 0009232117 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/28/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total

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amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): CATALINA PERNISCO, A MARRIED WOMAN, AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY Recorded: 11/8/2005 as Instrument No. 05 2699565 in book --, page -- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 7/30/2007 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$432,856.75 The purported property address is: 2525 14TH STREET 6SANTA MONICA, CA 90405 Assessors Parcel No. 4284-026-029 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 7/7/2007 Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-259-7850 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com Reinstatement Line: (619) 645-7711 ext 400 Lee Paschen. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 867351 07/10/2007, 07/17/2007, 07/24/2007

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TSG No.: 3306430 TS No.: 20079070801116 FHAA/PMI NO.: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/15/2005 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 08/13/2007 at 10:00 AM, FIRST AMERICAN LOANSTAR TRUSTEE SERVICES, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 04/28/2005, as Instrument No. 05-0987680, in book, page, of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California. Executed by: Steven Zeoli, a married man as his sole and separate property, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash, cashier's check / cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b). (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) at the West Entrance to the Los Angeles County Courthouse, Southeast District, 12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: as more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust APN# 4287-026-064. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 521 Pier Avenue #3, Santa Monica, CA 90405. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s), secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$667,259.93. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. First American Title Insurance Company LoanStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. 3 First American Way Santa Ana, CA 92707 Date: 07/24/2007 Authorized Signature: Teresa Marianos For Trustee's Sale Information Please call 619-590-1221 LoanStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C. may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 07/24/07, 07/31/07, 08/07/07 R-146238

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LAI KUEN LUI CHEUNG CASE NO. SP007088

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LAI KUEN LUI CHEUNG.

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MECKY CHAN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MECKY CHAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on 08/31/07 at 9:15AM in Dept. R located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for Petitioner ROBERT M.L. BAKER III LAW OFFICES OF ROBERT M.L. BAKER III, P.C. 2001 WILSHIRE BLVD., #505 SANTA MONICA, CA 90403 7/17, 7/18, 7/24/07 CNS-1165846# SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS

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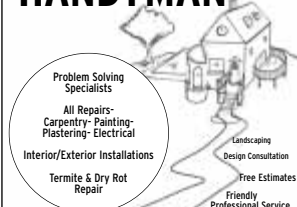
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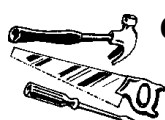


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