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Boulevard project may be here to stay

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK Brad Pollack wondered why an already heavily traveled stretch of Ocean Park Boulevard would be further condensed into two lanes.

That question occupied his and many residents' minds as City Hall restriped the once four-lane block of Ocean Park from Lincoln to Cloverfield boulevards last December, a shift decried by many in the Sunset Park neighborhood who frequented the busy corridor, some afraid that traffic would come to a standstill.

While many residents and businesses owners who originally felt the effects would be troubling have not strayed from their opinion more than seven months after the restriping, Pollack is among a number of residents who have since changed his mind.

"I have been very pleased with the results," Pollack, who lives a few blocks from Ocean Park Boulevard, said on Thursday. "It's slowed the traffic to a manageable pace so that pedestrians aren't endangered and don't have cars recklessly speeding and changing lanes and ignoring the speed limit."

City Hall is currently assessing the results of a six-month pilot period that test-

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WALKING IN CIRCLES

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People walk through the permanent meditation labyrinth at the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica on 11th Street on Wednesday.

City officials consider new urban forestry commission

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City officials will begin exploring the possibility of forming an urban forestry commission, the advisory board sought by activists who launched a campaign last year to save a group of ficus trees in the downtown area.

The City Council on Wednesday directed its staff to report back with a suggested course of action for studying the feasibility of a tree commission, a process that could include an ad hoc task force to examine the issue.

"Treesavers see this as a real bridge-building endeavor between the community and the city," Jerry Rubin, one of the founders of the Santa Monica Treesavers, said. "It's not just going to be my point of view or the point of view of the Treesavers."

Several other California cities have formed such commissions, including Davis.

The grassroots organization filed a request for the council to initiate the analysis in April, pursuing an advisory committee that would discuss matters related to the city's tree canopy, including maintenance and removal policies.

The ficus trees grabbed headlines after the council last summer approved a controversial proposal to remove and transplant 54 of the mature shady specimens, a monetarily small aspect of an $8 million Downtown beautification plan that included sidewalk replacement and lighting improvements.

A lawsuit contesting the tree portion of the project went to the California Appellate Court, which ultimately rejected the Treesavers' petition in mid-May. Two days later, City Hall removed the 23 structurally deficient ficuses that were condemned for posing a public safety risk. Another seven trees — shaved down from the original proposal of 31 — slated for relocation have yet to be moved.

Whether the canopy issues would be examined by a new commission or a branch of an existing body will be determined later. There are currently more than 20 boards and

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Beginners and experienced salseros alike can pick up new moves at Isabelle Pampillo's Friday Socials in Santa Monica. The night consists of a 90-minute class followed by a social hour of drinks and dancing where dancers can practice their dips and turns. There is a $20 charge for the class, dancing and drinks. For information, call (310) 392-3493.

Children's summer program

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

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

'Montage'

5269 Lankershim Blvd., 8 p.m.

Wonderworld Entertainment is presenting "Montage," a grand show of circus daring and skill featuring former artists of Cirque Du Soleil. This performance will defy the perception of what is possible by fusing strength, flexibility, and technical skill, creating an appreciation of the human body and its amazing capabilities. Tickets in the side orchestra are $40, center orchestra $50, and VIP tickets are $75. Additional ticket information is available by calling (818) 508-4200, or by visiting www.elportaltheatre.com.

Saturday, July 26, 2008

Some like it hot

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

The Main Library presents a free screening of the movie, "Some Like it Hot," starring Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon and Marilyn Monroe. This cross-dressing comedy will be held in the MLK Jr. Auditorium. Seating is first come, first serve.

An evening of success

11201 Olympic Blvd., 7:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

For one night only, Swami Kriyananda will be instructing a class on how to eliminate obstacles and unlock the pathways to achieve material and spiritual success. He will discuss the Universal Laws of Energy and Magnetism, and how to achieve success without sacrificing spiritual principles. For additional information, contact Ananda Sangha at (310)-396-9900, or at ananda@anandala.org.

'Awaaay' to Wonderland

1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Individuals of all ages are invited by the Santa Monica Playhouse to help solve riddles, predict the future, travel through time, experience a mini-language lesson, and ultimately help save the fairytale world, during the musical, "And Awaaay We Go To Wonderland." Lots of audience participation makes this captivating Rudie-Carlo Family Theater event the perfect summer outing for the entire family. Kids 12 and under $10.50, adults $12.50. For more information, call (310) 394-9779 or visit santamonicaplayhouse.com.

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.

MOVING UP

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Elaine Sena-Brown (left), pins lieutenant stripes on Santa Monica Police Department's Henry Ramirez (right), as Chief Tim Jackman (center) looks on during a promotion ceremony at City Hall on Thursday. A total of five promotions were handed during the event.

Sharing the wealth

Council asked to contribute to Samohi projects

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Santa Monica High School needs a lot of help.

It isn't help necessarily needed in the classroom where students continue to post high marks, or even on the field where championship-winning teams have thrived, but rather the facilities in which it all takes place, the aging campus showing its long-history through the cracks in the outdated buildings.

Those were the general sentiments expressed by parents and other invested parties from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, asking city officials to consider chipping into the renovation of Santa Monica High School, which is about to undergo construction in two years.

SMMUSD officials presented on Wednesday a school reconstruction plan that included various opportunities for shared-use opportunities between the school district and City Hall, linking the Samohi and Civic Center campuses, the latter of which is slated to go through a series of changes in the next couple of years, including affordable housing construction and a recreational field. The joint-use between the two entities, which would open Samohi cultural and athletic facilities to the public outside of school hours, could make the project available to Redevelopment Agency (RDA) funding.

Agency officials are currently assessing redevelopment funding availability.

"When our kids win the baseball national championship or the cheerleading national championship or the soccer state champi-

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Hate crimes on the rise in county

BY THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Hate crimes in Los Angeles County soared last year to their highest mark in five years even as overall crime dropped across the region, according to a report released Thursday. The annual report by the county's human relations commission shows 763 hate crimes were reported in 2007, a 28 percent increase from 2006.

The numbers buck last year's overall crime trends, which saw a decrease of 6 percent in Los Angeles County and 5 percent in the city of Los Angeles, the report notes.

The most common hate crimes were those motivated by race, with 310 committed against black people and 125 against Latinos. However, crimes in which anti-immigrant slurs were used dropped slightly.

A majority of the hate crimes involved vandalism and simple assault, but aggravated assault was involved in 187 of them, a nearly 90 percent increase over the year before.

Civil rights attorney Connie Rice, who had not seen the report, said it is important to remember that hate crimes represent only a tiny percentage of overall crime numbers. She said the increase is likely a reflection of economic times.

"When economic times gets tighter, hate crime violence goes up," she said, adding that child abuse and domestic violence often increase for the same reason.

Gangs are a factor in many hate crimes. In all, 16 percent of hate crimes last year were committed by gang members. According to the report, gang members committed 120 hate crimes last year, an increase of 14 percent from 2006.

The extent to which race is driving the area's gang crisis is a subject of ongoing debate. Sheriff Lee Baca has said he considers it a major factor, while Los Angeles police Chief William Bratton and other officials downplay suggestions of racial tension.

The report states that white supremacist activity continues to be "surprisingly high," with 131 hate crimes showing evidence of being committed by white racists.

The report notes that friction between black and Latino residents continues to be a major instigator of hate crimes.

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The dull Glow

Editor:

Me and my group of a dozen friends had a lot of anticipation for Santa Monica's greatly hyped [Glow] event [on Saturday]. This event, which could have had such resonance, fell flat on many levels. The first indication of this was the area south of the pier where rows of glow sticks were stuck in the sand. Talk about unimaginative. This is art? More like art fart. A few dozen helium balloons tied together on the north side of the pier managed to be even more disappointing. At least the bouncy pillow structure was lit and somewhat more creative. The only thing that managed to captivate my attention for more than a pass-by was the projections against the water spray. Looking something like the aurora borealis this piece was beautiful to look at and did show me something I hadn't seen before ... kind of.

What I did gather from this is the need and demand for something of this nature. There were so many people attending that you would think they were giving away free money. The crowds were intense and there were lines everywhere. I didn't even manage to make my way onto the pier but was told later it was just as well since there were no additional art installations there. The hanging sculptures under the pier were creative and fun if you were fortunate enough to see them.

I really wanted to see the orchestra perform on the Ferris wheel. Did that even happen? There was no way to know what was happening when and there wasn't enough going on to convince me fight the crowds and dodge the baby strollers to wait around and see. And what about the installation where the sea was to glow? Did anyone see that? Did you have to walk to the end of pier to view it? A little more information would have been greatly appreciated. And with an overcast evening, someone missed a great opportunity to light up the sky with lasers. I totally expected to see that anyway and was shocked at how it was just too obvious to be absent.

I applaud Santa Monica for "allowing" us to use our beach for a night to have a party. That in itself seems like a ludicrous statement. I find it appalling that we need "anyone's" permission to make use of the beach. But be that as it may, kudos to the companies that sponsored the event and made this happen. Obviously people are looking for something such as this. We live in the land of make believe where creating the seemingly impossible is a reality. Perhaps with a little more practice the organizers can find a way to do this with better results. It costs each of us a lot of money to live here. The crowd last night proved that Angeleno's are eager for ways to get out of their homes, away from their TVs, and enjoy some time with their neighbors, friends and families. I think the city should try harder to give more back to its citizens and perhaps stop telling us what we can't do, so that we can discover what we can.

Rand Pate
Los Angeles

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A persistent threat to Constitutional Rights

IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA V. HELLER, the Supreme Court ruled that the District of Columbia's highly restrictive ban on guns is unconstitutional. The ruling was anticipated across the nation.

It was the first time the court made a direct judgment about the right of individuals to keep and bear arms since the adoption of the Second Amendment to the Constitution. One would think that under these circumstances the D.C. government would get the message. Not a chance.

The Washington D.C. City Council lives in its own world.

In a unanimous vote, the council refused to repeal the handgun ban. Instead, it created a new exception under which the handgun ban does not apply to a person who seeks to register a pistol for use in self-defense in the home.

According to the National Rifle Association (NRA), D.C. still forbids its residents to own a handgun for protection of a business, for sport shooting, and for other lawful purposes for which citizens own guns everywhere else in the country.

One of the items the Supreme Court declared unconstitutional was the requirement that guns have a trigger lock because such locks bar the use of a firearm for self-defense in the home.

So what does the post-Heller D.C. council do? It permits the gun to be assembled, loaded, and unlocked only "while it is being used."

I guess the only lawful way to put the gun together, load it, and unlock the trigger is if someone breaks in and points a gun at the victim.

But what if the intruder shoots first? What if the victim does not have time to put the gun together for use? This is utter nonsense.

The Attorney General for D.C. anticipates lawsuits about this new ordinance. I certainly hope so. The Supreme Court said it is unconstitutional to ban a whole class of weapons which overwhelmingly is chosen by Americans for lawful self-defense.

But the council has outlawed, through its new definition, virtually all semi-automatic handguns, which comprise about 75 percent of all handguns sold in the United States in the past 20 years.

The D.C. City Council has imposed a very burdensome system of gun registration.

Only a handful of states have any registration and none has a system as complicated as that of the District.

There is a solution to this tyranny. Congress can pass H.R. 1399, the "District of Columbia Personal Protection Act." The bill, which is supported by the NRA and has 247 co-sponsors, would repeal the D.C. handgun ban and the storage requirement which prohibits keeping a firearm ready for self-defense in the home, two of the provisions found to be unconstitutional in the Heller decision.

Moreover, it would repeal the D.C. registration system, which is burdensome in its own right and serves as a vehicle for even more restrictions and skewed definitions. H.R. 1399 would restrict the D.C. council's authority to impose undue restrictions upon residents' Second Amendment right.

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It also would repeal the ban upon semi-automatic firearms, conforming the district's law to federal legislation. It would repeal various restrictions on ammunition and the district's "Strict Liability Act," which allows manufacturers of certain types of guns "to be held strictly liable in tort, without regard to fault or proof of defect."

The problem is that time is short in this Congress.

There may be enough time for a discharge petition to bring the bill to the floor of the House of Representatives. But in the Senate, 60 votes are needed to move anything. The NRA vote count currently stands at 55.

The leadership in both chambers opposes H.R. 1399. The NRA wants it passed while there is still a President in office who will sign it. Unfortunately, it appears as if the courts, rather than the legislature, will have the last word on the D.C. legislation. That is not how it should be.

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Shame on John McCain

IN 2000, JOHN MCCAIN WAS ON HIS way to the presidential nomination until the South Carolina primary. Days before the election, George W. Bush's supporters contacted every registered Republican in the state and asked: "Would you feel differently about John McCain if you knew he fathered an illegitimate black child out of wedlock, and that his wife was a drug addict?" They didn't say either was true, mind you, just would it make a difference, which of course it did.

A day later, during their televised debate. McCain was so mad I thought he was going to rip Bush's throat out. (If only.) He looked Bush straight in the eye and said, "George, you should be ashamed of yourself." After the past seven years, it's obvious Bush is beyond shame.

Back then the maverick McCain stood up to the religious right calling them "agents of intolerance." Now he's fawning over them. He voted against the Bush tax cuts saying, "My conscience won't allow me to support it." McCain's now wants the cuts to become permanent. Campaigning in the south, McCain said the confederate flag issue should be left up to the states. On "60 Minutes" he later confessed he didn't believe it. Asked why he had pandered so, he responded sheepishly, "For all the wrong reasons. Ambition."

If ambition has overtaken McCain, so has his need to tell jokes. Somebody on his staff should tell him he's not funny. We've had eight years of Bush's giggling at his own jokes, even when they bomb. The thought of even four years of McCain doing it is unbearable.

Speaking of "bombs," what was McCain thinking when he sang, "Bomb, bomb, bomb, Iran?" Or when he repeatedly confuses Shias and Sunnis. (Some say that's like confusing the NACCP with the KKK.) Foreign policy is McCain's area of expertise and yet he continues to make these inexplicable gaffes.

On three occasions McCain has referred to Czechoslovakia, a country that hasn't existed since 1993! At a press conference he warned Iran to stop training Al Queada, only to have Sen. Joe Liberman whisper in his ear that he misspoke. And just the other day, McCain referred to the volatile Iraqi-Pakistani border region, apparently forgetting they don't share a border. (There's 1,500 miles between the two countries.)

After Barack Obama's visit to Iraq, Prime Minister Malaki said that he agreed with the senator's timeline and wants American troops out by the end of 2010. (We've already been in Iraq two years longer than all of WWII.) Immediately, Bush and McCain claimed that Malaki's statement got lost in translation. Is that the best they can do? Apparently.

The next day, not only was it confirmed that Malaki's translator had gotten it right, but Iraq's Vice President repeated the timeline request. The Iraqis want us out. Most Americans want us out. McCain and Bush are the only ones who want us to stay. (Not counting Exxon, that is.)

McCain continually brags about the success of the surge. (Mistakenly giving it credit for the "Anbar Awakening" which occurred 10 months before the surge.) That violence In Iraq has lessened and American casualties have been dramatically reduced is comforting. But probably not to the family of the soldier who died on July 15, the date of our most recent fatality. Keep in mind, 3,985 GI's have died (and 30,000 wounded) since Bush announced "mission accomplished."

And if the surge has been so successful, doesn't that prove that General Shinsecki was right all along? Shinsecki testified before Congress that if we were to undertake this invasion we needed a minimum of 200,000 troops. Shinsecki's reward for candor was being forced to retire.

McCain wants credit for success in a war that a majority of Americans don't feel was necessary. Go to YouTube and type in "Dick Ceney 1994." You'll see Cheney on CSPAN saying invading Iraq would "create a quagmire" and "destabilize the region." It concludes with Cheney's rhetorical question, "How many dead Americans is toppling Saddam worth? Not very many."

My biggest complaint about the McCain of 2008 is his integrity. He has insisted his campaign would be a clean one and yet the other day he said of Obama, "He'd rather lose a war to win an election." Highly-respected political analyst David Gergen, a lifelong Republican, said "McCain crossed the line." Reporter Joe Klein said in all his coverage of nine presidential elections it's the most scurrilous charge he's ever heard.

In essence McCain accused Obama of sedition. To me that's on the same level as calling voters and asking if it would make a difference if they knew a certain candidate had fathered a black child out of wedlock and whose wife was a drug addict. Using McCain's own words, "John, you should be ashamed of yourself."

When he isn't busy finding fault with John McCain, JACK can be reached at Jackneworth2003@aol.com.

The Q Line

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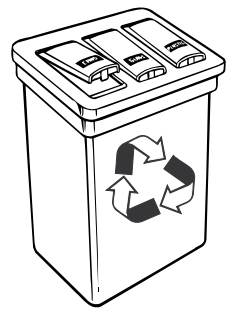
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Dining on the run

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

SUNDAY, JULY 20, AT 7:40 A.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1500 block of Lincoln Boulevard — Denny's — regarding a report of patrons failing to pay their bill. When officers arrived they made contact with restaurant employees who said a group of young people ate food valued at $40.21 and then ran out without paying. Employees were able to provide officers with a description of the suspects and their license plate number. Officers found the suspects driving eastbound on Interstate 10 and conducted a traffic stop. One of the employees was transported to the location and positively identified the suspects, who were placed under arrest for defrauding an innkeeper. Some of the suspects also were in possession of marijuana. The suspects were identified as Luis Miguel Astorga , 26; Julian Lopez, 18; Johanna Leon Nunez, 18; Roxane Marie Chavez, 20; and Kathleen Ugalde, 19, all from Los Angeles. Bail was set at $500 for all suspects except Chavez, who had a warrant. Her bail was set at $10,500, police said. Astorga, Nunez and Chavez were found to be in possession of marijuana at the time of the arrest.

FRIDAY, JULY 18, AT 10:25 P.M.,
Officers with the California Highway Patrol arrested a suspect wanted in connection with a burglary that occurred in January. Police said CHP officers stopped the suspect and ran his name through a database and learned that he was wanted. The suspect is believed to have entered a residence in the 700 block of 26th Street when the owner was away on vacation. Police said the suspect entered through a window and while he was inside he used the victim's shower and slept in her bed. He later left the residence, taking a sleeping bag, floor mat, towels and a bottle of tequila. SMPD forensics specialists were able to lift fingerprints from the crime scene and identified the suspect as Richard Michael Duff, 31, a transient. He was booked for burglary. No bail was set.

SATURDAY, JULY 19, AT 1:115 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1400 block of Palisades Park regarding a strong arm robbery that just occurred. When officers arrived they made contact with the alleged victim who said she was standing in the park with her purse and a bag of oranges when a man grabbed her belongings and tried to take them away from her. A struggle ensued and the man eventually made off with the oranges. He sat down in the park and began to eat them. Officers placed him under arrest for strong arm robbery. He was identified as Jeffrey Scott Cole, 50, a transient. His bail was set at $50,000.

THURSDAY, JULY 17, AT 3:10 P.M.,
Police responded to the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade — Lucky Brand Dungarees — after receiving a call about a woman trying to cash $300 worth of stolen traveler's checks. Officers said the store manager became suspicious and called American Express to verify the checks. The manager was informed that the checks were no good. The suspect left the store prior to the officers' arrival. She was apprehended a short time later and booked for burglary, attempting to pass a false check, conspiracy to commit a crime and for a traffic warrant. The suspect was identified as Maia Kay Holts, 24, of Los Angeles. Her bail was set at $46,000.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, AT 8:45 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1800 block of 19th Street regarding a brawl between twin brothers. When officers arrived they arrested the men, one for assault and the other for assault with a deadly weapon, which turned out to be a chair that was allegedly used to hit one of the brothers on the head. The fight apparently started after one of the brothers locked the other out of their house. The two were identified as Jonathan and Nathaniel Jerald Jeter, both 18 and from Santa Monica. Jonathan was cited for assault and battery. Nathaniel was booked for assault and battery. His bail was set at $30,000.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, AT 2:55 P.M.,
Police arrested a suspect in Los Angeles wanted in connection with a home-invasion robbery that occurred in November of 2007. Officers said the suspect broke into a home in the 1100 block of Princeton Street, ripped the phone cord out of the wall so the victim could not call police and then took cash and jewelry from the victim while holding him at knifepoint. Detectives were able to determine the suspect's identity and later arrested him for armed robbery. The suspect was identified as Evan Myers Jr., 28, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $100,000.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, AT 4:30 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 2300 block of Pico Boulevard, rear alley, regarding a report of a strong arm robbery that just occurred. When they arrived they made contact with the alleged victim who told officers that the suspect had forcibly taken her pull cart, which contained her personal items. The suspect then left the area. The victim knew the suspect and provided a description to officers, who arrested the suspect for strong arm robbery, violation of a court order, and for violation of probation. He was identified as Olvaro Vasquez, 38, a transient. His bail was set at $50,000.

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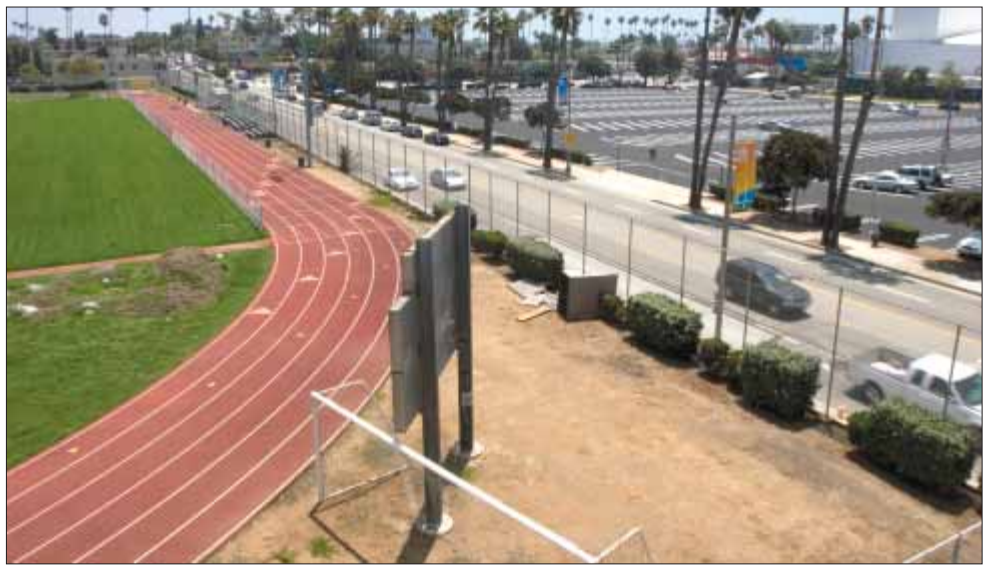

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SHARING: **City Hall has been asked to contribute funds to continue Samohi improvements.**

Shared-use opportunities could open high school projects to city funding

FROM **FUNDING** PAGE 3

onship … they not only represent Santa Monica High School, they represent the city of Santa Monica," Principal Hugo Pedroza said. "They bring pride to this great city."

An overall proposal to redo the high school, which would include a new 3,000 seat football stadium and a publicly accessible promenade that would cut east-west through the heart of the campus, is estimated to cost nearly $300 million in current figures. That number is expected to grow with inflation.

The first phase, which will replace the existing science and technology buildings by moving it to the northeast corner of the campus, is fully funded using Measure BB bond money and is slated to begin in about two years, according to Rikkie Binder, the school's architect from the firm of R.L. Binder. The estimated $57 million construction project will also replace the existing softball diamond, which will be occupied by the new science and tech building. A few additional small projects could be molded into the first phase.

The $268 million bond measure passed by voters in 2006, will fund district infrastructure improvement and construction projects.

Proponents of the plan also point out the joint-use opportunities with the two campus' cultural icons, including Barnum Hall, the amphitheater and Civic Auditorium, which once hosted Academy Awards ceremonies.

Parents have long complained about the structural deficiencies at the high school campus, which they said undermines the academic excellence that goes on inside the classroom. In previous Board of Education meetings regarding the topic, some parents said they have considered private high school for their children because of the aging facilities at Samohi.

Shared-use possibilities will come as part of future projects after the completion of phase one. The all-encompassing vision for Santa Monica High School includes a new 500-car parking structure beneath the stadium, an outdoor plaza, a new pool, soccer field and an outdoor walkway that would link the east end of the campus to the Civic Center. The promenade would be opened outside of regular school hours, allowing pedestrians and cyclists access while closing off the rest of the campus.

"The council really took a bold move when it purchased the Rand (Corp.) property … this is a chance to turn around and look to the east," Judith Meister, the past PTA president of Samohi, said.

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Commission would advise on tree issues

FROM **TREES** PAGE 1

commissions that advise the council, which appoints the members.

"I think there are legitimate questions of what are the appropriate times to remove trees or not," Councilmember Ken Genser said. "I think such a commission, or whatever body it might be, would be a good way for information to be examined."

Councilmember Pam O'Connor suggested that several existing boards and commissions that also currently deal with trees be consulted, including the Planning Commission and Architectural Review Board, which both deal with issues related to urban design, and the Landmarks Commission, which has historically designated a handful of trees.

"How do we integrate their expertise?" O'Connor said.

The lone vote in opposition to the staff study was Councilmember Bob Holbrook, who was one of six city officials who supported the beautification plan in its entirety.

Holbrook said he didn't believe it would be the best use of resources, pointing out cases in the past when staff was asked to study an issue, only to return back to a council who voted against the recommendation.

The councilmember added that he didn't see the need for an urban forestry commission.

"We don't have a public works commission, we don't have a roads maintenance commission," Holbrook said. "We have a professional urban arborist who is well respected and he makes recommendations to the council and I think that's enough."

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HERE TO STAY? **Ocean Park Boulevard was reconfigured in December partly in response to a number of concerns regarding safety.**

Council considers adding traffic signals at perilous intersections

FROM **BOULEVARD** PAGE 1

ed the effects of restriping the boulevard into two travel lanes, going through the mounds of e-mail received from residents and business owners over the past several months, comprising a mixed perspective on the changes.

The street was reconfigured in mid-December partly in response to a number of concerns regarding pedestrian safety at unsignalized intersections where several have been struck and killed. The intent was to improve traffic safety by slowing down speedy drivers. The changes included the addition of left-turn and bike lanes.

The City Council is expected to receive an information item detailing the results of the pilot period and will be asked to either keep the current configuration, make some alterations or change it back to its original state of two traveling lanes in each direction.

One option that the council could consider is adding a traffic signal at some of the more dangerous intersections, which include 16th and 18th streets. During its budget session in June, the council voted to set aside $200,000 to install a traffic signal along Ocean Park Boulevard, something that was previously requested by residents.

Both 16th and 18th streets have a set of lights that are embedded into the crosswalk, flashing when activated by a pedestrian. While the flashing lights seem effective at night, illuminating the crosswalk, many have said they are less visible during the day and give pedestrians a false sense of security.

"Some of the things we're interested in hearing is the delay for driving along Ocean Park," Lucy Dyke, the transportation planning manager, said. "We're interested in safety and how people feel, whether they feel safe."

> **"THE TRAFFIC IS BAD UNTIL WE HIT CLOVERFIELD."**
>
> **Liz Seiji**
> Owner, Edelweiss Flower Boutique & Florist

One of the places that has proven to be challenging for traffic planners is the intersection of Ocean Park and Lincoln where drivers have complained about an increase in delay. City Hall installed several changes at the intersection, including creating a new lane that gives drivers heading east an option of turning right on Lincoln or up a little further into the shopping mall, unimpeding the traffic heading straight.

"There's a relatively heavy volume of people in and out of the mall," Dyke said. "It takes the mall traffic out from blocking the through traffic."

Dyke also noted that even though it appears there is a long line of cars backed up west of Lincoln Boulevard, most of the drivers can pass the intersection in one or two cycles.

Similar concerns have been noted around 23rd Street which is aggravated by the traffic coming off the I-10 Freeway.

Some residents have complained that the traffic on Ocean Park has spilled onto side streets, creating safety concerns when cars might be inclined to speed.

"We definitely don't want to encourage the use of small side streets," Dyke said. "We still believe Ocean Park Boulevard is a better route from the time perspective."

Jeannie Choi-Wolff said the traffic has moved onto Hill Street where she has seen an increase of cars.

She said while the spillover isn't as much of a concern right now, it's problematic during the school year when parents are taking their kids to class.

The changes have however reduced accidents by about 30 percent during the first three months, Dyke said.

Those in opposition to the restriping said they have seen traffic at a standstill, making it more difficult to make a left turn onto Ocean Park Boulevard, hard to catch a break in the traffic flow.

"The traffic is bad until we hit Cloverfield," Liz Seiji, the owner of Edelweiss Flower Boutique & Florist, said.

Seiji said based on observations, she believes that accidents have increased.

"I had a man come in here that was (hit) a few months ago in the crosswalk at 18th Street," Seiji said. "He almost got hit again, not because he's reckless, but because people aren't paying attention."

Some residents are hoping the current configuration will remain.

"I believe, and my wife does too, it does a good thing and it does work," Pollack said. "It should be maintained."

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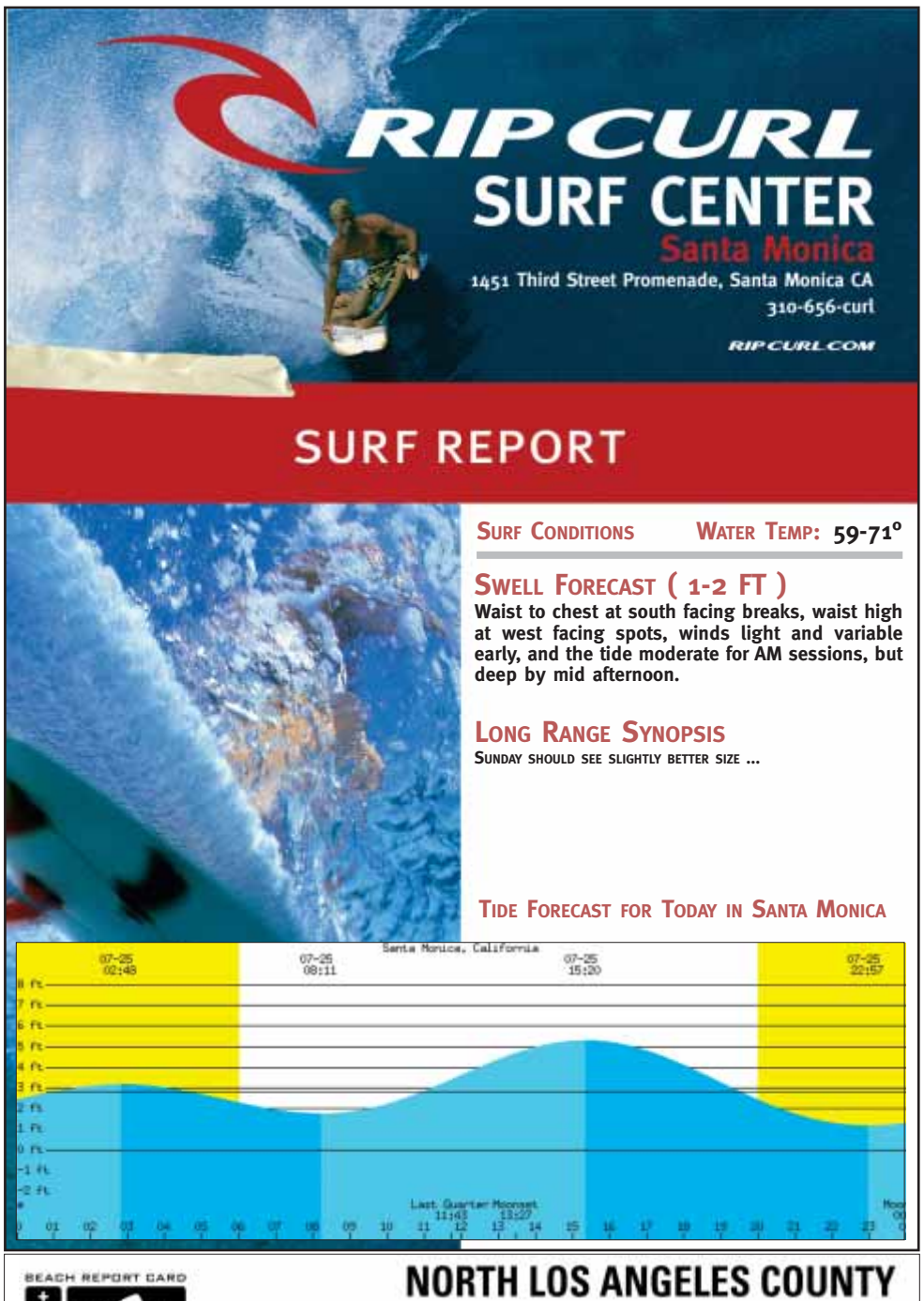

SURF REPORT

SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP: 59-71°**

SWELL FORECAST (1-2 FT)

Waist to chest at south facing breaks, waist high at west facing spots, winds light and variable early, and the tide moderate for AM sessions, but deep by mid afternoon.

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SUNDAY SHOULD SEE SLIGHTLY BETTER SIZE ...

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 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
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Las Alisos creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	F	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	B	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns

LEGEND

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

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NEW DVD RELEASES

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'Jumper'

Based on a critically-acclaimed science fiction novel by Steven Gould comes this adventure where "anywhere is possible." Samuel Jackson and Hayden Christensen star in this action film centered on a genetic anomaly that allows a young man to teleport himself to infinite places. He discovers this gift has existed for centuries and finds himself in a war that has been raging for thousands of years between "Jumpers" and those who have sworn to kill them. (Fox)

'Cassandra's Dream'

Written and directed by Woody Allen, this drama features Ewan McGregor and Colin Farrell as working class brothers whose dreams of better lives lead to greed, desperation and eventually a deadly betrayal. How far would you go to reach your dreams? (Genius)

'The Big Trail'

Nine years before director John Ford propelled him to stardom, John Wayne is featured here in one of The Duke's early westerns (1930) as Breck Coleman leading hundreds of settlers in covered wagons from the Mississippi River to their destiny out West. On DVD for the first time, this two-disc edition features the original Fox grandeur film 70mm version and a wagon train full of bonus material. Commentary with film historians, a making-of segment, as well as profiles of Wayne and the film's director Raoul Walsh are included. Walsh, who was also an actor and writer, would have played The Cisco Kid in his own film, "In Old Arizona" (1928) if an errant jackrabbit hadn't cost him an eye by leaping through the windshield of his automobile. (Warner Baxter filled the role and won an Oscar.) (Fox)

'The Color of Freedom'

Dennis Haysbert and Joseph Fiennes star in the true story of the deep bond that develops between political prisoner Nelson Mandela and James Gregory, the racist white South African who was Mandela's prison guard for more than 20 years. Special features include "Remembering Mandela" and a theatrical trailer. (Image)

'New Zealand 2'

Take a refreshing journey to this land of unspoiled landscapes and immense natural beauty. Spirited young guides Ian Wright and Zay Harding take us through some amazing sights on both the North and South Islands. From the picturesque cities of Wellington and Christchurch to a train trekking through the diverse topography on both sides of the Southern Alps, New Zealand is a brilliant natural paradise as seen in the "Lord of the Rings." (Globetrekkertv.com)

'The Odd Couple' The Fourth Season

Neil Simon's classic oddballs are back again for this four-disc, 22 episode presentation that originally aired in 1973. The much-loved series stars Jack Klugman as sloppy sportswriter Oscar Madison and Tony Randall as finicky photographer Felix Unger. Also featured are Felix's ex-wife Gloria (Janis Hansen), Oscar's secretary Myrna (Penny Marshall) and ex-wife Blanche (Brett Somers) and their cop pal Murray (Al Molinaro). (CBS)

'Ringside Rivalries' 2-Disc Slugfest Edition

Boxing fans get an all-in-one package of the very best matchups throughout the sport's history. Ali/Frazier and LaMotta/Robinson are just two of some of the fight game's most electrifying bouts and compelling personalities that are on display here. A celebrated panel of experts includes Bert Sugar and offers new insights on this collection that contains over four hours of amazing and sometimes controversial action. (ESPN)

'ChiPs' The Complete Second Season

With their aviator glasses and polyester beige uniforms, Frank "Ponch" Poncherello (Erik Estrada) and Jon Baker (Larry Wilcox) cruise the roads as California Highway Patrol officers in this popular 1970s crime-fighting series. The four-disc collection includes all 22 episodes from the sophomore year. A look at the first two seasons of the show and rare Estrada interviews are also part of the package. (Warner Bros)

'Burn Notice' Season One

Covert intelligence operative Michael Westen (Jeffrey Donovan), recently disavowed by the U.S. Government, uses his Special Ops training to help others in trouble. Utilizing some sly humor, "Burn Notice" puts a fresh spin on the popular spy genre. The four-disc edition contains all episodes from the debut year including the double-length season finale. (Fox)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You reassess a financial matter. You might want to restructure your budget. Know that you don't have to make a change this very second. Explore your options. Perhaps a minor adjustment could make a big difference. Tonight: Nice and easy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You might want to make a major change within a partnership. This relationship might not be personal, but professional. You could feel tense and insecure with your choices. Trust yourself. Others do! Tonight: Easy does it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Take your time. You could feel confused or insecure about a personal matter. Listen to what others are saying. There could be a lot of good sense here. Tonight: Get some extra R and R while you can.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Aim for exactly what you want. Choose to do nothing halfway. Meetings and networking favor a key project or goal. You might want to rethink a decision that surrounds your work or daily life. Tonight: Make what you most want happen.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Take charge if you must have a project or plans go exactly as you want. How you make suggestions and how you communicate make a big difference in others' reception of them. Tonight: Out and about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ If you feel confused, seek advice and information. Decisions and actions need to come from a point of security, not a random decision. Consider a change that could have a profound impact on your personal life. Tonight: Surf the Web.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ A partner puts his or her foot down. You are encouraged to listen and get to the bottom of a problem with this person. Take advantage of this different insight. It could make all the difference in the end result. Tonight: Dinner for two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Review a situation and make an important decision. How you view a changeable event influences others. Still, take in what a partner says or feels. He or she might have a lot more to share than in the past. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Your opinions have a profound impact on others. You are also changing your perspective. For some, this process could leave them startled. They thought they knew you, yet you transform right in front of them. Tonight: Get errands done.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
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★★★★★ Express your feelings with the full expectation of being heard. Someone feels more pressured than he or she is letting on. Keep communication flowing. Tonight: Get to know someone better.

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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

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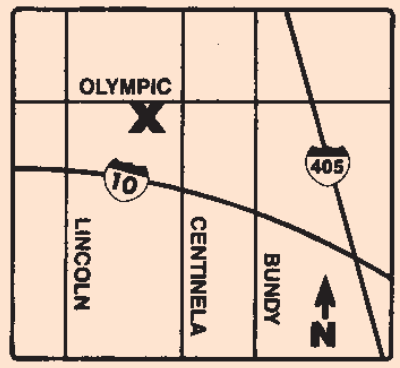

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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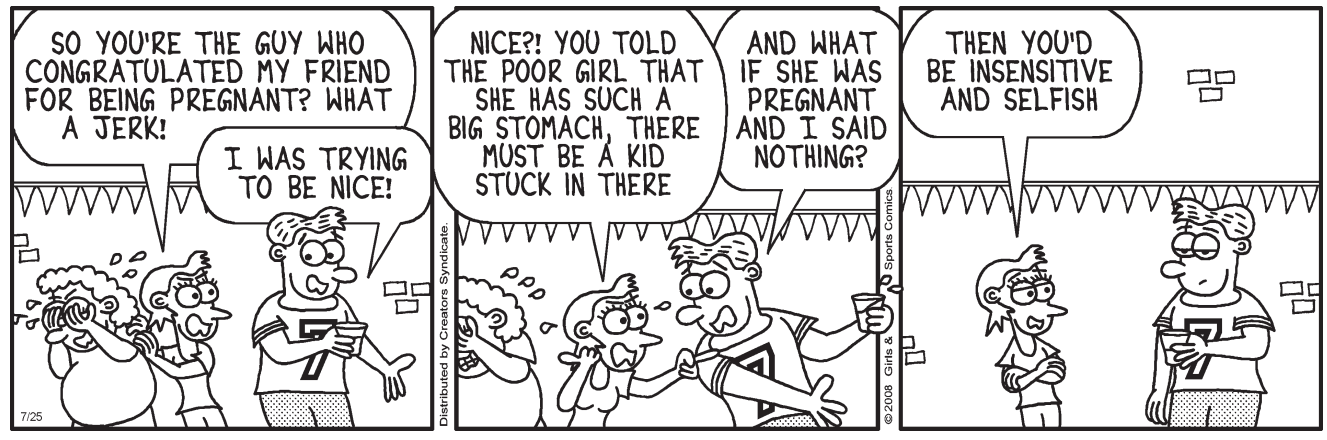

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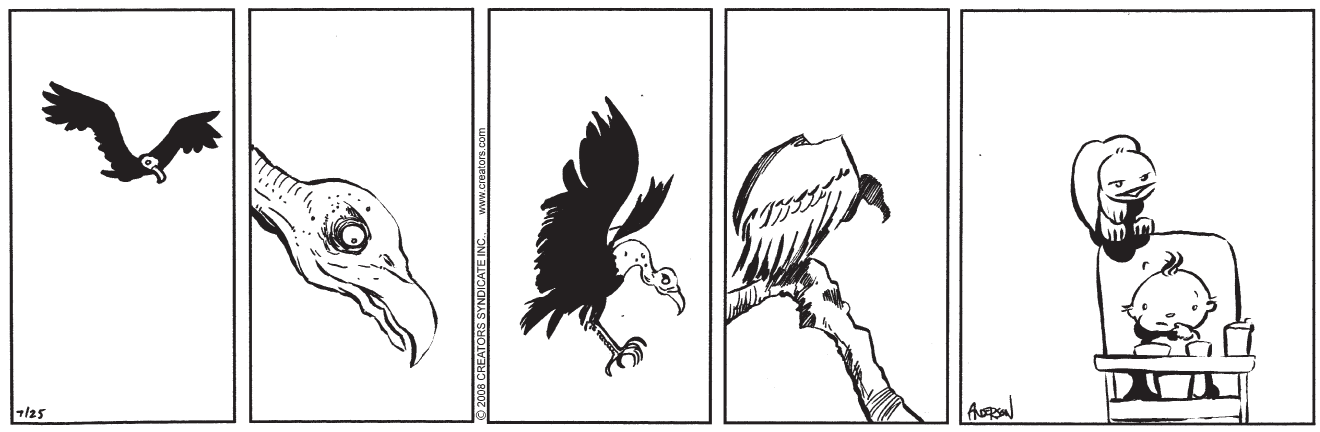

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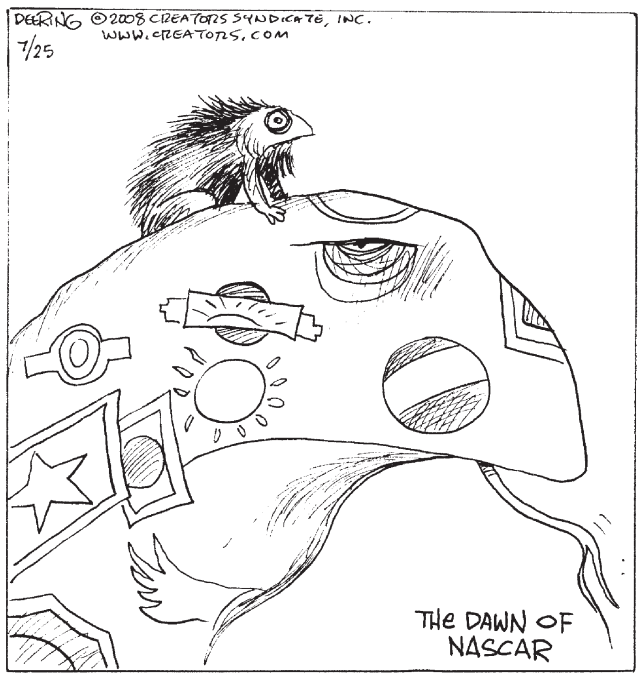

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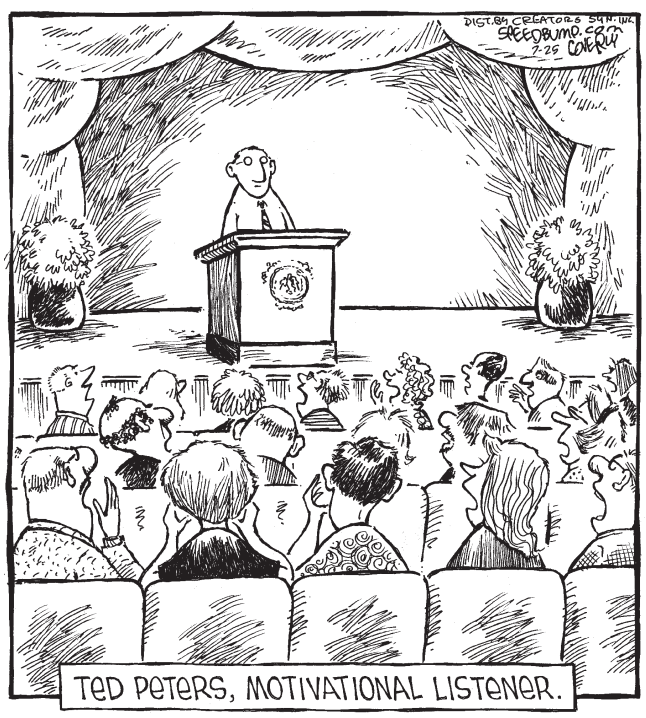

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5 Heels
9 Story meanies
11 Up to now
13 Game setting
14 Chunk
15 Wine choice
16 Trample
18 Gods
20 Neither Dem. nor Rep.
21 Derisive sound
22 Finishes
23 Course start
24 Burmese, for one
25 Some cheers
27 Hebrew letters
29 Try out
30 Medusa's killer
32 Chest protector
34 Humor
35 Love affair
36 Stood
38 Solitary sort
39 Unattached
40 Quite
41 Ran

DOWN

1 Get on
2 Concurs
3 Deep-rooted
4 Desire
5 Coastal features
6 Polo destination
7 Deep-rooted
8 Duel helper
10 Swift specialty
12 Looks after
17 No longer active: Abbr.
19 Low digits
22 Chow
24 Breakfast choice
25 Countrified
26 "Foundation" author
27 Plead
28 Genève's nation, with "La"
30 Ward off
31 Spirited horse
33 Square dance caller
37 Hold up

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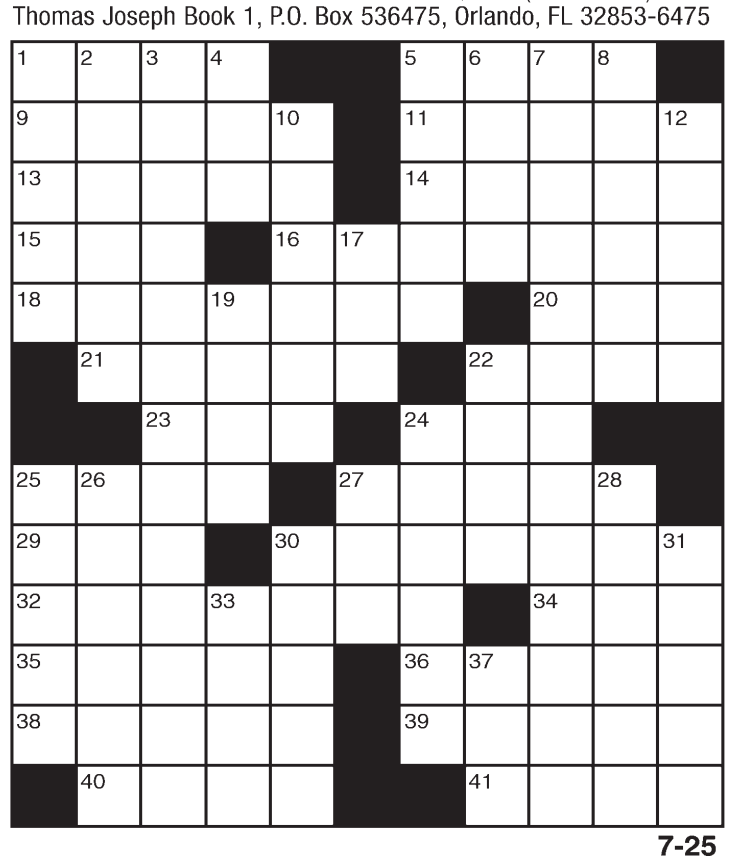

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Mr. Gokhan Mutlu filed a lawsuit in May against JetBlue Airways for more than $2 million after he was ordered out of his seat by the captain during a full New York-to-California flight and told to stand up or go "hang out in the bathroom" for the duration. Mutlu had only a gift ticket, and an off-duty JetBlue employee who had originally agreed to sit in the cockpit jump seat changed her mind and thus was given Mutlu's seat. Mutlu pointed out that he was un-seat-belted during turbulence and during the landing.

■ In May, St. Catharines, Ontario, judge Stephen Glithero released Wayne Ryczak on 14 months' jail time already served, as punishment for strangling a prostitute in his trailer home. He claimed self-defense (improbable in such a strangulation), but had pleaded guilty to manslaughter, requesting via his lawyer a two-year sentence.

■ Last year, Stephanie Grissom, driving 71 mph in a 55-mph zone, accidentally struck and killed a Howard County, Md., traffic officer when he stepped onto the highway to motion for her to pull over. In May 2008, the case was closed, with Grissom fined $310 and three points on her record.

■ Vendors in Qingdao, China (where Olympic sailing events will take place in August), were reportedly selling, as unofficial Olympics souvenirs, key rings with heart-shaped plastic charms that contained live (at least temporarily) goldfish suspended in water. Animal protection advocates were incredulous, according to a June report in the Sydney Morning Herald.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1868 Congress passed an act creating the Wyoming Territory.

1943 Benito Mussolini was dismissed as premier of Italy by Victor Emmanuel III, and placed under arrest. (However, Mussolini was later rescued by the Nazis, and re-asserted his authority.)

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Obituaries

ADELE MURPHY

WWII Red Cross nurse, and senior advocate, dies at 95

Adele Ott Murphy, 95, senior activist and World War II Navy nurse died July 11, 2008, in Los Angeles,. The longtime Santa Monica resident and Red Cross Humanitarian Award recipient's "keep smiling" motto inspired many.

Although she spent her final days in quiet retirement, the cheery, inveterate navy nurse earned more accolades after middle age than before.

Actively working to improve roles of women in the military and seniors in need of health care, Murphy appeared on national television in "Woman to Woman" segments of "Sex Over Sixty" and "The Aging Poor", as well as a '20/20" segment with Milton Berle, and the documentary, "Be Well In Your Later Years",

Born on November 16, 1914, Murphy earned her nursing degree in 1935 at St. Barnabas Hospital, immediately working in Pennsylvania and New York.

In 1943, Murphy enlisted as an ensign in the US Navy, working with wounded Marines in Pearl Harbor and rising to the rank of lieutenant junior grade before leaving in 1945.

Murphy married George C. Murphy, working as nursing supervisor, and head female surgical nurse at Allentown Hospital in Pennsylvania.

In 1968 she began a career as a college nurse at Kutztown State College(now Kutztown State University). In 1973, at the ripe age of 58, Murphy received her BA at East Stroudsburg State College.

Murphy moved to Santa Monica in 1978 to reside close to her surviving daughter, Lois .

Murphy quickly became active representing the local chapter of the Gray Panthers at their national convention in 1979.

Always active, she continued to roller skate, even two miles on Venice Beach for the movement of the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment in 1980.

Volunteering at health fairs, flu vaccine clinics and1984 Olympics,, Murphy also lectured on senior health issues such as arthritis and reflexology throughout Santa Monica. She practiced foot reflexology practice for a decade. In1994, Murphy received a Distinguished Service Award and a lifetime membership at the Santa Monica YMCA for leading gym and aquatic arthritis exercise classes for seniors.

She was presented with a Mayor's Commendation from the city of Santa Monica for her service to the Red Cross, the American Legion and the citizens of Santa Monica.

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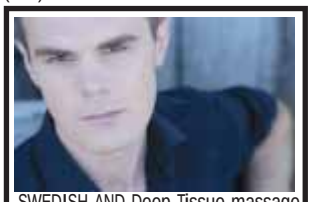
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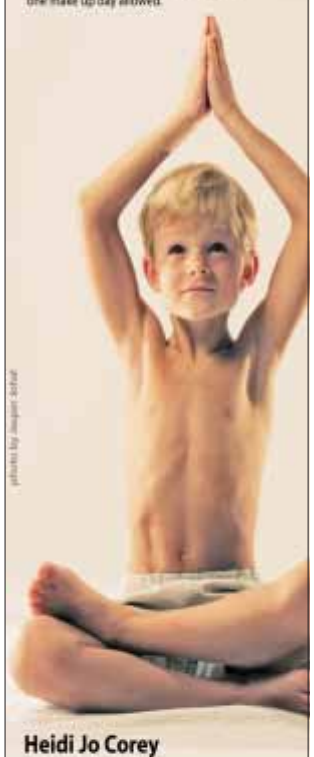

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