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THE REST IN PEACE ISSUE

Creating smoke-free apartments

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL There could be more anti-smoking laws on the way in Santa Monica.

The City Attorney's Office recently released a report detailing laws passed by other California cities that require landlords to designate units in apartments and condominiums as smoking or non-smoking, listing variations that could be adopted locally.

The information item came in response to a City Council request in January following the passage of an ordinance banning smoking in all common areas of apartments and condos, asking how City Hall might develop an additional law that would require that the units be designated and then disclosed to potential renters and/or buyers.

Adam Radinsky, who heads the Consumer Protection Unit with City Hall, said that there is no ordinance in the works as of yet.

"We have heard from owners that there is a desire to reduce smoking overall in units but there are concerns about impacting the rights of rent-controlled tenants and of course council has also voiced that concern," he said.

The city of Oakland in 2007 became the first in California to require the designation and disclosure rule for all landlords and condo sellers. Radinsky said that Oakland officials have not experienced any problems with enforcement of the ordinance, which has actually resulted in a reduction in the number of smokers that live in units because of the disclosure paperwork that is required when renting or buying a unit. Approximately 85 percent of apartments in Oakland are non-smoking today.

Officials in Calabasas passed an even more stringent law that requires 80 percent of all apartment buildings and condos be permanently designated as nonsmoking. The law will not go into full effect until 2012.

Even more strict is the ordinance in

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CAUGHT IN THE ACT: **A man smokes outside of his Pico Boulevard apartment on Tuesday afternoon.**

Eunice Kennedy Shriver dies at 88 in Cape Cod

BOB SALSBERG
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the presidential sister who founded the Special Olympics and helped demonstrate that the mentally disabled can triumph on the field of competition and lead rich and productive lives outside the walls of institutions, died Tuesday at age 88.

Shriver had suffered a series of strokes in recent years and died at a hospital on Cape Cod in the company of her husband, her five children and her 19 grandchildren, her family said.

"She understood deeply the lesson our mother and father taught us: Much is expected of those to whom much has been given," said her sole surviving brother, Sen. Edward Kennedy, who is battling a brain tumor.

She was also the sister of President John F. Kennedy and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy; the wife of 1972 vice presidential candidate R. Sargent Shriver; the mother of former NBC newswoman Maria Shriver; the mother-in-law of California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger; and the mother of Santa Monica City Councilman Bobby Shriver.

Shriver was credited with helping to bring the mentally disabled into the mainstream and transforming America's view of them from institutionalized patients to friends, neighbors and athletes.

Her efforts were inspired in part by the struggles of her mentally disabled sister, Rosemary, who was given a lobotomy at age 23 and spent the rest of her life in an institution.

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My mother, Santa Monica and I

BY BOBBY SHRIVER

I AM SO HAPPY MY MOTHER WAS ABLE to campaign for me in my first race for public office when I ran for City Council in 2004. She loved campaigning here. Door to door, the phone bank, the events. She called them all "teas" because that's what they called them in Boston in the '40s and '50s when her brother Jack ran for Congress and in the '20s when her grandfather John Fitzgerald (known to one and all as "Honey Fitz") ran (and won) for mayor of Boston.

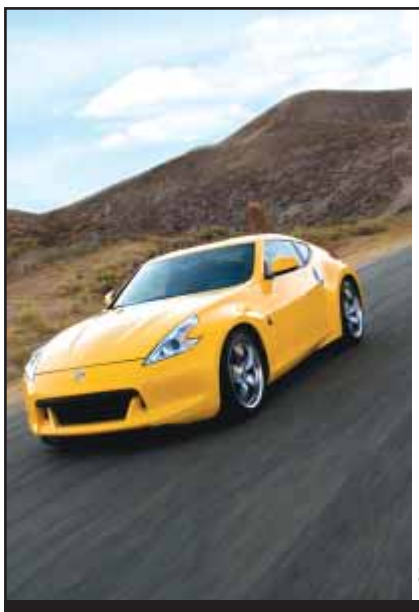
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This month, the book club is comparing and contrasting two books: "The Faithful Spy" by Alex Berenson and "Irene at Large" by Carole Nelson Douglas. For more information, call (310) 829-7081.

Talking books
Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Mas Masumoto weaves together stories of family and farming in his book "Wisdom of the Last Farmer: Harvesting Legacies from the Land." A book sale and signing will follow the event. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Ballroom by the bay
Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Get a free dance lesson on a 3,000-square-foot floor and learn how to waltz, swing, fox-trot and other styles of dance. No partner is required.
Call (310) 487-0911 for more information.

Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009

Pier in pictures
First United Methodist Church
1008 11th St., 9 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
The First United Methodist Church presents a beautiful, free photo exhibit by church member Allan Walker to coincide with the Santa Monica Pier's 100th anniversary. This exhibit will be open daily through Sept. 9. For more information, call (310) 393-8258.

Laugh your socks off
Shakti's Elements
717 Broadway, 11 a.m. — noon
Join the Laughter Club for some laughter yoga led by certified laughter yoga leader Kim Selbert. This form of body-mind exercise is for all ages and fitness levels. For more information, visit www.kimselbert.com or call (310) 849-4642. Admission is $10 per person.

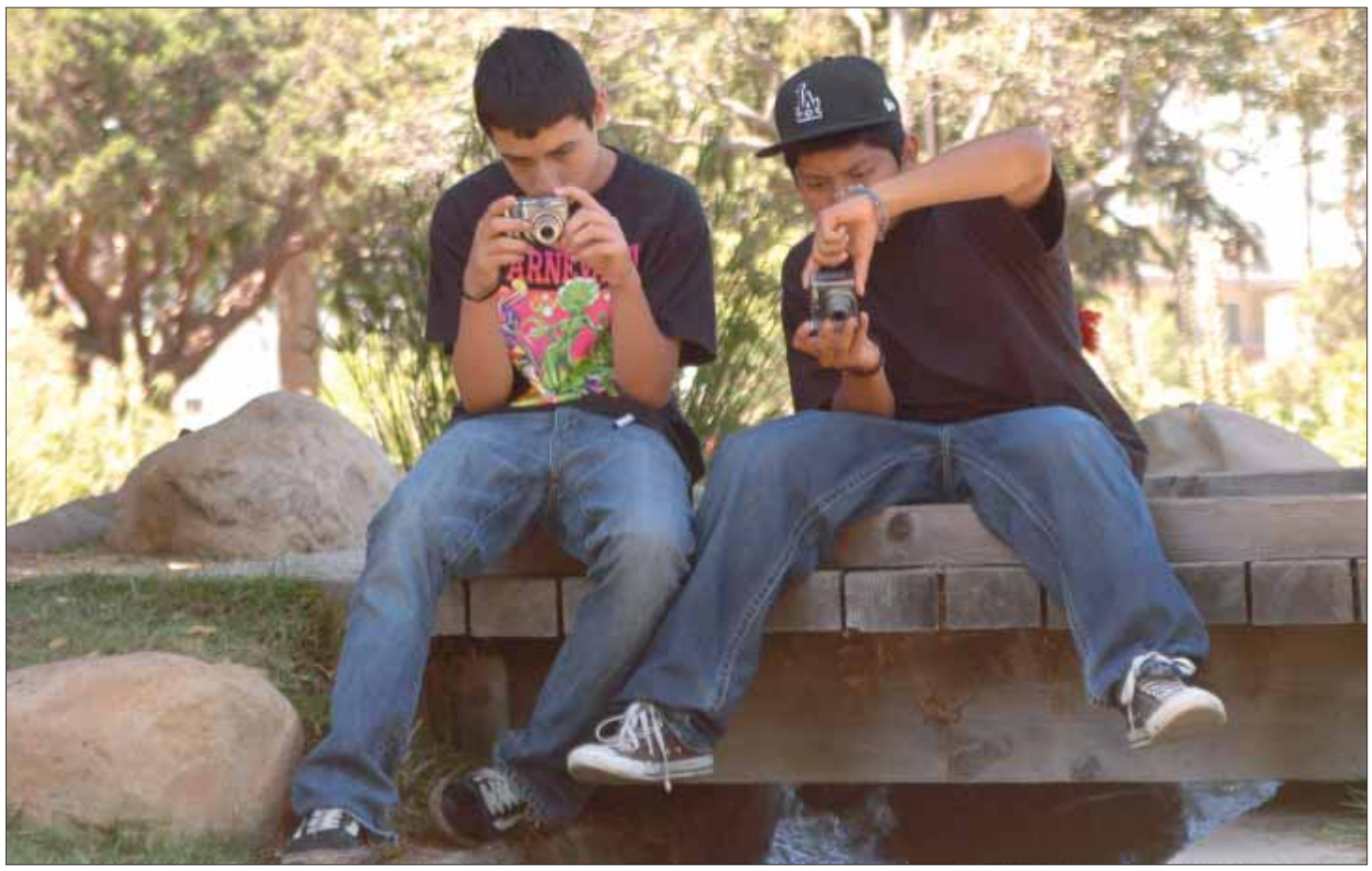
Friday, Aug. 14, 2009

Movies and more
WISE and Healthy Aging
1527 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Join WISE and Healthy Aging for an entertaining and thought-provoking film twice a month. A lively discussion follows each movie, led by peer counselor Bert Dragin, who has written, directed and produced three motion pictures. A $3 admission fee gets the film, popcorn and discussion. Call (310) 394-9871 ext. 373 for more information.

Rockin' rotary
Riviera Country Club
1250 Capri Dr., time TBA
The Rotary Club of Santa Monica has long enjoyed a reputation as being the hub for Westside men and women dedicated to improving their local and worldwide communities. It 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 Doy at (310) 917-3313.

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.





Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

CAPTURING THE WORLD THROUGH A LENS: **Police Activity League teenagers Yaser Garmakani (left) and Edgar Sernas capture photos at Douglas Park during Santa Monica Human Relations Council's 'Kids with Cameras' summer photo workshop on Wednesday, July 8.**

Kids' pictures will become a thousand words

BY CATHERINE CAIN
Special to the Daily Press

MID-CITY A summer's worth of student photography will become a neighborhood's worth of dialogue in an effort to reanimate the Mid-City area of Santa Monica.

For eight weeks, 15 teenagers ages 14-17 have met every Wednesday at the Police Activities League (PAL) with photojournalist, and Daily Press contributing photographer, Fabian Lewkowicz for an hour and a half to learn the basics of digital photography, photojournalism and caption writing. They have used Canon point-and-shoot cameras given to them for the duration of the program, which is free.

"It was a kind of revitalization effort, if you will," said director of PAL Eula Fritz. "This effort was to get kids involved in their community, and really what does this community mean to you?"

Fritz said the program, called Kids with Cameras, is a two-part project. The first is "exposing kids to something they haven't before," she said. The second is to get adults talking about the Mid-City neighborhood and ways to improve and enliven it. The kids are catapulting the dialogue among the neighborhood adults.

While some of the kids involved in the program may own digital cameras at home, others don't have regular access to one, and almost all the teenagers learned photography basics for the first time. Fritz said some of them can now entertain the idea of becoming professional photojournalists, an option many had probably not considered before.

Every week, Lewkowicz gave the teenagers a new assignment for the day, shooting at different places in the area from Olympic Boulevard to Wilshire Boulevard and from Centinela Avenue to Lincoln Boulevard.

"The purpose of all these assignments was to illustrate the Mid-City neighborhood," he said.

Samohi students Edgar Sernas and Yaser Garmakani are regular PAL-goers who participated in the class.

"I liked going out to other places, visiting our city and taking pictures of our city," Sernas said. "For me, it was a good experience … because I never really got a chance to do this."

Garmakani was more interested in the learning process.

"I liked to learn the basic functions of a camera," he said. "I liked it, but the thing is, I don't know if I want to do it as a career or job."

Garmakani, who would like to play soccer professionally, most enjoyed taking self-portraits, often using a mirror. Other assignments included going to a church and various parks around the city, Lewkowicz said.

"We had to take portraits, and then there was texture, when you take a picture of something with a lot of shapes and ridges and stuff like that," Garmakani said. "We went to Douglas Park, Memorial Park, Bergamot Station, and we just viewed other people's pictures, and we went to Saint Anne's. I liked Saint Anne's because there was a lot of things to take pictures of like sculptures and statues and flowers and stuff like that."

"I liked taking pictures of objects," Sernas said. "We went to the Bourget Bros. and took pictures of rocks and stones. It

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Former mayor Goldway earns national post

BY EMMA TROTTER
Special to the Daily Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. President Barack Obama appointed Ruth Goldway chairman of the Postal Regulatory Commission last week. The former Santa Monica mayor, who succeeded Republican Dan Blair, said she has a lot of goals for her time in office.

"I hope to emphasize the needs of the average citizen mailer as opposed to the business mailers, who the postal service often considers its customers," she said Tuesday in an interview with the Daily Press.

Because nationwide delivery volume is down 20 percent, and revenue has dropped 10 to 15 percent, Goldway said, improvements will have to be made. She emphasized accountability — in delivery and customer service.

"Given the rise of digital correspondence, the old traditional communication networks are under threat," she said. "I want to preserve the postal service as a very important part of the communication and community network of the country."

Goldway was elected to the Santa Monica City Council in 1979 and served as mayor from 1981 to 1983, during which time she advocated for rent control and renters' rights. She said her time in Santa Monica taught her a thing or two about transparency — which is coming in handy now.

"I'm trying to organize field hearings and to convince the other commissioners that it's OK to allow the public to come and speak informally, rather than setting up presentations ahead of time or admitting invited members only," she said. "I found the Santa Monica format in which anyone can stand up and speak for two minutes very valuable."

With the postal service facing a roughly $7 billion deficit this year, Goldway knows she's likely to face political and financial challenges during her term.

"While the economy may be improving, I think it's not likely that the postal service will be able to rebound quickly," she said.

In the face of tough decisions — such as whether or not to cut service to five days a week, for example — she plans to emphasize ongoing achievements — mail delivery's importance to absentee voting during elections — and potential improvements — converting to fuel efficient delivery vehicles

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Learn the law

Editor:

Drivers are often hostile to cyclists because drivers often don't know the law. Bikes are considered vehicles according to the California Vehicle Code and have every right to be on the streets.

Yes, I agree that cyclists must follow the rules of the road and stop for stop signs and traffic lights; it is a way of maintaining order for everyone's safety. Also, since it is illegal (Santa Monica ordinance) to ride on sidewalks, cyclists do this as a means of self-preservation. For example, Lincoln Boulevard, which is considered a bike route on the Santa Monica Bike Map, has no bike lane and requires a choice for cyclists: ride in the right traffic lane, or disobey the law and ride on the sidewalk. I suggest Mr. Wagner test his law-and-order theory by riding the bike route on Lincoln south of Interstate 10. Be sure to post your experience in another letter to the editor.

Now, regarding the comment about riding outside the bike lane. Here is the applicable code section:

"Permitted Movements from Bicycle Lanes

21208. (a) Whenever a bicycle lane has been established on a roadway pursuant to Section 21207, any person operating a bicycle upon the roadway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at that time shall ride within the bicycle lane, except that the person may move out of the lane under any of the following situations:

(1) When overtaking and passing another bicycle, vehicle, or pedestrian within the lane or about to enter the lane if the overtaking and passing cannot be done safely within the lane.

(2) When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway.

(3) When reasonably necessary to leave the bicycle lane to avoid debris or other hazardous conditions.

(4) When approaching a place where a right turn is authorized.

(b) No person operating a bicycle shall leave a bicycle lane until the movement can be made with reasonable safety and then only after giving an appropriate signal ... ."

Please learn the law before telling cyclists to obey the law.

Roger Swanson
Santa Monica

Believe in anything

Editor:

I read and enjoyed Jack Neworth's column, July 31, on the "birthers." (I don't capitalize it, it's not worthy of a capital letter.) You know, the lunatic fringe crowd led by the doped up Rush Limbaugh who believe that President Barack Obama was not born in the U.S., therefore is not eligible to be president.

And they won't give it up even when faced with irrefutable concrete evidence to the contrary. I get it – sadly, the Sarah Palins and Limbaughs of the world and crazy theories like this one make their pathetic lives worth living.

But if they ever are forced to give up the birth certificate fantasy and have to finally shut up about it, I just invented a new one for them to latch onto.

Here it is: Little green men from Mars came down to Earth in a spaceship, emitted a gas that engulfed the whole world and made everyone go into a deep sleep. They then plucked Obama up and placed him in the oval office. And when we all awoke, we had been programmed to actually believe we had elected him to the office of the presidency!

How's that? If these loonies can believe our president is not a citizen in spite of all the evidence to the contrary, my little green men theory should be easy for them to swallow. Of course, I may be sorry to have come up with it – these crazies may actually believe it! After all, they probably also believe the world is flat.

Marilyn Brennan
Santa Monica



Going Postal

Steve "the Mailman" Breen — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Nuke the whole bunch

Part two of a three part series

"NEVER ATTRIBUTE TO MALICE THAT WHICH can be adequately explained by stupidity or incompetence" — Hanlon's Razor

Whenever I hear about a "government conspiracy," I trim most of the fat of fallacy with the aforementioned "razor" above. Rarely, though, does the criteria of "conspiracy theory" ever lead itself to the trough of just simple old-fashioned horse sense. Is it an inconvenient truth that some of the "true believers" of UFO-ology are Harvard-educated liberals who declaim that the government is keeping the lid on the truth about illegal immigrants from outer space? Unfortunately, these Ivy League Illuminati also consider re-runs of "The X-Files" as a documentary.

Ostensibly, why then are the majority of alien abduction accounts that are cited as the truth of proof for extraterrestrials invariably sourced to a morning-after hangover parable by some inbred redneck with a seventh-grade education from Coon Holler, Ark.? Folks, how big does the cow pie have to be before you step in the B.S.? Please apply the above criteria of Hanlon's Razor against the next two statements and then ask your horse if they make any sense.

"Twenty-five percent of my people believe the Pentagon and Rumsfeld were responsible for taking the Twin Towers down." — Rep. Collin Peterson (D-Minn.) July 27, 2009.

Please note, if you walked down any given city street in Collin Peterson's district, then every fourth Democrat is a certifiable moron. If the Pentagon and Rumsfeld were able to secretly and successfully engineer 9/11, all without a prior single leak, then could someone please explain why Rummy and the military wouldn't also plan to kill any and all truthers in 9/11's aftermath to prevent "the truth" from public dissemination as part of their nefarious gambit of global domination?

Oogedy-boogedy.

Truther "logic" further infers that Rummy got together one afternoon with his malicious generals over cigars and goblets of baby's blood and said, "Hey! I'm PMS-ing today! Let's kill a bunch of innocent civilians in downtown NYC in order to start a couple of ground wars with the Muslims just so we can lose against them!"

"I do believe that in the first time in history [9/11] that fire has ever melted steel" — Rosie O'Donnell March 29 2007.

Rosie O'Donnell believes that fire has never melted steel before 9/11? Wow! That's like saying Rosie O'Donnell never wrestled a refrigerator to the ground and made it holler, "Uncle!" Considering Rosie's estimable education in metallurgy and her public exposition of her expertise on national TV, could one then reasonably conclude that she is both stupid and incompetent?

Meanwhile, the gamut of 9/11 truthers runs from the political zenith of gamesmanship by former U.S. Democrat Sens. Max Cleland and Bob Kerrey's catcalls for a "permanent 9/11 Commission" to the intellectual black hole of Janeane "9/11 was an inside job!" Garafalo's cranium. Other truther troopers include the ever fatuously flubberlicious filmmaker Michael Moore, both New York Democrat Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand and Chuck Schumer, Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio), and Philip J. Berg.

Lifelong Democrat Philip J. Berg, however, does deserve special mention. He is not only a blue-blooded Clintonista truther, he is also the grandfather of the Obamanation birther movement! Phil Berg possesses the unique distinction of being an extra-cheese, all-spam truther patty from the super-sized conspiracy theory menu. Oddly, the only other guy that currently shares this hyperventilated happy meal distinction is Lou Dobbs!

Celebrity birthers, unfortunately, haven't had as much airtime to compete with their inbred political cousins of goofy truth-iness so their ranks don't possess the A-list Hollywood star power of stoner/truther Tommy Chong. You know, whenever I want the straight dope on the issues that are really important to the American people I always ask the hippie ex-felon with the bong in his hand, don't you?

So far, though, the sexiest "celebrity" creatures from the birther lagoon are Alan Keyes and crooner Pat Boone. Shoobee-doobee-do! It just sends a shiver up your leg, doesn't it? And while truthers may count rapper, wife-beater and Obamamaniac Eminem among their minions, the birthers do have a Costco-sized can of red-white-and-blue whupass from the likes of Chuck Norris waiting in the wings to bust a move on Mr. Mathers' dome after the show. Chuck Norris doesn't take showers … he takes blood baths!

Personally, I'm not interested in whether or not the Teleprompter-in-Chief produces a birth certificate. I guess we'll never really see those papers until after Obama opens his presidential library in Nairobi. It is also my belief that Obama would not swing the scythe of liberal socialism into the heart of the American experience maliciously.

As adequately explained by Hanlon's Razor, however, he is more likely to cleave a path to it by way of his unstudied stupidity and clumsy incompetence while blaming somebody else in the advent of his arrogant taxpayer-funded failures.

STEVE BREEN is shopping a new Broadway show, "Truthers vs Birthers: The Musical" and is still "the best looking mailman at the U.S. Post Office." He can be reached at dulcamarax@yahoo.com.

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Remembering Eunice

GROWING UP IN BOSTON, YOU BASICALLY learn about Joe and Rose Kennedy and their nine children in school. Anyone from Massachusetts will tell you that public service is the Kennedy family business — and we all know about the sons who gave their lives to and for their country. Not as well known is the contribution of the middle sister and mother of our own City Councilman Bobby Shriver, the recently departed Eunice Kennedy Shriver, whose worked touched millions of people around the world.

Hers is an amazing story. At a time when a woman's place was in the home, Eunice refused to have an identity imposed on her. After graduating from Stanford in 1943, she took a job in the State Department's Special War Problems Division before moving over to the Justice Department to head a special project on juvenile delinquency. In 1950, she went to West Virginia to be a social worker in a women's prison, then moved to Chicago where she worked with the Juvenile Court. With all of her wealth and privilege, she could have lived a life of unconcerned luxury, but she chose to help female felons and at-risk youth instead.

She campaigned for her brother John when he ran for president in 1960 and by 1962, she was running the Kennedy family foundation. That's when she made the world-changing decision to write a letter to the Saturday Evening Post (the 1960s version of USA Today) revealing the fact that her sister, Rosemary, was developmentally disabled. She also helped establish a network of research facilities at universities across the country, encouraged her brother to found the President's Committee on Mental Retardation and the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development — and she pushed her brother, Ted, to write the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Through the force of her own will, she compelled the country to have a conversation about developmental disability and brought millions of Americans out of the shadows at the same time, all out of love for her sister. "I had enormous affection for Rosie," she said. "If I [had] never met Rosemary, never known anything about handicapped children, how would I have ever found out? Because nobody accepted them anyplace."

Her work didn't stop when she got home, either. When a desperate mom called because no camp would take her developmentally disabled daughter, Eunice's response was, "You don't have to talk about it anymore. You come here a month from today. I'll start my own camp. No charge." And in the summer of 1962, she created Camp Shriver at the family estate in Maryland. Today, no parent anywhere in America has to wonder where their developmentally challenged kid can go to spend their summer just being a kid because thanks to "Aunt Eunice," there are Camp Shrivers everywhere.

As a young girl, Eunice Kennedy loved sports. "I was always trying to find my brothers, not my sisters," she said. "I wanted to play football, and I was very good. I was always the quarterback." It was that appreciation for athletics that led her and her husband to start the Special Olympics. In the summer of 1968, just a few short weeks after her brother, Bobby, had been murdered, she opened the first national games at Soldier Field in Chicago with a thousand competitors from 26 states and Canada. The games now feature more than three million athletes in over 150 countries.

What I love about Eunice's story is that her life's work grew from the love she felt for her sister — and she never stopped working to improve the lives of developmentally challenged kids and their families. She taught her own children that "everybody's normal, everybody's the same" and she set out to pass that belief on to the rest of the world. As she said at the opening of those Chicago games, "the … Special Olympics prove a very fundamental fact. The fact that exceptional children — children with mental retardation — can be exceptional athletes, the fact that through sports they can realize their potential for growth."

Even with her more famous brothers establishing the Peace Corps, pushing the Civil Rights Act, and fighting to reform our health care system, Eunice's legacy may outshine them all. Because of her work, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, was the only woman to appear on a U.S. coin during her lifetime, and hers was the only portrait ever commissioned by the National Portrait Gallery of someone who was never president or first lady. She set out to change the world — and she succeeded. As Chicago Mayor Richard Daley said at those games in 1968, "You know, Eunice, the world will never be the same after this."

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The Q Line

Park it

City officials are considering raising parking rates at Downtown structures from $7 a day to $9 and the monthly rate from $82.50 to $121.

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LEGAL NEWS

Iraq contractor KBR cited by oversight commission

RICHARD LARDNER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON An independent panel examining waste and fraud in wartime spending accused contracting giant KBR Inc. on Tuesday of resisting government oversight and failing to cut costs on support work in Iraq.

During a hearing held by the Commission on Wartime Contracting, KBR defended its performance, telling the panel the company was under heavy pressure to meet the urgent demands of military commanders.

KBR's internal accounting and cost estimating systems have been inadequate since 2005, commissioners said, leading to questionable billings and drawn out arguments with federal auditors over hundreds of millions of dollars in charges.

Commissioner Dov Zakheim said KBR's top managers meet regularly with the Defense Contract Audit Agency. Yet the company has been unable to come up with solutions that satisfy the agency. By comparison, other large contractors, such as Dyncorp International, seem to work out their problems quickly, he said.

"Are you guys stonewalling?" asked Zakheim, a former Pentagon comptroller.

William Walter, KBR's senior vice president for government compliance, said the company was incurring expenses for the work it was doing in Iraq at the same time auditors were poring over the company's cost projections, a situation prone to confusion and disagreements.

"It's a vicious cycle that we were stuck in," Walter said. He described the disagreements over contract charges as "differences of judgments."

KBR is the primary support contractor in Iraq, providing troops with essential services, including housing, meals, mail delivery and laundry. The company has been paid more than $32 billion since 2001.

But in a prior report, the commission said billions of dollars of that amount ended up wasted due to poorly defined work orders, inadequate oversight and contractor inefficiencies. Commissioner Charles Tiefer said KBR is keeping more employees in Iraq than it should in order to keep charging the government for work even as U.S. forces are drawing down.

HEALTH

Meat plant cited for cow handling procedures

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FRESNO A California beef processor that voluntarily recalled tons of hamburger meat due to salmonella fears last week was slapped with animal handling citations last year in a government review of meatpacking plants, records show.

At least 28 people in three western states have reported salmonella-related illnesses since last Thursday, when Fresno-based Beef Packers Inc. recalled nearly 826,000 pounds of ground beef.

Last year, in the wake of the biggest beef recall in history linked to a Southern California slaughterhouse, inspectors visited the Fresno facility and 17 other plants that sold meat to the National School Lunch Program.

Inspection records from March 2008 show U.S. Department of Agriculture auditors found workers in Fresno were using electric prods to coax skittish cattle through a narrow chute leading into the slaughterhouse.

When three cows refused to budge, they were stunned and rendered unconscious "so that they could be pulled through the restrainer to be shackled, hung and bled," the records state.

Dragging unconscious cattle could increase the risk for E. coli and salmonella contamination because cow hides can pick up bacteria from feces that sometimes collect in or around the chute, experts said.

"All kinds of feces and urine get into those chutes because they typically aren't cleaned out during the day because too many animals need to get in," said Lester Friedlander, a former USDA veterinary inspector.

The plant's parent company, Cargill Meat Solutions, appealed the alleged violations. The USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service later rescinded the citations and instead sent Beef Packers a letter of concern.

Dan Thomson, a professor with Kansas State University's Beef Cattle Institute, said problems with animal handling do not necessarily cause contamination.

"It wasn't clear that these cows were drug long distances across dirty floors. They may have just been moved a few feet," Thomson said. "A lot of animal hides get contaminated on farms, or in transport to the abbatoir."

Agency spokeswoman Bryn Burkard said a Freedom of Information Act request would have to be made to learn if the plant had been inspected since.

Neither the USDA nor Cargill have provided details about what caused last week's recall of hamburger meat. Cargill is working with retailers to ensure that all the recalled beef is removed from retail distribution centers in Arizona, California, Colorado and Utah, spokeswoman Rebecca Hayne said.

The USDA said California, Colorado and Wyoming have reported illness linked to the recalled beef.

Colorado health officials said 21 people there have been sickened, and all are recovering. California officials said five people have reported feeling sick, and two fell ill in Wyoming.

Salmonella can result in abdominal cramps, diarrhea and fever. Most people recover without treatment, but some require hospitalization. In rare cases the organism can get into the blood and produce more severe illnesses.



GOVERNMENT

Obama goes on offensive over heath care proposal

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PORTSMOUTH, N.H. Braced for a fight he never got, President Barack Obama went on the offensive in support of his health care plan Tuesday, urging a town hall audience not to listen to those who seek to "scare and mislead the American people."

"For all the scare tactics out there, what is truly scary is if we do nothing," Obama told a friendly crowd of about 1,800 in a high school auditorium and a nationwide audience watching on cable television.

The White House had been ready for an unruly reception from opponents of overhauling health care. There was no sign of that, perhaps because of the makeup of the day's crowd or out of traditional deference for the president.

Obama's push came amid a string of disruptive health care town halls nationwide that have overshadowed his message and threatened to derail support in Congress. Indeed, Republican-turned-Democratic Sen. Arlen Specter faced hostile questions, taunts and jeers earlier Tuesday as he tried to explain his positions at a town hall in Lebanon, Pa. Voter fears of a government takeover of health care were on stark display.

Some lawmakers, holding forums during Congress' August recess, have gone so far as to replace public forums with teleconferences or step up security to keep protesters at bay.

But the Democratic president faced no outbursts.

The encounter was so friendly, in fact, that by the end Obama was even asking for skeptical questioners to come forward — to no avail.

He told his audience reassuringly, "For all the chatter and the yelling and the shouting and the noise, what you need to know is this ... if you do have health insurance, we will make sure that no insurance company or government bureaucrat gets between you and the care you need."

Retooling his message amid sliding support, he addressed some of his remarks to a vital and skeptical audience: the tens of millions of people who already have health insurance and are generally satisfied with the care they get.

He said the overhaul is essential to them, too, contending it is the way to keep control in their hands. Obama said while government bureaucrats should not meddle with people's care, bureaucrats at insurance companies should not, either.

The president accused critics of creating "boogeymen."

"Spread the facts. Let's get this done," Obama implored the crowd.

The tone was set as soon as Obama arrived. He came in to applause and told one person who shouted support, "I love you back."

One man identified himself as a Republican and said, "I don't know what I'm doing here." The Democratic president said he was happy to have him in attendance.

Toward the end of the session, Obama went so far as to ask people to give him skeptical questions. The best he got were queries about why he doesn't chastise Congress more and where the nation would find the additional doctors and nurses it needs.

Heading toward a pivotal fall debate before congressional action, Obama is scrambling to get lawmakers and the public behind what would be the most ambitious and costly changes to the health care system in decades.

He reiterated his determination that the plan be paid for without adding to the nation's soaring deficit.

He took on what he described as erroneous claims that have risen as the debate in Washington and the nation has developed.

He singled out the charge that the Democratic health care legislation would create "death panels" to deny care to frail seniors. Former Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin has said the Democrats' legislation includes "death panels" that could deny care.

Obama declared that a provision that he said had caused the uproar would only authorize Medicare to pay doctors for counseling patients about end-of-life care, living wills, hospice care and other issues, if the patients wanted it. It would not "basically pull the plug on grandma because we decided that it's too expensive to let her live anymore," as Obama put it.

The people Obama called on for questions asked him largely about their personal medical concerns and how any new law would affect them. "We're not talking about cutting Medicare benefits," he said, trying to reassure one questioner.

Obama sought to dispel talk that his ultimate goal is a single-payer federal health care system, like that in countries such as Canada.

He also disputed the notion that adding a government-run insurance plan into a menu of options from which people could pick would drive private insurers out of business, in effect making the system single-payer by default.

As long as they have a good product and the government plan has to sustain itself through premiums and other non-tax revenue, private insurers should be able to compete with the government plan, Obama said.

"They do it all the time," he said. "UPS and FedEx are doing just fine. ... It's the Post Office that's always having problems."

In its first TV ads of this year's health care fight, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce will begin airing 30-second spots in about 20 states Wednesday criticizing the Democratic proposal to offer optional government health coverage, according to R. Bruce Josten, executive vice president of the nation's largest business group.

The multimillion-dollar buy would be one of the largest so far critical of Obama's effort, in a year in which opponents have been heavily outspent by supporters of the president's plan. The spots, showing a balloon being inflated until it bursts, says, "Big tax increases, huge deficits, expanded government control of health care. Call Congress."

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Jackson's doctor bought anesthetic in Nevada

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LAS VEGAS The potent anesthetic that Michael Jackson's doctor gave him as a sleep aid came from a Las Vegas pharmacy searched Tuesday by federal drug agents and police, a law enforcement official told The Associated Press.

Authorities are investigating Jackson's June 25 death as a manslaughter and believe the anesthetic propofol he was given at his rented Los Angeles mansion was a major factor. Propofol normally is used to render patients unconscious for medical procedures and only is supposed to be administered by anesthesia professionals in medical settings.

As investigators build their case, a central issue is what drugs were in Jackson's system when he died and how those medications were obtained. Jackson's physician, Dr. Conrad Murray, is the focus of the investigation. He has told investigators he administered propofol and multiple sedatives to Jackson in the hours before he died, the law enforcement official told The Associated Press.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

Los Angeles and Las Vegas police and Drug Enforcement Administration agents served a sealed search warrant Tuesday morning at Applied Pharmacy Services in Las Vegas, which the official said legally sold propofol to Murray. Investigators discovered large amounts of the drug and other medications in Jackson's home after his death. DEA agents were able to track the anesthetic back to the Las Vegas pharmacy.

Through a spokeswoman, Murray's attorney Edward Chernoff said he had not seen the warrant and had no immediate comment.

Murray has talked to detectives but has not spoken publicly since Jackson died. Chernoff has said Murray gave Jackson nothing that "should have" killed him and specifically said the physician did not give Jackson the narcotic painkillers Demerol or OxyContin.

The cause of death for Jackson and details about what was in his system will be revealed in the final autopsy report prepared by the Los Angeles County coroner's office. It announced Monday that it has completed its work but won't release findings while the police investigation is ongoing.

Weeks ago authorities served search warrants at Murray's Las Vegas home and his businesses in Las Vegas and Houston, where they seized computer hard drives, medical equipment invoices, phone records and other items. Officials also sought evidence pertaining to the purchase of propofol in those warrants.

Investigators also are looking into Jackson's interactions with at least six other doctors, court documents show.

Michael Flanagan, assistant special agent in charge of the DEA in Las Vegas, said Tuesday's warrant was issued without incident at the single-story business in a strip mall with several other medical services and insurance offices on Flamingo Road, several miles west of the Las Vegas Strip.

The pharmacy staff was cooperative, he said, adding that authorities were searching for any and all paper documents and electronic records.

Tuesday's warrant remained sealed, and Clark County District Court spokesman Michael Sommermeyer said he had no information when it was issued or which judge signed it.

Investigators could take up to 10 days to submit documentation about what they sought and what was obtained. That information became available three days after authorities served warrants at Murray's home and office on July 28.

Judge OKs tentative deal in Social Security suit

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OAKLAND The Social Security Administration stopped sending Rosa Martinez her $870 monthly disability check last year because it said Miami police had issued a warrant for her arrest on drug charges.

Trouble was, the federal agency had the wrong Rosa Martinez, and she was plunged into a bureaucratic nightmare that has ensnared tens of thousands of other Social Security recipients.

The law allows officials to suspend payments to anyone fleeing prosecution. But in recent years, its interpretation was expanded to target any recipient whose name showed up in a computer database of outstanding warrants.

A lawsuit filed by Martinez in 2008 alleged the practice improperly barred payments to people who had warrants issued for failure to appear for court hearings and other minor infractions not considered flight from prosecution.

On Tuesday, U.S. District Court Judge Claudia Wilken tentatively approved a settlement requiring the government to pay more than $500 million to provide back benefits to as many as 80,000 people and restore payments to as many as 200,000.

The Social Security Administration also changed its policy so far fewer people will be barred from receiving checks. Only those with warrants specifically addressing flight or escape attempts will have their payments suspended.

U.S. Department of Justice lawyer Victoria Carradero and Social Security Adminsitration lawyer Lucille Meis declined comment outside court.

A Social Security Administration spokeswoman didn't return a telephone call.

The settlement effects recipients who lost benefits after Jan. 1, 2007. In addition, people kicked out of the program between 2000 and 2006 will be allowed to apply for reinstatement.

The agency also agreed to pay four nonprofit legal groups involved in the case.

Homeland Security head says gains made on border

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Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced $30 million in federal grants Tuesday to prevent drug-fueled violence from spilling into the United States from Mexico, heralding it as the latest of several moves in recent months to bolster border enforcement.

Law enforcement agencies in Texas will get nearly $13 million, California and Arizona will get more than $7 million each and New Mexico will receive nearly $3 million under the federal Operation Stonegarden program.

Speaking at a conference in El Paso, Texas, Napolitano reiterated a mantra of the Obama administration that the U.S. shares responsibility with Mexico to stop illegal drugs from moving north and weapons from flowing south of the border to Mexican cartels. She called Mexican President Felipe Calderon "a strong partner."

"We have a unique opportunity with Mexico to really break up these cartels, and shame on us if we don't take full advantage of that opportunity and go through that window together," she said.

Drug violence has killed more than 11,000 people in Mexico since President Felipe Calderon took office in December 2006, and Napolitano said preventing that carnage from spreading to the United States was among the administration's highest priorities. She said her department has added agents, investigators and technology to address the threat.

Some border city mayors shared Napolitano's assessment that violence has stayed south of the border. San Diego's Jerry Sanders told Napolitano that crime has fallen to historic lows in the nation's eighth-largest city. Bob Walkup said violent and property crimes have dropped in Tucson, Ariz.

But Richard Cortez, mayor of McAllen, Texas, said violence is up sharply in small, rural areas. Napolitano promised to follow up with him to try to determine why.

"What's been reported to me is that it's been dope running (in Texas) by people in crime business," Cortez said in a phone interview. He declined to say exactly where but said McAllen has been spared.

Napolitano broke little new ground in what her office billed as a major speech on border enforcement. She highlighted previously announced measures — most recently, enhanced oversight at the department's widely criticized immigration detention centers. She expressed hope for an overhaul of immigration laws, while vowing to continue enforcing existing laws.

She said the administration is working to address a backlog in citizenship applications. "Quite frankly, there's been a lot of red tape involved," she said.

The $30 million for Operation Stonegarden is in addition to $60 million for the program announced in June, mostly for the border region.

Rove involvement in U.S. attorney firing detailed

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WASHINGTON Former White House political adviser Karl Rove played a central role in the ouster of a U.S. attorney in New Mexico, one of nine prosecutors fired in a scandal in 2006 over political interference with the Justice Department, according to transcripts of closed-door testimony released Tuesday.

Harriet Miers, then White House counsel, said in testimony June 15 to House Judiciary Committee investigators that Rove was "very agitated" over U.S. Attorney David Iglesias "and wanted something done about it."

The committee released more than 5,400 pages of White House and Republican National Committee e-mails, along with transcripts of closed-door testimony by Miers and Rove. Committee Chairman John Conyers, D-Mich., said the documents reveal that White House political officials were deeply involved in the firing of Iglesias and the other U.S. attorneys.

The documents show that staffers in Rove's office were actively seeking to have Iglesias removed after Republican figures in New Mexico complained that he was not pursuing voter fraud cases they wanted. In 2005, Rove aide Scott Jennings sent an e-mail to another Rove aide saying, "I would really like to move forward with getting rid of NM US ATTY."

Miers testified that Rove relayed to her complaints about Iglesias from political figures in New Mexico but added that she could not recall whether Rove told her specifically that the prosecutor should be fired.

"My best recollection is that he was very agitated about the U.S. attorney in New Mexico," Miers testified. "It was clear to me that he felt like he had a serious problem and that he wanted something done about it."

Rove's aides kept him apprised of complaints about Iglesias in other e-mails released Tuesday by the committee.

In a 2006 e-mail, Jennings told Rove that then Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., wanted Iglesias fired. "You are aware of the issues, I believe," Jennings said in the e-mail to Rove.

Rove issued a statement Tuesday saying the documents "show politics played no role in the Bush administration's removal of U.S. attorneys, that I never sought to influence the conduct of any prosecution, and that I played no role in deciding which U.S. attorneys were retained and which were replaced."

He added, "Rather than relying on partisans selectively quoting testimony or excerpting e-mail messages, I urge anyone interested to review the documents in their entirety."

A subsequent Justice Department inquiry into the firing of Iglesias and other U.S. attorneys concluded that political considerations played a part in as many as four of the dismissals. A political uproar led to a series of damaging revelations about the Bush administration's political meddling with the Justice Department and the eventual resignation of then-Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.



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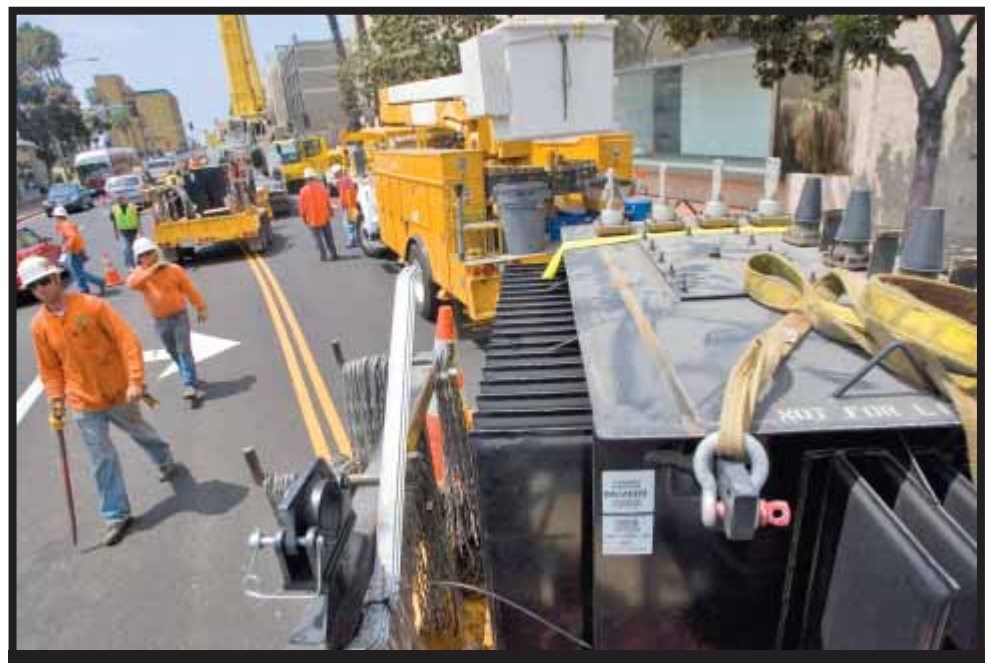
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Complaints still coming in from tenants about smoking

FROM **SMOKING** PAGE 1

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The report suggests that the council could consider an ordinance similar to the one in Oakland, which would require that landlords survey, designate and disclose the status of each unit. If the council decides to go with a stronger measure, it could require that a smoking unit lose its status once it's vacated.

The survey will allow landlords to determine which units have smokers and which do not, setting the designation accordingly.

While the smoking ban in common areas went into effect in early spring, City Hall still receives complaints from residents about smoke that wafts in from adjacent units, balconies and patios.

There have been no cases that have gone to Small Claims Court as of yet. The ordinance established a method through which residents could challenge a neighbor who smokes in a common area, allowing them to seek damages of at least $100 in court. The penalty goes up to $200 and $500 for the second and third offenses in the same year.

Councilman Bob Holbrook said he isn't sure if a designation and disclosure ordinance will cut down on the number of complaints from residents because there could still be neighbors living in units with different statuses, leading to the same issue of drifting smoke.

"It won't really solve the problem if half the units are smokers and half aren't," he said.

He added that there are also concerns, specifically those voiced by the renters rights community, about such laws being used by some landlords to evict tenants.

"You don't want to put anybody out of their unit and that is what the Rent Control Board is worried about — that there will be some schism developed where people are trying to evict other people for their smoking habits," he said. "It's a tough situation."

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Postal chair faces challenges

FROM **GOLDWAY** PAGE 3

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LOCAL IMPACT: **Councilman Bob Holbrook poses with Eunice Kennedy Shriver while on the campaign trail for her son, Santa Monica City Councilmember Bobby Shriver. Eunice was very active in her son's campaign, going door to door to help set up campaign signs.**

Kennedy Shriver left a major legacy

FROM **SHRIVER** PAGE 1

At the time, those with mental retardation were often a secret source of shame to their families and were quietly put away in institutions, out of sight and out of mind.

Shriver revealed her sister's condition to the nation during her brother's presidency in a 1962 article for the Saturday Evening Post.

"The truth is that 75 to 85 percent of the retarded are capable of becoming useful citizens with the help of special education and rehabilitation," Shriver wrote. "Another 10 percent can learn to make small contributions, not involving book learning, such as mowing a lawn or washing dishes."

Realizing they were far more capable of playing sports than the experts said, Shriver in 1968 started what would become the world's largest athletic competition for the mentally disabled. The first Special Olympics — a two-day event in Chicago — drew more than 1,000 participants from 26 states and Canada.

Now more than 3 million athletes in more than 160 countries participate in Special Olympics. The games have given rise to countless uplifting stories of success against great odds.

"She believed that people with intellectual disabilities could — individually and collectively — achieve more than anyone thought possible. This much she knew with unbridled faith and certainty," said her son Timothy, chairman of the Special Olympics.

President Barack Obama said Shriver will be remembered as "as a champion for people with intellectual disabilities, and as an extraordinary woman who, as much as anyone, taught our nation — and our world — that no physical or mental barrier can restrain the power of the human spirit."

Former Special Olympics athlete Kester Edwards credited Shriver and the games with helping him "find a place."

"Mrs. Shriver wasn't making cars, she wasn't selling houses, she was changing human lives. She taught me to accept me as I am," said Edwards, 35, who works as an athlete coordinator at Special Olympics headquarters in Washington and was an athlete from 1981 to 1999.

Shriver was born in Brookline, Mass., the fifth of nine children to Joseph P. Kennedy and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy. She earned a sociology degree from Stanford University in 1943 after graduating from a British boarding school while her father served as ambassador to England.

Her sister Rosemary learned to read and write with the help of special tutors and for a while had a lively social life of tea dances and trips to Europe. She and Eunice used to swim and sail together.

But as Rosemary got older, her father worried his daughter's condition would lead her into situations that could damage the family's reputation, and he authorized a lobotomy in the hope of calming her mood swings. She ended up in worse condition and lived out the rest of her days in an institution, dying in 2005.

Eunice was a social worker at a women's prison in Alderson, W.Va., and worked with the juvenile court in Chicago in the 1950s before taking over the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation with the goal of improving the treatment of the mentally disabled. The foundation was named for her oldest brother, who was killed in World War II.

When JFK was in the White House, Eunice successfully pressed for efforts to help the mentally disabled. In 1961, the president signed a bill she championed to form the first President's Committee on Mental Retardation — then handed his pen to her as a keepsake.

In 1953, she married R. Sargent Shriver. He became JFK's first director of the Peace Corps, was George McGovern's running mate in 1972, and ran for president himself briefly in 1976.

She was the recipient of numerous honors, including the nation's highest civilian award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, which she received in 1984. Well into her 70s, she remained a daily presence at the Special Olympics headquarters.

With her death, Jean Kennedy Smith becomes the last surviving Kennedy daughter.

"When the full judgment on the Kennedy legacy is made — including JFK's Peace Corps and Alliance for Progress, Robert Kennedy's passion for civil rights and Ted Kennedy's efforts on health care, workplace reform and refugees — the changes wrought by Eunice Shriver may well be seen as the most consequential," Harrison Rainie, author of "Growing Up Kennedy," wrote in U.S. News & World Report in 1993.

Survivors include her husband, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2003, and the couple's children: Maria, who is married to Schwarzenegger; Bobby, who helped found the (RED) campaign; Timothy; Mark, an executive at the charity Save the Children; and Anthony, founder and chairman of Best Buddies International, a volunteer organization for the mentally disabled.

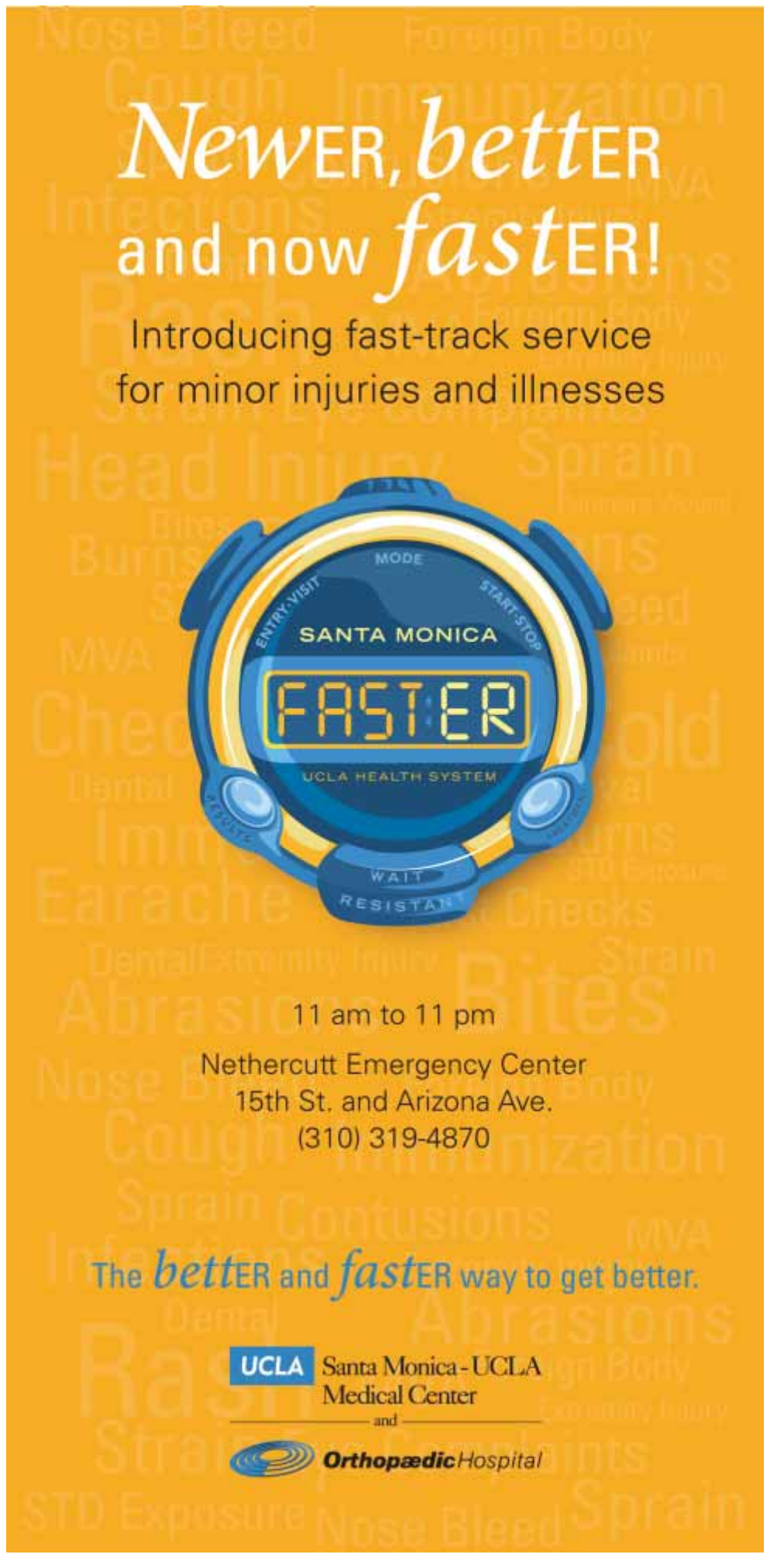
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Shriver remembers his mother

FROM **BOBBY** PAGE 1

I tried to tell her that we called them coffees; it did not work. Santa Monica was going to have teas, no matter what!

And we were gong to have a lot of signs. I think that was her favorite part: ringing doorbells and asking people to put up signs. After she had finished a particular area, she would make me come with her to review the results. She liked to point out the people who had refused, and she remembered their reasoning.

She briefed me and then waited in the car while I went to ring their doorbell and tried to change their minds.

"You need every vote," she said with absolutely no humor in her voice.

In general, people were not amused to have a second Shriver at their door. Ouch!

And she had no humor in her voice when, at one "tea" she told Councilmember Bob Holbrook he should run for the U.S. Senate. Bob, charmed by the thought, replied that he would need her to be his mother before he could win.

"Well then," she said. "I will adopt you."

She really liked Bob and his smart wife Jean Ann and could not understand why he had not run for the Senate.

"He'd be good," she said to me.

Bob persisted in trying to get her to follow through on the adoption idea.

I hate to think what might have happened if she had not gotten sick shortly after the election!

Yet even after she was sick, she would always ask me what I was doing on the issues. She chastised me more than once for not "getting it done" for homeless veterans. She called their situation a "damn outrage" and threatened to start calling people herself. She was happy when special ed parents won their rights but, naturally, asked me to do more. She was "very cross" that the Santa Monica Bay water was not clean and that I had done "nothing" about it.

Finally, I told her to call Bob Holbrook.

I think she did so. I am not kidding!

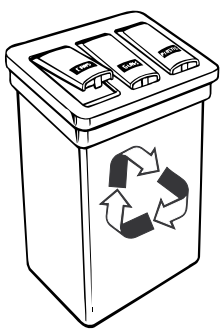
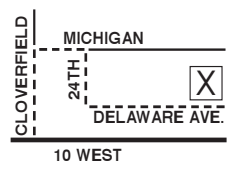
She knew I loved Santa Monica and that I had found my home here. She felt grateful to the people of the city for welcoming me.

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Applications are due in the Rent Control Board office by 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2009.

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Class entertains kids and sparks community dialogue

FROM CAMERAS PAGE 3

came out pretty nice. … I liked taking pictures of textures like flowers and plants and rocks."

> **"I LIKED GOING OUT TO OTHER PLACES, VISITING OUR CITY AND TAKING PICTURES OF OUR CITY. FOR ME, IT WAS A GOOD EXPERIENCE FOR ME BECAUSE I NEVER REALLY GOT A CHANCE TO DO THIS."**
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> Samohi senior

The idea for a free photography and caption-writing class originated at the Human Relations Council with Michele Wittig, who brought the idea to the board and to the Dialogue Event Committee, where it was fleshed out.

"We really wanted to focus on an area where the neighborhood association had been dormant for a few years," said Ilda Jimenez y West, a member of the committee.

"In a sense, all the pictures they have taken are of places and people in the Mid-City community," Fritz said. "These pictures are meant to engage dialogue. It's all about people coming together."

She added the primary focus of the program was the community and its assets.

"Fabian and I and Eula really tried to conceptualize a class that would not only capture the youth's leading interests over the summer, but also pass down a skill set that they could carry on forward, and even think of a career," Jimenez y West said.

The eight-week program finishes today, but many of the photographs taken over the course of the class will be showcased in an exhibit at McKinley Elementary School on Oct. 3.

"I'm going to try to pick one photo from each assignment, from each kid," Lewkowicz said.

The kids may also sit on a panel to discuss what each photograph and each subject of the photograph means to them to get the dialogue started.

"We're grooming youth leaders all while investing in their community," Jimenez y West said.

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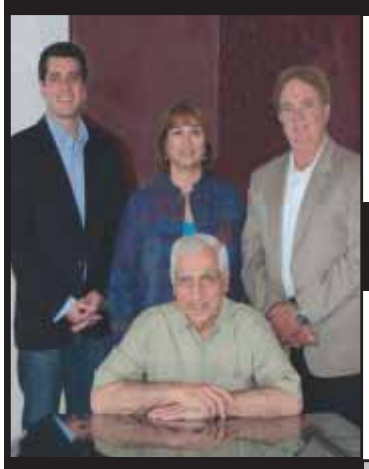

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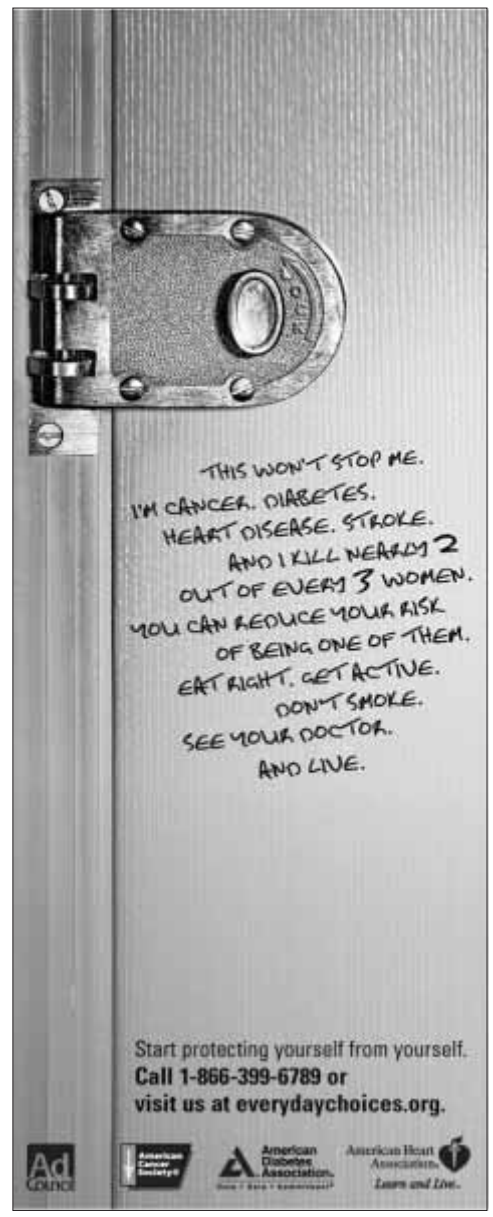
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NBA

Lakers' Gasol has surgery

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADRID Los Angeles Lakers center Pau Gasol had surgery on his left index finger after an injury during practice with Spain's national team. He will be sidelined at least three weeks.

The Spanish basketball federation said Tuesday that Gasol damaged a ligament in his non-shooting hand Monday while blocking a shot. He will wear a splint for 20 days, but the federation did not say if he will play in the European Championship in Poland, which starts Sept. 7.

"I want to be with my teammates and fight for the championship," the Spanish news agency Efe quoted him as saying at a news conference in Cadiz. "I don't see why I would have to drop out."

He said he has spoken with the Lakers and expects to get approval to play with the national team.

"Pau had a conversation with our head trainer this morning," said Lakers spokesman John Black. "We're trying to get our team doctor in touch with the doctor that did the surgery. Right now, we're gathering information."

Spain, the reigning world champion, was runner-up to the United States at the Beijing Olympics.

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INTERNATIONAL SPORTS

Tiger the Olympian?

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CHASKA, Minn. Tiger Woods is interested in adding a gold medal to his collection of green jackets.

Woods indicated Tuesday that he would play in the Olympics if golf became part of the program in 2016. The International Olympic Committee executive board is to meet Thursday in Berlin to recommend two sports for inclusion in the 2016 games. Golf and rugby sevens are considered the favorites.

Golf has not been part of the Olympics since 1904. Woods, who has completed the career Grand Slam three times, felt it should have been an Olympic sport a while ago. He then was asked if he would compete.

"If I'm not retired by then, yeah," Woods said. Asked again if he would play, Woods nodded his head and said, "Yep."

It was his most definitive comments about his participation in the Olympics. Woods will be 40 for the 2016 Games.

Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Annika Sorenstam and other players have helped promote golf's bid to get into the Olympics. It would be a stroke-play competition over 72 holes if accepted.

"I think that golf is a truly global sport, and I think it should have been in the Olympics a while ago," he said. "If it does get in, I think it would be great for golf and especially some of the other smaller countries that are now emerging in golf. I think it's a great way for them to compete and play and get the exposure that some of these countries aren't getting."

Woods has played five times in the Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup. He played three times in the World Cup, winning the individual medal in 1999. As an amateur, he played in the Walker Cup and the World Amateur Team Championship.

Padraig Harrington, a three-time major champion, played 11 straight years in the World Cup for Ireland. Asked about the Olympics, he gave two thumbs-up before the question was finished.

"I'd love to be an Olympian. Doesn't that sound good?" Harrington said. "Imagine us being Olympic athletes. I think it would be fantastic for golf. As a golfer, I would think we have all the credentials to be Olympians."

Golf has been mentioned before as an Olympic sport. It picked up momentum when PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem supported it, giving golf organizations across the globe a united front.

"It seems like it was always destined to be an Olympic sport," Harrington said. "I'm sure there's a lot of athletes out there that would never put golf as a sport, but trying to explain that to somebody that doesn't play golf, they will never understand what goes into golf. Most golfers realize what goes into it and will see it as being a natural sport for the Olympics."

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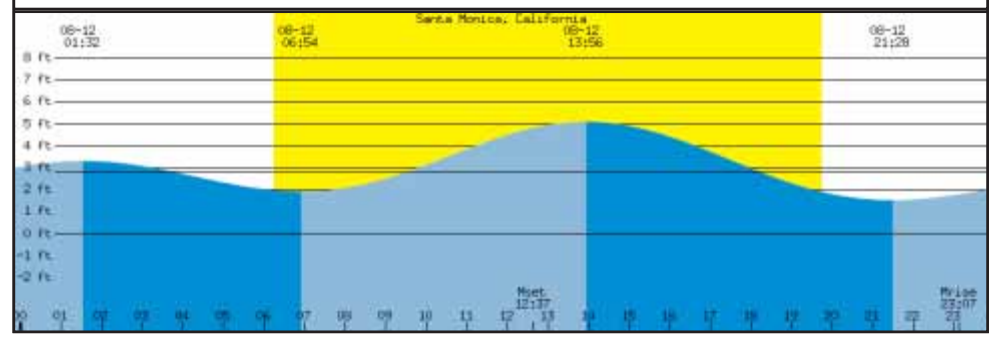
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Today looks like a small surf day so far, perhaps just knee to waist high most everywhere. We may see Thursday's southern hemi start to creep in during the afternoon.

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Rominer Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	D	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
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Public Enemies (R) 2hr 23min
12:50, 4:00, 7:00, 10:10

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) 2hrs 33min
11:20 a.m., 2:45, 6:15, 9:45

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Julie and Julia (PG-13) 2hrs 3min
11:30 a.m., 1:00, 2:15, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:50, 10:40

Funny People (R) 2hrs 16min
12:30, 3:50, 7:15

Funny People (with closed captions and descriptive video) (R) 2hrs 16min
11:45 a.m., 3:00, 6:30, 10:10

G-Force: In Disney Digital 3-D (PG) 1hr 28min
12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:20, 9:45

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
11:20 a.m., 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:20

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) 2hrs 33min
11:35 a.m., 3:10, 7:10, 10:30

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(500) Days of Summer (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

The Hurt Locker (R) 2hr 26min
1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:15

Whatever Works (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30

Adam (PG-13) 1hr 55min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00

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G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13) 1hr 58min
11:30 a.m., 1:00, 2:30, 3:50, 5:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00

Orphan (R) 2hrs 3min
1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20

The Ugly Truth (R) 1hr 36min
12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40

Bruno (R) 1hr 21min
3:00, 7:40

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (PG) 1hr 27min
11:40 a.m., 2:00, 4:20, 6:50, 9:10

The Collector (R) 1hr 25min
12:50, 5:20, 9:50

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Go with the best offer, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Observe a tendency to be extremely willful and demanding. If you see a situation one way, it doesn't mean that another way is wrong. Tonight: Pay bills first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You could be a bit overwhelmed by what goes on behind the scenes. Stay on topic, and work with someone directly. You know where you want to be with a situation. Read the signposts and understand the ramifications of the chosen path. Tonight: Build your confidence. Go for what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your perspective could change because of observations. Keep your eyes wide open, spotting possibilities more clearly. Listen to news with a touch of cynicism. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. A partner explores ideas in an interesting and dynamic manner. You would be wise to do more listening. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ What you see might be colored by other points of view. Keep the facts in mind. If you focus on the goal, you'll hit a home run. No one can stop you, or wants to. Tonight: Let your mind relax. Make it OK for some imaginative ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ By being aware of your limitations, you invest more time and effort in a project that could be exhausting you. Listen to news from a child or loved one who might trigger strong reactions. Distance yourself from an immediate problem and get past it. You might even be amazed that there ever was an issue. Tonight: Let your mind romp.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your ability to move a project forward could be curtailed by an onslaught of others' demands. You might not always be in sync with prevalent thought. Let it go for now. You willingly add yet another perspective. Tonight: Dinner for two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Let others dominate; you cannot change their needs. If you want to do something different or open up to new possibilities, evaluate the process to get there. Tonight: Go with the best offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Listen to news that heads your way. Your path and knowledge could go in a new direction. Listen to feedback from an associate or co-worker. This person just might have a point. Tonight: Put your feet up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ If you find someone reacting strangely, you might look at yourself. Recently, you've started to present yourself differently. Your imagination melds with intellect, making for a unique creativity. Tonight: Fun and games.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Look at the whole story before making a decision. Everything might not be exactly as it seems. Your focus needs to be on how you think and feel about a key person in your life. Make this person feel at ease with your decisions. Tonight: Entertain from home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Keep reaching beyond the obvious. Though often you might be triggered by someone, go back into your thoughts. You are on top of your game. Even if you want to, you might not be able to accommodate a friend as much as he or she might like. Stay on top of your game. Tonight: Hang out with pals.

Happy birthday

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

This year, emphasize the pluses in your life. Your presence makes a strong impact. How others perceive you might have very little to do with the real you. Sometimes that discrepancy causes problems. Work on merging the differences. If you are single, you draw many people in because of your unmistakable charisma. Reveal the real you. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from doing more together in the community or in your immediate circle of friends. TAURUS pushes you into the limelight.

Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



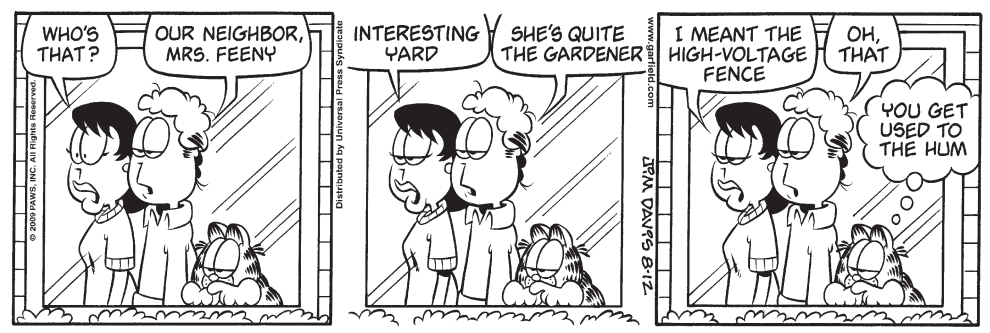
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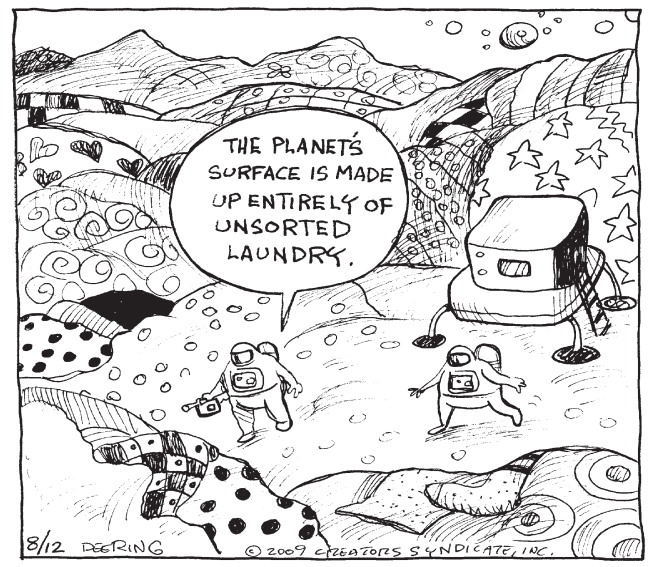
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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9 Perfect
11 Dike
12 Laconic
13 Kitchen come-on
14 Take advantage of
15 Space clouds
17 Things to mind
19 Contend
20 Parting word
21 Hankering
22 Support
24 Holds
26 Hiking route
29 Sprinted
30 Diary's kin
32 Clumsy
34 Genetic stuff
35 Corbin Bernsen series
36 Sprawling tales
38 Fishing spots
39 Thesaurus creator
40 Radiator sound
41 Throw

DOWN

1 Illuminated
2 Black Sea port
3 Peruse anew
4 "— Kapital"
5 Andean land
6 Change over time
7 Stay
8 Pester
10 Bank, at times
11 Research sites
16 Earth circler
18 Bird beaks
21 Calendar span
23 Less refined
24 Mauna Loa setting
25 Low joints
27 Rainbow color
28 Spears
29 Fashion's Lauren
30 Spielberg thriller
31 Survives
33 History class topics
37 Lobster trap

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Small-Town Politics: In June, the city council of Indian Trail Town, N.C., voted, 4-1, to declare Mayor John Quinn's comments about the council in the town newsletter "whiny" and to ban his remarks from subsequent issues and from the town Web site. The new policy also prohibits Mayor Quinn from talking to any municipal employee unless the town manager is at his side, and requires Quinn to get express permission to enter the town hall except for places open to the general public.

■ An investigation by the U.K. TV channel More4 revealed in June that local U.K. councils spend the equivalent of $80 million a year translating their documents into dozens of languages in the cause of "fairness," even obscure languages that few residents speak, and even given evidence that, in dozens of cases, no one has ever tried to access the documents. Translations were found in Albanian, Bengali, Kurdish, Somali, Urdu, Gujarati, Punjabi, Sierra Leonean Creole, Karen (eastern Burma) and Ga (Ghana), among others.

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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.

1944 During World War II, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., eldest son of Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, was killed with his co-pilot when their explosives-laden Navy plane blew up over England.

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.

1978 Pope Paul VI, died Aug. 6 at age 80.

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