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ALMOST THERE: **Workers put the finishing touches on the remodeled Santa Monica Place on Wednesday evening.**

SM Place celebrates grand re-opening

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Two-and-a-half years after it closed for a $265 million renovation, Macerich Co. is re-opening Santa Monica Place today, giving shoppers in the region a new destination and bringing City Hall a needed sales tax boost.

Today's ribbon cutting marks one of very few shopping center openings in the country this year, as most retailers remain cautious about expanding while consumers continue to watch their dollars.

"I don't think you'll see another property like this open in the next five years," said Doug Roscoe, senior manager for Santa Monica Place.

Despite the weak economy, Roscoe said Macerich has high hopes for the made-over property, which will feature 540,000 square feet of retail and restaurants, including a third-story dining deck with a food court, higher-end restaurants and a gourmet market. (The dining deck will open with the mall today, but the market won't debut until 2011).

"The economy in Santa Monica has been a little bit more resilient," Roscoe said. "We're not getting any kind of feeling that it's fallen off from a merchandising standpoint. This is such a select, unique market."

The outdoor mall, anchored by department stores Bloomingdale's and Nordstrom, is 75 percent leased, Roscoe said, with a retail roster that includes a slew of high-end shops like Tiffany's, Louis Vuitton, CB2, Hugo Boss, Burberry, Barneys Co-op and Coach.

It will also feature non-luxury bands such as Nike, Hot Topic, Disney and Skechers.

Bloomingdale's, which is occupying two floors of the former Macy's site, is opening today, while Nordstrom is set to open Aug. 27.

Roscoe said the mall is still looking for a tenant to occupy the 45,000-square-foot third floor of the Bloomingdale's structure but expects the property to be 85 percent leased by the end of the year.

The mall's opening comes after community activists and the City Council opposed Macerich's initial plan to build three 21-story residential and office buildings on the site.

While the new mall promises to draw additional traffic to Santa Monica's already heavily congested Downtown, some local activists said the new incarnation of Santa Monica Place is a victory for residents who favor scaled-down development.

"The redo of Santa Monica Place proves that despite what developers typically claim, they can build smaller, economically

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SMRR mum on backing more candidates

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Leaders of the political party Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights on Thursday were keeping quiet about whether the organization would support additional candidates in the City Council and school board races, saying they'd make an announcement this evening.

SMRR members who attended the group's convention on Sunday couldn't agree on full slates of candidates in either race, sparking speculation the party's steering committee may act to support additional candidates despite a lack of consensus

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Homeowner busted for illegal short-term rental

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITY HALL A homeowner was put on probation and ordered to pay roughly $4,000 in fines and attorneys fees for using his former Ocean Park pad as a hotel by renting it out to vacationers for short-term stays, a violation of the zoning code, Santa Monica city officials said Thursday.

It is the first prosecution of a case involving illegal short-term rentals, said Yibin Shen, deputy city attorney.

Bruno Vavala, who owned the single-family home at 804 Navy St., ignored several warnings from City Hall to stop renting his home on a short-term basis to large numbers of vacationers, leaving city attorneys with no other option but to file suit to protect the integrity and character of the residential neighborhood, Shen said.

Vavala plead guilty to a misdemeanor on Aug. 2 and will serve one year of probation.

Vavala told the Daily Press Thursday that he did nothing wrong and only pled guilty to settle the case and move on with his life. He

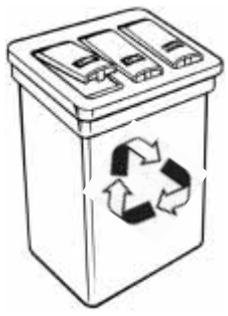
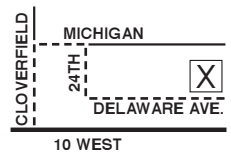
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Friday, Aug. 6, 2010

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Santa Monica Place Mall
10 a.m. — 7 p.m.
The grand opening of Santa Monica Place will feature entertainment, deals and giveaways and prizes. Enjoy a traditional ribbon-cutting and live performances by KCRW DJ/Music Director Jason Bentley and The Legion of Extraordinary Dancers.

Line up for 'A Chorus Line'

Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
A Tony Award-winning musical about the personal experiences of Broadway dancers, showing at the intimate, 200-seat Morgan-Wixson Theatre. Tickets are $23 for adults and $18 for seniors and students. Parking is free. For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

Film fest

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 12 a.m.
The Santa Monica Film Festival features screenings of some of the best independent features, documentaries and short films from around the country and the world. Tickets can be bought for $25 for an all-event pass, $10 for an all-screening pass and $25 for the awards party. The two-day event resumes at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7. For more information, call (310) 555-1212.

Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010

Taste of Sri Lanka

Third Street Promenade
10 a.m. — 10 p.m.
Enjoy a fun day on the promenade as the Sri Lanka Foundation hosts Sri Lanka Day. Festivities include a curry food festival and parade complete with Sri Lankan dancers, drummers, masked perfomers, flag bearers and a theatre elephant. Admission is free.
For more information, call (310) 213-0739.

Celebrate the arts

18th Street Arts Center
1639 18th St., 6 p.m. — 10 p.m.
The 18th Street Arts Center hosts its annual Summer Art Night with opening receptions for its newest exhibition shows and a special performance by guitarist "The Genie." Food will be available for purchase, and free drinks will be provided. Admission is free.
For more information, call (310) 453-3711.

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TOO CUTE

Photo by Megan Small, Bella Baby Photography

Heidi Screen, born Aug. 2 at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, sports the 'Breastmilk ... 100 % organic' T-shirt being given to all newborns this week as part of hospital festivities for 'World Breastfeeding Week,' Aug. 1-7. Heidi was born to parents Alan and Teri Screen of Rancho Palos Verdes.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Santa Monica still searching for coach

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI The search to replace Debbie Skaggs as the Vikings' head softball coach continues.

The search has been on since the end of the school year with few applications coming in to the office of Daniel Escalera, Santa Monica High School's new athletic director, he said.

While the position was initially for a walk-on coach, who wouldn't teach at the school, Escalera said that the departures of a few faculty members have opened up teaching positions in the math and science departments, giving him added incentive to attract a coach.

"It's been going really slow," Escalera said.

The opportunity to offer a potential candidate a teaching position should make the search a bit easier, but Escalera said that he can't guarantee that an applicant would be extended a teaching offer.

Under Skaggs, the team won its first California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section title in the sport this past season. Skaggs leaves the team after 24 years in the dugout. Although, she plans to remain at Samohi as a teacher.

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Each Mango lesson combines real life situations and audio from native speakers with simple, clear instructions. Users learn actual conversations, breaking down complex conversational elements within an audio-visual framework that allows the user to draw important connections between pieces of information they have already learned.

"The public library is in the business of life-long learning and this language tool will be a terrific addition to the library's online resources," said City Librarian Greg Mullen. "Mango Languages is available 24/7 to anyone with a library card and the inclination to learn something new."

A variety of online tools and databases are available through the library web site www.smpl.org. For more information, visit any of the library's four locations, call the Reference Hotline at (310) 434-2608 or e-mail reference@smgov.net.

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CITY HALL

Water work honored

The City Attorney's Office is expected to receive an award today from the American Bar Association for its work in securing over $300 million from major oil companies that were responsible for allowing a toxic fuel additive to seep into the city's drinking water supply, forcing the closure of local wells.

The Jefferson Fordham Law Office Accomplishment Award for State and Local Governmental Law Offices was established to recognize and honor the accomplishments of those active nationwide in the varied areas of state and local government law.

The award will be presented at the association's annual meeting in San Francisco today by the ABA's Section on State and Local Government Law.

"We are all honored by the award and the recognition of the good work done by members of the office. We are even more honored to be able to serve the public and this special city every day," said City Attorney Marsha Moutrie.

The ABA noted that the City Attorney's Office, "has been uniquely instrumental and successful in focusing state and national attention on the threat posed by MtBE contamination of drinking water supplies and establishing regulatory standards and ultimately getting MtBE banned as a gasoline additive, while at the same time handling an unusually diverse set of other legal issues for the city of Santa Monica."

Altogether, through the efforts of the City Attorney's Office and other city departments, City Hall will have recovered approximately $325 million from the MtBE and the PCE/TCE contamination settlements. Those responsible will have been held accountable and the public will have regained use of a priceless natural resource – drinking water – with the costs being appropriately borne by polluters and not the public.

As also noted by the ABA, the achievements of the City Attorney's Office "whether in obtaining remarkable recoveries for drinking water contamination or in its other significant accomplishments represent truly outstanding governmental law office performance."

The City Attorney's Office, led by Moutrie, consists of 43 employees, 24 of whom are attorneys. The office provides a broad array of legal services to City Hall.

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SMRR in its own words

Editors:

As co-chairs of Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights we would like to educate the people who seem to not understand the work of our organization. SMRR has been part of the Santa Monica community for more than 30 years.

We formed in order to protect tenants from the rampant evictions and huge rent increases that were happening in the late 1970s. During those 30-plus years we have worked day-to-day, month-to-month and year-to-year to enable tenants to age in place and in peace in their homes.

There is a small steering committee of dedicated members who spend hundreds of hours annually working on issues in our city, as well as on regional and state issues affecting us.

We have democratic endorsement conventions in which the members present choose the candidates whom we will endorse. That self-selected group is a small percent of our general membership. Many of our members don't come to these meetings because they trust that we will continue to protect their tenancies.

Over the years many varied constituencies have come forward to get their favorite candidates endorsed. Some have been successful, some have not. However, when the convention fails to endorse a full slate, the steering committee is charged with determining, by a two-thirds majority, if it wants to add candidates to fill the slate.

This allows those of us who work hardest on tenant issues to use our judgment on how best to protect tenants.

We urge readers to go to our web site, SMRR.org, and read our platform. You will find a truly progressive document of which we are quite proud.

We are sorry that some people feel that they wasted four hours getting their favorite candidate endorsed, especially since he did not need their votes to win. We are not sorry that we have spent thousands of hours helping some of these very people continue to live in Santa Monica and pay sustainable rents.

Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Ph.D.
Patricia Hoffman
Co-chairs, Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights

A different take on SMRR

Editor:

Last Sunday, I attended my first Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights convention, and saw that the name has become an oxymoron. First, there was a complete lack of renters. When SMRR's co-chairman asked how many delegates currently live in a Santa Monica apartment, only about one-fourth of the delegates raised their hands. Then there was a lot of talk about progressive values, social justice and protecting the poor, elderly and disabled from economic hardship.

Yet, when asked whether the new sales tax was progressive (fair to the poor, elderly or disabled), the answer was no. But despite full acknowledgment that this tax was not progressive, the tax won endorsement thanks to a large voting block of North of Montana millionaires, who want the poor, elderly and disabled to help subsidize the cost of their kids' education.

Finally, it has been reported that the SMRR steering committee is unhappy that its delegates voted three times not to endorse Pam O'Connor, and are now planning to substitute the delegates' vote with their own vote. It appears that democracy is also no longer a SMRR value.

Jeff Segal
Santa Monica

Take a hike

Editor:

The City Council is suddenly concerned about the perils of cigarette smoke. Or are they really trying to rid Santa Monica of rent-control apartment tenants? Perhaps it's time for them to "take a walk."

Lauri Arneson
Santa Monica

SMDP EDITORIALS

Let the celebration begin

After years of planning and construction, Santa Monica Place finally opens today with much anticipation, and rightfully so. The new mall will generate much needed sales tax revenue for City Hall (the old mall reportedly generated roughly $1 million annually and that was when it was struggling), as well as job opportunities for residents and attract more visitors to Downtown businesses that need the foot traffic, particularly those on Second and Fourth streets.

It also enhances Santa Monica's "living room," giving residents a new place to relax and soak in the sun thanks to the mall's new design, which took it from an enclosed, boxy, 1980s relic to a more modern, open-air shopping center that better connects to the Third Street Promenade. Hopefully the new mall, renovated at a cost of $265 million, represents a return to retail dominance in the region.

That said, we are concerned about the retail mix, wondering what happened to the "diversity" Macerich Co. officials talked about during community meetings after the Santa Monica-based company botched a prior attempt at redevelopment, which was going to include three, 21-story residential towers, an office building and underground parking; a plan residents and the City Council shot down.

Macerich admitted that plan was out of step with the community, apologized and embarked on a planning process that gathered input from residents. We applauded them for that. It takes a lot to admit when you are wrong.

As Macerich announced its lineup of retailers, we grew concerned. With stores like Burberry, Barney's CO-OP, Hugo Boss, Kitson, Louis Vuitton and Tiffany & Co., along with anchor stores Bloomingdale's and Nordstrom, it quickly became clear that you have to have a lot of disposable income to justify shopping at Santa Monica Place.

Will some of our residents be able to afford to shop at these stores, or was the mall built more with tourists and the wealthy in mind to capitalize on this posh, seaside location?

We also have issues with how parking was handled during the construction. It was quite obvious for those who visit Downtown frequently that construction workers with their large trucks were snatching up all available parking spaces in the mall structures, making it difficult for workers and shoppers to find a place to park. City Hall did something about it … three weeks ago, roughly two years after construction started.

It is absurd that City Hall, which claims to represent the people's interests, failed to force Macerich's construction crews to park in the Civic Center structure, which sits relatively empty every day. City Hall is always regulating where people can park, but did nothing here.

City Hall could have offered parking at a reduced rate, say $3 a day and forced construction workers to park there. Use a tram to shuttle them to the construction site so they do not have to lug around their tools. Did this happen? No. What a disappointment.

Let's hope that when construction crews assemble to build the Village housing development and two new parks in the Civic Center, as well as the Exposition Light Rail Line station at Fourth and Broadway, there will be a parking plan in place so that residents, workers and shoppers don't suffer. We are already battling with construction fatigue and a lack of parking only adds to our frustration with so-called "progress."

We understand that we need tax dollars to fund social programs and keep our streets safe and clean, but there has to be a balance. The almighty dollar cannot take precedence over quality of life.

Democracy at its finest

We are intrigued by the reactions to the Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights convention held last Sunday at John Adams Middle School. Apparently there are some pretty peeved people out there who feel that the convention was hijacked by North of Montana homeowners and education advocates who came out to back City Council candidate Ted Winterer.

It seems some older SMRR members didn't like the new kids on the block turning the tables, which led to no endorsements for Councilwoman Pam O'Connor, who has been endorsed by the group in years past but has fallen out of favor with some over education and development, and school board members Oscar de la Torre and Ralph Mechur.

We say sour grapes.

SMRR leadership loves to talk about how the organization is "grassroots" while other groups — mainly the bogus Santa Monicans for Sensible Priorities — were "AstroTurf" because they really only represented business interests and had no resident support. SMRR leadership is fond of touting the group's open forum where members can truly participate in democracy by voting for the candidates they feel best represent them.

But when it became clear that a new voting block had gained control of the convention, some of the old guard got mad and are now working with the steering committee behind the scenes to get support for O'Connor and other candidates that failed to make the grade at the convention.

Where's the democracy in that? SMRR leadership wants to hide behind their bylaws, saying that the steering committee has the option to "support" (not endorse) candidates if there isn't a full slate. That has ticked off those who went to the convention and felt their vote meant something.

This is how democracy works, people. Sometimes a new faction can come in and kick butt. Sometimes a small group with more contacts and more cash can swing the vote. It happens all the time in local, state and national races, and finally it happened to SMRR. If you don't like it, change the bylaws. Until then, deal with it.

Now what SMRR leadership should really be concerned about is what the convention means for the future. It is obvious that a rift still exists in SMRR between those who are in favor of development and those who are slow-growth. It seems that development, not renters' rights, is the hot topic with the potential to disrupt the group's operations and possibly dilute its influence in future elections.

It's turning out to be an exciting campaign season and it's just getting underway. With so much at stake (five council seats open), there is sure to be more fuel added to the fire. We can't wait to see what happens.

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Making out like bandits

WEDNESDAY NIGHT I WAS SURFING THE Internet for the latest about Brett Favre when I inadvertently came across President Obama's claim that U.S. combat troops would leave Iraq by the end of August. Encouraging news but couldn't Obama have included a Favre update? Let's face it, he could use the ratings boost.

Obama's comment caused me to reflect back. Remember Donald Rumsfeld's prediction that the war "would certainly last no more than six months." Next spring will be eight years. That's longer than our involvement in WWI and WWII combined! Safe to say that no one is going to confuse Rumsfeld and Nostradamus.

Next May will also mark eight years since Bush's infamous "Mission Accomplished" speech. Who can forget Bush's jet landing on the U.S.S. Lincoln? What was that? Little man complex?

The landing wasted $1 million, which, of course, was a drop in the proverbial bucket. The Bush administration "lost" $8.7 billion in Iraq. The official excuse was that they "didn't have time to write the expenditures down." No wonder Bush giggled so much.

Say this for George, regrets aren't in his makeup. Of course, neither was pronouncing "nuclear." It got so that when I went to say "nuclear" I had to think which was the correct pronunciation and which was Bush's version.

I wrote numerous columns in opposition to the war, which weren't exactly greeted warmly. I got e-mails calling me a "knee-jerk liberal," a "Commie," and a "traitor," and those weren't even the worst.

One reader suggested that all my columns were good for was as toilet paper. When I wrote back that I wasn't interested in his hygiene habits he threatened to forward my column to Rush Limbaugh. What was Rush gonna do, sit on me?

Among those whom I may have offended with my anti-war rhetoric was Doug McIntyre, the conservative talk-show host of "Red Eye Radio" on KABC. Maybe "offended" is flattering myself. "Annoyed" might be more accurate.

McIntyre, a very knowledgeable guy, strongly supported the war, as did his listeners. It drove me nuts to tune in expecting "Dodger Talk" (also on KABC) and hear a steady war drumbeat. Some folks just love their wars, often those who never served.

Occasionally I would get so infuriated that I had to phone in myself. There's nothing like being on hold to a radio talk show for 45 minutes to highlight that you need a life. Over the phone I heard endless commercials for tires and mattresses while waiting to say something that would have absolutely no effect on anybody or anything.

Eventually, McIntyre asked that I stop e-mailing because I was "too emotional." Perhaps I was. I still think the Iraq war may ultimately be the worst foreign policy mistake in our country's history. (Other than that, it's no big deal.) In any event, I recently decided to see if McIntyre had changed his views.

"I very much regret supporting the war in Iraq, " McIntyre wrote in a return e-mail. "Saddam was marketed as a threat to us which turned out not to be true. I trusted Colin Powell, Tony Blair and the president of the United States and they blew it. And I blew it." I have to give McIntyre an "A" for candor. No comment on Powell, Blair and Bush.

In looking back, we ought to ask who benefited from the Iraq war? For starters there's Exxon and BP. Yes folks, the same BP that just finished destroying the Gulf of Mexico was awarded, along with Exxon, the refining contracts for hundreds of trillions of dollars worth of Iraqi oil. What an amazing coincidence. The military shed the blood, the taxpayers coughed up the money, and Exxon and BP reaped the profits. That's some setup.

Other Iraq war beneficiaries included Haliburton, KBR (formerly Kellogg Brown and Root) and Xe Services (formerly Blackwater Worldwide.) All made out like bandits. By the way, Erik Prince, the reclusive former CEO of Xe, complained bitterly that he was forced to sell the company because of lawsuits, criminal investigations and negative publicity. Aw.

Among the endless tragedies of the Iraq war is the irony that that by removing Saddam we propelled Iran, whom Bush included in the "axis of evil," into the dominant power in the region. Iranians were terrified of Hussein who had waged war on them for eight years. (Instead of bombing Iran, I'd like to send them the bill for the Iraq invasion and occupation.)

This October will mark nine years we've been at war in Afghanistan. It would seem that there are better ways to spend $3 trillion, but what do I know?

Two paramount questions remain: will we ever get completely out of Iraq and Afghanistan, and will Brett Favre retire? If history is any judge, Favre's playing football this season is probably the safer bet.

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The Q Line

Power of endorsement

Powerful political party Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights held its convention on Sunday. A number of candidates in this year's City Council and Board of Education races were seeking an ever-important SMRR endorsement.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think that a SMRR endorsement is crucial, or do you think it's overrated?

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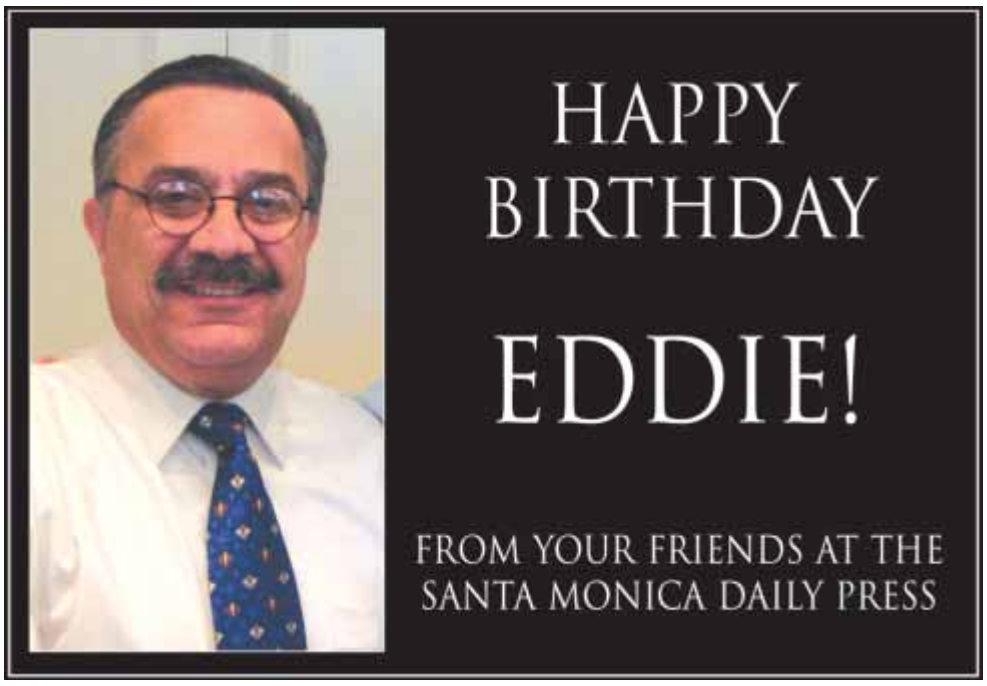
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RENTAL
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has not owned the home since February of last year and blames his troubles on a disgruntled neighbor.

"He and I were not friendly and he made it his job to contact the City Attorney's Office and threaten them so they acted," Vavala said. "I pled guilty because I didn't want to get involved in an expensive legal battle with the city. It would have cost me a lot of money and they would have won anyway. You can't fight those guys."

Code enforcement officials said they received several complaints from neighbors about excessive noise, traffic and safety concerns at the Navy Street home due to its illegal use as a hotel.

"In most cases we at least give warnings and don't go straight to prosecution on land-use violations when there is no immediate health and safety risk," Shen said. "In most cases the property owner is given a warning and educated on the law and they comply. This owner refused to even talk to our office and really refused all attempts to educate him about the law. … We did not do this lightly."

Short-term rentals, defined as properties available for terms shorter than 30 days, are barred in all residential zones.

But attaining compliance with the ordinance has long bedeviled officials, especially since the Internet has made it far easier to cheaply advertise properties.

A search of the Internet by the Daily Press in May resulted in numerous hits for illegal vacation rentals in Santa Monica. Properties were offered for nightly and weekly stays, with some going for as much as $2,750 a week.

Calls to several people who were advertising short-term rentals in Santa Monica online revealed the owners were ignorant of, or else unconcerned about, City Hall's ban on the activity.

Concern about vacation rental ban violations was raised last year, after property owners John and Donna Heidt, who purchased and restored a landmarked beach cottage for use as a second home, sought City Hall's permission to rent the property out to vacationers during part of the year.

In what some observers called an attempt to get around City Hall's short-term rental ban, the couple argued their stewardship of the historic property should allow them to designate the cottage a bed and breakfast, though their plan was to operate it as a vacation rental.

The City Council earlier this year declined to issue the permit, sending the Heidt's proposal back to the Planning Commission for further review.

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SMRR
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among convention attendees.

The steering committee — made up of 12 voting members — could, with a two-thirds vote, throw the party's support and financial resources behind one additional candidate for City Council and two additional candidates for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education.

While the steering committee's support isn't equivalent to an endorsement won at the convention, it comes with many of the same benefits. Candidates that receive the steering committee's support can't say they have SMRR's endorsement, but would likely be included on SMRR campaign literature without being differentiated from the endorsed candidates.

In the City Council race, Pam O'Connor, a four-term incumbent who in the past has received SMRR's backing but fell short of the 55 percent super majority required to win an endorsement at this year's convention, is the lone candidate seeking SMRR's support.

In the contest for the school board, three candidates — incumbents Oscar de la Torre and Ralph Mechur and challenger Nimish Patel — are seeking the group's support after coming up short in their endorsement bids.

The steering committee met Wednesday but did not report a decision about either race.

"We're not talking about the meeting," said Patricia Hoffman, a co-chair of SMRR. "Nothing happened that is reportable."

Hoffman on Thursday said the steering committee would not meet again during the campaign season — an indication the committee had already voted on whether to support additional candidates but was not making its decision public.

Hoffman said SMRR would make an announcement tonight.

The delay has implications for the City Council race, where candidates must decide whether to run for one of three open four-year terms or for one of two open two-year terms by 5 p.m. today.

> **"WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT THE MEETING."**
>
> Patricia Hoffman,
> Co-chair of SMRR

SMRR has already endorsed two candidates — Council Members Gleam Davis and Terry O'Day, who were appointed to the body following the deaths of mayors Herb Katz and Ken Genser, respectively — for the two-year terms. The party endorsed just two candidates in the race for three four-year council terms.

To some observers, the relative competitiveness of each race hinges on the steering committee's decision.

If the committee votes to support O'Connor, giving SMRR, for all intents and purposes, a full slate of candidates in both council contests, some say the two-year race will be more appealing for challengers, since neither endorsed candidate has been elected to the council before.

But if the steering committee votes not to support O'Connor for a four-year term, it's possible that race could be more enticing to challengers, since SMRR would be backing only two candidates for three seats.

Five-term City Council incumbent Bob Holbrook, a non-SMRR member, pulled papers for both races and this week has been pondering which race to officially enter.

Several observers, who asked not to be named, interpreted the SMRR steering committee's secrecy about its decision whether or not to support O'Connor as a ploy to damage Holbrook's election chances, since — it appears — he will have to decide which contest to enter before SMRR discloses the actions taken by its steering committee.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Asleep at the wheel

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, AUG. 1, AT 3:20 A.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the intersection of Seventh Street and Broadway regarding a vehicle that was stopped in the intersection with an unconscious driver. When officers arrived, they saw a car parked in the intersection with its brake lights on and the driver with his chin resting on his chest and his hat covering his eyes. One officer opened the passenger door and turned off the vehicle's ignition. The second officer opened the driver's door and attempted to wake him. After about 30 to 60 seconds, the driver woke up, made some comments and tried to re-start the vehicle. Officers stopped him and ordered him to complete a field sobriety test. Officers said the suspect smelled like alcohol and failed to complete the test. He was placed under arrest for driving under the influence. He was identified as Francis Phillip Levangie-Torsne, 24, of Venice. His bail was set at $5,000.

SATURDAY, JULY 31, AT 7:39 A.M.,
An officer on routine patrol in the 2500 block of Lincoln Boulevard noticed a man riding a bicycle on the sidewalk in violation of the municipal code. The suspect was stopped and during an interview with the officer allegedly admitted to possessing marijuana. The officer recovered the marijuana from the suspect's pocket and he was placed under arrest for drug possession and riding his bike on the sidewalk. He was identified as Manu Quarofa Tanuvasa, 59, a transient. His bail was set at $575.

SATURDAY, JULY 31, (NO TIME GIVEN),
Officers responded to the 700 block of Broadway (Vons) regarding a suspect in custody for allegedly destroying products in the store. When officers arrived, they made contact with store employees who told the officers that the suspect entered the store a week earlier and tried to steal food but was stopped at the door by security and released. Three days later, employees said they started to notice a foul odor coming from some of the shelves. They found that several products had been sprayed with an unknown substance. The items were valued at $1,907.88 and had to be discarded. A review of store surveillance video showed the suspect entering the store and spraying items with liquid from a clear plastic bottle. He returned to the store a few days later and was arrested for burglary, willfully mingling poison or any harmful product with food, drinks or medicine, and vandalism. He was identified as Raymond Hill Dickerson, 35, a transient. His bail was set at $20,000.

THURSDAY, JULY 29, AT 11:12 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1500 block of Second Street (McDonald's) regarding a disturbance. When officers arrived, they found a security guard detaining a man who had been seen writing graffiti in the restroom. After interviewing witnesses who saw the suspect writing on the restroom wall and photographing the damage, officers arrested the suspect and he was booked for vandalism and a probation violation. He was identified as Zachary Alexander Nichols, 18, of Culver City. No bail was set.

FRIDAY, JULY 30, AT 7:09 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1900 block of Main Street (Star Liquor) regarding a robbery that just occurred. When officers arrived, they found the store owner and the suspect in an adjacent alley. Officers made contact with the owner and a witness who said two suspects went into the store and took a 20-pack of beer valued at $20 and a 40 ounce of beer valued at $4 and then left the store without paying. The owner gave chase and one of the suspects was able to escape but the second dropped the stolen items and took a fighting stance, police said. He allegedly reached for a weapon in his front pocket. At that point, officers arrived and subdued the suspect, who was carrying an 11-inch knife with a 6-inch blade, police said. The suspect was booked for robbery and carrying a dagger. He was identified as David Parkin Rodriguez, 18, a transient. His bail was set at $50,000. Police were unable to locate the second suspect.

FRIDAY, JULY 30, AT 5:30 P.M.,
Officers responded to the Santa Monica Pier regarding an argument between pier performers that had escalated into a fight. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who said while he was waiting in the parking lot, the suspect began to spray him and several other performers with Raid bug spray. After telling the suspect to stop several times, the victim walked away. The suspect followed, attempting to spray him in the face and then swung at him while holding the can, police said. The suspect was placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon and for maliciously placing a corrosive or flammable substance on another person with the intent to injure, or disfigure. He was identified as Garry E. Tyus, 64, of Hollywood. His bail was set at $50,000.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, AT 11:40 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1200 block of Lincoln Boulevard regarding a disturbance of the peace at the American Motel. When officers arrived, they made contact with a hotel employee who told them that he could hear yelling and loud thumping noises coming from one of the units. Officers approached the unit and made contact with the occupant. Inside the unit, officers said they found blankets pulled from the bed, a television broken on the floor, a wooden table overturned and broken and newspapers spread throughout the room. The suspect was placed under arrest and booked for vandalism and disturbing the peace. He was identified as Fatu Fatu, 37, a transient. His bail was set at $1,000.

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OUT WITH THE OLD: **Standing in a pile of rubble, the old Santa Monica Place sign sits in the sun a**

Tips for driving to Santa Monica Place

The highly anticipated grand opening of the new Santa Monica Place kicks off today at 10 a.m. City officials are expecting a large turnout and have launched what they call a number of transportation improvements to ease traffic flow.

Here they are:

• Additional signage throughout Downtown directing visitors and residents to available parking for Santa Monica Place, the Santa Monica Pier, and beaches.

• Changeable message signs throughout the city, on Interstate 10 westbound, and on Pacific Coast Highway southbound directing visitors and residents to available parking.

• Modification of the traffic signal and roadway striping at Second Street and Colorado Avenue to provide an exclusive right-turn lane for westbound vehicles wishing to travel northbound on Second Street.

• Coordination with Santa Monica Police Department staff for traffic control at Downtown intersections as-needed.

• Installation of new video detection systems at Fourth Street and Colorado to monitor traffic volumes and parking activities.

• In addition to the permanent Santa Monica Place valet location on Second Street, additional valet zones will be operating around Santa Monica Place throughout the weekend.

City staff will continue to monitor changes in travel patterns and traffic flow in order to identify additional improvements that may be necessary.

Over the next few weeks, City staff plan to test other transportation improvement measures throughout Downtown to address other traffic-related issues.

"Our goal is to use all available tools to improve parking and traffic circulation in the Downtown," said Sam Morrissey, principal transportation engineer for City Hall.

In addition to the traffic measures, City Hall is offering these tips for getting around Downtown.

• Park at the Civic Center: this "colorful" parking structure at the corner of Fourth and Olympic is one of the city's best parking spots. Just two blocks from the beach and the Third Street Promenade, you can park all day for $9 — only $3 when you enter after 6 p.m. The Main Library lot at Seventh and Santa Monica Boulevard is also a great option at just $3 each day.

During Santa Monica Place grand reopening weekend, Aug. 6, 7 and 8, parking in the Civic Center Structure, Civic Auditorium Lot and the North Civic Lot across from City Hall will all be $5 flat rate all day.

• Biking is a great way to get around Santa Monica. Take advantage of the city's free bike valets available for the Main Street Farmers' Market, Twilight Dance Series, special events like GLOW and the reopening of Santa Monica Place Mall.

• Self-park your bike anytime - new bike racks are going up throughout the Downtown area, and Parking Structure 7 adjacent to Santa Monica Place will have a bank of racks for more than 100 bikes.

• Take the Big Blue Bus. Fast, inexpensive and convenient for residents throughout Santa Monica, the Big Blue Bus routes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 & 10 and Rapid 3 & 7 all stop in the Downtown area. New 30 Day and 13 Ride Passes are coming in August - check schedules and fares at www.bigbluebus.com or visit blue: the transit store at 223 Broadway.

• When parking at the mall, don't forget to pay before you leave — the mall structures (7 and 8) now feature walk-up automated payment machines so you can cruise out of the structure faster.

• Use the Lincoln Boulevard exit and take Seventh Street to Colorado or Broadway to access Downtown — those streets are usually less crowded than other routes. Also note that Broadway and Arizona are alternatives to busy Santa Monica Boulevard.

• In addition, on Saturdays and Sundays the Mini Blue Tide Ride will ferry you between points at the pier, Main Street and throughout Downtown for just 50 cents per ride (25 cents for seniors/disabled/Medicare).

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awaiting clean up. The Santa Monica Place sign was demolished over two years ago.

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viable projects. And they will, if residents continue to forcefully oppose massive traffic-clogging projects," said Diana Gordon, co-chair of Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City and a prominent critic of Macerich's first re-development proposal.

There's no way to know how many people will show up for the mall's opening, but Santa Monica officials said they expect a large turnout.

Officials are urging shoppers and commuters to use Civic Center parking lots on Friday and this weekend, where all-day parking will be available for the discounted price of $5.

On Thursday afternoon, construction crews were still working on Parking Structure No. 7 at the corner of Broadway and Fourth Street, adjacent to the mall, which has been under construction for the past several months.

Don Patterson, who oversees Santa Monica's parking operations, said the lot was expected to be open to the public by Friday morning.

For City Hall, which in June cut spending, raised fees and used reserve funds to close a $13.2 million budget gap, the opening is a welcome revenue boost.

"I think it's going to be a very beneficial addition and a huge asset for the community," said Carol Swindell, City Hall's finance director.

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Diana Gordon,
Co-chair of Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City

The mall is expected to generate $2 million annually in sales tax revenue, or 6.5 percent of the $30.8 million total officials are projecting for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

The new revenue has already been included in budget projections, Swindell said, so the mall's opening won't generate new discretionary money.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Appeal 10-003 of Use Permit 08-013, 1128 Ocean Park Boulevard. The appellant is appealing the Zoning Administrator's denial of Use Permit application 08-013 for a proposed T-Mobile wireless communication facility on the rooftop of a multi-story residential apartment building located at 1128 Ocean Park Boulevard in the City of Santa Monica. The proposed facility includes the installation of eight (8) panel antennas and four (4) related equipment cabinets. As proposed, the project does not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.06.110(a). Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.10.06.110(b), the Planning Commission, on appeal, may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of a Use Permit application. [Planner: Steve Mizokami] **APPELLANT/APPLICANT: T-Mobile West Corporation. PROPERTY OWNER: Andrew E. Matyas Trust.** [Continued from August 4, 2010]

1800 Stewart Street Development Agreement (10DEV-001), 1800 Stewart Street. A Development Agreement proposal to allow the construction of a 153,655 square foot, two and three story building, with 204 surface level parking spaces, for Agensys, Inc., a biotechnology company. The project consolidates the company's research and development, office, and manufacturing operations into a single site at 1800 Stewart Street. In addition to the proposed 153,655 square feet of building area, the site would also incorporate a public pedestrian path through the property, passive open space available to the public located adjacent to Stewart Street, and a café that will be open to the public during day time hours. Additionally, a Mitigated Negative Declaration will be reviewed and considered for recommendation to the City Council. [Planner: Brad Misner] **APPLICANT / PROPERTY OWNER: Agensys, Inc./ City of Santa Monica.**

Development Review Permit 10-001, Tract Map 10-002, Variance 10-008, 301 Ocean Avenue. Development Review Permit (10DR-001) to construct a new three and four-story, 20-unit condominium complex consisting of three buildings oriented around a central courtyard with two levels of subterranean parking; Vesting Tentative Tract Map 10TM-002 (VTTM No. 71268) to subdivide one lot into twenty airspace parcels in conjunction with a proposed twenty-unit residential condominium development pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.20.04.030; and Variance (10VAR008) to allow the second and third floor parcel coverages to exceed the limits set forth by the Municipal Code. The Planning Commission will be considering a Resolution to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program for the proposed project. [Planner: Tony Kim] **APPLICANT/ PROPERTY OWNER: 301 Ocean Development LLC.**

Development Review Permit 10-002, 1415 Third Street Promenade. The applicant proposes to modify Development Review Permit #256 approved in 1984 to permit the removal of a pedestrian passageway located on the south side of the three-story commercial building located at 1415 Third Street Promenade. As an alternative to retaining the existing underutilized passageway, the applicant proposes to provide an internal pedestrian passageway linking the Promenade and Third Court (alley) in conjunction with a tenant improvement to accommodate floor plans for either a single anchor tenant or for three tenants. The applicant also proposes to remodel a section of the rear alley elevation to ensure that the passageway entrance is inviting to the public through the use of double glazed doorPurs, lighting, a way-finding graphic, and incorporation of space for placement of an artistic element or public information at the rear entrance. [Planner: Roxanne Tanemori, AICP] **APPLICANT: 1415 Third Street Promenade. PROPERTY OWNER: 1415 Third Street Promenade, LLC.**

Tract Map 10-003, 1014 Fourteenth Street. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.20.04.030, the applicant requests approval of Tentative Parcel Map 10TM-003 (No. 71336) to approve the airspace subdivision of one lot into three parcels in conjunction with a proposed three-unit residential condominium development. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **APPLICANT: UNIDESIGN – Mohammad Behboudi. PROPERTY OWNER: Chirelle Alana Looney.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

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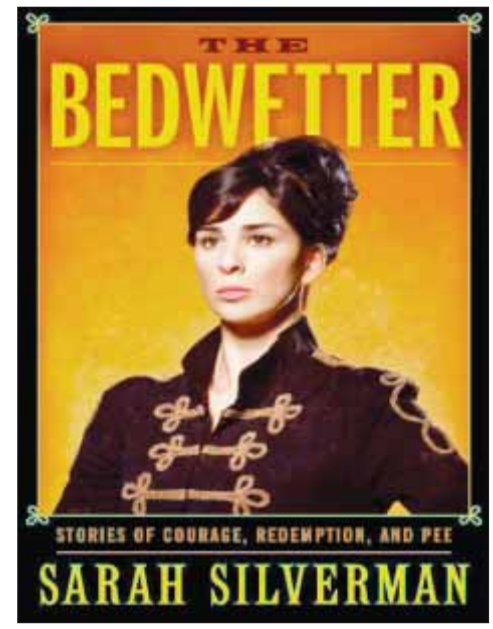
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BOOKREVIEW
BY JACK NEWORTH



'The Bedwetter: Stories of Courage, Redemption and Pee'
By Sarah Silverman • Harper-Collins



My first exposure to comedian Sarah Silverman was in 2005. I watched her DVD "Jesus is Magic," with some older female friends with whom I shared a Netflix membership. How offended were they by Sarah's humor? The next day they cancelled Netflix.

For her fans, Silverman's best-selling book, "The Bedwetter: Stories of Courage, Redemption and Pee" is filled with her signature taboo-breaking humor. For others there may be more shock than awe. Personally, I found it hilarious.

Silverman's performing career began at age 3, when her father, David, taught her to swear as her grandmother came in with a plate full of brownies. Prompted by dad, little Sarah told nana where she could stick the brownies. Shocking everyone, it got a huge laugh. In a sense, Silverman's still doing it, 37 years later.

As the title suggests, Sarah was a bedwetter well into high school. She was plagued with shame and fear, especially on sleepovers and overnight camp, which she refers to as "the second worst camp for Jews." Ouch.

Even though the Comedy Channel recently canceled her Emmy-nominated "The Sarah Silverman Program," Sarah's future appears bright. That aside, she's had her share of trauma.

As a young teen Sarah went into an inexplicable three-year depression that made attending school impossible. Her parents put her in therapy, which Sarah mines for humor, albeit of the dark variety.

Once, while Sarah waited for her therapist, a tearful colleague of his rushed up and shouted that he had just hung himself. Stunned, Sarah still had an hour to kill (no pun intended) until her mother picked her up. I can only imagine the answer to her mother's question, "How did your session go today, sweetie?"

Another therapist put Sarah on Xanax and eventually the dose was increased to 16 a day. Sensing this wasn't right, Sarah kept the empty pill bottles in a shoebox under her bed in case something happened to her. Fortunately, a sane psychiatrist weaned her off the medication over eight months and life returned to normal, or a reasonable facsimile.

Sarah finally developed breasts and outgrew bedwetting. (No connection, however.) Suddenly she was able to focus on more important issues, i.e. her lifelong struggle with hairy arms or as she puts it, "There's not enough wax in the world."

After a stint in college, and with financial help from her father, Silverman braved the daunting world of standup. Following the tragic death of her infant brother (before she was born), her parents' divorce, and mountains of Xanax, the stress of being funny in front of strangers paled.

While performing for free at open mike nights, Sarah helped support herself by passing out flyers for a comedy club. In so doing, she was once strangled by a Vietnam vet, protected by the corner drug dealer and knocked out cold when she defied bullies harassing an Asian friend dressed in a chicken suit passing out flyers for "Phuck-U Chicken."

Sarah's talent and persistence paid off when she was hired as a writer on "Saturday Night Live." But her dream turned into a nightmare as not a single one of her sketches made it to air. The title of that chapter is, "Live from New York, You're Fired." Among other chapters are: "My Nana Was Great but Now She's Dead," "Hymen, Goodbyemen" and "Fear and Clothing."

"The Bedwetter" includes: amusing e-mails to and from her exasperated publishers (they wanted "Pee Pee" in the title but she held out for "Pee"); advice from and experiences with friends and lovers, which turn Sarah from sexual prey to predator (and a potential "Cougar with big naturals") and a letter to Penthouse Forum that she wrote as a teenager pretending to be a sex-craved anti-Semite named Earl.

Among the interesting array of photos in the book is one of Sarah at the 2009 Emmys, wearing a strapless dress that she helped design. (So badly that the designer took his name off.) It was described in the press as, "A royal blue satin octopus swallowing Silverman from the bottom up."

"The Bedwetter," published by Harper-Collins, is surprisingly poignant and still laugh-out-loud funny. (Given the intimate personal revelations, the word "courage" in the title is very appropriate.) The book includes a foreword by Sarah, honored that she asked herself to write it, a "midword" and and afterword, dated Dec. 1, 2063 upon Sarah's untimely death at 93, written by God.

While Silverman's fascination with farts and other bodily functions seems juvenile, other material is brilliant and has drawn comparisons to the iconic Lenny Bruce. It's fair to say that she's as talented and fearless a comedian as any working today.

Now, if she'd only pay for my Netflix membership we'd be even.

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Gay marriage ban supporters appeal ruling to Circuit Court

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SAN FRANCISCO Supporters of California's gay marriage ban filed an appeal of a federal judge's ruling striking down the voter-approved law.

The appeal filed late Wednesday to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was expected, as lawyers on both sides of the legal battle repeatedly vowed to carry the fight to a higher court if they lost.

Earlier in the day, a federal judge in San Francisco overturned California's Proposition 8, which restricts a marriage to one man and one woman. U.S. District Court Judge Vaughn Walker ruled the law violates federal equal protections and due process laws.

The 9th Circuit court has no deadlines to hear the case, which will be randomly assigned to a three-judge panel. It's expected that the panel will order both sides to submit written legal arguments before scheduling a hearing.

The outcome in the appeals court could force the U.S. Supreme Court to confront the question of whether gays have a constitutional right to wed.

"This ruling, if allowed to stand, threatens not only Prop 8 in California but the laws in 45 other states that define marriage as one man and one woman," said Brian Brown, president of the National Organization for Marriage, which helped fund the 2008 campaign that led to the ban's passage.

Currently, same-sex couples can legally wed only in Massachusetts, Iowa, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire and Washington, D.C.

The appeal was filed by Protect Marriage, a coalition of religious and conservative groups that sponsored Proposition 8 and wound up defending it after California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Attorney General Jerry Brown refused.

Walker, meanwhile, said he would consider waiting for the 9th Circuit to render its decision before he makes his opinion final and requires the state to stop enforcing the ban. The judge ordered both sides to submit written arguments by Friday on the issue.

Hundreds of same-sex marriage supporters celebrated the verdict at public gatherings in San Francisco, West Hollywood and New York City, while acknowledging they have watched court victories evaporate before.

California voters passed Proposition 8 five months after the state Supreme Court legalized same-sex unions and an estimated 18,000 same-sex couples already had tied the knot.

Joe Briggs, 32, an actor who attended a West Hollywood gathering, said he was thrilled to hear about the ruling but was curbing his enthusiasm because of the legal fight still ahead.

"It's a long process. Last time we were allowed to marry for like a day and then they took it away," said Briggs, who wore a T-shirt with an image of Batman and Robin kissing. "But at the same time, we have a black president — so let's just get on with it! It's about equality."

Walker's decision came in a lawsuit filed by two same-sex couples and the city of San Francisco that sought to invalidate Proposition 8 under the same constitutional principles that led to bans on interracial marriage being overturned.

The 13-day trial was the first in a federal court to examine if the U.S. Constitution prevents states from denying gays the right to wed.

Former U.S. Solicitor General Theodore Olson teamed up with David Boies to argue for the two couples, bringing together a pair of litigators best known as adversaries who respectively represented George W. Bush and Al Gore in the disputed 2000 election.

"We have other battles ahead of us, but with this decision carefully analyzing the evidence we are well on our way to victory," Olson said Wednesday.

Reveling in their joint victory, Boies said he and Olson's alliance would prove valuable if the Proposition 8 case, known as Perry v. Schwarzenegger, reaches the Supreme Court.

"Ted and I have a deal — He is going to get the 5 justices that were for him in Bush v. Gore and I'm going to get the 4 justices that were with me in Bush v. Gore," he joked.

Standing in front of eight American flags at a news conference, the two couples behind the case beamed and choked up as they related their feelings of validation.

"Tomorrow will feel different because tomorrow I will have a sense of security I have not had," said Sandy Stier, as her partner of 10 years, Kris Perry, stood at her side. "Because of this decision I will know we are treated the same under the law as everybody else."

Defense lawyers argued at trial that the ban was necessary to safeguard the traditional understanding of marriage and to encourage responsible childbearing. They called just two witnesses, compared to the 18 put on by the plaintiffs, claiming they did not need to present expert testimony because the U.S. Supreme Court had never recognized a right to same-sex marriage.

In declaring Proposition 8 unconstitutional, Walker accepted every argument advanced by the plaintiffs and methodically rejected every claim made by the defense. Preventing gays from marrying does nothing to strengthen heterosexual unions or serve any purpose that justifies its discriminatory effect, but harms children with same-sex parents and "the state's interest in equality," he wrote.

Describing the defense case as "a rather limited factual presentation," he also said its proponents offered little evidence that they were motivated by anything other than animus toward gays — beginning with their campaign to pass the ban, which included claims of wanting to protect children from learning about same-sex marriage in school.

"Proposition 8 played on the fear that exposure to homosexuality would turn children into homosexuals and that parents should dread having children who are not heterosexual," Walker wrote.

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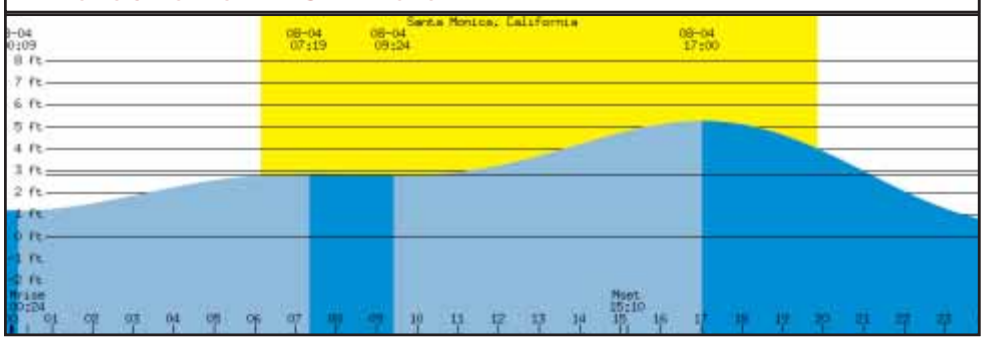
Swell Forecast

Looks like a waist high day max for south facing breaks as well.

Long Range Synopsis

We should see some waist to maybe chest high sets from that system that formed near New Zealand last week. This is looking inconsistent, with most sets waist high, few pluses, and few waves per set.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / ns

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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 Lechasa and Las Alina 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.	A	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.	C	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fences.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	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.	F	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunos 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).	B	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	D	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.	C	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	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.	A+	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.	C	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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NFL

Gradkowski low man with Raiders

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NAPA Bruce Gradkowski dropped back to throw, launched a deep completion down the right sideline and ran to bump chests with offensive lineman Khalif Barnes. Then he sought out wide receiver Darrius Heyward-Bey and did a leaping hip-bump.

The Oakland Raiders' journeyman quarterback is having fun, even if he's buried on the depth chart again.

It's not where Gradkowski expected to be, not after coming off the bench in 2009 and leading the Raiders to a pair of late-season wins while infusing the offense with a much-needed spark. At the very least Gradkowski assumed he'd enter training camp with a legitimate shot at the starting job.

Instead, Oakland traded for Jason Campbell during the NFL draft in April and head coach Tom Cable named Campbell the starter the day before training camp began.

"From what I've been through through my career, why get handed something now?" Gradkowski said with a grin Thursday. "I'm never going to get handed anything. That's just the way I was brought up. You have to work for it and you have to earn it. I've never expected anything to come easy."

Gradkowski started 13 games as a rookie for Tampa Bay in 2006 then quickly fell off the map and into backup territory. Over the next two years, he started just six games for the Bucs and Cleveland Browns, then signed on as the Raiders' fourth quarterback before last season.

In Oakland, Gradkowski was behind former No. 1 overall pick JaMarcus Russell, Jeff Garcia and Andrew Walter when camp began. By midseason, he had vaulted to the top of the depth chart and was a big hit at the Oakland Coliseum, where fans had grown tired of Russell's ineffectiveness and attitude.

Gradkowski started four games for the Raiders, including a 27-24 road win over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Dec. 6. Gradkowski grew up less than 10 minutes from the Steelers' stadium and the emotional return home, coupled with the victory, seemed to enhance Gradkowski's stock.

He compiled a 91.4 rating in his four starts but missed the final three games due to a knee injury. He hurt himself again this offseason when he tore a pectoral muscle while lifting weights. The injury required surgery that forced Gradkowski to miss all the team's OTAs and minicamps.

That's one of the reasons the Raiders traded for Campbell. The team also severed ties with Russell after three disappointing seasons.

Asked Thursday what hurt worse, the torn pectoral muscle or being informed Campbell was the starter on the eve of training camp, Gradkowski chuckled.

"Well I think definitely ... definitely the pec," he said. "Those (other) situations, I can't control, so no need to worry about them. At least now I'm back and I can compete and do my thing and let things fall into place."

Through the first week of training camp Gradkowski has worked almost exclusively with the second-team offense while Campbell has taken the majority of reps with the starters.

Oakland also has Kyle Boller and journeyman Charlie Frye on the roster, though not even Campbell has asserted himself as vocally as Gradkowski.

During a 7-on-7 goal line drill Thursday, Gradkowski stepped to the line of scrimmage to scan the defense and noticed defensive back Stanford Routt lingering on the field when he should have been on the sideline.

"Hey Stan, you in or out?" Gradkowski barked. "Get off."

That leadership and his willingness to accept a backup role without complaining has made Gradkowski a hit with the coaching staff.

"Bruce is a pro, (he) is not about what Bruce wants," Cable said. "Everyone wants to be a starter, but he's about the team and he'll have himself ready to go, and his approach is fine. He understands this game at this level. He's just a play away from being the starter again."

Notes: WR Jonathon Holland was carted off the field with an undisclosed injury during the morning practice. Holland went down and appeared to be clutching his left ankle after running a pass route. ... Defensive tackle Richard Seymour was given the morning off. ... WRs Louis Murphy (foot), Darrius Heyward-Bey (general soreness) and Jacoby Ford (quad) also did not practice. ... Eight NFL referees attended Thursday's practice and will continue to work with the team for the next few days.



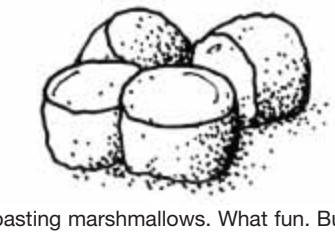
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Toy Story 3 in Disney Digital 3D (G) 1hr 49min
11:25am, 2:05pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:15pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Salt (PG-13) 1hr 39min
12:00pm, 2:40pm, 5:15pm, 7:50pm, 10:25pm

Kids Are All Right (R) 1hr 44min
11:40am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

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Salt (PG-13) 1hr 39min
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Other Guys (PG-13) 1hr 47min
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Step Up 3D (PG-13) 1hr 37min
11:10am, 2:05pm, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

Flipped (PG) 1hr 30min
10:30am, 12:45pm, 3:05pm, 5:25pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

Despicable Me 3D (PG) 1hr 35min
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Disappearance of Alice Creed (R) 1hr 40min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Mademoiselle Chambon (NR) 1hr 41min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Extra Man (R) 1hr 48min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Farewell (2010) (NR) 1hr 30min
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

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Charlie St. Cloud (PG-13) 1hr 49min
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Lead on, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Complete your work and, if you need to, work late. Once tomorrow rolls around, you will want to relax. Planning ahead looks like working late and clearing out as many to-dos as possible. Tonight: Disconcerted by events, go with the flow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 21)
★★★★★ Keep a conversation moving. Your ability to clear out an inordinate amount of problems is noticed. Deal with a financial matter before you leave work. Make phone calls as well. You want to be able to not worry about completing work over the weekend. Tonight: Join friends. Catch up on news.

GEMINI (May 22-June 20)
★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. The Moon in your sign at that time draws many to you. Consider what would make you happy in a particular situation. Don't hesitate to ask for just that. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Continue to observe. You could be surprised by what is going on. Your ability to see what others don't even realize exists gives you an edge. Trust your observations. Make plans to socialize later in the day. Make lunch the last thing you do. Tonight: All smiles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. You feel inspired by certain key associates and friends. Still, know that you don't need to go overboard. Just accept that we all have our own personal muses. Tonight: You might prefer to be with one person rather than a crowd.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for another perspective. The more you strive to detach and at the same time comprehend, the better the net results will be. You could feel overwhelmed by a friendship. Tonight: Follow the crowd.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Keep striving to see the big picture no matter what. You could become frustrated by all the obstacles you encounter later if you don't. Be happy that the weekend is forthcoming. Tonight: Gather the troops. You are the leader.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Deal with others directly. You might wonder what is going on with you, as frustration mounts as the day seems to close off. Know that you need a break from your routine. Start acting on this idea now. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Others come toward you. Decide how much work you need to get done and how much you want to get done. Handle this element of your life first. Schedule a late lunch with an associate. Tonight: Let go and finally get to know someone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Pace yourself. Though news could toss your life into chaos and force you to work later. Others come toward you. Certainly you have some choices to make. Tonight: Sort through the possibilities. Determine your priorities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your creativity flourishes at an unprecedented level. Others are clearly drawn to you when you become the idea man or woman of the group. Someone feels strongly about you. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

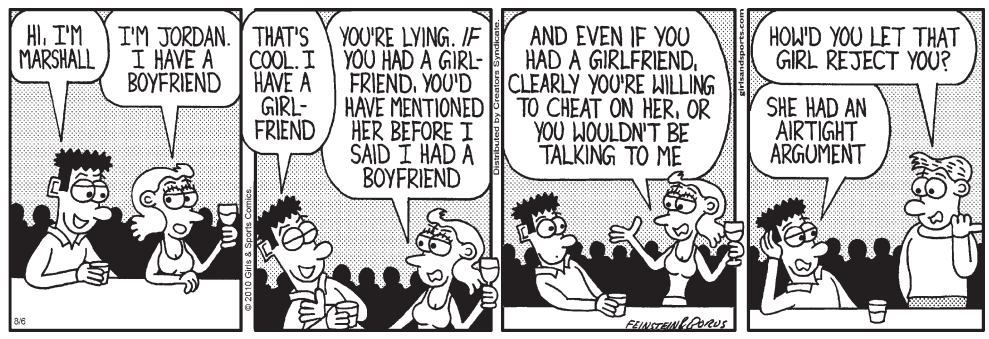
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might opt to work from home, as a partner or associate might be infringing on your space at work. Your creativity mounts in the right circumstances. Let that same energy infuse your personal life. Tonight: Help another person let go and have a good time.

Happy birthday

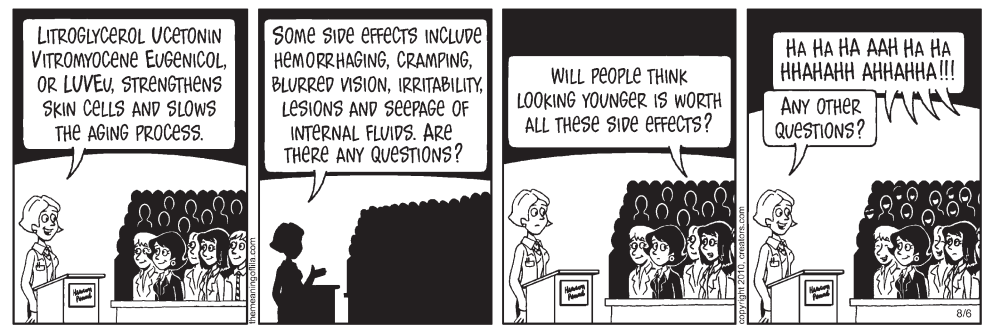
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year, you will want to open up to many new experiences and expand your circle of friends. At some point, you will want to vanish or take some much-needed personal time. This quietness is a key component of making 2010-11 work. You will need frequent timeouts. Sorting through those you trust and don't could be key. If you are single, use care, as you could start to date someone who is emotionally unavailable. Back out before you are "in." If you are attached, the two of you benefit from weekend getaways together. Take them often. CANCER reads you cold.

Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Garfield
By Jim Davis



Strange Brew
By John Deering



Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



Procrastination is a problem when it comes to doing my disaster plan. As a business owner I have a lot to do. It's not like **a disaster** is going to happen tomorrow. Besides, we have that new business pitch. I've been **waiting** for this **to** happen for a while now. I'll get the disaster plan finished eventually. Nothing to worry about, it'll **happen.**

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Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

4	2	9	3	1	5	8	7	6
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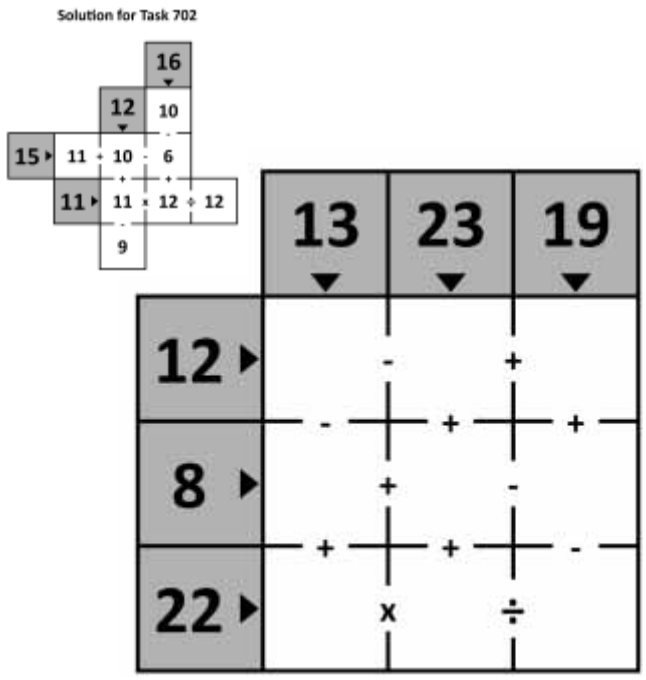
• Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
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Solution for Task 702





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18 Terrarium growth
20 Writer Oz
22 Alias letters
23 Leafy green
26 Clothing tag
28 Dwight's wife
29 Ugly building
31 Greek vowel
32 Concerning
33 Canary snack
34 Airport area
36 "Could you repeat that?"
38 Dress type
40 Martini extra
43 Javelin
44 Craze
45 Brat's opposite
46 Poet Guest

DOWN

1 Pet perch
2 Sense of self
3 Lost lots of money
4 Some tourneys
5 Geeky one
6 Subside
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8 Gets together, in Hollywood
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ At press time, the city council of Barre, Vt., continues to debate extending its pet "leash" law to cats, following a woman's complaint that a neighbor's cat continues to foul her yard with droppings. In the few towns that try to enforce leash laws on cats, a main rationale has been to protect friendly birds. (The late U.S. statesman Adlai Stevenson, when he was governor of Illinois, once rejected such a law, terming leashing "against the nature of the cat.")

■ Hard Time, Hard Luck: Harry Jackson, 26, was in jail in Woodbine, Ga., in March, on several minor charges such as driving on a suspended license. However, acceding to pressure from fellow inmates, brought on by the jail's non-smoking policy, Jackson agreed to break out, steal cigarettes at a nearby convenience store, and break back in, undetected. "(D)on't come back empty-handed," one inmate supposedly warned him. Jackson was apprehended climbing back in over a fence. In May, a judge sentenced him, for the earlier charges plus the escape and subsequent burglary, to 20 years.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1988 The Tompkins Square Park Police Riot in New York City spurs reform of the NYPD, who were responsible for the melee that transpired the night of August 6-7.

1990 Gulf War: the United Nations Security Council orders a global trade embargo against Iraq in response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

1991 Tim Berners-Lee releases files describing his idea for the World Wide Web. WWW debuts as a publicly available service on the Internet.

1991 Doi Takako, chair of the Social Democratic Party (Japan), becomes Japan's first female speaker of the House of Representatives.

1993 Heavy rains and debris kill 72 in the Kagoshima and Aira areas, of Ky⌖sh⌖, Japan.

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Jack was actively involved in the Santa Monica community through the Optimist Club; Rotary Club; Elks Club; Free Mason; Shriners; Chamber of Commerce and The Boys & Girls Club, to mention a few.

Jack believed in hard work, family and community. His example, generosity and love will be missed by all. Jack is survived by his wife Valeta (Val), two Stepsons- Frank Paganelli of Joshua Tree, Ca., Jim Paganelli of Long Beach; grandson Damien Paganelli of Joshua Tree, granddaughter Deborah G.Rothaus of Brentwood; niece Mary Strommer of Sun Lakes, AZ; nephews Jack Hattaway of Dolores, CO and Patrick Hattaway of Moran, WY.
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