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Kickin' Cancer! is a family-friendly event to raise funds and awareness for the early detection and prevention of women's cancers. Event highlights include T-shirt giveaways, a Kiddie Fun Run, raffle prizes, entertainment and more. For a complete list of fundraising prizes, sponsor links, event information and more, visit www.kickincancer.com.

Literature book group

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 10 a.m. — 12:15 p.m.
The Fairview Branch Library book group will read "A Passage to India" by E.M. Forster.

Emergency care for Fido

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Pet health advocate Denise Fleck joins the Main Library for this introduction to pet first-aid and CPR basics. Free program. Seating is first come, first served.

Everyone's lookin' at you, Travis

6000 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood, 7:30 p.m.
Cinespia presents "Taxi Driver" at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery. \$10 donation tickets available at the gate. For more information, visit www.cemeteryscreenings.com.

Wine Crush Festival

1126 Queen's Hwy., Long Beach, 1 p.m. — 9 p.m.
California wine country is coming to Long Beach with the "Crush in the City" tour. Guest speakers will be Ted Allen of Top Chef, Iron Chef America and PBS's Uncorked. In addition to Crush in the City, The Wine Festival will feature more than 100 vineyards offering a multitude of wine sampling and opportunities to meet winemakers as well as live jazz. Tickets are \$40 for a one-day pass or \$70 for both days. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.wantickets.com.

Puppetolio

1255 Second St., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.
Puppetolio is a musical revue featuring marionettes and ventriloquism. Shows are always followed by a chance to visit the museum collection and ask questions. All seats are \$7.50.
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Sunday, Aug. 12, 2007

Bill Rosendahl supports activists

Clover Park, 1 p.m. — 4 p.m.
The Third Annual Activist Support Circle Unity Picnic will take place at Santa Monica's Clover Park and will feature Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl as the highlighted special guest speaker. All progressive activists, and those who are considering becoming activists, are invited to attend and bring a vegetarian potluck dish to share. For further information or to RSVP for the picnic, call (310) 399-1000 or visit www.activistsupportcircle.org.

Meet your sisters

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Learn about Santa Monica's new sister cities Sant'Elia and Cassino through a photoslide presentation and Italian music. Light refreshments will be served.

Jazz on the Lawn

1685 Main St., 5 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Bring a blanket and a picnic to City Hall's front lawn and catch some jazz performed this week by The Jazz Tap Ensemble. This event is free and free parking is available after 4 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium.

'Waiting in Training'

1211 Fourth St., 7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Waiters in Training (WiT) brings its East-Coast-Style, short form, improvisational comedy to Santa Monica Playhouse. WiT is interactive improv with audience members choosing the improv games. Tickets are \$15. For more information, call (310) 394-9779, ext. 1 or visit SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.





BIG MONEY

The Employee Community Fund of Boeing of California presents a \$100,000 check to the Santa Monica Historical Society for the funding of the new Douglas Aircraft gallery in the new Santa Monica Historical Society Museum. Executive Director of Employees Community Fund of Boeing California Beverly A. Hoskinson holds the cardboard check moments before the presentation.

Gerry Shih news@smdp.com

New high school in works?

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS In a time when student population is declining, but class sizes remain less than ideal in the secondary schools, a third campus could emerge

within the district.

As structural improvements for the school district are mapped out for the next 20 years, administrators are entertaining thoughts of opening a new, smaller high school to accommodate the crowded populations at the secondary schools, particu-

larly Santa Monica High School.

In the 2006-07 school year, more than 3,100 full-time students were enrolled at Samohi, compared to more than 1,200 at Malibu High and Middle schools and

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Captain becomes big boss

Sources say Seabrooks is new Inglewood chief

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY One of the Santa Monica Police Department's highest-ranking officers is set to become the next chief of police for the city of Inglewood, a source familiar with the selection process said Friday.

SMPD Capt. Jacqueline Seabrooks, the highest-ranking female in the department, is said to be the leading candidate to replace retired Chief Ronald Banks, who left the Inglewood Police Department in May of last year.

The Inglewood City Council is expected to make its decision Tuesday. The source, who did not want to be named because the selection process is confidential, indicated that at least two council members and the mayor had reservations about the hiring, favoring a candidate from inside the department.

Calls to the Inglewood Police Association, which represents officers, were not returned on Friday.

Retired Los Angeles Police Executive Julius I. Davis has been serving in the interim, and it is not known if he is competing with Seabrooks for the job since city officials declined to comment on the selection process, saying only that it has been underway for several months and that the council is expected to discuss the issue Tuesday in closed session.

The council's closed session agenda for Aug. 14 lists the selection of a police chief as Item 7.

Seabrooks, who served as SMPD's interim chief, along with Deputy Chief Phil Sanchez and Capt. Mark Smiley, during the city manager's search for a replacement for former Chief Jim Butts, declined comment.

SMPD Lt. Alex Padilla, who would neither confirm nor deny Seabrooks' involvement in

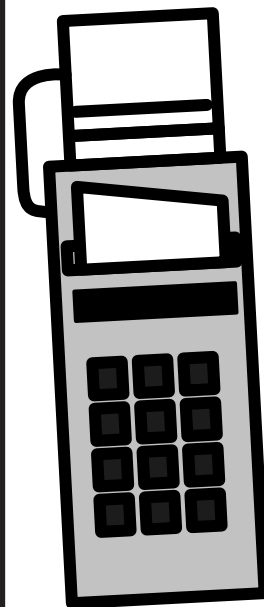
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An ostrich could symbolize our city
Editor:

On Aug. 9 (“Standing on firm ground”), you show a picture of the Farmers’ Market at Fourth Street and Arizona Avenue. There is a six-foot gap between the truck and the police car which form part of the “barricade.” Some barricade! Have you ever watched high-speed chases on TV? A fast moving car (such as Russell Weller’s, with his foot firmly planted on the accelerator), if aimed at the six-foot gap, would knock the police car aside like a toy. All the careless people complacently strolling around would be knocked down like nine pins.

I remember when I first came to Santa Monica 10 years ago and first saw the Farmers’ Market, and noticed that there was nothing but a plastic “barrier” between me and an approaching car. I thought: “If that driver makes a mistake and drives straight ahead, I’m dead.” I got out of there fast and never went back.

Here we are again. It’s still lethally dangerous. How dumb can people be? We should adopt the ostrich as the official bird of Santa Monica.

Neil Macaulay
Santa Monica

Take a walk, Bauer
Editor:

(Re: Bill Bauer’s column, “Relieve congestion? Reduce development,” Aug. 6)

I hear his frustration, but Mr. Bauer needs to realize that the golden age of the car in Southern California, where people have a sense of entitlement to drive their single-occupancy vehicle any time, any place, anywhere they want with cheap gasoline, affordable parking and minimal congestion, is now over and will only continue to decline in the future. While (Bauer) may be unhappy that needed public transit and pedestrian improvements like bus-only lanes and traffic signals make life more difficult for him as a motorist, I would take his commentary more seriously if he would indicate what behavior changes he’s willing to make to alleviate the traffic problems himself. How many bus rides will he commit to a week? Where is he now willing to walk, bike or bus in the future that, as of now, he’s currently driving? Among a frustrated motorist’s options are moving closer to work or finding jobs closer to home or major transit lines so that transit is more viable. (Bauer) could also find a place to live where it is possible to walk to his grocery store, dry cleaners, pharmacy and Starbucks, of which Santa Monica has such areas. But I won’t be shedding any tears or losing any sleep because driving a single-occupancy vehicle is increasingly more difficult.

Public transit and pedestrian improvements don’t exist to benefit single-occupancy motorists who are clinging to the past or are waiting for someone else to change their behavior. Congestion is only going to get worse in the future and, therefore, more public transit and pedestrian projects will be required in the years to come. Whether or not single-occupancy drivers like the changes, everyone will end up modifying their behavior in some way out of economic and environmental necessity.

I do agree with Mr. Bauer’s comment that “public transit must be more convenient and inviting.” To support that, I suggest he use his column, instead, to advocate the Daily Press’ readership to lobby and demand that Sacramento and Washington politicians support public transit funding.

Dan Wentzel
Santa Monica

Light at the end of the tunnel
Editor:

Last weekend, America came one giant step closer to a true clean energy future. On Saturday, the House of Representatives made history by passing, for the first time, a minimum 15 percent, by 2020, renewable electricity standard. This bill, which promises to jump-start a national market for clean resources like solar and wind power, wouldn’t have passed without the leadership of Speaker Nancy Pelosi as well as the support of Congressperson Henry Waxman.

Now, it is up to the Senate to put this important clean energy bill on the president’s desk.

Sam Menefee-Libey
Los Angeles



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August mailbag:
Blowing smoke

ONCE AGAIN, IT’S “YOUR TURN” TIME here. Below, you’ll find some readers’ responses to my recent columns. As always, I encourage you to send me your comments, not just so you’ll have a chance to have them printed here, but because I really care what you think. It’s also the only way I can tell if anyone’s reading my column.

I wrote about how our society has come to treat smokers as pariahs, banishing them to huddle in front of office buildings and restaurants. Some of the responses:

LAWANDORDER66: “I got news for all of you. There are a lot of things that you are around every day that are going to kill you faster than secondhand smoke.”

DALLISON7: “We are told we should be tolerant of a man who puffs on another man’s wiener, but not tolerant of a man who puffs on a cigar!!”

In another column, I was hoping that the “Live Free or Die” state would join the rest of the 50 states in making seatbelt use mandatory.

JOHN: “The only reason I don’t wear a seatbelt is because in New York it’s mandatory. The same with headlights I am sick of the nanny state our government has become.”

TODDPW01: “Natural selection will eliminate the people who weren’t wearing seatbelts when they really should have.”

LADYDIANE63: “As someone who has survived a rollover car accident because I was wearing my seatbelt, I would like to impress upon the people of New Hampshire the importance of wearing them at all times. I was less than a mile from home when my accident occurred and if I had not had it on, I would not be here today.”

In another column, I talked about outsourcing. I discussed the fact that an American tutoring company hired teachers in India to tutor American students over the phone in various subjects — including English.

MARIA: “I hate when I call an entity and the person with whom I talk to is not in the USA. I refuse to go on with the conversation.”

JARROD: “India is the third largest English-speaking nation in the world ... More Indians speak English at home than do Australians or Canadians. Therefore, it shouldn’t be surprising that they can provide grammar lessons, especially when they hold an M.A. or Ph.D. in English or literature.”

LILVINNYB: “It’s very simple: Refuse to do business with companies that outsource.”

I wrote a column about “Scooter” Libby after he was sentenced — but before the president commuted his sentence.

ED: (contrasting him to Paris Hilton) “Scooter Libby likely will get off with a judicial slap on the wrist, or a pardon, and he is guilty of a lot more than poor taste or neglecting his underwear.”

MBCSMITH: “Clinton pardoned some of the WORST thieves and tax dodgers in history. His list of pardons SMELLED of graft and money in his pockets.”

SCLAIRES: “If GW Bush even tries to pardon Libby, that is the time for immediate impeachment proceedings to begin. Libby broke the cover of an undercover CIA agent, which is more than against the law. It’s against all humanity to do that.”

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In one column, I asked the question, “Why is everybody so angry these days?”

BRIAN: “If people are rude to you in traffic, move here to Texas. World’s most polite drivers. Concealed-carry pistol permits have improved everyone’s behavior.”

MIKE: “The explanation is easy. Everyone has been raised in the last two generations to expect to get exactly what we want and when we want it!!”

JACK: “I think the use of computers and other tech devices is psychologically conditioning us like Pavlov and his dogs. Over time, using these devices feeds our desire to have things our way, to be in control.”

BILL: “I decided a long time ago to turn down the stress where I can. I make it a point to get up 20 minutes earlier than needed so I can spend at least 15 minutes talking to and rubbing the ears and nose of my 95 lb lab (dog) ... So just remember, if you get uptight, use my solution: ‘You have to stop and rub the noses.’”

I look forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, stop and rub the noses.

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STRAY talk

A CENTER-CUT, NO-FAT REVIEW OF WHAT WAS SAID THIS PAST WEEK BY FOLKS THE WORLD OVER AND RIGHT AT HOME

"They don't want a dark chocolate sister laying around their swimming pool."

— Evia Moore, creator of an interracial marriage blog, on why black men prefer white women to black women

"Families shouldn't be worried about keeping the kids out of the water so they don't get sick."

— David Beckman, a senior attorney with the NRDC and director of its California Coastal Water Quality Program, on L.A. County's poor beach water ratings

"I would sooner, in exactly what I'm wearing, walk on the surface of the moon."

— Charlie Sheen, when asked if he would comply with ex-wife Denise Richard's rumored request to donate sperm so that she may have another child

"I agree that the so-called moderates are not as consistent ... it is eco-narcissism."

— Dr. Keith Lockitch, a resident fellow of the Ayn Rand Institute, on the sudden popularity of environmentalism as a look, rather than a way of life

"And all you women out there who say love can change anything? You know what it can do? It can get you in a lot of trouble."

— Country singer Wynonna Judd on knowing about her ex-husband's addiction problems, but still marrying him. Her ex was arrested in March for sexually assaulting a minor while in rehab

"It seems wimpy, insipid, childish. I don't want to be considered vapid and uninteresting."

— Michelle Heller, on why she doesn't order a salad on first dates. A NY Times article reported that more women are ordering meat, rather than salads, on first dates, partially to avoid stereotypes.

"There's worst things that could go in there."

— Page Morris, owner of La Partie, a Montana Avenue retail store, on the opening of a Pinkberry store in an area where people pride themselves on the lack of chain stores

"I was exposed to exactly the same things they were exposed to. So in that sense, I'm one of them."

— Rudy Guliani, presidential hopeful, backtracking after having made statements where he claimed to have been at ground zero the same amount of time, if not more, as the 9/11 cleanup workers

"I never even think about it."

— Garrick Ebbins, a shopper at the Wednesday Farmers' Market, on being disaffected by the latest farmers' market crash where a 79-year-old man drove his mini-van through a street market in Fullerton

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The QLine

SMPD WAS RIGHT ON

This past week, Q-line asked:

Do you think that SMPD went too far or did they do the right thing in issuing the warning to the public regarding known pedophile Jack McClellan?

Here are your responses:

"SANTA MONICA POLICE SHOULD CONTINUE what they're doing with the posting of the bulletin of the child molester. It's a great service for the city of Santa Monica."

"THE SANTA MONICA POLICE DEPARTMENT absolutely did the right thing about alerting the public about this brazen creep's presence among us. However he's not the only one, by far. Parents and caretakers must be ever vigilant in this dangerous society of today. These creeps are lurking everywhere, and we must gently but firmly warn our children about the presence of bad people among us. Let's not have any more tragedies with children."

"YES, I THINK IT'S VERY NECESSARY that these pedophiles are alerted to the public. It was really sad when that poor young boy in San Fernando was sodomized by some creep, so I think the Santa Monica Police Department did a justifiable thing."

"THAT WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. Society has to be protected from threats, whether its diseases, disasters, or perverts like this guy. Authorities have to publicize it so people know to protect themselves from these guys. He says he hasn't done anything illegal but its only a matter of time before he does, because perverts like that cannot control their urges. He should be put away for life because he doesn't belong in society and he does not deserve to be cared for."

"THE FIRST GUT REACTION TO THE POLICE alerting us about a potential pedophile is that this is great. However, does this now give our police the right to slander everybody? Sally with a cigarette in the park? Al the jaywalker? Bob with a joint? Tom played his music too loud? Bill has parking tickets? There needs to be some standard criteria for the police to blacklist people. Otherwise, we might find everyone being publicly humiliated by the police."

"OF COURSE SANTA MONICA POLICE Department did the right thing to put his picture on the bulletin. Maybe they will save one or two children he would've molested. Maybe his constitutional rights was violated, but so what? I really think they did the right thing."

"MY THOUGHTS: ABSOLUTELY NOT. I may not always agree with SMPD, but I am an adult who is childless. I was actually in the children's section of the public library, the main branch, looking for a Harry Potter for a friend of mine, a young girl. The library was filled with unattended children ... parents dumped their children there as a baby-sitting technique. The police are correct to post a warning in that library. If parents watched their kids and supervised them more, we wouldn't have potential pedophiles running through the public library. I fully agree with SMPD and its warning, not to scare parents but to get them to do their job better and watch their children. Don't treat the library or any public park as a daycare center."

"NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THE SMPD absolutely did the right thing. Parents in the community have been in a frenzy about this man, and deserved to obtain some accurate information. I have a young daughter. While I abhor Jack McClellan's conduct, I want to point out the obvious: He was not born a pedophile. He's a child of god and needs help. How is it that he gets government disability checks to sustain an abhorrent lifestyle. That money would be better used for intensive mental health counseling."

"BY THE MOST PART, LAW ENFORCEMENT agencies are galvanized into action constitutionally after a crime has been committed. Then, arrests are made. This enables law

enforcement agencies the ability to offer evidence to the judges prosecutors and juries of the judicial court system. Jack McClellan and any other photographer taking pictures in public at random is not breaking the law. The United States Constitution does not give any American the right to privacy, only freedom and liberty. I personally believe that the SMPD was pressured into filing a worthless restraining order on Jack McClellan, a person who extended a great deal of energy bringing attention to himself and his kinky persona into the limelight for his 15 minutes of fame. In my opinion, the protesting of the pedophile in the United States or internationally is a tremendous hypocrisy. Television commercials use children wearing skimpy costumes. A well known commercial sunscreen advertisement displays a young female child displaying part of her bare, sunburned bottom. Young girls are displayed in beauty contests baring partially nude bodies wearing show-girl costumes. B-rated movies use underage children in the cast. With total disregard of the immoral aspects of their perverted actions, wealthy American businessmen flying internationally to Asian countries for child prostitution is prevalent. I trust that those reading my comments understand that I personally believe children should be protected from perverts who take advantage of their innocence and in doing so eliminate any chance that the child may remain physically or morally pristine. There should also be severe laws that inhibit mothers and fathers from tempting their children to known celebrity perverts and anyone else who has the ticket price."

"THE SMPD DEFINITELY DID THE RIGHT thing in issuing this warning to the public about this predator, It says in there: While he admits to being attracted to children, he has yet to act on it."

"THE SANTA MONICA POLICE DEPARTMENT should be consistent in what they do. We have a number of homeless people in our town, many of them probably are pedophiles, but we never get notified about them. But when somebody else comes to town that is, we are. They should practice evenness."

"THERE'S NO QUESTION WHAT THE right thing is. The issue is a pedophile's rights versus a child's rights. A child needs an informed adult to clue them in."

"YES, THE SMPD ABSOLUTELY DID THE right thing by warning the public about the pedophile who was taking photos of children. This man may not have acted out his own desires, but he certainly is encouraging other people to do so, and those people are also a threat to our children. We're lucky to have a police department that will take this kind of action on our behalf."

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LIVING LARGE: Reggie the alligator has posh new digs at the Los Angeles Zoo.

Reggie at home

L.A. Zoo welcomes alligator who defied professional wranglers

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Reggie, the alligator that cruised an urban lake for nearly two years while eluding what were purported to be some of the world's best gator wranglers, was introduced to adoring fans on Thursday at his new home in the Los Angeles Zoo.

The 7 1/2-foot-long, 114-pound alligator was brought in to his own exhibit area to cheers and chants of "We want Reggie." Hundreds of people, many wearing Reggie T-shirts and alligator hats, watched as about a dozen handlers lugged the gator into the compound, his jaws wrapped up in a towel and duct tape.

He was unwrapped and, after a nudge or two, slid into his pool.

The zoo has six other American alligators and two Chinese alligators. But Reggie gets his own fenced pond, which features a waterfall and marshy plantings.

"I think he'll be happy here. He's got a luxury suite, it's absolutely gorgeous," Councilwoman Janice Hahn said. "It's a great ending to a great story."

Reggie was spotted in Harbor City's Machado Lake in August 2005. Authorities say a man who illegally raised Reggie as a pet dumped the gator in the lake when it got too big.

Over the next two years, Reggie cruised

the 53-acre lagoon, apparently dining on frogs, crayfish and the occasional tortillas and chicken leg left by visitors and park officials. He outwitted several efforts by professional wranglers to capture him as his fame spread.

The city spent about \$180,000 trying to grab Reggie and on security measures to protect lakegoers from him, said Hahn, whose council district includes Harbor City.

The gator was finally corralled in May after a park maintenance worker spotted Reggie catching some sun on a lake bank.

Zoo officials quarantined Reggie until his official unveiling.

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Janice Hahn
Los Angeles Councilwoman

The gator, believed to be 7 or 8 years old, is still growing and could become 10 feet long and weigh 350 pounds, said zoo director John Lewis.

"We are proud to offer the alligator a safe haven and even happier to have this opportunity to speak to the importance of not releasing exotic animals into the wild ecosystem," Lewis said.

Supervisors want state help

By the Associated Press

SAN BERNARDINO Supervisors asked Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to declare a state of emergency in Lucerne Valley after water trucks supplying desert residents were impounded by the state, which said it acted after residents complained of the quality of their water.

The governor's office was reviewing the request on Thursday.

The California Highway Patrol and state health officials impounded the trucks because haulers supplying eight desert communities were delivering non-potable water in unlicensed tanker trucks.

"We took action in the Lucerne Valley in response to concerns raised in the community of the quality of water there," said Suanne Buggy, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Public Health. "Our top priority is ensuring local residents have access to safe, clean water for use in their homes."

She said the agency was "taking every step available to ensure safe, clean water is available to residents immediately."

Most residents purchased the water to drink but said they didn't mind using it for showers, evaporative coolers and toilet flushing. Some have now shut off swamp coolers and stopped flushing toilets to save water.



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Muslims set aside differences

BY JULIANA BARBASSA
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Muslims of all backgrounds, whether Shia or Sunni, born in San Jose or Afghanistan, recent immigrants or recent converts, will to put aside tensions to share on Saturday the thrill of a good roller-coaster ride.

Over 4,000 people are expected at Santa Clara's Great America amusement park for Muslim Unity Day, organizers said.

"There are no lectures," said Asma Mangrio, who co-founded the event, now it its third year. "We just want everyone to have fun together."

Mangrio, of Pakistani descent, grew up in Chicago where the annual family visit to an amusement park was the highlight of her holidays. When thinking of a way to connect Muslims divided by social, economic or sect

differences, she fell back on those summer days with her family.

"We all pray the same way, eat halal food, greet each other the same way," she said. "It's important for us to see those similarities."

In 2004, two of the largest Muslim organizations arranged for exclusive use of Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, N.J., for a day. Critics charged that not letting others in was discriminatory. But Muslim Unity Day is kept open to all, as part of the purpose is to help others see Muslims in a positive light, said Mangrio.

Calls to Great America for comment were not immediately returned.

The crowds are drawn to Muslim Unity Day, as to other themed days targeted to specific nationalities or religious groups, by the prospect having a day when they can be comfortable with their practices, said Mangrio.

Special areas are designated for observance of the five daily prayers. Muslim-themed country music, Urdu alternative rock and Moroccan jazz fusion will waft through the park at the end of the day, interrupted only by the sunset and evening calls to worship.

Families can picnic, counting on religiously permissible food brought in to satisfy their various preferences, from spicy Pakistani dishes and Arabic shwarma sandwiches to halal hamburgers and hot dogs made with specially slaughtered and blessed meat.

While Muslim Unity day may be a new phenomenon, amusement parks have a long-standing tradition of religious events, a trade group said.

"Religious and church group visits go back to the beginnings of the industry," said David Mandt, a spokesman with the

International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions.

Like Mangrio, who was struck by the feeling of being in the majority for the first time in her life at one of these events, Sunnyvale resident Zakia Pathan said attending last year's event moved her.

She plans to take her two children, now toddlers, to the event once they grow up enough to enjoy the experience.

"You feel proud inside," she said. "When you see the number of people who are there. It's huge."

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Jurors in Phil Spector murder trial tour producer's home

BY LINDA DEUTSCH | AP Special Correspondent

ALHAMBRA Jurors in the Phil Spector murder trial were taken on a tour of his mansion Thursday where several of them tried to duplicate the scene of Lana Clarkson's death by sitting in a chair in the foyer and assuming the position her body was found in on the night she died.

After jurors took an initial run-through of the house, they gathered outside and formulated a list of 10 things they wanted to see and do, which they presented to Superior Court Judge Larry Paul Fidler.

One of them was to sit in a chair that was a copy of the one police found Clarkson slumped in, her legs extended, on Feb. 3, 2003. She had died of a bullet wound through the mouth.

Prosecutors say Spector killed the 40-year-old actress when she tried to leave the house. Defense lawyers say she killed herself.

Spector and his wife, Rachele, wearing casual clothes, stood near the doorway as the jurors entered, along with lawyers and the judge, who conducted a brief court session before the tour, telling jurors where they could and could not wander inside the mansion.

Spector's wife stood arm-in-arm with her husband and both of them appeared somber as they watched a procession of jurors and alternates weave through the house in groups of six each.

Outside, a fountain in the home's courtyard was running, splashing loudly, and among the jurors' questions was whether it was the one that was running on the night of the killing. It was.

Several jurors also sat in a car that was parked in the courtyard to replicate the vehicle Spector's chauffeur was sitting in when he said he heard a loud noise.

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PROUD SOLDIERS: Military recruiters are getting inventive when it comes to attracting recruits. Photo courtesy Department of Defense

Recruiters get creative to boost military ranks

BY KIMBERLY HEFLING
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Need a down-payment for your home? Seed money to start a business? The Army wants to help — if you're willing to join up.

Despite spending nearly \$1 billion last year on recruiting bonuses and ads, Army leaders say an even bolder approach is needed to fill wartime ranks.

Under a new proposal, men and women who enlist could pick from a "buffet" of incentives, including up to \$45,000 tax-free that they accrue during their career to help buy a home or build a business. Other options would include money for college and to pay off student loans.

An Associated Press review of the increasingly aggressive recruiting offerings found the Army is not only dangling more sign-up rewards — it's loosening rules on age and weight limits, education and drug and criminal records.

It's all part of an Army effort to fill its ranks even as the percentage of young people who say they plan to join the military has hit a historic low — 16 percent by the Pentagon's own surveying — in the fifth year of the Iraq war.

In June, the Army failed to meet its recruitment target for the second month in a row, although it apparently met its goal to recruit 9,750 troops in July and is on target for 80,000 for the year that ends Sept. 30.

As part of a push to make its 2007 goals, the Army is boosting the size of its 8,000-member recruiting force with 1,000 to 2,000 assistants.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates wants to increase the size of the active-duty Army by 65,000 to a total of 547,000 within five years. In part, that's to ease the wartime strain on the Army, which is the largest branch of the military.

"Recruiting next year and beyond will remain challenging and will ... require additional innovative approaches," said Lt. Col. Michael Rochelle, the Pentagon's deputy chief of staff for personnel. He asked lawmakers last week on Capitol Hill for money to pay for the new program.

Rochelle described the latest offering as an updated version of the Army's college fund, a popular program started in 1982

to help soldiers pay for college.

The Army would like to start a pilot program targeting 500 people who might not otherwise considering joining. In the pilot, the takers who complete a 4-year enlistment would be eligible for up to \$30,000 in incentives. Eventually, the Army wants to offer up to \$45,000.

Beyond the Iraq war, the military says other factors have affected its ability to recruit. More high school graduates are going to college, and the economy is strong, providing lots of civilian jobs. At the same time, only three of 10 people between 17 and 24 fully meet the military's standards.

Less obvious factors have also decreased the recruitment pool. They include higher obesity rates, more people diagnosed with mental health conditions such as attention-deficit disorder, more criminal citations due to the increase of the drinking age from 18 to 21.

"The numbers of people who meet our enlistment standards is astonishingly low," said Michael Dominguez, principal deputy undersecretary of defense.

Among the changes that have helped attract more recruits:

- Increasing to \$20,000 the bonus for troops who join by Sept. 30 and leave for boot camp within a month.
- Raising the enlistment age to 42.
- Allowing recruits to come in with non-offensive tattoos on their hands and neck.
- Offering a \$2,000 bonus to Army soldiers who refer a new recruit.
- Enlisting recruits who don't meet weight standards and must trim down their first year.
- Advertising that targets potential recruits' parents.
- Increasing the number of recruits with general education diplomas rather than regular high school diplomas.
- Creating a more pleasant boot camp environment.
- Sending "gung-ho" soldiers fresh from boot camp or war zones back to their hometowns to visit old friends and schoolmates to promote the Army.
- Increasing to more than 15 percent the number of Army and Army Reserve troops given waivers for medical and moral reasons.

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Canning gains in popularity

BY ANNMARIE TIMMINS

Associated Press Writer

It's no wonder more people reach for can openers than for canners.

No matter how wonderful the jams, jellies and pickles it produces, this decidedly old-fashioned method of preserving the harvest usually calls for huge batches of produce and hours of standing over a steaming vat of boiling water.

For time-strapped families who gather their produce at the grocer instead of the backyard garden, that just doesn't work.

But that might be changing. The canning industry is updating its image, offering fashionable takes on formerly utilitarian equipment, as well as easier and healthier small-batch recipes, some of which don't even require cooking.

Consumers seem to be responding.

"All of a sudden, canning is starting to rise," says Anne Zander, a family and consumer science extension agent with Colorado State University. "It's because people are hearing through the media that they should eat produce and eat locally."

A few generations ago, canning and home preserving was an essential means of putting up (as it is known) food for winter. But the advent of processed food coupled with families' demanding schedules have slowly eroded this art.

Today, it is estimated that just a quarter of families can, according to the National Center for Home Food Preservation at the University of Georgia



Photo courtesy of Department of Agriculture

JUST CAN IT: Many people shun the time-honored method of canning these days. Innovations to the practice is reviving the practice these days.

Working to reverse that has meant the companies that sell canning supplies and develop recipes began focusing less on handling the harvest (and more involved preserving, such as meat canning) and more on hobby canning.

Most people today are interested in canning salsas, jams, jellies and pickles, says Elizabeth Andress, a food safety specialist

with the home food preservation center.

Which doesn't mean that some of the more basic recipes are gone.

Vegetables still were the most frequently canned item, according to the center's 2000 survey. And Andress says in places such as Alaska, Washington and Oregon many people still can fish.

The latest edition of the 100-year-old can-

ning tome, the "Ball Blue Book," tries to appeal to both crowds, still offering old standby recipes for wax beans and corn, but now also featuring low- and no-sugars jams, low-salt pickles and quick no-cook freezer jams.

Canning supplies themselves also have become more consumer friendly, says Lauren Devine, a product research and test kitchen scientist for Muncie.

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Scientists go hunting for rare right whale

BY MARY PEMBERTON
Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska Scientists are hunting this summer for one of the most precariously positioned animals on the planet — Pacific right whales.

The whales, once prized by commercial whalers, have been teetering on extinction for decades. The search for the slow-moving behemoths is being prompted by the search for a less rare but increasingly valuable commodity — oil and gas in the Bering Sea.

The problem is that the area where the whales have shown up in surprising numbers in recent years overlaps an area the federal government earlier this year approved for oil and gas development. Lease sales in the southeastern Bering Sea are proposed for 2011.

It is an unfortunate juxtaposition, said Brendan Cummings, oceans program director for the Center for Biological Diversity, which is fighting the federal government's five-year oil and gas development plan for the Bering Sea. He said that it is no surprise that the U.S. Minerals Management Service is funding the whale survey.

"Their existence is so tenuous as it is," Cummings said. "Any new research is completely welcomed. The unfortunate irony of it is that the impetus to do this research is propelled in part by the Department of the Interior proposal to open up right whale critical habitat to oil and gas leasing."

Last year, the center was successful in getting the National Marine Fisheries Service to designate almost 36,000 square miles of the Bering Sea as critical habitat for the whales. Some of that designated habitat is within the



Photo courtesy NOAA

ELUSIVE MAMMAL: The rare right whale is proving too difficult to be spotted by scientists.

North Aleutian Basin, an area that the Bush administration has proposed to open up for oil and gas leasing.

This summer's survey is part of a larger four-year project to assess the seasonal distribution of the whales, their numbers and where they go.

With oil and gas development looming, the more detailed information is required under the Endangered Species Act. Right

whales have been listed as endangered since the early 1970s.

It's believed that perhaps 11,000 of the slow-moving whales once swam the Northern Pacific. Current estimates put the number at less than 100, perhaps fewer than 50.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration scientists are being joined by colleagues from Russia, the Dominican Republic, Brazil and South Africa in the sur-

vey, which will cover about 42,471 square miles in the Bering Sea.

The ESA requires that an assessment be made of how oil and gas development could affect the few whales left. That means finding out how many whales there are and where they go, said Alex Zerbini, a whale biologist with the National Marine Mammal Laboratory in Seattle.

"We don't know whether these whales actually move to the lease area. If they don't, the impacts could potentially be smaller than if they move into the lease area," he said.

The last survey in 2004 found a surprising number of whales at the summer feeding grounds, including two calves. Evidence that the whales were reproducing has raised hopes that perhaps they will not go extinct after all.

On July 31, nine researchers departed Dutch Harbor aboard the NOAA vessel Oscar Dyson and headed to the summer feeding grounds about 200 miles away. The scientists will spend two weeks on the research vessel followed by another two weeks on a chartered fishing vessel.

To aid in finding the whales, scientists are carrying "big eye binoculars" — high-powered binoculars capable of seeing seven miles. They also will have underwater microphones, called hydrophones, that can pick up whale sounds up to 50 miles away.

Zerbini said the most important question is where do the whales go? Scientists don't even know where the whales spend the winter, he said.

"We know very little about this population," Zerbini said.



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Feeling 'Sicko' all over again

Health care proposals shine spotlight on state's uninsured

BY EMILY SKEHAN | Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE In a year of health care hype — with the passage of a universal health coverage bill in Massachusetts last April, the media buzz surrounding Michael Moore's film "Sicko," and three state reform proposals that have shined a spotlight on California's uninsured — this weekend is one to watch.

On Saturday, Sen. Sheila Kuehl, who represents Santa Monica, will be one of the key speakers at a downtown rally in support of non-profit universal health insurance coverage SB 840, a bill she is sponsoring. The same morning, Santa Monica Michael Rodriguez will be among those randomly selected to share their opinions on health care with lawmakers such as Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Assembly Speaker Fabian Nuñez at the CaliforniaSpeaks conference in Hollywood.

"I'm just blown away," said Karen Weiler, a Santa Monica resident who had just exited a showing of "Sicko," Moore's investigative documentary about the for-profit American health care system. "Here, you think you live in the richest, greatest country in the world, but in terms of taking care of ourselves, there's no unity."

The currently uninsured Weiler hadn't heard of the health care proposals making a splash in the Capitol, but said she would support universal health care by any name — as long as it was honest and had no strings attached.

"I think one of the reasons "Sicko" was so stunning to many people was because it wasn't about the problems facing people who don't have health insurance, but about the problems facing those who do," said Sen. Kuehl on Friday.

There are currently more than 6.5 million Californians without health insurance — more than any other state in the nation. Three competing health care

reform proposals, including Kuehl's, are circulating in Sacramento this summer in attempts to address the issue, with plans ranging from mandated insurance to universal, government-administered coverage.

THE OPTIONS

In January, Gov. Schwarzenegger and his staff unveiled a comprehensive proposal that would require every Californian who files a state income tax return to carry a minimum level of health insurance.

Under the Schwarzenegger plan, employers with more than 10 workers must spend a minimum on employees' health care or pay a fee to the state. This reform would cover 4.1 million more Californians — about three quarters of those who are currently uninsured — and cost approximately \$12 billion, to be funded by employer fees, new fees on physicians and hospitals and new federal money for public programs.

"The governor's reform aims to fix the broken health care system and address hidden taxes," said deputy press secretary Sabrina Lockhart. "It relies on everyone in the state taking equal responsibility."

One alternative to this proposal is Assembly Bill 8, sponsored by Nuñez and Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, which passed the assembly in June, the Senate Health Committee in July, and was subsequently referred to the Appropriations Committee, where it remains today.

The bill, which would cover about 3.4 million more Californians than are currently insured, and cost approximately \$8.3 billion — to be funded with employer fees and increased federal support — follows a "play or pay" system for employers.

The bill would reform the private insurance market by creating simplified medical underwriting, such as a standardized application form for all insurance companies that would clearly underline what pre-existing conditions might make a patient uneligible. It would also require health plans to offer three uniform benefit packages to allow for comparison shopping.

A third health care reform plan is that sponsored by state Senator Sheila Kuehl of the 23rd district.

Senate Bill 840 would cover all Californians through a single-payer system where every resident pays into the system through taxes, receives state-administered insurance and gets to choose their own doctor. In this system, private insurance companies would be eliminated, except in cases of supplemental coverage.

SB 840 would initially cost the state approximately \$6 million to transition from private insurance to state-controlled coverage, but Kuehl commissioned a Lewin Group study that concluded the system would eventually provide significant savings to the state by eliminating most administrative costs. The bill would be funded by an increase in payroll taxes — anticipated at 3 to 4 percent for individuals and 8 percent for employers, an additional income tax on those earning more than \$200,000 and anticipated administrative and prescription drug savings.

"Sen. Kuehl has introduced the only plan that has any hope of containing health care costs without dismantling the system," said Kuehl's representative Sara Rogers, who says her office constantly hears from constituents who cannot afford insurance, or who are covered but not receiving quality care. "It takes insurance companies out of the role where they are making important health care decisions that should be left to physicians and patients."

Gov. Schwarzenegger vetoed the bill last year and is anticipated to do so again if the revised version makes its way to his desk.

"One out of every eight Americans lives in California," said Kuehl, "so all the information we have about the crisis in American health care is worse in California than anywhere else because of our numbers."

A BUSY WEEKEND

The three proposals will be among those issues dis-

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Bills in state's legislature give hope

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cussed today during the live, televised statewide forum entitled CaliforniaSpeaks. The event will gather thousands of California residents — including hundreds of Los Angeles residents — via satellite, to share their voices with legislators.

Gov. Schwarzenegger, Nuñez, Perata, Assembly Republican Leader Mike Villines, and other Republican and Democratic legislators involved with CaliforniaSpeaks will be attending events across California today.

Long-time Santa Monica resident Michael Rodriguez is among those attending the Hollywood venue. Rodriguez, who has lived here for 35 years, worked as a salesman for a chemical manufacturer for seven years before losing his position. He is currently uninsured, and shortly after losing his employer-provided health insurance, had to go to the emergency room for a kidney stone.

Rodriguez didn't even spend a night at the hospital, but the visit cost him \$8,000.

"In a way, I do represent Santa Monica residents," said Rodriguez. "I'm a middle class individual. I'm educated, but I've worked my entire life up until now. This one time, I didn't have health insurance and, lo and behold, I had this kidney problem just fell through the cracks.

"Something out of the blue can hit you in the pocketbook."

Rodriguez feels the conference is a great idea because "the people that are supposed to represent us in Sacramento really need to just sit down and listen to their constituents."

Somewhat hesitant to support socialized health care, he thinks it is, ultimately, the best alternative.

"When you don't have a comprehensive health care plan that's going to be affordable to the masses, people like myself resort to home remedies or just ignoring their problems because they can't see a doctor, or because they're afraid of what going to a hospital might cost them," he said this week.

Concerned Angelenos, along with grassroots campaigners and Sen. Kuehl herself, will gather on the downtown lawn of Los Angeles' City Hall today at 1 p.m. to protest health insurance profits. About 5,000 Californians are expected to attend, and the protest will feature entertainment with Lily Tomlin, live music, celebrity hosts, victims of the health care crisis, and inspirational talks from California health care reform leaders. Speakers include Sen. Kuehl and Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi.

"The significance of the rally is not only to build support for universal health care through a medicare-like system in California," said Senator Kuehl, "but also to demonstrate to the governor, to the legislature and to the press how much support there is for such a system like that in SB 840."

Andrew McGuire, executive director of Health Care For All, a non-profit that organized the event in support of SB 840, explained that Saturday's rally is the culmination of 365 days of activism across California. Beginning in small towns last August, his organization has staged protests every day across the state leading up to today's event.

"Nothing like this has ever happened



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CARING FOR HEALTH: ICU nurse Jessica Bosma takes the blood pressure of 99-year-old Virginia Davis at the Nethercutt Emergency Center. Three separate bills in Sacramento aim to insure millions more Californians and work towards universal health care.

before in our nation," he said of Saturday's event, "it's the largest rally for single-payer universal health coverage in U.S. history."

McGuire says he doubts Sen. Kuehl's bill will pass anytime soon due to political calculations, but the upcoming presidential elections might shake things up enough to facilitate change.

"I think that when we get a mass movement going, everything changes politically," he said. "I

can't predict if it's going to be this coming year or five years from now. It all depends on too many factors that are out of our control."

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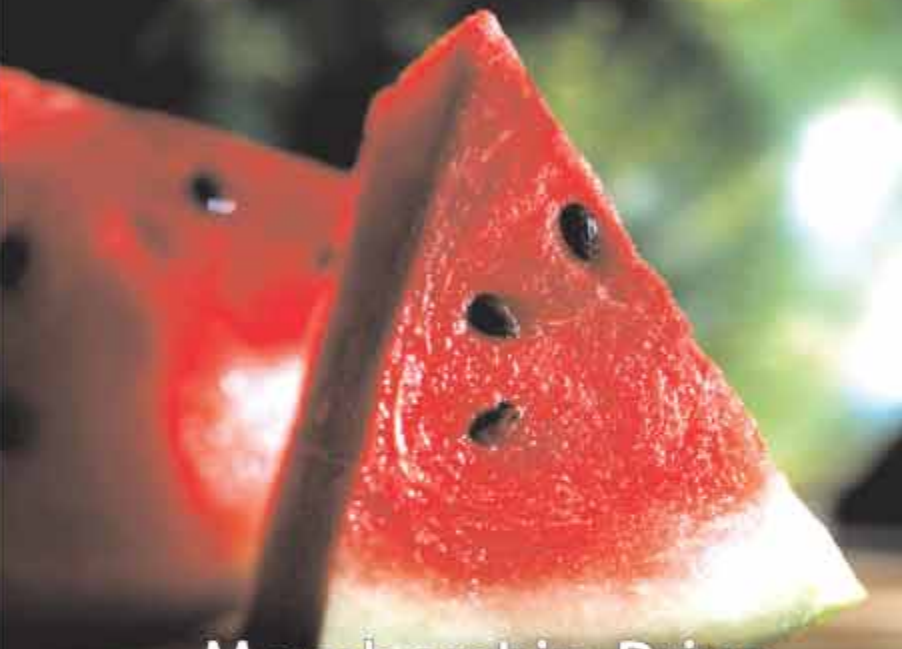


POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT

Singer-songwriter Rickie Byar Beckwith (above) of The Agape International Choir, from Culver City, belts it out during the Twilight Dance Series at the Santa Monica Pier on Thursday. The acclaimed Agape International Choir (far left) gave the night a reverent feel. Nicha and the hip-hop group Arrested Development (near left) were the headliners at this week's show at the pier.

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Officials consider new high school

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approximately 126 at Olympic High School — the district's only continuation school.

The new high school would most likely house a considerably smaller population — perhaps less than 500 — and help ease the class sizes at Samohi. The site of Olympic High School, at Ocean Park Boulevard and Lincoln Boulevard — which houses the continuation school, an adult learning education center, special education and child care centers — has been tapped as the front-running site for the new high school.

The Board of Education on Thursday discussed the possibility of forming a task force to explore the feasibility of adding another high school, researching the success of sim-



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Harry Keiley, President, Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association

ilar, smaller learning communities across the country.

The task force — which would consist of secondary school administrators, parents, district staff, teachers, the teachers union, students and school board members — would also bear the responsibility of exploring models of other small high schools that don't offer some of the tra-

ditional extracurricular activities, such as sports. The schools are specialized in nature, catering to different educational interests than a typical high school.

"The problem is, if you make it into a high school ... there isn't a lot of space at (Olympic) to develop an athletic space and a lot of things you would associate with a high school population," said Virginia Hyatt, the district's director of purchasing.

The idea of forming a committee received unanimous support from school board members and will most likely be approved for formation at its next meeting on Aug. 23. The task force would be responsible for presenting their findings by June 2008.

"I think it's a marvelous idea," said board member Jose Escarce.

California state education code requires every district to operate a continuation high school for students who fall behind in credits. If a new secondary school is built on the Olympic High site, it could share the property with the continuation school, said Superintendent Dianne Talarico on Friday.

Another option would be to find a permanent site for the continuation school as well as the Community Day School, a similar program for high school students to make up their credits. The program is currently housed at the Police Activities League on 14th Street and Olympic Boulevard.

"PAL has been kind enough to let us use it for the past two years," Talarico said. "This year, we're looking at planning to transition out of there."

This coming school year, the day school will be housed at PAL through lunch time, before moving to a classroom in Santa Monica College in the afternoon.

OTHER OPTIONS FOR OLYMPIC

There are a few other options considered for the Olympic site, which includes keeping the continuation school as is, but expanding the population from the current 125 to 250 students.

In improving the continuation school as part of the Facilities Master Plan — which outlines structural and educational improvements at the district over the next 20 years — school officials are also considering moving the day school to the Olympic site.

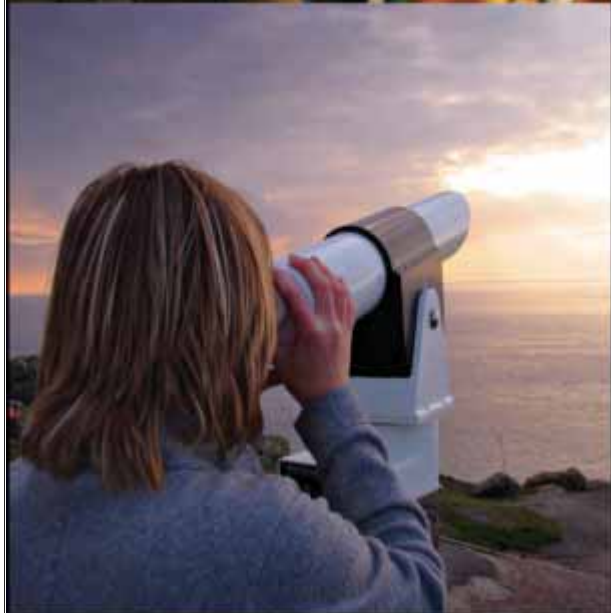
Some of the projects outlined under the master plan will be funded through revenue streams such as the \$268 million Measure BB bond money.

Harry Keiley, the president of the teacher's union, said he always drives by Olympic High School, imagining what could be developed on the site, calling it a "prime piece of property in Santa Monica."

He raised the possibility of selling the site, wondering about the property's assessed value.

"It may not be the most desirable place to build a school, but it's still a desirable piece of property — 10 blocks from the beach in Santa Monica, California," he said.

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Seabrooks to become new Inglewood chief

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the recruiting process, also declined comment on Friday.

It was rumored that Seabrooks, a 27-year-veteran of law enforcement, wanted to succeed Butts, but because the selection process was confidential, Santa Monica city officials could not say if she submitted an application.

Seabrooks, who oversees the Office of Criminal Investigations, has been described as a valuable member of the force who has been instrumental in guiding the SMPD's response to gang violence.

Under her leadership, the Office of Special Enforcement's Traffic Section expanded its focus to include grant programs enabling the implementation of various traffic-safety education programs, according to information available on SMPD's Web site.

Seabrooks was also instrumental in developing and providing training to the men and women of the SMPD in the area of cultural competencies. She provided this training to several police agencies in Louisiana and Massachusetts. As a result of her commitment in this area, the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance gained POST (California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training) certification for its "Tools for Tolerance" program.

Seabrooks has been an active supporter of the Police Activities League's (PAL) youth programs for many years. She has run the Los Angeles Marathon with the PAL youth five times and bicycled it twice.

In her spare time, when she is not teaching college-level criminal justice coursework, she serves as a volunteer tutor through a literacy program hosted by the Santa Monica Library.

"We're definitely lucky that Capt. Seabrooks has been a supporter of PAL from the very beginning," said Patty Loggins-Tazi, director of PAL. "She's incredibly smart and we're very fortunate she has been a part of the PAL program. If she is leaving, would surely miss her."

The Inglewood Police Department has roughly 300 sworn and civilian personnel and has an operating budget of \$40 million, which represents more than half of that city's general fund budget, said Michael Calzada, executive assistant to the city administrator.

Inglewood is a working class city known for being the former home of the Los Angeles Lakers and Los Angeles Kings, who played at the Great Western Forum from 1967 to 1999, until both teams moved to the Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles.

As of 2000, the city had a population of 112,580. The racial makeup of the city is 47 percent African-American, 46 percent Latino and 4 percent white, according to the census. The median income for a household in the city was \$34,269.

In recent years, the police department has struggled with allegations of police misconduct, the most publicized case being the arrest of a Donovan Jackson, a 16-year-old whose beating by the police was videotaped. A bystander's footage showed Jackson, who is black and was handcuffed, as a white officer punched him in the head and slammed him into a patrol car in 2002.



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Director of the Santa Monica Police Activities League

Khalid Shah, executive director of Stop the Violence, Increase the Peace Foundation who worked with city officials and community members to ease tension in the city after the incident, said the city still struggles with gang violence and hopes that the new chief, whomever he or she may be, will reach out to community groups and faith-based organizations to address the needs of residents and not get caught up in politics.

"The chief needs to be a partner with the community," Shah said. "I believe that is critical in terms of addressing crime and violence and continuing to bridge the gap between community based agencies and law enforcement."

"I think some tremendous progress has been made," Shah added. "But, as in all things that are difficult, this is a journey and we have got a long way to go. We've made friends (with law enforcement) but there are still some areas we need to address."

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An ultimate fighting chance

Mixed martial arts begins to take root in Santa Monica

BY GERRY SHIH | Special to the Daily Press

CIVIC CENTER As recently as the early 2000s, mixed martial arts (MMA) was considered too brutal for civilized society and, consequently banned in many states. Critics argued that no one would — or should — watch unpadded kicks meeting jawbones or one man furiously pounding the other's barely protected head while pinning him helplessly on the mat.

Fast forward to 2007, and the popularity of MMA has spread like wildfire all over America, well-heeled Santa Monica certainly being no exception. Tonight, the Total Fighting Alliance (TFA), a local organization that has dominated the MMA scene in Southern California, will host its third event in six months at downtown Civic Auditorium, and organizers are predicting a sellout.

When MMA was legalized in California two years ago, TFA immediately began producing events after becoming the first organization in California to obtain a MMA license. After the first fight was held in Carson, organizers relocated several times across the L.A. area without finding a permanent venue, that is until Santa Monica Civic hosted "Conflict on the Coast" on Feb. 24 to resounding success.

The trendy waterfront community seemed to be a good base that drew large crowds, and after another successful event in April, the Civic Auditorium was adopted as West L.A.'s home for MMA.

"It's a classic, good looking place," said TFA organizer Richard Rasmussen. "The people there, and the size of the auditorium just fit with our needs."

As of Friday, organizers for tonight's cage fight at Santa Monica Civic had sold more than 2,000 seats inside the 2,042-capacity arena, according to Rasmussen. An added attraction is the super-heavyweight class fight, featuring Santa Monica's own Cesar de la Torre.

"You got all the way from 7-year-olds with their face painted wearing TFA shirts to my buddy's 96-year-old great aunt watching our fights," said Rasmussen. "We don't have a target audience."

Truth be told, most of the crowd that shows up are indeed well to do, young or middle-aged professionals — lawyers, doctors and celebrities are well represented in the audience, Rasmussen said.

"They're not the toothless guys you'd expect," he added. "They're all good-looking people."

The sport has enjoyed a remarkable ascent in recent years, spearheaded by the multi-billion dollar company Ultimate Fighting Championship, which has been known to pull more pay-per-view audiences than most NBA Playoff games broadcast on over-the-air networks. Organizers such as TFA have piggybacked on UFC's success.

Rasmussen's fledgling production is still in the red, but he's hoping to break even after this weekend — the seventh TFA event.

The TFA is still considered the minor leagues compared to the UFC, and the fighters are perhaps dwarfed in terms of experience and martial prowess. Rasmussen's success, he figured, is based on providing good entertainment at a good value. The worst seats at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, available for \$30, might demand \$700 at an UFC event.

"[California State Athletic Commission Executive Officer] Armando Garcia said that we have the best-run show in the state of California," Rasmussen said. "Better than UFC by far. We treat our fans well and we treat our fighters well."

BRUTAL, BUT SAFE?

The star of Saturday night's main event, defending featherweight champ Armando Sanchez, said he enjoyed fighting beneath the stadium seating at the Santa Monica venue and appreciates the large crowds it can consistently draw.

But for all of Rasmussen's deft promoting, the fights intrinsically hold a more basic allure.

"It's human nature to watch fights and see two people go at it," Sanchez said. "The people who are educated in martial arts can appreciate the skill and the technique being employed."

The fighting can be ugly, without doubt. Bouts are ended when a fighter gives up after absorbing too much



Gerry Shih news@smdp.com

HOMEBOY: Hometown favorite Cesar de la Torre will represent Santa Monica in Saturday's mixed martial arts event at the Civic Auditorium. Now well established financially, de la Torre nostalgically soaks in his old apartment in the Pico Corridor.

punishment, or the referee deems that one fighter can no longer defend himself. Fighters often end up tangled on the ground, until one maneuvers himself to pin the other fighter and pound him into oblivion. Choke holds and sleeper holds are routine. Fighters often learn a variety of deadly styles: Kickboxing, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Judo, wrestling, Muy Thai and more.

Admittedly, the fights can be unnerving for the first-time viewer, and Sanchez encouraged people to approach MMA with an open mind.

To a man, the fighters are nearly unanimously in their belief that street fighting, with its literally no-holds barred nature, is infinitely more dangerous than the closely referred cage bouts.

Fighters point out that the MMA matches in fact often end prematurely, before a fighter is truly down and out. Training is usually the worst part, and the 10-minute fight is nothing in comparison to the grueling sparring, or even self-imposed conditioning regimens.

But given the apparent violence, MMA was often reviled as no more than a vicious, organized brawl inside a cage or ring, and MMA athletes have long strived to shake off the stigma as savage brutes.

Sanchez, who currently holds the featherweight title, is a computer technician with a wife and children. He wakes up at 5:30 a.m. to train and teach, and goes to work at 8 a.m., and teaches a self-defense class at Glendale Community College.

HOMETOWN REPRESENTED

De la Torre, who grew up in the Pico Corridors, a working-class neighborhood in east Santa Monica, considers

himself more of a martial artist than a cage fighter. Despite a troubled childhood and a very long history of violence, he considers himself an intellectual. A talkative and amiable 25-year-old with a fondness for laughter, he is a voracious reader who studies world religion and astronomy on his own. He owns more than 1,000 books and speaks with the vocabulary of a college post-graduate. Starting when he was 6, he would highlight every word he didn't know in a book, read it again and look it up in the dictionary.

At five-foot-eleven and 235 pounds, de la Torre is an intimidating presence. He's worked as a bouncer since he was a 240-pound 14-year old. His chest, arms, and even a kneecap are covered in tattoos.

"When people see me they see a thug or brawler," he said. "I don't want to be what they see. You can't judge a book by its cover."

De la Torre said he fights for the love of martial arts, and he's excited about his many local friends coming to watch him, but he doesn't particularly want to achieve any stardom or work his way into UFC.

The same cannot be said for most of the other fighters, who sometimes work multiple day jobs to pay the rent, and put themselves through the severe training during the hours when most other people are asleep. But before they reach the level of fighting before millions of viewers on national TV, they must claim dominance over the circuit in Santa Monica.

"UFC is where everybody wants to be," Sanchez said. "But I take it one day at a time, one fight at a time. Everything in life is never totally secure."

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Energy Department draws criticism

Battle shapes up over information in Yucca Mountain database

By the Associated Press

LAS VEGAS Battle lines are being drawn in a dispute over whether the Energy Department is providing complete information about plans to open and operate a national nuclear waste dump in Nevada.

The state and 13 environmental groups say the government hasn't met requirements for posting information on a key database before it applies to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for an operating license for the proposed Yucca Mountain repository.

THOSE ARE THE DOCUMENTS THAT EVERYONE NEEDS TO SEE IN ADVANCE, OTHERWISE, THE WHOLE LSN IS POINTLESS."

Bob Loux,

Executive director of the Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects

The Energy Department calls that claim unfounded and off-base. It's backed by the pro-repository Nuclear Energy Institute and NRC staff members.

The dispute has been aired in legal documents filed recently for consideration by a three-judge Nuclear Regulatory

Commission administrative panel.

Lawyers have clashed off and on for three years over the ground rules for reviewing millions of pages of documents relating to the government's bid to license the repository at the Yucca site, 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

The Energy Department plans to submit a license application to the NRC by next June 30. Leading to that, the government says it has posted 3.4 million documents to a pre-licensing database made available to the state and other stakeholders preparing for Nuclear Regulatory Commission license hearings.

The database, known as the Licensing Support Network, is required to be certified at least six months before DOE files its application.

Nevada attorneys filed an complaint with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission this summer saying that the Energy Department was likely to omit important documents, such as analysis model reports that would serve as the building blocks for the license application. The application itself is a highly technical document that will run thousands of pages.

Without access to key documents and time to review supporting material, state officials argue it will be difficult for Nevada to challenge the project in license hearings.

"Those are the documents that everyone needs to see in advance," said Bob Loux, executive director of the Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects, the state's anti-dump office. "Otherwise, the whole LSN is pointless."

Nevada wants the administrative judges to scrutinize the Energy Department database and require "all documentary material" to be posted.

Other advocacy groups that oppose the Yucca Mountain plan echoed the state's request in an Aug. 3 filing with the commission.



Photo courtesy Department of Energy

BATTLE SCENE: Yucca Mountain has been a source of debate for quite a few years.

They included the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada, the National Environmental Trust, Sierra Club, Citizen Alert, Public Citizen, and the Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force.

The Energy Department responded in an Aug. 3 filing that Nevada was being "alarmist" and that what the state wanted was impractical.

The Nuclear Energy Institute added that Nevada's request was "far wide of the mark" of what NRC requires and "in fact is inconsistent with common sense."

Government lawyers maintained that development of a licensing application was an ongoing process, and the department would continue to generate sup-

porting documents up to the time it submits its application.

"There is a wealth of information currently available for the participants to review," they said. "This is not a situation where a participant has deliberately delayed finalization of documents."

The Energy Department hopes by 2017 to open the repository to hold 77,000 tons or more of the nation's most highly radioactive nuclear waste for 10,000 years and beyond.

Congress approved the project in 2002, but progress toward applying for a license has been delayed by legal challenges, money shortages, scientific controversies and political opposition.

Park ranger's book lands him in fight with Olympic committee

BY CURT WOODWARD

Associated Press Writer

OLYMPIA, Wash. Jason Bausher didn't expect a legal fight when he put together a little travel guide to his favorite places on the rugged Olympic Peninsula.

Intellectual property lawyers at the U.S. Olympic Committee had other ideas.

Worried that his "Best of the Olympic Peninsula" might tread on the committee's valuable trademarks, the USOC pushed the part-time park ranger to drop his request for a trademark.

A few years back, the squabble might have ended there, with Bausher adding a simple disclaimer and going on to peddle his book at local tourist shops.

But thanks to the Internet, Bausher's \$12 booklet was suddenly reaching the world — showing once again how technology has allowed even the smallest business to blow past old notions of commerce and law.

"It is amazing how the Web has empowered laypeople," said Bob Jarvis, author of a book on sports law. "But it has also given them all kinds of opportunities to get into legal trouble."

The flap started in January, after Bausher sought a federal trademark for "Best of the Olympic Peninsula."

His application caught the attention of lawyers at the USOC, the Colorado-based organization set up by Congress to oversee the country's Olympic Games efforts.

Since it owns a near-exclusive U.S. franchise to all things Olympic, the USOC sent Bausher a cordial but stern letter, warning he could face a lawsuit unless the trademark application was withdrawn.

Bausher basically ignored the first one, thinking it was just a form mailer sent to anyone with the word "Olympic" in their business name.

After all, he figured, "Olympic" is attached to a seemingly endless stream of goods and services around here — not to mention Mount Olympus, the Olympic National Park, Olympic National Forest, and the state capital, Olympia.

"It's everywhere," Bausher said. "And for any organization to say ... 'You need to sign a form and then we will 'allow' you or 'permit' you to use that word,' seems sort of ridiculous."

The USOC's trademark rights, however, are very serious.

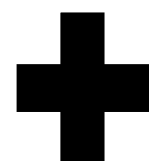
Unlike most of its counterparts around the world, America's Olympic sponsorship organization doesn't benefit from any direct government spending, spokesman Darryl Seibel said.

Instead, the USOC gets extraordinary control over the term "Olympic" and any related imagery, a right granted by federal lawmakers in the Olympic and Amateur Sports Act of 1978.

Those rights are big business for the USOC, which generates about half of its revenue from corporate sponsorship and licensing, Seibel said — about \$60 million annually.

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SAY CHEESE: Real-life screenwriters and executive producers Seth Rogen (left) and Evan Goldberg (right) pose with the actors — Jonah Hill (center left) and Michael Cera (center right) — playing the characters they named after themselves on the set of *Superbad*.

Q&A

‘Super’ hilarious

By the Associated Press

SAN DIEGO “Superbad” is the tale of three goofy teen guys who scheme to buy booze and get girls, making dirty jokes all the while. For Judd Apatow, the writer-director behind “Knocked Up” and “The 40-Year-Old Virgin,” it was love at first read.

But for years, he couldn’t get the movie made. He got the script (by “Knocked Up” star Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg) in 2000, before he had any real success. His 1999 TV series “Freaks and Geeks” was canceled by NBC before the first season was up, and his follow-up, “Undeclared,” met a similar fate on Fox.

Then came a string of hits. Apatow produced the 2004 Will Ferrell comedy, “Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy.” “Virgin” was a 2005 sleeper success (featuring Rogen as a lovable instigator), followed by the Apatow-produced 2006 film, “Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby.”

That’s when “Superbad” (in theaters Aug. 17) finally got the green light, and Apatow and Rogen — who have worked together for nearly a decade — became Hollywood darlings. The two took a break from a recent visit to Comic-Con to talk with The Associated Press about their past and future.

AP: How did you two meet?

ROGEN: We met, I guess, at my audition for “Freaks and Geeks” in Vancouver. I guess it was in like 1999.

APATOW: 1998.

ROGEN: 1998, yeah. They were at the audi-

tion that I first went to, and they laughed. ... It was the only audition I’d ever been on but I felt like it went really well.

APATOW: Waiting in line at that audition was Seth’s long struggle.

AP: What made Seth stand out?

APATOW: He seemed very angry for a young man.

ROGEN: I was!

APATOW: He seemed mad and smart ... and as I got to know Seth better, I saw all of the levels underneath. I always thought that Seth was a fun, caustic, bombastic, sweet, underdog-type of person that I would root for the way you used to root for Bill Murray or John Candy in “Stripes.” Seth had something that very few people you encounter have: he had a writer’s mind and he had his own comic point of view.

AP: What made you two want to continue working together?

ROGEN: I became much more aware of just what I was doing as the show went on and near the end, I think Judd became more aware that I wanted to write.

AP: Who’s funnier between you two?

ROGEN: The results of the funny-off haven’t come in yet.

APATOW: But we do have a competition to see who can be funnier on the talk shows between my wife (Leslie Mann), Seth, (“Superbad” star) Jonah (Hill) and myself. Paul Rudd might be in that competition, too.

BOOKREVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON

‘My River Home’

Marcus Eriksen • Beacon

CONFRONTING THE PAST DEMANDS a price both in time and in memories. This autobiography points out that all of us have ways of adjusting.

This story breaks down into three sections: Life before the river journey, life on the journey, and life after the journey. In total it offers a slice of life covering author Marcus Eriksen’s days in the Marines to his stand against the present war in Iraq. In between he takes a river ride 2,300 down the Mississippi on a raft. I feel the book, overall, is a good read.

In the first section he points out, as all boys at that time, he held a heroic myth of a warrior. “We sneaked into theaters to see our heroes in our favorite films: “Deer Hunter,” “Apocalypse Now,” and “First Blood.”

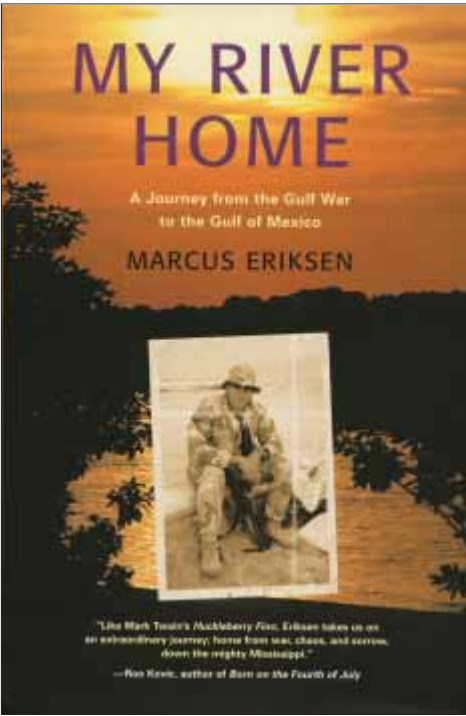
Eriksen joined the Marines when he was just 17, six days out of high school. “I begin my dissolution. All of us assume our new first name: Private... The line for haircuts doesn’t stop moving. Stripped of our external identities in one day, it will take another three months to strip our minds of individuality.”

He became the person he had dreamt of. He trained and became a member of the group. In 1986 he was honored as the Marine of the Year. “I am the Marine in the posters on my high school bedroom wall,” he recalled. “I am a warrior.”

He was sent to Iraq in 1991 to fight in the first Gulf War. He came back disillusioned. He saw the horror of the chaos he was part of. He traveled the Highway of Death on the road to Basra, Iraq where bodies of the dead “were laid in a row like sardines in the middle of the southbound lanes.” He even had recurring dreams of Kuwait.

In the second section he constructs a raft constructed of 232 empty soda bottles and recycled junk named “Bottle Rocket.” It is on this raft that he rode down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico. This journey was started after 9/11 and the sending of troops back to Iraq. Eriksen was shocked. He wanted to do something.

The people he reconnects with on



the way help him to reconnect with himself. “I sought to recover the freedom I had lost and to understand the bitterness and anger that engulfed me.” He traveled for a period that covered four months and 2,300 miles. “This was a chance to reconnect with America, find forgiveness, and reclaim my life.”

Section three finds him helping set up Arlington West, not as a protest but as a way that the public could remember it was people involved in the war not just numbers. He also took the memorial on the road as he traveled. He traveled from Alabama, to the White House, to Ground Zero in New York

He summarizes, “Forgiveness begins with sharing your past. It’s talking with other vets who know you without knowing you. Telling your story releases the burden of horror and grief from your memory.”

In the telling of this portion of his life, Eriksen helps us remember war is not a movie consisting of heroes and non-heroes, but of people. It has a cost, not just to others but to yourself. This book should be read by people who need to know the effects of war upon the individual.

DANE enjoys reading books and doing reviews. How is he doing? Contact him at smdp_review@yahoo.com.

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NEW RELEASE

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FAIRY TALE FOR BIG KIDS: 'Stardust' is a stylistic vision of children's fables.

'Stardust' ★★★

"Stardust," a fairy tale for grown-ups, follows the adventures of a star that falls from the sky in the form of an ethereal blond named Yvaine, whose magical abilities make her the target of various people with nefarious plans.

But it's the return of a star you already know and haven't seen much of in recent years that will leave you feeling dazzled.

Michelle Pfeiffer is deliciously evil as a witch who wants to cut out Yvaine's heart and eat it to gain eternal youth and beauty for herself and her sisters. (Well, mainly for herself.) She shows great comic timing and isn't afraid to play with her glamorous image, or look grotesque when her character, Lamia, is at her most decayed and desperate.

Rather, she seems to be reveling in such an unexpected turn, and the film's wildly vivid makeup and special effects bring her even more to life as Lamia morphs from wretched to ravishing and back again.

Based on the novel by Neil Gaiman, "Stardust" definitely has more than enough imagination and whimsy to keep you engaged. There's a long, stone wall that separates the English village of — well, it's called Wall — from the fantastic alternate universe of Stormhold. Goats get turned into people and people get turned into goats with the whip of a fingertip. Ghosts of murdered princes hang around and comment drolly on the action. And high up in the sky, a flying pirate ship collects lightning for sale on the black market.

This isn't self-serious, sword-and-sorcery stuff, though. While the tone in director Matthew Vaughn's film is firmly tongue in cheek in a way that's reminiscent of the classic "The Princess Bride" — and a vast departure from his debut, the slick neo-noir "Layer Cake" — the many overlapping plots and gags can get a little silly. Maybe that's the point, the increasingly madcap nature as a multitude of story lines ultimately collide, but the result feels a bit gratuitous. (Vaughn co-wrote the script with Jane Goldman.)

"Stardust" also calls to mind last year's "Pan's Labyrinth" — not that it's even close to the masterpiece Guillermo del Toro cre-

ated — but merely in that it superficially appears to be suitable for the whole family, and it's really not. It's never as terrifying as "Pan's Labyrinth" but it does get dark; in a broader sense, though, kids just might not get a lot of the nuance. Their parents are truly the target audience here.

Also chasing Yvaine (a radiant Claire Danes) are several princes who seek her powers to ascend to the throne as king of Stormhold, as well as the lovestruck shop boy Tristan (Charlie Cox), who finds her first and wants to bring her home to tiny Wall in the countryside to impress a snooty girl (Sienna Miller) he thinks is out of his league.

Danes, with long, straight platinum hair that accentuates her wide eyes and chiseled cheekbones, eerily resembles Gwyneth Paltrow. She and Cox have decent chemistry — they enjoy your typical romantic banter, in which they initially bicker and get on each others' nerves, but it's only a matter of time before they fall madly in love and look forward to their happily ever after. As Tristan, the boyishly handsome Cox makes a smooth transition from insecure kid to swashbuckling hero.

The stellar cast, if you'll pardon the pun, also includes Peter O'Toole giving a rich performance in a brief deathbed appearance as the king of Stormhold, whose many sons (including Rupert Everett and Mark Strong) can't wait for him to die so they can bump each other off and take his place. Fellow veteran actor Ian McKellen serves as the film's narrator. And Ricky Gervais goes woefully underused in just a couple of scenes as an underground trader.

Then, as Captain Shakespeare, there's Robert De Niro, continuing his streak of comic roles that upend his tough-guy persona. In public, Shakespeare rules the skies in his pirate ship with his gruff, demanding voice and his cutthroat attitude. But privately, in his quarters ... well, he's a different guy. We won't divulge the twist — we'll just say it's an amusing idea that almost literally goes overboard.

"Stardust," a Paramount Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for fantasy violence and some risqué humor. Running time: 125 minutes. Three stars out of four.

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE AP MOVIE CRITIC

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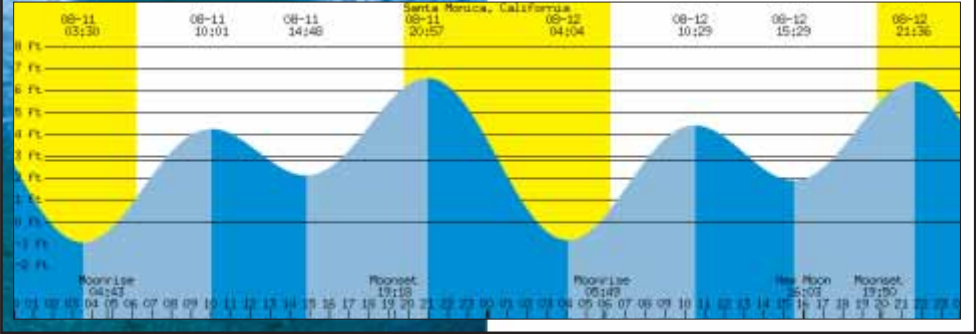
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El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Alamos creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Tennesseal Canyon drain	A	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chatsworth)	A+	ns
Druid Beach at Tennesseal Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montrose Ave. drain	A	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Paradise Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain	A	ns
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Puente State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	ns
Maine Canyon storm drain at Puente Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	C	ns
Serfider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	F	ns
Serfider Beach (beach location) - daily	A	ns	Venice Beach - projection of Topsoil St.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dackweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	C	ns
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (joint vent)	A+	ns	Dackweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
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NFL

Mourners united by love for Walsh

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

STANFORD Bill Walsh planned his own memorial service in the months before his death with the same meticulous attention he paid to every aspect of the San Francisco 49ers.

Even when a lengthy battle with leukemia finally sapped his strength last month, Walsh made sure Thursday's quietly buoyant tribute would be a celebration of a Hall of Fame coach's life, as well as a chance for hundreds of old friends to reunite in praise and mourning.

"He said he wasn't scared," Mike White, a longtime friend and coaching colleague, said of his final conversation with Walsh. "He said he was at peace, and he said he was ready to go. It was the most impressive display of courage I've ever seen."

Walsh's family and a remarkable cross-section of the football fraternity gathered reverently at Stanford Memorial Church to praise the 49ers great as both an innovative leader and a loyal friend. More than 1,000 mourners honored Walsh, who died July 30 at 75.

They walked to the church through solemn rows of Stanford football players wearing their jerseys in honor of the coach who won three Super Bowls and revolutionized many aspects of football during a decade on the San Francisco sideline.

"He was a man who stood astride the football culture in America like a colossus for 10 years," said Harry Edwards, a noted sports sociologist and longtime friend who delivered Walsh's eulogy. "He walked with generals, senators and secretaries of state, but never lost his common touch."

Hall of Fame quarterbacks Joe Montana and Steve Young made poignant remarks in a ceremony livened by joyous music from San Francisco's famed Glide Ensemble choir — just as Walsh envisioned when he made arrangements and issued instruction for the day.

"Bill died the way he lived: with sublime grace and with class," said former 49ers owner Eddie DeBartolo, who hired Walsh.

"Up until the very end, Bill led us by example. ... Nearing the end, he always said that we were in the fourth quarter. Bill managed that fourth quarter with flawless accuracy."

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and Sen. Dianne Feinstein also spoke to the congregation, praising Walsh's forward thinking and vision.

Feinstein, the San Francisco mayor when Walsh took over the 49ers in 1979, praised the coach and his players for providing an immeasurable lift to their beleaguered city.

When Walsh arrived, San Francisco was reeling from a trio of devastating blows: the assassination of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk; the deaths of around 900 Californians in the Jonestown tragedy; and the public emergence of the AIDS virus in the city.

"Bill Walsh was a legend for us," Feinstein said. "What he gave to this city was putting together a team that would and could and did."

Walsh, who didn't become a head coach until he was 47, went 102-63-1 with the 49ers, winning 10 of his 14 postseason games along with six division titles. He was voted NFL Coach of the Year in 1981 and 1984.

Most of the prominent coaches who trace their success to a job under Walsh attended the service, including George Seifert, Mike Holmgren, Dennis Green, Ray Rhodes and Pete Carroll, along with Walsh's peers and friends, such as Don Shula, Dick Vermeil and John Madden. Current 49ers coach Mike Nolan read a passage of scripture.

Jerry Rice and Ronnie Lott joined dozens of Walsh's former players with the 49ers and at Stanford, where he coached two terms over five seasons.

"I live my life partly because of the way he molded me," a teary-eyed Montana said. "He took a 189-pound, skinny-legged quarterback out of western Pennsylvania and gave me the opportunity to continue doing something that I loved."

Young focused on Walsh's preternatural teaching abilities.

NFL

Dysfunction is a thing of the past for San Diego Chargers

BY BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO Dysfunction junction appears to be in the San Diego Chargers' rearview mirror.

Marty Schottenheimer is gone, and the Chargers toil through training camp under his replacement, Norv Turner. Expectations are so high after last year's 14-2 finish that many Chargers fans will be disappointed with anything less than a Super Bowl win.

Team president Dean Spanos has a good feeling about this team, too. But he's a bit more reasoned as the Chargers move beyond their offseason shakeup.

"Our goal is to get back to the playoffs," Spanos said in a recent interview. "I'm not really focused on the record. And I think the team is, too. Let's just get back and win that first game in the playoffs and see where we go from there."

A simple goal, it seems, for a team that sat

atop the NFL at the end of last season, only to encounter some unexpected mayhem.

On Jan. 14, the Chargers melted down in a stunning 24-21 home loss to New England in their playoff opener.

Schottenheimer was supposed to return for the final year of his contract, but Spanos suddenly fired him on Feb. 12. The coach was deemed the fall guy in what Spanos described as a "dysfunctional situation" with general manager A.J. Smith. The Chargers already had seen both coordinators, Cam Cameron (Miami) and Wade Phillips (Dallas), hired away as head coaches, and other assistants leave for promotions elsewhere.

"Obviously it was an extremely disappointing end to our season last year, losing that first playoff game, and then obviously the next 30 days was a huge change for us, OK?" Spanos said. "We got by it. I like the change. Since then it's been business as usual."

Schottenheimer and Smith didn't talk to each other for the longest time.

Calling in sick

David Crosby bows out of upcoming concert

DAVID CROSBY has canceled a performance in Aspen, Colo., that was set for next week because he has the stomach flu.

Crosby, 65, was to be part of the "Lyrically Speaking" series hosted by the Aspen Writers' Foundation on Thursday. The event features per-

formances by musicians who also talk about the songwriting process. He will reschedule his appearance, his manager, Elliot Roberts, said Friday.

Crosby, who received a liver transplant in 1994, performs with Crosby, Stills & Nash and with his son James Raymond in the group CPR.

He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame with both the Byrds and Crosby, Stills & Nash.

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GILBERT HAS A BABY



SARA GILBERT, The 32-year-old actress, who played surly teenager Darlene Conner on the hit ABC sitcom "Roseanne," welcomed her daughter, Sawyer, on Aug. 2, according to Variety. Gilbert's publicist, who confirmed the birth, didn't provide further details. The actress also has a 3-year-old son, Levi, Variety said. "Roseanne" ended its run in 1997.

AP



50 Cent says he'll beat Kanye or quit

50 CENT believes his new album will outsell Kanye West's upcoming disc, and he's betting his solo career on it. Both 50 Cent and West have albums due out Sept. 11. 50 Cent, who has sold better than West, has been riled by forecasts that sales of West's "Graduation" could rival those for his "Curtis" CD. "Let's raise the stakes," the 31-year-old rapper told hip-hop Web site SOHH.com in an interview posted Friday. "If Kanye West sells more records than 50 Cent on September 11, I'll no longer write music. I'll write music and work with my other artists, but I won't put out anymore solo albums." An e-mail sent to West's publicist wasn't immediately returned Friday.

50 Cent, whose real name is Curtis James Jackson, has been publicly disparaging of West before. In 2005, he suggested the 29-year-old rapper's popularity was only possible because of 50's own success. But they recently collaborated in the studio. Their work, though, isn't scheduled to appear on either new album. 50 Cent's last full-length solo album, "The Massacre," was the best-selling disc of 2005 and sold more than 1.14 million copies in its first week of release. The same year, West's "Late Registration" opened by selling more than 860,000 copies in its first week.

AP

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Your get-up-and-go punctuates any situation. A child or loved one piques your interest. Your emotional and creative energy soars. Choose an appropriate outlet, and you will be much happier. Tonight: Fun and games.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Basics force you to perhaps spend more than you would normally choose to. Knowing when to set a limit could be very important. Understanding what others want doesn't mean you have to go along. Tonight: Invite others over.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Your words have a more dynamic and imaginative tone. Others get the message that you are not kidding. You can make nearly anything possible if you flow with others. Know when to say "enough." Tonight: Hanging out is fun to do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might become frivolous with spending. Could you be suppressing some strong feelings through a spending spree? For your own sake, take a hard look at this possibility. Sitting on anger might be uncomfortable. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You can be a lot to handle at any time, but right now someone might be hard-pressed to stop you. You have drive and energy. A male friend could be pushy no matter who you are or what sex you are. Relax and evaluate. Tonight: Time to hit a home run.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Stop and don't make a move unless you are 100 percent sure of the outcome. You could feel a touch uncomfortable with the end results. Listen to what someone you care about shares. Handle responsibilities – period! Tonight: Lie low if you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Aim for what you want. If your mind is pushing you in a certain direction, follow it. News from someone at a distance gets you going, whether you like it or not. Tonight: Wherever you are, there is a party.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ A partner takes a strong stand. Nothing this person does is subtle in any way, shape or form. You know what works. Follow the going trend and remain as secure as humanly possible. Understanding takes you far. Tonight: A must show.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Your vision and energy point to a new direction. Don't be afraid to blaze a new trail. You might like where you land a lot more. Don't forget someone at a distance. Your call will be most appreciated. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ A partner or special person in your life pushes hard for what he or she wants. You have to make an extra effort. Your attention and effort make you a very special person right now. Tonight: Work as a team.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Others dominate, but your additional creativity and high energy take you in a new direction. Your sense of fun draws several people to you. If someone is irritable, he or she could be jealous. Tonight: Go along with another's idea.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Stay close to home if you can. You might suddenly discover that you are on overload. Instead of being feisty, get some exercise. You want all the self-control possible. Tonight: Walk your talk.

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Simpsons Movie, The (PG-13)
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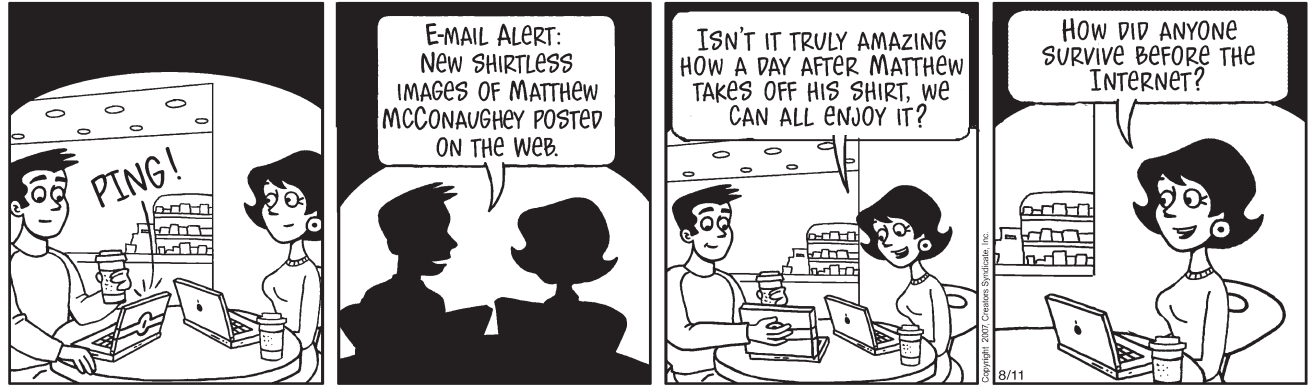
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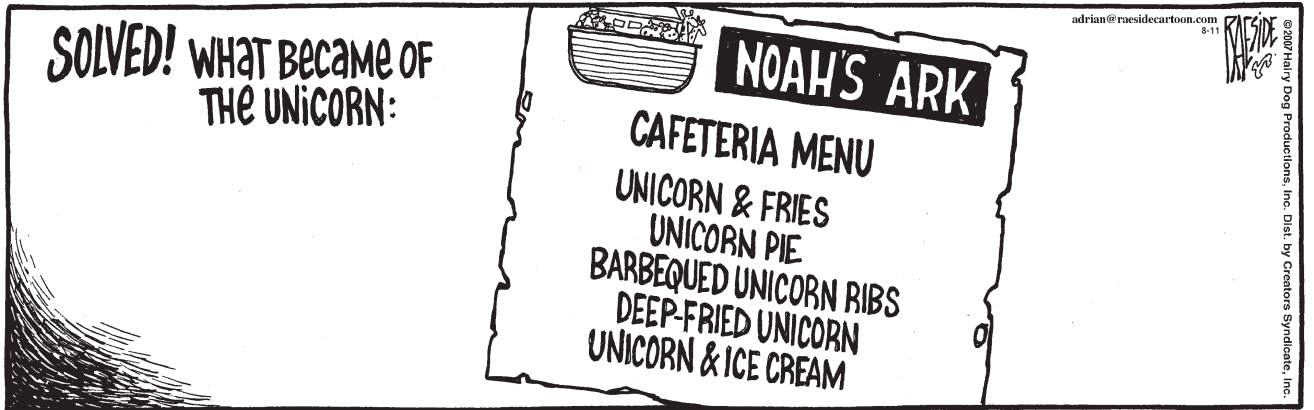
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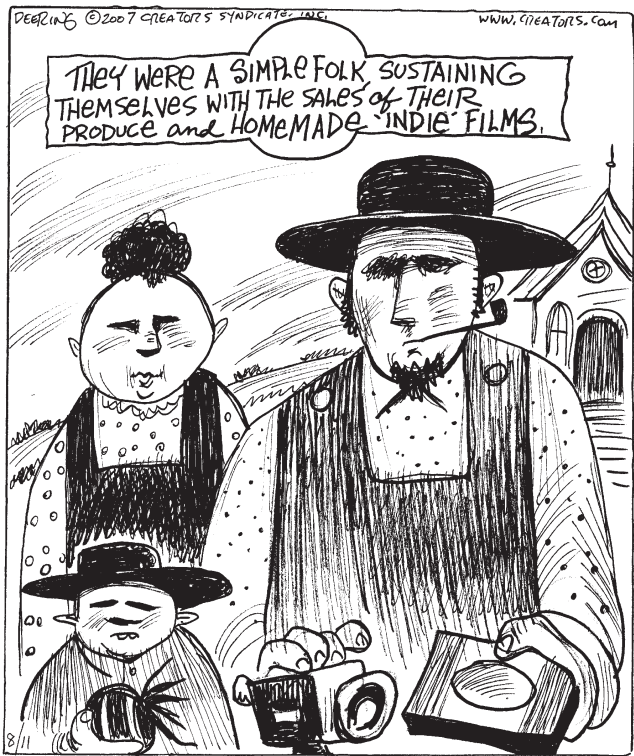
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Just Can't Stop Myself: (1) "Bishop" Anthony Owens, 35, of Duluth, Ga., out of prison less than two years following a bigamy sentence, was arrested in April on suspicion of agreeing to marry four more women. Owens said that maybe he "misunderstood" Mormon teachings. (2) Kylie Wilson, 28, was convicted in June in Brisbane, Australia, of stabbing her friend Daniel Blair because Blair literally would not stop masturbating in her home, where Wilson's 3-year-old daughter was present. According to Wilson, Blair started his adventure in the bathroom and moved to the bedroom, ignoring Wilson's pleas, until she grabbed a knife and stabbed him twice in the shoulder. Even then, the wounded Blair merely retreated to the garage, where he continued what a newspaper called his "marathon."

■ Smoking Kills: David Pawlik called the fire department in Cleburne, Texas, in July to ask if the "blue flames" he and his wife were seeing every time she lit a cigarette were dangerous, and an inspector said he would be right over and for Mrs. Pawlik not to light another cigarette. However, anxious about the imminent inspection, she lit up and was killed in the subsequent explosion. (The home was all-electric, but there had been a natural gas leak underneath the yard.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1519 Ferdinand Magellan's five ships set sail from Seville to circumnavigate the globe.

1846 The Smithsonian Institution is chartered by the U.S. Congress after \$500,000 was given for such a purpose by scientist James Smithson.

1901 C A E Moberly and Eleanor Jourdain allegedly experience a time slip, encountering the ghost of Marie Antoinette in the gardens of Versailles

1923 US: Carlo Tresca, Italian-American anarchist, arrested.

1948 Candid Camera makes its television debut after being on radio for a year as Candid Microphone.

1969 A day after murdering Sharon Tate and four others, members of Charles Manson's cult kill Leno and Rosemary LaBianca.

1971 Harmon Killebrew becomes the 10th member of the 500 home run club with a home run at Metropolitan Stadium in Bloomington, Minnesota.

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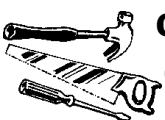
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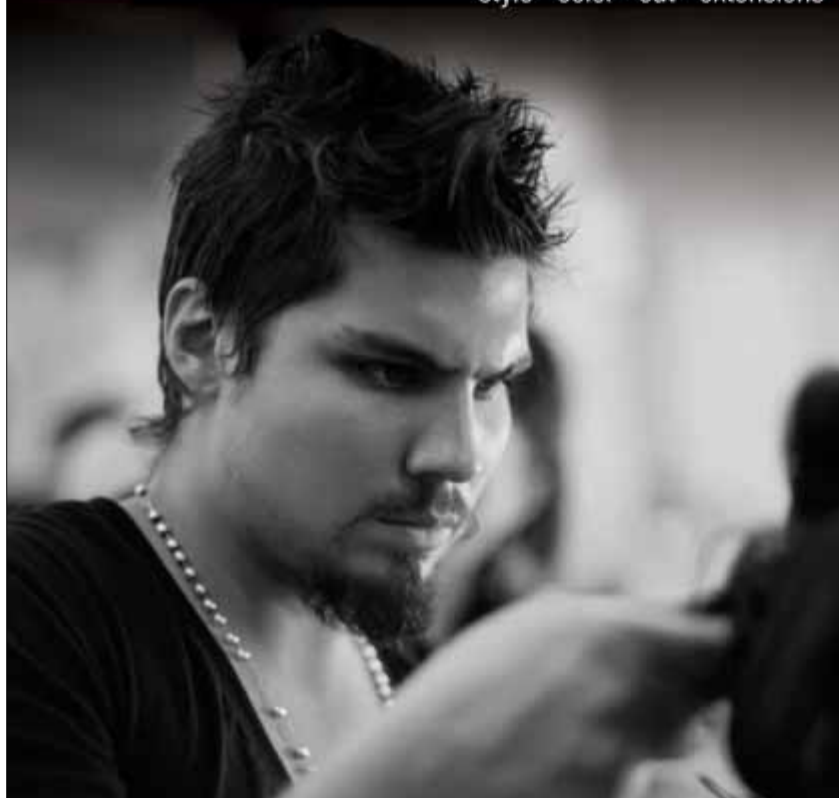
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