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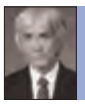

NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Supreme Court of Canada affirmed in June that a woman divorced seven years ago is still so fragile from her husband's leaving her that she should continue to get spousal support (in spite of Canada's no-fault divorce law).

■ Two New Jersey schoolboys separately complained recently that in yearbook sports photos, a tiny portion of their genitals can be seen up the legs of their shorts. (A Colts Neck High School student's lawsuit was dismissed in June, and a Phillipsburg High School student is pondering a lawsuit, even though a school official ordered the offending page ripped out of all books.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 207th day of 2006.
There are 158 days left in the year.

On July 26, 1856, 150 years ago, playwright George Bernard Shaw was born in Dublin, Ireland.
In 1775, Benjamin Franklin became Postmaster-General.
In 1788, New York became the 11th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.
In 1952, Argentina's first lady, Eva Peron, died in Buenos Aires at age 33.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing."

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

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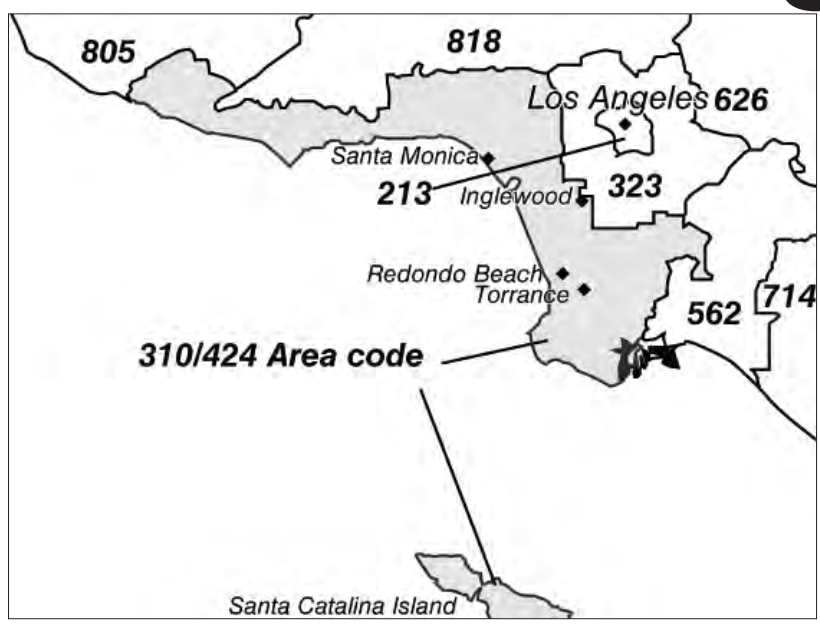

Diagram courtesy Verizon

The shaded area indicates where the new 424 area code will take effect.

BY KEVIN UEDA
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE — For thousands of phone users on LA's westside, the seven-digit number is a thing of the past starting today.

An overlay of the 310 area code will take full effect today, which will require residents and businesses to re-enter phone numbers to accommodate a calling system new to the region.

Residents must now dial 1 + 310 + a seven-digit number for all local calls from a land line, even if it is to the next-door neighbor, according to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). However, if the local call is made by a cell phone, the caller does not have to dial "1" before the area code and seven-digit number, according to CPUC officials.

The CPUC approved the overlay in August of 2005 to remedy a shortage of phone numbers, foreseen by the North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA), said CPUC spokeswoman Susan Carothers. At the time, the 310 area code had about 381,000 phone numbers left.

New phone customers in the existing 310 areas — including the westside, South Bay and part of Ventura County — will be designated a 424 area code after Aug. 26. The designation does not work retroac-

See **OVERLAY**, page 6

Farmers may have to pay

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM COURTHOUSE — Attorneys representing victims of the deadly Farmer's Market crash three years ago argued Tuesday that the nonprofit organization which provides consulting services and other assistance to City Hall should be held liable for the accident even though it was not the host of the event.

The Southland Farmers' Market Association should be forced to answer to charges of negligence because it promoted the weekly Wednesday market, cramming thousands onto a busy street, said Geraldine Weiss, an attorney for the plaintiffs, who have filed 36 lawsuits against Southland, City Hall, homeless services provider Step Up on Second and the Bayside District Corp., which helps City Hall manage downtown.

"Southland promoted, and in fact, initiated the Wednesday

See **FARMER'S MARKET**, page 6

Pico residents feel the heat

Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

TOO COOL FOR SCHOOL: A group of kids beat the summertime heat at Virginia Avenue Park on Tuesday by getting soaked. The park recently went through a $13 million renovation and expansion.

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK — What started off as another emotionally-charged community meeting loaded with accusations of misconduct against police quickly transformed Monday night into a free flowing, substantive exchange of ideas on how to better serve youth and their families.

Despite the scores of programs already provided for free by City Hall, residents told members of the Social Services Commission that more needs to be done, especially when it comes to youth in their teens since they are the most at-risk of being involved in gangs or other criminal activity, but the least likely to participate in city-sponsored programs.

In the wake of gang-related shootings this month, Pico residents have gathered twice before to discuss what can be done to alleviate their concerns. During both meetings, a small group of residents blamed the police for their problems.

But residents on Monday suggested that more money be targeted towards those youth in the form of job opportunities and internships at

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Out and about, Taurus

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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★★★★★DYNAMIC ★★★★ POSITIVE ★★★ AVERAGE ★★SO-SO ★DIFFICULT

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Listen to your imagination, no matter what project you take on. Tap into this creative source with conversations, interactions and anything else you feel is relative. A key person hears you and chimes in. Let others in. Tonight: Midweek break.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Stay centered. Your creativity flows as a result. A key associate or partner might make different choices than he or she has in a while. You become optimistic and happy, especially concerning family and personal matters. Others react to your positive vibes. Tonight: Out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Reach out to others, especially if you feel a haze around your actions. You will want feedback; others will want feedback as well. By being supportive, you gain an ally. Discussions, obviously, are important. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Expenses seem to run away. You might want to relax. Revamp your plans, and you will feel better. Someone clearly cares a lot about you. Romance will flourish if you relax. Children respond to your efforts. What you do works. Tonight: Curb risking-taking.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Your personality draws a lot of attention. Your creativity and high energy point you in a new direction. Allow greater wildness into your life. Your emotional instincts guide you. A hunch could prove to be a winner. Tonight: A big smile.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Take your time with a decision. Friendship plays a big role in what occurs. You might want to think twice about what happens, especially if it means revamping your plans. You are anchored. Tonight: In the limelight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Revamp plans with an eye to zeroing in on what you want. Think carefully about a person you put on a pedestal. You might want to rethink a decision that affects your finances and perceptions. Success heads in your direction. Tonight: Follow the crowd.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Take a stand, if need be, remaining confident despite what might be happening. Your ability to adjust to different situations proves to be your greatest asset. Good news heads in your direction. Be sensitive to a loved one. Tonight: Out late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You easily could take some twists and turns in the next few days. You might want to gain an overview. Your instincts about a very special person are right-on. Help this person feel more secure. Confirm meetings and appointments. Tonight: Touch base with someone at a distance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Others work with you and help create more of what you want. Be positive about opportunities and what is heading in your direction. Friendships could enlighten and help you. Good news heads your way. Tonight: Curb your spending.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your perspective could be off, yet you find it very pleasing. You'll get what you want by changing directions and adjusting. Your work and nurturing help pry loose what you want. Be more aware of your professional image. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Plunge into a task with all your energy. Curb a tendency to overthink or cause yourself a problem. A positive attitude breeds good news. Your imagination allows greater creativity. Go for new opportunities. Tonight: Know when to stop.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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By Daily Press staff

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00:02:50 MINUTES OF FAME: Animated short 'Robbit' was named runner-up in the BAFTA Student Awards.

Cartoons aren't just for kids.

"Robbit," an animated short made by Yukio Okuno, 41, was named runner-up in the British Academy of Film & Television Arts' 2006 Student Film Awards. Okuno made "Robbit" in spring 2005 when he was a student in Santa Monica College's Academy of Entertainment & Technology. "Robbit" is an animated love story that runs two minutes and 50 seconds.

The awards were presented for films made in 2005. All together, six films won awards in the competition. Okuno was the sole representative of SMC, as all the other winners were by students at USC, the American Film Institute or the Los Angeles Film School.

Okuno is originally from Osaka, Japan, where he worked as a video producer. He is currently studying computers at a private school in Los Angeles, and plans on going into 3-D animation.

Get well, now

By Daily Press staff

The days of endless hours waiting in the emergency room are over at a local hospital.

Saint John's Health Center has introduced its expanded emergency department's Fast Track Service, adjacent to the health center's emergency department.

The expansion of Fast Track enables patients with minor injuries and illnesses to receive care more quickly in treatment rooms dedicated to patients with cuts, bruises, coughs and colds, hospital officials said. Fast Track has been expanded from three beds to 10.

"We believe people should receive care as quickly as possible. This expansion will reduce wait times," said Russ Kino, M.D., medical director of the emergency department. "At the same time, this expansion will enable us to handle many more paramedic runs, getting the paramedics in, unloaded and back out into the community far more rapidly."

Fast Track operates every day from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. A feature of the emergency department is a triage process where patients are screened when entering to determine whether they require true emergency care or should be sent to Fast Track for non-emergent, and often faster, care.

Since establishing Fast Track, patients who use the service are seen, treated and discharged in less than an hour after entering the emergency department. Patients with true emergencies — most of the more severe conditions — are discharged in an average of two hours, hospital officials said.

Elderly exempt from tax

By Daily Press staff

July 31 is the deadline for senior exemptions for the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District's parcel tax for 2006-2007. When voters approved school funding Measure S in June 2003, they included an exemption for senior citizens. Seniors — those over 65 by June 30 — who wish to apply for or renew their exemption must file an application by July 31.

For more information and to apply for an exemption, go to www.smmusd.org and click on "senior exemption," or call (310) 450-8338, ext. 269. Applications must be received or postmarked no later than 5 p.m. on July 31.

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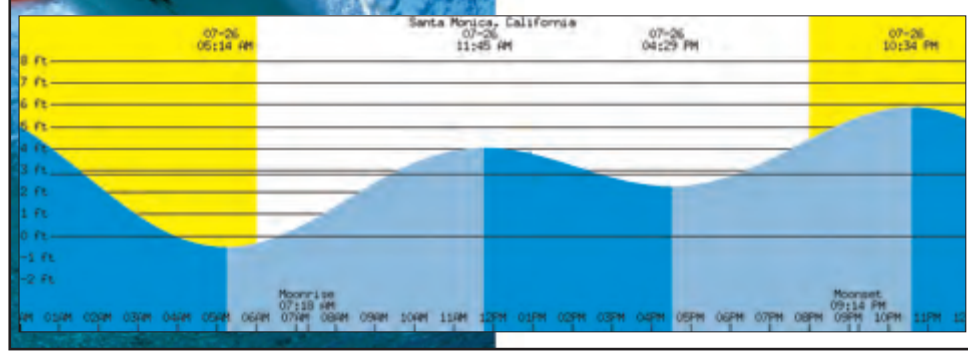

The Q Line

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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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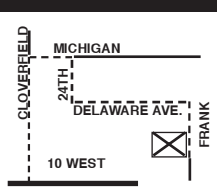

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spinning her wheels

Editor:

I'm writing this in response to the combined articles: "A dead-end for riders," and "Cyclists tripped up by a lack of enforcement" (SMDP, July 18, page 1).

I moved to Santa Monica over a year ago from Rockford, Ill., where I was an avid, serious, competitive cyclist, runner and athlete. In moving here I was very excited about the prospect of cycling for "miles" along the ocean path or utilizing the "many" bike lanes, both of which had been espoused favorably to me.

My first experience on the "bike path" proved also to be my last. Between the sand, inattentive pedestrians and recreational tourists on rented trikes, I couldn't really ride. I decided the path was out and that I should try the roads. I started out commuting up Ocean Avenue to my gym, just as treacherous only for different reasons, already stated in the prior article. After three weeks of grappling with traffic and traffic lights, I gave it up and decided to walk to the gym instead.

I also had been told that the PCH was a nice long stretch along the ocean for serious cyclists, so I set out one day for the PCH. I ended up putting in 25 miles that day ... all survival biking. There are points where the shoulder completely disappears. Yes, one must either like to subject themselves to continual frustration, danger and/or have a death wish to ride around the city streets, path or PCH. So I took my road bike back to Illinois where I still spend 30 percent of my time and where they have hundreds of miles of actual bike paths, and where I can ride upwards of 30 mph without all the risks.

All that said, I got my old-school quad skates out. I thought they would be a viable alternative ... my mistake. I'm an athlete, I travel 15 to 20 mph or better on my skates and end up passing about 98 percent of the path users, bikes included. I skate five evenings a week, Saturdays and Sundays are complete chaos and out of the question. I've had kids and adults dart out, trike riders make U-turns without looking and pedestrians in general just being where they don't belong and hanging out there. I'm always ready to straight arm or body check anyone I have to, so I'm not the one going down. The issue here is not just bikes versus other users. The athletes know how to use the path, whether it's runners, bikers, skate boarders or bladers, we all stay right and pass left — it's not rocket science, it's just like driving. I'm sorry, but I consider the pedestrians and trike riders the biggest hazard and fair game if they're in the wrong place and I can't maneuver.

I've actually had pedestrians yell at me when I'm on my skates to slow down. They're trying to regulate me when they're the ones breaking the regulations. I believe the intelligent solution as to the proper use and enforcement of the path should be decided by the Santa Monica residents who use it consistently and not a group of board members, sitting around a table trying to make arbitrary rules and regulations for an issue which doesn't or rarely apply to them. Let the real users have a say.

Maire Brandon-Hanson
Santa Monica

Bike riders need to unite

Editor:

Thank you for bringing attention to the challenges cyclists in Santa Monica face (SMDP July 18, page 1). Like all cities, Santa Monica needs to be doing more if we hope to attract people to cycling so they can leave their cars at home more often.

Having said that, I want to express my opinion as a regular cyclist that riding a bike in Santa Monica is not as dangerous as the author and Mayor Holbrook imply. Yes, few of the roads classified as arterials in Santa Monica have bike lanes. To clarify a common terminology error in the article, none of Santa Monica's roads have bike "paths." That term only applies to separated bikeways like the beach bike path. Striped, on-road bikeways are called bike "lanes." Nonetheless, Santa Monica does have over 14 miles of bike lanes on several important roads which help cyclists get around. Do we need more? Absolutely. But the lack of arterial bike lanes did not keep over 200 cyclists from riding their bikes to last Sunday's Farmers Market on Main Street. And the 540 cyclists who rode to REI during that store's opening weekend apparently don't see cycling here as a death wish. I know these numbers because our organization, the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, valet parked hundreds of bikes at these events.

Cyclists in Santa Monica certainly have unmet needs. We need more secure bike parking downtown and at other key destinations. Fear of losing a nice bike is another barrier that discourages people from cycling for transportation. We need accommodations to bridge difficult barriers, like accessing the Civic Center from the south and east, getting around the airport, SMC and Santa Monica High School, and reaching the beach. Sometimes that might require a new bike lane, but it could also be bike-friendly intersection design. The city needs a bicycle coordinator on staff to assure that our ongoing transportation and planning projects include accommodation for cyclists at the earliest design stage. Another critical need frequently overlooked is education for cyclists and motorists. A lack of understanding about the rules of the road and traffic cycling skills probably keeps more people from riding than a lack of arterial bike lanes.

Fortunately, our city is in the process of updating its land use plan and circulation element. This gives us an opportunity to provide input and expertise that will help make Santa Monica a bike-friendly community for more people. I hope the SMDP will keep its readers informed of upcoming meetings on this process so cyclists can attend and make their voices heard.

Kent Strumpell
Board member, Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition
Santa Monica

Well, there they go again

THE WITNESS STAND
BY CLIFF NICHOLS

The older I get, the more I appreciate the phrase used frequently by President Reagan when he was confronted with the repeated inanities of liberal democrats: "Well, there they go again."

A few months ago I wrote about Representative Carolyn Maloney's legislation that attacked Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRC) for false advertising. Of course, these are the pregnancy centers that do not provide abortions, but rather are set up with the intent of counseling women about alternatives to that procedure and attendant risks they feel might not otherwise be carefully considered by some women. Apparently, Maloney had a problem with the notion of informed consent. She said that women who thought they wanted abortions were being tricked into these places by the names these clinics were given, where upon they would — you're not going to believe this — learn facts about the abortions they thought they wanted and then, in some cases, decide they really didn't want what they thought they did. Only, Maloney said this like it was a bad thing. Meanwhile, she totally overlooked the failure of real abortion clinics to disclose to women, among other things, their profiteering from the sale of body parts rendered from the fetuses they obtained. To review my comments on the further hypocrisies presented by Maloney's legislation, permit me to refer you to page 4 of the April 5 issue of the Santa Monica Daily Press located in their archives at www.smdp.com. For now, however, suffice it to say that in the aggregate the hypocrisies revealed by Maloney's legislation were monumental. Yet, when has that ever mattered to the liberal mindset? It only seems to compel them to shift oh-so-deftly to another strategy.

Representative Henry "the human" Waxman (D-Santa Monica) has now issued a report concerning PRC that Cecile Richards, the president of Planned Parenthood, calls "shocking." It accuses PRC of wrongfully receiving federal funding while providing inaccurate, if not false, health information to the women they serve. Mind you, however, that she also openly admits and apparently finds nothing wrong with the fact that Waxman's own operatives had to lie to the PRC — falsely representing themselves over the phone as pregnant teenagers and who knows what else — to obtain the "shocking" information they claim to have obtained. But should this surprise us? As we've already observed, hypocrisy does not present a major ethical barrier to the liberal mindset. It does, however, leave the rest of us with a problem. We are left having to decipher what parts of a report prepared by persons who lie to start with are or are not also lies. But, what the hey? Let's try.

First, let's look at the information being provided by PRC that Waxman and Planned Parenthood claim is false. Basically, it breaks down as follows:

1. There is post-abortion psychological stress that may occur in some women.

2. There is information indicating that abortion can lead to an increased risk of breast cancer.

3. There is increased risk with respect to future fertility.

Waxman and Planned Parenthood claim these statements are "false," yet, to validate that assertion, Waxman and Planned Parenthood interestingly only point us to what they refer to in the singular as the "research." Whatever that is. It's as if there exists only a single body of acceptable research on the subject that liberals insist we must all accept without questioning. Says who? Well, obviously, the Waxman/Planned Parenthood crowd, that's who. So, for a moment, let's try this. Assume they are correct. Then let's restate the foregoing PRC "falsehoods" in terms Planned Parenthood apparently would find acceptable based on the "research" to which they have referred us as follows:

1. There is no post-abortion psychological stress that will occur in any woman.

2. Abortion will not increase any woman's risk of breast cancer.

3. Abortion will not increase any woman's risk of problems with future fertility.

The question then becomes whether Waxman and Planned Parenthood would be willing to offer their patients in the future an asset-backed guaranty that those statements are indisputably true hard facts that their patients can bank on. And, if so, don't you think this is a guaranty Planned Parenthood should boldly advertise? Were I a woman contemplating an abortion, I certainly would sleep better knowing that Planned Parenthood was willing to publicly accept any liability that may arise in the future should their reliance upon the "research" in making those guaranties later be proved wrong. Yet, to my knowledge, Planned Parenthood so far hasn't indicated a willingness to do that. Why?

Could it be because Planned Parenthood knows that their clinics occasionally refer patients to PRC already for post-abortion counseling because Planned Parenthood isn't set up to deal with those patients who really do become severely depressed or suicidal following an abortion and call them for help? Could it be because Waxman's cohorts already know that the real truth, which they deny, is more accurately reflected by the statement of Senator Hillary Clinton when she said, "I believe we can all recognize that abortion in many ways represents a sad, even tragic choice to many, many women." Or, could it be because by maligning PRC's efforts to allow women to make informed decisions before these women exercise their right to "choose," they hope to redirect some, if not all, of the PRC's federal grant dollars they seem to covet to their own organization?

I'm willing to bet federal dollars to heartbeats that all of these reasons play some role in Waxman's current efforts on behalf of Planned Parenthood to disparage PRC. However, by their refusal to guarantee to their patients the real "facts" that they claim are so obviously and indisputably true, that suggests to me the possibility that it could in fact be they who have exposed themselves yet once again to be the ones practicing a form of deceit. And, if that's true, it would sadly leave me with only one last thing to say "Well, there they go again."

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY HILLARY ATKIN

An ode to seven digits

An era ends today. This is the day when millions of residents of Western Los Angeles County must dial 1-310 before every telephone call in our area. It's a sad day, one that is already filling me with dual feelings of annoyance and instant nostalgia for the simplicity of seven digits.

Perhaps it is akin to those days in the early 1960s when the last alpha numeric prefix disappeared. Does anyone long for the era of GLadstone 4, ALpine 7 or GRanite 8, when your phone number revealed your neighborhood, and with it, your socioeconomic class? For how long did people still recite those old exchanges when asked for their phone number?

These days an area code still defines something about you. The 310 is Santa Monica. It's Culver City. It is Lawndale. West LA, Redondo Beach and Beverly Hills. Outside the boundaries of that gilded wedge that runs from Malibu to West Hollywood and back to Marina del Rey, no one wanted to give up their membership in the 310 club, as the phone companies kept banging the drum that they were running out of numbers and the shortage necessitated an overlay code.

I don't believe it for a minute. And I'm also the person who as soon as 310 came into existence, switched my 213 cell phone — then a car phone, actually — so I wouldn't have to dial the extra digits. A person who gloried in not reciting my area code when giving a return number, unless I sensed any hesitation at the other end of the line. Ah, those good old days, years, are definitively over. From good-bye 213 to hello 310, all over again.

The titans of telecom were singing the same tune more than a decade ago when they claimed that the available supply of numbers was being eaten up at a rapid pace by the proliferation of fax numbers and pagers, which are now headed toward anobsolete heap. A grassroots effort of the "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore" variety swept the influential Westside citizenry and a few key elected officials held off the dogs, whom it turned out were hoarding phone numbers in 10,000-number blocks.

But now it's over. We're being forced to succumb to greater powers who claim to have our telephonic best interests at heart. The same people who are the creators of countless area codes springing up in what was once the rarefied simplicity of 213-714-818-land. Today, there are regional area codes you've never heard of unless you live in them.

Perhaps we 310-ers are among the last major metropolitan area holdouts to be so numerically spoiled. New York, which wisely years ago gave its cell phones a 917 overlay, went to 11-digit dialing in the 212 area code several years ago. There was a certain delight in knowing you were calling someone's cell phone, a pleasure we will obviously not know here.

But here's what will be obvious about the owner of a 424: You're new and a numeric trailblazer. Come to think of it, I might have to be one of the first to enter the as yet uncharted territory.

*(Santa Monica resident **Hillary Atkin** has had the same 310 land line and cell phone numbers since 1992.)*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Give non-bikers riders a break

Editor:

Since moving to Santa Monica five and a half years ago, my wife and I have frequently enjoyed skating and walking on the beach path, never realizing that we were breaking the law. We were in the company of many other skaters, runners, walkers — some pushing baby carriages — kids on tricycles and scooters, as well as bike riders. Everyone seemed to be having fun and enjoying themselves. Yet it is a few bike riders who are unable to share the road and claim the path for their exclusive use.

I don't know when the path was built or how it was financed, but obviously it should not be limited to bike riders when so many other activities can be easily accommodated. We all contribute to the maintenance of the path with our tax dollars and have as much right to enjoy the beach as bike riders.

Rather than try to enforce an obsolete and misguided law, the council could revise the law to allow multiple activities, legalizing what has been common use for years. They should instead enforce more meaningful laws, such as those prohibiting camping in the parks, public intoxication and attacking citizens on the streets.

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Rice: United States grieves for victims of violence in Mideast

BY KATHERINE SHRADER
Associated Press Writer

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, in a frenetic set of meetings amid intense Israeli-Hezbollah fighting, said Tuesday the United States wants an "urgent and enduring" peace where problems are solved without war.

Talking to reporters after meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Rice said, "We need to get to a sustainable peace, there must be a way for people to reconcile their differences."

Earlier, meeting in Jerusalem with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, she said the time has come for a new Middle East. "I have no doubt there are those who wish to see a democratic and sovereign Lebanon in its crib," Rice said. "We, of course, also urgently want to end the violence."

In Washington, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, publicly reiterated his call for an immediate end to violence in news conference with President Bush following the two leaders' meeting in the Oval Office.

"I also emphasized the importance of immediate cease-fire and call on international community to support the Lebanese government, to support the Lebanese people to overcome the damage and destruction that happened," al-Maliki said, standing next to Bush in the East Room.

Bush expressed concern for the civilians killed and harmed by Israeli bombs, but stopped short of calling for an immediate cease-fire that might not last.

"I told him (al-Maliki) I support a sustainable cease-fire that will bring about an end to violence," Bush said.

In Israel, Rice reiterated the United States' position that a cessation of hostilities in Lebanon must come with conditions, saying there is "no desire" on the part of U.S. officials to come back in weeks or months after terrorists find another way to disrupt any potential cease fire.

"It is time for a new Middle East," she said. "It is time to say to those that don't want a different kind of Middle East that we will prevail. They will not."

Olmert welcomed Rice warmly and vowed that "Israel is determined to carry on this fight against Hezbollah." He said his government "will not hesitate to take severe measures against those who are aiming thousands of rockets and missiles against innocent civilians for the sole purpose of killing them."

In what amounted to a score for U.S. diplomacy, Olmert's office told Rice that Israel will allow the opening of safe passages in Lebanon for the transport of humanitarian aid to all areas of the country.

Rice, who then left for Rome for more meetings on the Mideast, is working on two essential fronts — Israel's tensions with the Palestinians as well as the fighting to its north along its border with Lebanon, where two weeks of fighting with Lebanese Hezbollah militants have left hundreds of civilians dead, mostly on the Lebanese side.

During [illegible] that included about a dozen Arab foreign ministers officials — but not Israel's. Rice and Abbas talked about getting additional aid to the debt-laden Palestinian government as well as the state of an Israeli soldier captured last month by Hamas-linked militants.

Rice told Abbas that while she and other allies are engaged in resolving the situation in Lebanon, the U.S. has not forgotten the Palestinians' plight.

"The Palestinian people have lived too long with violence and the daily humiliations that go along with the circumstances here," she said.

"I assured the president that we had great concerns about the sufferings of innocent people throughout the region," she told reporters, saying that "even as the Lebanon situation rightly dominates, we remain focused on what is happening here."

"You have our pledge that our common work of bringing a two-state solution to the people of Palestine and the people of Israel that we will not tire in our efforts," Rice said.

Abbas renewed a call for an Israeli-Palestinian truce, following a monthlong Israeli offensive in the Gaza Strip, launched to free a captured Israeli soldier.

More than 432 people have been reported killed in Lebanon and Israel since fighting broke out July 12 between Israeli forces and Hezbollah guerrillas after Hezbollah killed eight Israeli soldiers and captured two others, provoking Israel's biggest military campaign against Lebanon in 24 years.

In Washington, Henry Crumpton, the State Department's counterterrorism coordinator, said Israel was faced with "stalwart defenses" and "it is going to be hard for Israel to get it done."

He told reporters that Hezbollah can cover about one-third of Israel's territory with long-range missiles. "I don't think the international community understands this," the former CIA official said.

"I don't think it is going to end in a few days," Crumpton said of the Israeli offensive in Lebanon.

Syria's delivery of missiles to Hezbollah has "completely stopped," he said, attributing the suspension to delivery problems in a combat environment rather than any change of heart.

Rice took a motorcade to Ramallah for her meeting with Abbas. About 45 minutes before Rice's arrival, police scuffled with hundreds of Palestinians in an anti-U.S.

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Taking of property appears eminent

DAYS ON THE MARKET
BY JODI SUMMERS

It has been a year since the rights of American land owners were forever changed by the Supreme Court eminent domain decision in Kelo vs. city of New London. The highest court in our land ruled that local governments could seize individuals' homes and businesses against the property owner's will to make way for shopping malls and other private economic development.

In a 5-4 ruling, the court said government agencies could take private property for economic development, and even transfer it to another private party. The ruling upheld New London's right to seize 15 properties from private owners and to transfer the real estate to private developers for later hotel, office and conference-center projects. None of the owners wanted to sell at any price. None of the houses were considered to be blighted or in bad repair. None of the real estate will be used or owned by the city itself.

"With the exception of the last year or so, redevelopment agencies generously used its power of eminent domain to condemn property for private developers (whose project met the basic criteria of state law requirements ... 'for pubic purposes ...' especially those developers with relationships with the local elected official," noted Del Richardson, founder of Del Richardson and Associates relocation services.

"Over the last year or so, it seems that redevelopment agencies are hesitant to use its power of eminent domain, primarily because the local elected officials are getting a lot of 'heat' from their constituents, even President Bush stated that he will not allow federal dollars to be used for private development in redevelopment project areas, but will focus federal dollars for eminent domain projects that are for transportation-related purposes. Many of our clients have warned us that projects that were online maybe on hold indefinitely."

This is the scenario around the country. In the wake of the Kelo vs. city of New London decision, hundreds of legislative proposals to counter Kelo have been introduced in more than 40 states. As many as a dozen states have enacted new limitations on government powers. Most of those new state laws prohibit the use of eminent domain powers to further economic development or increase the tax base, while others prohibit condemnation of property that isn't deemed to be "blighted."

In California, a Republican-supported initiative appears to be headed toward a popular vote on the November ballot. Known as Senate Constitutional Amendment 15, it would amend the state constitution to declare that private property "may be taken or damaged only for a stated public use. The measure also would require that the property be owned and occupied by the condemnor, except as specified, and used only for the stated public use."

A Democrat-backed proposal is pending in the legislature. Assembly Bill 590 provides that while eminent domain may be exercised to acquire property only for a public use, "in the exercise of eminent domain, 'public use' does not include the taking or damaging of property for private use, including, but not limited to, the condemnation of non-blighted property for private business development."

"The city of Long Beach stated that some of its projects will be canceled because of the politics of eminent domain. I believe that the city of Laguna adopted a no eminent domain policy," Richardson said.

Legislators in several other states also have pitched bills to limit municipalities' eminent domain authority. Alabama Gov. Bob Riley signed a state law that strengthens private property rights by prohibiting state or local governments from "condemning private property in non-blighted areas for the purpose of retail, commercial, industrial, office or residential development."

"A property rights revolt is sweeping the nation and Alabama is leading it," Riley said.

In New York, the state bar association has called for a commission to study proposed changes to the state's eminent domain laws.

In a thoroughly bureaucratic move, A. Vincent Buzard, president of the state bar association, said "The law in this area is too complicated to amend piece meal. Resolving issues involving eminent domain will best be accomplished through study by a temporary state commission on eminent domain to assure that all viewpoints are represented and that all the issues involved in this area of the law receive careful consideration."

Legislation that's pending in Illinois and has the support of the state realtors association attempts to strike a balance. Municipalities would be forced to prove an area was blighted before they could compel owners to sell their property for private development projects. Government seizures of property for private development would require a written agreement with a developer or an established plan to eliminate blight and a written agreement or deed restriction that would ensure the property was used for the stated purpose. Government entities would be required to pay relocation costs for displaced residents consistent with federal law in all eminent domain actions. And attorney's fees would be awarded on the basis of the net benefit gained by property owners who made a good faith settlement offer and successfully challenged the government's last and best offer for their property.

In Wisconsin, a bill strengthening property rights is awaiting finalization in the state legislature. Wisconsin's Assembly Bill 657 would prohibit the condemnation of property that is not blighted, if the condemnor intends to convey or lease the acquired property to a private entity.

Locally, we have our own set of rules for eminent domain. The Santa Monica Redevelopment Agency was established on Aug. 13, 1957. They state they work "in partnership with the community," striving "to improve a neighborhood's physical, economic and social environment through redevelopment activities."

Their first quest was the Ocean Park Redevelopment Project in April 1958 — a plan to redevelop 33 acres in the southwest corner of the city.

In March 1972, the Santa Monica City Council decided to begin an urban renewal project to revitalize the two blocks between Broadway and Colorado Avenue and Second and Fourth streets in downtown Santa Monica. The city and the developers called it a regional shopping center. We call it Santa Monica Place.

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THE HOA ADVISOR
BY MICHAEL CHULAK

The handyman snag

QUESTION: Is it possible for our homeowners' association to hold its annual election by mail?

ANSWER: Unless your bylaws prohibit your association from holding its election by mail, you may do so.

QUESTION: When a homeowners' association is required to obtain legal advice in order to respond to a member of the association, can it charge the member for the attorney's fees?

ANSWER: No. A homeowners' association is entitled to recover its attorney's fees from a member only when it prevails in a court proceeding or arbitration, usually in connection with the enforcement of the governing documents of the association.

QUESTION: Are handymen required to have a contractor's license?

ANSWER: It depends. Work on a project for which the combined value of labor, materials and all other items on one or more contracts are less than $500, does not require a contractor's license. However, work which is part of a larger project, whether undertaken by the same or different contractors, may not be divided into amounts less than $500 in an attempt to meet the $500 exemption. Also, unlicensed handymen must provide the purchaser with a written disclosure stating that they are unlicensed by the Contractors State License Board, or the $500 exemption does not apply.

QUESTION: What is the penalty for contracting without a license when one is required?

ANSWER: Contracting without a license is a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in county jail and/or a fine of up to $15,000.

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Real estate investments a better bet than the market

IN YOUR SPACE
BY ROB ROSE

The age-old debate still exists of whether one should invest in stocks or real estate. If you invested $50,000 in Microsoft in 1986 your gain in net worth of $15 million could make you partial to stocks. On the other hand, if you had invested $50,000 in an art deco hotel in Miami in 1986 your gain in net worth of $15 million could make you partial to real estate.

So what has happened in the last five years between real estate and stock? One measure would be to compare the Dow Jones Real Estate Fund (IYR) and the S&P 500 Growth Fund. The IYR averaged 17.7 percent per year while the IVW averaged .41 percent.

With that said, is real estate the place to be? The answer really depends upon whether the investor is looking for liquidity (stocks are the winner), or tax advantages (real estate is the winner), along with a number of other considerations.

If the investor is concerned about market volatility then real estate is probably the better bet. Stock market corrections of 20 percent are not unheard of. In real estate, price declines tend to be stickier on the way down than on the way up with decreases in the area of 5 percent and prolonged periods of stagnation.

With real estate, an investor can trade or exchange from one property to another property, and can defer paying capital gain taxes by complying with the 1031 exchange tax code. This tax advantage is not available in the stock brokerage world.

Section 721 of the Internal Revenue Code (721 Exchange) allows a taxpayer to exchange rental or investment real estate for shares of common stock in a Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT). This is called a 721 exchange — also known as an upREIT or 1031/721 exchange.

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Type	State	Minimum Investment	Year1/Year 5 Cash On Cash
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The 721 exchange can provide a taxpayer with an exit strategy when greater liquidity and diversification is needed by exchanging out of his or her investment real estate portfolio (deeded real estate) and into common stock of a REIT.

The taxpayer gains complete control and flexibility over the recognition of the capital gain tax by determining the timing and the quantity of shares sold in the REIT.

One very important point to realize is that 721 exchanges essentially eliminate the ability for the taxpayer to exchange back into real estate and defer his or her capital gain taxes by using a 1031.

It is important that an investor consult with his or her tax and legal consultants when evaluating any major investment move.

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Unscrambling jargon is the first step

REAL ESTATE 101
BY MIKE HEAYN

"With a rate of 125 BPTS over the 10 year T-bill and loan costs of zero points, plus title, escrow and junk fees I'd say you are getting a great deal."

"What ..." you think to yourself, "did my loan officer just tell me?"

Have you ever heard someone using real estate "lingo" and wondered what it really meant? Like all industries, real estate has specific vocabulary that can be daunting to a new participant. Many people do not understand real estate definitions and are too shy to ask what they mean. Real estate words are important, as they help explain terms, ideas and documents. Below, a few real estate definitions and examples are given:

Spread: In real estate, it has nothing to do with what you put on your sandwich. A spread, also known as a margin, is the amount of profit a lender takes as part of a loan's rate. For example, if a loan is tied to the prime interest rate, currently 8.25 percent, with a spread of 200 over, it simply means that the interest rate is 2 percent, or 200 basis points over the prime rate making the starting interest rate 10.25 percent.

Basis point: Also known as a BPT (pronounced "bip") is 1 one hundredth of a percent. If a loan officer tells you that a loan is 100 basis points over the 10-year treasury, he is saying that the loan is 1 point (1 percent) over the treasury.

Point: Equals percent, plain and simple. If a realtor tells you a lender is charging 2 points for a loan, all she is saying is that

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Banking on parking

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Next up? Rumor has it that the city of Santa Monica is currently looking into the possibility of using eminent domain to turn the Wells Fargo Bank at 1300 Fourth St. into a parking structure.

For more on Southern California commercial properties there is a great information blog at www.socalindustrial-realestateblog.com.

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Know your lingo

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the lender is charging 2 percent of the loan amount as a cost.

Loan origination fee: Have you ever heard a loan officer say that they can get you a loan for a zero-point loan origination fee? The loan officer is saying that lender will not charge you a fee for the loan at closing. How does a lender make money if the loan is zero points, or par, as it is known in the industry? A lender will do what is known as "pricing up the loan." That means they will add basis points to the margin. For example, a lender charges no loan origination, but charges a 300 basis point margin instead of 200 basis point margin, making the interest rate 1 percent higher.

In lieu of: A popular term, means "instead of" or "in place of." For example, in lieu of a lender application a 1003 form may be used.

Junk fees: Today, due to the Truth in Lending Act (TICA), lenders must disclose all fees. A generic term, "junk fees," are used to categorize small fees such as a flood certificate fee, tax service fee, wire fee, etc. Many junk fees are county or nominal lender fees.

Escrow: A neutral third party that handles the collection of paper work and organizes the real estate transaction. Basically it works like this: When you are dealing with thousands or millions of dollars and documents that need to be recorded, you want to make sure a third party with no emotional or financial interest in the deal handles the transaction. Escrow plays the role of the neutral third party and makes sure the deal closes correctly.

Title insurance: Title insurance is the only insurance that protects you, and the lender, from any one making a claim on the property. For example if you buy a home and a year later someone knocks on your door telling you that he was a contractor who was not paid, title insurance will protect you against the claim and go to court and fight it for you. Most lenders require title insurance.

Real estate is not unlike other industries, which have commonly used terms. When dealing with a real estate transaction it is good to know what everything means, even if it means asking for help along the way.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

PRO FOOTBALL

Tagliabue replacement candidates named

ROMULUS, Mich. — The list of candidates for Paul Tagliabue's job as NFL commissioner is down to 11, although with two weeks to go until the final selection meeting, a majority of the owners still don't know who is on it.

The owners met for about three hours at the Detroit airport to help narrow down the potential successors. Then the search committee continued discussing procedures for getting down to a workable number of finalists for the meetings in Chicago on Aug. 7-9 to choose Tagliabue's successor.

Despite the secrecy, the front-runner remains Roger Goodell, Tagliabue's second in command.

Askew pleads not guilty

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati Bengals defensive tackle Matthias Askew pleaded not guilty to charges of resisting arrest, obstructing official business and two parking violations.

Police charged the 6-foot-5, 302-pound lineman Saturday evening, saying the 24-year-old struggled with officers trying to handcuff him and broke away before being shocked with a stun gun. He had ignored an officer's warning to move his illegally parked car and then refused to give his identification when asked for it, police said.

BASEBALL — AT A GLANCE

By The Associated press

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Eastern Divison

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	60	38	.612	_
New York	57	40	.588	2 1/2
Toronto	55	44	.556	5 1/2
Baltimore	45	55	.450	16
Tampa Bay	41	59	.410	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	67	32	.677	_
Chicago	59	39	.602	7 1/2
Minnesota	57	41	.582	9 1/2
Cleveland	43	55	.439	231/2
Kansas City	34	64	.347	321/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	51	48	.515	_
Oakland	51	48	.515	_
Texas	51	49	.510	1/2
Seattle	48	51	.485	3

Wednesday's Games

Detroit (Verlander 12-4) at Cleveland (Sabathia 7-6), 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Colon 1-5) at Tampa Bay (Fossum 4-3), 3:15 p.m.
Minnesota (Silva 5-9) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 9-8), 5:05 p.m.
Boston (Snyder 2-1) at Oakland (Haren 6-9), 6:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Wright 6-6) at Texas (Rheinecker 4-4), 11:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Loewen 0-2) at Kansas City (Gobble 3-3), 11:10 p.m.
Toronto (Burnett 2-3) at Seattle (Moyer 5-9), 1:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Baltimore at Kansas City, 11:10 p.m.
Toronto at Oakland, 1:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Eastern Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	59	40	.596	_
Atlanta	47	51	.480	111/2
Florida	45	52	.464	13
Philadelphia	44	52	.458	131/2
Washington	43	56	.434	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	56	42	.571	_
Cincinnati	52	47	.525	4 1/2
Milwaukee	48	52	.480	9
Houston	47	52	.475	9 1/2
Chicago	38	60	.388	18
Pittsburgh	35	66	.347	221/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Diego	52	47	.525	_
San Francisco	51	48	.515	1
Arizona	50	48	.510	1 1/2
Colorado	47	51	.480	4 1/2
Los Angeles	47	53	.470	5 1/2

Wednesday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Prior 0-4) at N.Y. Mets (Maine 1-3), 3:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Maholm 3-9) at Milwaukee (Capuano 10-5), 5:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Suppan 7-5) at Colorado (Cook 6-8), 6:05 p.m.
San Diego (Peavy 4-10) at L.A. Dodgers (Penny 10-4), 6:10 p.m.
Arizona (Webb 11-3) at Philadelphia (Lieber 3-7), 10:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Lowry 5-6) at Washington (Astacio 1-1), 10:05 p.m.
Florida (J.Johnson 8-5) at Atlanta (Smoltz 7-5), 10:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Arroyo 9-6) at Houston (Pettitte 8-10), 11:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Florida at Atlanta, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at Philadelphia, 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Washington, 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 11:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 11:05 p.m.
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Russian diva becomes an Aussie

By The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria

The government has granted Austrian citizenship to Russian diva Anna Netrebko, citing "her special merits" as one of the world's most sought-after opera stars.

Netrebko, who will retain her Russian passport, was given Austrian citizenship under special provisions that put athletes, entertainers, artists and other celebrities on the fast track. She formally applied in March.

Deputy Chancellor Hubert Gorbach described the decision Tuesday as a "confirmation of Austria's status as a nation of culture."

The decision was made just a day before Netrebko, 34, was to take the stage as Susanna in Mozart's "Le Nozze di Figaro (The Marriage of Figaro)" — the much-awaited production that opens the opera performances at the Salzburg Festival.

Netrebko has been described by critics as "the new Callas" and "Audrey Hepburn with a voice." Since her triumphant 1995 San Francisco Opera debut, she has starred with opera companies and symphony orchestras around the world.

Gaining citizenship generally takes at least 10 years and involves language and other tests designed to prove the applicant's suitability to living in Austria and results in loss of the original citizenship.

The musical portion of this year's festival — the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth — is focused on Austria's favorite son, with all 22 of his stage works being performed.

NEW YORK

Unmodel behavior

Christie Brinkley's estranged husband has been silent about recent reports that he had an affair with an 18-year-old employee while married to the supermodel. Now his reportedly desperate apology is receiving a very public airing.

"This is an aberration," Peter Cook, 47, said through a lawyer, according to a column by Cindy Adams published Tuesday in the New York Post. "I'm sorry. I'm contrite. I'm stupid. Foolish. No excuse."

Adams wrote that Cook's words were provided to her by his attorney, Norman Sheresky.

"I love my wife. ... For a lifetime I've tried to prove how much I love her," Cook said, according to the article.

Sheresky said Cook, the model's fourth husband, is hoping for a reconciliation with Brinkley, 52. He defended Cook as a "man who loves his wife and who loves his children."

The couple, who were married in 1996, have an 8-year-old daughter, Sailor. Cook adopted Brinkley's son, Jack, now 11, from her marriage to Richard Taubman.

Brinkley's publicist, Elliot Mintz, told The Associated Press early Tuesday that he didn't believe she would issue a response.

The couple's separation exploded in scandal earlier this month when Diana Bianchi, now 19, claimed Cook had seduced her shortly after hiring her to work at his architecture firm.

Her lawyer, Joseph Tacopina, described the relationship as consensual, but claimed Cook's role as employer and his gifts of a car, money and jewelry could possibly constitute sexual harassment.

According to the report, Sheresky said Cook would respect Brinkley's wishes, whatever the result.

"He hopes there's no divorce. IF she wants one, and he certainly hopes this doesn't happen, but IF — it will not be nasty," Sheresky said, according to the Post. "She can have whatever she wants."

NEW YORK

Rod returns with rock classics

Rod Stewart returns to rock with his new album, "Still the Same ... Great Rock Classics of Our Time," set for release this fall.

"Still the Same" — Stewart's first rock album in over eight years — follows four volumes of his "Great American Songbook" series of standards albums, J Records announced Monday.

Tracks include Bob Dylan's "If Not for You," Van Morrison's "Crazy Love," Bob Seger's "Still the Same" and John Fogerty's "Have You Ever Seen the Rain," which will be the first radio single from the album, the record label said.

The album will be released Oct. 10.

Over his 40-year musical career, Stewart has churned out multiple raspy-voiced rock hits including "Maggie May," "Do Ya Think I'm Sexy," "Forever Young" and "Tonight's the Night."

The 61-year-old singer received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame last year. His 2004 album, "Stardust ... The Great American Songbook Volume III," won Stewart his only Grammy.

NEW YORK

Hurley horses around in jeans

Elizabeth Hurley stars in new print ads for Jordache, the company that became famous during the 1970s designer-label jeans craze.

The ads, shot by Michael Thompson, show the 41-year-old model-actress wearing the Jordache Vintage line, sold in high-end retail stores, and the new Jordache Legacy line, launching exclusively at Macy's stores across the country this fall.

Jordache said the first ad will run in national publications beginning in September and will continue through the holiday season.

In one ad, Hurley is shown with the signature Jordache horse. Another shows her with riding gear.

"With success as an actress, model, businesswoman and mother, Liz represents everything the Jordache brand is about," said Liz Berlinger, president of Jordache Enterprises, in a recent statement. "We chose her because she is the true modern woman."

Brittany Murphy, whose movie credits include "Sin City" and "8 Mile," starred in a series of Jordache jeans print ads last year.

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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

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The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13)
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The Break-Up (PG-13)
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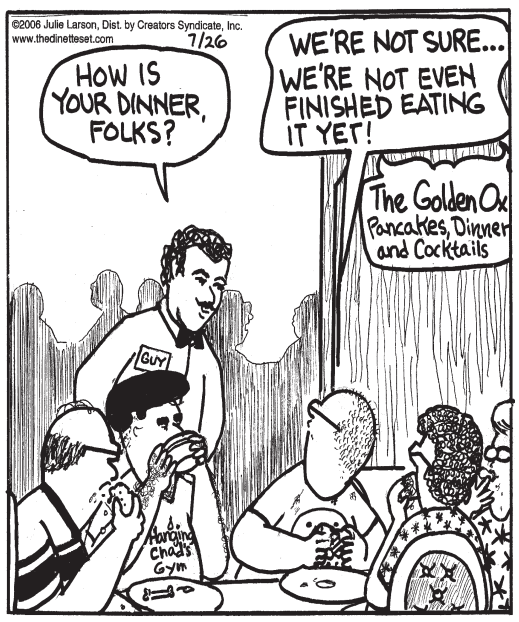

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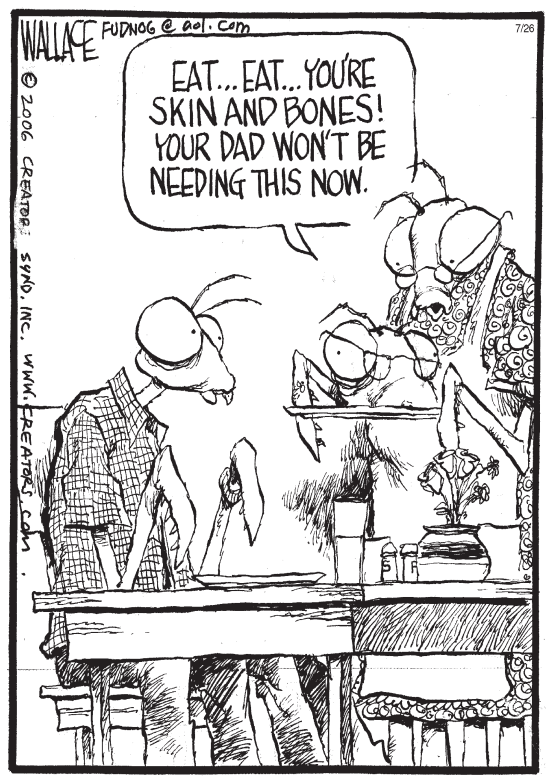

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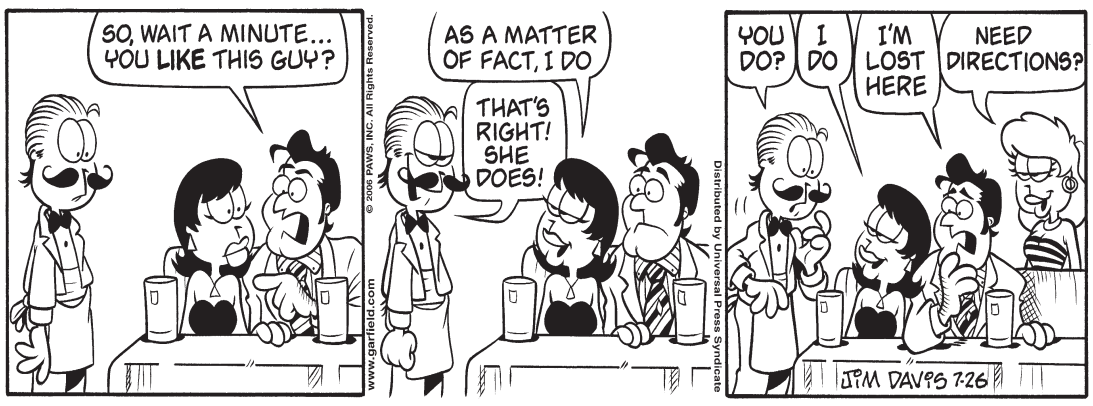

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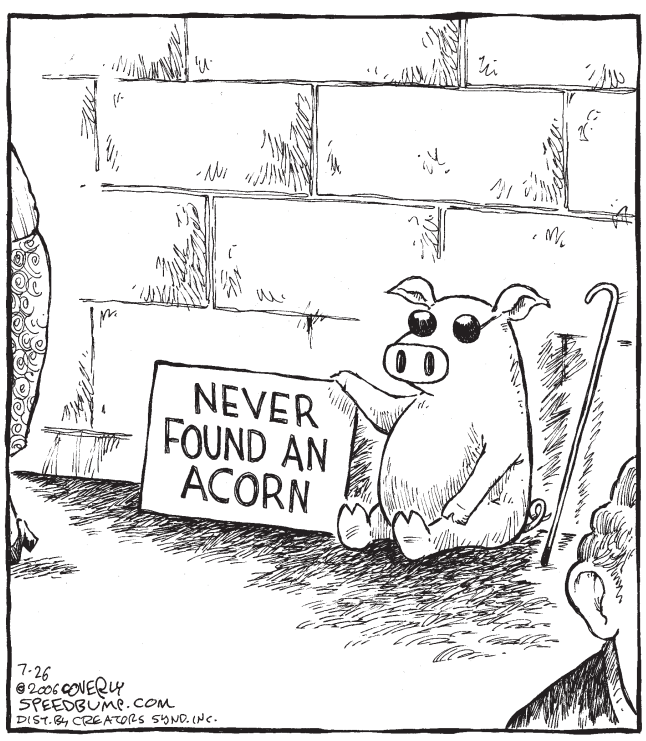

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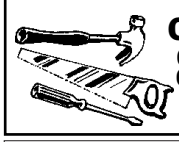

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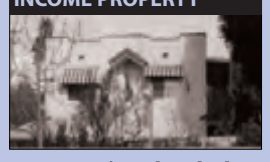

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