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THE FLYING HIGH ISSUE

# Rubin's 'peace activist' title denied

**BY MELODY HANATANI**
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Jerry Rubin isn't a peace activist by trade, at least not in the eyes of the state government.

A frequent fixture at many local civic events, Rubin's ballot designation as a peace activist in his election bid for the City Council was denied last week, the decision by the City Clerk's Office coming eight years after the long-time resident filed a lawsuit against City Hall for first refusing the job title.

ELECTION 2008

The clerk notified Rubin on Aug. 6 — shortly after he filed his nomination papers — citing state law that forbids the use of "activist" as an occupation because it is considered a status under the California Election Code, not a profession. Rubin has since qualified for the ballot, but without a job description.

"Activist would fall under a status, or more of an avocation or pro form vocation or occupation," City Clerk Maria Stewart said.

Avocations are a casual or occasional activity while a pro forma profession would consume little to none of the candidate's time, according to the state election code. Titles falling under both categories are prohibited from appearing on the ballot.

Candidates can only list one of a few designations underneath their name on the ballot — the name of the elected office at the time; the word "incumbent" for those seeking reelection; or three words describing the current principal profession, vocation or occupation. The latter has a series of restrictions, including not allowing "activist" as a job.

Rubin, who sells bumper stickers on the

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Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

OLD SCHOOL: **Pilot Brian Beker takes customers for a ride over along the coast on Monday in his classic biplane. He recently received a permit from City Hall to take people on flights around the southland.**

# Vintage airplane takes flight above Santa Monica

**BY CHRISTINA YOON**
Special to the Daily Press

SM AIRPORT Soaring over the Pacific Ocean in Brian Beker's mint condition, open-cockpit biplane is less frightening than a skydiving jump, a bit more nauseating than a turn on the Ferris wheel and provides a better view than any rollercoaster.

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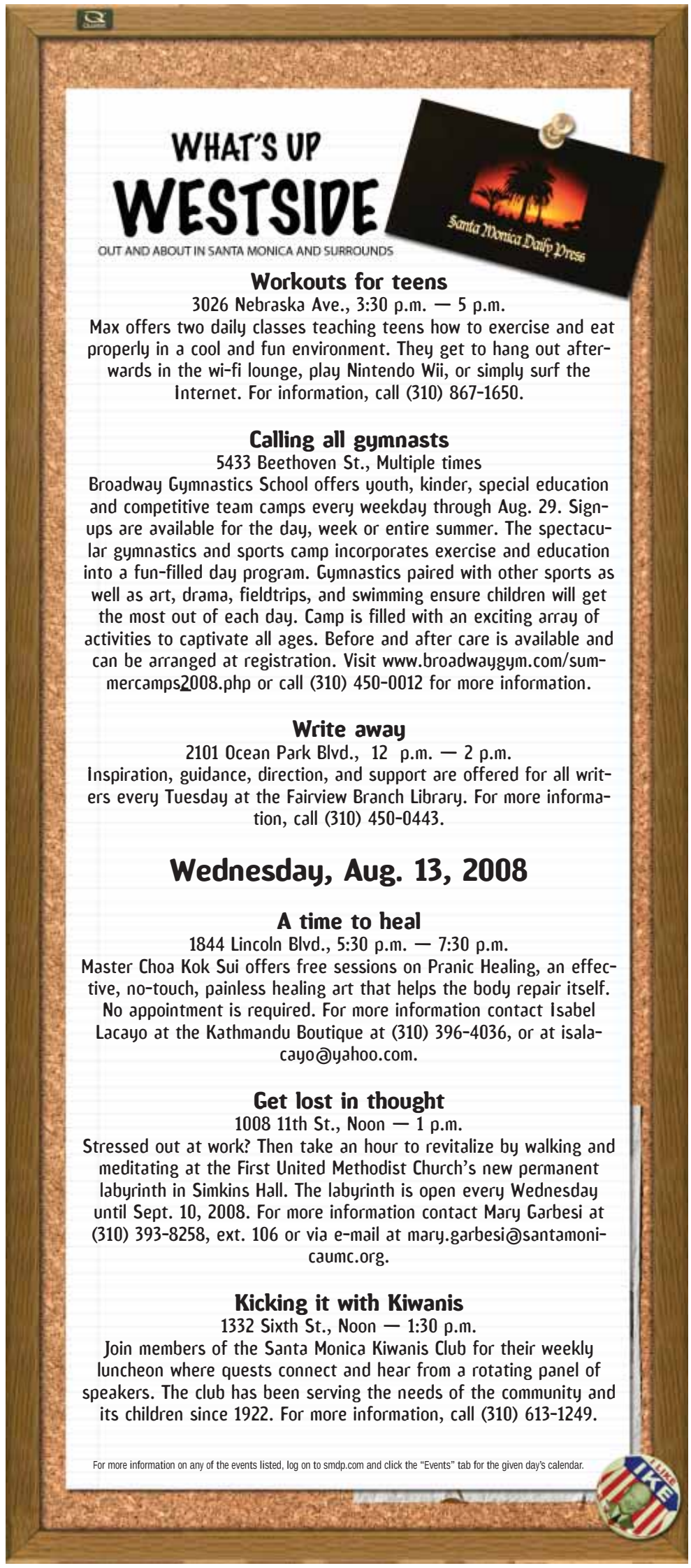

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### Workouts for teens

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### Write away

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 12 p.m. — 2 p.m.

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

## Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2008

### A time to heal

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### Get lost in thought

1008 11th St., Noon — 1 p.m.

Stressed out at work? Then take an hour to revitalize by walking and meditating at the First United Methodist Church's new permanent labyrinth in Simkins Hall. The labyrinth is open every Wednesday until Sept. 10, 2008. For more information contact Mary Garbesi at (310) 393-8258, ext. 106 or via e-mail at mary.garbesi@santamonicaumc.org.

### Kicking it with Kiwanis

1332 Sixth St., Noon — 1:30 p.m.

Join members of the Santa Monica Kiwanis Club for their weekly luncheon where quests connect and hear from a rotating panel of speakers. The club has been serving the needs of the community and its children since 1922. For more information, call (310) 613-1249.

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.

**GIVING BACK**

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**Santa Monica Park Ranger Diane Olson (right) allows Red Cross Medical Technician Alicia Sanchez to attach a needle to draw her blood at the Santa Monica Red Cross blood drive on Monday. Olson makes it a point to give blood to the Red Cross every two months.**

# County authorities link man to Calif. murder case

**BY THOMAS WATKINS**
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES A kidnapping suspect being held in Boston is a German man who lived in the guesthouse of a San Marino couple who disappeared in 1985, a sheriff's spokesman told The Associated Press on Monday.

Los Angeles County sheriff's investigators have positively identified Christian Gerhartsreiter as the same man who used the aliases Clark Rockefeller and Christopher Chichester, spokesman Steve Whitmore said.

Homicide detectives "are confident that Rockefeller is Christian Gerhartsreiter and the person named Christopher Chichester who was living in the Los Angeles area in 1985," Whitmore said. Gerhartsreiter has been identified as a "person of interest" in the San Marino case, Whitmore said.

Investigators were able to confirm Gerhartsreiter's identity after numerous interviews with people who knew him in California in the 1980s, Whitmore said.

Under the name Chichester, Gerhartsreiter rented a guesthouse at the home of Jonathan and Linda Sohus, who vanished in 1985 while living in wealthy San Marino, about 10 miles northeast of Los Angeles. At the time of his Aug. 2 arrest in Baltimore, Gerhartsreiter had been living under the Rockefeller name. Police have said he snatched his daughter from a Boston street on July 27 in an elaborately planned kidnapping in which he hired two people to drive them to New York.

In the San Marino case, skeletal remains were unearthed at the Sohus property in 1994 when new owners were putting in a swimming pool. Investigators at the time were unable to identify the bones but believed they likely belonged to Jonathan Sohus. Investigators have requested a new round of forensic tests, Whitmore said.

Los Angeles County sheriff's investigators tried to question Gerhartsreiter in Boston last week, but he declined. No charges have ever been filed in the missing persons case.

Stephen Hrones, his attorney in the Boston kidnapping case, said Rockefeller does not remember his childhood in Germany or his time in California during the 1980s. When told that Los Angeles County investigators had positively identified Rockefeller as Gerhartsreiter and Chichester, Hrones said, "They can do what they want with it, but he doesn't remember anything. He remembers nothing before 1993, except for little bits and pieces."

Associated Press Writer Denise Lavoie in Boston contributed to this report.

# Bringing book lovers together

**BY MELODY HANATANI**
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Even book worms need their own brand of social networking.

In an online world dominated by giants such as MySpace, Facebook and Friendster, the population that can't help but pick up a hardcover are finding a community in Goodreads, providing a forum through which members can safely ask each other the age-old question — "read any good books lately?"

The site, whose operations are based in Santa Monica, functions in the same manner as its social-networking predecessors, allowing members to create profiles, post personal photos and add "friends." The difference with Goodreads is it feeds off the written word, members each building a "library" of books in which they have or are currently reading, writing reviews and making recommendations to their friends accordingly.

Just less than two years old, the young Internet company recently broke the 1.3 million user mark.

Goodreads is the brainchild of Otis Chandler, the grandson of the late LA Times publisher Otis Chandler. The Stanford graduate and software engineer was never encouraged by his family to pursue journalism, but oddly enough, he wound up working in media.

"I thought I'd work on cars for a living," the 30-year-old Chandler joked.

The site was born out of a simple curiosity to see what books friends were reading, Chandler, who was then a product manager at Tickle.com, deciding to apply his experience building Web communities.

"I was bored and wanted something I would use," he said. "Having always been a reader … I thought (this) would be a great

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### One example

**Editor:**

In response to Eileen Fogarty's Aug. 8 article, I read with great interest and ever greater doubt, her statement regarding a "No new net trips policy as a basis for traffic management" in our city. Doubt because the Transportation Management Department was blind enough to approve a single lane, 2-way driveway at the intersection of 17th and Montana, which requires that only eastbound traffic have access to this property, which in turn means that west, south, or north bound traffic must circulate through adjacent residential streets, creating numerous unnecessary additional trips. This coupled with the deletion of curbside parking and a 20 percent driveway ramp inhospitable to visitors will cause still additional roaming throughout the neighborhood in pursuit of the holy parking space. What kind of "no new net trips" policy is this? Purely smoke and mirrors. If Transportation Management doesn't have the sense to manage this policy on a .4 acre site, how can we trust they can or will manage traffic on a city-wide scale? And apparently the planning department in overseeing and allowing this is not traveling far behind. If Fogarty looked within her own department, she would find many of these problems are unnecessarily created and she will realize why there is a "rift" in the community.

The specific case I refer to is at the north east corner of 17th and Montana.

Ms. Fogarty talks further of "committing to public process and community participation... stressing the importance of a transparent process." In our case, the neighborhood had to claw and scratch for nine months to secure reports and hearing notices that we are entitled to have with a planning staff that frankly didn't have the time of day for us. Maybe the department is understaffed, but this is no excuse.

It took prodding by the neighborhood, not staff, for the developer to change his application three times, but he is still forcing problems offsite. It took nine months to convince staff to get a supplemental traffic report – and lo and behold, the outside consultant confirmed there are significant traffic issues. But again the department's answer – don't solve these problems onsite (which can easily be done), but instead put up signage, delete parking spaces, create a non-sensical loading area, and force people to circulate through the surrounding neighborhood in order to access a single lane, 20 percent access ramp – all of which will result in substantial public safety and parking issues, along with increased congestion in the contiguous bus loading zone, bicycle lane, and driving lanes.

Fogarty also states the importance of "establishing a high bar for public benefits as well as compatibility in scale, setting, and transitions to residential neighborhoods," none of which exist here. In fact, the city is approving a project with significant density and parking bonuses for this developer in exchange for even more significant public safety and design problems negatively impacting our neighborhood. This of course makes no sense.

Fogarty should have asked months ago for a meeting with the neighbors to understand the problems, all of which could have been avoided and are relatively easily fixed, but not by a planning staff that has been indifferent and even disdainful to the public. She needs to change the culture of her department. If she doesn't fix her own house, then all the apple pie and motherhood in LUCE is a huge waste of time and resources.

**Ron Goldman**
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## Your column here

Chon Lee

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# Traveling abroad brings new perspective on life

I HAVE BEEN TEACHING 8TH GRADE English at Lincoln Middle School for the past 8 years and this summer I was blessed to have been selected to participate in an intense, four-week educator program in Cambodia.

I was chosen by the U.S. East-West Foundation to study the history, culture, and religion of Cambodia. The foundation is a nonprofit organization looking to bridge the gap between Asian cultures and communities with western societies. A chief objective is to garner more understanding and tolerance between diverse nations all the while having a deep respect for valuing multiple perspectives, ethnicities, and cultures on a global level.

I was absolutely thrilled and honored to be selected and represent my middle school, Santa Monica, and California. The program is called "Cambodia: Past and Present" and the main purpose is for teachers to study not only Cambodia's turbulent recent history and politics, but compare and contrast that with Cambodia's current state — social, political, and religious. Our next step is to then synthesize our learning and translate that into our classrooms for our students.

In my voyage, I have been able to witness the urban decay and decadence of Phnom Penh, see the lingering effects of French colonialism, visit remote Cambodian orphanages and AIDS hospitals, meet and interview Khmer Rouge survivors, walk through the eerie devastation of Cheong Euk (a.k.a. "The Killing Fields"), feel the tragedy of Tuol Sleng prison, come to terms with the rampant corruption of society on every social level, and see the damaging environmental effects of deep exploitation of natural resources.

With all the deprivation, poverty, and obvious corruption, I still believe there is much hope for the future. The optimism lies within the kindness, dedication, and perseverance of the Cambodian people. I have come to learn the amazing strength and resilience of children, parents, and families.

One thing that Cambodians value is education, however, equal access to education remains a monumental problem. One of the most authentic experiences was when we lived with a host family for a week in a remote village. This was the most difficult yet worthwhile component of our travels as we left behind all modern conveniences.

My homestay family had 10 children (9 girls and 1 boy) and the most memorable moments of my trip were when I had the chance to experience daily village life with my family members. Struggling with communication and language barriers, going to temples and pagodas, helping with the collection of rice in the paddy fields, pumping water out from the well, riding broken bicycles to school with the children, collecting fruits and vegetables in the garden, playing soccer with the local boys, learning basic Khmer vocabulary, and teaching English at the local school were daily activities that I came to appreciate and enjoy.

I really pushed my boundaries and feel that I came away more enlightened and respectful of how other communities live. Moreover, I realized that although my homestay family was poor in money and material wealth, they are immensely rich in happiness and love for each other. What we would deem as tangible necessities were inconsequential to their lives. We ate every meal together as a family, talked and told stories, played games, took plenty of walks, and enjoyed being free with nature, oblivious to any distractions.

Another unforgettable experience was when we practiced Buddhist meditation, religion, and philosophy with monks for a week at a monastery called Wat Damnak. We would wake up every day at 3:30 a.m. to begin our chanting rituals, go collect alms in the neighborhood, clean the temple grounds, go to school, listen to dharma talks, and help teach English to the monks. It was truly enlightening as I came away with a healthier appreciation for simplicity and minimalism in life. I also discovered refreshing it is to t shed all of my superficial layers — consumerism, capitalism, vanity, and ego. I think I came away a more understanding, compassionate person and a better observer of life.

I can say that this voyage helped expand my appreciation for diverse cultures and I have much to share with my students and colleagues at Lincoln.

I am still haunted by two essential questions: How can the Cambodian government help narrow the gap between rich and poor? Will the trials of the former Khmer Rouge leaders help bring any closure for the Cambodian people?

The director of our trip encouraged us to spread the word about this experience, hence this column. I hope this is worthy of your time . If you are at all interested to know more, please feel free to contact me as I have much more stories to tell and plenty of awesome photos too. I look forward to hearing from you.

**Editor's note: David Pisarra is on vacation. Look for a new "What's the point?" on Aug. 19.**

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## The Libertarian Perspective

Fred Foldvary

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# How to bring down the cost of energy

WE CAN'T REDUCE THE PRICE OF OIL, but we can reduce the cost of gasoline and other fuels. Californians pay more for gasoline than the national average because of federal regulations, and Americans pay much more than necessary for energy because of taxes and restrictions that pump up the costs.

Speculators have been blamed for driving the price of oil up to $140 or more per barrel, but if that is the case, there is a simple remedy. The big users of oil, such as the airline and trucking industries, could sell oil futures contracts and drive the price down. The fact that there evidently has been no movement to do so indicates that the price of oil is up because of greater demand and limited supply. The price of oil for Americans is also up because the exchange value of the dollar has fallen. We can't change the global price of oil, but we can indeed change the price of the end product — fuel for our cars.

Here are the interventions that needlessly make gasoline excessively expensive and some suggested remedies:

• The federal Clean Air Act requires that some areas of California and other states use reformulated gasoline with specific additives. The price of gasoline in California is about 45 cents higher per gallon than the national average because of these federal regulations. Gas additives are supposed to produce less smog, but the regulations backfired when the MTBE (methyl tertiary butyl ether) additive leaked into the state's underground water. MTBE has been phased out, but other additives have replaced it, so with these regional requirements there still is no national market for gasoline. The federal Clean Air Act should be amended to eliminate the rule that requires gasoline additives. The price of gasoline in California would then fall to the national average.

• Air pollution is a real problem, but the efficient way to handle it is by charging polluters for the damage rather than regulating gasoline and cars. California's smog tests and federal regulations on cars and fuel should be replaced by pollution charges. The state should install remote sensors that measure the actual pollution of drivers, then bill the biggest polluters. Those who drive relatively clean cars would be spared the expense of smog tests and taxes. There would also be a market for additives and engines that reduce pollution and an incentive to use them voluntarily.

• The federal excise tax on gasoline is 18.4 cents per gallon; the state tax is 18 cents per gallon; and the state and local sales tax is on the total price, including the excise taxes. There is a sales tax on the excise tax. We can cut the price of gasoline by replacing all these taxes with pollution charges that would reduce the cost of gas for everyone except the biggest polluters. Eliminating taxes and restrictions also would enable folks to use cheap vegetable oil and grease for fuel, slashing costs by more than half.

• Traffic congestion wastes gas. The remedy is tolls just high enough to eliminate congestion. The tolls would be levied using electronic devices such as the FasTrak used for bridge tolls. Carpool lanes would no longer be needed, since the tolls would generate an efficient use of streets and "tollways." Bridge tolls also should be changed to congestion pricing.

• Federal and state restrictions on building new refineries should be eliminated. That would increase the supply of gasoline, reduce imports, and bring the price down.

• The government should stop subsidizing ethanol and other alternatives to oil and gasoline. The market will discover the most inexpensive sources of fuel reflecting true costs when taxes and restrictions on gasoline are eliminated.

• Jitneys and vans should be legalized and given "curb rights," or places for them to pick up passengers. They would provide flexible alternatives to cars and reduce gasoline consumption.

We can see that multiple state and federal regulations and restrictions needlessly make gasoline much more expensive than a truly free-market price based on real costs. The remedy is to replace taxes and restrictions with tolls and pollution charges and to liberate the market to let it produce fuel much less expensively than in today's state-distorted energy system.

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## The Q Line

**Paying to ride**

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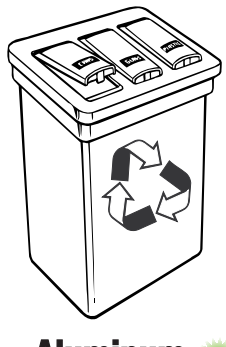
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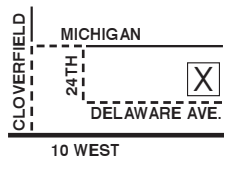

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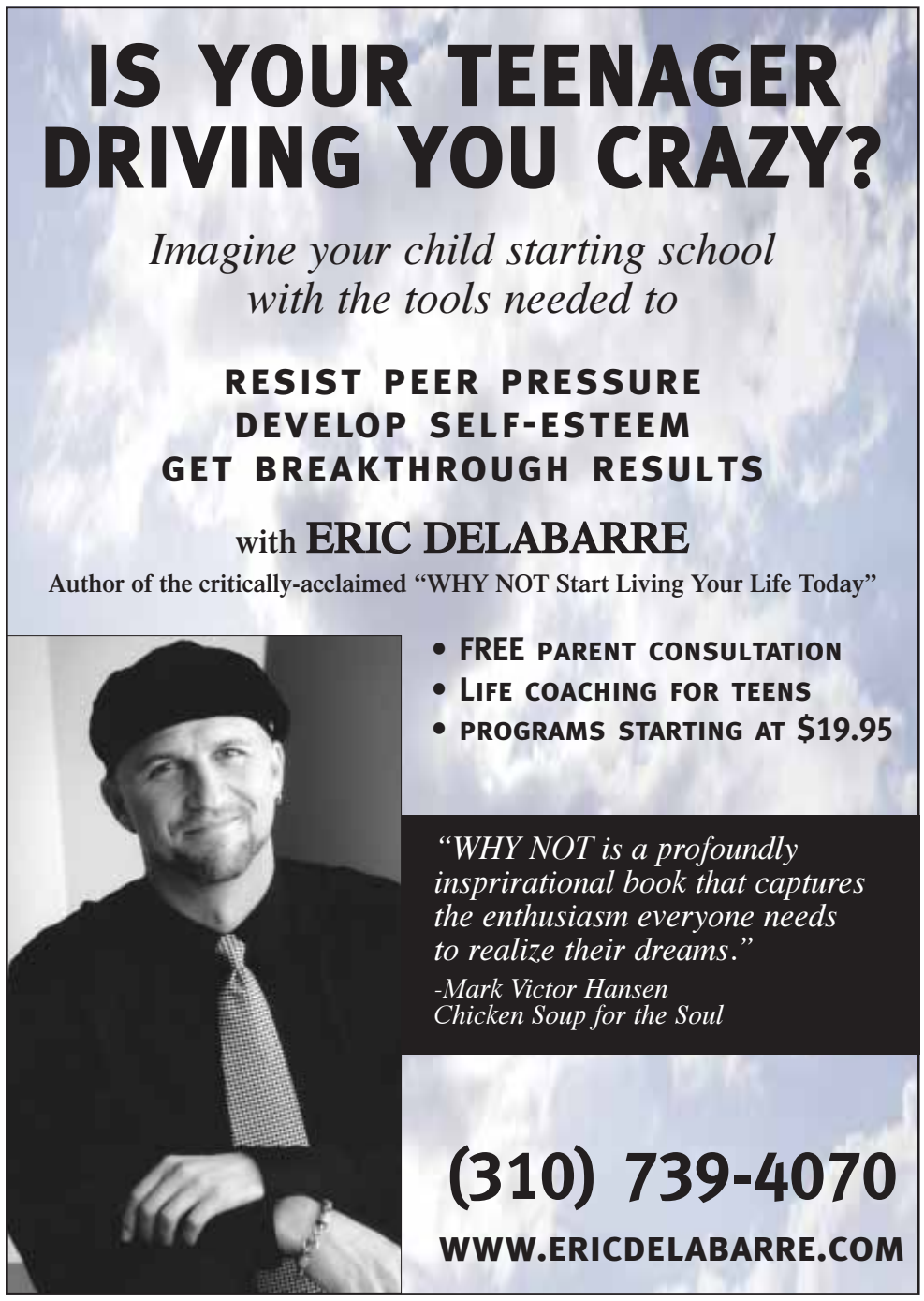

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# Is your car's interior making you sick?

THIS IS ONE OF THOSE COLUMNS WHICH you might decide to skip after taking a quick look at the page. But if you do take the time to read it, you'll be educating yourself on a problem with cars and trucks you might never have thought about, and which you'll be sharing with your friends and relatives. Just hang in there for a few minutes. It'll be worth your time.

Ever wondered about that dreary film which builds-up inside the windshield of your car or truck? Not outside, which can be taken care of easily enough; inside.

For years I've thought, "Hey, that stuff probably isn't too good for anyone, whatever the heck it is," but unfortunately, I didn't know the half of it.

The Ecology Center, a membership-based, nonprofit environmental organization based in Ann Arbor, Mich., says there's more to that fogging than just "new car smell."

In fact, their research shows there's a veritable bouillabaisse of toxic fumes released by many of the plastics and other items used in car interiors.

That ugly film? We're breathing it.

This year, Ecology Center's second year of publishing their findings, Acura's RDX and the Smart Fortwo Pure were the "Least Toxic Cars," and General Motors was the "Most Improved American Manufacturer."

Mitsubishi's Eclipse, the Suzuki Reno and the BMW 128i were the "Most Toxic Cars."

The least toxic vehicles in last year's survey were the Chevy Cobalt, Chrysler PT Cruiser, Honda Odyssey and the Volvo V50.

Last year, research found the most toxic vehicles were the Nissan Versa, Chevy Aveo, Scion xB 5-door and the Kia Rio.

Other highly-rated 2008 cars included the Dodge Nitro and BMW M5; among the low-rated vehicles are the Kia Rondo and the Lincoln Navigator.

Highly-rated cars from the limited number of 2009 model year cars available for testing are the Acura TSX and Hyundai's Sonata SEV6.

Several auto manufacturers showed improvement over last year's findings, including Mazda, General Motors and Nissan.

We all know that modern cars are safer in accidents than ever before, thanks to seat belts and shoulder harnesses, adjustable head rests, much safer seats, safety glass and of course, airbags, seemingly throughout the car.

Softer, smarter materials used in dashboards, steering wheels and instrument panels contribute to that safety. But an irony is that cars made before and for a few years after WWII were probably safer, chemically speaking, because fewer plastics and exotic materials were a part of car interiors.

For the testing, over 200 of the most popular 2008- and 2009-model cars and trucks were used. They were all tested for chemicals that off-gas (produce fumes) from parts such as the steering wheel, dashboard, armrests, seats and carpet. These chemicals become part of the air we breathe, says the organization, contributing not only to "new car smell," but they also create a variety of health concerns.

A portable X-Ray device was used to analyze the elemental composition of vehicle components.

Other chemicals which were surveyed included antimony (opposite of alimony?), arsenic, chromium, cobalt, copper, mercury, nickel and tin. The substances in this category, says the report, are allergens, carcinogens, or cause other adverse health impacts depending on the concentrations and exposure levels.

**EVER WONDERED ABOUT THAT DREARY FILM WHICH BUILDS-UP INSIDE THE WINDSHIELD OF YOUR CAR OR TRUCK?**

Since the average American spends more than 1.5 hours in a car every day, says the report, toxic chemical exposure inside vehicles is a major source of potential indoor air pollution.

Santa Monica commuters spend even more time in their cars every day. Children are the most vulnerable because their systems are still developing.

These same chemicals also cause problems in the environment. When vehicles are discarded, the majority of plastic and other non-metallic parts are shredded and put in landfills or burned in incinerators.

When discarded in landfills, harmful chemicals contained in vehicle plastics can leach out and contaminate soil and water. When incinerated, toxic chemicals are dispersed throughout the atmosphere.

The group says that the law regulating chemicals in commerce, the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA), is 30 years old and needs an overhaul. People are encouraged to contact our own U.S. Sen.. Barbara Boxer, chair of the Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works, and U.S. Rep. John Dingell (D-MI), chair of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and ask for oversight hearings on re-writing TSCA.

The Ecology Center is asking for complete health and safety testing on chemicals used in products and industry before they are put on the market, and to promote innovation for safer alternatives.

Find out more, and read and download the complete ratings on car interiors and child car seats at www.ecologycenter.org and www.HealthyCar.org.

Now, don't you feel more informed? See you next week.

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## STATE BRIEFS

Los Angeles

### Man pleads not guilt in homeless health case

The operator of a Skid Row health assessment center pleaded not guilty Monday to taking kickbacks to recruit homeless people as bogus patients for three Southern California hospitals. Estill Mitts, 64, entered his plea in U.S. District Court to conspiracy, money laundering and other charges. A federal indictment accuses Mitts of receiving as much as $20,000 a month to deliver homeless people for unnecessary medical procedures to City of Angels Medical Center, Los Angeles Metropolitan Medical Center or Tustin Hospital and Medical Center.

Mitts has been ordered to home detention after posting a $25,000 bond. He and his lawyer Dominic Cantalupo declined comment. A trial date has been set for Sept. 30.

City of Angels CEO Rudra Sabaratnam has been ordered to home detention after posting $700,000 bond. He is scheduled to be arraigned Aug. 18. Messages left with John Vandevelde, his lawyer, were not immediately returned.

As the operator of the 7th Street Christian Day Center, Mitts allegedly recruited Skid Row vagrants, including drug addicts and people with mental illness, to be taken to the hospitals. Millions of dollars in care was then billed to Medi-Cal and Medicare, according to the indictment. All three hospitals pledged continued cooperation with authorities. Los Angeles Metropolitan and the Tustin hospital are owned by Pacific Health Corp., which believes it will be cleared of any illegal actions. City of Angels, owned by Intercare Health Systems, said it is committed to providing patients with optimal medical care. ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES

### Panettiere father accused of striking wife

The father of "Heroes" star Hayden Panettiere was arrested early Monday on suspicion of hitting his wife, authorities said. Alan Panettiere was arrested by Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies in West Hollywood, jail records show. Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said Panettiere remained jailed at a substation on suspicion of spousal assault, and was being held on $50,000 bail.

Whitmore declined to name the woman that Panettiere is accused of hitting, but said she reported to deputies that he struck the woman three times with an open hand.

Whitmore said detectives would not release a mug shot of Panettiere. Los Angeles court records do not indicate any prior charges for the 49-year-old father of Hayden Panettiere, who plays Claire Bennett on NBC's hit show, "Heroes." A phone message left with Hayden Panettiere's publicist was not immediately returned Monday. AP

SAUSALITO

### Sausalito police say sewage spill was minor

Sausalito police said Monday that the blockage of a sewage pipe over the weekend caused only a "minor" spill. Officials still were trying to determine exactly how much sewage leaked into the San Francisco Bay with rocks and rags partially clogged the sewage pipe. But Police Chief Scott Paulin said authorities who searched the nearby waters could find no sewage to contain or treat.

At its peak, the sewage was leaking at a rate of 40 gallons per minute. The leak was discovered just after noon Sunday, and residents say they had seen the pipe leaking as early as Saturday afternoon. The incident briefly forced the closure of Swede's Beach, a popular waterfront stretch. The spill came after two spills in January dumped millions of gallons of sewage into Richardson Bay. Officials blamed those spills on strong rainstorms overwhelming the sewer system. AP

EUREKA

### Rape trial begins for Blue Lake police chief

The trial has begun for the former Blue Lake police chief accused of raping his wife and possessing a weapons cache that included 27 submachine guns.

A Humboldt County Superior Court jury began hearing opening statements Monday in the case of David Gundersen, who faces two dozen counts of spousal rape and weapon charges. Gundersen also faces charges of raping his former girlfriend.

Gundersen's wife told investigators before his arrest that he repeatedly had sex with her over a two-year period while she was under the influence of sleeping pills. At first she said she considered it rape, but later told the Eureka Times-Standard that her statements were sarcastic. Gundersen has pleaded not guilty. Lawyers say the trial is expected to last eight to 10 weeks. AP

JENNER

### Drowned Sonoma County abalone diver named

Sonoma County authorities have identified a 54-year-old man who drowned while diving for abalone over the weekend. Witnesses told the sheriff's department that Craig Alan Belluomini, of San Bruno, appeared to be stuck in a kelp bed Saturday morning when other divers saw him struggling in the water near Stillwater Cove.

The divers pulled him to shore and gave Belluomini CPR, but he was declared dead on the beach when rescue personnel arrived. It was the fifth abalone diving-related death this year on the North Coast. Last year, seven people died while prying the prized shellfish from the ocean floor. Abalone is used in sushi and can sell for $100 apiece on the black market. AP

MERCED

### UC Merced chemistry student arrested in meth bust

A chemistry doctoral student at the University of California, Merced has been arrested for allegedly stealing university supplies to produce methamphetamine.

Jason West is in jail on $1 million bail on suspicion of manufacturing meth.

Merced County sheriff's officials arrested the 36-year-old Jason West last week after investigating the theft of more than $10,000 in chemicals and equipment from the school's lab.

Investigators allege the manufacturing took place at two residences, including West's Atwater home.

West is one of the first students at UC Merced to qualify for a chemistry doctorate and was working as a teaching assistant. He's been suspended by school officials. AP

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STRAPPED: **Brian Beker (right), pilot and owner of Black & White Bi-Plane, instructs Santa Monica Daily Press intern Christina Yoon on the proper way to wear a seat belt while riding in his YMF-5 WACO biplane at the Santa Monica Airport on Monday morning.**

# Open-cockpit plane soars over famous landmarks

FROM **BIPLANE** PAGE 1

ence now that Beker's company, Black & White Biplane, is open for business.

Beker, who has flown for 33 years, received a permit to fly out of the Santa Monica airport last week, and hopes that his new Santa Monica business takes off as smoothly as his treasured 1986 WACO YMF-5, on which he has spent almost $500,000 in parts and restorations.

"This is the kind of thing that is in keeping with the aesthetic of Santa Monica," he said, pointing out that a seal of Santa Monica features two old-time biplanes, and that the airport's history is intertwined with the history of the vintage aircraft.

"This airport was started back in the days when there were only biplanes."

The Santa Monica Airport Commission approved his request for a permit to fly at its July 28 meeting. It typically takes about two months for commercial planes to obtain their commercial operations permit, and Beker said that it has taken him nearly a year to set up his business in Santa Monica. City Hall reviews potential commercial aircraft companies for factors including the planes' safety, effects on traffic, pollution and noise. These last criteria are two that Beker is proud to say his plane passed with flying colors.

"The thing that makes the airport controversial is the noise," he said. "The plane is quieter than any of the other planes here."

Beker said that to nearby residents, the sound of a passing biplane would be similar to a sewing machine, with a very low rumble and a soft ticking noise. The plane must always stay 1,000 feet higher than anything within a 2,000 foot radius and 2,000 offshore when flying by the beach.

"Noise is always a major concern," said Rod Merl, a senior analyst at the airport. "The bigger, faster aircraft tend to be noisier than the small ones."

The Black & White biplane features vintage parts such as landing gear from the 1930s. Beker, who grew up in Manhattan, fell in love with flying when he was taken on a ride at the age of 15. Until last week, Beker offered rides on the Black & White in Florida. When he received his permit to fly in Santa Monica, he packed up and flew the plane across the country to begin the latest chapter of his business.

To offset the biplane's carbon footprint, similar to that of a Hummer, Beker works with a company called TerraPass to balance the plane's emissions by funding clean energy and efficiency projects.

The airport commission encourages this type of emissions awareness but Merl emphasized that the airport urges planes flying out of Santa Monica to pay attention to all types of emissions, not just carbon. For example, planes produce significant hydrocarbon emissions when they idle or taxi around the airport.

"Aircraft emissions are federally regulated so we can't require any action of the planes here, but we're trying to get the government to pay more attention because all emissions are a concern to our community," Merl said.

Beker's work in carbon offsetting means that passengers can stow away their guilty consciences when taking one of Black & White Biplane's three routes that include views of Point Dume, the Queen Mary and the Hollywood sign.

Beker said that while the rides are popular with flying experts and novices alike, the most popular option has been for couples seeking unique date ideas or ways to commemorate important anniversaries.

"It's like a flying Rolls-Royce," he said of his biplane.

Beker recalled the time one of his clients booked a ride as a surprise first date. The client's companion showed up in a tight minidress and regretted it immediately.

"She had a pretty hard time getting in," he said, laughing. "But everyone who's gone on it has absolutely loved it."

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ON THE CLOCK? **Jerry Rubin (left), a candidate for City Council, had his request to place 'peace activist' as his occupation on the November ballot denied.**

# Rubin fighting to allow 'activist' designation

FROM **DENIED** PAGE 1

Third Street Promenade and runs the Activist Support Circle, disagrees, adding that many groups, like environmental group, CALPIRG, advertise "activist" jobs.

"I think it's important that an activist be considered a legitimate job," Rubin, who co-founded the Santa Monica Treesavers, said.

The issue over ballot designations first came up in 2000 when Rubin ran for the council and submitted nomination papers naming peace activist as his profession. After the designation was denied, Rubin, with the help of pro bono lawyer Jim Fosbinder, sued City Hall, the three-year battle going all the way to the nation's highest court before being tossed out in 2003.

The lawsuit had some life in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals where after it was initially denied, one of the three judges considered rehearing the case with a larger panel. The case was never heard again.

The City Clerk's Office and City Hall maintained throughout the case that they were simply following state law and that the lawsuit might have been misdirected.

Fosbinder, who practices in Hawaii and met Rubin through a previous free speech case he handled in Venice, said he felt the issue should've been a slam dunk.

"It's perfectly obvious that activists have become a fairly common job description," Fosbinder said.

The argument was raised during a council meeting around the time Rubin filed the lawsuit, former Mayor Michael Feinstein arguing that an activist is as much of a profession as a doctor or teacher.

Feinstein ran as an environmentalist and author in his first bid for the council in 1996. The environmentalist label was not allowed in subsequent elections, he said.

"In the end it seems like a ballot designation should be descriptive about how people occupy their time," Feinstein said.

Rubin has since found a way to get the "peace activist" on the fall and future ballots, legally changing his name to incorporate the words during his 60th birthday almost five years ago.

"I did it as a birthday gift for myself to have an ongoing reminder of the responsibility that I have to actively promote peace," Rubin said.

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# Site provides community for book worms

FROM **SITE** PAGE 3

way to find out what my friends were reading."

Today Goodreads is run by Chandler, his wife and cofounder Elizabeth, who serves as the chief librarian, and lead engineer Michael Economy, who left Tickle.com to join the team.

The site has a collection of about 3.8 million titles, all of which are provided through a partnership with Amazon.com. Readers have the option of adding titles and description of books previously unavailable.

The friend recommendation is the basic tenet of Goodreads, the foundation of the site based on trusting the taste of other members.

"We don't believe in algorithm-generated recommendations," Chandler said.

Approximately 4,000 members who have a special librarian status help facilitate the site, continually updating, adding images to books and writing descriptions, similar to the user-driven entry platform on which Wikipedia is based.

Similar to MySpace Bands, Goodreads helps aspiring authors promote their material through a special page that allows them to post their biography, a list of published books and dates of future events, including signings.

The site has essentially stayed silent in social-networking circles, thriving mainly from word of mouth rather than marketing campaigns.

It was in particular able to find an audience among book bloggers, who in the same manner as Goodreads, often wrote reviews and made recommendations to a group of friends. When the bloggers discovered Goodreads, many wrote about it and helped spread the word to book fanatics.

"We're trying to make it as big as we can," Chandler said. "We're just trying to get the word out that this is a fun thing to use and to get your friends in there to help you read more."

While he calls himself a reader, for Chandler, the site has perhaps been most effective in getting him to pick up a book more often.

"If we did a site about books and you were talking all day (about books), that would provide social pressure to read more," he said.

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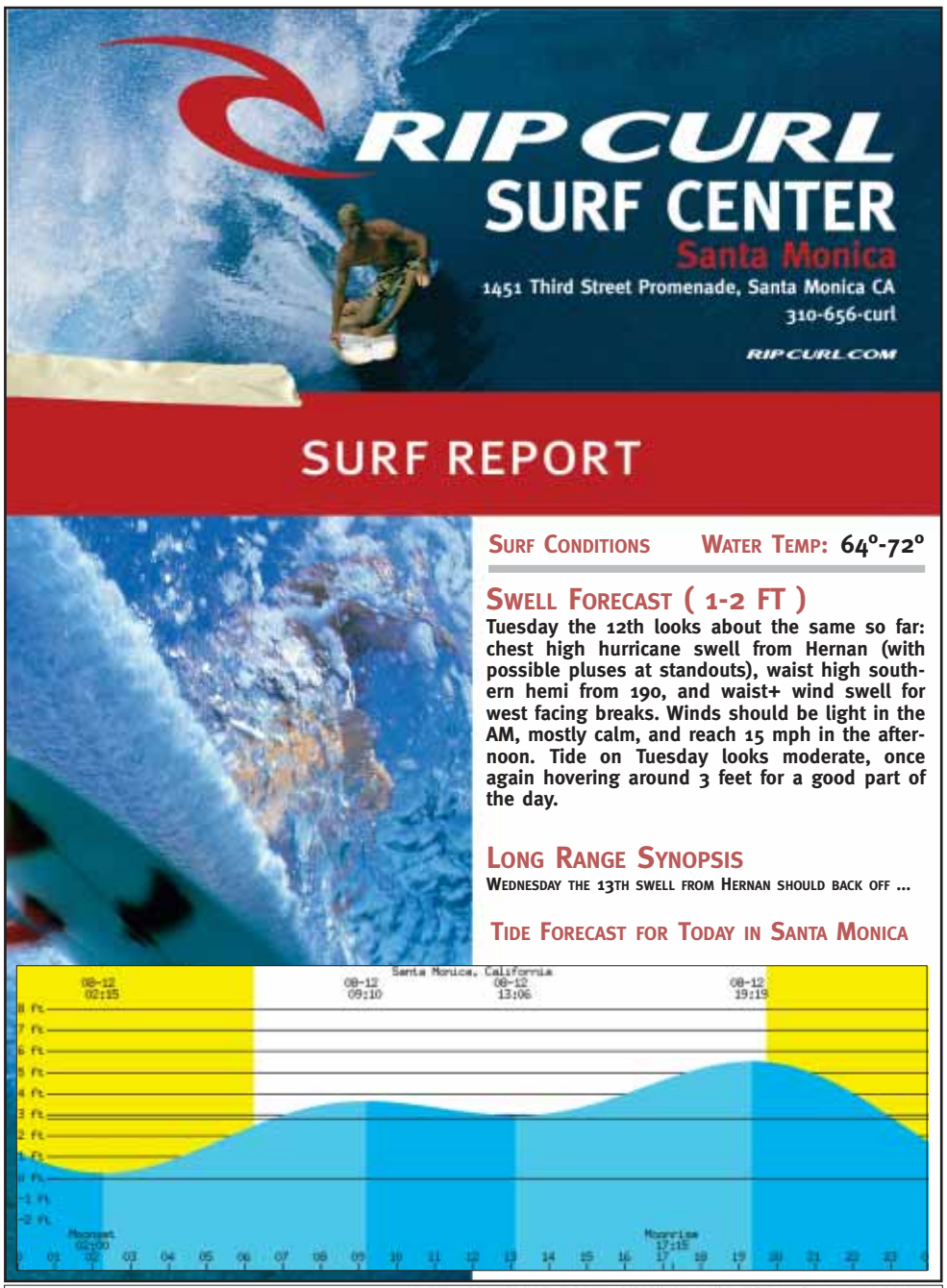

MLS

# Gullit resigns as Galaxy coach; Lalas out as well

BY JOHN NADEL
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Ruud Gullit has resigned as coach of the slumping Los Angeles Galaxy for personal reasons, and president/general manager Alexi Lalas also is out of a job.

"We are stepping up and doing what we need to do to straighten this thing out," Galaxy investor/operator Tim Leiweke told The Associated Press on Monday in announcing the changes.

The Galaxy, led by English star David Beckham and Landon Donovan, are on a seven-match winless streak as they play Chivas USA on Thursday night.

"There are two good people that for different reasons aren't part of this organization today, and that's a shame," Leiweke said. "The fact is, the players have to look deep inside themselves and understand they have to be responsible for some of this.

"Am I angry we find ourselves in the situation we find ourselves in? Yes. This is not a fun week. The Galaxy hasn't made the playoffs for a couple years. Punting on this season is not acceptable. It starts Thursday."

Much was expected when Beckham joined the Galaxy last season. But he was limited to five games because of injuries and the Galaxy went 9-14-7 for 34 points, and were eliminated from playoff contention on the season's final day.

The Galaxy were in pretty good shape this season before the recent winless streak left them at 6-8-5 with just 23 points.

Gullit will be succeeded on an interim basis by 37-year-old Cobi Jones, a first-year assistant who retired following last season after spending his entire pro career with the Galaxy. The 45-year-old Gullit signed a three-year contract last November, making him one of the MLS' highest-paid coaches.

"I think this was a tough move professionally and personally for Ruud," Leiweke said. "I don't think it was working out for him and his family. I have no issues with Ruud, I appreciate what he's done for us. And we move on."

Leiweke, the president and CEO of AEG, said Jones was the interim coach "for right now."

"I appreciate Cobi's stepping in," Leiweke said. "The one guy's loyalty and passion over there I don't question is his. I think we have eliminated any and all excuses now. No one can point any fingers."

Leiweke said no potential head coaches have been contacted.

"But we have a short list," he said. "We respect Cobi, he's stepping in and filling a void. Whether or not Cobi's comfortable being the head coach or whether or not he has the experience, we'll play that one by ear. Cobi certainly will have a voice in this."

Leiweke said he hopes Jones will remain with the team no matter how the search for a coach goes.

"Hopefully Cobi feels the same way," Leiweke said. "That said, we'll see where we go with the head coaching position."

Leiweke said he didn't know whether a permanent head coach will be named before the end of the season.

"I don't think we're going to mandate or dictate that," he said. "We certainly could make a quick decision if that's what's necessary. My guess is a lot of people will want to throw their name in the ring here."

The 37-year-old Lalas' contract runs out at the end of the season.

"I think because of the Ruud situation, it was an opportunity to once and for all look for a fresh start," Leiweke said. "Alexi's been with us a long time. I'm very appreciative of everything he's done for the Galaxy. That one is painful. We haven't made the playoffs for two years running, and we're headed for a third year. You can't blame Alexi entirely. I do think we need a fresh start."

Leiweke said Tom Payne, who has served as Lalas' assistant, will run the business side of the team. Paul Bravo, the director of soccer, will work with Jones on personnel decisions, he said. Lalas left a similar position with the New York Red Bulls to join the Galaxy on April 17, 2006, as the successor to Doug Hamilton, who died of a heart attack.

MLB

# Diamondbacks acquire outfielder Dunn

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX The Arizona Diamondbacks acquired slugging outfielder Adam Dunn from the Cincinnati Reds for a minor-league pitcher and two players to be named later on Monday. The 28-year-old Dunn was batting .233 this season for the Reds with 32 homers, tied for tops in the majors.

The trade gives the first-place Diamondbacks, who entered the day with a 1 1/2-game lead over the Dodgers in the NL West, a boost to an anemic offense. The Diamondbacks rank 20th in the majors in runs scored.

Arizona (60-58) tried to acquire Mark Teixeira from the Atlanta Braves at last month's trade deadline before he went to the Los Angeles Angels.

The Diamondbacks sent right-hander Dallas Buck to the Reds in Monday's trade.

Dunn has a career .247 batting average with 270 career homers and is eligible for free agency at the end of the season.

The Reds are last in the NL Central and on a six-game losing streak.

The Dunn trade comes after a July 31 deal that sent outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. to the Chicago White Sox for relief pitcher Nick Masset and a Triple-A player.

On Sunday, the Reds designated veteran catcher David Ross for assignment and called up catcher Ryan Hanigan from Triple-A Louisville.

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# Easy does it, Scorpio

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Starting now, be more aware of what you want and expect out of life, your commitments and work. News or information that heads in your direction might be colored. Keep asking questions if you feel unsure. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Make it a requirement for yourself every so often to pull back and see the whole story. Try this little exercise today. You might not get all the information otherwise. A child demonstrates his or her caring in a way that counts. Tonight: Feed your mind and imagination.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ A partner or key person in your life clearly has the cards stacked in his or her favor. Do not get into a tussle; rather, accept what is. The balance of power could swing in your direction at any given moment. Tonight: Say "yes."

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others want it their way. Remember that by just allowing this to happen, you will not have to assume as much responsibility. Enjoy the many people in your life; ease up on yourself a bit. Take some extra time off. Tonight: Go for it.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ A nice even and steady pace works for you. If you want to take a time out, there is no time like the present. Though you might want to get a project done, feeling refreshed might help you move more quickly. Tonight: Easy does it.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ What is not said, you will imagine. For your own protection, discuss what you need. Do talk about feelings rather than work from a false premise. Even then, you might hold back a lot. Tonight: In the thick of things.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You are anchored and happy with a family member. Still, you might not make the changes this person needs fast enough. A child or new friendship could play into the scenario. Know when you have had enough. Tonight: Easy does it.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Knowing what to ask for is primary. If you hedge and you are not direct, you cannot expect anything less than mediocre results. Relax with a situation, and do not get too uptight, and all falls into place. Tonight: Easy does it.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Your more possessive side emerges. Be careful in your dealings, as you easily could back someone into a corner. Investigate an offer that might seem too good to be true. You just could be right. Tonight: Pay bills first.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You smile, and others respond. Still, you could have a very different inner dialogue going. Do not confront others; rather, be more understanding and indulge them. You could learn a lot more about where they are coming from. Tonight: All smiles.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Know when to call a spade just that. As a result, you see others with far different perspective. Perhaps you might not be ready for any general announcements just yet. Give yourself time to judge your conclusion. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Understand what is happening behind the scenes. Create a better sense of security and well-being in a relationship. Respond to someone's efforts wholeheartedly. Tonight: Where people are.

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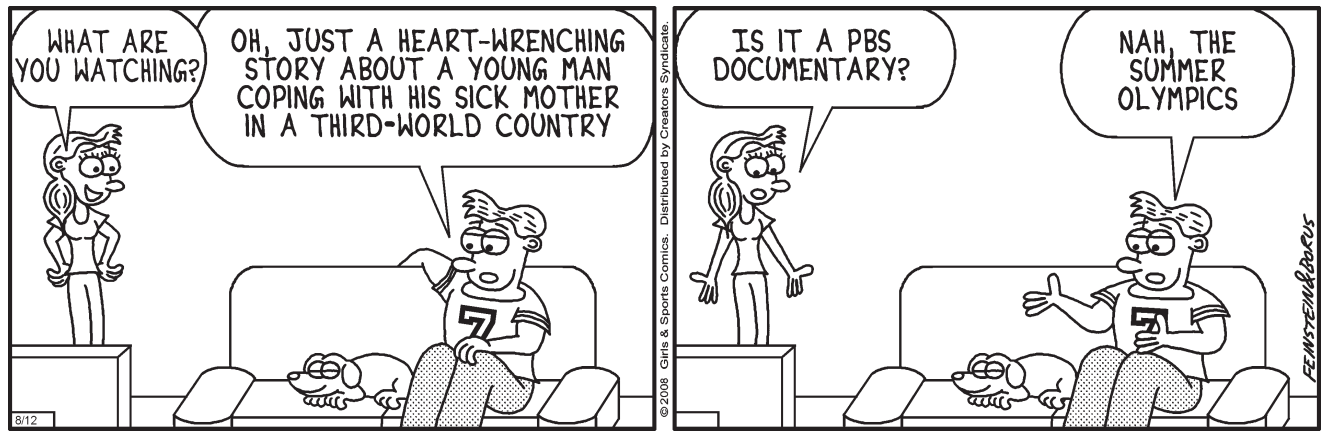


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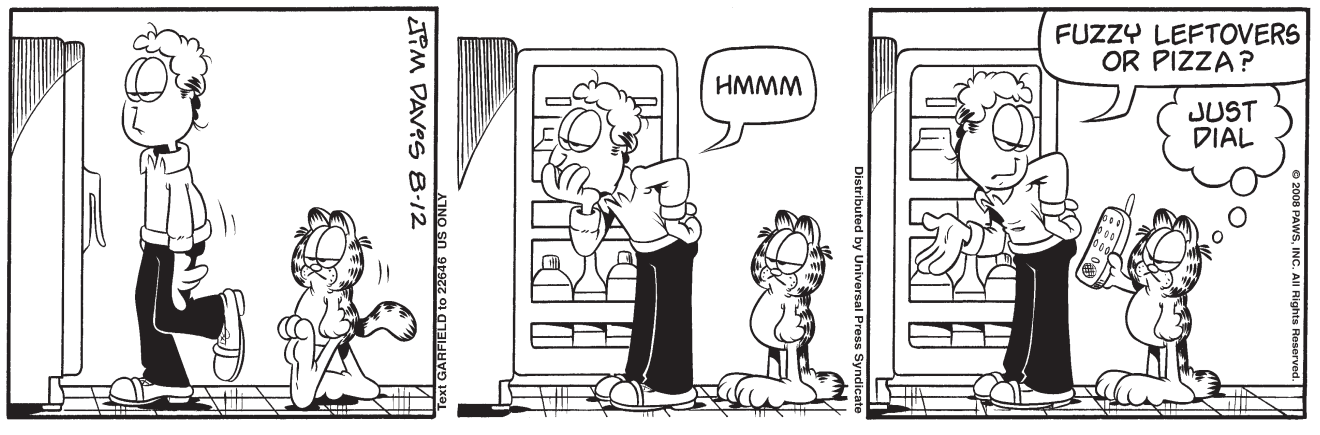


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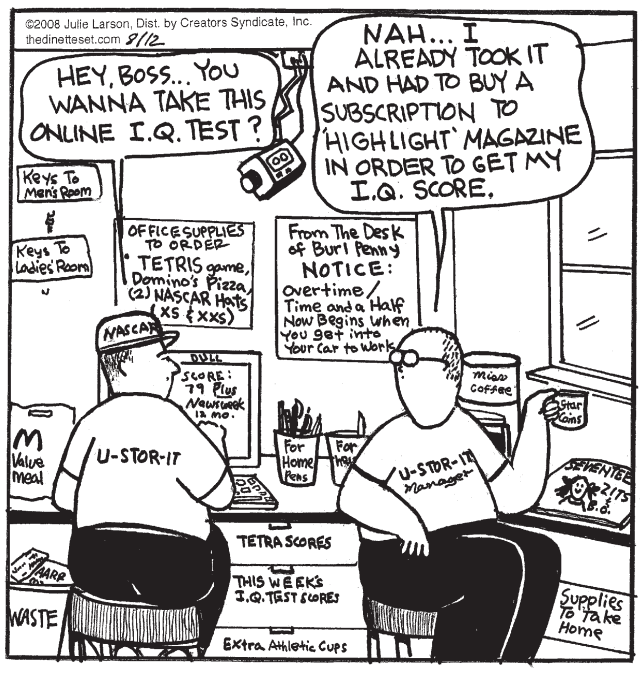


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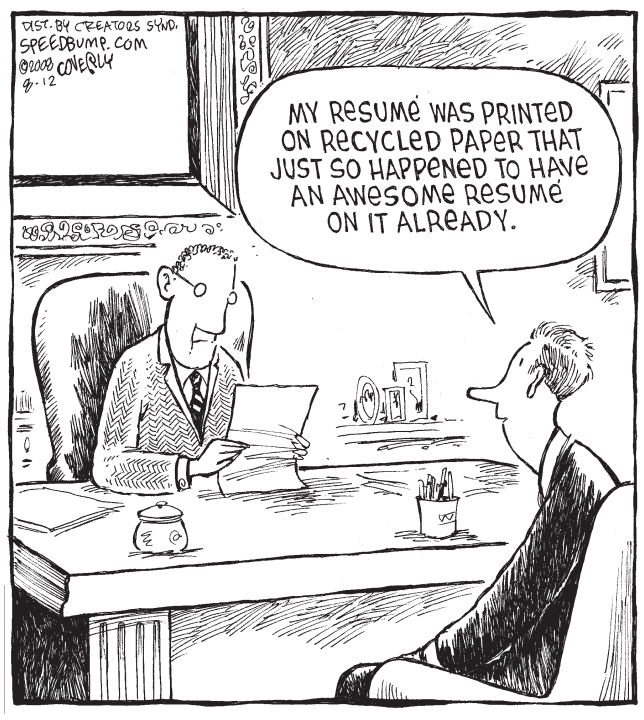


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**By THOMAS JOSEPH**

**ACROSS**

**1** Bank fixtures
**7** Incite
**11** Promise
**12** Hum-dinger
**13** Christian Bale film
**15** Nebula makeup
**16** Couplet creator
**18** Inquires
**21** Invest-ment choice
**22** Stressful
**24** Good times
**25** Kind of milk
**26** Sock part
**27** Get together
**29** Used to be
**30** Antlered animal
**31** Suit piece
**32** Monty Python member
**34** Christian Bale film
**40** Made baskets
**41** B vitamin
**42** Commen-tary page
**43** Go to

**DOWN**

**1** Dyeing need
**2** Fire aftermath
**3** Purpose
**4** Made a quick thrust
**5** Pay for everyone
**6** Puts in stitches
**7** Not matte
**8** "— Town"
**9** Every-thing
**10** Flop
**14** Ex-hausted
**16** Vatican leaders
**17** Start
**19** Toys with tails
**20** Horse sound
**21** Lazy fellow
**22** Pin-nacle
**23** "My word!"
**25** Tea additive
**28** Desig-nated
**29** Attacked
**31** Drop in on
**33** Horne of music
**34** Binary base
**35** Bunny move
**36** Holiday lead-in
**37** Rink surface
**38** Collins base
**39** Finish

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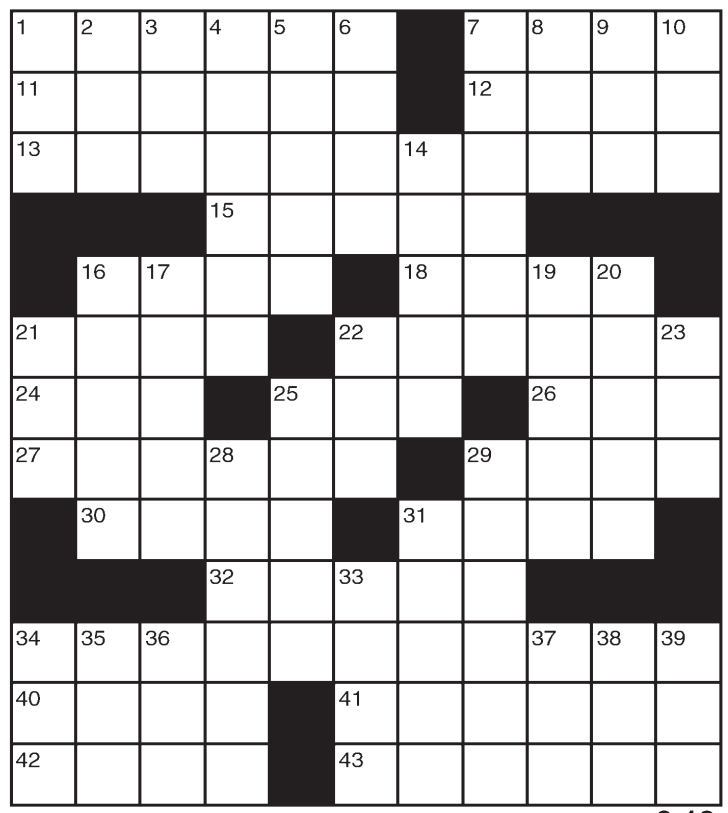

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In May, the school board in Barrie, Ontario, notified Children's Aid Society to intervene with mother Colleen Leduc and her daughter Victoria, 11, because of suspected sexual abuse, angering the conscientious Leduc, who until that point had taken extraordinary measures to protect the girl, who is autistic. Upon investigation, it was revealed that the suspicion came from a teaching assistant who said her psychic had told her that a girl with a "V" in her name was being abused by a man aged 23 to 26. Leduc now refuses to trust Victoria to public schools because "they might want to take out a Ouija board or hold a seance."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1867** President Andrew Johnson sparked a move to impeach him as he defied Congress by suspending Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton.

**1898** fighting in the Spanish-American War came to an end.

**1953** the Soviet Union conducted a secret test of its first hydrogen bomb.

**1960** the first balloon satellite, the Echo 1, was launched by the United States from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

**1962** one day after launching Andrian Nikolayev into orbit, the Soviet Union also sent up cosmonaut Pavel Popovich; both men landed safely Aug. 15.

**1978** Pope Paul VI, who had died Aug. 6 at age 80, was buried in St. Peter's Basilica.

**1981** IBM introduced its first personal computer, the model 5150.

**1985** the world's worst single-aircraft disaster occurred as a crippled Japan Air Lines Boeing 747 on a domestic flight crashed into a mountain, killing 520 people.

**1988** the controversial movie "The Last Temptation of Christ," directed by Martin Scorsese, opened.

**2000** the Russian nuclear submarine Kursk and its 118-man crew were lost during naval exercises in the Barents Sea.

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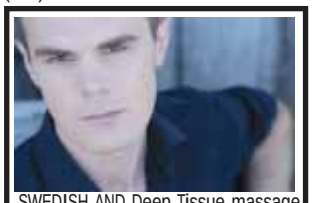

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