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GOOD LIFE: The first Human Development Index determined that congressional district 30, which includes Hollywood, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills and Malibu, has one of the highest life expectancy rates in the nation. The report was released by the American Human Development Project.

Improving the human condition

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Santa Monica has some of the healthiest, longest-living, smartest and richest people around.

That's the conclusion of a recently released report by the American Human Development Project, which ranked all 436 congressional districts in the country based on their general well-being.

The first Human Development Index measures a given district's overall health and economic status and progress, using factors that include the community's average life expectancy, education and income level.

The findings are modeled after a similar

yardstick produced every year by the United Nations Development Program, which annually ranks all countries based on their health, education and income, the index first released in 1990 as a way of determining human progress.

The report rated congressional district 30, which includes Hollywood, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills and Malibu, as the fifth highest in the country. The region, which is represented by democratic Congressman Henry Waxman, saw strong marks in the area of education and health.

The district topped the report's education index with approximately 57 percent of its adults over the age of 25 possessing at least a bachelor's degree. Approximately 24 percent of residents in the district have a

graduate or professional degree, translating into a median area income of more than \$45,000 in 2005 dollars.

The average life expectancy for residents in the district is 79.9 years.

"As Santa Monicans, we are fortunate on key human development indices — long life, educational attainment and earning — and on our willingness to give back," Santa Monica City Manager Lamont Ewell said. "This reaffirms the city's priorities for community investment in education, good jobs, healthy living as well as care for our most vulnerable."

The report, which was funded by the Conrad Hilton Foundation and the

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Financing of RIFT struggle

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL When it comes to political campaigns, identifying the supporters could just be about following the money trail.

Such has been a major topic of discussion since the Save Our City committee formed last month in opposition to a proposal that seeks to limit commercial growth in the city, the supporters of the fall ballot measure questioning their new challengers on their source of its financing.

The Residents' Initiative to Fight Traffic, recently renamed Proposition T, would restrict commercial growth in the city to 75,000 square feet a year, allowing City Hall to borrow extra space from up to four years in advance. The Coalition for a Livable City authored the measure.

The opposition campaign, which is headed by environmentalist and Planning Commissioner Terry O'Day and Judy Abdo, a rent control advocate and employee of the school district, filed their first campaign disclosure statement in late July, the group at times accused by the pro-RIFT contingent of attempting to hide the trail of money, a claim Save Our City has denied.

The records show that in just a few months, the anti-RIFT campaign was able to raise nearly \$3,000 more than their political adversaries had since the beginning of the year, the Save Our City group receiving more than \$68,000 as of June 30.

Part of the reason for the financial advantage could be attributed to a number of big donations, including \$10,000 from the Edward Thomas Management Company, which owns the Casa del Mar and Shutters on the Beach hotels, and an equal amount from Belle Vue Plaza, a property owner.

"The Save Our City campaign should be called 'Save Our Developers,'" Diana Gordon, the co-chair of the Coalition for a

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

Kicking it with Kiwanis
1332 Sixth St., Noon — 1:30 p.m.
Join members of the Santa Monica Kiwanis Club for their weekly luncheon where quests connect and hear from a rotating panel of speakers. The club has been serving the needs of the community and its children since 1922. For more information, call (310) 613-1249.

Thursday, Aug. 21, 2008

What's New This Week
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Join us for a free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories, at home and abroad — politics, the economy, society, and culture. Discussion moderator, Jack Nordhaus, is a former college history professor. For more information regarding this event at the Fairview Branch Library, call (310) 450-0443.

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Getting started the right way

BY CHRISTINA YOON

Special to the Daily Press

THIRD STREET PROMENADE On some mornings, hitting the snooze button one more time can seem like the most important thing in the world.

Nutritionists and health experts agree, however, that those extra 10 minutes are much better spent eating a quick and nutritious breakfast to help maintain weight, fight off diabetes and help keep the heart healthy.

"If you're not eating breakfast you're keeping your metabolism sluggish," said Susan Dopart, a registered dietitian and exercise physiologist based in Santa Monica.

While Dopart creates customized eating schedules for her clients, she said that it's not difficult for anyone to improve their overall health with breakfast, as long as they know which foods to choose.

"What a lot of people don't realize is that eating a big bowl of cereal can have as many carbohydrates as six, seven, eight slices of bread and it raises your blood sugar," she said. "When you eat more protein, you don't get so much of an insulin response, which makes your hunger more even."

She suggests breakfasts of eggs, cottage cheese with fruit or plain yogurt with fruit and nuts.

Dopart said that kids with packed school schedules are even more likely to skip breakfast.

"They have to leave at 7:10 [a.m.] and they're getting up at 7:00 and dashing off to school," she said.

This week, the California Milk Processor Board began an initiative on their GOT MILK? Web site, gotmilk.com, to provide quick and easy breakfast recipes targeted to kids. The idea is to provide fun ideas like smoothies or portable granola treats that can be prepared in three minutes or less.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District provides breakfast to students in all of its middle and high schools and four elementary schools.

Orlando Griego, the director of food services for the district, said that low participation rates and cost issues prevented the district from offering breakfast at more elementary schools.

"Getting up isn't the easiest thing," he

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File photo

GOOD EATS: The California Milk Processor Board has begun an initiative to provide quick and easy breakfast recipes. The board has created tips to help people prepare quick and easy meals.

Music to their ears

Local Internet company signs new licensing deal with Universal, EMI to publish lyrics

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

CLOVERFIELD BLVD ARTISTdirect, Inc., a leading Internet resource for music and entertainment news, has entered into a licensing partnership with Universal Music Publishing Group, the world's leading global music publishing company, and EMI Music Publishing for rights to the lyrics of some their most popular songs.

Through the deal, which was announced on Monday, lyrics to Universal and EMI songs will be featured in a new interactive lyrics section launching this fall on ARTISTdirect.com, which is based in Santa Monica.

Financial terms of the deals were not disclosed.

The licensing partnership opens the vaults of the publisher powerhouses to give ARTISTdirect fans for the first time easy access to legal, accurate song lyrics from top music acts past and present from current chart toppers to beloved classics.

Artists featured include Prince, Barry Manilow, 50 Cent, Mariah Carey, U2 and Elton John.

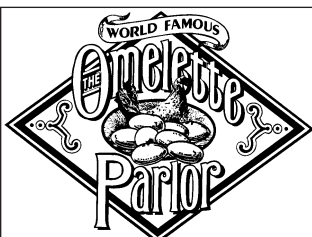
Most lyric databases are fan-generated and often not 100 percent accurate.

"Universal Music Publishing Group has an amazing catalog of award-winning music and we are privileged to be able to provide the words to songs that have so profoundly impacted our culture," said Dimitri Villard, interim CEO of ARTISTdirect. "This partnership helps create one of the largest repositories for official lyrics as written by the songwriters."

The upcoming launch of the new lyrics pages fortify ARTISTdirect as one of the best destinations for music fans looking for information, news and entertainment on every musical act in a multitude of genres, Villard said.

Users will be able to access layers of inter-

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For the record

Editor:

In [letter to the editor published] in your Aug. 15 paper, I was, by name, falsely accused of deceiving your readers in my statements regarding RIFT.

The [letter] accused me of being deceptive by not stating that facilities for children must provide daycare to qualify for an exemption from RIFT; I refer your readers back to Section 2(a) of RIFT where they can read for themselves that it says “child or adult day-care” not “child or adult, daycare.”

The editorial accuses me of deception by not admitting that RIFT will cause a \$11,000,000/year reduction of the city’s revenue. The \$11,000,000/year is a 2023 projection from a presentation by HR&A Advisers to City Council. HR&A, is a company that features on their Web site, that they provide innovative solutions to the complex challenges of economic growth and real estate development (i.e. they are in the business of lobbying for developers). The \$11,000,000/year allegation is so “innovative” that the city attorney was forced to ignore it in her report to the state of California on the fiscal impact of RIFT. Santa Monica residents will soon be getting their voting information packages from the state of California. The neutral assessment says that RIFT has no material impact on city revenue.

The editorial also asserts I deceived your readers by not admitting that RIFT will cause a \$1,000,000/year property tax loss to Santa Monica’s public schools. The \$1,000,000 is another “innovative” 2023 projection from the HR&A presentation. It is based on very high assumption for future commercial development, very low assumptions for future residential development, and completely ignores that the property tax revenue, directed to public schools, is combined into a common fund for all students in the state of California. Students of Santa Monica make up only 1/10 of 1 percent of all students in California. Even if the alleged \$1,000,000 in lost revenue was real, the cost to Santa Monica schools would only be \$1,000. And to put \$1,000 into prospective, one only needs to look at how much Santa Monica schools lose because funding public schools is not a priority for the city of Santa Monica. The city of Beverly Hills contributes 5.3 percent of its budget to its city’s public schools. This compares to the city of Santa Monica who only contributes 1.4 percent of its budget to its city’s public schools. If Santa Monica had the same commitment to public schools as the city of Beverly Hills, Santa Monica schools would be getting an extra \$21,000,000/year.

Jeff Segal
Santa Monica

Classic eats

Editor:

Thanks for the story “Legendary stores thrive and survive” page 1, Aug. 16-17. I’ve long been fascinated by the older businesses in our city and Nora Sorena Casey’s story provided some interesting information. However, I believe she is incorrect in stating that The Galley restaurant at 74 years is the oldest in the L.A. area. Cole’s Pacific Electric Buffet opened downtown in 1908. They will be reopening soon to celebrate their 100th anniversary. Barney’s Beanery on Santa Monica Boulevard dates to 1920 and the Tam O’Shanter dates to 1922.

Don Solosan
Santa Monica



Going Postal

Steve “the Mailman” Breen

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Multicultural meltdown

LIBERAL-ISH MULTICULTURALISM IS allegedly the Teflon coating on the sticky melting pot of U.S. society that just simmers into a viscous sludge of juvenile indulgence or so the theory goes. It is customarily symptomatic among the Pharisees of PC, however, that their dogmatic distemper toward anything deemed “un-PC” is invariably due to their own misanthropic, focus group driven naiveté.

Take the Beijing Olympics for example. A recent “Q-Line” in the Santa Monica Daily Press queried as to whether respondents would watch the Games despite China’s human rights record. One individual rabidly frothed of being “... ashamed at the athletes that [went] there, but applaud the few that did not ...”

Let me get this straight, by this tortured illogic, should one be ashamed of Jesse Owens’ dominance over Aryan “superiority” in the 1936 Berlin Games? Should one be ashamed of the U.S. women’s saber team that swept the medal round in an Asian country of hereditary swordsmen? Should those young ladies have remained in the scullery where they belong? The next thing you know some whack job will advocate that a woman should be elected president.

Should we be ashamed of Michael Phelps’ immodest achievement of 14 career gold medals? After his eighth gold, if Phelps were a country unto himself, he had been tied for fifth place with South Korea, Japan and Australia. He beat the entire Russian delegation that day.

Another “Q-Line” respondent viscerally harrumphed over Chinese gastronomical peculiarities due to the inclusion of common household pets in Beijing’s famous Bau-Wau Stir Fry Surprise. My buddy at work, Dave Levin, swears, “that the only good dog is a hot dog.” I don’t know about that. Have you seen what goes in those things?

On an historical note, China has had 1,858 famines of varying severity from 108 BCE to 1911 ACE. The worst famine occurred during Mao’s Great Leap Forward from 1958 to 1961 in which the official estimates of the dead ran up to 32 million! In context, imagine walking the length of California from San Diego to the Oregon border and not encountering a single living human soul, but there are a lot of Chihuahuas and Siamese kitties running around.

Do the math, pretty grisly numbers.

When one’s children are starving, political correctness offers a very bare larder. Be advised though that when traveling overseas, your Paris Hilton purse dog may be another person’s sack lunch.

Yet this is all morally transient for the self-righteous rubes according to the fetishistic rubric of their multicultural mumbo-jumbo?

Watching the Spanish basketballers making “slanty eyes” for a photo op was a great belly laugh. Being half Asian myself, I’ve been doing that “sight gag” for at least half my life without the least bit of angst-ridden guilt from my Caucasian doppelganger. I guess it comes from being in that racist Republican “white party” so aptly aped by simian Howard Dean’s most recent bout of hoof-in-mouth disease. Give us a howl, Howie!

I have been frequently labeled as a racist by liberals who profess that labeling is an un-PC thing to do. I am not a racist. I hate everybody in a separate but equal fashion.

I was recently called a warmonger except that I was offended that the person stating as such neglected to include “baby killing cannibal” to the nomenclature.

All kidding aside, in order to transcend the all-encompassing capricious canards of race, gender, creed, sexual orientation and bad hairstyles, I have simply found it more effective to determine if the focus of my ire is a mere jackass. It’s more universally utilitarian.

Anybody see “Tropic Thunder”? Robert Downey Jr. stole the show just to prove that “Amos and Andy” are still funny while a Senior Deputy Superintendent for LAUSD, Ramon Cortines, took great offense at the use of the word “retard” in the movie while finger wagging at Hollywood’s ignorance to “the sensitivities of people with intellectual disabilities.” Considering the LAUSD’s lamentable drop out rate that resembles Ty Cobb’s lifetime batting average, one might ask Mr. Cortines as to why he is out watching no-brainer satires instead of working on a competent lesson plan to improve the fortunes of those kids with “intellectual disabilities”

Who’s the real “retard” in this picture?

So welcome to being a “citizen of the world,” ladies and gents! If everything is completely copasetic under stolid PC doctrine multicultural standards then there should be no reasonable acid reflux concerning the provincial antics of some of the other “citizens.” All morality henceforth becomes amoral.

No fair judging. That’s not PC!

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Don't feel sorry for Home Depot

FORMER SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AND great Bostonian Tip O'Neill once said that all politics is local. He was advising politicians in Washington that the key to their success is meeting the needs of their constituents back home. I've never seen a better illustration of this basic truth than the difference between the way the federal government and the Los Angeles city government are handling the issue of illegal immigration and undocumented workers.

First, let's do the math. By most estimates, there are about 12 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S. By the way, I don't call them "illegal immigrants" because to me, the label "illegal" implies that person has gone through some sort of process and been determined to have entered and/or stayed in the country "illegally." It's documents, or the lack of documents, which would determine whether or not an individual is here legally. So until that person has gone through the system and been determined to have broken the law, the proper way to refer to someone who has immigrated to this country, but may not have gone through the proper channels, is "undocumented," not "illegal." Feel free to tell Lou Dobbs.

Not counting the ones with criminal records (a.k.a. "criminals"), the real number of "illegal immigrants" is about 500,000. These are "fugitive aliens," or people who have received deportation orders from a judge. Immigration & Customs Enforcement, the only agency that can enforce our immigration laws, recently started a program called "Operation Scheduled Departure" targeting those fugitive aliens and offering them (if I may quote Gladys Knight) a "one-way ticket back to the lives they once knew" and a scheduled deportation. The program started in Charlotte, Chicago, Phoenix, San Diego and Santa Ana.

As a solution to the problem, it's a Band-Aid on a gaping head wound. In the first week, this effort netted a grand total of six people — and only three who would have crossed our southern border. There was one Estonian in Phoenix, an Indian couple and a Guatemalan in Chicago, a Salvadoran in Charlotte, and one Mexican in San Diego. Not surprisingly, there wasn't a single person who volunteered to be deported from Santa Ana.

Of those 12 million undocumented people, about 8 million are in the workforce.

Like the rest of us, they're getting up every day and going to work, raising their kids, paying their bills, and trying to live their lives while worrying about how much it costs to fill their gas tanks and feed their families. Unlike the rest of us, if they're being abused or taken advantage of at work, they can't complain without having to worry about being the target of an (unscheduled) deportation. Imagine what it must be like to leave the house every morning knowing that the last time you saw your kids might be the last time you'll see your kids. Think about all the grief your boss gives you at work, then think about how much worse it would be if your boss had the power to kick you out of the country if you mess up on the job. I was always one step away from choking the boss with a bike chain, so I know I couldn't handle that kind of stress every day of my life.

But such is the power of a job. As a lure to this country (and L.A.), the promise of work is so strong that they keep coming by the millions, even when our economy is weak. The L.A. City Council knows this and, led by Bernard Parks, recently passed an ordinance that would grant "conditional use" permits to new big-box stores (like Home Depot) that would require them to provide shelters for day laborers equipped with trash cans, restrooms, and drinking water. The retailers are pitching a fit because they know they'll eventually have to provide the same amenities at existing stores, but Home Depot can cry me a river — then build a bridge and get over it. Part of the appeal of these places is that homeowners and contractors can pick up parts, supplies, and workers all in one shot. It's not too much to ask that these workers have a shady place to sit and water to drink when it's 100 degrees in the San Fernando Valley, is it?

America is well on its way to being a majority-minority country and the fastest-growing segment of the population is Latino. In the next few decades, one-in-three Americans will be Hispanic. In L.A., the percentage of whites and Latinos is about even at 47 percent. By the time kids now in kindergarten graduate high school, whites will be a minority in this city and our politics will be local — and brown. Start brushing up on your Spanish.

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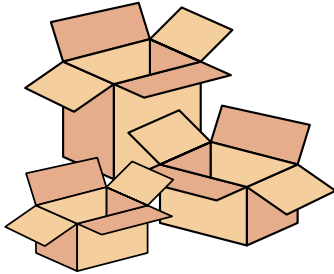
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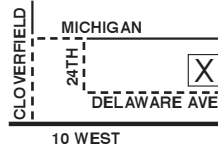
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Market blues persist for buyers, sellers

THE LOCAL REAL ESTATE MARKET IS challenging, there are no two ways about it. It's not as bad as many parts of the country and it can't last like this forever.

A realtor friend of mine has had a property fall out of escrow three times and is now in escrow for the fourth time, this is after numerous offers and a lot of interest. The fact that properties keep going into escrow, coupled with the large number of prospective buyers, but not always staying in escrow, is keeping us agents very busy.

I have a listing where I've had a lot of showings and about 20 to 30 people during every open house. We've had two offers, one of which resulted in an escrow. The day after my sellers accepted the offer, the buyers backed out.

The property is west of Lincoln Boulevard, right off Montana Avenue — a choice location. And, it is priced below everything else on the market with a Zillow estimate of about 150k more than what we are asking. So much for Zillow.

What this all means is that it is very difficult to actually close a deal right now. By virtue of the large number of prospective buyers, offers and escrows (although they aren't actually closing as often as they normally would), this market can't last forever.

There is simply too much interest from

buyers. Not having the means (which is rarely the case), and more importantly a lack of courage, is what is holding many buyers back. It's a tough market for real estate agents because it means we work much harder to close a deal, whether we are representing buyers or sellers.

I have as many serious buyers as I have ever had. These people are taking advantage of what has become a buyer's market. This puts them in an opportune position to really have control over the escrow process. It also puts them in a place to take advantage of price levels we haven't seen for a long while.

For buyer's right now, the main problem is that less people want to sell. There are actually less listings, in particular less quality listings than there were in the red hot market of a couple of years ago.

If you have your life together, live in a good location and preside over a quality property and don't absolutely have to sell, you are likely waiting until everything gets in order before putting your place on the market. With the general affluence of the Westside, this means a lot less listings compared with the lower end neighborhoods.

It is these types of things that define a "buyer's market." The wise real estate business people who have seen a real estate

THE FORCES THAT ARE PUTTING THE MARKET IN IT'S CURRENT UNPLEASANT STATE ARE A COMBINATION OF THE GENERAL ECONOMY AND HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO GET A MORTGAGE. THESE CONDITIONS WILL IMPROVE.

atmosphere like this in the past have told me that now is, a good time to buy. There are many properties for sale that after the tax savings cost about the same to own vs. rent. Rents generally go up every year while mortgage payments stay constant. There will be a bottom, just like there was a top to the market. However, no one will know when that has happened until months after the fact.

What needs to get in order you might

ask. The banks in particular need to get their business straight. Interest rates, lending guidelines and solvent institutions change daily.

This means that a buyer can be in escrow and find out a few days before closing that the loan they thought they were getting no longer exists. This can be for a number of reasons. For example, it can be because the banks have changed their guidelines or, sometimes, even that they are out of business altogether.

Buyers like to ask, and understandably so, what will the market be like in about a year. My answer is that it could be down a little bit more, it could be the same or perhaps maybe even up a little bit, I don't know. The forces that are putting the market in it's current unpleasant state are a combination of the general economy and how difficult it is to get a mortgage.

These conditions will improve. I expect that, like everything, what seems like it will last forever will change. We will look back in a year or two at this article and think how glad we are that things are back to "normal."

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ECONOMY

Wholesale prices rising at fastest pace since 1981

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
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WASHINGTON Wholesale inflation soared in July, leaving prices rising at the fastest pace in nearly three decades. While recent declines in oil and other commodity prices raise hopes inflation may have peaked, some economists worry about the widespread nature of the July price surge and caution it will take more time for that pressure to ease on Wall Street and Main Street.

The Labor Department reported Tuesday that wholesale prices shot up 1.2 percent in July, pushed higher by rising costs for energy and a variety of other products from motor vehicles to plastic goods.

The increase was more than twice the 0.5 percent gain that economists expected and left prices rising over the past 12 months by 9.8 percent. That marked the biggest annual increase since the 12 months ending in June 1981, a period when the Federal Reserve was driving interest rates to the highest levels since the Civil War in an effort to combat a decade-long bout of inflation.

Core prices, which exclude food and energy, rose 0.7 percent last month. That increase was the biggest since November 2006 and more than triple the 0.2 percent rise in core prices that had been expected.

Elsewhere, the Commerce Department reported that construction of new homes and apartments slid to an annual rate of 965,000 units in July, a 17-year low. Builders continued to slash production as they battled slumping sales and soaring mortgage

defaults dumping more homes on an already glutted market.

Wall Street tumbled on the gloomy economic news as investors worried the worst housing slump in decades was showing no signs of a rebound and that the Federal Reserve's tool to combat the weakness — lowering interest rates — was unlikely to be used given the sharp jump in inflation seen last month in both wholesale and consumer prices.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 130.84 points to close at 11,348.55 after losing 180 points on Monday. It was the worst two-day performance for the Dow since late June.

Last week, the government reported that consumer prices had jumped by 0.8 percent in July, leaving prices over the past 12 months rising at the fastest pace since 1991.

The steep slump in housing, rising unemployment and a severe credit crisis have worked to offset \$92 billion in economic stimulus payments made from April through July intended to keep the economy out of a deep recession. Retail giants Target Corp. and Home Depot Inc. on Tuesday reported that profits sank in the second quarter. Home Depot said it continued to have a downbeat outlook for the year as the housing market shows no signs of recovery.

The July price pressures reflected in part the surge in energy costs that pushed crude-oil and gasoline prices to record highs. Crude-oil prices have fallen by more than \$30 per barrel since then, raising hopes that inflation pressures will soon ease.

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Most lyric databases fan-generated, often not accurate

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"Our search for new revenue opportunities for our songwriters and artists continues and this deal marks another positive step in monetizing the legal use of lyrics online," said David Renzer, chairman & CEO, Universal Music Publishing Group. "We are happy to partner with ARTISTdirect for this new service."

ARTISTdirect provides 24/7 in-depth coverage of music and entertainment news with behind-the-scenes interviews, reviews



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STAR POWER: ARTISTdirect.com has signed a deal with Universal, EMI to publish lyrics on its Web site. Artists featured include Prince, Barry Manilow, 50 Cent, Mariah Carey (pictured) and U2.

and exclusive music festival information with a full-time editorial staff dedicated to keeping fans in-the-know.

Additionally, ARTISTdirect hosts a variety of music videos and video channels featuring content from ManiaTV, GoDigital, Comedy-Time, Suretone Records, Celebrities.com and the ARTISTdirect Archives amongst others.

"This added lyrics feature also enables ARTISTdirect to further solidify the band-fan relationship with another layer of connectivity with our community," Villard said.

ArtistDirect also owns MediaDefender, an anti-piracy firm used by the recording industry to track down the IP addresses of file-swappers for its legal campaign against illegal file-sharing.

The company went through a management shake-up in March that saw both its non-executive chairman and interim chief executive step down.

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as a cheese quesadilla or a breakfast pizza bagel. The meals are available in elementary schools at the full price of \$1.25, and kids who qualify for reduced priced meals get breakfast for 30 cents.

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The Daily Press asked people of all ages on the streets of Santa Monica what they had for breakfast today and how important the most important meal of the day really is to them:



I DIDN'T HAVE ANY BREAKFAST TODAY, BUT I USUALLY HAVE SOME FRUIT. I CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE WHEN I DO OR DON'T EAT BREAKFAST. I PROBABLY SHOULD BE ABLE TO, BUT I CAN'T."

Paul Nowotny
54, Scotland



I WOKE UP AT 11 TODAY, SO I HAD LUNCH FOR BREAKFAST, WHICH WAS PENNE ARRABBIATA. I NORMALLY DON'T EAT BREAKFAST, I JUST HAVE A COFFEE FROM STARBUCKS."

Jacquelyn Thropay
25, of Los Angeles



I HAD SCRAMBLED EGGS AND A CLIFF BAR TODAY. AND YES, I DO EAT BREAKFAST EVERY DAY."

Andrea Sorensen
23, Westwood



TODAY I HAD AN EGG SALAD SANDWICH AND A FRAPPUCINO. BUT USUALLY I HAVE SOME CEREAL AND A GLASS OF O.J. MY FAVORITE CEREAL IS CINNAMON TOAST CRUNCH, BUT I'M USUALLY ALLOWED TO EAT CHEERIOS. SOMETIMES I'LL SKIP BREAKFAST IF I'M RUNNING LATE FOR SCHOOL."

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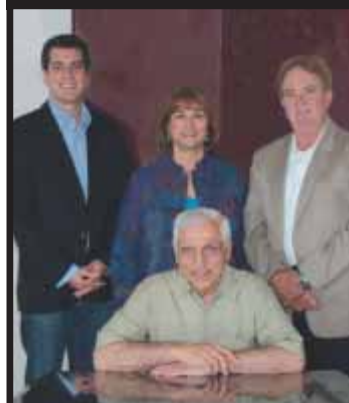
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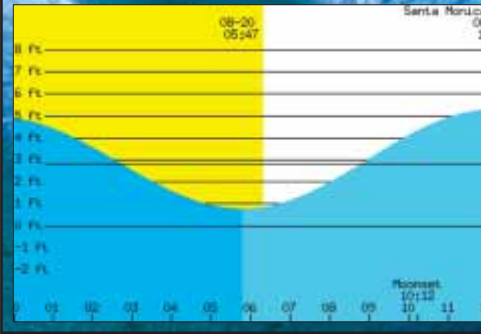
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Wednesday the 20th the minor NW wind swell should increase a tad and some minor SW is due from New Zealand. In all, most all breaks are looking at waist to at times chest high sets. Winds should be light in the AM, not picking up until late morning, and reach 12-15 mph in the afternoon. Tide on Wednesday is shallow for the dawn patrol and around 5 feet for a high near noon.

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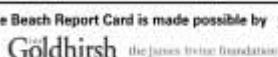
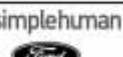
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Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 10

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Camille Beach, at Arroyo Sepul Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
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Laguna Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Selester Canyon at San Blas County Beach	D	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fences	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach 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 (joint zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 18048 PCH stairs	A+	ns
Pine Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castroville 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

LEGEND

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

ns -- no sample taken



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Anti-RIFT group outgains measure in fund raising

FROM MEASURE PAGE 1

Livable City, said.

The opposition group has received contributions from a number of architectural firms, commercial brokerage companies, property owners, residents and former city officials, the list demonstrating the broad base of support behind the campaign, O'Day said.

"A lot of folks on there, you'll find are also members of important organizations that serve our community that are concerned about the impact of RIFT," O'Day said.

Among the donors was Ocean Avenue Management LLC, which is trying to rebuild the Travelodge and Pacific Sands Motel, a project that could be affected if the proposition passes.

"We've been working with city staff for over five years now and we've put in a tremendous amount of money and time," Michael Farzam, the owner of the motels, said. "The RIFT would potentially delay the project for another one to two years based on the 75,000 square foot limit they have."

Farzam noted there is a community benefit with his project, replacing two outdated non-sustainable motels with an environmentally-sound building that would include more affordable units.

"Generally we feel it is an attack on large development and does not protect small businesses as we are a small family-owned business in Santa Monica for over 30 years," he said.

One of the biggest supporters of the Save Our City campaign is the architectural community, donors including RTK Architects, whose senior principal is Mayor Herb Katz, and Pugh + Scarpa Architects, whose princi-

pal Gwynne Pugh, is the Planning Commission chairman.

Howard Laks, who has designed several projects in the city, including redesigning The Lobster restaurant, said the measure would reduce opportunities for "smart design" in the community, keeping outdated and unsustainable buildings intact. Laks, who donated \$250 to the anti-RIFT campaign, said that new buildings offer benefits to the community.

"Overall new buildings and developments become safer, greener, and offer a number of other public benefits that add to a city's energy, longevity, and vitality," Laks said. "RIFT will artificially stunt the natural growth of Santa Monica including the opportunity to offer innovative and smart building design."

O'Day said that despite the amount of money the group has raised, it has much more work to do.

He questioned who the real funders are for the proposition's backers, adding that some believe there are actually commercial real estate interests involved in the RIFT campaign. By restricting commercial growth, current property owners can continue to demand higher rents, supply and demand coming into play.

Gordon refuted the notion, pointing out that the contributions have all come from residents.

"Save Our City raised more money in a month than we raised in seven," Gordon said. "That is difference from a resident-funded campaign and a developer-funded campaign."

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Index aims to raise awareness of societal issues

FROM LIVING PAGE 1

Rockefeller Foundation, was sparked in part to find out the reason why the United States had been dipping in the UN index, going from second place a decade ago to 12th today.

There were some startling results in the report, according to Dr. Ed Cain, the vice president of the grants program for the Conrad Hilton Foundation.

The most shocking was the fact that California, which ranked as 11th among all states, had the widest spectrum of disparities with three of its districts ranked in the top five and one district ranked at the very bottom — congressional district 20, which represents Fresno.

"This is a very diverse state so you're going to have a lot of diversity in data and statistics," Cain said.

There were also disparities in the educational level of residents who live in the same city but in different districts, the best example being Los Angeles, which has both a top 10 and bottom 30 district.

"I am pleased that the 30th congressional district has ranked so high for education, prosperity and health," Waxman said. "But the report also reveals the great disparities across the country between the affluent and the poor, and it underscores the need to ensure that everyone has access to health care and education so that they can reach their full potential."

While only 5 percent of residents in the 30th congressional district did not graduate



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from high school, California has one of the highest drop-out rates in the country.

The organization hopes to release an index on a biannual basis, the report aiming to raise awareness of pressing societal issues.

"Santa Monica should be proud of the fact that it finds itself in that ranking and perhaps that is the standard for others to aspire to," Cain said.

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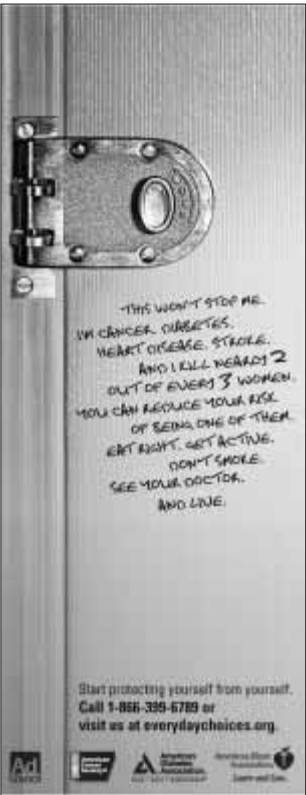
Scorpio, get some exercise

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Finally, you feel more like the power-house that you are. You discover how many options you really have. With renewed vision, you might have an easier time deciding which way to go. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.	LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Others display their true intentions, and even if you aren't comfortable, accept what you are hearing. You will understand more at a later date. A family member or a situation involving real estate could prove to be most beneficial. Tonight: Sort through invitations.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Knowing when not to talk or share an idea could be important in determining your success. Think through a decision with great care. You might not have all the answers. You also might not care. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.	SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Focus on completion and getting your work done. With any luck, you will be able to lighten up and do something far differently. Let go of a past view, in the face of other information. Tonight: Get some exercise.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Groups and meetings, as well as an important partnership, help you create more of what you want. Listen to your instincts with a friend, who might make a very wild suggestion that seems most enticing. Tonight: Hanging out is fun.	SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Let your imagination come into play. A risk seems clear to you. Trying to convince others could be futile and not as important as you think. Follow your sixth sense; you will gain, ultimately. Trust yourself. Tonight: Frolic away.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ A must appearance could be more important than you think. A more visible you draws very positive results and greater opportunities. You could be surprised by how valued you are. Tonight: Could be a late one. Try to squeeze in a nap.	CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Your strength, mixed with a positive outlook toward a family member, could be overwhelming. You might want to back off a bit so as not to incur a problem with others. They need to form their own ideas. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Read between the lines. If you are questioning what is happening behind the scenes, you might need to go and find out! Questions draw out information. Do be empathetic when dealing with others. Tonight: Think big!	AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Keep communication flowing, even if you stumble over some information. Do not allow someone to become too aware of your perception and thoughts. You might need to hear more from the people who are sharing. Tonight: Talk up a storm.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Deal with each person individually, knowing full well what your expectations are. Assume greater responsibility in deciding what is possible or worthwhile. Tap into your creativity. Others meet you halfway when they see that you are looking for a more amenable solution. Tonight: Togetherness works.	PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Become more sensible with finances, even if your friends root you in another direction. Listen to what is being offered more openly. You might not be realistic about what you are hearing. Time, once more, proves to be your ally. Tonight: Your treat.

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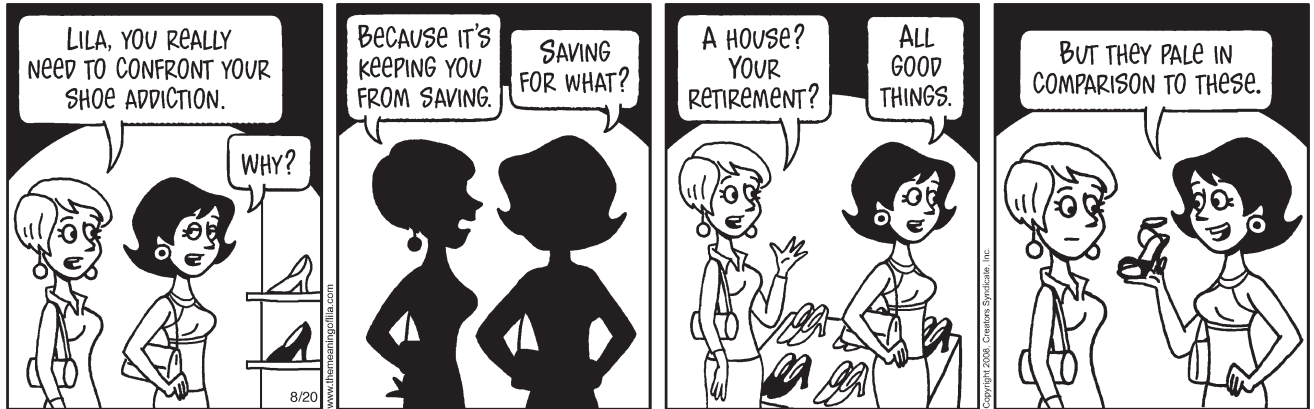
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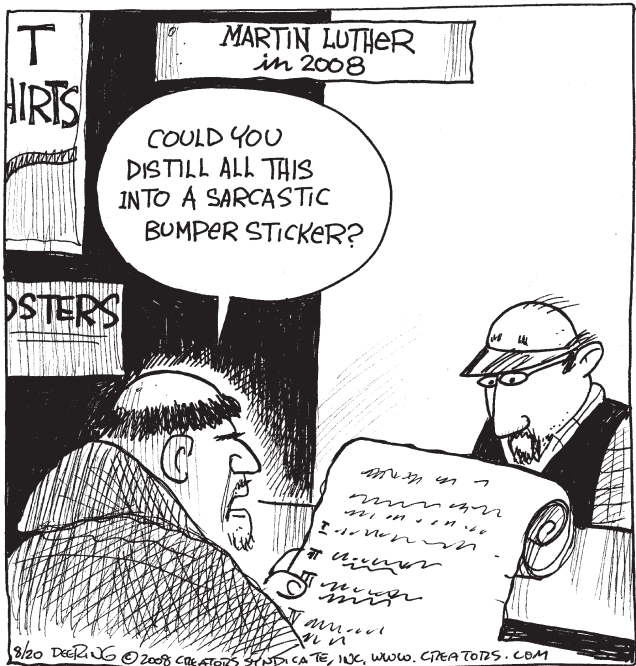
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

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■ Not Quite Rehabilitated: A prominent anti-drug motivational speaker, who uses his own sordid life story to inspire troubled kids to turn their lives around, was arrested in May and charged with attempted murder after allegedly shooting at his girlfriend and an old buddy from prison following a long evening of alcohol and methamphetamines. Said the prosecutor in Isanti County, Minn., of the rampage by Russell Simon Jr., 45, "We're lucky we don't have a multiple homicide on our hands."

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1866 President Andrew Johnson formally declared the Civil War over, months after fighting had stopped.

1914 German forces occupied Brussels, Belgium, during World War I.

1920 pioneering American radio station 8MK in Detroit (later WWJ) began daily broadcasting.

1948 the United States ordered the expulsion of the Soviet Consul General in New York, Jacob Lomakin, accusing him of attempting to return two consular employees to the Soviet Union against their will.

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