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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

The 50th Vienna Biennale opened in Austria in June with its usual array of avant-garde art, including another chapter in Canadian videomaker Jana Sterbak's series on reactions to pain. This time, she strapped a camera to a Jack Russell terrier, Stanley. Among his experiences was an innocent but intrusive exploration of a porcupine, which eventually provoked a quill attack, at which point the video goes haywire as Stanley jumps and writhes in pain. (Stanley appeared with Sterbak at the exhibit and, by his demeanor, apparently has no hard feelings.)



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You can't expect a boy to be vicious till he's been to a good school."

— H. H. Munro (Saki)



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More buildings, less classes at SMC

Capital projects at SMC get plenty of money; classrooms, teachers and students don't

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica College, struggling to balance its multi-million dollar deficit through program and staff cuts, is building a new \$6 million theater.

Called the "Main Stage" theater, the 20,000-square-foot complex will replace the existing facility on SMC's campus, which was built 50 years ago.

The theater will be paid for by funds raised through a \$160 million bond voters approved in March 2002, which can only be

used to renovate buildings at the aging campus on Pico Boulevard.

While SMC trustees eliminate entire academic programs and cut staff positions to address the college's worst financial crisis it's ever experienced, new multi-million dollar buildings will be popping up all over campus. Some of them will be empty and others may be under utilized.

"The supreme irony is we have all this money to change our campus physically while we are facing the worst budget in history," said Bruce Smith, SMC spokesman.

The Main Stage theater, which will begin construction early next year, is just one of nearly two dozen projects SMC administrators plan to start in the next decade.

About \$30 million already has

been spent on the purchase of the 10-acre BAE Systems property that the college bought in December 2001. The facility is located near the airport, and was

planned to be used as a satellite campus, as well as overflow parking and house the college's

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Photo Courtesy

Construction on the \$6 million Main Stage theater will begin at Santa Monica College early next year.

Edge of the West



Alejandro Cantarero/Daily Press

Thousands enjoy the hot weather Sunday on the Santa Monica Pier. Sunny skies last weekend led to full beach parking lots, jammed roads and an overflowing Third Street Promenade.

Sales tax revenue is on the rise in SM

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

Sales tax revenue for the first quarter of 2003 was up more than 3 percent in Santa Monica over the first quarter of 2002, putting it directly in line with City Hall's projections.

"Our budget is right on course," said Steve Stark, the city's director of finance, adding that City Hall predicted a 2.8 percent hike in sales tax revenue for the year.

A total of \$6,211,990 in sales tax revenue was collected from January through March, which is typically the weakest quarter because it follows the holidays and is often marked by relatively bad weather.

New cars and auto leases continued to climb in the quarter, while higher fuel prices poured more money into city coffers, according to a report prepared for City Hall by a private revenue-tracking company.

Family apparel and light industrial outfits also posted gains, while department stores and business services companies suffered the greatest setbacks during the period, according to the report,

"One quarter's adjusted figures do not make a trend. We're looking forward to seeing the second quarter's figures."

— MARK RICHTER

Manager of economic development

which was prepared by Diamond Bar-based Hinderliter, de Llamas and Associates.

Overall, Santa Monica experienced a 3.04 percent rise in revenue, while LA County sales tax revenue rose by 6.7 percent and California's by 4.6 percent.

The section of town comprised of Ocean Avenue, the Santa Monica Pier and many of the city's hotels posted a 33.3 percent increase, while sales for downtown businesses, excluding those

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2003

You have a unique ability to move situations in new directions. Your sense of humor and caring will come through for you. You are unusually attractive and desirable this year, with new possibilities springing forth. Many people will head toward you, offering many different options. New beginnings will happen this year if you start immediately on your birthday. Start by making a list of goals. Finances increase later in 2004, perhaps causing you to hit a money peak. Focus on your career. If you are single, you could meet someone at any time, bringing more caring into your life. This person could be inordinately significant. If you are attached, you will enter a period where you feel genuinely connected to each other. Romantic fires go from smoldering to sizzling. TAURUS can press your buttons.



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You're about making money rather than following a hairbrained scheme that could take you off the deep end. New beginnings become possible if you float with creativity and tested ideas. Your sense of fun lightens up the office. Tonight: Your treat.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You are personality plus. Visualize more of what you want from a boss. Perhaps you can inspire him or her down the same path. New beginnings become possible if you lighten up some and anchor in. Use more imagination in how you present an idea to a family member. Tonight: You're all smiles.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Slow down and take your time with a child or loved one. How you see a personal situation could depend on your mood, how detached you can become and your attitude of the moment. You could flip flop from one mood to another. Tonight: Tomorrow is another day.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Aim for more of what you want when dealing with others. Sometimes you need to present the whole idea to help others see more of what you perceive. Aim for greater consensus through a decision or action. Tonight: Where the gang is.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You have the rare gift of being able to visualize more of what you want. You need to help a boss see the whole picture. Don't allow a partner to push you beyond your limits. Know what you want. Tonight: Use your finetuned charm.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Stay behind the scenes at work. You'll gather information that needs to come forward at a later point. Trust your sense of timing. If you need an expert, find one. Otherwise go with the flow and use your innate intellect. Tonight: Movie night.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Listen well to someone who really does care. Though his or her opinions might not be what you want to hear, you will come up with a solution. New beginnings become possible through a discussion. Someone definitely cares a lot. Tonight: How 'bout some one-on-one time?



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Reach out for someone you really care for. Your ability to get past problems comes out in a remarkable manner, especially if it involves dealing with other people. You express unusual understanding. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You need to keep reaching out for others in your immediate environment. Work and the quality of your interactions star in your mind and actions. Someone cares a lot about you. Tonight: Experiment more.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might care a lot more than you realize about what is going on. Recognize what is going on with a child or new friend. Your efforts bring enormous satisfaction to not only you but also those involved. Tonight: Relish another's company.



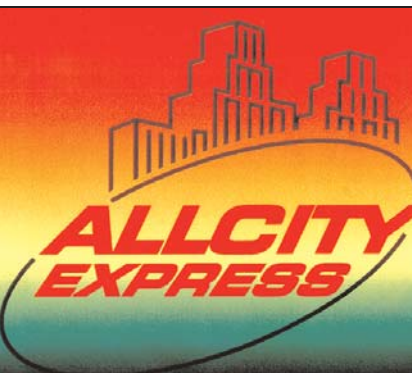
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might want to think a bit more about what is happening within your immediate circle. Consider your options when dealing with a child or loved one you care about. Your family needs to come first. Tonight: Keep talks nurturing.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Listen to what someone offers. Your sense of what might be going on could be off. Facts, please. A co-worker or associate truly means well. Follow through on what you need to have happen. Do something special for yourself, too. Tonight: Hook up with a pal.



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LOCAL



Thousands drawn to extreme games in LA

By Daily Press staff

TONY HAWK SETS ANOTHER RECORD

Before the X Games "IX Skateboard Vert Best Trick" finals, Tony Hawk had landed the elusive "900" twice in X Games competition. However, both of those 900s came after the allotted competition time.

Hawk, of Carlsbad, landed the trick for the first time ever Sunday within official competition, winning the X Games gold medal atop an elite field of skateboard- ing's best athletes.

In dramatic fashion, Hawk busted out the 900 with seven seconds left on the clock. The crowd at STAPLES Center erupted as Hawk, making history once again, landed the flawless 900. As the clock hit zero, Hawk tossed his helmet to his ecstatic fans and walked off the ramp with first place honors in Vert Best Trick for the first time since X Games V.

Hawk has won more medals than any athlete in X Games history. Sunday's marked his tenth gold medal and sixteenth medal overall. He said he intends to retire from competition and focus on other endeavors.

"I'm happy to go out with a bang," said Hawk. "It's nice to know I went out doing something I love with the 900. I'm just glad I finally got one in legitimately within time. I was happy to land a trick, any trick out there. If I do well, that's enough."

Jake Brown, of Sydney, Aus., who finished fourth, came close to landing what would have been a revolutionary tailgrab 900, but was unsuccessful. At a recent competition in New York, Brown broke his tailgrab fingers. When they fully heal, the door could be open for Brown to land the 900 with a grab.

"Jake's 900 attempt represents the perseverance that all the guys have when they set a goal," said Hawk. "It's the progression of the sport. I'd like to see lots of guys out there doing 900s."

BROTHERS DOMINATE IN-LINE SKATE COMPETITION

Placing first and second in preliminaries, and then skating to gold and silver medals respectively, Eito Yasutoko and his younger brother Takeshi Yasutoko, both natives of Kobe City, Japan, dominated the elite field of skaters at the X Games IX Aggressive In-line Skate Vert final.

Eito Yasutoko made X Games history, becoming the first male aggressive in-liner to win three X Games gold medals in his career. The brothers have won a combined total of ten X Games medals along with a slew of other Asian X Games honors.

Eito Yasutoko staked his claim to the gold in the final run of the event when he executed a winning line that contained a California roll, a flatspin 540, and an unheard-of three double backflips, including two traditional double backflips and one with an impressive 180 exit. Eito entered his final run in second place with only his younger brother Takeshi ahead of him in the standings. Takeshi and the Staples Center crowd cheered Eito onto a virtually flawless run and a daunting score of 97.25.

PASTRANA TAKES GOLD FOR FREESTYLE

Nineteen-year-old Moto X phenom Travis Pastrana, of Annapolis, MD, took top honors at the Moto X Freestyle final Saturday. Riding with a torn ACL and LCL, Pastrana shocked the crowd by landing his first ever 360 backflip at X Games Moto X Freestyle competition.

At nineteen, Pastrana is no stranger to the winner's circle. After two years of not competing at X Games due to injury, Pastrana earned his fourth X Games Moto X Freestyle gold medal, his first since X Games VII in 2001. Pastrana was one of the very first riders on the course at practice, and was the very last to leave. The extra work paid off for him, as he landed a barrage of seemingly impossible aerials including a no-handed cliffhanger, a sidewinder Fred Flinstone, and two traditional backflips before he landed the 360 backflip. Pastrana put up a winning score of 94.67, beating out an elite field of Moto X athletes just one week before his scheduled surgery on his injured right knee.

When asked before the competition about his strengths and weaknesses, Pastrana said, "My strengths and weaknesses are the same: I've got the willingness and stupidity to try anything. If I think it's even remotely possible, I'll do it."

"I was working on the trick for a month with Carey Hart," said Pastrana about the 360 backflip. "I knew if I hit the 360, it was gold. Man, this is the best feeling in the world."

surf report

Look for a mixture of holding NW wind swell, fading SSW swell and building, long period SW swell today. Most spots see knee- to waist-high sets, with better conditions in the morning.

OUTLOOK: Recent storm activity has set up our next S swell which will arrive on Friday the 22nd and hold through the 23rd. There may be some chest-high bombers in that swell. Yipee.

Get stoked on an epic sesh? Get burned by a bad report? Write us at wood@smdp.com and tell us what the surf is doing today at your local break.

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SUNDAY	6:59	1.4	8:04	2.0	12:45	4.2	1:37	4.7
MONDAY	7:26	2.0	9:33	2.0	1:41	3.6	2:18	4.6
TUESDAY	7:54	2.5	11:17	1.7	3:19	3.1	3:12	4.6
WEDNESDAY	8:42	2.9	N/A	N/A	6:24	3.0	4:21	4.7
THURSDAY	12:34	1.2	(10:41)	3.2	8:00	3.3	5:29	4.9
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The Q-Line

An elderly Santa Monica woman who broke her hip on the Big Blue Bus last year recently lost a lawsuit against City Hall.

In the lawsuit, the woman claimed City Hall should compensate her for her medical bills, as well as for pain and suffering because it does not require its drivers to wait for elderly passengers to be seated before they begin driving.

The jury said they had compassion for the elderly woman but that there

were too many questions raised by city attorneys to rule for her.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Should Big Blue Bus drivers wait for elderly people to be seated before they take off on their routes?"

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LETTERS

Cartoon was in poor taste

Editor:

Regarding the Saturday Funny Paperz cartoon, "Look Who Fell Off the Welcome Wagon," (SMDP, Aug. 16, p. 4):

Cartoons like this say more about the people penning and publishing them than they do about the purported subjects. There's a part of me that would like to see the U.S. economy collapse entirely, so the "good people" get swept into the gutter along with those whom they so enjoy despising.

Assignment for next class: Read Flannery O'Connor's short story, "Revelation."

Jonathan Aurthur
Santa Monica

OPCO directors also responsible

Editor:

In your August 15, 2003, article you quote several comments made by OPCO board members Laurel Roennau and Mike Strader in response to your inquiries about the pending lawsuit against OPCO. Specifically, you reported that Ms. Roennau stated that she isn't sure why Fuller wants the documents so badly and, "the thing I don't understand is what is he going to do with (the OPCO financial statement) once he gets it." From this comment and Mr. Strader's comment that, "I think this whole thing is a tempest in a teapot," it is clear to me that the OPCO board members are seriously uninformed about their fiduciary responsibilities as board members of a corporation (albeit not-for-profit, OPCO is a California corporation subject to the California Corporations Code).

Apparently, the belief that "(Chairman Rick Laudati) has done a lot of good stuff for OPCO" is enough for the board to overlook the fact that OPCO has not complied with California law. Further, by not exercising its fiduciary responsibilities to ensure that OPCO conducts itself appropriately in accordance with California law, the board has exposed itself to legal liability. It should be noted that named in the lawsuit is the OPCO Corporation, not necessarily Mr. Laudati. Ultimately, the entire board of directors is responsible.

Sadly, it is often the case in legal disputes such as this that the lawsuit takes on a life of its own and becomes the focus of attention rather than the underlying complaint. So, I believe some clarification of the facts may be helpful. Mr. Laudati has complete, unsupervised, control of all of OPCO's finances. Mr. Laudati collected cash OPCO membership dues and made disbursements. The OPCO board of directors, and the OPCO membership never received an accounting of the funds received or spent. Starting in June 2001, I, and several other now-resigned board members, made repeated requests to Mr. Laudati for the financial report for the year ended December 31, 2000, and the interim periods in fiscal year 2001.

Mr. Laudati promised to provide the reports, but never did. In December 2001 and January 2002, Mr. Laudati committed to members of the board that he would provide the 2001 annual financial report to the board in time for the board to review and approve it prior to distribution to the OPCO membership at the February 2002 OPCO

annual congress. Mr. Laudati did not fulfill his commitment and instead distributed a 2001 financial report at the annual congress that was not reviewed or approved by the OPCO board of directors. At that same February 2002 annual congress, at Judy Abdo's suggestion, Mr. Laudati made a commitment to the OPCO membership that he would furnish a monthly report of OPCO finances.

It is now August 2003, and to my knowledge, no one has seen any OPCO financial reports — nothing for 2000, 2001, 2002 or year-to-date 2003. That is wrong.

Because OPCO has been unable to produce a financial report, which frankly has made me a bit suspicious, I, as an OPCO member, have invoked my rights under Section 8330 of the California Corporations Code to inspect OPCO's accounting records. It is that simple.

The OPCO board has not fulfilled its fiduciary responsibility to ensure that OPCO keeps accurate books and records and to furnish its membership with financial reports. Now, by not responding to the lawsuit, the OPCO board has neglected its fiduciary responsibility to conduct the business of the corporation in accordance with state law. Equally simple.

Tom Fuller
Santa Monica



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Homeless center deserves community support



Addiction: 1) Quality or state of being addicted (to money, power, greed). 2) Compulsive physiological need for a habit forming drug (as heroin).

Addiction takes on many forms from alcohol, drugs, sex, or food, to money, power and greed, with the latter three addictions being the most destructive in our society today. They cause the insanity of doing the same things over and over again and expecting different results — only the insanity is not just affecting the persons who are addicted, but society as a whole.

For example, here in Santa Monica

there are small groups of individuals who want to place blame on the homeless for everything from the bad economy to the 10,000 people who have left Santa Monica to the lack of retail and private renters wanting to rent space here.

They would rather deny responsibility for pressuring the City Council to lift rent control in 1999 and the insane raising of the rents than be held accountable for this. The funny thing about pointing a finger at somebody is the fact that there are always three fingers pointing back at those who try to blame the symptom rather than the cause of homelessness.

They have divided the community with this anti-homeless barrage and are trying to push one of the agencies out of Santa Monica completely. Ocean Park Community Center is a needed community organization that takes care of not only the homeless, but abused and mentally ill women, as well as the poor and needy who come there for food to supplement

their fixed incomes. I wonder how many people from the Pico neighborhood use this organization?

This addiction to power and money at all levels of government and the private sector has caused the loss of too many social programs over the years. Many were a safety net to keep people off the streets and help them to transition back into jobs and housing, while others kept the worst of the mentally ill off the streets and helped addicts recover from drug and alcohol dependency.

The mantra of these types of addicts is, "Why should my tax dollars go to helping people who don't want the help?" Well, to answer that question in simple terms all they have to do is look around them at the havoc their selfish, self-centered thinking has caused in the last few years. They should look at what the "profitability over people" thinking is doing to their own profitability as laid-off employees tend to not buy as much and when this happens

stock prices tend to drop.

It has gotten to the point of a local bank employee calling for gang members to harass the homeless in a letter to this very paper. I would call that very unethical and unprofessional behavior, especially since he used his bank's email account to send me letters.

So, why should tax dollars go to helping resolve the homeless situation?

Because we are all Americans and we are all human beings. I, as a homeless man, bleed red blood as well as the rich guy, or poor woman, or the mentally ill, or drug- and alcohol-addicted person — whether African American, Hispanic, Asian or Caucasian. We are all equal under the Constitution of The United States of America.

(Charles Springer is a free lance artist and writer and a resident of Santa Monica. He can be reached at Chaz_59@yahoo.com)

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LOCAL



SMC building two theaters

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ancillary departments.

But the building continues to sit empty while the college deals with the deep cuts handed down by Gov. Gray Davis in an attempt to close California's budget deficit.

"Everything has been put on hold," Smith said, adding that options for the space are being considered which include leasing the space out to another entity.

A new \$9 million emeritus college currently being built on Second Street in downtown Santa Monica also was funded through Measure U. But chances are the satellite campus won't be used as much as previously thought since the SMC board of trustees recently cut 20 percent of the emeritus college's classes and eliminated a few teachers.

A facilities assessment completed in 2002 outlined 21 projects at the college that will be funded by Measure U. The next priority is to replace the earthquake-damaged liberal arts building and temporary buildings with modern labs and classrooms. Another \$8.9 million will be used to renovate a building that SMC owns at the corner of 14th Street and Pico Boulevard that will be used for a literacy center.

"We really think in 10 years, we'll change the face of the college," Smith said, adding that state law prevents SMC from spending Measure U money on anything but facility improvements. State law prohibits the money from being used for operational costs or teacher salaries.

"It would be irresponsible to stop everything and wait for the budget crisis to blow over," he said. "Lots and lots of community colleges are facing the same situation."

Dozens of community colleges have passed bond measures since the passage of Proposition 39 in 2002. Prop. 39 requires a list of specific projects to be

funded from the bond and must be adopted by the college's board of trustees before the election.

The SMC Financial Oversight Committee, made up of appointed members, reviews the bond expenditures and advises the public on where the money is going.

Joe Weichman, a member of the committee and a SMC student, said all of the Measure U money has been earmarked because state law mandates that it has to be.

"Measure U was passed when we thought we would be expanding classes," he said, adding the financial oversight committee met two weeks when the issue was discussed. "It was brought up that we are building these buildings and we might not have any students in them but when voters approved the bond, the plan was already approved. It's out of our hands."

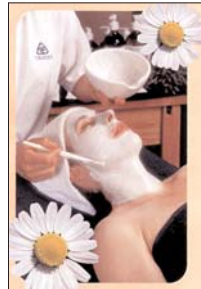
Weichman said it's unlikely the state would ever relinquish control over the funds, but it would be nice.

"I think we could do a lot better job if it was in local control," he said.

The Main Stage complex, designed by Leo A. Daly, a Los Angeles-based architect, features a 300-seat theater with full backstage capabilities including a sound and lighting room, as well as a lobby, dressing rooms, classrooms and offices. The building is expected to be completed by 2005.

SMC also is building a \$15 million performance theater at its Madison Campus on 11th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard. The 500-seat theater is funded through private donations, of which \$8 million has been raised, Smith said.

While the Main Stage theater on the main campus will focus on theater and in-house productions exclusively, the Madison theater will feature a wide variety of the arts including music and dance, theater and lectures from outside artists.



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on the Third Street Promenade and in the Santa Monica Place Mall, rose by 16.6 percent, said Mark Richter, manager of economic development.

"We've been working hard at getting businesses to develop outside the Third Street Promenade and these figures are encouraging," said Kathleen Rawson, executive director for the Bayside District Corp., a non-profit that runs downtown in conjunction with City Hall. "It's been a tough year. The economy has not been good to us and the lack of tourists has been difficult."

Richter said the numbers tend to show that businesses downtown that can't afford to be on the Promenade are becoming more and more successful on the surrounding streets, where rents are cheaper and foot traffic has historically been less heavy.

But he warned against reading too much into the results of the data.

"One quarter's adjusted figures do not

"It's kind of like running a business without knowing where your money is coming from."

- LLOYD DE LLAMAS
President

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make a trend," he said. "We're looking forward to seeing the second quarter's figures."

Jay Schermerhorn, a sales manager at Santa Monica Nissan, one of the city's top 25 producing companies, according to the report, said sales have continued to climb over the already high first quarter.

"It's going great," he said. "We sold another 200 cars more. Business is booming right now for us. It just keeps going up."

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Lloyd de Llamas, president of Hinderliter, said City Hall pays his company \$750 monthly to analyze sales tax returns. He said the service his company provides is important because no information comes with the state's checks to explain which sectors are producers and which are stagnant.

"It's kind of like running a business without knowing where your money is coming from," de Llamas said.

In addition to analyzing the returns, de Llamas said his company recovers misallocated revenue that the state should send to cities but does not. From the time his company's contract with City Hall began in May of 2001, through the end of 2002, de Llamas said he recovered \$198,780 due City Hall from the state.

Even with the commission he collects on that money, de Llamas said City Hall has recovered \$397 for every dollar paid to his company.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Adult film star to debate Coleman on television

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - The Game Show Network has snagged actor Gary Coleman and adult film star Mary Carey to take part in a gubernatorial candidate debate it plans to broadcast Oct. 1.

They will be among a panel of five who will appear on the show titled "Who Wants to Be Governor of California? The Debating Game," the network announced Friday. It will feature a political debate in the style of a game show.

The two are among 135 candidates seeking to replace Gov. Gray Davis if he's recalled in the Oct. 7 election.

The network said the other three contestants will be announced over the next two weeks.

At stake is \$21,200, the maximum corporate campaign contribution allowed by California law, the network said. The prize will go to the contestant receiving the most votes in the election.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. - Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens, who has a starring role in the movie "Seabiscuit," remained hospitalized Sunday, a day after he was thrown to the turf and nearly trampled.

A hospital spokesman said Sunday that Stevens, whose left shoulder was stepped on, was in fair condition.

Stevens fell off Storming Home a few strides past the finish line in Saturday's race. After he remained motionless for five minutes, Stevens sat up and moved his legs before he was carried off the track on a stretcher and taken to the hospital.

Storming Home finished a half-length ahead of Sulamani and was initially declared the winner of the race. But the horse was disqualified because it had bolted far to the outside just before the wire and veered into the path of Sulamani and two others.

In "Seabiscuit," Stevens portrays jockey great George Woolf.

BOSTON - The Boston Red Sox and the promoters of two Bruce Springsteen concerts at Fenway Park have reached an agreement to make the concerts more handicapped accessible.

In response to concerns from the offices of U.S. Attorney Michael J. Sullivan and state Attorney General Thomas Reilly that the concerts may violate federal law, the Red Sox and Clear Channel Entertainment have agreed to provide extra wheelchair seating on the field. They will also make it easier for people to buy wheelchair accessible seats, and inform people buying wheelchair seats that their views may be obstructed by standing spectators.

Sullivan and Reilly made the requests after investigating complaints from handicapped people who bought or tried to buy tickets for the Sept. 6 and 7 concerts.

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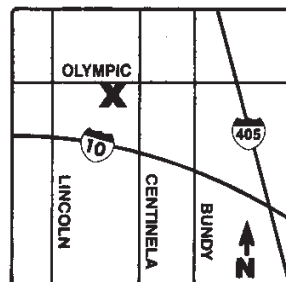
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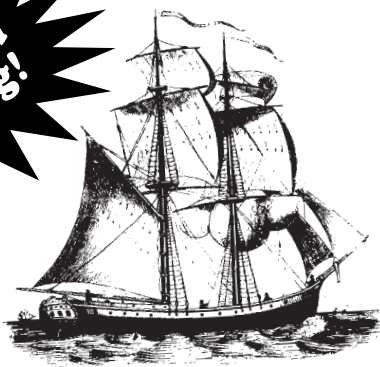


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STATE

Recall: Bustamante vs. Schwarzenegger

STEVE LAWRENCE
 Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO - California's lieutenant governor is in a tight race with actor Arnold Schwarzenegger as the leading candidates to succeed Gray Davis if voters decide to oust the Democratic governor, according to a poll released Saturday.

Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante had the support of 25 percent of the 448 likely voters questioned by the Field Research Corp. Schwarzenegger had 22 percent. With the poll's margin of error of 5 percentage points, the two are essentially running even.

Six other relatively well-known contenders in the 135-candidate field trailed with single-digit backing. However, 44 percent of voters who favored a candidate said they might switch sides before the Oct. 7 recall election — including 29 percent of Bustamante's supporters and 35 percent of Schwarzenegger's.

"Obviously we're happy and humbled (by the poll results), but we recognize that we have a lot of work to do," said Luis Vizcaino, a spokesman for Bustamante, a Democrat.

Sean Walsh, a spokesman for Schwarzenegger, said the Republican actor leads in other polls and would be able to win with a mixture of fiscal conservatism and moderate views on social issues.

"This poll does not bother us," he said. "The campaign has just begun."

Three other Republicans trailed Schwarzenegger in the poll: state Sen. Tom McClintock with 9 percent support, 2002 GOP gubernatorial nominee Bill Simon with 8 percent and former baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth with 5 percent.

Political columnist Arianna Huffington, an independent, had 4 percent, Green Party candidate Peter Camejo had 2 percent and Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt, a Democrat, had 1 percent.

Five percent of those surveyed supported other candidates, 5 percent said they supported none of the candidates,

and 14 percent were undecided in the poll, taken Aug. 10-13.

McClintock indicated in an interview on Fox News that he has no intention of giving up. He said Schwarzenegger's policies seemed to mirror those of Davis.

"I do agree that the field needs to be narrowed and that's why, at the appropriate time, I am willing to accept Arnold Schwarzenegger's endorsement," he said, predicting that he would win with a platform of "less regulation, lower taxes and restoring our public works."

An aide to Ueberroth said he also would not drop out. "He's in it for the long haul and he's in it to win," said Bill Lord-Butcher, Ueberroth's chief strategist.

In the recall election, voters will decide whether Davis should be ousted and then pick who should replace him from among the 135 candidates. Debates among the top contenders have been scheduled for Sept. 9 and 17.

The timing of the election itself, however, was thrown into doubt Friday when a federal judge ordered Monterey County not to send absentee ballots overseas until issues raised by civil rights groups are resolved.

U.S. District Judge Jeremy Fogel said the ballots may not go out until the Justice Department determines that minorities will not be alienated at the ballot box.

The recall effort was sparked by California's flagging economy, as well as the state government's record \$38 billion deficit and the decades-long debt to be paid for the 2000-2001 energy crisis. The secretary of state's office has estimated that the special election will cost taxpayers about \$66 million.

In survey results released Friday, the same nonpartisan Field Poll found that 58 percent of likely California voters want Davis out of office, up from 51 percent last month. A full 68 percent of those surveyed said they believed Davis would be recalled in the special election.



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NATIONAL



Power almost fully restored, investigation ongoing

LARRY MCSHANE

Associated Press Writer

At street fairs, in baseball parks, even on the subway, people reveled in the familiar Saturday as the Midwest and Northeast almost fully recovered from the worst power outage in U.S. history.

While cities from New York to Detroit slipped back into the pace of a summer weekend, investigators turned their attention to three transmission lines in Ohio that may have sparked Thursday's blackout.

"We are fairly certain that the problem started in Ohio. We are now trying to determine why the situation was not brought under control."

- MICHEHL GENT

Head of the North American Electric Reliability Council.

"We are fairly certain that the problem started in Ohio," said Michehl Gent, head of the North American Electric Reliability Council. "We are now trying to determine why the situation was not brought under control."

FirstEnergy Corp., the Akron, Ohio-based utility that officials said owned at least two of the three lines, said alarm systems that might have alerted engineers to the failed lines were broken, but that functioning backup systems had been in place.

Day One A.B. — after blackout — arrived in the nation's largest city with the subway system back on track, once again zipping New Yorkers from the Battery up to the Bronx.

Power was officially restored to the entire city at 9:03 p.m. Friday, nearly 29 hours after it went out almost simultaneously in eight states and Canada. The subways started rolling just after midnight Saturday.

"Things are just getting back," said Miriam Prince, 22, after riding the train from Brooklyn to Rockefeller Center. "Nothing spectacular. Just where they should be."

In Michigan, Bettie Lloyd was particularly glad for a return to normal. The auditor for the Detroit Board of Education was stuck alone in an elevator for nearly 19 hours; firefighters finally freed her Friday after someone heard her pleas for help.

"I prayed a lot," said Lloyd, 52. "I said, 'Oh my God, you're here! Thank you!'"

Cleveland's power was fully restored Friday, in time for both baseball's Cleveland Indians and the NFL's Browns to play at home. The lingering problem was that

city residents had to boil water before drinking or cooking with it.

People in Detroit, where water pressure was low, were under a similar order, though power was restored to nearly all of Michigan's 2.3 million customers Saturday. Energy officials called the situation tenuous and said it was critical for people to conserve electricity to avoid rolling blackouts.

"If customers will cooperate one more day, I think we'll be able to avoid rolling blackouts," DTE Energy chairman and chief executive Anthony Earley said Saturday afternoon.

The blackout occurred at 4:11 p.m. EDT Thursday, creating instant chaos in the eastern United States and the Canadian province of Ontario.

Officials there struggled Saturday to restore stable power throughout the province, but warned it could take days before everything is back to normal.

"It is not going to be an abundance of power on Monday morning," Ontario Premier Ernie Eves said. In Toronto, it was unclear if subway service would be restored in time for the new work week on Monday.

DTE expected its plants to be at full capacity by Monday, even though Michigan's power system was especially damaged by the blackout. Because of its Great Lakes geography, the state has relatively few connections on the Lake Erie transmission loop with other states and Canada, so just before the blackout it received a huge surge of electricity that had nowhere to go.

"Power goes into Michigan or comes out, but it does not go through, for all practical purposes," said Gary Kitts, Michigan Public Service Commission chief administrative officer.

In Manhattan's Midtown, hundreds wandered about on a sticky summer day at a street fair — a typical, and welcome, scene after two days without power.

Turgay Agrali, a tourist from Turkey, stood in the crowd with a smile, comforted by the promise of air conditioning when he returned to his hotel.

"The first day I came was nice," he said. "The second day — blackout."

There were still overflowing garbage cans scattered around Manhattan, but sanitation crews were working overtime through the weekend. Tons of trash had been piled on sidewalks as New Yorkers emptied their refrigerators of spoiled food.

The only places in New York still suffering from a major blackout hangover were the three airports: Kennedy International, LaGuardia and Newark Liberty. With several hundred flights canceled on Friday, "the airlines are still trying to get their schedules back in order," said Port Authority spokesman Steve Coleman.

The City Council finance office estimated the blackout cost the city up to \$750

million in lost revenue, up to \$40 million in lost tax revenue and up to \$10 million in overtime pay for the first 24 hours after electricity went out.

Gent said investigators were examining more than 10,000 pages of data, including automatically generated logs on power flows over transmission lines, to determine what caused the blackout.

"We will get to the bottom of this," he said.

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FACE-to-FACE with the Women & Children of Iraq

Local resident Kelly Hayes-Raith just returned from her second trip to Iraq, where she found some of the children and women who touched her so deeply during her first visit in February. She also saw firsthand the impact of the bombings and invasion on innocent people's lives, homes and hearts. The trip revealed much devastation — and much inspiration.

She will be speaking about the people she met — and remet — in Baghdad, Hillah, Babylon, Fallouja, Basra and Umm Qasr.

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INTERNATIONAL

Saboteurs blow up pipeline in northern Iraq

D'ARCY DORAN

Associated Press Writer

TIKRIT, Iraq — Saboteurs blew up a giant oil pipeline in northern Iraq, halting oil exports to Turkey only days after they resumed and cutting off vital income for an economy in shambles. The new Iraqi police commander vowed on Saturday to pursue the “conspirators” behind the attack.

Iraqi oil exports to Turkey had begun only on Wednesday, and the explosion early Friday near Baiji, 125 miles northeast of Baghdad, cut them off completely, acting Iraqi oil minister Thamer al-Ghadaban said in Baghdad.

Police Brig. Gen. Ahmed Ibrahim, once imprisoned for speaking out against Saddam Hussein, was appointed Saturday to be the top Iraqi law enforcement official. He blamed the explosion on a group of conspirators who received money from a particular party, which he didn't identify.

“With God's help, we will arrest those people and bring them to justice,” Ibrahim said. “The damage inflicted on the pipeline is damage done to all Iraqi people.”

Al-Ghadaban said it would take several days to get the pipeline working again.

“It is a large pipeline with large volume of crude oil,” he said.

The 600-mile pipeline has a diameter of 46 inches. It runs from the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk to the Turkish city of Ceyhan and handles all oil exports to Turkey.

“There is no oil flowing into Turkey right now,” said Col. Bobby Nicholson, chief engineer for the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division.

Oil began flowing through the pipeline on Wednesday, and Turkey's semiofficial Anatolia news agency, citing officials, reported 750,000 barrels were pumped before it

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— AHMED IBRAHIM

Police Brig. Gen.

was attacked. Turkish officials had earlier blamed the pipeline troubles on “telecommunications problems.”

Iraq has the world's second-largest proven crude reserves, at 112 billion barrels, but its pipelines, pumping stations and oil reservoirs are dilapidated after more than a decade of neglect. Northern Iraq, site of the giant Kirkuk oil fields, accounts for 40 percent of Iraq's oil production.

Ibrahim was appointed by Bernard Kerik, the former New York police commissioner tasked with rebuilding Iraq's Interior Ministry, as his senior deputy.

“We're setting up a new police force, bringing in modern weapons and leadership to guard and secure the country, and soon everyone will be safe,” he said at a Baghdad news conference.

Ibrahim had been working as head of the Iraqi police's special investigations unit and was shot in the right leg during a police raid last month. As well as the weapons seized, that raid also netted a high-ranking member of the Saddam Fedayeen militia.

“Gen. Ibrahim's actions reflect tremendous courage,

professionalism and dedication to duty,” Kerik said in a statement.

Further north, attackers ambushed the police chief of Mosul, wounding him and killing two people, apparently his bodyguards, the U.S. military reported. Fourteen others were wounded, said spokesman Sgt. Danny Martin.

“It was an ambush at an intersection,” Martin said.

Martin said the official, identified only as “Chief Mohammed,” was wounded with two bullets in the leg and his condition was not life-threatening.

An American soldier was wounded by shrapnel Saturday when a patrol of Abrams tanks, armored personnel carriers and Humvees was ambushed near Baqouba, 45 miles northeast of Baghdad.

The attackers detonated a roadside bomb made of four 155mm artillery shells, then opened fire with rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons, said Capt. Jon Casey of the 4th Infantry Division, who was on the patrol.

“We engaged them with our own automatic weapons and called in helicopter support,” he said. “We had no further contact and secured the area.”

Soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division conducted 11 raids across north-central Iraq and detained five people, including three suspected regime loyalists and a man who allegedly threatened to kill a U.S. soldier, said Lt. Col. Bill MacDonald.

The division also announced the detention of Said Ali al-Karim, a Baqouba cleric known as “the prophet” it said had urged violence against Americans and financed Saddam loyalists fighting U.S. forces.

It said al-Karim, which it described as “a counselor to Saddam Hussein,” was arrested Monday and could be charged with inciting violence, funding attacks and possessing illegal weapons. It gave no explanation for the delay in reporting his arrest.

Aid groups rush supplies to hungry Liberian capital

EDWARD HARRIS

Associated Press Writer

MONROVIA, Liberia

Humanitarian aid trickled into Liberia's devastated capital by plane and boat Saturday, a welcome relief but not nearly fast enough for residents famished after 70 days of siege. Fighting persisted in the interior, blocking hopes of immediate help for the millions trapped there.

About 500 civilians gathered to stare at the gates of the port where food was delivered, hoping for handouts. Thousands of others coursed across the newly opened bridge that connects famished government-held areas to the markets of the former rebel-held territory around the port.

“We're still starving, dying of hunger. We're hoping to work for food,” said Joseph Sahn, 29. “I'm completely broke. Nothing in my pockets,” he said, shaking the sides of his tattered trousers.

Rebels ceded control of the port Thursday to West African peace troops backed by U.S. Marines, ending a rebel siege of President Charles Taylor's government that killed hundreds and left residents in government-held areas with little to eat but flower leaves and snails. The rebels withdrew after Taylor resigned and left for Nigeria on Monday.

Humanitarian workers are returning to the city after largely vacating Monrovia during the siege, and the first aid ship docked Friday. Aid workers distributed small amounts of aid Saturday, handing out sacks of cornmeal to families at a church and elsewhere in the city.

At the airport, planes landed food and other aid, including a U.N. Children's

“For now, we're severely traumatized and we need the international community to help us. The United Nations needs to take over the country, because all we know is war.”

— GEORGE VILLE

Camp administrator

Fund shipment of high-energy biscuits and milk for malnourished children, spokeswoman Margherita Amodeo said.

Amodeo said it would be some time before aid workers can travel out of Monrovia to reach 1 million to 2 million needy in Liberia's interior, where fighting continues between rebels and fighters of the embattled government.

“We can only reach a small part of the population and in this area, the needs are very high,” said Amodeo. “We need to bring in as much as possible.”

Two U.N. planes also unloaded about 110 Nigerian peacekeepers. That means nearly 1,000 members of a planned 3,250-strong West African peacekeeping force have been deployed.

About 200 U.S. Marines are billeted at the airport to back up the force if necessary.

On Saturday, rebel and government forces battled near Gbagrna in central Liberia and in the northern and eastern borderlands with Guinea and Ivory Coast, said top Liberian Gen. Benjamin Yeaten.

The chief of staff of the peace force, Col. Theophilus Tawiah of Ghana, said he would contact rebel leaders for confirmation of a violation of a June 17 cease-fire agreement that has been all but ignored.

Guns have been largely silent in Monrovia since the Nigerian peacekeepers arrived in the city nearly two weeks ago, and negotiators pushed for a final peace deal in Accra, Ghana.

Mediators gave Liberia's leading rebel group, Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy, until midnight Saturday to drop demands for the vice-chairmanship of a planned interim government.

The two main rebel groups and the government had agreed to stay out of top posts in the power-sharing administration, meant to govern Liberia for two years during elections.

If the LURD movement refuses to yield, mediators said, they will adjourn the talks for at least a month.

Liberia's new president, Moses Blah, returned to Monrovia on Saturday without

the accord being signed. If talks fail, full-scale fighting could continue.

At the seaport, a second U.N. boat landed overnight carrying soap, blankets, plastic sheeting, cutlery and jerrycans for water.

A handful of U.S. Marines patrolled the port Saturday while U.S. military helicopters buzzed overhead.

“We've received nothing but a positive reaction,” said Capt. Michael Charney of Elmhurst, Ill., one of those patrolling. “People smile and wave and yell, ‘Hi, Marine.’”

At the College of West Africa refugee camp, residents clamored to be fed, saying only 1,000 of 3,816 had received food during Friday's first aid disbursement in weeks.

“For now, we're severely traumatized and we need the international community to help us,” said the camp's 36-year-old administrator, George Ville. “The United Nations needs to take over the country, because all we know is war.”

Taylor launched Liberia into 14 years of conflict in 1989, when he led a small insurgent group bent on toppling then-President Samuel Doe.

Taylor is still evading an international arrest warrant by a U.N.-backed war crimes tribunal in Sierra Leone for aiding that country's brutal rebels, known for chopping off the limbs of civilians.

In Sierra Leone's capital, Freetown, President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah said on national radio that his government “would go after the money” and sue for compensation for the impoverished from Taylor's frozen Swiss account, which Kabbah estimated at \$3 billion.

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SPORTS



A big opportunity for Campbell, Micheel

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. - The PGA Championship is known as "Glory's Last Shot," and that's what it was Saturday for Tiger Woods.

Now it's the first big chance for Chad Campbell and Shaun Micheel.

The final major championship of the season is famous for producing winners who have never captured a Grand Slam event, so perhaps the way the third round at Oak Hill unfolded should have come as no surprise.

Campbell and Micheel both toiled longer than they care to remember in golf's minor leagues. Neither has won on the PGA Tour, or even contended in a major championship.

Twelve of the last 15 winners at the PGA Championship had never won a major.

"I can be one of those winners," Micheel said after giving up a big lead with bogeys on his final three holes for a 1-under 69.

Three guys who had never won a major already have captured the first three this year.

"I'm ready to win," Campbell said after his 35-foot birdie putt gave him a 5-under 65, the best score all week at Oak Hill.

And Woods?

He'll have to wait seven months for his next shot at a major. He made an awkward exit, hitting tee shots all over for a 73 that left him 13 strokes behind and assuring himself of no majors for the first time in five years.

"I did it in '98," Woods said. "It won't be the last time."

Campbell and Micheel were at 4-under 206.

Masters champion Mike Weir had an even-par 70 and was three strokes behind, making him a dangerous challenger. He has won all six of his PGA Tour events — including the Masters — by starting the final round from behind.

"Maybe I'm like Seabiscuit," Weir said. "Have you seen that movie where he gets out in front and backs up a little bit so he can stare them in the eye? For whatever reason, I seem to do better from behind and catching up."

He's not trying to catch Secretariat or Man o' War.

Micheel is winless in 163 starts on the PGA Tour, and showed signs of cracking by missing the last three fairways after surging to a big lead.

Campbell is best known for his 13 wins on the Hooters Tour, although he is considered a rising star on the PGA Tour and is 13th on the money list with more than \$1.8 million.

"I don't think either one of us has been in this position," Micheel said. "Just because people have never heard of me or Chad doesn't mean we can't play."

They showed everyone how on a steamy afternoon at Oak Hill, softened slightly by overnight rains that allowed for some low scoring.

Tim Clark of South Africa had a 68 and was at even-par 210.

Experience might still have a say.

Weir, tied for the lead early in the third

round until Micheel ran off a string of birdies, rallied with two birdies on the back nine and saved par from the cabbage-like rough in front of the 18th green.

Ernie Els sputtered along the back nine until he finished with a 30-foot birdie putt down the slope on the 18th for a 70 that left him only five shots behind. Joining him at 1-over 211 were Briny Baird (67), Alex Cejka (68) and Billy Andrade (72).

"I feel like I'm leaving shots on the golf course," Els said. "If I can put something together, I can put pressure on the leaders."

Two-time major champion Vijay Singh also was within range, despite making a bogey on the 18th for a 70. Singh was at 212, along with Charles Howell III (70) and Fred Funk (70).

Phil Mickelson, who opened with a 66 for a share of the lead, hit another bad patch of bogeys in a round of 72. Still, he was in the picture at 3-over 213.

Depending on how Campbell and Micheel respond to the pressure, the lead might not be as large as it looks.

"Obviously, being in the last group of this tournament is a little bit different than any other tournament," Campbell said. "But I'm going to approach it the same way, and go out there and just keep playing the way I've been playing."

Woods' hopes of avoiding a Grand Slam shutout ended early Saturday, and it showed.

He didn't hit a fairway until the ninth hole, his shoulders sagging after each tee shot sailed toward the thick rough. He often walked 30 yards behind playing partner Jim Furyk; Woods usually walks briskly and confidently.

When he made his first birdie in 27 holes on No. 14, Woods raised both arms in mock triumph and bowed to the gallery. "You're going to go years where you just don't win," he said.

He was tied for 43rd and headed for his highest finish ever in a major. His previous worst was a tie for 29th in the 1997 and 2001 PGA Championship.

Micheel is playing in only his third major — his best was a tie for 40th in the 2001 U.S. Open — and the nerves were evident when he pulled his opening tee shot in the left rough and made bogey.

Over the next 14 holes, he looked as though he had been through this routine before.

Facing a tough stretch, he stuck his approach shots close on Nos. 7 and 8 for birdies, then rolled in one from 30 feet on the ninth to reach 5 under par.

Even when he got in trouble — the shot from a fairway bunker that sailed into a gallery — Micheel managed to save par. Only after a tap-in birdie on the par-3 15th put him at 7-under did he start showing some cracks.

He missed the fairway on the final three holes, had to hack out and failed to convert 20-foot par putts, his lead dwindling until it was gone.

Campbell birdied three of his last four holes — the exception was a bogey on No. 17 when he hit into the trees — and wound up with a share of the lead.

"The two guys that are in the lead right now haven't won a tournament," Weir said. "We'll see how it pans out tomorrow."

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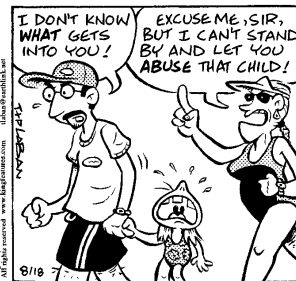
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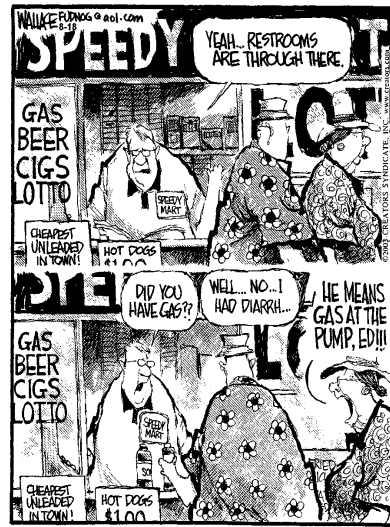
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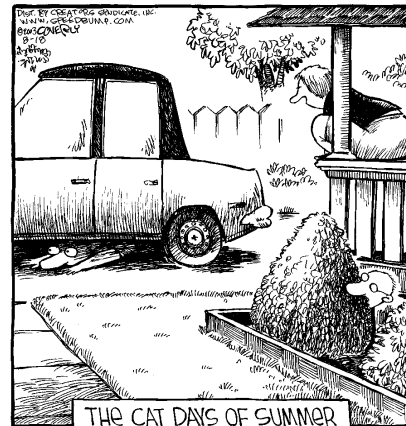
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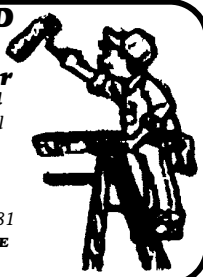
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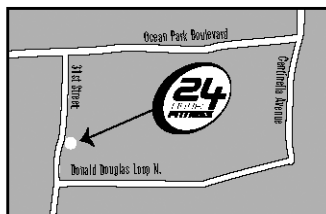
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