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THE OLDER FOLKS ISSUE

Suspect in burglaries arrested

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY A suspect in a handful of Westside home invasions that victimized elderly residents was taken into custody by the Los Angeles Police Department last week, officials announced Monday.

LAPD officials arrested the man — whose identification is being withheld until a news conference today at Parker Center — early Friday morning following a report of a suspicious person in Sunset Park near where one of the robberies occurred two weeks ago.

Authorities believe the suspect was involved in a series of break-ins in West L.A.

and possibly Santa Monica where a number of related burglaries have left residents — particularly senior citizens — in fear. The Santa Monica Police Department collaborated with Los Angeles in the investigation.

The SMPD responded to a report of suspicious activity in the southwestern part of Sunset Park on Friday when several residents, already on heightened awareness from

an invasion earlier this month, told police they saw a strange individual in their neighborhood. Officers went door to door to determine whether an actual crime had occurred, concluding that one had not taken place.

"We had an obligation to follow up to

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A NEW SIBLING

Santa Monica Mayor Herb Katz (left) and President of Prov. Frosinone, Italy Francesco Scalia (right) exchange gifts during an introduction ceremony at City Hall last Thursday, welcoming Sant'Elia Fiumerapido-Cassino as Santa Monica's newest Sister City.

Fabian Lewkowicz news@smdp.com

Operator of SM convalescent home agrees to pay patients \$2M

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

17th STREET The owner of more than a dozen convalescent homes in Southern California, including one in Santa Monica, has settled a class action lawsuit, agreeing to pay roughly 4,000 patients \$2 million for failing to provide adequate care.

SunMar Healthcare, which owns Pacific Convalescent Center on 17th Street, has also agreed to donate \$50,000 to California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform, a nonprofit based in San Francisco that is dedicated to improving conditions at long term care facilities.

The settlement, which was reached last month, also requires SunMar to pay for an independent auditor to monitor conditions at the company's facilities for the next two years, conducting surprise inspections, said Stephen Garcia, the attorney representing the patients.

The lawsuit was filed in Orange County Superior Court against SunMar and its 18 California skilled nursing homes on behalf of patient Warren Richardson. It claimed that SunMar's promotional materials said it provided skilled nursing care of a particular standard when in fact the company and its corporate officers and managers deliberately kept budgets so tight that appropriate staffing and training of staff couldn't be provided.

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Sustainable works addresses the problems and offers solutions to environmental issues involving water, energy, waste, chemicals, transportation and travel, shopping and food. Participants track their progress through a comprehensive Life Style Survey encouraging real sustainable changes, making this a true interactive workshop. To register, contact Barent Roth at (310) 458-8716 x1 or rothbarent@smc.edu, or www.sustainableworks.org.

Workouts for teens

3026 Nebraska Ave., 3:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.

Max offers two daily classes teaching teens how to exercise and eat properly in a cool and fun environment. They get to hang out afterwards in the wi-fi lounge, play Nintendo Wii, or simply surf the Internet. For information, call (310) 867-1650.

Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2008

Maximum Security

1211 4th St., 7:30 p.m.

A prison of the mind? A prison of the soul? A joyously turbulent, all-female rock musical expresses just that. "Maximum Security" tells the story of a woman struggling for identity and reaching for the light in the straight-jacketed prison of indifferent social contract and authority. General admission is \$20. For more information, contact Sandra Zeitzew at (310) 394-9779 ext. 651.

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Get lost in thought

1008 11th St., Noon — 1 p.m.

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

Kicking it with Kiwanis

1332 Sixth St., Noon — 1:30 p.m.

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

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



CORRECTION

In the review of Locanda Portofino that appeared in the Aug. 23-24 edition of the Daily Press ("Pasta to perfection," page 7) it should have said the telephone number for the restaurant is (310) 394-2070. The fax number is (310) 394-9828.



PLAY TIME: Students with the Santa Monica Playhouse Youth Program rehearse 'Power,' a song and dance routine on Monday morning at the theater located on Fourth Street. The program has been in existence for 39 years, allowing local kids to express their creativity.

Brandon Wise brandonw@smdp.com

Inside the child actors studio

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN The romantic verses of William Shakespeare and the classical tongue of Arthur Miller are seldom recited within the walls of a small theatrical company here.

Instead, the young and aspiring who partake every year in the Santa Monica Playhouse' Youth Program are playwrights in their own right, crafting their own words, cultivating their own stories.

As the much celebrated program enters its 39th season this fall, those who created it reflect on an arts education camp originally designed to give children the taste of the entertainment industry while shielding them from the ugliness that can come with fame.

After all, the two founders — co-artistic directors and husband-and-wife team Chris de Carlo and Evelyn Rudie — should know from experience, the couple both being child stars.

Rudie, who has been a part of the Santa Monica Playhouse since 1966 — six years after it was founded by a Belgian refugee —

was at one point the highest paid child star in the industry and was the first child to get an Emmy nomination. A guest star on more than 80 different television shows, including "Alfred Hitchcock Presents" and "77 Sunset Strip", Rudie would go on to earn a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

While she had a solid childhood, established by parents who emphasized that education came first, she saw that other young stars around her fade away to the demons that come with the business.

"(De Carlo) and I thought it would be important to have a place where kids could get a real feeling for the theater experience without the incredible push and rejection and nastiness of the business," Rudie said. "We both felt the theater experience had been very positive for us in terms of who we are as people."

Over the past 39 years, the program has worked with more than 375,000 local students, producing future stars like Kate and Oliver Hudson, actor Jason Ritter and television writer and producer Rina Mimoun.

The program offers 10 different courses for children ranging in ages from 4 to 18

years old, teaching everything from play production to performance skills. Teachers also travel to local schools, such as St. Monica High, where they run afterschool programs.

Nearly each course produces its own play, created by the students, including the characters, storylines, and some dialogue. The production is then drafted by a resident playwright.

Work by the famous playwrights in history, though respected by the pupils, are rarely performed.

"They come up with the ideas, they do the movement and the blocking and the themes," Rudie said.

One class this summer put on a play about the election, exploring how one person can make a difference. Another play — "Maximum Security" — tells the story about a group of adolescents who are prisoners, both in the metaphorical and literal senses. The production will premiere on Wednesday and run through Sunday.

Sometimes, original shows go on to gain international attention.

Cigarettes butt into ocean cleanliness

BY CHRISTINA YOON
Special to the Daily Press

CITY HALL Although much ado has been made about smokers' contributions to poor public health, smoking in Los Angeles County has marine consequences as well.

A survey conducted by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works found that residents drop almost 600,000 cigarette butts on the ground a month, or more than 7 million butts a year.

"Many Los Angeles residents don't realize that the cigarette butts they flick on the street or throw out of their car window can eventually end up in the ocean," said Dean D. Efstathiou, the acting director of the county's Department of Public Works. "The impact of this litter on the environment, where we live and raise our children, is horrifying."

Butts tossed on the ground instead of ashtrays and trash cans are often washed into the county's underground storm drain system by rain or dry-weather water flow such as over-watered lawns or water used to wash cars in people's driveways.

The impact of small litter in drains is especially pertinent in beach communities such as Santa Monica. The Ocean Conservancy recently announced that six million pounds of trash were collected in just one day on beaches worldwide and one-third of the items came from smokers.

"People don't equate littering with things ending up in the ocean and harming animals," said Neal Shapiro, the urban runoff management coordinator at City Hall. "Sometimes people are visiting, come from places where sewage and runoff go to a treatment facility, so they just don't know. Then there are people who just don't care, dumping cigarettes out the window."

Although the streets of Downtown Santa Monica are littered with hundreds of tiny white butts on any given day, the smokers interviewed said that they avoided throwing their used cigarettes on the street.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Shake it up

Editor:

I'm writing in response to articles and letters to the editor regarding the recent SMRR convention and it's subsequent endorsement of people running for the Board of Education.

It seems to me that the SMRR Steering Committee decided that their agenda of keeping the "status quo" in place on the Board of Education was more important or had more value than letting democracy happen.

Yes, parents of special needs children and their general education friends joined SMRR in the hopes of having a say in the SMRR endorsements. We (myself included) paid our \$25 to join, attended the convention, and voted our conscience. Unfortunately, our votes ultimately didn't matter because the people 'in charge' decided we didn't need to be listened to.

My suggestion is that we all make a concerted effort to have a write-in campaign for an alternate option (not necessarily just against Mr. Escarce – perhaps against SMRR's entire ballot). One good choice seems to be Judith Meister. She announced this week that she is no longer running because she realizes that without out-right SMRR support, she's probably wasting her money. Let's show Ms. Meister that that isn't true, that we need her on the Board of Education. We don't need to give SMRR this power any longer! Let's take back our voices!

Elizabeth Gelfand Stearns (Samohi PTSA president) quoted Margaret Mead in her recent Viking Voice article: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." What do you say, Santa Monica? Are you ready to stand up for yourselves and the disadvantaged of our school district and vote for school board members who will make a difference and shake things up?

Lynn Sturgis
Santa Monica

Eat a burger, skip a shower

Editor:

World Water Week has just concluded in Stockholm, and the scientists who gathered there reached an alarming conclusion: The way we eat is endangering our water supply.

The experts particularly blame Western-style diets – centered around water-intensive foods like meat and dairy products – which are now spreading around the world, further depleting sources of water. In the United States alone, nearly half of all the water used goes to raising animals for food. Between watering the crops that farmed animals eat, providing drinking water for those animals, and cleaning away the filth in factory farms, transport trucks, and slaughterhouses, the farmed animal industry places a serious strain on our water supply.

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Jeff Mackey
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals



What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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Maybe it's the parents who should go on punishment

OWNING A DOG IS A WONDERFUL thing. Besides the undying love and affection they provide, they also provide a reason for interaction with a community. Three times a day my dog and I do a perimeter walk to make sure that there are no invading badgers, raccoons and other assorted unwanted.

When we are patrolling my block, I learn the neighborhood and can see when something is amiss. I've had the opportunity to get to know, in a passing nod kind of way, the local homeless who populate the back alleys. I have semi regular conversations with my neighbors as we discuss the latest governmental boondoggle.

Yesterday morning, as I rounded the corner I could see that the local gang youths had decided to target, again, a wall with their markings. The graffiti was back, and it was the usual gang related tags and code to mark their territory like a dog lifting his leg.

I was dismayed by this, not just because the taggers cannot spell, but also because it is a perennial problem that seems to have no easy solution, and more importantly, it seems that there is no will to make a dent in the problem.

It seemed to me that the government was doing little to address the problem, and as usual, what it was doing was designed to punish the wrong people. I reviewed the Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) on graffiti abatement and found it to be woefully weak, and attacks the victim, much like a defense attorney attacks a rape victim for "asking for it."

The SMMC reads in relevant part:
“(a) The City Council finds that proliferation of graffiti, especially gang-related graffiti, presents an imminent danger to the public safety and welfare. ... (c) The Director of Environmental and Public Works Management shall provide the owner of the property subject to abatement action under this Section with written notice specifying the date that the City will abate the graffiti. ...It shall inform the owner that the City will not undertake the abatement if the owner notifies the City in writing that the owner will abate the graffiti by a date specific acceptable to the City. The cost of abatement performed by the City shall be recovered ...”

What this means is that when the property owner gets "tagged" by a gang member, the city makes them clean it up, and if they don't do it in a timely manner, the city will do it for you and then send you, the property owner, a bill. Nowhere in all of this is the actual tagger addressed, or more importantly the tagger's parents.

Los Angeles County has just taken the logical, but weak, step of making the parents of these taggers financially responsible for the abatement costs, which runs approximately \$1,000 to clean up the graffiti, and to prosecute the little *#(&!\$)%s who do this

... PARENTS OF TAGGERS MUST PERFORM COMMUNITY SERVICE IN CLEANING UP THE GRAFFITI THEIR CHILDREN CAUSE.

psychopathic behavior.

However, I think that, again, it is not attacking the problem at the best leverage point. We have gang members and their parents, who are coming from the lowest economic strata, they are the least likely to have the funds to pay the fines that are to be levied. And putting them in jail only makes the total cost to society of this blight higher, and that makes no sense.

Arizona has a bill pending that would allow the court to have the parents assist in community service, if several criteria are met, which I think is better but still too weak.

The law we need should be that the parents have to do community service in the removal of this type of graffiti. It's the only way to cost effectively put pressure on the gang members, through their parents, to stop this public nuisance.

Taking money from poor people is stupid and most likely fruitless, as we'll spend more going after it, than we'll ever recover. Putting them in jail just costs those who pay property taxes, more money and does not change minds.

I'd like to see the progressive city of Santa Monica be really progressive on this issue, and pass an ordinance that the parents of taggers must perform community service in cleaning up the graffiti their children cause.

After all, I have to clean up after my dog marks his territory, why shouldn't parents have to clean up after their kids who mark their territory?

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Killing the endangered species act

NO MORE BALD EAGLES? SEA TURTLES?
Peregrine falcons? Manatees?

That could be the legacy our children inherit if an aggressive, back-door overhaul of America's wildlife protections is rammed through by the Bush administration. With Congress on August recess, the administration has sneaked a fast-track proposal into the Federal Register that will gut the 35 year-old Endangered Species Act (ESA) — changes it has been unable to push through Congress. Three years ago, a Republican-led House bill reforming the act died in the Senate.

The administration has also gagged public opinion on the matter, offering an extremely brief 30-day public comment period and no public hearings. The changes do not require Congressional approval, and could go into effect before November's presidential election.

The new rule will eliminate mandatory scientific review by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), agencies charged with preventing the extinction of 1,353 U.S. plant and animal species currently listed as threatened or endangered. These agencies oversaw more than 300,000 such scientific reviews between 1998 and 2002.

Under the new plan, the federal agency in charge of a building project — be it a new dam, mine, highway, offshore drilling operation or other federally-funded or federally-approved construction project — will decide whether that project poses dangers to already-imperiled species, or requires input from wildlife scientists.

Suppose there's a proposal before the U.S. Minerals Management Service (MMS) to drill for natural gas near a national park that is home, say, to an ESA listed species like the grizzly bear. Under the new rule, MMS geologists and fossil fuel specialists would evaluate ecological impacts and be permitted to green-light the drilling. Would you consult your accountant if you were having a heart attack? The administration argues that agency experts with absolutely no background in wildlife or botany are qualified to make these often-complex calls regarding plants and animals already teetering on the brink.

The rule would also allow a return to pre-ESA tactics, when agencies carved huge construction projects (such as roads), into multiple small projects that focused analysis on immediate local impacts, never considering any overall harmful ecological consequences.

Proposed changes also state that if Fish and Wildlife or National Marine Fisheries scientists cannot reach a decision on a construction project within 60 days, work can move forward

without further study. This timeline is virtually impossible for these severely under-funded, understaffed agencies, especially for projects requiring serious scientific research.

The Interior Department is not allowing any e-mailed or faxed comments, nor are they holding public hearings. In contrast: Clinton's roadless rule regulating new road-building in national forests was given two years of public hearings and massed 1.6 million comments. Public opinion polls show that Americans overwhelmingly support wildlife conservation.

The administration's proposed ESA rule was drafted, says Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne, to prevent the act from being "used as a back door" to regulate the greenhouse gases (GHGs) that cause global warming (In May, the polar bear became the first species listed as threatened because of climate change). The rule would prohibit federal agencies from assessing the effects of a project's GHG emissions on species or habitats.

What the administration is really proposing is the elimination of ESA's checks and balances, whereby wildlife scientists ensure that taxpayer-financed construction projects, and projects on land taxpayers own, do not harm threatened or endangered species. This system has fostered dramatic recoveries of big horn sheep, whooping cranes, grizzly bears, and other species, and prevented our national symbol, the bald eagle, from going the way of the dodo.

Sen. Barack Obama has stated that he would toss out the ruling if he wins the White House. Sen. John McCain had no comment, a hint that if elected he would let the ruling stand, especially considering his rating of just 27.8 out of a possible 100 given by the League of Conservation Voters on his environmental voting performance from 2003 to 2007.

Congress could over-ride the rule in the fall appropriations bill, or could overturn it through legislation. But it's smarter to stop the rule making now rather than fighting it later.

The administration should scrap the proposed ESA changes, but if they move forward, then it is imperative that they lengthen the public comment period to at least six months, open it to e-mails and faxes, and institute public hearings. Our wild heritage deserves protections based on sound science and democratic principles, not on political concerns.

SHARON GUYNUP's first book is titled "State of the Wild 2006: A Global Portrait of Wildlife, Wildlands, and Oceans." She writes on science and the environment for national magazines and Web sites.

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So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Would you rather have the city become an isolated, sleepy beach town that would lack many of the superb services we covet, or continue with high-profile events and attractions that bring prosperity to the area?

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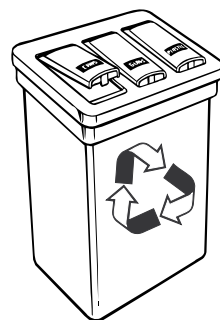
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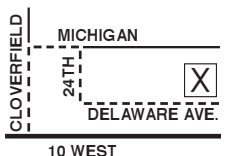
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The low down on the LoJack

FIRST, THE BAD NEWS. IF A SKILLED thief wants to take something from your car or the car itself, you don't stand a chance. Professionals in all walks of life have certain skills and temperaments which make them good at what they do, and thieves are no different. A good thief can be in your car, grab what it is they want, and be out and away in under 30 seconds.

If it's the car itself they're looking to heist, thieves can work just like repo men. They even look the part, using flatbed trucks with power winches so your car is gone from its parking spot, driveway or anywhere in the open in under a minute, with no one asking any questions; after all, it's not their car being taken.

If it's a big SUV, the Official National Truck of Santa Monica and the Westside, odds are good that within one day after it's gone missing, it's already in a shipping container and headed to South America or the Middle East. General Motors products are particularly favored by Sheiks, Kings and other like-types in Bahrain, Dubai, Saudi Arabia and other desert countries because of their legendary air conditioning systems, among the best on the planet. After all, GM used to own Frigidaire.

From Mexico south through Central and South America eager buyers place orders for large SUVs from all manufacturers, especially the larger Jeeps, which are favorites for use by both good guys and bad. Several companies do big business in bullet-proofing and armoring these trucks, which can then be sold to governments, people fearing kidnapping and drug gangs. In this ever-growing market, product is king, and a Jeep Grand Cherokee or Hummer H1 with 4x4 capabilities are apparently worth their weight in cocaine.

They're sometimes brazenly driven across the border, less than 150 miles away, but border cops are getting better at spotting them if they've been reported stolen.

The main problem is with casual thieves, those sloppy amateurs who are often junkies and need to make a few bucks a few times a day. They usually don't have much regard for the far future, say, six hours from now, and need what they want now. Right now.

For these low-brow types, tools like the infamous Club do work to a certain degree, but it's mostly cosmetic, causing the thief to move on to a car or truck without a steering wheel lock.

They can be defeated by an experienced crook with a can of liquid nitrogen and a hammer. Spraying the nitrogen on almost any metal will freeze it, make it brittle, and shatter with a hammer blow. Poof! Theft-prevention device, gone, in under 15 seconds. And whatever's in your car or truck now belongs to the thief, who might have stolen the car in the first place to use

during a hold-up. Whatever you left in the car is just a bonus for the thief.

Years ago, locks and alarm systems which also disabled the car's ignition were good purchases which worked reasonably well. They allowed the crook to start the car and drive a mile or so before it stopped in its tracks, getting the thief away from you, important in the event of a car-jacking, and making it easy for the cops to find.

As every resident of Santa Monica knows all too well, car alarms do nothing but make noise. For those who still have one, do us all a favor and get rid of the damn thing which does nothing but disturb your neighbors.

Now, the good news. LoJack and GM's OnStar systems both work well, with OnStar sort of the 21st Century version of LoJack.

Both are hidden from view and can report your car's location to the authorities; but don't forget that the car has to be reported stolen for them to do their work.

A cell phone in a car can also report its location, but that takes a lot of work by too many people unless a serious crime has occurred (someone still in a car that was car-jacked, for instance). Theoretically, a car or truck with satellite radio might also be able to provide a location, but again, that would be a pretty big undertaking and not currently a service either XM or Sirius provide. Well, maybe when they merge and become a monopoly ...

OnStar, in addition to reporting a location, can also shut down the car or truck in question and, in theory, lock the doors, keeping the thief in while the cops head to the location. But GM hasn't publicly made use of those features; car companies are already under fire for knowing too much about their customers.

Some new cars come equipped with so-called "black box recorders" to be used in accident investigation, but also could record many other things about the car and its driver. Buyers of these cars are generally not told about these on-board gadgets.

Moral? If you don't want something stolen, don't leave it in your car or truck if you're not also in it. Ever. And remember that a locked, secured garage could be the only thing standing between your Westside pride and joy and its disappearance.

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STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES
Attorney pleads not guilty in campaign case

A prominent Los Angeles attorney has pleaded not guilty to charges of making illegal campaign contributions to the 2004 presidential campaign of John Edwards.

Pierce O'Donnell entered his plea on Monday. He is accused of having employees of his law firm and others make donations, then reimbursing them. Prosecutors say he contributed \$26,000. The 61-year-old lawyer is charged with making illegal campaign contributions, conspiracy, and making false statements. He could face up to 12 years in prison if convicted. In 2006, O'Donnell was ordered to pay \$155,200, placed on three years probation and barred from political fundraising for three years after pleading no contest to charges of using a false name while giving money to James Hahn, then a candidate for mayor.

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LOS ANGELES
MGM Studios says it is 'not for sale'

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios Inc. says it is "not for sale" following a report in BusinessWeek Saturday that MGM's owners were looking to sell the movie company for \$5.2 billion. The studio was taken private for nearly \$5 billion in 2005 by Providence Equity Partners, TPG, Sony Corp. of America and Comcast Corp. The company said its owners were committed to growing the studio and denied there was an asking price.

MGM did say, however, that it has retained Goldman Sachs to enhance its long-term capital structure. Billionaire Kirk Kerkorian, who bought and sold the studio several times over the years, reportedly offered \$3 billion for it through Tracinda Corp. but the offer was dismissed. A Tracinda spokeswoman had no comment.

AP

OAKLAND
Takeover robberies turn violent

Three Oakland takeover robberies in four days, and police say the latest ones turned violent. Two men with covered faces hit a nail salon Sunday, holding employees at gunpoint and pistol-whipping one of them. No customers were at A Royal Nail Spa in North Oakland at the time of the robbery. Later that night, gunmen struck at Full Moon Seafood restaurant after it had closed, and robbed five employees. One man also was pistol-whipped there.

Police say they can't confirm if the robberies are being committed by the same group or if they're copycats. A \$30,000 reward is being offered for information leading to arrests. Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums and the city's police chief say they're increasing patrols and stationing undercover officers outside businesses.

AP

MERCED
Drunken student falls from dorm

An 18-year-old student at the University of California, Merced is recovering from injuries sustained when she fell from a second-story dorm. Eighteen-year-old Sydney Hickman of Fresno fell 10 to 12 feet from Stanislaus Hall around 9 p.m. Sunday night. She complained of head injuries but was conscious as she was transported by helicopter to the hospital. University officials say she had been drinking. Last year, an 18-year-old UC Merced student died in a fall from a dorm building after a night of drinking. University officials are investigating to determine who supplied alcohol to Hickman.

AP

SACRAMENTO
Bee offers buyouts to most employees

The Sacramento Bee is offering voluntary buyouts to a majority of its full-time employees in the latest round of cost-cutting at the newspaper. Publisher Cheryl Dell says buyouts are being offered to 55 percent of the paper's full-time employees and a smaller number of part-timers, including most editorial employees.

Dell says ad revenue is down more than 22 percent this year at the McClatchy Co.'s papers in California and Florida. Sacramento-based McClatchy owns 30 daily newspapers nationwide. It imposed a companywide wage freeze two weeks ago. The Modesto Bee offered all its full-time employees buyouts last week, and the Sacramento Bee's move to cut staff Monday comes after that paper eliminated 86 jobs in June. The Bee hinted that more layoffs are still possible.

AP

SACRAMENTO
Speaker changes mind, reschedules budget sessions

Assembly Speaker Karen Bass has abandoned her plan not to hold sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, a move that would have freed fellow Democrats to attend the party's national convention in Denver. Bass announced last week that the Assembly wouldn't meet those three days, despite the lack of a state budget and an end-of-session agenda loaded with hundreds of bills awaiting votes.

Her spokesman, Steve Maviglio, says now the Assembly will meet every day but Tuesday this week. He says Bass decided to add the Wednesday and Thursday meetings because bills that were bottled up in the state Senate are "trickling out."

Lawmakers are supposed to wrap up their 2009 session by Sunday, but they're likely to be stuck in Sacramento until there's a budget deal.

AP

SAN FRANCISCO
Court tosses award in Executive Life suit

An appeals court on Monday tossed out a \$241 million award won by the state of California in a lawsuit stemming from the takeover of failed insurer Executive Life by French investors. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the award by a lower court judge and ordered a new trial to recalculate the damages Artemis S.A., one of the investors, should pay the state. The case stems from California's 1991 takeover of Executive Life Insurance Co. after it failed.

The next year, the state insurance commissioner sold the company's junk bond portfolio for \$3.25 billion to an investor group that included the French bank Credit Lyonnais, which is controlled by the French government. Because California law at the time banned foreign governments from owning insurance companies, Credit Lyonnais officials gave assurances that private investors would control the new company created by the sale of Executive Life's junk bonds.

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ON PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ON HIGH PLACE IN THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA

The Community Corporation of Santa Monica proposes to develop a project that includes two components: a 45-unit condominium development (High Place East) and 47-unit rental housing on the adjacent site (High Place West), "Project". The project requires the vacation and incorporation into the project of the existing High Place between Virginia Avenue and Santa Monica Freeway.

On July 23, 2008, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 10328 (CCS) declaring its intention to order vacation of a portion of public right-of-way on High Place, to allow for this development and set a public hearing for September 9, 2008 at 5:45 p.m. The Drawing No. 4726 of the portion of High Place proposed to be vacated is on file and is available for review in the office of the City Engineer located at 1437 4th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Pursuant to Part 3, Chapter 3, "General Vacation Procedure", of the California Streets and Highways Code, the City Council directed the City Clerk to set a public hearing on the proposed vacation proceedings as follows:

DATE & TIME: 5:45 p.m. on September 9, 2008, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

LOCATION: City Council Chambers
1685 Main Street, 2nd Floor
Santa Monica, CA 90401

All persons interested in or objecting to the proposed right-of-way vacation may appear before the City Council at the public hearing to offer evidence in relation thereto.

For more information contact City of Santa Monica at (310) 458-8721.



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HOME SWEET HOME? Patients at Pacific Convalescent Center sued the parent company, SunMar Healthcare, Inc., for failure to provide proper care. The case was settled last month, with SunMar agreeing to pay patients at Pacific and 17 other centers \$2 million.

Independent auditor to monitor facilities

FROM SETTLEMENT PAGE 1

"You don't judge the kind of nursing services you provide on the number of patients you have, but by the need," Garcia said.

The lawsuit claimed SunMar was accepting the sickest patients in need of the most care because that way the company would receive more MediCare reimbursement payments. But instead of using that money to hire more staff, the company was cutting

back, leading to a high number of deficiencies.

"Sicker people mean more cash," Garcia said.

From August of 2006 to October of 2007, Pacific Convalescent Center received 11 notices of deficiencies by the California Department of Health for providing sub-standard care and violating residents' rights, according to the lawsuit.

Representatives from Pacific would not comment on the settlement.

SunMar did not return phone calls.

Garcia said the lawsuit was filed to make meaningful changes in long term care, and was never about the money.

"At a minimum, our parents and grandparents, who have lived long and served well, deserve the truth from those who would take their money," Garcia said. "This lawsuit is about that truth being told about SunMar facilities in California."

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Suspect could be tied to Santa Monica break-ins

FROM ARREST PAGE 1

make sure they were OK," Lowe said.

Investigators in Santa Monica communicated with their colleagues at the LAPD who later detained the suspect. While Lowe said the arrest in L.A. was made based on the burglaries in that city, he believes the man in custody could be the same person seen earlier in Sunset Park.

"The LAPD believed they had information on their case to make an arrest," Lowe said.

The lead investigator plans to meet with the District Attorney today to possibly file charges.

The suspect could be involved in more than a dozen burglaries on the Westside, including at least two recent ones in Santa Monica.

An 86-year-old woman living on the 2300 block of 22nd Street was hit up by a robber whose face was masked by a hood. The burglar left with the victim's jewelry and money. Another elderly woman, was struck in mid-August on the 1200 block of Ashland Avenue.

The two cases had similarities in that both victims were senior citizens, lived alone and were robbed in the early morning hours in their Sunset Park homes.

Police said the suspect in custody matched the description given by victims: a black man between the age of 25 and 40, 6 feet tall and weighing about 200 pounds. During the robberies, he wore dark clothing, dark gloves and a ski mask, police said.

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TRASHY: A survey conducted by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works found that residents drop almost 600,000 cigarette butts on the ground a month, or more than 7 million butts a year. Butts tossed on the ground instead of ashtrays and trash cans are often washed into the county's underground storm drain system by rain or dry-weather water flow such as over-watered lawns or water used to wash cars in people's driveways.

Beach communities affected by cigarette butt litter

FROM BUTTS PAGE 3

"In the street, I'll put them out on the side of a trash can and throw it in there," said Lisa Phipps, who lives in Culver City and works in Santa Monica. "Honestly, if there's nothing around, I'll throw them on the ground, but in Santa Monica there are lots of garbage cans."

Barbara Monahan of West Los Angeles echoed the observation.

"Trash cans seem to be plentiful here," she said. "If there's no ashtray around I'll stamp it out and throw it in the garbage."

Monahan said that she's sure to be conscientious of her cigarette disposal as smokers in the area are criticized enough as it is.

"We're pariahs, you know," she said.

The Santa Monica Office of Sustainability and the Environment requires public and private buildings within the city to set up structures to prevent urban runoff such as cigarette butts from ending up in the ocean or recycled water. The main library on Santa Monica Boulevard, for example, has various

devices in its parking lot to pre-treat water runoff that is later re-used for irrigation.

Recent legislation in Santa Monica has designated specific smoking areas on the Santa Monica Pier and prohibited smoking on the beach to prevent butts from floating or flying in the wind and landing in the ocean.

Despite these city-mandated restrictions, Shapiro said that the most crucial part of curbing cigarette litter is to continue to spread information about the negative impact of careless decisions such as putting out a cigarette on the sidewalk or throwing it in a gutter.

"It boils down to a general lack of education," he said. "It just doesn't sink in with some people."

As for solutions, reducing harmful runoff is not at all complicated.

"Don't put anything on our streets," Shapiro said, "and put any trash in trash receptacles."

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Playhouse program produced Hollywood stars

FROM PLAYHOUSE PAGE 3

Such was the case for "Dear Gabby, the Confessions of an Overachiever," which was produced in 1988 and ran for 15 years. A group of students from the playhouse performed it overseas, including in Tokyo in 1989. The show has been seen by half a million people.

For many students, the Youth Program isn't a stepping stone toward a career in acting, rather a way to flourish and develop skills that can be applied to other areas in life. In fact, only about 10 percent go on to work in the entertainment industry, Rudie said.

One who went in that direction is Mimoun, a Santa Monica High School alumni who produced shows like "Gilmore Girls," "Dawson's Creek," "Everwood" and "Pushing Daisies."

The 34-year-old started attending the program while a student at Lincoln Middle School, choosing theater classes over camp.

She spent the next nine years there, coming back every summer in college to teach the youth program courses.

"It made me appreciate art and theater," Mimoun said. "I definitely fell in love with it

because of the playhouse.

Some current students say they don't have dreams of accepting an Emmy or Academy Award someday, but have enjoyed how the program has helped them come out of their shell. For Jasmine Gutierrez, a senior at Samohi, the program could help her as she pursues a career in law.

Gutierrez has been a part of the program since she was 9 years old and occasionally helps run a couple of the classes.

"This has helped me to speak and not be shy about it," she said.

Leah Artenian, a sophomore at Samohi, has been a part of the playhouse since she was 9 years old. She came into the program a bit apprehensive and was even nervous during her entrance interview.

"I was shy when I was younger," she said. "I wouldn't talk to anybody, not even people I knew."

Seven summers later, Artenian said the program has helped expand her horizons.

"I really learned to have confidence in myself," she said. "It will really help me in job interviews."

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Pisces, let the good times roll

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Unless you are dealing with real estate and investments, you might have a difficult time remaining focused. Your mind keeps drifting to a personal and/or domestic issue. If you can, leave work early, or take a day or two off. Tonight: Close to home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might lose your temper out of the blue and break off what could have evolved into an important communication. Your way of dealing with a personal matter might not be working for you. Tonight: Hang out with pals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Curb a need to spend or possibly go overboard. Work through some frustration; ultimately, the end result could have you shaking your head. Express your duality, and pull back into your intellect. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You are all smiles and wonder about what is going on. Living life to the max will happen naturally. An even and steady style of communication proves to be successful, if tedious. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Take time to think, which might look like you're backing off from a project or commitment. Thought and reflection could prevent a problem. Feel free to pull back and do what you need to do. Make time for a visit to the dentist or doctor. Tonight: Play it low-key.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Emphasize your goals, but not at the risk of putting yourself in an untenable financial position. A friend might root you on. Know when to say absolutely "no." Opportunities strike out of the blue if you are creative and open. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Pressure builds as you feel the need to make a must appearance. More often than not, others look to you. You make strong decisions as long as you aren't triggered or upset by a situation. Tonight: Could be late; burn the candle at both ends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Make phone calls to those at a distance. Seek out experts if need be. You are more in control than you might realize. Relax. A friend gives you that extra shove to think outside the box. Tonight: How about a game of Scrabble or chess.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Work with a partner closely. You might not agree with some of this person's goals, but that does not mean you cannot become kindred spirits over a key goal or desire. Listen. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Others demand center stage. Be smart; let them have what they want. This allows you to be much freer than you'd anticipated. News from a distance or information heading your direction could be significant. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Accomplishment could be undermined by a need to look at a situation in a different light. Try to accomplish what you can with ease. If you feel a need for an expert, put aside that project for now. Tonight: Exercise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your imagination knows no limits. Be imaginative yet direct with others. A partner or associate could react negatively. You do not need to take this person's view personally. Tonight: Let the good times happen.

Happy birthday

You have style and energy working for you this year. You will get what you want or will achieve a long-desired goal. It won't happen out of the blue, but it will be the result of your hard work. Networking, commitments and friendships play big roles in bringing you to the finish line. If single, you do not need to stay that way. This year, you could meet someone very special through associations or friends. If attached, you will bond far more tightly if the two of you focus on a common goal, be it your lives, home or children. CANCER makes a great life cheerleader.

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Difficulty Level ★★

	9			6		5		
		2	3					4
3		1				9	2	
			7		3		9	
1								7
	5		1		4			
	4	7				8		9
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		3		4			7	

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

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2	1	4	8	3	5	6	9	7
7	6	3	4	2	9	5	8	1
9	5	8	7	6	1	4	2	3
1	3	7	6	4	2	8	5	9
5	8	6	1	9	3	7	4	2
4	9	2	5	7	8	3	1	6
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I COULD DO THAT, I SUPPOSE

OF COURSE, IT WOULD MEAN DOUBLING UP ON THE SNACKS!

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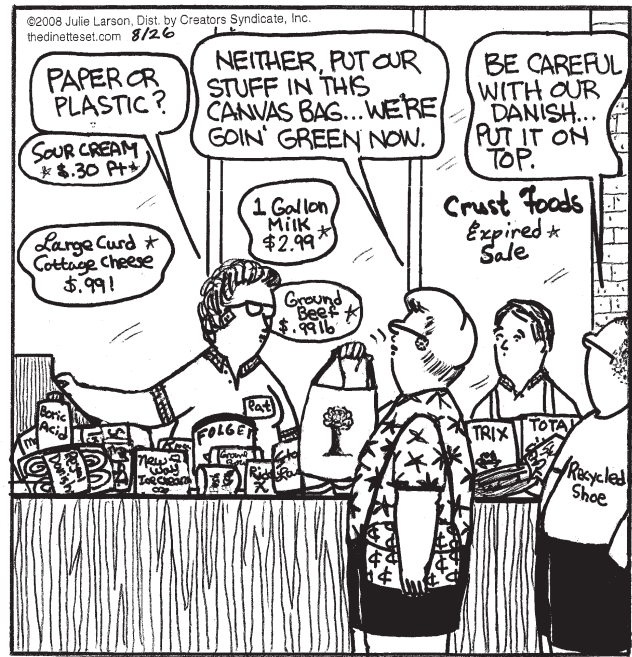
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- ACROSS
- 42 Hoe targets
- 43 Leopard features
- DOWN
- 1 Prickly plants
- 2 Manmade fiber
- 3 Alex Haley book
- 4 Ostrich cousin
- 5 Arp's art
- 6 Kind of wave or basin
- 7 Marrying words
- 8 Shirley's pal
- 1 Removed the middle of
- 6 Inclines
- 11 Scent
- 12 Montana neighbor
- 13 Became overcast
- 15 Young one
- 16 In the style of
- 17 Screw up
- 18 Foster
- 20 Kanga's kid
- 21 Cart puller
- 22 Imitate a beaver
- 23 Poppy product
- 26 Canary chow
- 27 Let off steam
- 28 Rooster's mate
- 29 USN rank
- 30 Nicaraguan fighters
- 34 Scoundrel
- 35 Scepter
- 36 Before now
- 37 Overwhelmed with work
- 40 Realty units
- 41 Wall coat

C	A	R	E	D		S	H	E	A	
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Yesterday's answer

- 9 Cormac McCarthy book
- 10 Woes
- 14 Building wings
- 19 Lacking slack
- 22 Bloke
- 23 Super-vised
- 24 Act of contri-tion
- 25 Yet to come
- 26 Parodies
- 28 Parka part
- 30 Salad green
- 31 Ham's need
- 32 Actor's helper
- 33 Classifies
- 38 Marry
- 39 Siesta

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42						43				

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ High Point University (just south of Greensboro, N.C.) is not quite Club Med ("Club Ed," it was called by the Chronicle of Higher Education) but provides free ice cream for students, a hot tub in the middle of campus, wake-up calls and a concierge service, all run by a campus "director of WOW," whose job it is to thrill the "clients" and attract new ones. This is the strategy of President Nido Qubein, a motivational speaker and "customer comes first" businessman, and so far, enrollment is way up (even at higher tuition), new construction is transforming the campus, and \$100 million is in the bank.

■ Stilettos for toddlers (though with soft heels), from Bellevue, Wash., designer Britta Bacon, selling recently in Toronto for \$39.95 (Cdn) a pair; and a rotating ice cream cone on which the scoop gently revolves counter-clockwise, so that lazy people merely stick their tongues out and need not actively lick (sold by Kitchen Craft in the UK).

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1936 the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty, calling for most British troops to leave Egypt, was signed in Montreux, Switzerland. (It was abrogated by Egypt in 1951).

1958 Alaskans went to the polls to overwhelmingly vote in favor of statehood.

1961 the original Hockey Hall of Fame was opened in Toronto.

1964 President Lyndon B. Johnson was nominated for a term of office in his own right at the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, N.J.

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1972 the summer Olympics opened in Munich, West Germany.

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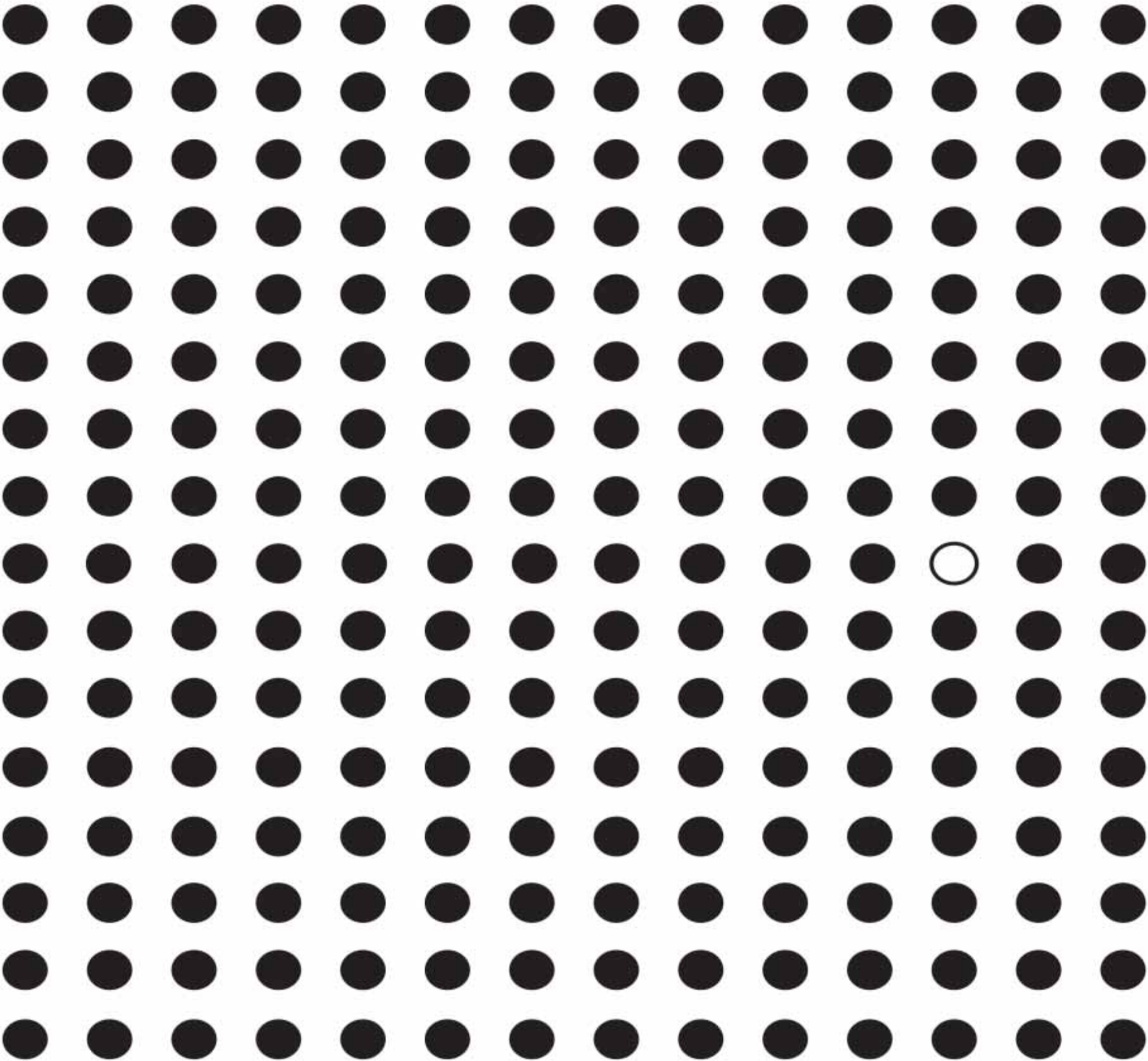
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