

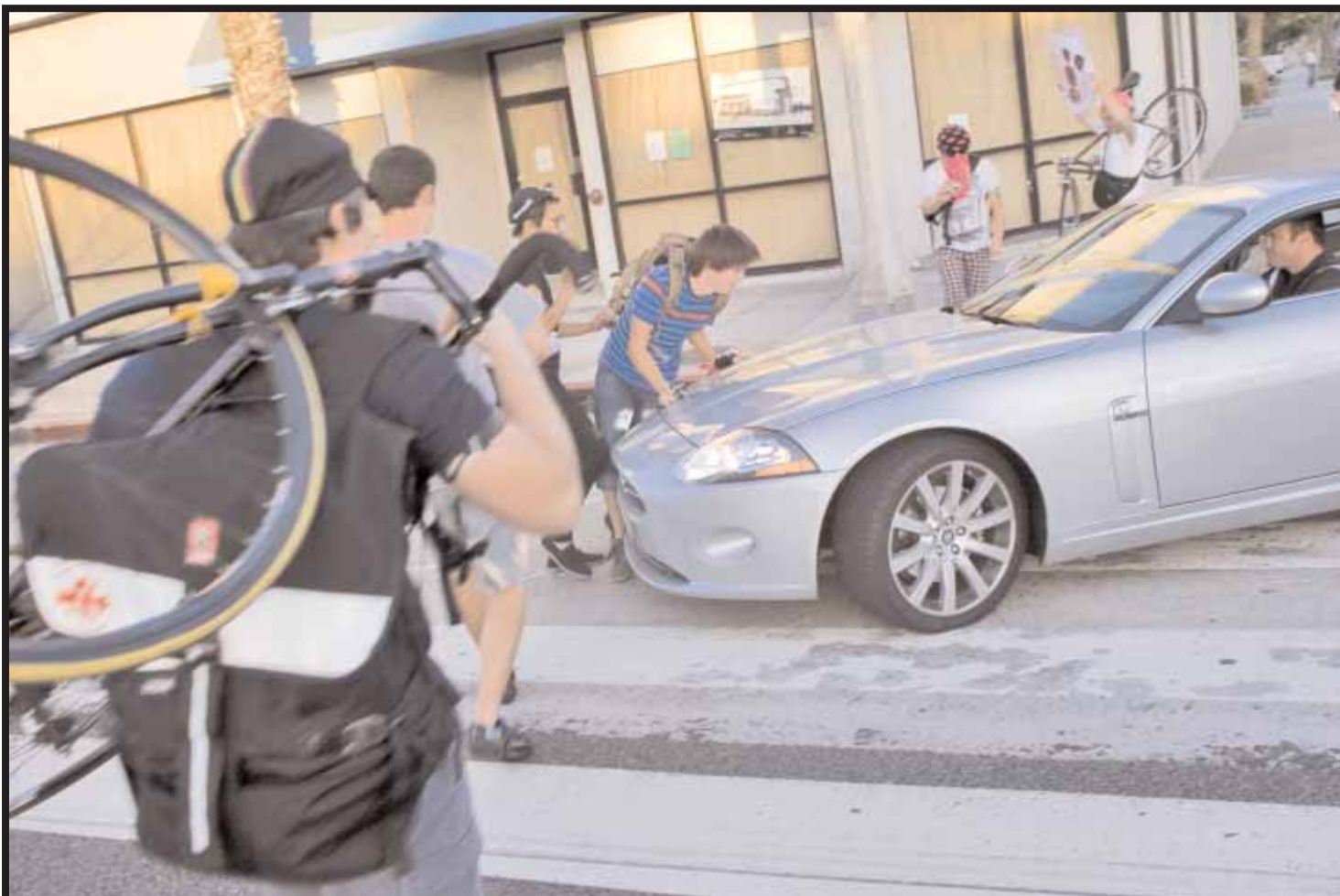


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CLOSE CALL

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Protesters led by local cyclist activist group Crimanimalz dodge a car during a demonstration dubbed 'Crosswalk Craps' at 10th Street and Wilshire Boulevard Friday afternoon. The event was staged to protest an increase in tickets being handed out during Critical Mass rides. Critical Mass is a monthly ride attended by a number of bicycle riders that has at times been the subject of police scrutiny.

COMMUNITY PROFILES | SHERYL HAYASHIDA

Honoring her elders

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Sheryl Hayashida wants respect, for senior citizens that is.

The new director of the Elder Abuse and Prevention Program at Wise & Healthy Aging is on a mission to bring more esteem to the silver-haired set.

It's a mission that started two years ago when Hayashida moved back to her native hometown of Torrance to care for her ill mother, the long-time employment law attorney leaving her job as a staff counsel for Washington County in Oregon.

Always interested in pursuing elder law work in her own retirement, advising on mat-

ters related to conservatorships and estate planning, Hayashida joined the staff at Bet Tzedek in Los Angeles, a firm that provides free legal assistance to low-income individuals.

She focused specifically on the elder law section, working in the nonprofit's clinic where senior citizens would come in and begin their paperwork on conservatorships and other legal matters.

But what she was surprised to see was the overwhelming majority of cases specifically dealt with abuse.

"Elder abuse was not something I thought would be included when I started working at Bet Tzedek," she said. "A lot of



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SEE CP PAGE 11 HAYASHIDA

Escarce earns belated support

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Less than one week after narrowly losing out on an endorsement from the city's most influential political party, Board of Education incumbent Jose Escarce has received support from the group's steering committee.

The stamp of approval came Saturday during a closed-door session of the Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR) steering committee and amid concerns by some that an override would be made against the vote of the general membership during the ruling political party's convention the previous weekend.

The steering committee also voted to endorse Santa Monica College's \$295 million bond measure, which will fund campus capital projects, and a proposed update to City Hall's Utility Users Tax, both of which are on the Nov. 4 ballot.

The remaining two open endorsements for the City Council were left undetermined. Incumbents Ken Genser and Richard Bloom received endorsements at the convention while Recreation and Parks Commissioner Ted Winterer came close but didn't garner the necessary votes.

First elected to the school board in 2000, Escarce failed to secure the necessary 55 percent of membership votes on Aug. 3, missing out twice by one vote during the convention, ending up with a close 54.9 percent.

The steering committee saw that a majority of the people at the convention wanted to support Escarce, according to Patricia Hoffman, the SMRR co-chair and committee member.

"One of the things that I have rarely seen in an elected official is that he realized that

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Challenge your mind, meet new people, and ultimately have fun at the Fairview Branch Library as they host games of bridge and Scrabble every Monday through Oct. 5. Game days are open to the public. For more information, call (310) 450-0443.

A roaring Rotary

1250 Capri Dr., 12 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.

The Rotary Club of Santa Monica has long enjoyed a reputation as being the hub for Westside men and women who are dedicated to improving their local and worldwide communities. This club, which meets every Monday, is a melting pot for cultural ideas from the diverse ethnic makeup of its members. Those interested in attending their regular lunch should contact June M. Doy at (310) 917-3313.

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Broadway Gymnastics School offers youth, kinder, special education and competitive team camps every weekday through Aug. 29. Sign-ups are available for the day, week or entire summer. The spectacular gymnastics and sports camp incorporates exercise and education into a fun-filled day program.

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Workouts for teens

3026 Nebraska Ave., 3:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.

Max offers two daily classes teaching teens how to exercise and eat properly in a cool and fun environment. They get to hang out afterwards in the wi-fi lounge, play Nintendo Wii, or simply surf the Internet. For information, call (310) 867-1650.

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Inspiration, guidance, direction, and support are offered for all writers every Tuesday at the Fairview Branch Library. For more information, call (310) 450-0443.

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.



Snacking just got healthier

BY RAQUEL MARIA DILLON

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Snack lovers, rejoice: Munching on potato chips just got a little healthier.

Four food companies agreed to reduce levels of a cancer-causing chemical in their potato chips and french fries under a settlement announced Friday by the state attorney general's office.

The state sued H.J. Heinz Co., Frito-Lay, Kettle Foods Inc., and Lance Inc. in 2005 for allegedly violating a state requirement that companies post warning labels on products with carcinogens.

The companies avoided trial by agreeing to pay a combined \$3 million in fines and reduce the levels of acrylamide in their

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Gambling on fantasy football

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Business Writer

SAN FRANCISCO By the time he graduated from MIT, Jeff Ma already had led a life many guys dream about. His card-counting prowess at blackjack tables during wild weekends in Las Vegas and Atlantic City won him and his college buddies millions of dollars, inspiring a best-selling book and the recent movie "21."

Now 35 years old, Ma thinks he can hit his next jackpot in a different fantasy land — the fanciful football leagues that will preoccupy millions of people during the next four months as they accumulate points based on the statistics of NFL players picked for their imaginary teams.

Hoping to introduce a younger generation to the game of fantasy football, Ma and his primary business partner, Mike Kerns, have launched a program that enables the leagues to be managed within the popular Internet hangout Facebook.

Ma and Kerns, who run Citizen Sports Inc., reason that fantasy sports are ideally suited for online social networks like Facebook because the leagues are typically

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SOFT LANDING

Robert Power, 6, rides the 'Surf Sensation' attraction during the Santa Monica Civic Center's 50th anniversary celebration on Saturday.

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POLITICS

Twenty-somethings rock for Obama

BY CHRISTINA YOON

Special to the Daily Press

WILSHIRE BLVD With celebrity-packed music videos and T-shirts sold at trendy stores like Urban Outfitters featuring slogans like "Obama says knock you out," there's no denying that Barack Obama's presidential campaign relies heavily on the voracious enthusiasm of its young supporters.

Tonight, two 22-year-old Westside natives will do their part to contribute to this momentum with Barock the House, a concert at the Temple Bar on Wilshire Boulevard designed to encourage young people to contribute to the Obama campaign. Beginning at 8 p.m., the event will feature five musical acts, and Obama campaign staff members will be on hand to collect a suggested \$15 donation to the show

and distribute merchandise.

"This isn't about money," said organizer J.T. McLain. "This is about bringing together all of these different fans of different bands under a common cause in which they all believe and showing them it doesn't take a lot to transform a normal social activity into something that makes a difference."

McLain and his high school buddy Asher Rumack dreamed up Barock the House while sitting around at lunch discussing politics and music, two of their main interests. Rumack, who worked as a D.J. at USC's campus radio station while attending the university, and McLain, who currently studies Public Policy and Law at Trinity College, devised a way to meld their passion for music and their vast social network in the area to garner support for their favored presidential candidate.

"We wanted to do something more than

vote," said Rumack.

The duo got on the phone with their friends to organize an eclectic lineup of young rock, soul and electronic bands. Many of the musicians featured tonight have known Rumack and McLain since high school.

"Up until we had Obama as our candidate I think all the young people's and musicians' interest was just getting Bush out of office," said Eric Frederic of Wallpaper, one of tonight's performers. "The energy behind a pro-Obama and not anti-Bush event is cool. It's not going to be fueled by frustration and anger."

Although Frederic, 26, has previously worked with the Democratic National Committee and MoveOn, has not previously mixed his political beliefs with his band,

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Saving us from federal tyranny

Editor:

It does not take a rocket scientist to see that our country is rapidly becoming a federal police state. Fortunately, our individual states can save us from this tyranny if enough of them, and their citizens, are willing to act.

We need to remember that it was the original 13 states that set up the federal government and granted it the limited powers stated in the U.S. Constitution. All federally elected and appointed officials take an oath to obey our Constitution. Sadly, they have disregarded it in about 80 percent of their activities.

The Tenth Amendment can help us reclaim our lost liberties if enough of the states act to regain their lost powers. This Amendment states: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people." The states can get their lost powers back by claiming sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment

The state of Oklahoma started the ball rolling with its House Joint Resolution 1089 which it passed 92 to 3 on March 13. However, opponents in the Oklahoma Senate kept it from being voted on before this year's legislative session ended.

But, it is certain to be voted on again in 2009. See www.thenewamerican.com for details. All we have to do now to lose the shackles of the federal government is to get enough citizens to demand that their states use similar resolutions.

Larry William Bradbury

Reseda

Time for new blood

Editor:

Isn't it self evident that in a country with over three billion people, less than half who are able to vote actually do cast a ballot. So why is it so surprising to you that in this city (even with so many educated and world event aware citizens) they follow like sheep the same old ways?

Have you ever sat in on City Council meetings? I don't attend anymore after listening to some of the views of council members who know little about real estate spout off their opinions of how buildings should be designed. This, then postpones (sometimes indefinitely) projects that the architectural review board have already approved, sometimes several times over. They should all resign and bring in new blood. Although like our federal officials and congress, would it even make a difference? Doubt it.

Madelyn Tarfman

Santa Monica

Ease up on Obama

Editor:

To Mr. Steve the Mailman Breen ("Why so serious," page 4, July 23), and anyone who thinks like him,

Barack Obama has a white mother and a black father, but I am sure that he has experienced racism and probably a lot more than I have, and I have experience in this country. I can't help but have the utmost respect for the man for trying his best to save a country that's headed straight to hell and putting his and his family's life on the line at the same time. God knows he has to love this country. There probably isn't a whole lot of men or women of color who would take such a position. I wouldn't. As for those big boy panties that you mentioned, just because the current administration wore them doesn't mean that he has to. As for the costume, there are a lot of people that can imagine John McCain and George Bush, Cheney, wearing funny costumes and hoods. As for the chicken, a real man can eat his chicken any darn way he pleases.

Dannie Owens

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My Write

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SMRR opts to wimp out

ONE OF THE CITY'S MOST IMPORTANT meetings was held last Sunday at Olympic High School. The occasion: the Annual Congress of the city's powerful political organization, Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights.

SMRR Congresses are informal homecomings with many old-timers showing up to socialize and politicize. Despite the casual, almost folksy atmosphere, during election years, this gathering is extremely important because candidates for office and ballot initiatives endorsed generally receive a large renter vote. Renters constitute about 2/3 of the city's 57,455 registered voters.

The first real rift occurred over RIFT, the Residents Initiative to Fight Traffic. A debate on the ballot measure that restricts commercial development in the city for the next 15 years found City Councilman Kevin McKeown and Diana Gordon from the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City (RIFT's sponsor) taking the affirmative.

Former Rent Control Board Chair, Alan Toy and current School Board President Oscar de la Torre led the "Nays." Councilmembers Ken Genser, Richard Bloom and Pam O'Connor oppose RIFT as does veteran SMRR power broker and former mayor/councilmember Judy Abdo, who's also co-chair of the business backed, anti-RIFT "Save Our City."

After the debate, a nearly split membership vote was too close to call. (Too close to call?) Then the membership voted not to take any position to avoid nasty fighting in the ranks. It was especially fun to observe Abdo and others trying to manipulate the voting.

SMRR icon, former councilmember and Rent Control Board chair, Delores Press, differed with de la Torre who suggested "reaching out to the business community" opposing RIFT. She admonished members "not to climb into the politically soiled bed with developers and the Chamber of Commerce."

RIFT has placed SMRR between a rock and a hard place. With SMRR leaders and members alike deeply divided on the proposition, many felt that taking a stand would create party disunity. Nevertheless, this still leaves an organization that always prides itself as "antidevelopment and slow growth" refusing to endorse a much needed ballot measure limiting commercial development.

We all know SMRR and it's politicians aren't really antigrowth — all that development pays for their social programs and public housing. But, by not taking a strong, slow growth stand, SMRR wimped out.

The three incumbents seeking reelection to the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees — Margaret Quiñónez-Pérez, Susan Aminoff and Rob Rader — received quick endorsements as did Rent Control Board candidates: incumbent, Joel Koury and newcomer, Christopher Braun.

With four open City Council seats avail-

able, the group quickly endorsed incumbents Richard Bloom and Ken Genser, but balked on endorsing newcomer, Ted Winterer. Strategically speaking, endorsing two candidates for four positions isn't a smart move.

Leaving seats unopposed opens the door for non-SMRR incumbents (Bobby Shriver and Herb Katz) or maybe even a dark house candidate or two with strong special interest backing to pick up lots of renter votes and reduce SMRR's grip on city government.

There are four open seats on the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education. Three candidates were endorsed: veteran SMRR member and two-term school board member Maria Leon-Vazquez and longtime SMRR insider Ralph Mechur, an interim appointee who would serve the last two years in Emily Broomfield's vacated seat. The membership also endorsed newbie Ben Allen, a former University of California Student Regent and a Santa Monica High graduate (1996) with degrees from Harvard, Cambridge and UC Berkeley Law School.

With a long string of school district screw-ups — the latest concerning the accuracy of student dropout figures supplied to the California Department of Education (due to supposedly mixed up exit codes) — and a decade long history of fiscal mismanagement, it's obvious why BOE incumbents should be retired.

Two-term, Leon-Vazques pitched her loyalty and years of service to SMRR and members responded with an endorsement. Two term incumbent, Jose Escarce, also endorsed previously, narrowly failed to win endorsement due to intense back room politicking by angry special education parents even though he had the classroom teachers union support. Because SMRR's Steering Committee can endorse candidates and ballot propositions after the Congress, rumor is they still might declare "support" for Escarce at an upcoming Steering Committee meeting. Big mistake.

Unfortunately, former Samohi and John Adams school PTSA president, Judith Meister and high school teacher, Chris Bley were passed over — blowing an excellent opportunity to clean house on the troubled BOE while transfusing much needed new blood into the aging and weakening political group.

Because lengthy associations and party loyalty carry so much weight, competence and governing ability are often ignored during the endorsement process. It's why SMRR recycles multi-term politicians who haven't solved problems in three, four or five terms in office while new faces with fresh perspectives and exciting ideas languish on the sidelines.

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Children of the night

CARISSA PHELPS WAS ONLY 12 YEARS old when she ran away from the Fresno County group home where her mother had left her. Hungry and alone, the runaway was befriended by a man three times her age. And the price of a hot dog and Pepsi was all it cost the man to get her to a seedy motel.

Carissa soon found herself drawn into the world of child prostitution. It begins with men who first befriend lost girls like Carissa, then force them to have sex with other adult men and take whatever money they earn. Twenty years later, Carissa has managed to escape the desperate "survival sex" lifestyle that has become a dead-end road for many young people.

Others, however, are not so fortunate. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, child prostitution has become a problem of epidemic proportions, with estimates ranging between 300,000 and 800,000 (five million or more are prostituted globally). Those figures are likely even higher when one considers how many street kids — runaways, thrown-aways and cast-offs from the foster care system — remain unaccounted for in America.

Child prostitution is America's "dirty little secret," one that cuts across racial and socio-economic divides. As Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin observed, "It's one of those issues that doesn't get discussed and therefore there's an assumption that perhaps either it doesn't exist at all or the young women and girls who are prostitutes are there by their own free will."

Children who are sold for sex (the majority are female) typically range in age from 11 to 17, with some as young as 9 years old. Once they have been lured or forced into prostituting themselves, these children are subjected to a full range of injuries, diseases, pregnancies, mental issues such as post-traumatic stress disorder and depression and drug addiction, not to mention criminal and delinquency charges if they are caught.

Yet while most people are barely aware of the sex trafficking industry, it infects suburbs, cities and towns across the nation. "This is not a problem that only happens in New York and Los Angeles and San Francisco," stated Ernie Allen of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. "This happens in smaller communities. The only way not to find this in any American city is simply not to look for it."

There are a multitude of factors that have contributed to the explosive growth of child

prostitution in recent years. These range from the rampant availability of porn over the internet and the unabashed peddling of sex by advertisers and the entertainment industry to a complete lack of role models for young people and a failure by religious organizations to engage or impact them in any meaningful way.

Yet it is the family — and its breakdown over the past 40 years — that has had the greatest impact on young people today. The rise of single-parent homes, the drop in marriage rates and soaring divorce rates are a testament to this breakdown.

Sadly, while we as a society have failed to adequately register the importance of family on our children, those who prey on young people understand it all too well. According to a study conducted through the University of Pennsylvania, 75 percent of known child prostitutes work for pimps, who are adept at creating a pseudo-family environment by promising money, love and affection to children coming from dysfunctional homes who are seeking care and nourishment. These sexual predators then strip these children of whatever money they make and severely abuse them in order to establish a relationship of dependency.

So where does this leave the thousands of young people forced to sell themselves for sex every day just to survive to see the next day?

There are few cut-and-dried solutions. We can continue to throw money at the government — with its task forces, sting operations and initiatives — and comfort ourselves that something is being done. We can continue to give money to our churches and synagogues in the hopes that they will do something, perhaps by focusing on the inner cities and offering counseling and assistance to these cast-off children. We can even contact our representatives and insist that they get tough on crime by showing "no leniency" to sexual predators.

However, until each of us gets serious about this crisis, until we all start doing our part to target the underlying societal causes — poverty, drug abuse and dysfunctional family units — the gains will continue to be minimal. And tragically, it will be the children who pay the price for our neglect.

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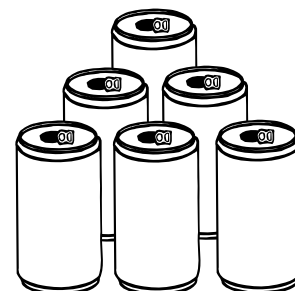
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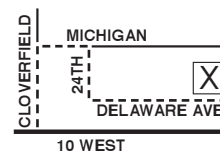
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Annual Tree Trimming Project

City trees will be trimmed at the following locations this summer: Olympic Boulevard Median from 10th Street to Centinela Avenue, San Vicente Boulevard Median from Ocean Avenue to 26th Street, 11th Street from Wilshire Boulevard to Colorado Avenue, 11th Street from Montana Avenue to Wilshire, 11th Street from San Vicente Boulevard to Montana, 26th Street from Cloverfield Boulevard to Olympic Boulevard, Cloverfield from Colorado to Michigan Avenue, Cloverfield from Pico to Ocean Park Boulevard, Pearl Street from Lincoln to 14th Street, Palisades Park, 21st Street from Virginia Avenue to Pico, 21st Street from Pico to Ocean Park, Virginia from 20th Street to Cloverfield, 21st Street from Montana to Wilshire, 21st Street from San Vicente to Montana, 22nd Street from Pico to Ocean Park, Chelsea Place to Chelsea Avenue (dead end), Chelsea from Washington Avenue to Santa Monica Boulevard, Second Street from Montana to California, Second from California to Colorado, Fourth Street from Wilshire to Colorado, Fifth Street from Wilshire to Colorado, Colorado (Second to Fourth), Broadway from Ocean to Seventh Street, Santa Monica from Ocean to Sixth Street, Main Street from Pico to South City Limit, Neilson Way from 2600 Block to Municipal Parking lot, Neilson Way from 2400 Block to 2500 Block and Montana from Seventh to 17th. There will be minimal lane closures from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The annual tree trimming schedule is subject to change without notice due to inclement weather, emergencies, community events, budget conditions, street repairs or other public improvements. Residences and businesses will be notified in advance of tree trimming operations, blocks will also be posted with no parking signs.

Back On the Beach Café (445 Pacific Coast Hwy.)

Flag persons will be in the area to ensure safe conditions and limit disruption to traffic flow on PCH on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beach Parking Lot 10 will be closed for rehabilitation until project completion in early 2009. Beach users are advised to use the beach bike path or park in Beach Lot 9, just south of Lot 10. The self-pay machine in Lot 9 allows payment for either all-day or two-hour parking.

Big Blue Bus Campus Expansion (1620 Sixth St.)

No public parking at the eastside of Sixth Street (South of Colorado Avenue). Mar. 3, 2008 to Aug. 25, 2009: No parking along, and no pedestrian access to west sidewalk of Seventh Street, between Colorado and Olympic boulevards. Jan. 21, 2009 to Apr. 21, 2009: No parking along, and no pedestrian access to south sidewalk of Colorado between Sixth and Seventh streets.

Colorado Ocean Relief Sewer Project

Traffic from the I-10 Freeway will be directed to avoid Colorado by either using Pico Boulevard or East-West streets North of Colorado. This work will start in January 2008 and is scheduled for completion in May 2009.

■ Two-way traffic on Colorado Avenue will be maintained.

■ Eastbound Colorado Avenue will be reduced to one through lane and one left turn lane between Ocean Avenue and Second Street. There will be a lane reduction for Northbound Ocean Avenue at Moomat Ahiko (just south of Colorado). All travel directions will be maintained.

Second/Fourth Streets Streetscape Improvement Project

Construction crews will be working on both sides of Second and Fourth Streets from Wilshire to Colorado. This work may temporarily block sidewalk travel and parking locations between Wilshire and Colorado. Please follow posted detour signs.

Traffic Signal Upgrade

Traffic signal repairs and upgrades will take place at various times of the day during the week of July 28 at the following locations: Contractors will be working at Sixth Street and Pico Boulevard. Eastbound traffic on Pico at Sixth may be reduced to one lane intermittently. Work hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Traffic lane closures and sidewalk closures should be anticipated at these locations.

East Colorado Improvement Project

Pedestrian and neighborhood traffic improvements on Colorado Avenue between 20th Street and Centinela Avenue. Streets will be reduced to one lane both east and west bound from 20th Street to 26th Street. Some parking lanes will be removed during various construction phases. Pedestrian walkways will also be reduced during the construction period.

Citywide Sidewalk Repair Project

Repairs to various sidewalk locations Citywide. Traffic lane closures and sidewalk closures should be expected throughout the construction zones. Detours may be announced as necessary, please follow posted detour signs.

Citywide Street Repair Project

Construction will take place on the following streets: Euclid Street (from Pico to Ocean Park boulevards), Bay Street, Grant Street, Pacific Street and Maple Street all between 16th and 14th streets. Please obey the "No Parking" signs that will be posted. Please use the Temporary Parking Permit that is being handed out by construction staff. This permit will allow you to park within a two-block radius of your address.

Clinton to headline second night of Denver convention

BY NEDRA PICKLER
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU Hillary Rodham Clinton will headline her own night at the Democratic National Convention, Barack Obama's campaign announced Sunday in a nod to her strong second-place showing in the party's presidential primary.

The former first lady will speak on the second night, Tuesday, Aug. 26 — the 88th anniversary of the women's right to vote. The campaign and convention committee in a statement called her "a champion for working families and one of the most effective and empathetic voices in the country today."

The Obama campaign is trying to avoid hard feelings among Clinton's supporters at their carefully orchestrated convention. But they still haven't reached a deal on whether Clinton will be included in the roll call vote for the nomination, which could make the party appear divided heading into the final stretch of the White House race.

The campaign said Obama's wife, Michelle, is slated to headline the opening night on Aug. 25. The high-profile appearance at the kickoff is a chance for the potential first lady, who has been attacked by critics, to get more positive exposure. Even more importantly, she can help explain her husband to voters in the most personal terms.

The yet-to-be-named vice presidential pick will speak on the third night, as is the tradition. Democratic officials say Bill Clinton is also scheduled to speak that night, but only the headliners were listed in Sunday's official announcement, made while Obama was vacationing in his native state of Hawaii.

The former president plans to be in the audience Tuesday to watch his wife's speech. Democratic officials say she has not decided who will introduce her, but one option is her daughter, Chelsea.

One Clinton adviser, speaking on a condition of anonymity because speech preparations are being kept private, said she wants to deliver a "forward-looking" speech that pays homage to the historic nature of the primary between a black candidate and a woman candidate without dwelling on the divisions.

John Edwards, the 2004 vice presidential nominee who finished a distant third in the

primary, was left off the speakers list as he grapples with revelations that he had an affair with a woman hired to produce campaign videos.

Obama is expected to become the party's first black presidential nominee on the fourth and final night as the convention moves from Denver's indoor Pepsi Center to a bigger venue at Invesco Field at Mile High Stadium. It happens to be the 45th anniversary of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

Clinton told supporters she is seeking a way for her delegates to be heard at the convention and be united after the hard-fought nominating contest.

"Because I know from just what I'm hearing, that there's incredible pent up desire. And I think that people want to feel like, 'OK, it's a catharsis, we're here, we did it, and then everybody get behind Sen. Obama.' That is what most people believe is the best way to go," she said, according to video of the remarks taken by an attendee and posted on YouTube last week.

Obama told reporters Thursday he thought the negotiations with Clinton aides had gone "seamlessly," but he also rejected the notion that there might be a need for emotional release on the part of some Democrats.

"I don't think we're looking for catharsis," said Obama. "I think what we're looking for is energy and excitement."

Advisers to the New York senator said she will almost certainly not ask to have her name placed in formal nomination at the convention to avoid a divisive vote.

Under DNC rules, Clinton must submit a signed, written request to have her name placed in nomination, accompanied by a petition signed by at least 300 delegates. Some Clinton delegates have circulated such petitions, but the effort is meaningless without Clinton's signed request.

Delegates are not formally pledged to any candidate so Clinton does not need to "release" them to Obama. The rules also say delegates may vote for the candidate of their choice whether or not the name of such candidate was placed in nomination.

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Comedy Central's Riggle is off the hook at Olympics

BY DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK Foreign correspondence on the fake news of "The Daily Show" usually amounts to someone standing in front of a video screen on the New York set, a few steps away from Jon Stewart's desk.

But to coincide with the Olympics, the show's Rob Riggle went to China. Really. His skewed travelogue unfolds this week on the Comedy Central hit.

That's when they find out whether they've created any international incidents.

"It was an opportunity to go over to China and do something that has probably not been done in the past — go to China and

do some comedy," said Riggle, a former U.S. Marine who served in Afghanistan and is still on reserve.

Riggle, who last year traveled to Iraq for "Operation Silent Thunder," started planning by applying in January for journalists' visa. With the intercession of MTV executives in China, they got the go-ahead less than 24 hours before their plane was due to leave on July 29.

"There were days when we got promising news and days when we got not-so-encouraging news," said Glenn Clements, field producer and Riggles' traveling partner.

Trying to explain what "The Daily Show" did would have been difficult. They essentially delivered a list of places where they planned to do filming.

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Picking the best time to pick produce

BY DEAN FOSDICK
For The Associated Press

NEW MARKET, Va. Few things will ruin a season's worth of expectations faster than dining on fresh-picked fruits or vegetables whose time hasn't come. Or, for that matter, whose time has come and gone.

Guess wrong about when to shift produce from plot to plate and you've wasted weeks of effort. That's what home gardening is all about, isn't it: trying to capture that unmatched moment of peak flavor? Growing better quality food at less cost?

Determining when that moment has arrived, however, is not simple.

"The only sure way to tell if something is ready for harvest is to sample it," said Cynthia Haynes, an extension horticulturist with Iowa State University.

"Size and color usually are good indicators, but even veteran gardeners can be fooled," Haynes said. "Colors will change first, although that doesn't mean they're ripe. Fruits and vegetables have to reach full size before flavors can develop. Eat a few first to be certain."

Pick too early and flavor will be lacking. Wait too long and you'll have starchy, bitter-tasting produce.

"It often will be moldy and insect damaged, too," said Lauren Devine, a spokeswoman for Jarden Home Brands in Daleville, Ind., which manufactures the classic Ball home-canning Mason jars. "Definitely not top quality. You'd be smart to toss it."

Here are some guidelines for deciding when to harvest the most popular home-grown fruits and vegetables:

■ Asparagus: Start when the spears are 6 or more inches long and as thick as your lit-

tle finger. Snap them off at ground level and stop harvesting after several weeks so the plants have time to recharge for next season.

■ Beans (Lima): Pick when the pods are bright green and filled out. The beans are more tender if taken before they've fully matured. You'll know they're beyond prime when the pods begin to yellow.

■ Beans (Snap): Best eaten when beans inside the pod are about one-quarter of full size. Pick frequently because they are quick to turn tough and starchy.

■ Beets: Ready for eating when the roots reach an inch or more in diameter. Start your harvest with the tops, which make excellent greens.

■ Cabbage: Begin bringing them in if the heads feel solid when pressure is gradually applied. The heads often split if allowed to grow overripe.

■ Carrots: Depends on variety and size preference. Pull one from the ground to check its length and then give it a raw taste test.

■ Cauliflower (and Broccoli): Harvest when the heads are full and smooth and before the color starts to turn.

■ Corn (Sweet): Wait until the silks are dry and the ears completely filled out. "Shuck an ear and use a fingernail to pierce a kernel," said Haynes. "You want to see a milky juice coming out. That tells you it's ready for harvest."

■ Cucumbers (and Zucchini): Inspect daily and pick early and often. "Zucchini can be troublesome," Haynes said. "... If it gets too big, it can get too soft. But the more you harvest, the more the plants fruit for you."

■ Eggplant: Cut the fruit from the plant when it has grown firm and shiny. An eggplant is beyond prime when its color dulls and the seeds turn brown.

■ Lettuce (Head): Like cabbage, harvest



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when the heads become firm and full.

■ Lettuce (Leaf): "Clip the outer leaves with a knife or scissors just above the ground," Haynes said. "It fills out again quickly and you can make many return visits before the plant is done. You'll know when because the leaves will start tasting bitter."

■ Melons: "Of all the crops one can grow, melons keep the best secrets about their own ripeness, but there are ways of cracking the code," said Roger Doiron, founding director of Kitchen Gardeners International, a non-profit network of organic cooks and gardeners based in Scarborough, Maine. "Muskmelons, for example, ripen on the vine but not off, so they don't get any sweeter after picking. Gardeners should be looking to harvest when their muskmelons 'slip' from the vines when gentle pressure is applied to the stem."

Watermelons, meanwhile, develop white-colored spots on their undersides that become yellow as they ripen. A mature melon will give off a dull, hollow thud when thumped with a knuckle.

"They should look heavy for their size, like oranges," said Devine. "They'll be juicy when mature. You also should be able to tell by smelling the melons. They give off a really fruity flavor (when ripe)."

■ Onions (Dry): Harvest when the tops and necks have withered and collapsed, and the bulbs won't dent when squeezed. Let dry for a couple of weeks.

■ Peas: Pods should feel full but not plump or the peas will have hardened and become bitter. Peas are like strawberries; they cry out to be sampled.

■ Potatoes: "In the case of 'buried treasure,' like garlic and potatoes, you need to look at their leaves for signs of readiness," Doiron said. "Potatoes can be harvested when their foliage starts to turn yellow." Dig slowly and carefully to avoid slicing or bruising the tubers. Cure in a cool area for a week or more before eating.

■ Tomatoes: Harvest when the fruit is fully red but still firm. Tomatoes will continue to mature after being picked but vine-ripened fruit tastes best. Refrigerating dulls the flavor; leave them at room temperature if they can't be eaten immediately after being picked.

A popular harvesting rule of thumb is to pick small and pick often. Bigger is not always better when dealing with produce. Smaller items frequently are more flavorful.

"Of all the home garden's advantages, proximity may be the biggest," Doiron said.

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Time to change oil?

Dear EarthTalk

How often do I really need to change my car's oil? Conventional wisdom has always put it at every 3,000 miles to prevent engine wear, but isn't changing oil that frequently wasteful and unnecessary? Also, what is the "greenest" and longest-lasting oil I should use?

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THERE IS MUCH DEBATE IN THE AUTOMOTIVE WORLD over how often drivers of typical passenger cars or light trucks should change their oil. The quick-lube chains usually recommend it be done every three months or 3,000 miles, but many mechanics would tell you that such frequent changes are overkill. Indeed, most car owner's manuals recommend changing out the oil less frequently, usually after 5,000 or 7,500 miles.

According to the automotive website Edmunds.com, the answer depends more on driving patterns than anything else. Those who rarely drive more than 10 miles at a time (which doesn't get the oil hot enough to boil off moisture condensation) or who start their car frequently when the oil isn't hot (when most engine wear occurs) should change their oil more often — at least twice a year, even if that's every 1,000 miles, according to Edmunds. But commuters who drive more than 20 miles a day on mostly flat freeway can go as far as their owner's manual recommends, if not longer, between changes. As a car ages, more frequent changes might be in order, but that's for a qualified mechanic to decide on a case-by-case basis.

"The necessity of 3,000 mile oil changes is a myth that has been handed down for decades," writes Austin Davis, proprietor of the website TrustMyMechanic.com. He says that the economics of the oil change industry demand pushing customers to get their oil changed more frequently — purportedly as "cheap insurance" against problems cropping up — whether they need it or not. One of the largest oil change chains, Jiffy Lube, for instance, is owned by Pennzoil-Quaker State, and as such has an incentive to sell as much of the company's traditional petroleum-based oil as possible.

One way to reduce trips to and money spent unnecessarily on quick-lube outlets is to switch to synthetic oils, which last longer and perform better than their traditional petroleum-based counterparts. Davis says that educated drivers should opt for longer lasting, better performing synthetic oils, which are "most likely good for 10,000 to 15,000 miles



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NEW ADVICE: Quick-lube centers usually recommend changing your car's oil every 3,000 miles, but many mechanics say that's overkill. Most car owner's manuals recommend changing out the oil less frequently, usually after 5,000 or 7,500 miles.

or six months" whether or not their manufacturers recommend more frequent changes or not. Some synthetic motor oils, like Amsoil, NEO and Red Line, to name a few, are created specifically to last 25,000 miles or one year before needing a change.

While neither conventional nor synthetic motor oils are good for the environment if disposed of improperly or spilled, most environmentalists would opt for the latter since it lasts three or more times longer and thus reduces waste (or energy use if recycled). Researchers have been experimenting with producing greener motor oils — one pilot project out of Purdue University has produced high-quality, carbon-neutral motor oil from canola crops — but consumers should not expect to see such products on store or garage shelves anytime soon, as the costs of production are high and the availability of cropland is limited. But the very existence of such alternatives — no doubt more are in the offing — bodes well for the future as oil becomes more scarce and expensive.



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Vote draws criticism from SMRR members

FROM ENDORSEMENT PAGE 1

one of the positions he held for a while was actually wrong ... and he publicly apologized," she said.

Hoffman is referring to the issues in special education at the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, the department criticized the past few years for allegations of secrecy and intimidation. District officials are currently in the process of instituting new practices and policies to rectify a problem that has been damaging to the institution's reputation. A number of board members and officials, including former Superintendent Dianne Talarico, have since apologized to parents and children in special education.

Escarce will now join incumbents Ralph Mechur, Maria Leon-Vazquez and newcomer Ben Allen, a former UC Regent, in receiving SMRR support.

"It is really extremely gratifying," Escarce said. "It makes me feel terrific and certainly makes me want to absolutely redouble my efforts to be an excellent school board member and make sure to represent all students in our community as well."

The long-time board member said he was disappointed after he failed to secure an endorsement during the convention, recognizing the pull of SMRR's support.

"I hoped that I would be able to recover from that through the steering committee, but I really wanted to try and run a good campaign and make sure I both talk about things I accomplished but more importantly, to talk about how I was totally committed to being an even better board member than I've been in the past," he said.

Two other SMRR members who sought endorsements for the school board during the convention were Judith Meister, an educational advocate and former PTSA president at Santa Monica High School, and Chris Bley, a teacher.

Meister, who already qualified for the ballot, said the committee's support of Escarce will not affect her decision to run.

"I just want to get out who I am and what my issues are," she said.

The vote of the steering committee has been criticized by some members of SMRR, the concerns coming in particular from a number of parents who were most outspoken during the special education controversy, most of whom did not cast their vote for

Escarce the week before.

The parents in the past have accused the school board vice president of playing a part in the special education controversy.

"The fact that Escarce was unable to secure the endorsement of SMRR members at the convention and that the steering committee had to overrule the convention results is a clear reflection of the fact that there are serious concerns in the community regarding Escarce's behavior on the board," Tricia Crane, an educational activist and SMRR member, said. "Those of us who share those concerns will continue to weigh our options as we move forward toward the election in November."

Craig Hamilton, a parent of a child in special education who also serves on several of the district's committees, postponed his vacation to attend the convention, also opting against Escarce.

"I think it is important that from my perspective the SMRR steering committee's action is an overruling of the will of the convention and a violation of the spirit of the democratic process," Hamilton said. "Jose lost fairly over three different votes — plenty of time to have carried the votes — if they were there."

Hoffman pointed out that Escarce narrowly lost by one-tenths of a percent and stressed that the committee did not break any rules.

"Our bylaws are written so that the steering committee can add candidates and positions," Hoffman said. "What we did was neither out of character nor anti-democratic."

"It's totally compatible with the working of the organization."

The committee has yet to make a decision on the Residents' Initiative to Fight Traffic, which seeks to limit commercial growth in the city. The initiative, known as RIFT, has divided the SMRR membership and an endorsement might not come any time soon.

The convention debated the controversial measure at length, ultimately deciding to withhold a position but leaving it open for the steering committee to do so.

"I think the fact there are people deeply committed to both sides within SMRR and even within the leadership of SMRR ... I think that SMRR is a big enough tent that all positions on RIFT can be housed," Hoffman said.

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Yahoo scrambles to keep up with upstart

FROM FANTASY PAGE 3

formed by groups of friends looking to deepen their bonds.

The idea was compelling enough to persuade Sports Illustrated to stamp its name on the program, its first fantasy football venture. The magazine spent the past decade on the sidelines watching Yahoo, ESPN and CBS build popular Web sites to help manage the leagues.

The 54-year-old magazine, owned by Time Warner Inc., is providing content for Citizen Sports' fantasy football program, handling all the advertising sales and promoting the service in its print edition and Web site.

"We think this can change the fantasy landscape," said Jeff Price, president of Sports Illustrated's digital operations.

Still, the odds appear to be stacked against San Francisco-based Citizen Sports because the most rabid fantasy football fans are entrenched in leagues that have been running for years on other Web sites.

"The switching costs for people to leave a league to come over to another site is a sig-

nificant hurdle," Price said. But he believes it will be easier for Citizen Sports because having its program run on Facebook, where millions of people already spend hours every day, "brings fantasy football to the player instead of having the player come to you."

The field is led by Yahoo Inc., whose fantasy football site drew 6.6 million U.S. visitors in the opening month of the season last year, followed by ESPN.com at 2.6 million visitors, according to comScore Inc.

And Yahoo isn't taking its advantage for granted. The company has developed even more tools for its fantasy football service, including more graphics and audio alerts, while making it easier to play on mobile phones.

"It's a daunting task," Ma said of the challenge facing Citizen Sports. "Do you look at what Yahoo has been able to do and say, 'It's just not worth taking a chance?' Or do you look at the advent of social networks and say, 'Let's give it a shot.'"

Ma struck it rich at a young age by taking an unusual risk while attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

New elder abuse director wants to bring respect back to seniors

FROM CP PAGE 1

them were caregivers who had abused, a lot of them were family members.

"I just wasn't aware of the extent of the problem and so I became more interested in doing something."

An estimated 2.1 million American seniors become victims of elder abuse every year, cases ranging from neglect, abandonment, to physical, mental and financial abuse.

Only one in 14 cases are likely to be reported.

"I used to ask people why did you wait so long (to report)," Hayashida said. "The answer was always the same — 'we were so ashamed that (a family member) would do this to our mother.'"

"I think part of it was the family shame."

The position as an elder law attorney with Bet Tzedek often required collaboration with the Technical Advisement Group at what was then called the Center for Healthy Aging in Santa Monica, currently known as Wise & Healthy Aging.

When the position of Elder Abuse Prevention Program director opened recently, Hayashida jumped at the opportunity, a chance to raise awareness.

The program runs several different initiatives, all connecting volunteers with senior citizens in need, whether it is the Advocates for Conserved Elders through which volunteers visit residents in long-term facilities, or the Senior Fraud Prevention Call Center where elderly-aged "Fraud Fighters" contact their peers nationwide about illegal telemarketing scams. A similar initiative, the Seniors Against Investment Fraud, trains volunteers to educate the elderly about fraud through local seminars.

A fourth element of the program, the Financial Abuse Specialist Team, consists of volunteer experts in the field of estate planning, health care, law enforcement and real estate, all reviewing cases of elder financial abuse and advising accordingly.

A major part of elder abuse comes from financial motivation, whether it be e-mail scams or greed coming from the victim's own children.

"A lot of these people purchased their homes in the 50s and 60s when they paid \$27,000," Hayashida said. "When they can sell them for \$750,000, a lot of the kids say 'hey, I don't have to work.'"

The reason why many elders fall victim to

abuse is the yearning for companionship.

"They become isolated so when someone befriends them, whether it's someone down the street or some caller who keeps calling, they grow attached," Hayashida said.

Planning for the future

Following her undergraduate work at the California Baptist College, the Torrance native decided to leave the warm and familiar, attending what was then the University of Puget Sound School of Law, now known as Seattle University.

She would remain in the northwest for much of her legal career, working with the Attorney General's Office in Washington and later in Oregon, her time up north interspersed with a few years practicing in Iowa.

Just three weeks into her new part-time job, the new elder abuse prevention director has already compiled a long-term to-do list, including drafting a new strategic plan designed to bring more attention to the issue of abuse, including talking to the youth about respecting their elders.

For the baby boomer population, the oldest of which are in their senior years, the strategic plan would address planning for the future, including how best to avoid legal messes.

She would like to establish a way to recognize elders who have contributed to the community, modeling it after the "Living Treasures" designation given to older individuals in Japan.

"I think L.A. County must have so many stories of people," she said. "We should honor them in some way about their contribution."

Then there is helping those who have been wronged.

Hayashida recently had a conversation with a volunteer who fell prey to a scam, told she had won a prize with a magazine publisher, sending \$6,000 and later learning it was all a lie.

The volunteer is currently paying \$100 a month back to the bank, a chunk out of her Social Security income of about \$800 a month.

To help similar victims, Hayashida hopes to establish some sort of fund, fueled by donations from the community.

"It's so devastating," she said. "At their age, what are they going to do?"

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Food companies agree to new guidelines

FROM SNACKS PAGE 3

products over three years, officials said.

"Other companies should follow this lead," said Attorney General Jerry Brown. He called the settlements "a victory for public health."

Acrylamide forms naturally when starchy foods are baked or fried. Studies have shown the chemical, which also has industrial uses, causes cancer in lab animals and nerve damage to workers who are exposed to high levels. The Food and Drug Administration is researching whether acrylamide in food poses a health risk.

"Everybody's trying to figure out how to lower levels (of acrylamide) without significantly, adversely affecting taste," said Michele Corish, an attorney for Lance Inc., which produces Cape Cod chips.

Corish said the modified snacks will be available nationwide. Messages left with the other three companies were not immediately returned Friday night.

The attorney general's office said the levels of acrylamide in most Cape Cod chips are already near the compliance level as defined by the settlement. However, Brown said Cape Cod Robust Russets contain 25 times the acceptable amount.

Corish said "Robust Russets" chips are no longer being sold.

According to the terms of the settlements, Frito-Lay, which is owned by PepsiCo Inc. and produces most of the chips sold in California, will pay \$1.5 million and chip-maker Kettle Foods will pay \$350,000 in penalties. Heinz, which produces frozen fries and tater tots, agreed to pay \$600,000. Lance will pay \$95,000.

The state also sued McDonald's Corp.; Wendy's International Inc.; Burger King Corp.; KFC, a subsidiary of Yum Brands Inc.; and Procter & Gamble Co. over acrylamide levels in 2005. Those lawsuits were settled after the companies agreed to either properly label their products or lower levels of the chemical.

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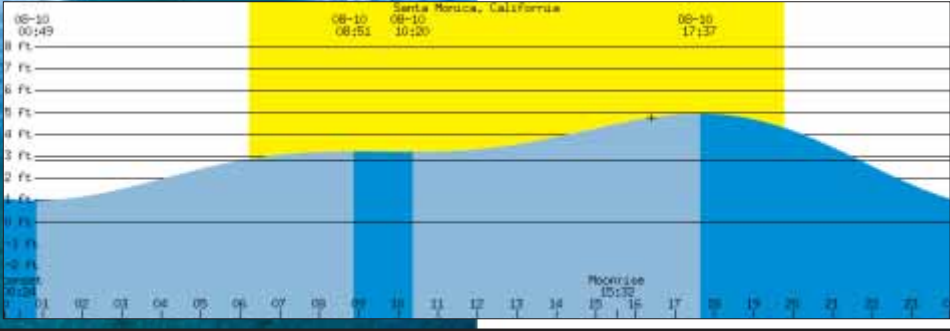


SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP:** 57°-72°

SWELL FORECAST (3-4 FT)
Starting with the most salient of systems on the models today, Hernan gets the first word. Stats on this storm sound impressive, but the resultant surf just so-so. Last night, Hernan peaked with winds topping out at around 100 kt, making this one a Cat-3 storm. During this period, Hernan nudged northward just a tad.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
LOOKING FARTHER OUT ON THE HORIZON, THERE'S REALLY NOT MUCH ELSE TO SAY FOR SoCAL RIGHT NOW. THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE HAS SOME ACTION BREWING NEAR CHILE, BUT THIS ISN'T LOOKING TO DO ANYTHING SURF-WISE FOR US.

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA





NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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August 5, 2008

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 1

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0

Number of wet days -- 0

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / 50

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / 50

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closures and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Soguit Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Del Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Las Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Tennesson Canyon drain	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Morador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chantreaga)	A	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	B	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	D	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kanter storm drain	A	ns
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	B	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Selkirk Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	C	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Sunridge Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	ns
Sunridge Beach (beach location)- daily	A	ns	Venice Beach- projection of Topsoil St.	C	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	B	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain	B	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17260 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns			

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A -- F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken



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ROCKING WITH A PURPOSE: Wallpaper will play Barock the House, a concert at the Temple Bar on Wilshire Boulevard designed to encourage young people to contribute to the Obama campaign.

Barock the House is the first of many musical-political activities

FROM OBAMA PAGE 3

which plays music he describes as “p-funk mixed with hyphy.” He and all of the other performers will play for free for tonight’s show.

“The sacrifice of being on tour is a lot but Obama winning is worth a lot more,” he said.

Graham Fink of the Silverlake band the Outline sees Obama as a figure that has been able to motivate and mobilize his peers more than other politicians in the past have.

“I haven’t really been inspired by political figures in the past,” Fink said. “I’ve had the thought that for someone to get to the point to be president you have to be somewhat irrelevant.”

Although members of the Outline are excited to contribute their time and tunes to the cause, Fink still keeps a level head about presidential politics.

“I’m not expecting him to come into office and have sunflowers bloom and rainbows appear,” he said. “But he clearly is thinking about things that are relevant.”

Fink has already begun to consider what other musical steps he can make to help get Obama into office. His latest idea is changing lyrics to the popular dance song “Stop the Rock” by Apollo 440 to “Stop Barack, can’t stop Barack,” making a video for it with a friend and posting it on YouTube.

Rumack and McLain hope that tonight’s concert will be the first of many musical events that they organize in the name of social change. They will soon begin preparations for the New York installment of Barock the House in September. They also started a nonprofit organization called Music Forward that will focus on using music to bring attention to political and social issues

IT DOESN'T TAKE A LOT TO TRANSFER A NORMAL SOCIAL ACTIVITY INTO SOMETHING THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE."

J.T. McLain
Barock the House organizer

past this year’s presidential election. “It’s been amazing,” Rumack said. “Before I go to sleep, thoughts are storming through my brain, and when I wake up I’m stressed and energized about it at the same time.”

For McLain, the efforts are also a way for him to express his karmic gratitude.

“I’ve grown up on the Westside, gone to private schools,” he said. “I’ve been given a lot and I want to give back.”

Both organizers are adamant in emphasizing that “Barock the House” will not be a lecture on the wonders of Obama.

“There’s not going to be a lot of spiels about Obama,” McLain said. “That’s the theme but that’s not the night. I want people to have fun and I want them to know why they’re having fun.”

The participating bands have no doubts that the organizers will let the music do the talking tonight.

“They’ve had some great parties,” said Fink of his longtime friends. “This is a party with a purpose.”

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Hang out with a friend, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Take an overview, fully realizing what you want and where you are heading. Though you might be uncomfortable with a realization, you will have to deal with it. Avoid a confrontation. Tonight: Relax to music or a movie.	LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Sometimes, for many different reasons, we hesitate to ask for what we really need or want to know. Do not put yourself in that position. Loosen up and relax. Be more of yourself. Others like the intrinsic you. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Push too hard, and you might see a backlash. The unexpected triggers some strong internal reactions. Talk quietly to a loved one or partner. Avoid a confrontation at any cost. A "lively" discussion can occur later. Tonight: Be with your favorite person.	SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Making money might be important, but be careful, as a friend or associate could feel cornered. Use your instincts and creativity to find answers. There are answers out there for sure, but they are not coming in the normal way! Tonight: Don't be pushed.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Others clearly let you know who is in charge, Rather than defy someone or act strangely, just let go. You cannot always convince city hall of your logic. Pressure builds on the home front. Tonight: Say yes.	SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Pressure emanates from the home front. You might be in the mood to cause a mini revolution, but you will not. Your caring comes through if you pull back. Tonight: A discussion proves to be enlightening.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might want to understand what is going on, especially in your workplace or daily life. Understand that, as nurturing as you might want to be, you could be in an explosive situation. Try to back out carefully. Tonight: Choose a stress-buster.	CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Take your time. If someone acts out on a radical level, you could be shocked. What you see and what happens might be two different stories. Tonight: Escape into your world.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You are playful, even though many people around you are not. Remember how it feels when others are upbeat and you are down. Being slightly more diplomatic could be very important right now – that is, if you want a positive reaction! Tonight: Just be yourself.	AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. You could be taken aback by a sequence of events that, at the best, might be upsetting. Evaluate and see how you can transform your anger into a positive situation. Tonight: As you might like.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You might not realize how you might be acting out your frustration, perhaps causing yourself more of a problem than you are aware of. A family situation or domestic matter weighs heavily on your heart. Tonight: A must appearance.	PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Take a stand, although you might totally reverse directions when you notice the light is at the other end of the tunnel. Think positively. Be aware of your options – those that might be new or simply ones that became available as you stretched mentally. Tonight: Shortcuts will not cut it.

Happy birthday

Your mind frequently escapes into the realm of imagination. As long as you can sort through reality and fiction, you are OK. Listen to trusted friends if they think you are out of whack. Their perceptions can prevent you from landing in quicksand. If single, when you meet someone who steals your heart, you are likely to become somewhat unpredictable. Look to the period following New Year's for having a case of the butterflies! If attached, the two of you need to make it OK to have very different opinions. Accept the differences rather than make them a big deal.

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Difficulty Level ★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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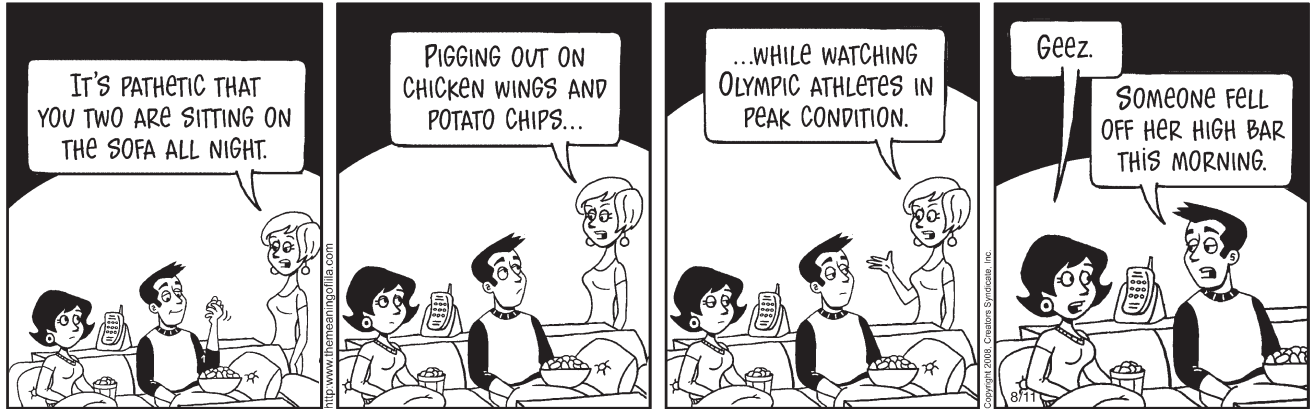
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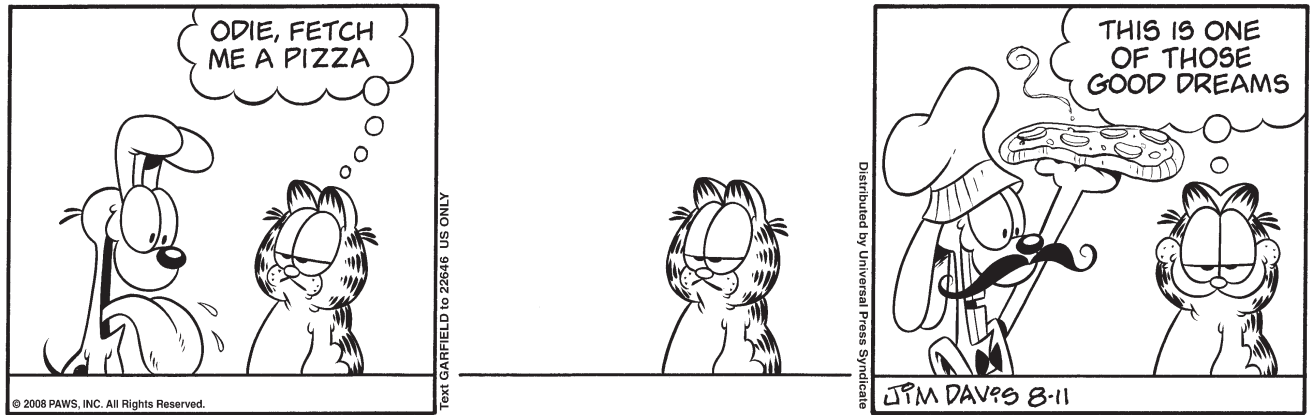
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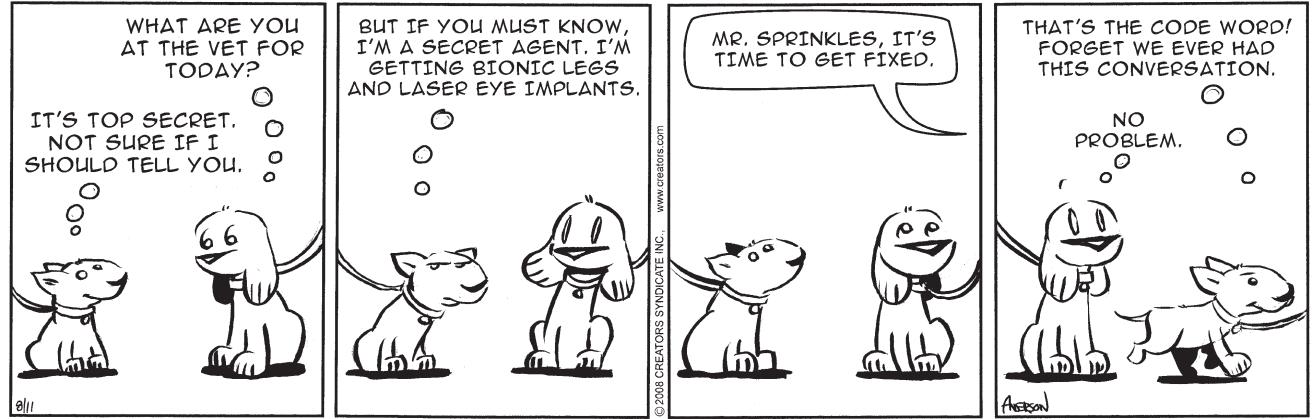
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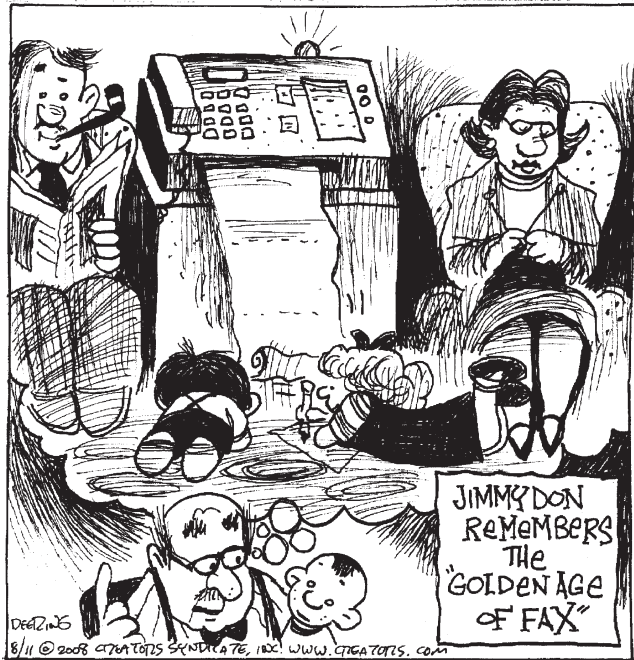


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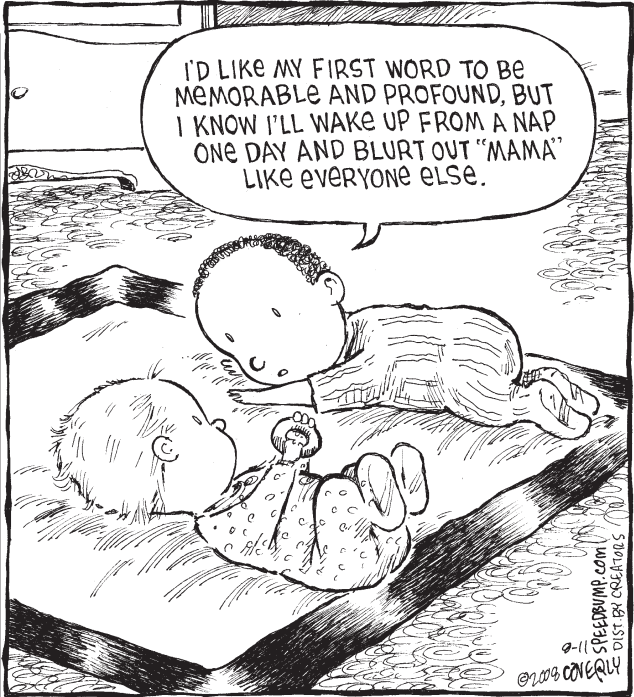
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The June transfer of a prisoner from lockup to Britain's Northampton Crown Court, just across the street, required summoning the closest prison van (57 miles away) to come give him a ride. The prisoner (accused thief Mark Bailey) could not simply be walked across the street because officials feared that public, custodial exposure (a "perp walk") would embarrass him, in violation of his "human rights."

■ The San Francisco Board of Supervisors has a longstanding policy of not co-operating with the federal government's enforcement of immigration laws, but in June that stance abruptly backfired, according to a San Francisco Chronicle report. Illegal immigrants who are minors and who committed felonies such as drug-trafficking in San Francisco have not been bound over for federal deportation but have either been quietly flown home, with an escort, at city expense, or placed in California group homes. In June, when San Bernardino County officials realized that one of its youth group homes contained drug dealers, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom halted the program and promised the city would improve its relationship with immigration officials.

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1918 World War I - Battle of Amiens ends.

1929 Babe Ruth becomes the first baseball player to hit 500 home runs in his career with a home run at League Park in Cleveland, Ohio.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081384233 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as STILLPOINT STUDIO, 637 ROSE AVENUE, VENICE, CA 90291. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : HILARY WHITE, 729 16TH STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90402 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: HILARY WHITE

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081354808 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GOODWILL-J INSURANCE AGENCY, 1829 S. ST. ANDREWS PL. # 15 LOS ANGELES, CA 90019. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SEONG SIN JOO 1829 S. ST. ANDREWS PL. # 15 LOS ANGELES, CA 90019 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: SEONG SIN JOO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081353233 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SAFEWAY INTERNATIONAL GROUP, INC., 12037 FIRESTONE BLVD. NORWALK, CA 90650. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SAFEWAY INTERNATIONAL GROUP, INC 12037 FIRESTONE BLVD. NORWALK, CA 90650 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 7/29/08. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 8/4/2008, 8/11/2008, 8/18/2008, 8/25/2008

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081363922 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as JASE SERVICES, 14319 SWIFT DR. LA MIRADA, CA 90638. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : JUAN SUAREZ 9684 TRYON ST. RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA 91730 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)6/12/2008. /s/: JUAN SUAREZ

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081336422 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DIGITAL ARCHIVES, INC., 4180 W. 190TH ST. TORRANCE, CA 90504. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : DIGITAL ARCHIVES, INC. 1415 VALEVIEW DR. DIAMOND BAR, CA 91765 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date). /s/:

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081317362 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TUNA Z DESIGN; TUNAZ.COM, 1122 CARDIFF AVE, APT 7, LOS ANGELES, CA 90035; PO BOX 25281, LOS ANGELES, CA 90025. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MICHAEL TOUNA, 1122 CARDIFF AVE, APT 7, LOS ANGELES, CA 90035 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)2/1/2008. /s/: MICHAEL TOUNA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081345085 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as TOKMANTSEVA INVESTMENT GROUP, 3825 FOUNTAIN AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90029. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ANNA TOKMANTSEVA 5531 FULLCHER AVE.# 53 LOS ANGELES, CA 91601 This Business is being conducted by, an individual.

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Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: ANNA TOKMANTSEVA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081345087 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ARDZAGANK PRODUCTIONS, 17134 SUNDERLAND DR. GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SARKIS SARKISSIAN 17134 SUNDERLAND DR. GRANADA HILLS, CA 91344 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: SARKIS SARKISSIAN

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081208933 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as MARIACHI ZELAYA, 1717 PLEASANT AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90033. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : MIGUEL ZELAYA 1717 PLEASANT AVE. LOS ANGELES, CA 90033 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/25/1999. /s/: MIGUEL ZELAYA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081354533 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as CARNICERIA REYNOSO, 1711 PICO BLVD., SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, COUNTY OF LA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : ALEXIS REYNOSO, 12265 SUNSET PARKWAY, LOS ANGELES, CA 90064 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)7/18/2008. /s/: ALEXIS REYNOSO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20081305994 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as HOLLYWOOD HEELS, 6818 VINELAND AVENUE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91605, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : INTERNATIONAL FOOTWEAR COLLECTIONS, INC., 6818 VINELAND AVENUE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA 91605 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)6/26/2008. /s/: INTERNATIONAL FOOTWEAR COLLECTIONS, INC., PRESIDENT, MICHAEL KAPLAN

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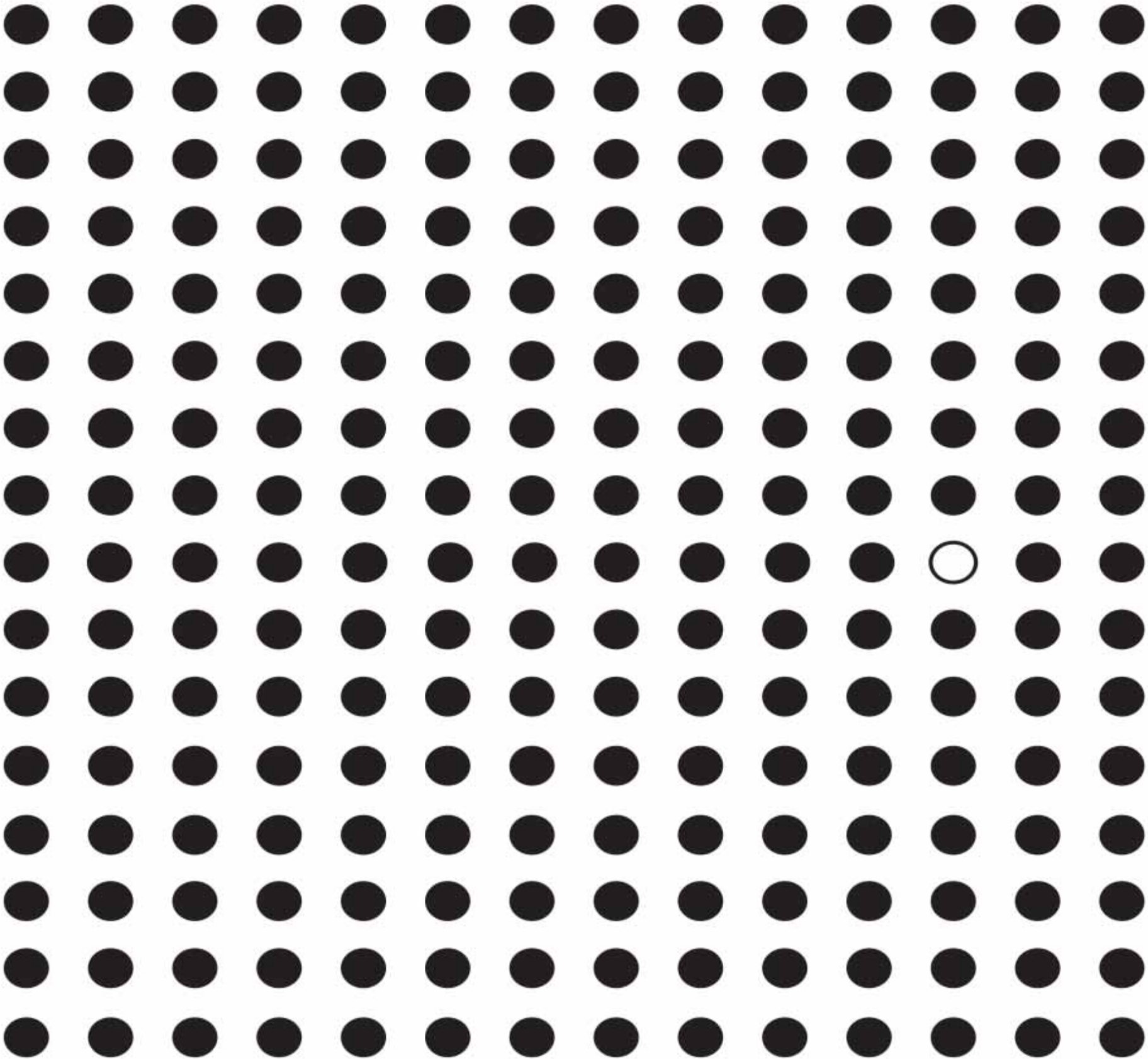
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BELOW IS A WRAP-UP OF THE ESSENTIAL INFORMATION ACCORDING TO THE RED CROSS AND FEMA.

PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR PROPERTY IN THE EVENT OF AN EARTHQUAKE:

- * Repair defective electrical wiring and leaky gas connections. These are potential fire risks.
- * Bolt down and secure your water heater, refrigerator, furnace and gas appliances to the wall studs.
- * Have an automatic gas shut-off valve installed.
- * Place large or heavy objects on lower shelves.
- * Fasten shelves, mirrors and large picture frames to walls.
- * Brace high and top-heavy objects.
- * Store bottled foods, glass, china & other breakables on low shelves or in cabinets that fasten shut.
- * Be sure the residence is firmly anchored to its foundation.
- * Install flexible pipe fittings to avoid gas or water leaks.
- * Locate safe spots in each room under a sturdy table or against an inside wall.
- * Hold earthquake drills with your family members: Drop, cover and hold on!
- * Have supplies on hand such as a flashlight, batteries, first aid kit, food, water, essential medicines, cash, credit cards and sturdy shoes.



DURING AN EARTHQUAKE:

Minimize your movements during an earthquake to a few steps to a nearby safe place. Stay indoors until the shaking has stopped.

IF YOU ARE INDOORS, STAY THERE:

- * Take cover under a sturdy desk, table or bench or against an inside wall and hold on.
- * If no table/desk, cover your face & head with your arms & crouch in an inside corner.
- * Stay away from glass, windows, outside doors & walls and anything that could fall.
- * If you are in bed when the earthquake strikes, stay there and protect your head with a pillow.
- * If your bed is under a heavy light fixture that could fall, move to the nearest safe place.
- * Use a doorway for shelter only if it is close to you & if you know it is a strongly supported doorway.
- * Stay inside until shaking stops and it is safe to go outside.
- * Be aware that the electricity may go out or the sprinkler systems or fire alarms may turn on.
- * DO NOT use the elevators.



IF YOU ARE OUTDOORS, STAY THERE:

- * Move away from buildings, streetlights and utility wires.
- * If you are in a moving vehicle, stop as quickly as safety permits and stay in the vehicle.
- * Avoid stopping near or under buildings, trees, overpasses and utility wires.
- * Proceed cautiously once the earthquake has stopped, watching for road and bridge damage.

AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE:

- * Be prepared for aftershocks.
- * Open cabinets cautiously. Beware of objects that can fall off shelves.
- * Stay away from damaged areas of town.
- * Be aware of possible tsunamis if you live in coastal areas. Stay away from the beach.

I hope you find this helpful.

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