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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In June, British worker Mr. Sivanadian Perananthasivam was awarded three months' paid leave plus medical expenses after proving that a supervisor had used two colloquial terms for the man's posterior during an angry office exchange.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**Today is the 206th day of 2006. There are 159 days left in the year.**

**Fifty years ago, on July 25, 1956,** the Italian liner Andrea Doria collided with the Swedish passenger ship Stockholm off the New England coast late at night and began sinking; at least 51 people died as a result of the impact. (The Andrea Doria sank the following day, some 11 hours after the crash.)

**In 1866,** Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army, the first officer to hold the rank.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If you are a dog and your owner suggests that you wear a sweater, suggest that he wear a tail."

**Fran Lebowitz**

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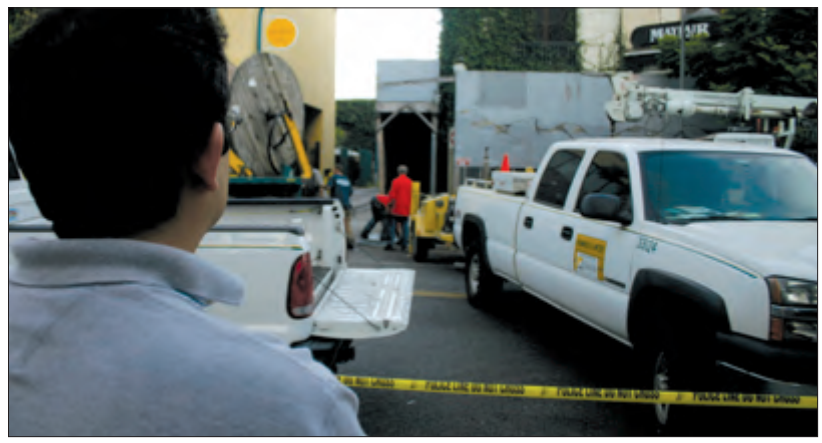

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**MORE POWER TO YOU? A passerby takes in the work on Santa Monica Boulevard on Monday as crews try to restore power to 50 downtown customers.**

**BY KEVIN HERRERA**
Daily Press Staff Writer

**THIRD STREET PROMENADE** — Shoppers' faces were filled with disappointment and frustration Monday as they found many of their favorite stores and restaurants here closed for a third straight day following an underground explosion over the weekend that wiped out a portion of downtown's power grid.

Their displeasure was shared by business owners who learned that electricity may not be restored until later today, meaning another 24 hours of darkness, which has affected sales significantly. Some complained about the slow pace of repairs by Southern California Edison, which supplies power to Santa Monica.

"We've lost a lot of money because all of our big-ticket items are in the back (of the store), and you can't sell in the dark," said Alex Elias, an assistant manager at Bernini, a men's clothing store on the 1400 block of the Promenade.

See **LIGHTS OUT**, page 5

# Cop hears shots

By Daily Press staff

**PICO NEIGHBORHOOD** — Police officers assigned to this area in the wake of recent gang violence are looking for one or more suspects who reportedly shot at a Santa Monica gang member on Sunday night.

At 9:42 p.m., an officer heard four shots fired in the area of 2100 Pico

See **SHOOTING**, page 6

## CONSENT AGENDA

# Big Blue space still in place

*(Editor's note: This is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures which appear on the upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agenda — items routinely passed with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public.*

**BY JACQUELINE LEE**
Special to the Daily Press

**CITY HALL** — Elected officials are expected to spend roughly $2 million tonight to lease warehouse space, bolster lobbying services and modify plans regarding improvements for the Palisades Bluffs.

City officials plan to renew a $1.5 million lease for the Lincoln Boulevard property that has served

See **CONSENT**, page 6

# Eternal flame

Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press Staff

**Members of the Santa Monica Fire Department gathered on Saturday at the Santa Monica Public Safety Building to pay tribute to Fire Capt. Daniel M. Bendiksen, who became the 14th hero immortalized on the Wall of Honor. Bendiksen, who served from 1974 to 2001, died in March of 2003.**

# Landlord fights for release amid murder probe

**BY MICHAEL J. TITTINGER**
Daily Press Staff Writer

**DOWNTOWN LA** — A federal judge has postponed the trial of two elderly women — one a Santa Monica landlord — on charges of insurance fraud, as investigators continue to look into their suspected roles in the hit-and-run murders of several homeless men.

Appearing before U.S. District Judge Gary Klausner for the first time last Tuesday, Helen Golay, 75, of Santa Monica, and Olga Rutterschmidt, 73, of Hollywood — who were to stand trial today — found out that they would be sitting in jail an additional three months, with Klausner setting an Oct. 24 trial date.

Golay and Rutterschmidt are suspected by authorities of playing a part in the deaths of several homeless men whom they befriended, set up in apartments and then collected insurance payouts following their respective deaths in mysterious back-alley hit-and-runs. The two have often been referred to as "the Black Widows" by the media.

Golay's attorney, Roger Diamond, said Monday that the delay was granted over his objections, with Rutterschmidt's attorneys striking up an agreement with

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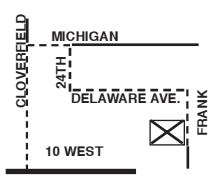


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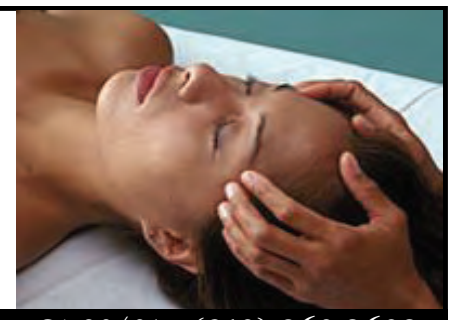

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# Out and about, Scorpio

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**JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS** The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★DYNAMIC ★★★★ POSITIVE ★★★ AVERAGE ★★SO-SO ★DIFFICULT

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**
★★★★★ A new beginning becomes possible, especially if it involves a relationship, child or creative enterprise. You will not take a devil-may-care attitude, but rather be more serious than usual. Tonight: Relax with a special loved one.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**
★★★★ Basics count, especially for the stable Bull. Anchor in and center. You might want to check out a piece of real estate or an investment that could add to the quality of your life. You run into extreme moods. Tonight: Happy at home.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
★★★★ You have a style that opens doors and allows greater creativity and excitement to come your way. An easygoing pace works wonders. You could be overloaded by your daily routine. Don't let it get to you. Tonight: A serious talk with a friend.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
★★★ Expenses go overboard, and you will come down hard and strong on the situation. A risk might be tempting. A loved one might encourage you to go haywire. You have the self-discipline to say no. Tonight: Ever playful.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
★★★★★ New beginnings become possible with the New Moon. Think: What would you like to do or begin? Start that project today, or at least make up your mind to start. What you decide could have strong ramifications. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
★★★★★ You might want to rethink a situation or do it differently. You might also want to plan more downtime in order to center. If you are grounded, everything you do will work a lot better. Listen to your inner voice. It will point you in the right direction. Tonight: As you like.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
★★★★★ Friends and opportunity easily merge. You'll like what comes up. Run with the moment, but don't overspend. You could find that a friend or associate is withdrawn, sullen or tough. Go for what is needed. Tonight: Where your friends are.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
★★★★★ Your high energy draws results. You have many opportunities to claim the limelight. If you want something done your way, you might have to do it yourself. You might have gotten yourself into more than you want to handle. Tonight: Out and about.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
★★★★★ Your ability to rethink an issue and begin again marks your day. You might feel put off by someone in your immediate circle. Think positively about what can happen. The ultimate results might have you smiling. Tonight: As you like.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
★★★★★ Others could be rather intense, and handling them could be challenging. But on the other hand, friends support you in a new venture. Ultimately, you will get what you want if you work with associates. Tonight: Happy with that one special person.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
★★★★★ Others certainly are feeling their Wheaties. You might want to go with the flow and not buck the trend. You will hit a brick wall otherwise. Someone admires your presentation and way of handling a situation. Tonight: Say yes.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
★★★ Your focus can determine the end results, especially today. Your ability to see the big picture marks many of your decisions. Once more, you will be able to use that skill. Fatigue is a normal response to your high productivity. Tonight: Make it an early night.

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# Gigs gone Wild

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**Santa Monica Red Cross volunteers (from left to right) Chika Kurosawa, 22, Luigi Roditis, 16, Jerry Washington, director of volunteers, and Donghoon Lee, 18, unload a car full of computer components at Wild Oats during 'Electronics Recycling Round-up Day' on Saturday. Computers, monitors, TVs, cell phones and VCRs were among some of the items collected. The American Red Cross of Santa Monica will be collecting old electronics at the Santa Monica chapter, 1450 11th St., every Tuesday and Thursday through August.**

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Mr. Butts gives city some can't-do attitude

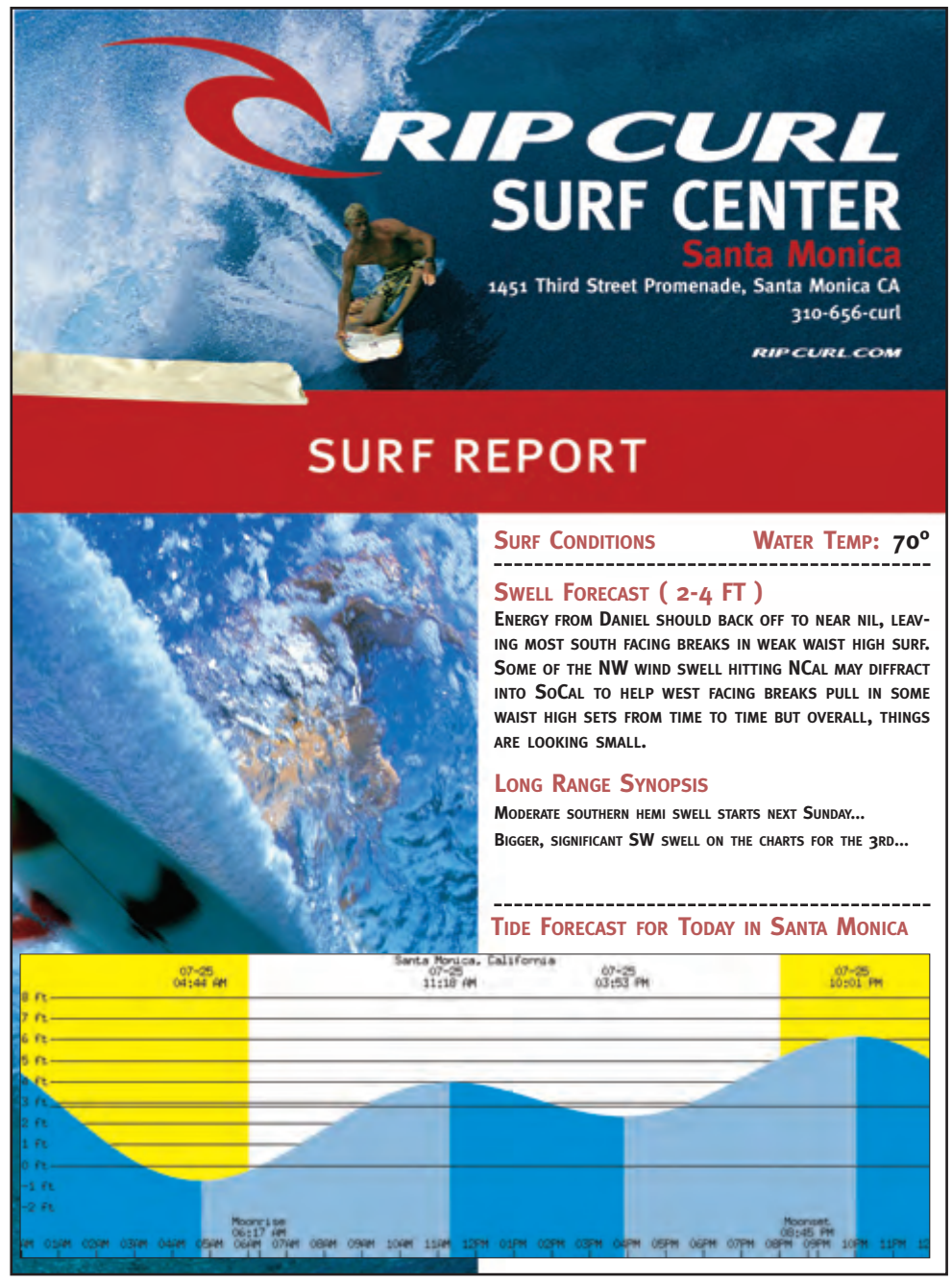
By Daily Press staff

Designed especially for the city of Santa Monica by Doonesbury creator and Pulitzer Prize winner Garry Trudeau, a sticker featuring the character "Mr. Butts" has been adapted for use by the growing number of smoke-free beaches along the California coast.

The sticker had its Santa Monica debut in August of 2005 as part of City Hall's public awareness campaign to make sure people know there is no smoking on Santa Monica beaches. The design by Trudeau appears on 600 beach trash cans in Santa Monica.

The Tobacco Education Clearinghouse of California (TECC) made the request for a statewide version to meet the demands of the growing number of California cities that have declared their beaches smoke-free and need high quality community education materials. The new statewide version replaces the specific mention of Santa Monica with a more general smoke-free beach message and also includes the message in Spanish. The new sticker is featured on TECC's Web site (http://www.tobaccofreecatalog.org/).

The Santa Monica City Council enacted the ordinance prohibiting smoking on the beach in 2004 shortly after passing a similar prohibition for its parks. Santa Monica was one of the first cities in the state to do so, with 25 cities now having smoke-free beaches.




The Q Line — PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY

***Cream colored ponies and crisp apple strudels? Doorbells and sleigh bells and schnitzel with noodles?***

Readers are often asked in this section to rant, vent and express themselves with vigor on a wide array of topics, some more controversial than others. This week, let's all take a sip of our drinks and chill a bit, as it's entirely too hot to get all heated. Take stock and wax poetic on what's good about Santa Monica; what brought us here to live in the first place, or remain here.

**So this week, Q-Line wants to know:**

What are the best things about living in Santa Monica? What are we appreciating out there? Call **(310) 285-8106** or type responses at **smdp.com/forum** and we'll print your answers.

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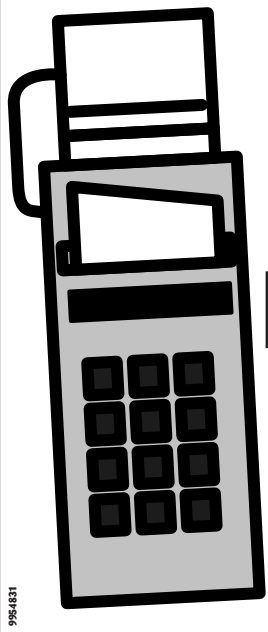

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Put up or shut up, Bauer

**Editor:**

I found Bill Bauer's July 17 column (SMDP, page 4) about the new Santa Monica Homeless Court so irritating, I had to go into the kitchen and eat half a can of Reddi-whip. I am now ready (Reddi?) to respond.

First, before Bill gets his shorts into their weekly twist, he should get his facts straight: City Hall has not dramatically increased spending on homeless programs over the last couple of months. The City Council allocated $200,000 to allow Ed Edelman to complete the 18 months — not two years — he was originally expected to serve. The city did not "cough up" another $1.2 million to house people in the new homeless court program. This funding — much of it federal grant money — has already been allocated to the city's chronic homeless program. The rental subsidy he mentioned was $75,000 to help St. Joseph's Center stay in Venice. The evaluation of homeless services was funded in last year's budget. So we're talking about an additional $275,000 out of a $445 million annual budget. Not so dramatic, really. And the homeless court itself will be funded by Los Angeles County.

Bauer complains that over the past 25 years Santa Monica has spent hundreds of millions of dollars on homeless programs, yet we have more people living on our streets. I have made that statement plenty of times myself. That's why I and other volunteers are working with city councilmembers and staff to find new ways to move Santa Monica's chronically homeless people into housing: The chronic homeless program, serial inebriate outreach, family reunification, supportive housing on the VA grounds for chronically homeless vets, expedited housing programs, and the homeless court.

As Bauer's anonymous "experts" say, of course some people will abuse these programs and fall back into destructive lifestyles (I myself just went back and finished the Reddi-whip). But others will complete their rehabilitation and move on to jobs and housing.

This is not "blind optimism." These approaches are all working in other cities. Search Google and you'll see.

In column after column, Bauer carps that every city program will not reduce the number of people who live on our streets. I have two questions for Bill:

1. Should we go ahead and shut down all these programs, then?

2. If you and your experts know so much more than the people working to solve the problem, why haven't you ever suggested one course of action that will be effective?

**Jean Sedillos**
*Santa Monica*

### Let's clean up our bay

**Editor:**

Last Wednesday, the Santa Monica City Council voted unanimously to ask the City Attorney to draft a ballot measure to provide funds to clean up Santa Monica's beaches, the bay, and the runoff pollution generated by our city. Also, the council approved a far-reaching urban watershed management plan for the city that takes an integrated approach to reducing runoff pollution, providing flood control protection, augmenting groundwater supply, reducing potable water use, and providing more green space and permeable area in the community.

Currently, our beaches look like trash dumps after a rain and numerous beaches have poor water quality during wet weather. The beach near Santa Monica Pier is even chronically polluted with fecal bacteria during the summer and is currently in violation of the July 15 deadline for clean beaches. In order to get funds to implement the urban watershed management plan by 2008, Heal the Bay urges the city to move forward on the ballot measure this November, so we will soon see a day when all Santa Monica beaches get straight "A's" on the Beach Report Card, our beaches are clean after a rain, and the city takes a leap forward in its effort to become truly sustainable. If the city of Los Angeles can pass the $500 million water quality bond, Proposition O, with over 76 percent of the vote, then surely Santa Monica can provide similar leadership.

**Mark Gold**
*Executive Director, Heal the Bay*

# Deadbeats take a hit

**WHAT'S THE POINT?**
BY DAVID PISARRA

In a highly anticipated court ruling this past week, the Supreme Court of California struck a blow for children that should cause every deadbeat parent to shudder. The Supreme Court effectively said that a child support order remains enforceable forever.

The court ruling now makes it incumbent upon the paying spouse to maintain records of payment forever to prevent themselves from being hauled back into the courtroom to prove they paid their child support.

The history of child support is that if a paying spouse did not pay, and the receiving spouse waited too long to go in court to collect his or her money, the paying spouse had a defense to the claim. It was a legal doctrine called "laches," which stands for the proposition that if someone waits too long to enforce their claim, they can be barred from collecting. The California Supreme Court chose to invalidate this doctrine, in regards to child support awards, because the Legislature made child support a forever obligation.

It used to be that a spouse who avoided his or her child-support obligations long enough would eventually avoid having to pay them entirely. This is frequently the case with deadbeat dads who would gladly spend thousands of dollars in attorneys fees to avoid paying their ex-spouse's child-support. To address this issue, the Legislature chose to make child support awards an exception to the doctrine of laches. In doing so, lawmakers have struck a blow for the rights of children everywhere.

The practical effects of the ruling are that parents who are owed child support from 10, 15, or 20 years ago can effectively go to court today and ask the court to enforce that child-support order. That is great news for those thousands of parents who suffered through raising children without the proper support from their ex-spouses.

The ex-spouse who has gone on to buy a house, owns stocks, or in some other manner has become wealthy, can now be hauled into court and made to pay that child support. The ruling is welcome news to those of us who have been faced with many a parent sitting in our office crying that their ex-spouse never paid child support but is now living in a wonderful new house with his new wife living in luxury.

It's bad news for the trophy wives whose husbands have effectively avoided paying their child-support all these years. It's very bad news for those husbands who now cannot avoid paying up. And for those who actually paid their child-support and have a vindictive ex-wife who wants to try and squeeze more money out of their ex-husbands — well, you better get your bank records in order. Those husbands who paid their child-support but don't have records to substantiate their payments could theoretically be brought back into court and be made to repay all of that child support.

This nightmare scenario is sure to play out somewhere across the vast landscape of family law and while I would hate to be that person, I am certainly glad that the Legislature and the court chose to close the loophole that so often allowed scumbags to avoid their family obligations.

From a family law perspective, it is a welcome tool that will hopefully increase compliance with child-support orders. In the short run, there are certain to be a number of cases which will be brought by spouses who now wish to collect their back child-support. But as the backlog of deadbeat dads and moms gets cleared up, hopefully the children of the state of California will be the recipients of more frequent child-support payments.

From a parents' perspective, they will now have to become more vigilant in making sure they get and keep receipts for payments made by cash. The payor spouse should keep copies of canceled checks and money orders, or get a notarized document stating that all support has been paid. Probably most important however — for the parent who is ordered to pay child support — when a change of circumstance, such as a loss of a job or a reduction in salary merits a reduction in child-support, that party needs to get a modification downwards, otherwise they will be responsible for the higher support until it is paid.

Children are a lifetime obligation. This latest court ruling recognizes that as a society we are going to place the full weight of the judicial system behind supporting children. Child support has now become the ultimate obligation. While child support has never been dischargeable in bankruptcy, it has been dischargeable in the Superior Court system through the trick of avoiding and delaying payments by deadbeat parents who switch jobs, change bank accounts and move out of state, all to avoid supporting their children.

Like most law students, I became a lawyer with the hope of being able to help people. It did not take long in the family court for me to realize how rarely the court system actually helped people. I have seen parents struggling to make their rent and raise their children while their ex-spouses drove fancy cars, wore custom tailored clothing and traveled the world. I have had clients who just could not keep up the fight because the deck was so stacked against them.

This latest court ruling levels the playing field somewhat. Because the parent who is raising a child frequently has little or no disposable income, they are generally at a huge disadvantage when attempting to go into court. By making child-support a forever obligation, the courts have now given the disadvantaged parent the ability to focus on raising their children today, and then, when life is less hectic and hopefully their ex has more money, going after their deadbeat ex.

For all those spouses who have avoided paying their child support, in the hopes that they can avoid it forever, their day of reckoning has arrived, and I suggest that they make peace with their ex. This new tool means that deadbeats stand to lose, and children get to win. Finally.

*(**David Pisarra** is a lawyer in the Santa Monica firm of Pisarra & Grist. He welcomes your questions and comments. He can be reached at dpisarra@pisarra.com or (310) 664-9969.)*

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**TAKING CHARGE:** Work continues to restore power downtown following Saturday's explosion.

# Shoppers get shaft

**LIGHTS OUT**, from page 1

"You can't use the dressing rooms because its pitch black in there. We can't work at night. We have to close up at dusk."

A meeting is scheduled for Aug. 8 with business owners and Edison officials to discuss the electrical infrastructure downtown to ensure that a prolonged power outage doesn't happen again, said Kathleen Rawson, executive director of Bayside District Corp., which works with City Hall in managing downtown.

"We've come to a screeching halt," Rawson said. "We need to talk (with Edison) about our infrastructure to see where our shortcomings are and what we need to do to support what will only be increased usage in the future."

Downtown went completely dark on Saturday at about 5:15 p.m., when electrical vaults beneath Santa Monica Boulevard near Third Street exploded, sending manhole covers flying and flames shooting nearly 15 feet in the air. There were no injuries reported, but power was lost for much of the downtown region.

"I just heard a big bang and then people started running to see what was going on," said Andy Waller, who runs a shoe-shining stand just north of Santa Monica Boulevard.

"People are definitely in a hot mood," Waller said of shoppers turned away by hand-drawn signs, some with sad faces reading, "Sorry. Closed. No power." "People are pretty feisty. They're tired of this."

Following the explosion, the Santa Monica Fire Department on Saturday closed off the downtown area bordered by Ocean Avenue to the west, Fourth Street to the east, Wilshire Boulevard to the north and Santa Monica Boulevard to the south, according to SMFD Battalion Chief Carl Bjerke.

Edison representatives said the explosion was caused by excessive demand that reached record highs amid a heat wave currently scorching much of the Southland. They suggested the culprit was most likely a short circuit in the electrical wiring.

Mark Olson, a spokesman for Edison, said 1,900 customers were initially affected by the explosion. However, power to most of downtown was restored within hours, leaving primarily a small portion of the western side of the Promenade without juice.

"Crews have been working hard and will continue to work until power is restored," Olson said. "We should have power completely restored by (Tuesday) afternoon."

Olson said crews are pulling out a long section of high-voltage cable that was fried during the explosion, replacing it with a new cable and wiring. As of Monday afternoon, Olson said only 50 customers were without power.

One of those left in the dark was independent shoe store Lorin, where, despite the lack of light and air conditioning, customers flocked looking for the latest in summer footwear. Skylights provided enough sunshine for shoppers to see what they were slipping their feet into, and employees carried flashlights to hunt through inventory stashed in the storage room.

"We're prepared," clerk Megan Murphy said as she used a calculator to figure out the total of one customer's purchase. "This has happened before. It's never taken this long to turn the power back on though. It's definitely caused business to slow down a bit since we have to close when the sun goes down."

While difficult to estimate the financial impact, both retail and restaurants have taken hits by the blackout, as expensive food items have spoiled along with the attitudes of shoppers who would rather go elsewhere than to hunt for bargains in the dark without air conditioning.

"I feel very sorry for the workers," said Kanika Gittens, who came to the Promenade to shop at Pink Ice, a clothing store which was closed because of the blackout. "It's kind of sad. I guess we'll have to go to the (Santa Monica Place) mall."

For restaurateurs, hope may lie in insurance, said Jordan Traverso, director of communications for the California Restaurant Association.

"There's really nothing you can do about losing your inventory," Traverso said. "You just have to hope that you have business interruption insurance."

Traverso said tenants should apply for reimbursement from Edison, if possible.

Olson said Edison does pay customers for any damages suffered because of power outages, but only in those instances where equipment failed, and not those caused by "an act of God."

"That is up to our claims department to determine," Olson said.

Traverso said if the outage was caused by a poorly-managed power grid, then Edison should pay up, however, it may come down to the old chicken and egg argument.

"Was this caused by extreme demand because of the excessive heat, and if so, is that an act of God?" Traverso asked. "Or could it be global warming?"

On the eastern side of the Promenade, which has been up and running since Saturday, it seemed to be business as usual. Merchants said they had not seen an increase in traffic because of a lack of competition from across the street. On the contrary, some said there was an eerie absence of shoppers, most likely because of the excessive heat and humidity. One said he even felt sorry for his competitors.

"It's terrible that they can't function," said Mohammed Tar, a clerk at Lids, which sells athletic shoes and hats. "You really forget how lucky you are to have electricity. We definitely take it for granted."

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Federal Consumer Protection has confirmed the fuel saving described in this advertisement.

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After a five year study, the government concluded: "Independent testing shows greater fuel savings with the Gas Saver than the 22% claimed by the developer."

In addition to the fuel savings, the Gas Saver has received patents for cleaning out the abrasive carbon and raising octane, making high octane fuel unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joe Robinson, the developer, commented: "Since the government concluded its study, we have sold a half million Gas Savers. To our surprise, more people buy the Gas Saver because it extends engine life by cleaning out the carbon than buy it to increase gas mileage or to raise octane."

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# Council moves to maintain its lobbying muscle

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as the Big Blue Bus' parts storage warehouse, as well as City Hall's print shop and mailroom, since Feb. 13, 2001.

The lease will go into effect Aug. 1, with the possibility of a three-year extension in 2011, when the lease expires, according to a city staff report. Rent for the property, located at 1660 Lincoln Blvd., is expected to be $302,400 annually for five years — a decrease from the previous lease agreement. The property owner has tentatively agreed to decrease the rate per square foot from $2.12 to $2.10.

The lease expired on March 6, and City Hall has been renting on a monthly basis since that time.

Big Blue Bus storage facilities were relocated to the Lincoln space when the City Council approved a design contract for new Big Blue fueling and washing facilities in 1999 and there was no available city-owned facilities to house them, according to city staff.

The Big Blue Bus campus renovation and expansion project is expected to conclude in 2010. The city's print shop and mailroom is expected to move to City Hall or the Civic Center in 2007. At that time, the full 12,000-square-foot space will be utilized by Big Blue Bus for storage.

**IN THE NAME OF COMPLIANCE**

In order to comply with state regulations regarding the city's underground gasoline and diesel fuel storage tanks, city officials plan to hire Fleming Environmental, Inc. for about $409,000 to improve its storage tanks.

The cost for their services is $371,725, with a 10-percent contingency of $37,173.

The tanks store fuel for use by the Big Blue Bus, City Yards and fire stations. The city staff report lists the storage tank systems at fire stations No. 1 and No. 5 among those that must make significant upgrades in order to comply with current state and South Coast Air Quality Management District regulations.

Upgrades include replacing containment sumps, piping and monitoring equipment. The city also needs to install an emergency day tank and improve the leak detection testing by the City Yards because of its proximity to a drinking water well, according to city staff.

City Hall received four bids in March, ranging from $371,725 to $538,723. Bids were evaluated based on competitive pricing, qualifications and responsiveness to bid requirements and references.

**BLUFFING IT**

In efforts to expedite environmental analysis and clearances for the Palisades Bluff Improvement Project, city officials may modify payment to the professional services agreement with URS Corporation not to exceed $99,000 for a total contract amount of more than $1 million for the project's environmental program management services.

City Hall is also expected to authorize the city engineer to issue any necessary modifications to complete additional work for the project that is within budget.

The Palisades Bluffs, which rise between 30 and 150 feet above the Pacific Coast Highway, was considered one of the city's high priority projects following the Northridge earthquake in 1994 and subsequent storms. City Hall had an agreement with URS Corp. in April 2005 to design the project, and Rincon Consultants was hired by City Hall in February to provide the environmental analysis for the project. URS currently oversees Rincon Consultants.

**LOBBYING POWER**

City staff plans to pay The Ferguson Group close to $71,000 — and not more than $4,000 in extra expenses — to continue representing the city in Washington, D.C., for federal representation and lobbying services.

The $70,885 amount reflects a 5-percent increase in the base contract over the current amount, as recommended by city staff, since the base contract amount has remained unchanged for four years.

The Ferguson Group has been providing services to the city since 1994 and has developed an in-depth knowledge of city policy objectives, the staff report read.

The group monitors federal executive proposals and developments, and advises the city when policy or program objectives may be affected. They also assist city officials in appearing before Congressional committees and administrative agencies.

The Ferguson Group has represented the city's interest on issues such as water contamination, housing, homelessness and community and economic development. They also have worked on such projects as the Exposition Right of Way, and action by the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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# SMPD working with LAPD

**SHOOTING**, from page 1

Blvd. As the information was broadcast, police dispatch received calls of shots fired from the area, police said.

An Operation Safe Streets supervisor saw a man wearing baggy clothing running westbound on Pico Boulevard. Preliminary investigation revealed the subject was walking when the suspect's vehicle pulled up and the occupants in the vehicle said something to the man, at which point he ran. As he ran away, shots were fired. No one was injured.

The apparent victim was uncooperative with police and gave limited information. The incident appears to be gang-related, police said.

The suspect's vehicle is described as a possible white mid-'90s Toyota Corolla.

Santa Monica Police are working with LAPD's Pacific Division regarding another shooting that occurred later in the evening, in West Los Angeles, to determine whether the two incidents are related.

Operation Safe Streets is a special task force that was set up in the aftermath of several shootings this month in the area. It includes beefed-up patrols and detectives focused on the apprehension and prosecution of individuals involved in gang activity.

**WeTip**

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the robbery/homicide unit of the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8451 or the watch commander's office at (310) 458-8426. Callers who wish to provide anonymous information also may call the We-Tip national hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME (27463). Callers with information that leads to an arrest and conviction become eligible for a reward of up to $1,000.

# 'Black Widows' trial postponed until October by federal judge

**GOLAY**, from page 1

federal prosecutors behind his back. Diamond insists he was prepared for trial this week, but the co-defendant's representation was looking to buy time to review evidence being turned over by the government.

"The judge asked if we were prepared to go ahead with trial and we were, but (the public defender's office) had already made an agreement with the government," said Diamond, who expressed frustration with the pace of proceedings in the case.

Contending Golay's Sixth Amendment rights to a speedy trial are being violated — the women are only formally charged with insurance fraud in connection to one of the victims, Kenneth McDavid — Diamond, who is based in Santa Monica, has filed a separate motion to have Golay released on bail. Klausner has yet to schedule a hearing date for the bail request.

Golay, who owns three apartment complexes in Santa Monica, and Rutterschmidt, likely face a protracted trial for their suspected involvement in a fraud ring that police feel left at least two unsuspecting homeless men dead, the result of back alley hit-and-runs shortly after the two women became eligible to receive life insurance claims on them.

While Golay and Rutterschmidt are considered suspects in the deaths, no charges have been filed beyond those in relation to their attempts to collect on more than $2 million worth of life insurance payouts.

Since the pair's arraignment on June 5, Golay has since been transferred to the Metropolitan Detention Center in downtown Los Angeles, after being held in a San Bernardino facility because authorities wanted to keep the suspected conspirators separate.

"She's fine, optimistic," said Diamond of Golay.

# Governor, Dems unveil rival health plans

**JULIET WILLIAMS**
Associated Press Writer

**SACRAMENTO** — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger used his health care affordability summit Monday to unveil a plan to expand health access for California children as he met with noted business, labor and medical leaders to discuss reforms to the overburdened health care system.

Across campus at the University of California, Los Angeles, state Treasurer and Democratic nominee Phil Angelides staged his own "town hall" event with the associate director of the university's Center for Heath Policy Research and a handful of senior citizens and university students.

Angelides pledged to sponsor legislation to expand the state's Healthy Families Program and force all companies with more than 200 employees to provide health insurance for workers and their families — a proposal the governor's re-election campaign said would cost California businesses more than $7 billion.

Angelides' campaign called that a "phony estimate" and said only 1 percent of businesses have more than 200 employees, and only a small fraction are irresponsible in denying health care insurance to employees.

Still, Angelides' event was overshadowed by Schwarzenegger's panel of heavy hitters, but critics said the governor's meeting failed to address the real cause of spiraling health care costs: medical companies' skyrocketing profits.

Jerry Flanagan, health care policy director for the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, said the summit "danced around the quintessential affordability issues."

"Simply enrolling students and their families in an inefficient health care system doesn't make health care affordable," he said.

Flanagan noted that the conversation never touched on the record profits of insurance companies, whose representatives were among the panelists. He said advertising and salaries have become the fastest-growing component of health care costs — outpacing even prescription drugs.

"When they're at the table and the patients are not, the discussion is all about how we can make consumers use less rather than how we can make health care more affordable," Flanagan said.

A spokeswoman for Schwarzenegger, Sabrina Lockhart, noted there was a broad range of participants in Monday's summit and called the meeting a first step in the governor's plan. She said Schwarzenegger intends to hold more in the future.

"There were a number of issues discussed at the summit today," Lockhart said. "The entire summit was focused on affordability. The governor believes that the key to increased coverage, the key to access is affordability."

At the meeting, Service Employees International Union national President Andy Stern pressed the governor to set concrete dates for health care reform rather than just talk about it.

"It's up to you, governor, as the leader of this state, to say by some time, at some place, we have to have a solution," he said. "If California does something it will change health care throughout the nation."

Stern also said the state could force more businesses to provide health insurance for employees by considering that when it buys products and enters contracts with companies. When the state works with companies that don't provide health insurance, it ends up paying for employees' care anyway, when the workers turn to state-run programs such as Medi-Cal, he said.

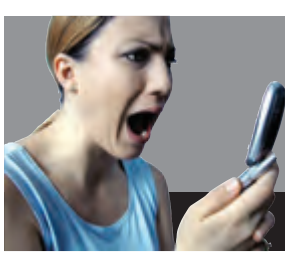
Nurses also parlayed the summit into a political opportunity in their long-standing feud with the Republican governor, picketing outside the event and criticizing the administration's new health care proposals as inadequate and timed to coincide with the November election.

Schwarzenegger on Monday proposed expanding California's school-based health clinics, which offer services such as immunizations, counseling and health screenings, to 500 elementary schools from the current 147.

On Saturday, Schwarzenegger unveiled a prescription drug program that for the first time would require drug companies to give discounts to up to five million uninsured, low-income residents within five years or face state sanctions. In the past, he had only supported voluntary compliance plans.

Angelides released a five-point plan to address problems with the state's health care system and said he would put more emphasis on the issue, rather than waiting until 100 days before the election.

In addition to the children's and business proposals, Angelides said he would crack down on health management organizations to control premiums, sponsor a "real prescription drug benefit program that forces the drug companies to provide affordable prescription drugs" and allow Californians to buy prescription drugs on the Internet.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# Getting junior a job

## Helping teens find work can bring parent and child together

If your teenager is looking for a summer job and you're willing to lend a hand, here are some ways you can be of help in showing your child how to have a successful job search:

1. Sit down and spend some time with your teen talking about what your child is interested in doing this summer. If your child enjoys sports such as tennis or swimming, perhaps a job at the local tennis club or the YMCA is the place to inquire. Also, talk to your teen about what his expectations are regarding a short-term summer position.

2. Before your teen starts looking for work, talk together about transportation to and from any job location he may look into. Does your child drive? Is taking a bus necessary? Are there other means of transport (you driving and picking up?)

3. Presenting a resume is usually necessary when looking for a job. Even though your child has no past work history, a resume can be created with information about relevant skills, interests, extracurricular activities, etc. There are many resume writing Web sites that can help you and your teen create a unique resume.

4. Remember that jobs such as baby-sitting, lawn care, personal care, etc., are jobs that your teen can do without a lot of prior experience. And there are jobs available for teens 13 and up in these fields.

5. There are three likely ways to obtain a job: a) having you and your teen network among family, friends and business associates; b) answering newspaper ads and looking through the weekly work magazine ads found in street corner racks; c) having your teen talk to school personnel about getting a job. There is also an array of Web sites (i.e. — Craigslist.com) that list job opportunities.

6. Create a list of jobs (and phone numbers) from the sources above and have your teen contact each job source. Set aside time during the day when there is peace and quiet in the home and your teen can make his phone calls.

7. Before your teen goes on that first interview, discuss the importance of being on time, dressing appropriately, having manners/being respectful toward the interviewer, and making a good impression. Remind your teen that a happy smile goes a long way. Go to Web sites that list "tips for job interviews." Also, role-play with your teen by asking questions you think the interviewer might ask. There are also a ton of questions at www.vault.com.

8. After each interview, ask your teen to follow up with a thank you note, either by snail mail or by e-mail.

9. If the interviewer doesn't contact your teen within the next week after the interview, have your teen call the interviewer and find out the status of the position.

Job seeking can be an adventure and an eye-opener. Encouraging your teenager in spending quality time and making real efforts in obtaining work for the summer months can bring your teen both self-esteem and development of character. Teen summer jobs are usually jobs that are fun and remembered for many years thereafter with a giggle and a smile.

*(**Linda Milo** is "The Parent-Child Connection Coach." For more information, visit www.empoweringparentsnow.com or call (310) 458-2079.)*

## Dear Dorie

Dorie **Meek**

### Little girl drawn to conclusions

**Dear Dorie,**

I read to my 1 1/2-year-old daughter every day, and have since her birth. Lately, she seems to flip through the pages before I finish the sentence or paragraph, so I'm not really finishing the story. Should I make her wait until I finish the page or let her play with the book this way?

**Reading Rush**

**Dear Rush,**

Congratulations. Your daughter's emergent literacy skills are evolving every time you pick up a book, whether you read it or not. Concepts like book knowledge (how to hold it and turn pages for example), print awareness and appreciation of different literate forms are highly complex and very interesting to your little one. Let her play with the book during your time together and follow what's of interest to her.

That said, if you are really concerned that her patience is an issue, there are a few tips to encourage her to enjoy each page a little longer. First, take a look at what you're reading. She might be bored with the same books or bored with the content. Take a trip to your local library and mix it up a bit. Next, try pointing to the words as you read them. She may be looking for print awareness — that is, awareness that print conveys meaning and can be written down. Finally, when she reaches to turn the page, you can try a gentle phrase like, "Mommy's almost finished, wait one second" and finish the text. Follow up with a big, "Okay, NOW turn the page."

Keep it light and never force the issue, and you'll continue to have a wonderful time "reading" together. Good luck.

**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. Meek answers questions concerning children ages birth to 5 years old. Submit your questions to "Dear Dorie" at meek@smmusd.org, or call (310) 452-6132; fax (310) 452-6392).*

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### FRI. – SUN., JULY 28, 29 & 30th
THE SOUND of MUSIC at the HOLLYWOOD BOWL
Fri. & Sat. – 8:30 p.m., Sun. – 7:30 p.m. Sing-along with conductor John Mauceri, the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra and an all-star cast to the wonderful tunes in this beloved Broadway musical. Tickets $15 - $38. Hollywood Bowl, 2301 N. Highland Ave., LA, 323-850-2000, www.hollywoodbowl.com.

### SATURDAY, JULY 29
DEBI DEWBERRY in CONCERT at KIDSPACE – 1:00 p.m.
Join the voice of Jimmy Neutron as she celebrates the release of her new musical CD, What a Way to Play! Free with admission: $8. Kidspace Museum, 480 N. Arroyo Blvd., Pasadena, 626-449-9144

### BIG! WORLD! FUN! FAMILY SERIES at the FORD
10:00 a.m., Saturdays thru the summer. This series runs through the summer and features music, theatre and more. Ages 4 – 11, $5. Ford Amphitheatre, 2580 E. Cahuenga Blvd., LA, 323-461-3673, www.fordamphitheatre.org.

### SUNDAY, JULY 30
JOANIE BARTELS in CONCERT – 10:30 a.m.
Hear this local gal in concert before she moves permanently off to Australia. Greystone Mansion, Greystone Park, 905 Loma Vista, Beverly Hills.

### FAMILY FUNDAY PERFORMANCE at the THEATRICUM BOTANICUM
11:00 a.m. Top-notch entertainment provides a morning of fun, music and imagination at this weekly event. $8. 1419 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Topanga, 455-3723. Series runs through the summer.

### SUMMER ACTIVITY PROGRAMS at the LIBRARIES
Main Library – Mondays at 2:30 p.m., July 3 – Aug. 7
July 31 – Illusions by Allen Magic Show
Montana Ave. Branch – Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m., June 27 – Aug. 15
July 25 – Stories about our Feathered Friends
Fairview Branch – Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m., June 28 – July 26
July 26 – Snakes, Scales and Puppy Dog Tales, stories and craft.
Ocean Park Branch – Thursdays at 2:30 p.m., June 29 – Aug. 3
July 27 – Wildlife Wendy's Birds.
All programs ages 4 and up unless specified.

## TUESDAY

**Movies for Moms!** 11:00 a.m., Loews Cineplex Broadway Theatre, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. Visit www.enjoytheshow.com/reelmoms for details.

### Storytelling
**Main Library** – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621
Current session thru Aug. 15 for:
**Baby Time** – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m., babies up to 2 years.
**Spanish and Bilingual Stories** – 11:20 a.m. Ages 2 – 5.
**Fairview Branch Library** – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 450-0443.
**Toddler Story Time in Spanish** – 10:00 a.m., ages 2-3.
**Baby Time** – 11:00 a.m., babies to age 2.
Twilight Story Time -7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.
**Montana Avenue Branch Library** – 1704 Montana Ave – 829-7081.
**Family Story Time** – 7:00 p.m., all ages.
**Ocean Park Branch Library** – 2601 Main St. – 392-8304
**Story Time for Twos** – 10:00 and 10:30 a.m., July 25 – Aug. 29.
**Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis**
For ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com
**Barnes and Noble at the Grove**
Storytime for ages 2 – 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

### Classes
**YWCA** – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 to 36 months; Infant & Me Class – 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., 0 – 12 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
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### Yoga & Exercise
**Yoga Works** – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., $15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
**Mommy Care** – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)
**Stroller Strides Fitness Class** – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

### Breastfeeding Group
**The Pump Station,** 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, $10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY

**MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups** – Newborn group - call for time.
4:30 p.m., separate groups for children born in 2000 and 2001. Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

### Storytelling
**The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge** – 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4 at this neighborhood coffee shop.
**Fairview Branch Library** – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
**Story Time for Twos** – 9:30 a.m.
**Preschool Story Time** – 10:30 a.m.; ages 3-5.
**Montana Avenue Branch Library** – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
**Baby Time** - 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2, July 19 – Aug. 23.
**Ocean Park Branch Library** – 2601 Main St. –392-3804.
**Preschool Twilight Story Time** – 7:00 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.
**Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion** – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144
**Border's, Westwood** – 11a.m. – 310-475-3444.

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### Other
**Puppetolio** – 1:00 p.m., 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

## THURSDAY

**MOMS Club of SM South Playgroup** – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. for children born 1/02 – 2/03; 3:30 p.m., for children born 3/03 – 12/03, Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

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**Preschool Story Time** – 11:20 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.
**Fairview Branch Library** – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
**La Hora Del Cuento** – 7:00 p.m. Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.
**Montana Avenue Branch Library** – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
**Story Time for Twos** – 10:15 a.m., July 20 – Aug. 24.
**Preschool Story Time** – 11:15 a.m.; ages 3-5. Ongoing.
**Ocean Park Branch Library** – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.
**Baby Time** – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m. Babies to 2 years, July 6 – Aug. 10.
**Babystyle,** 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

### Classes
**YWCA** – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m and 10:45 – 11:45 a.m., 12 to 36 months; Parent Support Group – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., age 3 – 5 years; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
**BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES** – 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
An advanced 10-week parent education course. Continuous enrollment. For info call Jayne A. Major, Ph.D., Breakthrough Parenting Services, Inc., 310-823-7846, jm@BPinAction.org.

### Yoga & Exercise
**Yoga Works** – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., $15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
**Stroller Strides Fitness Class** – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

### Breastfeeding Groups
**La Leche League of LA/Mar Vista** – meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Westchester Municipal Bldg., 7166 W. Manchester Ave., corner of Lincoln and Manchester. Call 310-390-2529 for info.
**The Pump Station,** 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, $10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY

**MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups**
11:00 a.m. - playgroup for children born 10/04 – 5/05. Call or e-mail Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info.
**Parent's Night Out at Child's Play,** 2299 Westwood Blvd., 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.
Kids get a night of supervised fun with pizza, games and more while parents go out. Ages 3-10, $9 per hour, $7 siblings, 3 hour minimum. Reservations required, 470-4997. ww.childsplayonline.net

### Classes
**YWCA** – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 – 36 mos.; Playtime/Parent Support - 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881 for details and prices.

### Yoga & Exercise
**Kid's Yoga Circle Class at Exhale Spa** – 3:30 p.m., for ages 5 – 11, 1422 2nd St., 260-2736 or yogaforkids@hotmail.com.
**Yoga Works** – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., $15.
**Stroller Strides Fitness Class** – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

### Other
**Cinderella at The Santa Monica Playhouse** – Family Theatre; Fridays & Saturdays, July 21 – Aug. 27; 6:00 p.m., 394-9779 ext. 1 for reservations. $12.50 adults, $10.50 kids ages 12 & under. www.santamonicaplayhouse.com

## SATURDAY

### Storytelling
**Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade** – Kid's Story Time – 10am, 310-260-9110
**Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion** – 10:30am – ages 2-5, 310-475-4144.
**Children's Book World,** 10580 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA - 10:30 a.m., every other Sat., 310-559-BOOK.
**Village Books,** 1049 SwarthmoreAve, Pacific Palisades – 10:30 a.m., 454-4063.
**826LA,** 685 Venice Blvd, 2nd Floor, Venice – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., ages 3-6, RSVP to info @825LA.com or 310-314-8418. (826LA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write).

### Classes
**YWCA** – Toddler & Me - 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.; Parent Enrichment once per month , 11:00 a.m. – noon, call Barbara Olinger at 452-3881 for rates and dates.

### Yoga & Exercise
**Santa Monica Yoga** – Pre- & Post-Natal Yoga, Saturdays – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. 1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santamonicayoga.com
**Mommy Care** – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.(babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)
**Stroller Strides Fitness Class** – 9:00 a.m., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

### Other
**All the World's a Stage and Cinderella at The Santa Monica Playhouse**
Family Theatre; All the World's a Stage - Saturdays & Sundays, July 15 – Sept. 23; 12:30 & 3:00 p.m., 394-9779 ext. 2 for reservations,
**Cinderella-** Fridays & Saturdays, July 21 – Aug. 27; 6:00 p.m., 394-9779 ext. 1 for reservations.
$12.50 adults, $10.50 kids ages 12 & under. www.santamonicaplayhouse.com
**Big! World! Fun!** Family Series At The Ford - 10:00 a.m. This series runs through the summer and features music, theatre and more. Ages 4 – 11, $5. Ford Amphitheatre, 2580 E. Cahuenga Blvd., LA, 323-461-3673, www.fordamphitheatre.org.
**Puppetolio** – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
**Magicopolis** – 2 and 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is $20 for evening, $15 for matinee. Call 310-451-2241 for info.
**Precious Prints** – Ceramic Heirlooms for a Lifetime
Second Saturday every month at The Pump Station, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Contact Kristan Ritchie at 310-802-8013 or visit www.preciousprintsstudios.com for more info.
**Lakeshore Learning Stores "Free Crafts for Kids"** – Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 8888 Venice Blvd., 559-9630.
**"A Faery Hunt"** – 10:30 a.m., every Saturday at Franklin Canyon Park. An interactive children's show, searching for fairies and other enchanted creatures in the magical canyon and finding them! $10, call for reservations – 818-324-6802. www.faeryhunt.com. Meet in the parking lot of the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Dr., Beverly Hills.
**Artful Weekends at the Getty Villa** – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Sat. & Sun. Create your own works of art inspired by objects in the collection. Free admission; timed tickets required. 17985 PCH, Pacific Palisades.

## SUNDAY

**Main Street Farmer's Market** – 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., corner of Main St. and Ocean Park Blvd. Pony rides, live music, lots of vendors and great family socializing.
**Puppetolio** – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested.

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# Run on juice

**BY SAMANTHA YOUNG**
Associated Press Writer

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** — The start of a new work week amid sweltering temperatures pushed California's electricity supply to the brink on Monday, triggering some businesses to voluntarily cut their power usage.

As the eighth day of a scorching heat wave threatened to drive the demand for electricity to record levels, state energy managers elevated their emergency warning as they dipped into reserve supplies to keep up with the demand for power.

The California Independent System Operator, which manages the state's power grid, called on businesses to reduce their power usage in exchange for lower rates.

"This is the first time we've asked these customers to help us out," said Stephanie McCorkle, a spokeswoman for the ISO. "We'll be able to slow the skyrocketing demand we're seeing."

The voluntary power reductions Monday would save the state 1,800 megawatts of power, McCorkle said.

But involuntary rolling blackouts remained a possibility around the state later Monday as power usage was expected to reach a record 52,000 megawatts, said ISO President Yakout Mansour.

"If the trend continues and we do not have proper conservation, we may have that," Mansour said. "Additional conservation now is critical for today."

One megawatt is approximately enough electricity to run 750 homes. Energy officials predicted mandatory rolling blackouts, if they occurred, would take place between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. — the peak hours for electricity usage.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger directed state agencies to reduce electricity use by 25 percent and turn off unnecessary equipment. He urged local and municipal governments and universities to do the same.

With temperatures across California climbing into the triple digits again Monday after record-breaking weekend highs, state and local authorities were investigating at least nine deaths in the smoldering Central Valley.

Officials at a Fresno hospital said three weekend deaths were heat-related and Fresno County authorities said at least two others may have succumbed to the stifling conditions, including a 56-year-old man who died from heat stroke on Saturday and a 42-year-old man found unconscious on a lawn Sunday. Two women, ages 75 and 90, also died Sunday and an unidentified victim succumbed to heat stroke.

State officials were looking into the death of a nursing home patient in Stockton who died after a nursing home air conditioner gave out in the 115-degree weather, a gardener who collapsed on the job in Bakersfield and an employee of a Fresno pool construction company.

In Modesto, a patient at Doctors Medical Center died Saturday of heart failure apparently caused by the heat after being admitted with a 106-degree temperature, hospital officials said.

Meanwhile, power companies continued to work to restore electricity to thousands of customers who lost power on Sunday. Some 50,000 customers in Northern California still were without electricity, including 35,000 in the San Jose and East Bay, according to Pacific Gas & Electric.

Brian Swanson, a spokesman for PG&E, said the outages were caused by equipment and transformer failures rather than a lack of supply. PG&E called in 133 crews with a total of 430 employees to help restore power there.

# Democrats count on middle ground

**BY LIZ SIDOTI**
Associated Press Writer

**DENVER** — Moderate Democrats think they have the key to winning back power in Washington and across the country — a package of economic proposals aimed at giving every American a shot at reaching the middle class.

"We thought it was important and necessary to rekindle the American dream," said Gov. Tom Vilsack of Iowa, a potential 2008 presidential candidate and the chairman of the Democratic Leadership Council, a centrist think tank.

Sadly, Vilsack said, many of America's children nowadays don't have faith in the idea of an American dream.

"They don't believe in the notion that somehow they're going to have a great life, and many adults are just hoping that their kids have it as good as they have it. Deep down in America's psyche that troubles a lot of us," he said.

"I don't want to be part of the generation, the first generation in this country's history, to basically look my kids in the eye and say: 'Sorry. Hopefully you'll have it as good as we have it.' And, I don't think too many American parents want to have that conversation with their kids either," Vilsack said.

Additionally, the Iowa Democrat said: "We are a competitive nation. We don't like losing and if we're going to compete in the global economy, we're going to have to do things differently."

The centrist organization, best known for helping Bill Clinton secure the White House in 1992, was to unveil Monday its "American Dream Initiative," which lays out policies on education, health care, retirement and income.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, who led the yearlong effort and also may run for president, will outline the specific proposals in a speech to nearly 400 local elected Democratic officials from more than 40 states attending the organization's annual meeting in Republican-leaning Colorado.

The site underscores the organization's contention that the party must broaden its appeal and reach out to voters in rapidly growing areas of the country if it wants to win control of Congress this fall and the White House in 2008.

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL — AT A GLANCE

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

**East Division**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 59 | 38 | .608 | _ |
| New York | 56 | 40 | .583 | 2 1/2 |
| Toronto | 55 | 43 | .561 | 4 1/2 |
| Baltimore | 45 | 55 | .450 | 15 1/2 |
| Tampa Bay | 41 | 58 | .414 | 19 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detroit | 66 | 32 | .673 | _ |
| Chicago | 59 | 38 | .608 | 6 1/2 |
| Minnesota | 56 | 41 | .577 | 9 1/2 |
| Cleveland | 43 | 54 | .443 | 22 1/2 |
| Kansas City | 34 | 64 | .347 | 32 |

**West Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oakland | 51 | 47 | .520 | _ |
| Texas | 51 | 48 | .515 | 1/2 |
| **Angels** | 50 | 48 | .510 | 1 |
| Seattle | 47 | 51 | .480 | 4 |

**Tuesday's Games**

Detroit (Rogers 11-3) at Cleveland (Byrd 7-6), 4:05 p.m.
**Angels** (E.Santana 11-3) at Tampa Bay (Shields 4-4), 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 11-3) at Texas (Eaton 0-0), 5:05 p.m.
Minnesota (J.Santana 11-5) at Chicago White Sox (Contreras 9-2), 5:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Loewen 0-2) at Kansas City (Redman 6-5), 5:10 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 12-2) at Seattle (Meche 9-4), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Schilling 12-3) at Oakland (Windsor 0-0), 7:05 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**

Detroit at Cleveland, 9:05 a.m.
**Angels** at Tampa Bay, 9:15 a.m.
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 11:05 a.m.
Boston at Oakland, 12:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Texas, 5:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Kansas City, 5:10 p.m.
Toronto at Seattle, 7:05 p.m.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

**East Division**

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| New York | 59 | 39 | .602 | _ |
| Atlanta | 46 | 51 | .474 | 12 1/2 |
| Florida | 45 | 52 | .464 | 13 1/2 |
| Philadelphia | 44 | 51 | .463 | 13 1/2 |
| Washington | 43 | 56 | .434 | 16 1/2 |

**Central Division**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. Louis | 56 | 41 | .577 | _ |
| Cincinnati | 52 | 47 | .525 | 5 |
| Houston | 47 | 52 | .475 | 10 |
| Milwaukee | 47 | 52 | .475 | 10 |
| Chicago | 37 | 60 | .381 | 19 |
| Pittsburgh | 35 | 65 | .350 | 22 1/2 |

**West Division**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Diego | 51 | 47 | .520 | _ |
| San Fran | 51 | 48 | .515 | 1/2 |
| Arizona | 50 | 48 | .510 | 1 |
| **Dodgers** | 47 | 52 | .475 | 4 1/2 |
| Colorado | 46 | 51 | .474 | 4 1/2 |

**Tuesday's Games**

Arizona (Batista 9-5) at Philadelphia (Madson 8-7), 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Morris 8-7) at Washington (Ortiz 6-9), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 10-3) at N.Y. Mets (Glavine 11-3), 4:10 p.m.
Florida (Sanchez 3-0) at Atlanta (James 4-0), 4:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Harang 10-6) at Houston (Clemens 2-3), 5:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Snell 8-6) at Milwaukee (Sheets 1-3), 5:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Carpenter 9-4) at Colorado (Jennings 6-8), 6:05 p.m.
San Diego (Park 6-6) at **Dodgers** (Hendrickson 4-11), 7:10 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**

Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets, 9:10 a.m.
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 11:05 a.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 12:05 p.m.
San Diego at **Dodgers**, 12:10 p.m.
Arizona at Philadelphia, 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Washington, 4:05 p.m.
Florida at Atlanta, 4:35 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 5:05 p.m.

# Don't sing *Ciao* just yet

By The Associated Press

**ROME**

PAVAROTTI

Luciano Pavarotti says he has no intention of letting the curtain fall yet on his singing career despite recent surgery for pancreatic cancer.

"I have every intention of returning to singing," the 70-year-old tenor said in an interview published Monday in the Italian daily La Stampa.

"I want to finish my tour. I can't give precise dates because I'll have to discuss it with the doctors, but I think I'll start again next year," said the man considered the greatest tenor of his times by many opera buffs.

Pavarotti was preparing to leave New York earlier this month to resume his farewell tour when doctors discovered a malignant pancreatic mass.

He underwent surgery in a New York hospital, and all his remaining 2006 concerts were canceled.

Because pancreatic cancer is usually diagnosed at an advanced stage, it has one of the worst recovery rates of all types of malignancies. But Pavarotti's representatives have said his cancer was contained and doctors were able to surgically remove it, offering improved odds for survival.

"In misfortune I was quite lucky," Pavarotti told the Turin-based newspaper in a phone interview a few hours after returning to his New York home from the hospital.

**PROVIDENCE, R.I.**

## Naked ambition his undoing

HATCH

Richard Hatch has been sent to a federal prison in Oklahoma as he serves a 51-month sentence for failing to pay taxes on the $1 million he won on the debut season of "Survivor."

Hatch, 45, of Newport, arrived last week at the Federal Transfer Center in Oklahoma City. It wasn't immediately clear why Hatch was moved or whether he will serve out his prison sentence at the facility, which is a hub for prisoners transferring through the federal system.

A federal jury convicted Hatch in January of failing to pay taxes on the "Survivor" prize and other income. He was sentenced in May to 51 months in prison by a judge who said the reality TV star had lied repeatedly on the witness stand.

Hatch had previously been held at the Plymouth County Correctional Facility in Massachusetts.

He would prefer to serve his sentence near family in Rhode Island or in Florida, his lawyer, Michael Minns, said.

"He should be in a camp," Minns said. "The camps are the most comfortable of the uncomfortable. They are still jails, but they get to see the sky and be outside. It's bad for Richard, who is an outdoor person."

Hatch became known on the CBS show as the "fat naked guy" for refusing to wear clothes.

**ROME**

## Lack of interest kills concerts

GELDOF

Bob Geldof canceled two concerts in Italy this weekend after too few people bought tickets, Italian news reports said.

The 51-year-old Irish rocker, known for his anti-poverty efforts, had been set to perform in Milan on Friday night and in Rome on Saturday. Fewer than 50 people turned up in Milan and the show was canceled, La Stampa daily reported.

The Rome concert was subsequently canceled, said La Stampa and other reports. La Stampa said Geldof promised to give a free concert for Italian fans in September.

Geldof's Web site only said the Rome show was canceled and added: "Complimentary show to be announced later."

"I feel we have been boycotted," Francesco Iacovone, organizer of Geldof's Italian concerts, told the ANSA news agency. Iacovone added he couldn't understand how an artist such as Geldof failed to raise interest among Italian fans.

No one could be reached at the Milan offices of Iacovone's company Saturday. Geldof's management company also could not be contacted.

Geldof, former frontman of The Boomtown Rats, organized the Live Aid concert in 1985 and last year's Live 8 benefit concerts held in cities around the world, including Rome.

**PASADENA**

## There went 'Agnes'

BURNETT

Carol Burnett, whose long-running variety show became a TV classic, has received a career achievement award from the Television Critics Association.

"Does this mean I'll never get another bad review?" the 73-year-old actress-comedian joked Sunday as she accepted the honor.

Burnett went on to recount how "The Carol Burnett Show," which aired from 1967-78, got started. A pay-or-play clause in her contract with CBS for 30 hourlong variety shows was about to run out and she decided to exercise it.

The network, she said, wasn't thrilled. A CBS executive told her that variety was the proper domain of male stars like Jackie Gleason, Sid Caesar and Milton Berle and suggested she consider a proposed sitcom titled, "Here's Agnes," Burnett said.

"I'm so glad I didn't do `Here's Agnes,'" she said, dryly.

The variety show represented "the greatest years of my professional life" and the TV critics' honor rightly belongs to the show's cast and crew, she said.

Burnett, also a singer, starred in a series of musical specials with guests including Julie Andrews, Beverly Sills and Dolly Parton and in three TV adaptations of the Broadway musical "Once Upon a Mattress," most recently in 2005. Earlier this year she was a guest star on "Desperate Housewives."

The Television Critics Association includes more than 200 reporters and columnists working in U.S. and Canadian print media.

Santa Monica Daily Press
## MOVIEGUIDE
SHOWTIMES: TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2006

**Aero Theatre**
**1328 Montana Avenue**
**(310)395-4990**

**Friday**
Tommy 7:30
**Saturday**
The Wizard of Oz 3:00
Jesus Christ Superstar/Hair 7:30
**Sunday**
Pennies from Heaven 7:30

**AMC7 Santa Monica**
**1310 3rd Street**
**(310)289-4262**

**My Super Ex-Girlfriend** (PG-13)
11:50, 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30, 11:25
**Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest** (PG-13)
10:40, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:20, 4:20, 5:30, 6:45, 7:45, 9:00, 10:10, 11:00
**Superman Returns** (PG-13)
12:30, 4:00, 7:30, 10:50
**Nacho Libre** (PG)
10:30, 12:35, 2:40, 4:50, 7:05, 9:20
**Cars** (G)
11:00, 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 10:00

**AMC Loews Broadway 4**
**1441 3rd Street**
**(310) 458-6232**

**Little Man** (PG-13)
11:55, 2:40, 5:00, 7:15, 10:00
**The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13)
11:40, 2:00, 2:30, 4:55, 7:00, 8:00, 10:30
**Click** (PG-13)
11:50, 2:50, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
**The Break-Up** (PG-13)
11:30, 4:30, 9:45

**Landmark Nuwilshire**
**1314 Wilshire Blvd**
**(310)281-8228**

**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 Fourplex**
**1332 2nd Street**
**(310)394-9741**

**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**
**1313 3rd Street**
**(310) 395-1599**

**Clerks II** (R)
12:40, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20, 12:25am
**Lady in the Water** (PG-13)
11:00, 11:40, 1:40, 2:10, 4:20, 4:50, 7:10, 7:40, 10:00, 10:30, 12:30
**Monster House** (PG)
11:30, 12:30, 2:00, 2:50, 4:30, 5:10, 7:00, 7:30, 9:50, 12:00
**You, Me and Dupree** (PG-13)
11:10, 1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 9:20, 10:10

More Information **calendar@smdp.com**

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By Russ Wallace

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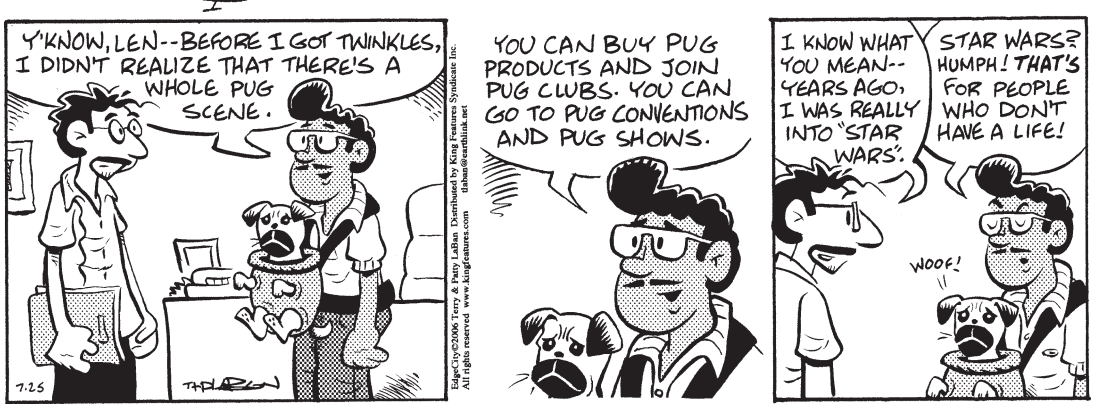
## edge City

by TERRY & PATTY LABAN

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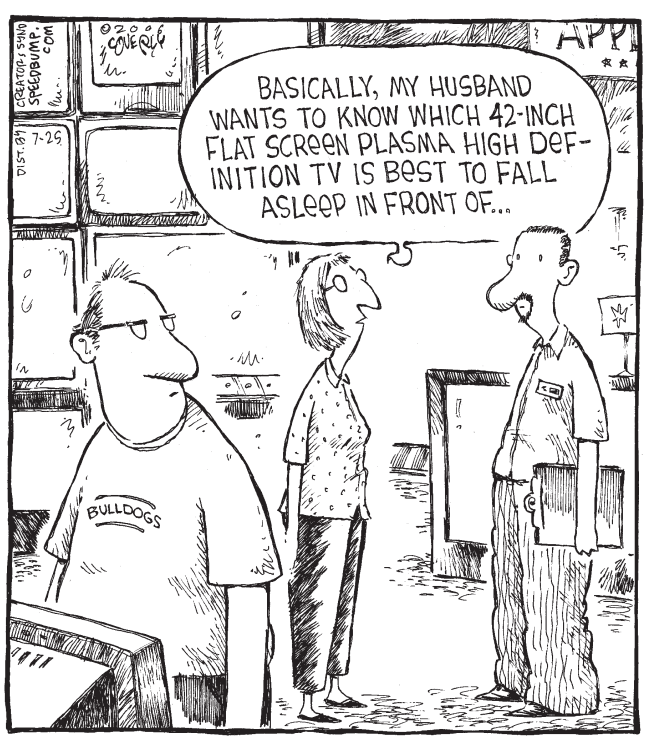


# CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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**37** "— Kapital"
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**41** "The Rookie" star
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**35** Wilder on film
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Case No. SP006887

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SANDRA M. PEARMAN aka SANDRA MAE PEARMAN

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Alice Kathleen Love in the Superior Court of Cali-fornia, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PRO-BATE requests that Alice Kathleen Love be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administra-tion of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representa-tive to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important ac-tions, however, the personal re-pre-sentative 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 September 22, 2006 at 9:15 AM in Dept. No. F located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.

IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-ing of the petition, you should ap-pear 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.

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**Attorney for petitioner:**
**MATTHEW F SPAULDING ESQ**
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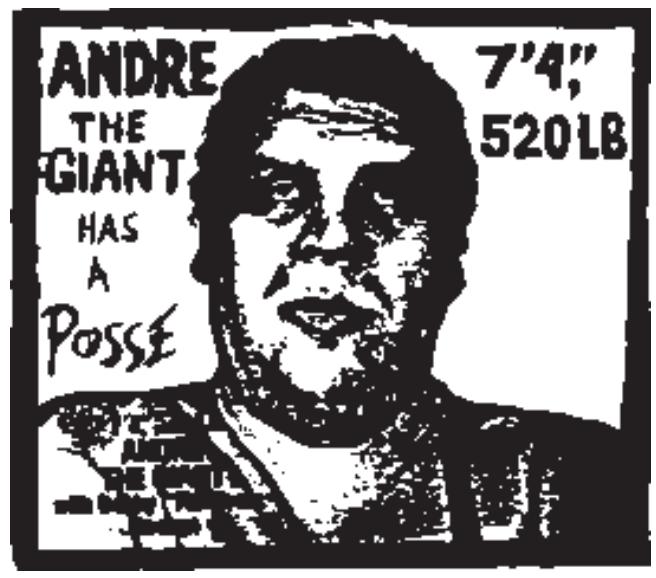


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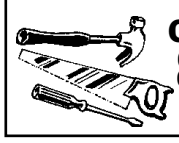

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