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THE WHO'S NEXT? ISSUE




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SLOW YOUR ROLL: **The City Council on Tuesday adopted an ordinance establishing new speed limits at 14 locations in Santa Monica.**

## City Council changes speed limits

**BY MELODY HANATANI**
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Residents might want to refrain from driving with a heavy foot around town.

The City Council on Tuesday adopted an ordinance establishing new speed limits at 14 locations in Santa Monica, a dozen of which will be reduced. The ordinance will become final upon a second reading at a future council meeting.

The new speed limits came out of a recent City Hall survey that looked at traffic patterns at 103 different locations. The state requires that municipalities conduct such surveys every 5 to 10 years to make sure that speed limits are appropriate for the design of the roadway and other conditions that are not readily apparent to the driver, such as high pedestrian and bicycle activities, Sam Morrissey, the principal traffic engineer for City Hall, said.

"The speed survey showed us that the speed is near the existing limit, however in a lot of locations like Ocean Park Boulevard, Wilshire Boulevard, Main Street and Ocean Avenue, we actually recommend reducing the speed because there's a lot of conditions that are not readily apparent," Morrissey said, referring to the high volume of foot traffic on those corridors.

The reductions will affect portions of Olympic Boulevard, Ocean Park Boulevard, Wilshire Boulevard, Fourth Street, Fifth Street, Main Street and Ocean Avenue [see sidebar]. Speeds will be increased from 25 to 30 mph on Colorado Avenue between Ocean Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard and on Second Street between Wilshire and Colorado.

All speeds will change by 5 miles per hour.

"We brought both up to 30 miles an hour because all other Downtown streets are at 30," Morrissey said.

While the survey did not involve a public input component, much of the decision to lower the speed limits came from concerns heard from residents through various meetings for the Land Use and Circulation Element, which is the 20-year update to the city's general plan, he added.

"Especially on Ocean Park Boulevard and Ocean Avenue, we've heard for a number of years complaints of high speed and the need for low speed because of pedestrian and bicycle activity," he said.

The new speed limits have drawn a mixed reaction.

"A girl at work here just got rear-ended," Marie Rooney, an assistant manager at Accents Jewelry Design on Main Street, said. "It's an excellent idea for them to lower

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## Fire chief decides to leave post

**BY KEVIN HERRERA**
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN Fire Chief Jim Hone, who is credited with enhancing the Santa Monica Fire Department's emergency preparedness following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, will retire in January 2010, he told his staff Thursday.

Hone, who joined the SMFD in 1980 after spending six years in the United States Air Force, was promoted to fire chief in 2003, having served as a firefighter/paramedic, fire captain, support services division chief and fire marshal.

"Jim is one of this country's most knowledgeable and professional fire chiefs," said City Manager Lamont Ewell, who announced his retirement Wednesday. "He certainly will leave a void in that profession, but we wish him well."

Hone was not available for comment at presstime.

In an e-mail to his staff, Hone said contemplating retirement was an "emotional and personal experience" but a decision he could make given the achievements made

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## Council approves Jonathan Club lease for another decade

**BY MELODY HANATANI**
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A more than 75-year-old oceanfront social club can continue to boast sunbathing on the sand for its members after the City Council decided to extend a lease of three beach parcels for another decade.

The council ruled on Tuesday that there's been no material change in the public's need

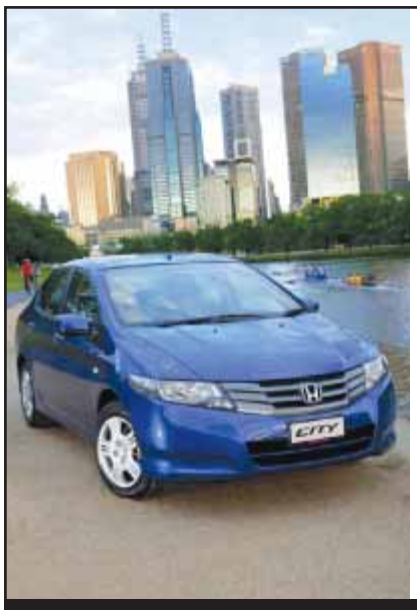
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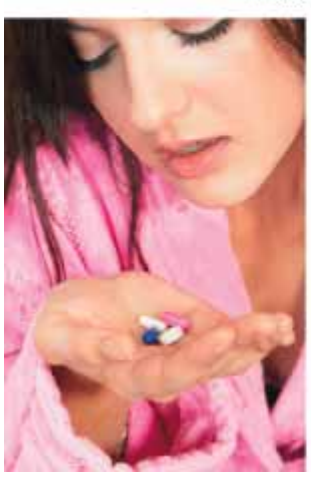
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Riviera Country Club
1250 Capri Dr., time TBA
The Rotary Club of Santa Monica has long enjoyed a reputation as being the hub for Westside men and women dedicated to improving their local and worldwide communities. It is a melting pot for cultural ideas from the diverse ethnic makeup of its members. Those interested in attending their regular lunch should contact June Doy at (310) 917-3313.

### Escape reality

Magicopolis
1418 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
Stimulate your intellect, imagination and spirit at this critically acclaimed magic show. Also features comedy, music and audience participation. For more information, visit www.magicopolis.com.

## Saturday, Aug. 15, 2009

### A night with Red Elvises

Rusty's Surf Ranch
256 Santa Monica Pier, 9:30 p.m.
Combining elements of Russian music, klezmer, rock 'n' roll and theater, Red Elvises use their variety of global influences to create original, eclectic music with high-energy live shows that make people of all ages and cultures want to dance all night. Call (310) 393-7437 for more information and for cost.

### Tour de fitness

Douglas Park
1116 Chelsea Ave., 9:30 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Tour de Fitness is a challenge that enables youth and their families to enjoy a day of activities while promoting the importance of exercise and nutrition. Last year, participants walked, ran and lunged over 8 miles while touring the streets and businesses of Santa Monica. Be part of this great event to test your fitness and promote a healthy lifestyle. All participants will get gift bags and T-shirts provided by sponsors. Register at www.o2maxfitness.com. Call (310) 867-1560 for more information. Admission is free for the first 100 participants.

### Beach cleanup

Santa Monica Bay Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk, 10 a.m.
Do your part to help keep the beach clean by picking up trash. All volunteers must sign a waiver. Parking is $1. For more information, visit www.healthebay.org/calendar.

### Book tour

The Mystery Bookstore
1036 Broxton Ave., Los Angeles, CA, 4 p.m.
Join author Linwood Barclay on his tour to promote his new book "Too Close to Home: A Thriller."

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.



## TENSE MOMENT

Byron Kennerly *news@smdp.com*

**An LAPD Bomb Squad truck pins in a VW Bug (left), containing a man believed to have threatened the White House, at the Federal Building parking lot in Westwood. At least one apartment house next to where the suspect's car was parked was evacuated as a precaution.**

TAKING IT IN

# Happy hours at Barney's Beanery

**Editor's Note: This is a series in which Daily Press writers overhear and observe happenings around Santa Monica.**

**BY EMMA TROTTER**
Special to the Daily Press

THIRD STREET PROMENADE A street musician wails on the soprano sax outside Barney's Beanery Wednesday evening. At 7 p.m., all the brightly striped outside booths are occupied by at least one person.

A blond man sits across from an empty seat, but there are two margaritas on the table. He moves an empty plate closer to the edge of the table and shifts in his seat, waiting for his companion to return.

Four people stand in line to be seated. Two men in business suits examine the menu, which at first glance looks like a newspaper.

"I've been eating more and more lately," one remarks. "I think it's because of going to the gym."

Inside, more than 15 TVs line the wall above the bar, showing the Dodgers, the Angels, a few soccer games and something about a road to the swimsuit pageant. Christmas lights, hubcaps and license plates decorate the walls and ceiling.

Faces of celebrities such as Jennifer Lopez, Cher and Howard Stern stare up from the tables. More distinguished figures like Martin Luther King, Jr., also make appearances.

A group of men all sporting polo shirts shares a table and discusses gmail, Google's e-mail program.

"I was forced to give up my e-mail privacy," one complains, licking his fingers emphatically. A plate of hot wings sits at the middle of the table.

The waitresses are all wearing some kind of Barney's shirt — gray off-the-shoulder T-shirts or camouflage tank tops, mostly.

"It's kind of overwhelming, I know," one remarks as she helps a young couple choose drinks.

Most people in the bar are either young couples or groups of men of a variety of ages. It's a good thing there aren't too many kids because talk has turned to money — seemingly an always touchy subject among the polo shirt crew.

"Eventually it just f***ing settled — and they got the f***ing money!" one said, his voice rising in agitation.

At the bar, two men in T-shirts and jeans lean over the back of a leather bench to talk to their seated buddy. The chairs at the bar — an odd assortment of colors and sizes — are all bolted to the floor.

There are a fair number of tourists here tonight. One takes a picture toward the entrance, and another wanders the bar, looking lost.

"No way, he was out!" says an indignant young man, his gaze fixed on one of the televisions. "Show the replay."

At 8 p.m., the lights dim. Apparently, the party has officially begun.

A man and a woman sit on the same side of a four-person table. She leans into him and clutches his wrist as he tries to drink his beer and continues to hang tight after he sets his glass down. He gesticulates as he

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# Lockhart, Lassie adorn stamp

**BOB THOMAS**
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The U.S. Postal Service is going into show biz.

Sales began Tuesday of "Early TV Memories" commemorative stamps featuring classic characters from the golden 1950s.

The campaign was launched at a crowded auditorium at the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in North Hollywood. Funny man Carl Reiner kept the program running with his comments.

A TV performer since 1948, he doesn't have his own stamp. The reason: He is 87 and still alive. You have to be dead to appear on the stamps.

Reiner introduced dozens of survivors of stars with stamps. Among them: Jayne Meadows, widow of Steve Allen; Grace Bradley Boyd, widow of William Boyd (Hopalong Cassidy); Sam and Tracy Nelson, third generation of Ozzie and Harriet Nelson; Barbara Hale, aka Della Street, secretary to Perry Mason (Raymond Burr).

The star of the show may well have been Lassie, who barked and posed on orders from his trainer.

"He's in the 10th generation of Collies," said June Lockhart, who starred in "Lassie" from 1956 to 1964. "In all my years of working with them, not one has bitten me."

Lockhart is a long-time Santa Monica resident.

The early television shows that appear on the stamps include "I Love Lucy," with a picture of Lucy and her friend Ethel struggling to cope with candy rolling past on a conveyor belt.

Uncle Milty makes an appearance, commemorating Milton Berle's funny moments on "Texaco Star Theater."

George Burns and Gracie Allen share a comedic stamp moment, as do Jackie Gleason and Art Carney in "The Honeymooners."

Who could forget the conniving Sgt. Ernest T. Bilko played by the over-the-top Phil Silvers. There's also the original combination comedy-game show hosted by Groucho Marx and his duck puppet from "You Bet Your Life."

On the mysterious side are stamps honoring Alfred Hitchcock, who presented tales of suspense, and Jack Webb, who unraveled mysteries as the LAPD's Sgt. Joe Friday on "Dragnet."

Perry Mason makes an appearance on a stamp featuring Raymond Burr, who played the star defense lawyer, and William Talman, who specialized in losing cases to Mason when playing prosecutor Hamilton Burger.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Barking up the wrong tree

**Editor:**

It seems that Carlos Pineiro, the perennial critic and complainant about all the activities in Santa Monica, is at it again. His letter about the bunya-bunya tree in Douglas Park ("This tree doesn't deserve saving," page 4, Aug. 13) has come after the fact. I wonder if Mr. Pineiro has been to the park and has seen the tree or is his opinion just his criticism of the article. If all the residents who use the park want that tree then please, Mr. Pineiro, look elsewhere for your complaints.

**Herb Silverstein**
Santa Monica

### Protect the pigeons

**Editor:**

I believe that the City Council is blowing the pigeon thing way out of proportion ("Animal rights activists rally against pigeon net," page 1, Aug. 13). If they have nothing better to do with their time than worry about the stool from a bunch of pigeons then they need to walk down to the streets and fix their corruption. City officials should get real and read some more data. This plan will probably create more problems than alleviate. I applaud the efforts of protesters and I hope you keep up the good work. Enough is enough and it's up to the good people to stand up for the rights of animals who cannot. These people help provide a balance in our fragile eco-system

**Daniel Martinez**
Los Angeles

### Save the urban forest

**Editor:**

This letter is in response to Carlos Pineiro's letter in which he urges the city to destroy a wonderful, and much-admired tree in Douglas Park.

The facts regarding the bunya-bunya tree at Douglas Park are exactly as Susan Hartley has described them: there are indeed alternative ways of dealing with a tree that on regular occasions – and with plenty of warning long beforehand – drops large fruit. The community forester's approach to this issue, which involves monitoring development of the tree cones, and de-coning the tree as the cones develop, is a highly effective and time-honored technique. And if this effort requires strengthening, fencing off a small portion of the park for a short time every year or two when fruit-dropping is an issue is a small price to pay for maintaining this magnificent tree.

These trees are the last surviving species of a genus going back to the Jurassic period. Other cities, both here and abroad, have enjoyed these enormous and beautiful trees for many decades. One famous specimen is located just a few feet from the Santa Barbara Courthouse, a building frequented by judges and lawyers who seem to have no fear of the tree or its fruit.

In a previous letter back in April, Mr. Pineiro described trees as "overgrown plants" worthy of turning into firewood. In his most recent message, he urges City Council to chop down a stately, much-beloved older tree and turn it into a gazebo. It is, frankly, long past time to move the discussion beyond the destruction of our trees, and work energetically to protect – and indeed enhance – the treasure that is Santa Monica's urban forest.

**Daniel Jansenson**
Santa Monica

### What a joke

**Editor:**

I thought I somehow downloaded the April Fools issue when I read the headline "Animal rights activists rally against pigeon net" in the Aug. 13 issue. After reading the entire article I'm still not convinced it's not a joke.

**Joseph Palazzolo**
Santa Monica



## Write Rachel

Rachel Iverson — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

# Putting on the first move

Q: DEAR RACHEL,

There's a hot guy in my office that I'm dying to date. From what I've gathered, he's single and interested, but he hasn't asked me out yet. Should I make the first move?

— Impatient

**A: DEAR IMPATIENT,**

I say, "Don't help a man be a man." This means you should assume the guy you like has the courage to ask you out if he's interested and available to date you. This doesn't mean that you can't be friendly and flirtatious, but when it comes to asking for a phone number or a date, let the guy make the first move.

This isn't an issue of women's lib. Of course we, as women, are able to set up a date, but that doesn't always mean it's advisable behavior. I don't believe in playing games, but I do believe in setting healthy boundaries as a means of conveying one's self-worth. Whether we like it or not, our society teaches men to pursue what they want in regard to jobs, material possessions and romantic partners, so to avoid helping a guy into a relationship he doesn't wholly desire, let him take the initiative.

When I interviewed men for my dating survival handbook, I found that men consistently took less responsibility in dating relationships when women initiated them. Men who are pursued sometimes think that conventional dating etiquette no longer applies, as if they've entered a morality-free zone, complete with no-strings-attached, casual sex. Furthermore, overly assertive dating behavior on the part of a woman tends to delay or thwart the crucial "Epiphany Moment" — a man's realization that a woman is worth dating exclusively. Men tend to be a little slower in the emotional attachment department than their female counterparts so it's important to give them a head start to let their attraction gain momentum before beginning a dating relationship.

Yes, it can be intimidating for a man to risk the rejection of asking for a date, but it's still a fundamental rite of passage in dating culture. If a man doesn't overcome this challenge, take it as a sign that he's not ready for a committed relationship, which involves much greater challenges. If he's truly available and interested and possesses a moderate amount of courage, he will ask you out eventually. If he doesn't, there is a reason. The reason, itself, is inconsequential. The point is that the relationship is not meant to happen at this time.

Also, if you make the first move, you increase your chances of getting the guy you want, without ever really getting his love. Too many guys have told me they'll go along with a relationship they don't want if it takes little or no effort on their part. They'll say something like, "Well, she came on to me, so I figured, why not?"

If you're looking for something casual, then making the first move is your prerogative. However, if you desire a meaningful union, I suggest allowing a man to pursue you as a means of expressing his interest. Your patience will be rewarded when the right guy asks you out and you don't have to wonder whether or not he wants to be with you.

**CAN CHEMISTRY GROW?**

**Q: DEAR RACHEL,**

I just started dating someone who's cute, funny and affectionate. There's only one problem: I have no chemistry with him. Can chemistry grow?

— Where's the chemistry?

**A: DEAR WHERE'S THE CHEMISTRY,**

If you were to tell me that you recently started dating someone with whom you have low sexual chemistry, I'd say the chemistry could definitely grow over time as you get to know each other better. However, if you really have no sexual chemistry with this man, it's best to keep the relationship platonic. Chemistry is essential for a romantic relationship and the longer you date someone with whom you have no chemistry, the higher the chance that you'll both end up with hurt feelings. You'll hurt his feelings when you eventually reject him, then he'll hurt your feelings for leading him on.

That being said, most people are so accustomed to high-drama, high chemistry relationships that they tend to overlook smaller sparks of chemistry that often flicker during the early stages of meeting a compatible partner. Take a moment to consider your feelings with this man. Is your intuition telling you that there is no hope of romance between the two of you, that you're biding your time before an inevitable let's be friends speech; or do you sense a subtle spark foreshadowing steamy chemistry in the future?

Relationships that burn too hot from the start often burn out because they can't maintain their intensity, while some of the most fulfilling relationships often begin with an ember that builds into a hearty blaze.

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## Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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# Oscar's kids learn to paint

ONE INDICATOR THAT YOUR LIFE MAY BE A bit dull is when your dog has more activities than you do. Oscar, a lovable golden retriever about whom I've written before, isn't even my dog. Actually that admission reminds me of a scene from the "Pink Panther."

Inspector Clouseau (Peter Sellers) is in a rundown European inn and notices a cute dog in the corner. He asks the disinterested concierge clerk, "Does your dog bite?" When the man says "No," Clouseau proceeds to playfully pet the pooch but is bitten viciously! "I thought you said your dog does not bite?" Clouseau asks indignantly. The concierge answers nonchalantly, "That is not my dog."

Oscar, a seizure alert dog, belongs to Colleen Hughes, a disabled neighbor. Colleen and he frequently visit the Ronald McDonald House so that kids with life-threatening illnesses can pet Oscar. The two also attend monthly Santa Monica Emergency Volunteer Airlift Command meetings (EVAC) and, every Wednesday go to America Reads, a Santa Monica Police Activities League after-school program for "at risk" kids.

At PAL, the kids read books to Oscar to improve their reading skills. As Police Chief Tim Jackman points out so accurately, "If you can't read, you can't succeed." Oscar, meanwhile, is becoming quite the literary buff.

A few years ago I wrote a column about America Reads, including a photo of Oscar on a chair, between two adoring kids. Oscar appears to be listening intently and who's to say he's not. Deep in thought, he looks like the late Alistair Cooke, that is, if Cooke had been a golden retriever.

On July 29, America Reads had an event at PAINT:LAB, a walk-in art studio at 2912 Main St. (Their logo is "Experience, express, explore your creativity through the medium of paint.") PAINT:LAB provides their customers with an inspiring space, appropriate lighting, the easel, paint and brushes. All the customer has to do is purchase his canvas and let his creative spirit fly.

To introduce the PAL kids to art, Colleen discussed the idea with Oana Bogdan, the founder of PAINT:LAB. Oana's an accomplished artist whose had a successful, 16-year career in art direction and set design in TV and the movies. It was an easy sell because PAINT:LAB wants to bring art to children in as many neighborhoods as possible, especially from minority and less fortunate areas.

Next, Colleen, along with speech pathologist and co-volunteer Joan Colman, and her therapy dog, Randi, approached America Reads. After getting the parents' written permission, eight very excited kids showed up at the PAINT:LAB along with their buddy Oscar, who apparently didn't need written permission.



Photo courtesy Colleen Hughes

HAPPY BUNCH: **Teacher Toro Assil, the kids from America Reads, and Oscar, enjoy a day of art at PAINT:LAB on Main Street.**

Teaching the kids was Toro Assil, a PAINT:LAB art instructor. The budding Pablo Picasso's or Georgia O'Keefe's included: Nathan Lam, Nadia Cyprian, Naje Cyprian, Jilian Archer, Kaitlyn Marcial, Keirra Marcial, Gus Gress, and Ryan Hinton. Remarkably, by the end of the day, each child had a finished canvass to take home to their parents. (And almost as remarkable, Oscar was virtually paint-free.)

Judging from the smiles on the kids' faces, I'd say the afternoon was a huge success. No one was more pleased than Chief Jackman, and Eula Fritz, the PAL director, both of whom know how positive experiences can affect a child's self-esteem. To learn more about PAINT:LAB go to: www.paintlab.net.

Meanwhile, Oscar has big plans for the rest of summer, including the Twilight Dance Series at the Santa Monica Pier, Dodger Stadium (on Aug. 20 v. the Cubs) and the Hollywood Bowl (on Aug. 25 for Yo-Yo Ma.). Personally, I have nothing planned for the rest of the summer. Unless, of course, Oscar lets me tag along.

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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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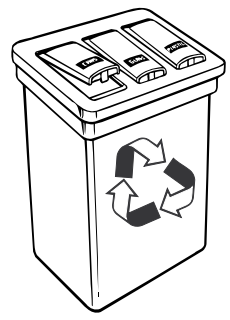
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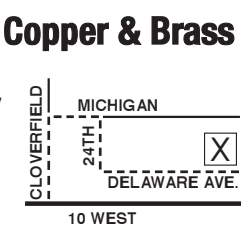


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THURSDAY, AUG. 6, AT 6:55 P.M.,

Santa Monica police officers were inside a restaurant in the 200 block of Wilshire Boulevard – California Pizza Kitchen – when they observed an individual walk away from the counter, failing to pay, and then walked out of this restaurant. Officers checked with the waiter to see if the individual who just left had paid his bill of $8.23. The waiter said the suspect had not. Officers located the suspect outside in the alley. Officers escorted the suspect back to the restaurant. The suspect then allegedly attempted to pay for his meal with $3 in cash and a gift card from Banana Republic. The suspect appeared to be intoxicated and did not have any additional money to pay the bill. The suspect was offered the opportunity to go to an ATM to get more cash, but he declined to do so. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for defrauding an innkeeper. He was identified as Kevin Coleman, 37, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $500.

SUNDAY, AUG. 9, AT 3:25 P.M.,

Officers on routine patrol near Lincoln Boulevard and Raymond Avenue conducted a traffic stop. As the driver exited the vehicle, officers said they say a glass pipe fall from his lap and break on the roadway. While outside the vehicle, the suspect allegedly spit out two pieces of what officers believed was crack cocaine. The suspect was taken into custody for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. He was identified as James Starlipher, 40, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $10,000.

SATURDAY, AUG. 8, AT 4:10 P.M.,

Officers on routine patrol observed a teenager writing on a street sign with a marker. Officers said a second suspect was acting as a lookout while the vandalism occurred. The officers detained the suspects and observed fresh graffiti on the street sign. Adjacent to the suspects was a marker. The suspects were taken into custody for conspiracy to commit a crime and vandalism. They were identified as Amir Lopez and Carlos Gomez, both 18 from Santa Monica. Their bail was set at $500.

THURSDAY, AUG. 6, AT 7:30 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue – Sears – regarding a theft suspect in custody. When officers arrived they made contact with store security who told them that the suspect entered a dressing room with several pairs of pants and a belt. When he left the dressing room, the suspect only had one pair of pants in his possession, police said. The suspect was escorted back to the store after he left, failing to pay for the items, valued at $121. Security said the suspect had in his possession the pants and wire cutters. He was placed under arrest for burglary. The suspect was identified as John Arceneaux, 47, a transient. Bail was set at $20,000.

THURSDAY, AUG. 6, AT 7:30 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue – Sears – regarding a shoplifting suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they made contact with store security who said the suspect walked into the store and removed two shirts valued at $20 from hangars and placed them in a handbag. She then walked out of the store, failing to pay for the shirts. Security detained the suspect and she was placed under arrest for police for burglary. She was identified as Jessica Sanchez, 19, of Inglewood. Her bail was set at $20,000.

TUESDAY, AUG. 4, AT 9:55 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 2000 block of Lincoln Boulevard regarding a disturbance. When officers arrived, they observed a group of individuals in front of the nonprofit HIV agency Common Ground. As officers drove by, several of the individuals left. Officers made contact with one of them. During a conversation, officers discovered the suspect was on parole. Officers searched the suspect and located needles and other paraphernalia used to prepare heroin for use. The suspect was booked for a parole violation and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was identified as Aaron Kidwell, 31, a transient. He was not eligible for bail.

TUESDAY, AUG. 4, AT 8 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 1200 block of California Avenue regarding a report of vandalism. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who told them that her vehicle had been damaged by an ex-boyfriend. The damage consisted of pink and brown liquid, feathers placed on the vehicle and a flattened tire. Officers located the suspect and placed him under arrest for vandalism. The suspect was identified as Michael Villegas, 40, from Santa Monica. His bail was set at $1,000.

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# The sounds of silence

ON MY FIRST DAY IN TOFINO, BRITISH Columbia I found myself whispering. Talking at a normal level seemed like it would shatter the tranquility and scare the bald eagles and river otters living all around. The quiet in this small village was welcoming and soothed my mind and soul as well as my ears. The colors here are blue and green. The icy blue waters of the sound and bay are surrounded by mountains of ancient green rainforest and are just as calming as the quiet.

Stretching some 280 miles along the west coast of the U.S. and Canada, Vancouver Island is an untamed land about the size of Holland, roughly 12,400 square miles. High steep mountains running north to south split the island into two sections and shield the east side of the island and the southern parts of British Columbia from the terrific Pacific storms

The village of Tofino sits on the western side of the island on Long Beach Peninsula, a piece of land that juts out into the Pacific and is surrounded by massive sounds and inlets. Tofino with its 2,000 permanent residents is on the north side of the peninsula, and Ucluelet, one of the most renowned kayaking destinations in the world, is on the other side. In between is the northern part of Pacific Rim National Park.

The park and the two towns draw in about a million visitors a year, but almost all of them are there in June, July and August. September and October (as well as April and May) are perfect times to visit to soak in the solitude. At this time of year you can hike the rainforest trail or kayak the sound and have the place almost entirely to yourself. Temperatures can vary and are almost always on the cool side, but wet and cool is what the Pacific Northwest is all about. In fact, being there on a stormy night can be a fun experience when you are watching it from the comfort of your room by a fireplace.

Until this year driving was the only way in, but now Kenmore Airlines out of Seattle offers a few flights to Tofino that make getting there half the fun. Leaving from Boeing field in Seattle the flight takes you over the dazzling San Juan Islands that dot the Pacific and gives you a glimpse down onto the green fields, some beautiful seaside island homes, and rugged undeveloped islands. If you take this route in you will stop on the eastern side of Vancouver Island in a town called Nanaimo (yes, this is where the famous chocolate dessert with the same name comes from) to go through customs. Stop in the gift shop for a Nanaimo bar and once in Tofino you can rent a car and take the only road into town.

Once you have arrived, nature is the only item on the "to do" list. Kayaking is the best way to experience the wild life and appreciate the coastlines. Kayak trips for the first timer or experienced traveler all are easily available. Or, if you are not ready for a sea adventure, the rainforest may be more your speed. The best place to start discovering the rainforest is at the Wickaninnish Center which is located on a broad expansive beach that seems completely unspoiled. This interpretive center offers exhibits and local history information and is a good way to get your bearings.

One hidden spot I particularly recommend is Hot Springs Cove. There are no roads to get there, only a bumpy and exciting hour-long boat-ride followed by an amazing 30-minute hike along the pristine coastline. At the end of the hike you will be rewarded with a natural hot spring with a temperature of around 120 degrees bubbling from the dark soil amid ferns and huge conifers. The water cascades down the rocks into several natural pools and then into the ocean. Bathers can stand under the hot waterfall or sit in one of the many natural pools including one pool at the bottom where at high tide the cold waves of the ocean rush in giving you a hot and cold bath all at once.

For a small town you might think you would have to "rough it" where lodging and food is concerned, but that is not the case. Some surprising high quality places await you upon your return from your outdoor adventures. For lodging, the five-star rated attraction for both lodging and food is at the Wickaninnish Inn. Built on an outcropping of rock that juts into the ocean this hotel has 180 degree water views that are spectacular in any setting. Each of the 76 rooms offers an ocean view, fireplace, and furniture made from recycled old growth fir and driftwood. Everyone raves about The Point; the fine dining restaurant in the inn. The dining room faces the pounding surf with glass all around and a huge pounded copper fireplace to drive away the wet chill that often fills the air.

A more economical lodging I can recommend is the Cable Cove Inn. This wonderfully clean, well-run inn faces Clayoquot Sound and the Pacific and features six rooms with hot tubs, gas fireplaces, and views of the water. A breakfast is delivered to your door each morning and massages and yoga classes are available in a separate little guesthouse built down the cliff overlooking a tiny bay. There are no phones, no TV's, and no Internet connections here. This is perfect for keeping with the solitude found in Tofino and for a truly romantic evening without distraction.

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# Bleak sales are another reality check for economy

**CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER**
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON A bleak report on retail sales Thursday reinforced a nagging worry of economists: Shoppers won't spend enough to help a recovery take hold.

The figures served as a reality check for an economy that lately has appeared poised to emerge from recession and grow again. Consumer spending powers about 70 percent of economic activity.

The Cash for Clunkers rebate program helped give auto sales to their biggest jump in six months in July, but sales sank elsewhere. Gas stations, department stores, electronics outlets and furniture stores all suffered.

Overall, sales fell 0.1 percent, the Commerce Department said, after two months of modest gains. Economists had expected a 0.7 percent increase. Excluding autos, sales fell 0.6 percent, also much worse than predicted.

Unemployment, flat wages, tighter credit, fear of layoffs and to urge to save more have caused many consumers to spend less. Shrinking home equity and stock portfolios have compounded the problem.

As a result, "Households are in no position to drive a decent economic recovery," Paul Dales, U.S. economist at Capital Economics, wrote in a note to clients.

Even Wal-Mart, which had managed to post robust sales during the recession, reported an unexpected drop in quarterly earnings. The company faulted lower prices for groceries and other products. But it warned that the economy is also still forcing customers to scale back their purchases.

The latest figures came just a day after the Federal Reserve said the economy appeared to be "leveling out." The Fed, signaling the recession appears to be ending, said it would hold interest rates at their current record lows.

Meanwhile, the number of newly laid-off workers seeking jobless benefits rose last week, the government said, in another sign of a weak job market. And for those who still have jobs, fear of losing them can cause them to spend less.

"The dismal job situation is the dark storm cloud hanging over consumers," said Jennifer Lee, an economist at BMO Capital Markets.

In the one bright spot in the retail sales report, Cash for Clunkers pushed auto sales up 2.4 percent in July. The popular program offers drivers up to $4,500 to trade in older vehicles and buy new, more fuel-efficient models.

But some analysts people buying cars under Cash for Clunkers might be holding that money back from other sectors of the economy where they might otherwise spend it.

Some of Europe's largest economies also benefited from government programs to support the auto industry. Germany and France returned to economic growth in the second quarter, raising hopes the recession will end throughout Europe sooner than thought.

In the United States, weak retail sales were widespread in July. One gauge that excludes autos, gas and building materials fell slightly, the fifth straight month of declines.

Department store sales fell 1.6 percent last month. And the broader category of general merchandise stores, which includes big chains such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Target Corp., dropped 0.8 percent.

Gas station sales plunged 2.1 percent in July — more because of falling prices at the pump than shrinking demand.

A separate report Thursday showed that even as home prices and sales are stabilizing, record foreclosures are persisting. The number of U.S. households on the verge of losing their homes rose 7 percent in July.

Foreclosure filings were up by nearly one-third from the year before, according to RealtyTrac Inc. More than 360,000 households — one in every 355 homes — received some type of foreclosure notice.

On Wall Street, stocks rose modestly. The Dow Jones industrials finished up about 37 points at just above 9,398 — their highest close since the market lows of early March.

Employers cut the fewest number of jobs in July in nearly a year, and the unemployment rate fell for the first time in 15 months. But jobs remain scarce.

More than 6.2 million Americans are receiving jobless benefits, the government said Thursday. That's 140,000 fewer than the previous week, but much of the drop probably came because recipients ran out of benefits and fell off the rolls, economists said.

Counting people taking advantage of an unemployment benefits program enacted by Congress, 9.25 million people received unemployment compensation in the week that ended July 25, down about 100,000 from the week before.

But the nonprofit National Employment Law Project has calculated that 540,000 people will exhaust their emergency benefits without finding work by the end of September. And by the end of the year, it predicts 1.5 million will run out.

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# Small used-car dealers left without clunkers

**MICHAEL FELBERBAUM**
AP Business Writer

RICHMOND, Va. One man's clunker is another man's meal ticket.

Mom and Pop used-car dealers are feeling the crunch as the old Caravans and Cherokees that provide their livelihood get traded in and banished to junkyards under Cash for Clunkers. By some estimates, three of every five of the used cars turned in for government rebates would have ended up on used car lots or resold for parts.

While the Clunkers program helped push sales of new cars in July to the highest level in nearly a year, sales of used cars have taken a beating.

"We're struggling and a lot of us small guys are going out of business," said James Dameron, sales and finance manager at Chase Motors in suburban Richmond, where sales are down about 30 percent.

About 40 million used vehicles are sold a year, four times the number of new cars, said Keith Whann, an industry expert and chief executive of Columbus Fair Auto Auction in Columbus, Ohio. About a third of the used sales come from independent dealers.

Mom and Pop dealers typically sell just 20 to 25 vehicles a month and keep 40 to 45 vehicles on their lots, a fraction of the inventory for bigger dealerships, Whann said. So when the owner of a 1995 Ford Explorer opts for a new car, and the old SUV goes away forever, the repercussions are felt quickly. Especially for a majority of these dealers who have fewer than six employees.

Even before the clunkers program, the market for used cars was the worst it's been in years.

Fluctuation in gas prices and higher prices at car auctions, where used car dealers get most of their supply, made the market volatile. Customers held onto older cars longer, making it more difficult to get trade-ins to beef up inventory.

Under the popular program, drivers get up to $4,500 for turning in a car or truck that got 18 miles per gallon or less when it was new. In exchange, they get a new ride with better mileage.

To meet the environmental goals of the program, the old cars must be taken off the road. Their engines are choked with liquid glass and the guzzlers are carted off to be flattened.

About 60 percent of the cars traded in under the clunkers program would have ended up resold on used lots or at auctions, Whann said. If, as expected, 750,000 vehicles are traded in under Cash for Clunkers, that's 450,000 cars and trucks won't make it to the used-car market.

At one dealership in Maryland, some cars that were still running well and likely had several years left on them — including a 2000 Chevy Z71 Tahoe that was in great condition — were junked as part of the program because of poor gas mileage.

Most of the clunkers traded in at Valley Automotive Group's four Pontiac-GMC-Buick dealerships in Apple Valley, Minn., had many miles on them and were in poor condition. But there were a few eye-openers that would have made good used cars, said Jim Paul, co-owner of the automotive group.

"There were a few that we did scratch our head on," Paul said. "A couple of them were in awfully nice shape for 150-250,000 miles on them."

Customers with much older clunkers are taking the government incentives because a car that may only fetch $1,000 to $1,500 as a trade-in vehicle will qualify for more under the program.

As the supply of used cars dwindles, it means higher prices.

"The guy looking for a cheap used car is having a helluva hard time now," said Greg Signore, 50, co-owner of Elm Auto Sales in Kearny, N.J. "This program is absolutely increasing the cost of the clunkers left on the market."

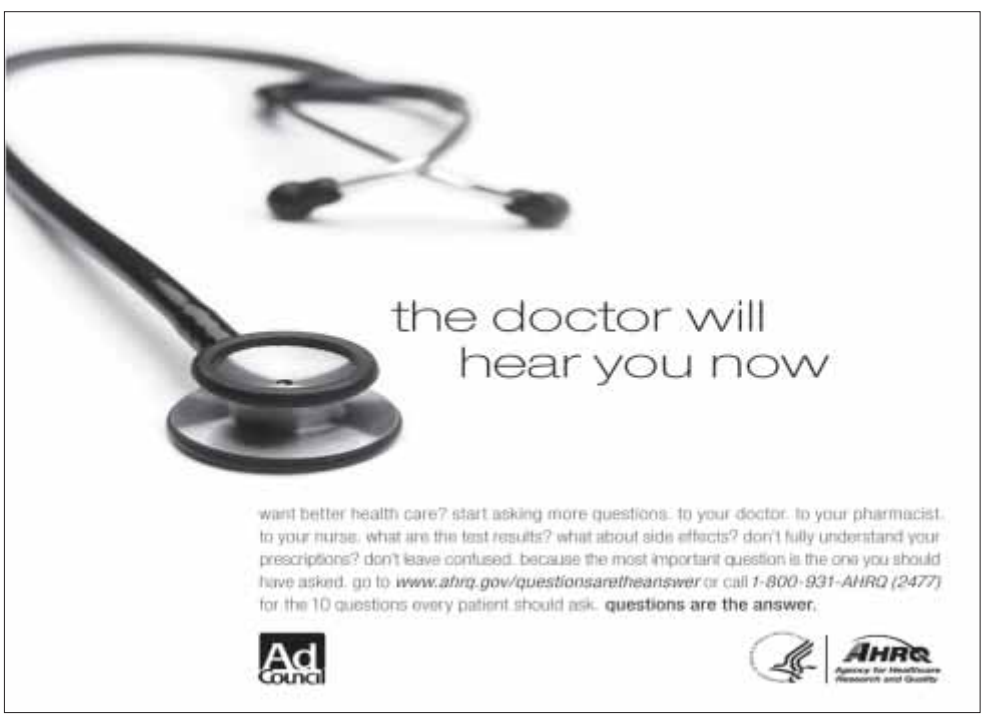
He says he's not getting as many customers with modest income looking for basic transportation.

"What about all these people who need the $3,500 cars? Are they going to ride the bus for the rest of their life?" said Mike Salarze, manager of Majestic Motors in Baltimore.

Sweetened by the government's rebates, about 338,659 vehicles have sold under Cash for Clunkers since the program began last month. By tripling the program's budget last week to $3 billion, the Obama administration officials have estimated it could fund a total of 750,000 new car sales.

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NICE SPOT: **Cyclists ride past people playing volleyball at the Jonathan Club Thursday.**

# Social club to pay City Hall $75,000 annually for capital improvements

FROM LEASE PAGE 1

for roughly 39,000 square feet of beach since the Jonathan Club began renting it in 1984, directing its staff to prepare a resolution supporting that finding.

It also accepted an offer by the club to pay City Hall approximately $125,000 in annual rent, donate $75,000 yearly for capital improvements to be used at the sole discretion of city officials, and forgive approximately $212,300 in overpaid rent. The club currently pays $975 a year in rent.

In exchange City Hall will release the club from any claims that it previously encroached onto public beach space that's not covered in the lease.

"We felt that there was a very strong position that we were entitled to exercise the option and the city didn't necessarily agree so we needed to resolve it," Tom Larmore, an attorney representing the Jonathan Club, said. "That was our proposal to put the dispute behind us."

The next step for the club is to appear before the state Park and Recreation Commission for approval. The new terms will begin on Jan. 1, 2010 and terminate automatically on Dec. 31, 2019.

The ruling that there hasn't been any material change in the public's need for the three parcels, which run parallel to the main facility, came after several councilmembers had a change of heart.

Mayor Ken Genser said the issue of extending the lease first came up during a closed session about a year ago when he was adamantly opposed to exercising the option.

"I strongly believed the public beach is the public's and the public should have access to all of the beach," he said.

But then he saw an aerial photograph of the club and found that the parcels were significantly small compared to the rest of the available beach.

"I thought it could be very difficult to say when these are such small parcels of land … that we need those specific parcels when there's so much other available land there," he said.

He added that even if the council concluded that there is a need for the spaces, the club could pursue litigation.

City staff said that beach usage and demand from groups like youth camps has increased in the past 25 years. The beach has also seen more cyclists, which has resulted in conflicts with pedestrians on the bike path.

Officials with the beach club countered that the number of beach visitors has actually declined since 1984, quoting data from the county that there were 8.73 million visitors in 1983-84, dropping to 3.87 million in 2007. The figures conflict with City Hall's data.

In a report to the council last month, Barbara Stinchfield, the director of community and cultural services, said that the club's lease was entered during El Niño when the weather phenomenon increased the water temperature significantly, drawing more visitors to the beach. But even taking El Niño into consideration, the county's statistics for the North Beach do not show a sharp decline in visitors, Stinchfield said.

> **HAVING READ THE STAFF REPORTS, I AM CONVINCED BY THE INFORMATION THAT STAFF HAS COMPILED THAT THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT MATERIAL INCREASE IN THE NEED FOR OUR BEACHES FOR PUBLIC USE.**
>
> **Kevin McKeown**
> Councilman

City officials have also said that the North Beach suffers from accessibility issues because of the bluffs acting as a barrier between the main part of the city and the beach. Documents such as the Land Use and Circulation Element Strategy Framework, Open Space Element and Parks and Recreation Master Plan have called City Hall to take steps to better strengthen that portion of the beach through new parks or pedestrian path extensions.

Genser said the offer by the club could help City Hall to fund those improvements in a timelier fashion than would otherwise be possible.

The lease extension has been opposed by groups like the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City and the Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition.

Councilman Kevin McKeown was the lone vote in opposition.

"Having read the staff reports, I am convinced by the information that staff has compiled that there is a significant material increase in the need for our beaches for public use," he said. "I can't get to the point of entertaining the proposal."

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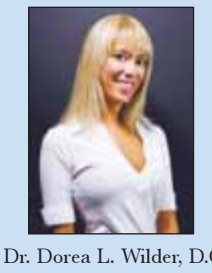

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# New speed limits to slow down cars

FROM **SPEEDS** PAGE 1

the speed limit."

But some have said that changing the speed limit might not be necessary and could just cause more congestion.

"I don't think the speed limit needs to be changed, I think people need to abide by the one that is there," Kristy Dinsmoor, manager at ZJ Boardinghouse, said. "I don't know that it's so much a matter of changing it as it is enforcing it."

**CATHERINE CAIN** contributed to this report

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## The speed limit will be reduced at the following locations:

- Olympic Boulevard between 11th Street and 15th Street from 45 mph to 40 mph
- Ocean Park Boulevard between 23rd Street and Centinela Avenue from 40 mph to 35 mph
- Wilshire Boulevard between Lincoln Boulevard and 17th Street from 35 mph to 30 mph
- Wilshire Boulevard between 17th Street and Centinela Avenue from 35 mph to 30 mph
- Fourth Street between San Vicente Boulevard and Montana Avenue from 30 mph to 25 mph
- Fourth Street between Montana Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard from 30 mph to 25 mph
- Fourth Street between Pico Boulevard and Ocean Park Boulevard from 30 mph to 25 mph
- Fourth Street between Ocean Park Boulevard and south city limit from 30 mph to 25 mph
- Fifth Street between Montana Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard from 30 mph to 25 mph
- Main Street between Pico Boulevard and Ocean Park Boulevard from 30 mph to 25 mph
- Main Street between Ocean Park Boulevard and south city limit from 30 mph to 25 mph
- Ocean Avenue between Pico Boulevard and Hollister Avenue from 30 mph to 25 mph

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ONE FOR THE KIDS: **Santa Monica Police Chief Jim Hone helps Brianda Maldonado, 16, don a firefighter uniform on Wednesday, during Santa Monica Human Relations Council's 'Kids with Cameras' summer photo workshop. Hone announced Thursday that he will retire in January.**

# Hone to retire in January

FROM **HONE** PAGE 1

over the past few years.

"After reflecting on the tremendous accomplishments that the city and the Santa Monica Fire Department have achieved … , the projects currently underway to be completed by the end of December 2009 and envisioning those goals still to be attained in the future, I feel the timing is right for our city, our fire department and for me to retire … .

"In addition to the six years in the United States Air Force as a fire protection crash rescue specialist I will have realized more than 36 memorable and satisfying years in the fire service," Hone added. "I am excited to be retiring by the end of January to spend more time with my wife Linda who has provided me with unwavering support and been an integral part of my Santa Monica Fire Department career from the very beginning."

Hone has been involved in disaster response, recovery and training for more than 25 years and has served on several local, state and federal disaster response teams and committees.

Hone has responded to six federal disasters to assist local governments and coordinate Federal Emergency Management Agency Urban Search and Rescue resources. The two most significant disasters include the 1995 Murrah Federal Building bombing in Oklahoma City and the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001.

Hone, along with other SMFD members, developed Santa Monica's Urban Search and Rescue and Hazardous Materials Response teams which specialize in mitigating technically challenging rescue and highly toxic emergency incidents. Additionally, the community Disaster Assistance Response Team course and the city's Emergency Operations Center policies and procedures have been influenced by Hone's disaster response, recovery and training experiences, according to the city's Web Site.

Hone has an associate degree in fire science from the Community College of the Air Force and a bachelor's degree in business management from Wayland Baptist College.

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# The night is young at Barney's

FROM **NARRATIVE** PAGE 3

talks but doesn't break her grip.

A black man, a white man and an Asian man walk into the bar. They don't speak in sequence and nothing particularly amusing happens.

A waitress shows a couple around the bar

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— they weren't happy with their first seating assignment. She clutches a glass of white wine with a slight sneer on her face, while he holds a beer and watches her nervously.

Behind the bar, an employee holds two overflowing beer steins and makes small talk with a few customers, laughing jovially as the golden liquid drips down his hands and onto the floor.

A bus boy walks by carrying at least 20 glasses that lean in two stacks against his shoulder. The glasses are chilled in ice above the bar under dim red lighting.

It's only 9 p.m., but some people are already feeling the effects of their alcoholic beverages.

"I can't believe there's so much booze in this — and I can't even taste it!" one girl slurs.

The women's bathroom is getting a bit crowded. The walls are decorated with magazine ads upon which women have scribbled their phone numbers, screen names and, more recently, Twitter usernames.

"That thing is noisy!" a woman in a Pepperdine sweatshirt comments about the hand dryer.

Back at the bar, two men in black T-shirts and baseball caps, their pitcher of beer half-empty, try to cozy up to their waitress.

"We came to Barney's because they have the hottest waitresses," one says. "What's your name again?"

Nearby, a group of men sings raucously to Garth Brooks' "I Got Friends in Low Places."

More people are going than coming, however. For them, the fast approach of Thursday morning and another work day means calling it an early night.

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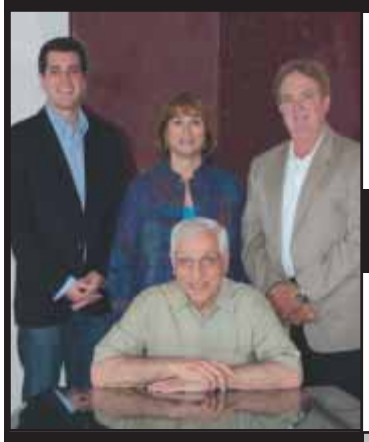
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# Typhoon victims flee villages

**PETER ENAV**
Associated Press Writer

SINFA, Taiwan Barefoot and helmeted, the frightened survivors of deadly Typhoon Morakot dangled high over jagged rocks and a raging river Thursday as soldiers hauled them to safety one by one along a 100-foot-long cable.

On the far side, a few dozen waited near a hand-painted sign on the craggy foundation of a destroyed bridge: "32 people died here SOS."

The perilous rescue was part of a massive military effort to save hundreds of stranded villagers after the worst flooding to hit Taiwan in 50 years. Some 14,000 villager have been rescued since the typhoon struck five days ago; hundreds more are feared missing or dead.

As criticism mounted Thursday over Taiwan's response to the disaster, the government dispatched another 4,000 troops to work with the 14,000 already deployed. Many of them are working in Kaohsiung County, a mountainous farming region in southern Taiwan.

The rugged terrain and widespread devastation played havoc with rescue efforts following the storm, which dumped 80 inches (2 meters) of rain on the island over the weekend.

Soldiers in fatigues and heavy gloves resorted to using a makeshift zipline to haul survivors from the village of Sinkai over the Ba Si Lan River where the bridge was wiped out. For hours they labored, rescuing everyone from a young boy in shorts to an elderly woman who brought along a couple of shopping bags worth of belongings.

Unbuckled from their harnesses, villagers looked dazed and frightened as they recalled the harrowing night of Aug. 8.

"It rained for days," said Li Wen-chuan, a grizzled-looking man of 68 with sparse salt-and-pepper hair, teeth stained red by years of betel nut chewing. "But the flood came so suddenly and with a tremendous roar. It destroyed everything in the village."

"This is the worst thing that has ever happened to me," he said, adding that many of the 32 who died in village were friends and family. "My life will never be the same."

Pan Yi-chang, a 32-year-old mother of two, said that when the rains spawned by Morakot began to fall, she had no inkling that this typhoon would be any different from others.

The ravaged villages — most of them scattered in neighboring townships in northern Kaohsiung County — are typically located next to mountains, and they usually have to brace for mudslides during Taiwan's annual typhoon season during June to September.

But this time was different, residents said.

"Everything happened so fast. Flooding just destroyed everything," said Pan, adding that she was lucky because all of her family survived — her husband, her two children and her mother and father.

As she spoke, Pan gazed longingly across the river toward the only home she has ever known, a close-knit community of 1,000 whose economy is based on growing mangos and guavas.

In the background, a heavy mist enveloped the summit of a nearby mountain and torrents of water cascaded down its dark green facades.

Scores of villages in the rural south of Taiwan were devastated by the typhoon. One of the worst affected is Shiao Lin, where hundreds remain missing after a catastrophic mudslide spawned by days of torrential rain.

Taiwan's official death toll from the storm now stands at 108, with another 62 listed as missing. That does not include the toll in Shiao Lin and other remote communities.

Many of those rescued say they can never return to their villages because there is nothing left to return to.

Li, the grizzled veteran of Sinkai, is not one of them.


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NFL

## Hill will start at QB against Broncos

Shaun Hill will start at quarterback in the San Francisco 49ers' exhibition opener Friday night against the Denver Broncos.

Coach Mike Singletary insists this is no hint who will be under center come the regular season.

Hill, who worked with the No. 1 offense during the team's walkthrough Thursday, doesn't have a specific number of plays he will get. Singletary says the flow of the game will dictate when he turns the offense over to Alex Smith and the other quarterbacks.

Hill and Smith have been fairly even through the first 13 days of training camp, Singletary's first calling the shots. He took over for the fired Mike Nolan on Oct. 20 and Nolan will return as Denver's defensive coordinator.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

## WAC removes Bulldogs women's titles

Fresno State's women's basketball team has been stripped of its 2007-08 Western Athletic Conference championships because a point guard played 32 minutes with an Australian professional team four years ago.

The NCAA said Emma Andrews' appearances with a pro team when she was 16 violated collegiate athletics rules, and the conference removed the California State University, Fresno's regular-season and tournament championships Wednesday.

Andrews appeared in seven games for the Victoria-based Dandenong Rangers before helping Fresno State achieve its 22-11 record two years ago. The NCAA banned her from playing with the team last season, and for the first three games of the coming fall season.

Bulldogs athletic director Thomas Boeh says the school will honor the WAC's decision but is extremely disappointed.

AP

NHL

## Ducks acquire Artyukhin in trade with Tampa Bay

The Ducks have acquired right wing Evgeny Artyukhin from Tampa Bay for left wing Drew Miller and a third-round selection in the 2010 NHL draft.

The deal was announced Thursday.

Artyukhin had six goals and 10 assists in 73 games with the Lightning last season, his second in the NHL. He set career highs in goals, appearances and penalty minutes.

The winger was selected by Tampa Bay in the third round of the 2001 draft. He also played for the Lightning in 2005-06, when they reached the Eastern Conference quarterfinals.

Miller had four goals and six assists for the Ducks last season. He appeared in all 13 playoff games, with two goals, one assist and two penalty minutes.

He was selected by Anaheim in the sixth round of the 2003 draft.

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**Surf Conditions** **Water Temp:** 68°

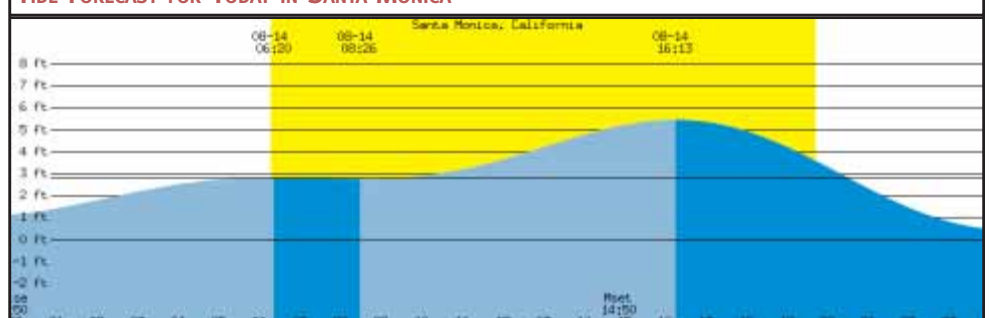
### Swell Forecast

Today looks smaller, perhaps just knee to waist high most everywhere. West facing breaks may see a slight increase in NW wind swell, but nothing above waist high is expected at this point. Winds should be light and variable in the AM.

### Long Range Synopsis

This weekend we could see an increase in NW wind swell, perhaps waist to chest for west facing breaks.

### Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica




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**QUICK STATS** (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 44 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / ns

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

| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Los Cerrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth | A+ | ns |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth | A+ | ns |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las 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 Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth | A+ | ns |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach | A+ | ns |
| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth | A+ | ns |
| Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach | A+ | ns |
| Puerco State Beach at creek mouth | A | ns |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Pierce 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
**ns** -- no sample taken

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## MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
**1328 Montana Ave.**
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**Double Feature: Jabberwocky (NR) 1hr 45min & Erik the Viking (NR) 1hr 47min**
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
**1441 Third Street Promenade**

**The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard (R) 1hr 29min**
12:35, 3:00, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10

**A Perfect Getaway (R) 1hr 38min**
11:40 a.m., 2:10, 4:45, 7:25, 9:55

**Thirst (R) 2hr 13min**
1:00, 4:10, 7:15, 10:15

**The Hangover (R) 1hr 40min**
11:20 a.m., 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30

AMC 7 Santa Monica
**1310 Third St.**
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**Bandslam**
11:10 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15

**Ponyo (Gake no ue no Ponyo)**
11:00 a.m., 1:35, 4:05, 6:50, 9:40

**The Time Traveler's Wife**
11:05 a.m., 1:55, 4:45, 7:40, 10:35

**Julie and Julia (PG-13) 2hrs 3min**
12:30, 3:55, 7:10, 10:20

**Funny People (R) 2hrs 16min**
12:40, 4:00, 7:15, 10:25

**G-Force: In Disney Digital 3-D (PG) 1hr 28min**
11:55 a.m., 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:15

**Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) 2hrs 33min**
11:50 a.m., 3:15, 6:40, 10:05

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
**1332 Second St.**
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**A Woman In Berlin (NR) 2hr 11min**
3:10, 8:30

**(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**
12:50, 6:10

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

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**Spread (R) 1hr 37min**
11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50

**G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13) 1hr 58min**
11:10 a.m., 1:00, 2:00, 3:50, 4:50, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 11:00

**The Ugly Truth (R) 1hr 36min**
11:40 a.m., 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40

**District 9 (R) 1hr 53min**
11:00 a.m., 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20

**District 9 (Digital Projection) (R) 1hr 53min**
12:00, 2:50, 5:40, 8:30, 11:20

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# Go with it, Scorpio

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**
★★★★ Speak your mind. Let others know where you stand. Your willingness to broker a cause or follow through on a commitment defines the next few days. You feel more together than you have in a long time. Be sensitive to your options. Tonight: Join your pals at some local setting.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**
★★★ Your expenses could be out of kilter. Self-discipline might not happen easily. Look to a change in events and direction. A family member wants a lot from you, but at the same time you have many external responsibilities. Tonight: Stay within your means.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
★★★★★ You might be pleased as punch about what is happening. Remain in touch with your needs. Clear your desk. Returned calls could bring unusually good or positive news. Optimism reigns. Don't bet on a certain income. Tonight: Whatever you decide is perfect.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
★★★ If you choose to be an observer more than a participant, you could have a difficult time deciding which way to go. Dealing with a money matter that could be too good to be true is obviously very important. Use good sense when investing and making decisions. Tonight: Listen to your sixth sense.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Open up to potential. What others seem inclined to encourage could be out of sync with reality. Investigate what is happening between you and someone else. Tonight: Be where there are crowds.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
★★★★ An ability to make a difference marks your actions. Others assume that you know what you are talking about. As much effort as you could put into a project, be sensitive to its liabilities. Verify your course of action. Tonight: Clear out of work ASAP, or ask associates to join you for an after-work drink.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
★★★★★ A leap of faith could have direct ramifications. Do needed research so you feel as confident as possible. You have the ability to empathize and understand others. Your creativity is endless, which allows you greater insight and knowledge. Remain goal-oriented. Tonight: Read between the lines.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
★★★★★ Your demeanor and willingness count. A partner could play a pivotal role. Look at your demands, both professionally and personally, before taking on yet another responsibility. Tonight: Go with another person's wishes.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
★★★★★ Others take action and run with the ball. You find yourself pulled between many different situations. Detach if you feel overwhelmed by everything you hear. Get on top of a situation and look to positive changes. How you see a personal matter could change radically. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
★★★ Emphasize clearing out as much work as possible. Though you are optimistic about a money matter, it is clear that the final outcome is not in your hands. A partner has different concerns and ideas for security. Tonight: A discussion is inevitable.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
★★★★★ Allow more creativity to come forward. Your way of handling a problem could be very different from many other people. Realize someone might be questioning your actions. A child or loved one tests his or her boundaries. The problem lies in that you scarcely see it. Tonight: Cruise on out the door.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
★★★★ On some level, you feel as if you are in a pressure cooker. Make this an early day or call in. You could be far happier with the end results. Your instincts could be telling you a lot, but still stay on track with a project. Listen to what is being shared. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax. Think "weekend."

## Happy birthday

This year, you might be carrying a lucky rabbit's foot. Wishes often become realities. Your popularity soars. Network in order to increase your opportunities. Your personal relationships star this year. If you are single, many people want to be your sweetie. Choose the right person, keeping in mind what type of bond you desire. If you are attached, the two of you make an excellent team. You feel a lot of good will from a partner. Count on GEMINI for friendship.

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

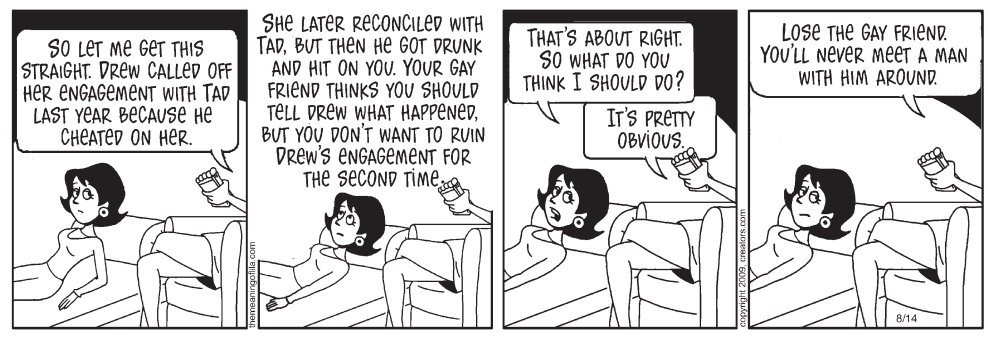
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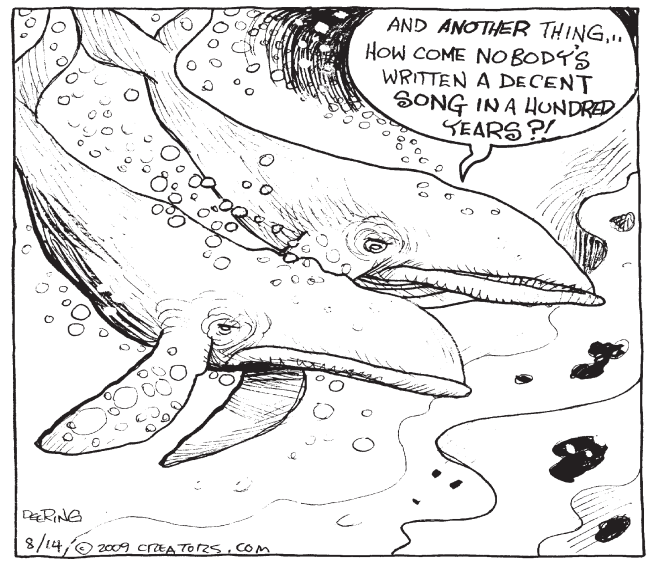

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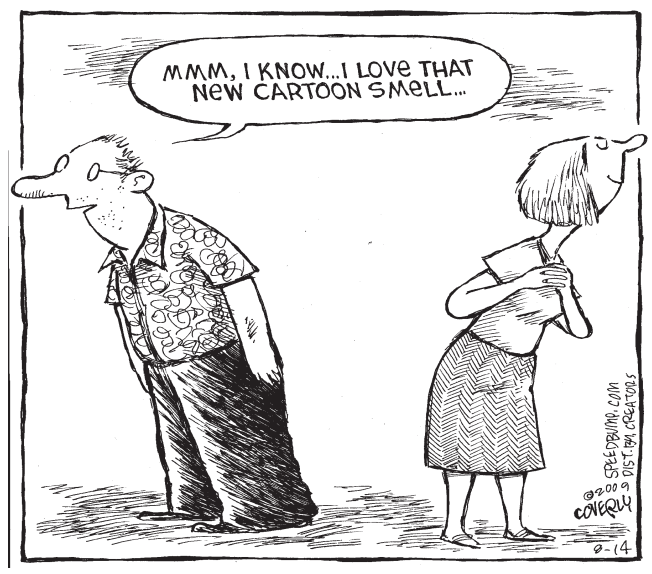

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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# CROSSWORD

## By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

**1** Long tales
**6** Advantage
**11** "Goodnight" girl
**12** Sports spot
**13** "Something's — Give"
**14** Peaceful protest
**15** Bonbon center
**16** Floral ornament
**18** Tough wood
**19** Hit letters
**20** Suffers from
**21** Sediment
**23** Gift from parents
**25** Young man
**27** Boxer, e.g.
**28** Sides in an ongoing battle
**30** Attire
**33** Caffeine source
**34** Bar staple
**36** Valuable rock
**37** Spain neighbor
**39** Cub's home
**40** ABC's Arledge
**41** Travel papers
**43** Battle stopper
**44** Stood
**45** Appeases
**46** Bowling spots

**DOWN**

**1** Wave or wink
**2** Kindle
**3** "Move it!"
**4** Leaf carrier
**5** Scorches
**6** Roped
**7** War of 1812 port
**8** Find evidence against
**9** Quarterback Johnny
**10** Window sections
**17** Assn.
**22** Jazz horn
**24** Word of denial
**26** Protractor units
**28** Lady of Spain
**29** Army address
**31** Axle gunk
**32** Detects
**33** Bakery buys
**35** Fleet-based
**38** Formerly
**42** Nest-egg acct.

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) Least Competent Cops: Officers in Forrest City, Ark., arrested Lawrence Harden Jr. in June for robbing a liquor store. They cuffed him, shackled him, and head-stuffed him into their SUV, but he got out and ran away. Police dogs found Harden an hour later, and he was re-cuffed, re-shackled and re-head-stuffed into a squad car. He got out again and ran away (but was caught again and finally jailed). (2) Least Competent Priest: In a soon-to-be-released memoir, retired Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee, Wis., claims that, at first, he had no idea that priests' sexual abuse of young boys was a crime. According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Weakland writes, "We all considered sexual abuse of minors as (only) a moral evil."

■ News of the Weird's favorite animal was called "heroic" by Argentine researchers in a July issue of the journal Paleontology. Had it not been for high-performance South American scarab dung beetles, they wrote, gargantuan prehistoric mammals would have choked vast areas of the continent knee-deep in manure. The researchers found that, by burying tennis-ball-sized "food supplies" for their young, the beetles also improved surface sanitation by leaving less dung available for "disease-carrying flies."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1848** The Oregon Territory was created.

**1900** International forces, including U.S. Marines, entered Beijing to put down the Boxer Rebellion, which was aimed at purging China of foreign influence.

**1908** A race riot erupted in Springfield, Ill. as a white mob began setting black-owned homes and businesses on fire; at least two blacks and five whites were killed in the violence.

**1945** President Harry S. Truman announced that Japan had surrendered unconditionally, ending World War II.

**1947** Pakistan became independent of British rule.

**1958** Elvis Presley's mother, Gladys died at age 46.

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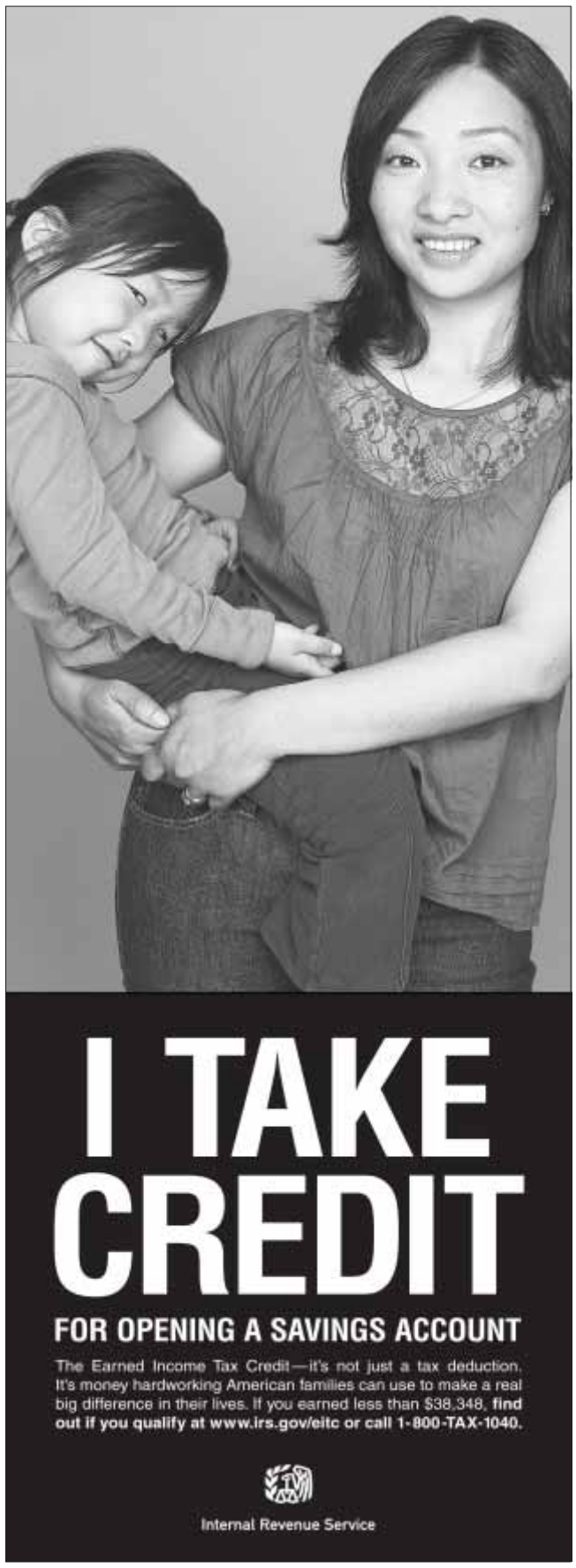
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