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THE HOW TALL IS THAT? ISSUE

City Hall looks into honoring local figures

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL When someone needed Herb Katz, they knew where to find him.

There he would be every day, standing in the off-leash dog area at Joslyn Park, letting his two faithful companions run around with their tails wagging and tongues hanging loose as he caught up with his neighbors and constituents.

It's for this reason that city officials have recently proposed commemorating the late mayor and councilman, who died in January after a long battle with cancer, at the place he was perhaps seen the most outside of City Hall.

City officials are currently soliciting input from the community on the best way to honor the memory of Katz and Dorothy Green, an environmental activist and founding president of Santa Monica-based Heal the Bay, who died from melanoma in October of last year.

City Hall has posted a survey on its Web site — www.smgov.net — that proposes several suggestions — naming the dog park in Katz' honor and similarly dedicating one of the two unnamed beach parks at the end of Ocean Park Boulevard and at the southern border of Venice in Green's memory. Residents are also invited to make suggestions.

The survey closes on Sept. 15.

The City Council in June directed its staff to return with recommendations for memorializing both Katz and Green. Since then the Recreation and Parks Commission has discussed incorporating some kind of memorial with the renovation of Joslyn Park.

Councilman Richard Bloom, who initiated the request with Mayor Pro Tem Pam O'Connor, said that City Hall had received a grant to plant about a thousand trees around that time and felt it would be appropriate to name the entire grove in his honor.

"One of Herb's big issues was always making sure that our projects, the buildings that we approved, were properly land-

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NEW SIGN AROUND TOWN: **Large trucks drive by the 5-foot-and-under parking sign on 11th Street Monday afternoon. City officials are using the signs to preserve parking spaces while creating a better line of sight for drivers exiting driveways and alleys.**

Coming to a compromise on parking

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

11TH STREET Parking is precious in Santa Monica, so when resident Daniel Davidsohn awoke one morning to find a new "No Parking" sign in front of his building, he was naturally upset. He thought City Hall had finally declared war against the gas guzzling SUV after examining the sign, which prohibited parking for vehicles above 5 feet tall.

"There is no special circumstance and there is no other sign in front of other buildings on my block," Davidsohn wrote in an e-mail to the Daily Press last week. "This restriction affects every SUV, pickup truck and mini van!"

What Davidsohn didn't know at the time he wrote the e-mail is that City Hall recently started using the restriction as a way to preserve as much parking as possible while also responding to complaints about an inability to see when exiting a narrow driveway or alley.

City officials said a neighbor of Davidsohn requested a parking restriction in front of an apartment complex on 11th Street between Wilshire Boulevard and California Avenue. The reason: the neighbor was having trouble seeing when exiting underground parking at an apartment building.

Rather than painting the curb read, making it off limits to all vehicles, city officials decided to try the 5-foot restriction, retaining parking on a street that is just off bustling Wilshire Boulevard.

"It's a balance," said Ellen Gelbard, assistant director of planning and community development for City Hall. "It is a restriction in the California Department of Transportation manual of signs that is available to use and our new principal transportation engineer was trying to address issues and solve problems in the best way we could do it and still provide parking because we know it is important."

City Hall has installed the signs at three locations, two on Colorado Avenue (one at 15th Court and another along the 2600 block all the way to Cloverfield Boulevard) and the one on 11th Street.

Engineers respond to concerns from residents or merchants, investigate the location to determine how the line of sight is affected and to what degree and take into account other factors such as speed to determine if a sign is necessary. The restriction typically applies only to the two parking spaces on either side of an alley or driveway.

"The amount of space is dependent on the location and situation, but we're trying to limit the spaces to as few as possible," Gelbard said.

City Hall has struggled with a lack of parking in certain sections of the city, including the neighborhood just north of Wilshire Boulevard, where residents have asked for studies on creating diagonal parking spaces and building partnerships with organizations like churches that have their own parking lots that may not be full during evening hours.

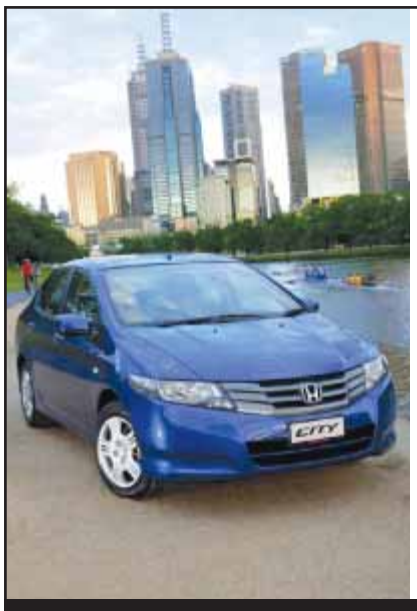
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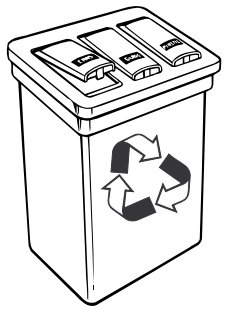
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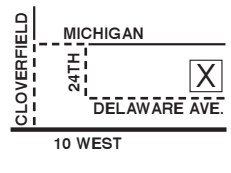
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Montana Ave. Branch Library
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Get tips for writing your college essays. Learn how to write essays that set you apart from other applicants: learn about pitfalls to avoid, the difference between UC and private college essays and more, from independent college counselor and professional writer Tiiu Lukk. Call (310) 829-7081 for more information.

Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009

Singles mixer

The Parlor
1519 Wilshire Blvd., 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Meet and mingle with other young, professional single people. Open to those of legal drinking age. A $10 cover charge provides complimentary food and wine, drink specials and prize raffle tickets. For more information, visit www.ileftword.com/rsvp-busybee.php.

Twilight Dance Series

Santa Monica Pier
200 Santa Monica Pier, 7:00 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Free concert featuring The Lowrider Band and Very Be Careful. Participate in the second-to-last installment of this weekly summer music series.

Farming lecture

Santa Monica Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Join local farmers and their families for the Farmers' Market quarterly panel series, Farming for the Next Generation. The future of farming — and who will take over the trade — will be up for discussion.

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.



RIDING FOR MS

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Phil Keoghan (left) and other bike riders get ready to ride in front of the Library Alehouse on Main Street Tuesday afternoon. The event was designed to raise funds for the group MS Bike Ride and the Alehouse is donating 15 percent of the entire day's sales to the cause.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

PICO BLVD

Just passing through

The SMPD Traffic Enforcement Section conducted a DUI checkpoint in the 300 block of Pico Boulevard Friday evening, nabbing four suspected drunk drivers, issuing eight citations and impounding seven vehicles, police said.

The enforcement, funded by a grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, began at 9 p.m. and ended 1:30 a.m. Saturday. During that time 1,071 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, 258 drivers were contacted and 20 DUI investigations were conducted, according to officers.

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Best seats in the house

The Santa Monica Pier and The Lobster restaurant have launched an eBay auction to benefit the Special Olympics of Southern California.

In honor of the pier's Centennial Celebration on Sept. 9, the auction features a dinner for six at The Lobster with exclusive VIP viewing of the centennial fireworks show. The Lobster's premier location at the top of the pier provides an ideal view for the first fireworks spectacular over Santa Monica Bay in nearly 20 years.

As part of the once-in-a-lifetime package, Olympic decathlon gold medalist Rafer Johnson will meet and greet the auction winner to personally express gratitude for the charitable contribution.

Also included are six general admission tickets to the 13th annual Pier Del Sol event on Oct. 4, which features a day of free rides at Pacific Park, arcade tickets and lunch. The Los Angeles Lakers will be honored at Pier del Sol, represented by Lakers legends, such as James Worthy.

The "Birthday Bash" will also include Special Olympics athletes and celebrities on the pier to celebrate 40 years of the transformative work of Special Olympics Southern California.

"Eunice Kennedy Shriver's visionary movement, Special Olympics, has reached an important milestone in Southern California this year with its 40th anniversary celebration," said Bill Shumard, president/CEO for Special Olympics Southern California. "It is meaningful that we share this significant observance with the Santa Monica Pier as it celebrates its 100th anniversary."

The charity auction will be live on eBay until Aug. 30 when the winner will be announced.

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MTV to develop version of British hit show

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

COLORADO AVE MTV landed the rights to develop a U.S. version of the award-winning British hit "Skins," it was announced Monday.

Created by the father-and-son team of Bryan Elsley and Jamie Brittain, the E4 and Channel 4 series is about a group of British teens who are trying to grow up and find love and happiness.

Brian Elsley will be writing and executive producing the U.S. version, which the producers intend to set in Baltimore, Md., said MTV's Liz Gateley, senior vice president of series development.

"In an effort to maintain the original production's successful model wherein all the stories were written by a group of British teenagers, MTV will similarly join together unknown teenagers to write and star in the series," according to an MTV statement.

Gateley said "Skins" is "one of those rare shows that cuts through to its core audience with unusually authentic stories due to the unique writing and casting process that Bryan pioneered."

"Having personally pursued the U.K. project for almost two years, I am beyond thrilled to bring it to MTV in the U.S.," she said. "We intend to preserve the authenticity of the British version and are excited to collaborate with the original team to develop stories that will speak to American youth."

"Skins" will be produced by Company Pictures, a division of ALL3MEDIA, and Stormdog, the same companies that produce the Channel 4 series in the United Kingdom.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Health care system is broken

Editor:

With respect, I know of no one, rich or poor alike, for whom the current medical insurance situation has worked for when facing serious illness. Every single person, bar none, has had to deal with denial of coverage for important and necessary tests and treatments, and having to make far too many payments even though they were insured, which created extra financial burden. The stresses of navigating the system alone could give anyone cardiac arrest. Let alone those who are denied coverage for pre-existing conditions, which is truly criminal behavior on the part of the insurance companies.

It's clear, the current U.S. health system is truly a mess for anyone who really needs it, rich or poor. We all trust blindly in it until we need it, and then we find out the ugly truth. It's not geared toward the health of those it purports to serve, but only toward making money for its shareholders, in many cases with complete disregard for the sick and ill.

Indeed there are many, many instances in which denial of benefits, refusal to pay for needed treatments, and turning away the truly sick at the emergency room should be treated as plain old simple murder cases, where the insurance moguls and heads of hospitals should clearly be put on trial for actions and policies that lead to countless early deaths.

We the people expect and demand our media editors to tell the truth to the people, and not regurgitate the messages of industry lobbyists across the mediasphere. If you amplify the messages of the lobbyist over the voices of the people, you truly become an accomplice to one of the grave mass criminal offenses of American history against the people. What direction you choose to go in is a question of ethics as clear as night and day. Do you choose to promote the continuation of much unnecessary pain and many unnecessary deaths and profits for the few? Or do you choose to promote a health support system for the people that provides the treatments and care people need, lovingly, joyfully and without exception?

Malcolm Jackson
Santa Monica

Proposing an alternative

Editor:

Many Americans are finding that the "Cash for Clunkers" program is not an option for them. Whether their vehicle does not qualify for the program or they are hesitant or unable to take on the expense of a new car, repowering the engine of their "clunker" may be a wise alternative.

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According to Edmonds.com, the average car loan payment is $479 per month. Considering that an average of $22,992 can be saved by skipping car loan payments for the life of a four-year loan, repowering is clearly a very sound and cost effective investment. Even with the "Cash for Clunkers" incentive, a one-time investment to repower a car's engine makes more financial sense, extending the vehicle's life and eliminating the additional costs associated with a new car purchase.

With repowering, a vehicle's engine or an identical one from another like-vehicle, is completely disassembled, cleaned, machined and remanufactured/rebuilt. Unlike used or junk yard engines with an unknown performance and maintenance history, repowered engines are dependable, reliable and backed by excellent warranty programs.

To learn more about the benefits of installing a remanufactured or rebuilt engine, visit the Engine Repower Council's Web site at www.enginerepower.org.

Dave Wooldridge
Chairman
Engine Repower Council



Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

More serious than an intern and a cigar

IN JANUARY OF 1994, THEN-ATTORNEY General Janet Reno named a special counsel to investigate Bill and Hillary Clinton's involvement in a failed real estate deal known as "Whitewater." Nobody knew that decision would lead to investigators questioning Arkansas state troopers about Bill's extramarital affairs as governor, a right wing-subsidized lawsuit by someone named Paula Jones, and a "pattern of behavior" demonstrated by an affair with a White House intern. It all ended with the impeachment of President Clinton which doomed the campaign of Vice President Al Gore and gave us the unintended consequence that was the George W. Bush administration.

On Monday, current Attorney General Eric Holder announced a "preliminary review into whether federal laws were violated in connection with the interrogation of specific detainees at overseas locations." The review will be conducted by a career prosecutor named John Durham who will find there is more than enough predication and that the evidence will warrant a full investigation because there is no doubt that federal laws were violated. The charges to follow will eventually have George W. Bush in the dock at the International Criminal Court answering for the war crimes committed during his presidency.

When Holder refers to "interrogation of specific detainees at overseas locations," he's very likely talking about the alleged mastermind of the bombing of the USS Cole, Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, who was held at a secret CIA prison for four years after he was picked up in 2002. A report by then-CIA Inspector General John Helgerson in 2004 said that "unauthorized, improvised, inhumane, and undocumented detention and interrogation techniques" had been used on al-Nashiri, who believed he was being held in a country known for torturing prisoners. He had been stripped naked, shackled, and hooded while CIA officers alternately threatened him with a pistol and a power drill. He was told his mother and family would be brought in and raped while he was made to watch. And not only was he waterboarded, but the authorization to use that particular torture technique on him came directly from Vice President Dick Cheney himself.

For his part, John Durham was already investigating the CIA's destruction of 92 videotapes of interrogations (including al-Nashiri's), so looking into possible violations of federal law by CIA officers basically gives him the power to investigate the entire agency with the unlimited resources of an independent counsel. Add a mandate to review how the CIA did its interrogation work overseas, and his jurisdiction becomes worldwide. Once his inquiry takes him to Afghanistan, he'll find the military base where CIA interrogator David Passaro beat an Iraqi detainee named Adbul Wali to death during two days of questioning in June of 2003. Though Passaro was convicted of felony assault with his flashlight, no homicide charges have been filed. Yet.

As John Durham works his way from the interrogators in the field through the station chiefs and back to headquarters in Langley, he's going to find CIA officers repeatedly questioned these "enhanced techniques" and asked for guidance on what was and wasn't legal and how far to go. Disturbingly, he's going to find those interrogators were told time and time again that what they were doing was cleared by the Justice Department and authorized by the president — so they should keep pushing the limit.

It's important to remember that the decision to torture al-Nashiri's came directly from the White House, as did the decision to murder Wali, which traveled through the chain of command first. Dick Cheney may be the most powerful vice president in American history, but even he can't change the fact that the vice president has no Constitutional authority to do anything except break ties in the Senate. The torture and murder of these men (among many others) may have been carried out by the CIA, but the decision to torture and murder them was made by Cheney's boss. Ultimately, the responsibility for their treatment falls on the president.

Ordering someone to be tortured is a war crime. If someone dies (as Wali did) as a result of that torture, it becomes a war crime punishable by death. At least one CIA officer knew this and wondered if "one day, agency officers will wind up on some 'wanted list' to appear before the World Court for war crimes." Another is quoted as saying, "Ten years from now we're going to be sorry we're doing this … (but) it has to be done." Unfortunately for them, they're right about one day being held to account for what they've done. I hope they find consolation in the fact that George W. Bush, the man who ordered them to break the law, will be right there with them — an unintended, yet inevitable consequence of Eric Holder's preliminary review.

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No good Nazi like a dead one

"YOU PROBABLY HEARD WE AIN'T IN THE prisoner-takin' business; we in the killin' Nazi business. And cousin, business is a-boomin'."

— Brad Pitt as Lt. Aldo Raine in Quentin Tarantino's film, "Inglourious Basterds."

Well, Tarantino has done it again and brilliantly so. His "Inglourious Basterds" is, as expected and delivered, darkly funny and magnificently gory in the campy retro '70s stylings of his WWII-inspired revisionist bloodbath of a top-down managerial delegitimization of the debauched and prissy hierarchy of the entire Third Reich. This production blitzkrieged Mel Brooks' "The Producers" while sending "Anne Frank: The Musical" packing on the next train to the eastern front.

After I left the theater that evening with my guts knotted from Gordian laughter, I thought about Godwin's Rule of Nazi Analogies which states: "As a usernet discussion grows longer, the probability of a comparison involving Nazis or Hitler approaches 1." A subtext of this rule is that the first person to invoke Hitler or Nazis during the conversation automatically loses the argument. Since liberals by volume have already lost most credible arguments by their invocation of the Nazi trademark ad infinitum, please allow me, in vulturine luxury, to pick over the well-exploited remains.

If an argument at hand has devolved into the Stygian depths of the epithetical, then please refrain from simply pitching the Nazi trademark wholesale. It just reeks of one's intemperate stupidity and cognitive laziness. I consider it a true hallmark of an individual's mental acumen worthy of hearty commendation if an insult can be barfed forth in a brutally artful spew rather than in simplistically indiscriminate clutter-tongued clumsiness.

Now I don't have a problem with name-calling. Name-calling is, after all, nearly a national pastime verging on pure sport besides being a whole lot of jolly good fun. Read Mark Twain and George Carlin as the well-springs of mastery in this endeavor. Recently, the collective hive-mind of liberal luminaries, however, wee-weed all over their Birkenstocks that conservatives like myself are "un-American, right-wing veteran, Nazi white-supremacist, redneck, racist enemies of the state."

OK, guilty as charged. I probably fornicated with your family pet as well but I'll never tell.

Personally, though, I feel that Democrats in general can be more succinctly described by the soubriquet of their party mascot, the jackass. Speaking of jackasses, Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) further believes that "real protesters" at ObamaCare town hall meetings couldn't possibly be so "well-dressed." This is because the Babster only deals with vermin infested hippies who are mechanically incapable of operating a bar of soap let alone obtaining gainful employment to purchase nice clothes and health insurance in the first place.

Of course there are also the self-appointed killjoys of the thought police that are pompously concerned about someone's feelings getting hurt unless, of course, they're a nominative conservative. Sorry, folks, but there are no hall monitors on the anthropomorphic Serengeti Plain down here at the big scary watering hole called "life." If you doubt this simple notion and further believe that humans somehow possess a unique form of higher, egalitarian jurisprudence, then you have a remarkably good chance of winding up as a losing contestant on "Dancing with the Hungry Alligators."

Welcome to social Darwinism 101!

But let's get back to this Nazi business. It has long been a source of smug derision among liberals to inaccurately catcall conservatives as "fascists" or "Nazis" because of their typically undereducated notion that somehow Mussolini and Hitler were the Grand High Poobahs of Right-Winginess. Is it an inconvenient truth that Il Douche replaced King Victor Emmanuel II of Italy while Hitler hip-hopped his way to Der Führer-in-da-hood over the monarchist "cabinet of barons" led by Junker noblemen Paul von Hindenburg and Franz von Papen?

I will state, for the record, that I do not believe that the DNC nor its membership are implementing anything on a liberal fascist scale as practiced by Hitler's Nazis. It takes a lot of guts and commitment to build labor camps, gas chambers and ovens in plain site and Democrat legislators as a whole impress me as a comical bunch of gutless wunderkind uncommitted to anything other than their next taxpayer-funded lunch date. Laughingly, they can't even pass their own health care bill when they control both houses of Congress while fully enabled by a rubber-stamp presidency.

And they got no one left to blame but themselves..

STEVE BREEN is feeling an effervescently conservative Schadenfreude over the current mishaps of the Democratische Partei and is still the "best looking mailman at the U.S. Post Office."

The Q Line

Troubling increase

An article by the Daily Press revealed that crime is on the rise in Santa Monica. The majority of the increase has been fueled by property crimes.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Have you been the victim of crime this year? If so, what took place?

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Consideration of proposed resolution to automatically adjust the Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost for new market-rate multi family development pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.56.070(c)

WHEN: Tuesday, September 8, 2009
5:45 P.M.

WHERE: Santa Monica City Hall, Council Chambers, Room #213
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
The City Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed adoption of a resolution which would automatically adjust the Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost that developers of multi-family projects may pay to the City pursuant to Section 9.56.070(c) of the City's Affordable Housing Production Program. The existing Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost of $277,585 would be increased by $7,217. Effective November 9, 2009, the adjusted Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost would be $284,802.

The adjustments to the Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost reflect changes in land and construction costs based on a methodology adopted by the City Council on June 13, 2006. An explanation of this methodology and the resulting adjustment to the fee are set forth in a letter prepared for the City by Hamilton, Rabinovitz & Alschuler, Inc. (HR&A). A copy of this letter is now available at the City Clerk's Office in Room 102 of City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California or the Housing Division Office at 1901 Main Street, Suite B, 1st Fl., Santa Monica, California 90405. This information is also available on the City's web site (Housing and Economic Development Department section).

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this matter. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment at the City Council's public hearing or by writing a letter.

Letters should be addressed to: Mayor and City Council
City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
Further information may be obtained from the City Housing Division at the address above or by calling (310) 458-8702.

The meeting facility is handicapped accessible. If you have any special needs such as sign language interpreting, please contact the Office of the Disabled at (310) 458-8701.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica, at or prior to the Public Hearing.

ESPANOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para aumentar una tarifa sobre el desarrollo de alojamiento "multi-familiar" en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Susana Rodriguez en la División de Viviendas y Desarrollo al número (310) 458-8743.



Real Estate 101

Mike Heayn
Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Saving water makes dollars and cents

I LOVE GOOD FOOD, SPENDING TIME WITH family and friends and real estate. However, one of the things I dislike most in this world is wasting money, literally flushing money down the toilet. One of the best ways to avoid throwing money away is to focus on water conservation. Not only is water conservation fiscally smart, but something each one of us should be aware of in Southern California.

When it comes to water conservation, there are many ways to go about it both in and outside the home. One method of water conservation outside is through desert landscaping. A common complaint from people about desert landscaping is the lack of green foliage; however, this does not have to be the case. A desert landscape does not need to solely have cacti, sand and remind you of Arizona. There are a plethora of plants that are low water that do not fall into the cacti family. Speaking with a landscape architect is the best way to learn about creative landscapes that use little water. Of course, one of the best ways to save water is inside your home.

Have you ever been in bed or on the sofa watching TV and heard your toilet run on and off for an hour or two? Did you walk in the bathroom and shake the lever to get the toilet to stop? Did it work? Sometimes the chain gets stuck on the flapper causing the toilet to run and all you need to do is shake the chain free to solve the problem. However, sometimes the flapper, a rubber piece that keeps water from draining into the toilet bowl, is worn out and needs to be replaced. A toilet flapper is an easy item to replace on most toilets and costs around $20. Letting your toilet run on and off will easily cost you a lot more than $20 over the course of a year.

Now, if you want to take toilet water conservation to the next level, you will want to replace the toilet outright. Many structures have older toilet models, which use between 5 and 7 gallons of water per flush. Newer models use 1.6 or less gallons per flush. One option is finding a newer toilet design that has two flush options. Less water for liquid waste, more water for solid waste. The cost of replacing a toilet is easily recaptured over time with the reduction in a water bill.

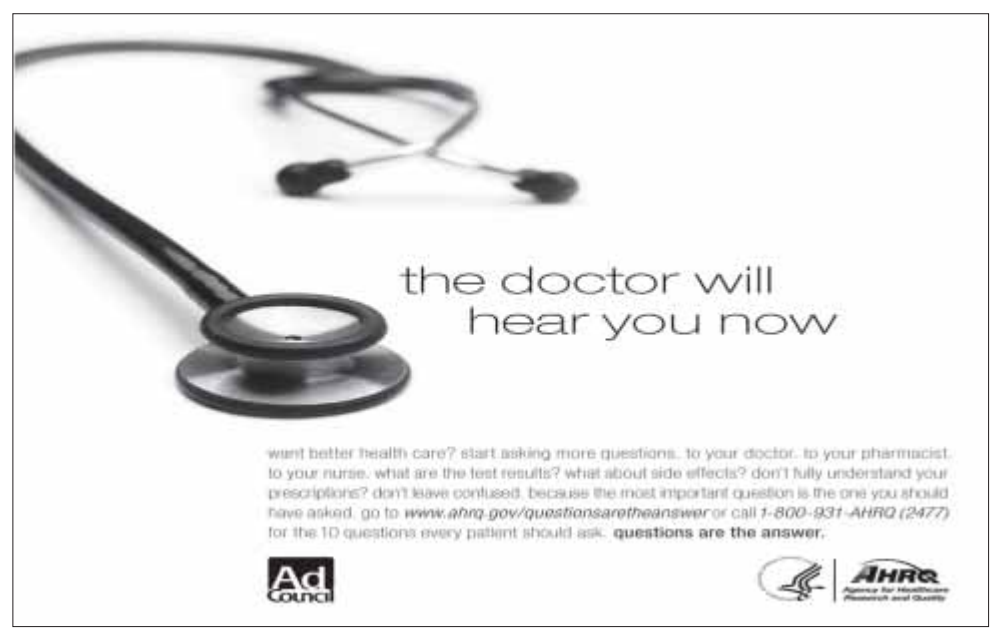
Since many of us encounter water mainly in the bathroom it is one of those areas where we can make a lot of headway with water conservation. A leaky sink dripping one drop of water per minute, waste 5 gallons a day or 2,082 gallons per year, multiply that by the cost of water and any other sinks that are leaking in your home and you can see how you are literally letting money go down the drain. Sometimes faucets need to be replaced, however, sometimes all that is needed is a 50-cent washer. Do not be scared of a leaky sink, you maybe able to solve the problem yourself without calling a plumber.

You may be wondering, "How else you can I conserve water at the sink?" That is a great question with an easy solution. Whenever you are lathering your hands or brushing your teeth, turn the water off. There is no need for you to keep water on if you are not using it, so turn it off and conserve a little bit of water each and every day. Now we will move to the shower, another area where water conservation can happen.

When I was a child, I remember my dad taking me to the local hardware store and telling me that we were going to change all the showerheads in the house to conserve water. This expedition seemed foolhardy to me, as my larger fear was losing water pressure and not having enough water to clean myself. Luckily, my fear was unfounded and the new showerheads actually performed better than the older ones. Little did I know at the time how much technology goes into showerheads. Of course, not all showerheads are equal and some do not allow enough water pressure to clean soap out of long, thick hair, but many are decent and some superior at providing pressure and conserving water. When searching for a showerhead, read reviews online. Some showerheads are specifically designed for low-pressure homes. A little bit of research, can save you a lot of money in the end.

Water conservation is not hard. Mainly it involves all of us being conscious of saving water. Just remember next time you are in the bathroom washing your hands or brushing your teeth, simply turning off the water is one way to conserve water. Remember, if we each do our part we can all conserve water.

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Consumer sentiment, home prices show signs of life

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON Americans' pessimism about the economy appears to be lifting, with consumer expectations for the next six months hitting their most positive point since the recession began.

The improvement stems partly from the housing market, as a national gauge of home prices on Tuesday posted its first quarterly increase in three years.

The consumer and housing reports, along with President Barack Obama's reappointment of Ben Bernanke as Federal Reserve chief, sent the financial markets modestly higher. But economists warned that consumer confidence remains far below levels associated with a healthy economy and might not lead to the increased spending critical for a broad recovery.

"People's spending decisions depend more on whether they have money in their pocket than on how they feel," said Bill Cheney, chief economist at John Hancock Financial.

Still, Cheney and other economists said Tuesday's report on consumer sentiment was encouraging. The New York-based Conference Board said its Consumer Confidence index rose to 54.1, from an upwardly revised 47.4 in July. That reading reversed two months of decline and easily beat analysts' expectations.

Economists closely monitor confidence because consumer spending accounts for about 70 percent of U.S. economic activity. Consumer sentiment, fueled by signs the economy is stabilizing, has recovered a bit since hitting a record-low of 25.3 in February.

A reading of 90 indicates the economy is on solid footing; anything above 100 signals strong growth.

Consumers' expectations for the economy over the next six months rose to 73.5 from 63.4 in July, the highest level since December 2007, when the recession began. The consumer confidence survey was sent to 5,000 households and had a cutoff date for responses of Aug. 18.

More consumers said they were likely to buy a home or a car within the next six months than said so in July's survey. The outlook for jobs also improved, albeit from very low levels.

The housing sector received positive news, too. The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller's U.S. National Home Price Index rose 1.4 percent in the second quarter from the January-March period, the first quarterly increase in three years. Home prices, though still down nearly 15 percent from last year, are at levels last seen in early 2003.

The report added to other recent positive news about housing. The National Association of Realtors said last week that sales of existing homes rose 7.2 percent in July, the fourth straight monthly gain.

The Commerce Department on Wednesday is set to report new-home sales for July. Analysts also expect that figure to rise.

Higher home prices would help consumers, who are saving more and spending less as their wealth plummets during the longest recession since World War II. Falling home prices and dwindling stock portfolios made many people, even those with jobs, feel poorer.

"An upturn in prices has to ease some of the pain and may even get some people to loosen up on their wallets a touch," Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors, wrote in a note to clients. "An improving housing market coupled with better consumer spending could ensure that the recovery takes hold."

On Wall Street, stocks posted gains. The Dow Jones industrial average rose about 30 points, or 0.32 percent, and broader stock averages also gained.

Many analysts expect the economy to grow 2-3 percent in the current July-September quarter, spurred by a more stable housing market and the Cash for Clunkers program, which has boosted auto sales.

But economists worry that without healthier consumer spending, the recovery may weaken next year. Cash for Clunkers, which provided rebates of up to $4,500 to consumers who traded in old cars for fuel-efficient ones, ended Monday.

Obama said Tuesday that his administration's $787 billion stimulus package, and the extraordinary efforts by Bernanke to pump trillions of dollars into the financial system, have helped turn the economy around.

"Our auto industry is showing signs of life," Obama said. "Business investment is showing signs of stabilizing. Our housing market and credit markets have been saved from collapse."

Jobs are a weak spot, however, and could limit future consumer spending if Americans remain concerned about layoffs or declining wages.

Obama economic adviser Christina Romer predicted Tuesday that unemployment could reach 10 percent this year and average 9.8 percent next year. That's up from its current level of 9.4 percent.

Frank Newport, editor-in-chief of the Gallup Poll, said consumer spending dropped last week, according to its daily surveys. "We're not seeing a sustained increase in consumer spending yet," he said. Gallup asks 3,500 people each week about their recent shopping activity.

That could be a problem for retailers. Many economists expect to see another holiday season of sales declines, after last year's Christmas period was the weakest in several decades. Holiday shopping accounts for up to 40 percent of annual sales for many retailers.

Recent reports from retailers have been mixed. On Tuesday, office supply chain Staples Inc. said same-store sales fell 5 percent in the second quarter. That was an improvement from a drop of 8 percent the previous quarter.

Last week, Ann Taylor Stores Corp. said same-store sales, or sales at stores open at least one year — a key retail metric— fell 23 percent in its second quarter as the company lost $18 million.

The White House also released updated budget deficit projections Tuesday. The administration said the deficit for the current budget year, which ends Oct. 1, will total a record $1.6 trillion, while deficits for the next 10 years could total $9 trillion.

AP Writer Jim Kuhnhenn contributed to this report.

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Bug experts: Moth effort is a waste

TRACIE CONE
Associated Press Writer

FRESNO, Calif. The light brown apple moth is either a voracious annihilator of fruits or a benign bug indistinguishable from dozens of its relatives present in California.

It either is responsible for the destruction of millions of dollars worth of produce and nursery plants in the Monterey Bay area, or the losses result from an unrealistic government quarantine blocking harvests and shipping.

The only thing certain about the invasive Australian pest at the center of state eradication efforts is that a battle over government efforts to combat it is ramping up among scientists, politicians and environmentalists.

The issue moved to the state legislative chambers Tuesday where Sen. Dean Florez, D-Shafter, chairman of the agriculture committee and a critic of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, heard testimony on the agency's eradication plan, mostly from opponents.

"It should be viewed less as an invasion in progress and more as an invasion that is completed," said James Carey, professor and former vice chair of the Department of Entomology at UC-Davis. "It's an established species. It can't be eradicated."

Eradication programs never have been successful in abolishing moths, said Carey. Others testified that the state's efforts to combat a species they characterized as a "little nibbler" and a "background pest" would unnecessarily put human and animal health at risk.

Entomologists and environmental advocates said that farmers in New Zealand control the moths at the field level, and that 99 percent of export shipments pass inspection.

Nursery operators have lost $10.5 million because of the moth first identified in the state in 2006, said Robert Dolezal, executive vice president of the California Association of Nurseries and Garden Centers. He told Florez that cane berry growers near Watsonville and Salinas had lost between 20 to 50 percent of their crops and that the Santa Cruz County agricultural commissioner told him there were no organic growers left. The commissioner did not answer a call seeking comment.

The lively hearing in front of two dozen was in stark contrast to a series of sparsely attended public hearings CDFA has been holding across California on the environmental impact report analyzing options for attacking the moth. CDFA spokesman Mike Jarvis said his agency did not speak at the hearing because its EIR public comment period is open until Sept. 28.

The state EIR says the preferred eradication method is to place sticky traps baited with moth pheromones to confuse females into thinking they have mated. The state says it would spray only in inaccessible areas in the 3,473-square-mile quarantine region.

"That would have worked when there was a small infestation, but it's all over the place," said Derrell Chambers, an entomologist who worked for 45 years in pheromone research for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The group Stop The Spray argues that pheromone spraying causes respiratory problems in humans and kills bees, butterflies, birds and other wildlife, in addition to the target bug.

Members sent a letter last week to state legislators asking them to cut funding for the moth eradication program. They also asked state officials to appeal to the USDA to reclassify the moth from a major pest whose presence initiates quarantines to an insect of minor concern.

The reclassification would allow harvests to move forward even when the moth is present, but the one person who spoke at the EIR hearing in Fresno Monday said any change would affect international trade. Barry Bedwell, president of the California Grape and Tree Fruit League, said already a peach grower near Lancaster is having trouble shipping to Mexico because Los Angeles County is in the quarantine area.

Milk, Lucas named to California Hall of Fame

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Slain gay rights activist Harvey Milk, "Star Wars" creator George Lucas and feisty football commentator John Madden will be among the newest inductees to the California Hall of Fame.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver unveiled the list of 2009 inductees on Tuesday. They said the latest 13 "embody California's innovative spirit and have made their mark on history."

The others are entertainer Carol Burnett, former Intel chief executive Andrew Grove, former Gov. Hiram Johnson, decathlete and philanthropist Rafer Johnson, industrialist Henry J. Kaiser, philanthropist and peace activist Joan Kroc, artist Fritz Scholder, author Danielle Steel, bodybuilder and Schwarzenegger mentor Joe Weider and Air Force pilot Chuck Yeager.

Schwarzenegger last year vetoed a bill that would designate a day each year to honor Milk, the first openly gay man elected to public office in California. He was assassinated in 1978.

A nearly identical bill by Sen. Mark Leno, D-San Francisco, has passed the Senate and is expected to be taken up in the Assembly in the next few weeks. It would designate Milk's birthday, May 22, as a "day of special significance," but not an official holiday.

"This honor, as well as the Presidential Medal of Freedom awarded to Harvey by President Obama, should only underscore to the governor the need for Harvey Milk Day in California," Leno said in a statement Tuesday.

Francisco Castillo, a spokesman for the governor, said Schwarzenegger would not take a position on Leno's bill before it reaches his desk.

The nominees will be inducted in a Dec. 1 ceremony at the California Museum in Sacramento. Shriver started the program to honor artists, sports figures and others who've helped shape the state.

On the Net:
California Museum: www.CaliforniaMuseum.org

NorCal school still closed after pipe bomb attack

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Associated Press Writer

SAN MATEO, Calif. A teacher being hailed as a hero said Tuesday he had no time to think when he encountered a 17-year-old boy who detonated two pipe bombs at a Northern California high school while armed with a chain saw, sword and explosives.

Teacher Kennet Santana, 35, is one of a number of Hillsdale High School staffers who is credited with subduing the bombing suspect. He told The Associated Press he was walking cautiously toward the disruption on Monday morning when he found himself face to face with the boy.

"He had a black tactical vest on with lots of pockets," Santana said by phone Tuesday. "We were maybe six feet away from each other at this point, we're talking seconds, there was not time for a lot of thinking."

The explosions caused neither serious damage nor injury, but the 1,270-student school was evacuated and Santana and the other staff members were credited with stopping a situation that could have played out much more tragically.

"The teachers acted heroically and risked their own lives," said San Mateo police Lt. Mike Brunicardi. "(They) were not taking into consideration their personal safety, they were taking the greater good into mind to save 1,270 students and about 100 school staff members."

"The potential for this incident — 10 pipe bombs, a 2-foot sword and a chain saw — indicate this could have been catastrophic" Brunicardi said.

Santana said the boy, whom police have not identified because he is a minor, could have run toward the street to escape, but instead chose to follow the fleeing students.

"He was trying to go towards the kids, he could have exited to the street," Santana said. "He was trying to go towards the drama."

"I decided to close distance and bear hugged him and restrained his arms. We were face-to-face, chest-to-chest."

Police quickly arrived and arrested him on suspicion of six felony counts: attempted murder, igniting a destructive device with intent to murder, possession of destructive devices, possession of destructive devices on school grounds, possession of destructive devices with intent to injure or destroy property and assault with a deadly weapon.

The boy is being currently being held in San Mateo County's juvenile hall while the district attorney reviews the evidence and decides whether he should be tried as an adult.

Brunicardi said police and agents from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives searched the apartment where the boy lives on Monday night.

"They did find materials consistent with making explosives, specifically pipe bombs," Brunicardi said.

Back on campus Tuesday, Santana and other teachers discussed the incident. Students are scheduled to return on Wednesday, and teachers, students and others will gather to discuss the incident in the morning, and then restart classes in the afternoon.

Santana said the boy did not struggle, only saying "Let me go" after he'd been held.

"He was not struggling, it was almost like he was defeated," he said.

After stopping the boy with a bear hug, Santana threw the boy to the floor, and was joined by school Principal Jeff Gilbert and another staff member. The three held the boy down until police arrived.

"We had more people running to the explosion than we had running away from the explosion," Gilbert said. "So I think that speaks to the staff and just what they feel about the students."

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Toddlers on train tracks prompts day care probe

State regulators have launched an investigation of a Southern California day care center after two toddlers were found on railroad tracks near the facility.

The Orange County Register reports Tuesday that the 2-year-old boys went missing from the Anaheim YMCA Children's Station on Thursday during group playtime.

Neighbors spotted the children and called police, who returned them to the center unharmed.

Lizelda Lopez, a Department of Social Services spokeswoman, says the agency's community care licensing division is investigating.

John Guastaferro, a YMCA spokesman, says the center is reviewing its safety protocols.

Commuter trains run about every 30 minutes on weekday afternoons on the Metrolink tracks.

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SALINAS

Ice cream vendors attacked with pepper spray

Salinas police are looking for two suspects accused of attacking ice cream vendors with pepper spray in two separate incidents.

Officers say in the first attack, two men approached a 36-year-old pushcart vendor Monday afternoon and asked him about the ice cream before one of them sprayed him in the face and eyes.

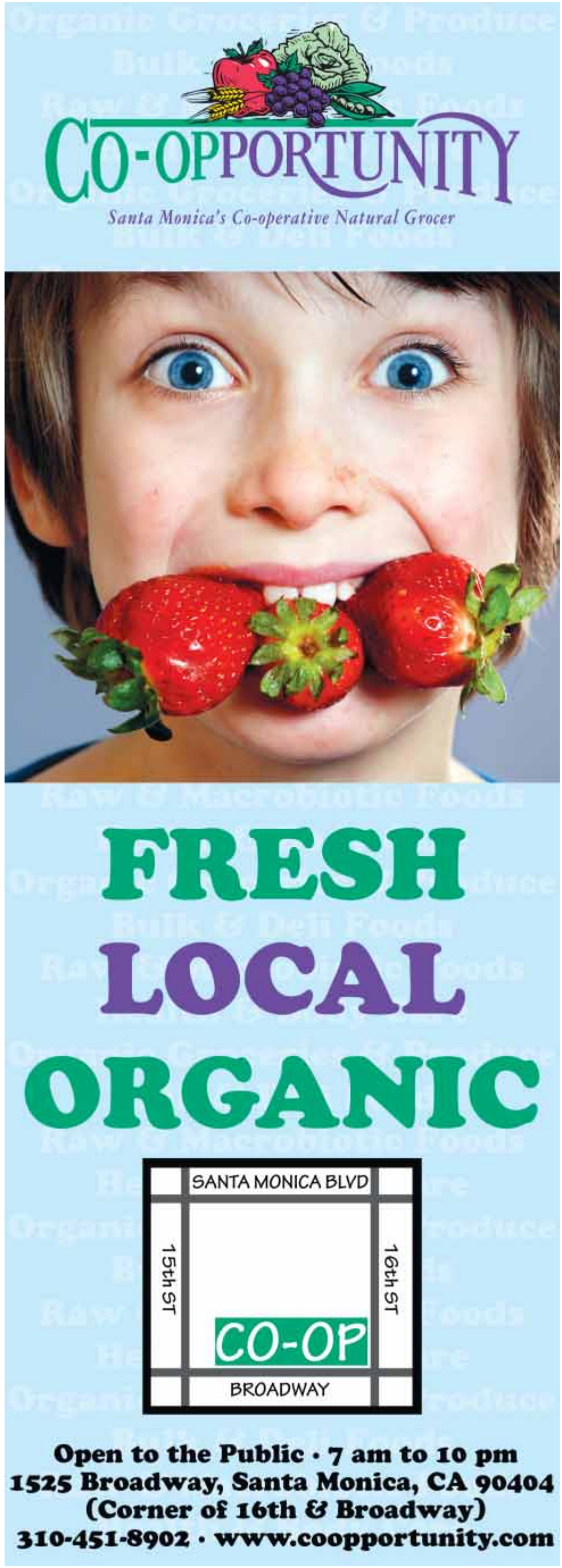
Police say an hour later two men did the same thing to a 64-year-old vendor in a different part of the city. They also robbed the man of cash.

The first victim was treated at the hospital and released; the second was treated in an ambulance.

City hazardous materials workers were sent to the scenes to determine what chemical was used in the attacks.

Police say the suspects are described as two men, about 20 years old and wearing black-hooded sweatshirts.

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GOOD DOG: **Sasha (left) relaxes while Jack and Aayla play in the background at Joselyn Park on Tuesday afternoon. Some have suggested naming the park after late Councilman Herb Katz, who died in January from cancer. Katz was a frequent visitor to the park.**

Joselyn Dog Park could be named after Katz

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scaped," Bloom said. "It's only one idea and we'll see where things lead us."

While Katz was a fixture at the dog park, Susan Cloke, the chair of the Recreation and Parks Commission, said she doesn't believe it should be the only way that his civic contribution is remembered in the city, suggesting perhaps renaming the Jazz on the Lawn concert series in front of City Hall.

"I think that doing something in the dog park only recognizes an aspect of his personality and he did have a huge love of music and was a big supporter of all kinds of music things in the city," she said.

When it comes to honoring Green, Cloke said it would be fitting to remember her with a memorial that would actually improve water quality, building another Beach Green, which is a parking lot converted into open space, serving as a recreational area that also filters pollutants as it passes through soil, preventing it from going into the Santa Monica Bay. City Hall last year created its first Beach Green at the 2400 Barnard Way parking lot, planting a special type of grass called Netlawn that is designed to accommodate cars when necessary.

"My feeling about these two awards is that we want them to really reflect what would be meaningful to the people that we're honoring," Cloke said.

Mark Gold, the president of Heal the Bay, said that he personally favors naming the beach park at the end of Ocean Park Boulevard, noting that the location played a significant part in the organization's history because it's where a number of rallies occurred.

"The reason why I think it should be at the beach is that no individual has done more for cleaning up Santa Monica Bay or did more in their lives than Dorothy Green and what better way to acknowledge her contribution to the bay than one of the state's most popular beaches that she has done so much to clean up," Gold said.

The council in 2002 adopted a set of guidelines concerning the naming of city-owned land, buildings and facilities. For commemorating individuals who served in the city, the guidelines suggest waiting five years since the time of their death.

A handful of late city officials have been honored, including Councilwoman Christine Reed (Christine Emerson Reed Park) and Councilman Ken Edwards (Ken Edwards Center).

Councilman Bob Holbrook, who was good friends with Katz, said that he believes the late mayor would be pleased with the dog park suggestion.

"I know that Herb loved the dog park and he loved walking his dogs there and he made a lot of good friends there," Holbrook said.

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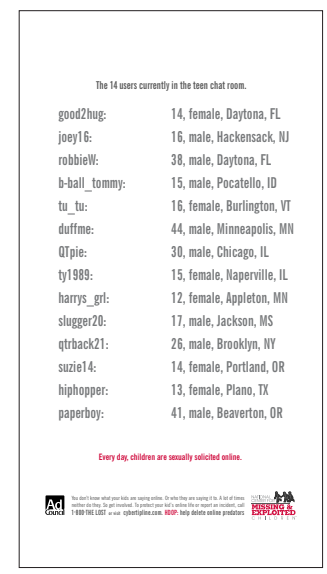
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No joke, comedian sued over mother-in-law humor

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES "Take my mother-in-law — please," isn't a joke you're likely to hear often these days from Sunda Croonquist. The veteran comic is being sued by her mother-in-law after making her the punchline of too many jokes.

The mother-in-law is accusing Croonquist of spreading false, defamatory and racist lies with in-law jokes that have become a staple of her routine in nightclubs and on television channels like Comedy Central.

To Croonquist, the in-law jokes seemed like a natural routine after living through one comical culture-clash moment after another: She is half-black, half-Swedish, grew up Roman Catholic and married into a Jewish family.

And she's not shy about making the in-laws the butt of her jokes.

Take the one about her mother-in-law's reaction to news she was pregnant with her first child: "OK, now that we know you're having a little girl I want to know what you're naming that little tchotchke. Now we don't want a name that's difficult to pronounce like Shaniqua. We're thinking a name short but delicious. Like Hadassah or Goldie."

Or her first visit to her mother-in-law's house: "I walk in, I say, 'Thank you so much for having me here, Ruthie.' She says, 'The pleasure's all mine, have a seat.'" Then, in a loud aside, 'Harriet, put my pocketbook away.'"

Croonquist said there was a time when her in-laws would laugh with everyone else at the black-member-of-a-Jewish-family jokes. "They played my tape at Passover one year, and they loved it!" she said.

But things changed after Croonquist, promoting upcoming gigs in New Jersey, posted information on her Web site that, according to her in-laws, allowed pretty much anyone to figure out the identities of her in-laws.

They sued in April in U.S. District Court in New Jersey, where they live. The action seeks unspecified damages and demands that Croonquist remove any offensive statements from her Web site, routines and recordings.

Croonquist says she would drop any language her family finds offensive, but refuses to pay any settlement. Her lawyer has filed a motion to have the suit dismissed, and a judge is scheduled to hear it on Sept. 8.

In the meantime, Croonquist, who lives in Beverly Hills and is a regular on the Hollywood comedy circuit, was at the Laugh Factory on open-mic night recently, eager to test some new non-mother-in-law material. This time the butt of her jokes would be herself, her lawyer husband (his firm is representing her in the lawsuit) and entertainer Jennifer Lopez.

"My father is Swedish, my mother is African-American. You know what that made me growing up?" she asks the audience. "A Puerto Rican! That works for me, honey. ... After having two babies in two years, I look like J-Lo."

Still, she couldn't resist getting a few yucks out of her in-laws, although this time she left their first names out of the act.

Doing her sister-in-law during their first meeting (and in a New Jersey accent the lawsuit notes Croonquist has said sounds "like a cat in heat"): "Oh my Gawd, look at her, she's got light eyes and light hair. What kind of black person is she?"

Then herself (in a black urban street voice): "I said, 'A black person who can hear, that's who.'"

Then (as Haley Joel Osment might sound in "The Sixth Sense," if he spoke in a black urban accent): "I hear white people!"

"They're nice jokes. There's nothing bad, nothing defamatory," says Croonquist, whose own voice carries traces of her upbringing in Paterson, N.J., where she says she was always the cut-up in Catholic school.

It should be obvious to her in-laws, she says, that she's not anti-Jewish. She converted to Judaism before she met her husband and keeps a kosher house.

The lawsuit was filed by mother-in-law Ruth Zafrin, her daughter, Shelley Edelman, and Shelley's husband, Neil. Neither Zafrin, the Edelmans nor their attorney, Lawrence H. Wertheim, returned calls for comment.

Attorney Gary L. Bostwick, an expert in First Amendment law who isn't involved in the case, said suing a comedian is often difficult because courts tend to rule that it should be obvious they are joking.

In one of the most prominent such cases, the Rev. Jerry Falwell lost when he sued Hustler magazine in the 1980s for stating in an ad parody that the preacher had lost his virginity to his mother in an outhouse.

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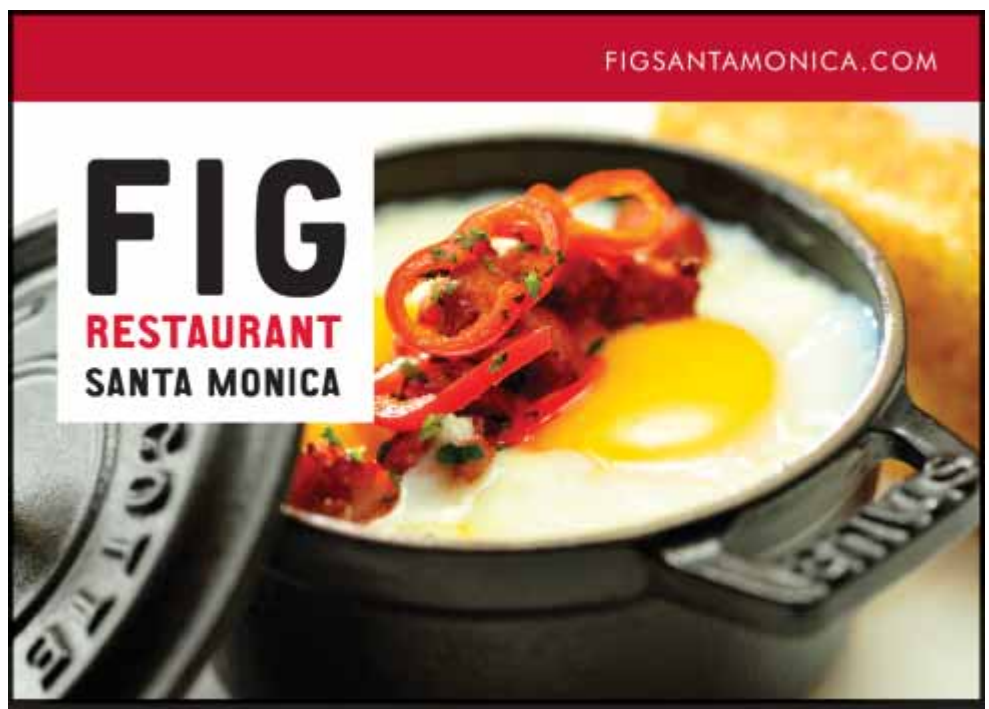
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Immigrants fight to bring adult children to America

AMY TAXIN
Associated Press Writer

SANTA ANA, Calif. Evelyn Santos began her quest for a green card nearly two decades ago, hoping someday she and her family could leave the Philippines and start a better life in the United States.

The opportunity came in 2007, but with a painful caveat: Her two elder sons were now too old to qualify as dependents, so they would have to stay behind.

The mother moved to Northern California with her husband and two younger children, and filed a new round of paperwork hoping to get at least one of her older sons into the country without another decade of waiting.

"I have a joke with my son — am I still alive when you come here?" said Santos, 55, a supermarket clerk who lives in Livermore. "I am always praying somebody can help us in the government so we can bring my kids here."

Immigration attorneys say thousands of immigrants are stuck in a similar situation. In countries such as the Philippines, Mexico and China, relatives of U.S. citizens and residents sometimes wait a decade or two for a family-sponsored green card because of country-based immigration quotas.

Santos is one of several immigrants across the country suing the federal government to try to get their adult children into the country without another lengthy wait.

Under U.S. immigration law, children 21 and older cannot immigrate under their parents' applications for green cards.

Immigration attorneys say a 2002 law aimed at preventing children from "aging out" due to lengthy processing means these grown children should be allowed into the country soon after their parents file new paperwork on their behalf.

But the government argues that many of those who got too old during the wait are now new applicants and must start from the beginning.

"They want them to go from the front of the line, where they almost made it, and go to the back of some other line that may be 10 to 20 years away, said Carl Shusterman, an attorney representing immigrants in one of the lawsuits. "It is like double jeopardy."

Robert Reeves, an immigration attorney who filed a nationwide class-action lawsuit in federal court in Santa Ana, said he believes 20,000 immigrants living in the United States face similar problems bringing their children here.

Roughly a dozen individuals have filed separate lawsuits in California, New York, New Jersey and Ohio, immigration attorneys said. The complaints argue that the 2002 law allows grown children to use the parents' date of application as a starting point.

The government disagrees and says the law only holds for grown children who were sponsored directly for green cards from the very beginning or for those listed on the application of a foreign parent who was sponsored by a legal resident spouse.

The government contends that Congress passed the law to help current U.S. citizens and residents reunite with their families, not to help future immigrants bring their families here.

The plaintiffs argue that the law reads more broadly than that, and should include adult children whose parents had differing forms of sponsorship, including that by siblings.

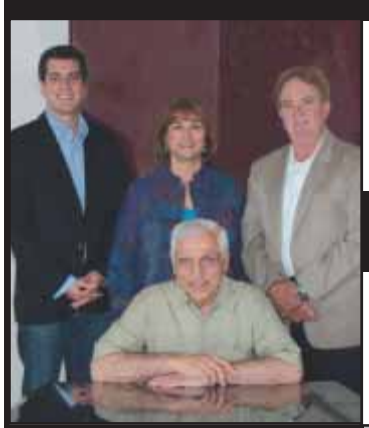
The country's immigration appeals court recently ruled in favor of the government in a case in which a Chinese man immigrated in 2005 based on an application filed by his sister. The man tried to get a green card for his daughter, who had aged out, and sought

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BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Consideration of proposed resolution to automatically adjust the Affordable Housing Base Unit Fee for new market-rate multifamily development pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.56.070(b)

WHEN: Tuesday, September 8, 2009
5:45 P.M.

WHERE: Santa Monica City Hall, Council Chambers, Room #213
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
The City Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed adoption of a resolution which would automatically adjust the Affordable Housing Unit Base Fee that developers of multi-family projects may pay to the City pursuant to Section 9.56.070(b) of the City's Affordable Housing Production Program. The existing Affordable Housing Unit Base fee for new market rate apartments of $26.45 per square foot would be increased by $0.69 per square foot of floor area and the existing Affordable Housing Unit Base fee for new market rate condominiums of $30.89 would be increased by $0.80 per square foot of floor area. Effective on October 1, 2008, the adjusted Affordable Housing Unit Base fee would be $27.14 per square foot of floor area for new market rate apartments and would be $31.69 per square foot of floor area for new market rate condominiums.

The adjustments to the Affordable Housing Base Unit Fee reflect changes in land and construction costs based on a methodology adopted by the City Council on June 13, 2006. An explanation of this methodology and the resulting adjustment to the fee are set forth in a letter prepared for the City by Hamilton, Rabinovitz & Alschuler, Inc. (HR&A). A copy of this letter is now available at the City Clerk's Office in Room 102 of City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California or the Housing Division Office at 1901 Main Street, Suite B, Santa Monica, California 90405. This information is also available on the City's web site (Housing and Economic Development Department section).

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this matter. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment at the City Council's public hearing or by writing a letter.

Letters should be addressed to: Mayor and City Council
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MORE INFORMATION
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ESPANOL
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Advocates say wait is too long

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to have her application marked with the initial 1992 filing date. But the court ruled the application was new and his daughter would have to wait.

Sharon Rummery, a spokeswoman for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, declined to comment on the dispute.

Immigrant advocates say the government should not require families to wait so long to immigrate together, claiming it discourages legal immigration. Nor should aspiring immigrants be forced to choose between their children and reuniting with their siblings and parents in the United States.

But some argue these are choices immigrants should have to make. Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Washington-based Center for Immigration Studies, said the lengthy wait times are a symptom of much bigger problems in the country's immigration system.

"There is a deeper policy problem here, which is that we overpromised and underdelivered on legal immigration," said Krikorian, who favors stricter limits on family-based immigration.

"What the advocacy groups are trying to do is fix that system in a way that is beneficial to their constituency group, but it's not solving the problem."

The dilemma has prompted many immigrant parents to urge their adult children to remain single while the lawsuits are pending or until they get green cards. That's because permanent residents cannot apply for their married children to get green cards and must wait to become U.S. citizens to be able to do so.

Teresita Costelo, a 61-year-old cashier in Long Beach, waited 14 years to rejoin her mother and siblings here and does not want her two elder daughters in the Philippines to suffer the same fate.

"I told them, 'Don't marry yet, because I am petitioning you!'" Costelo said. "Just stay single."

Norma Uy, who immigrated to Washington state from the Philippines, waited 23 years for a green card but nearly stayed behind because her two adult daughters could not come with her.

Eventually, she and her husband and their then-19-year-old son packed their bags and arrived in 2005 to start their new lives. The 57-year-old Uy, a trained pediatrician in the Philippines who now works as a nurse, said she encouraged one daughter to come here to study and hopes the other might do the same.

Above all, she wants them to get green cards so they will be able to stay together.

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Swell Forecast

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Long Range Synopsis

The swell should start backing down to about chest high, but with still some head high sets coming through from time to time.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **August 19, 2009**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / 28
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 7 / 28

The Beach Report Card is made possible by simplehuman, The Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, Ford

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

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

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

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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Biel named 'most dangerous celebrity' to search online

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK Jessica Biel is the most dangerous celebrity on the Web.

Security technology company McAfee Inc. on Tuesday reported that searches for the 27-year-old actress are more likely to lead to online threats such as spyware and viruses than searches for any other celebrity.

McAfee said fans searching for the actress have a one-in-five chance of ending up at a Web site designed to damage one's computer. Its the third annual report on the subject from McAfee, which last year found that Brad Pitt was the "most dangerous" celeb online.

"Cybercriminals are star watchers, too," said Jeff Green, senior vice president of McAfee's product development. "They latch onto popular celebrities to encourage the download of malicious software in disguise."

Following Biel in the report, in order, were Beyonce, Jennifer Aniston, Tom Brady and Jessica Simpson. McAfee noted President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama are curiously safe searches, ranking no. 34 and no. 39, respectively.

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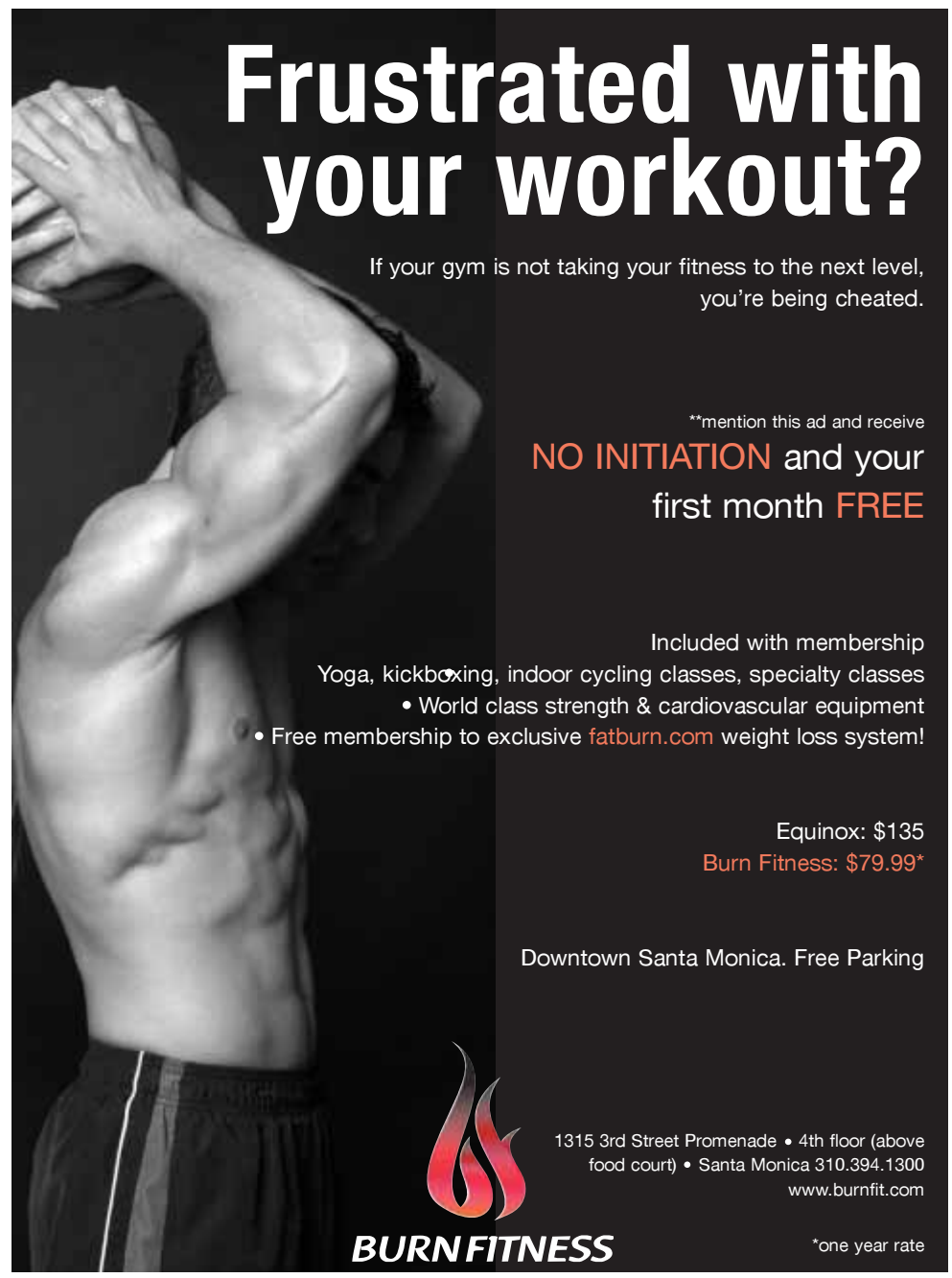
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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(323) 466-FILM

The Graduate (NR) 1hr 45min
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Bandslam (PG) 1hr 51min
12:50, 3:30

The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard (R) 1hr 29min
12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) 2hr 33min
6:15, 9:35

Funny People (R) 2hr 16min
12:05, 3:15, 6:30, 9:45

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

G-Force (PG) 1hr 30min
11:50 a.m., 2:05, 4:20, 6:50, 9:10

Post Grad (PG-13) 1hr 29min
11:55 a.m., 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

Shorts (PG) 1hr 29min
11:15 a.m., 1:50, 4:15, 7:00, 9:20

X Games 3D: The Movie (PG) 1hr 32min
11:30 a.m., 2:20, 4:45, 7:10, 9:30

Ponyo (Gake no ue no Ponyo) (G) 1hr 40min
11:00 a.m., 1:30, 4:10, 6:40, 9:15

The Time Traveler's Wife (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:40 a.m., 2:30, 5:15, 7:50, 10:30

Julie and Julia (PG-13) 2hrs 3min
10:50 a.m., 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:15

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

Earth Days (NR) 1hr 40min
1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

Paper Heart (PG-13) 1hr 29min
1:00, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10

(500) Days of Summer (PG-13) 1hr 35min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

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

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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Inglourious Basterds (R) 2hrs 32min
12:00, 1:30, 3:30, 5:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:30

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13) 1hr 58min
12:40, 3:40, 4:50. 6:40, 9:40

The Ugly Truth (R) 1hr 36min
11:50 a.m., 2:20, 7:40, 10:10

District 9 (R) 1hr 53min
11:40 a.m., 2:30, 5:20, 8:15

District 9 (Digital Projection) (R) 1hr 53min
1:20, 4:20, 7:15, 10:00

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Dinner for two, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Pressure builds. You have decisions to make. But make sure you are informed. Not everyone has to agree with you. Unexpected news comes in from out of left field. Tonight: Dinner for two.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Defer to others with the knowledge that you must grow and evolve to a new level. Walk away from a power play; don't indulge in a contest of wills. If not handled properly, an angry moment could cost you more than you realize. Tonight: Dinner for two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Stay on top of your work. You often waste time running around nervous, trying to handle everything. Eventually, something slips between the cracks. Get as much completed as you can, and watch yourself jump through one hoop after another. Tonight: Defer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your creativity bubbles forth, and suddenly you are dealing with a brand-new idea for an old situation. If someone is challenging, you might be more reactive than normal. Stop and think about your reaction. Are you holding distorted feelings? Tonight: Visit with a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Investigate what is going on with you, as well as with a co-worker. At present, you see this person as difficult. On the other hand, you note a lot of feelings popping up from out of nowhere. Tonight: Happy at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Keep communication flourishing. Your perspective changes radically given more information and people's behavior. You might be leaning in one direction, but you could head in the opposite direction later. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Sometimes your need to disclose a matter or review with someone else could lead you in a new direction. Investigate options rather than shut them down. Extremes and an ability to identify with others come forth. Tonight: Time is your ally.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ While many people can run rings around others, you are not to be toyed with. How you let someone know that enough is enough might be very uncomfortable for him or her, but extremely necessary. The fur might fly, and it needs to happen. Stay on top of your game. Tonight: Early, if possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ No one can blame you for dragging your heels. You could be overwhelmed. You often have a way of enlightening your life through periods of withdrawal. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You might want to see a situation in a new light if you are frustrated by the present indications. Lighten up some and detach. Ask yourself some questions about the role of this issue in your life. Tonight: Where people are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ All eyes turn to you. Your perspective changes radically when you see what looks like a very defiant individual who could impact your work or daily life. Know when to put yourself on cruise control and leave a situation. Tonight: A must appearance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Look to others to help you gain a new perspective or overview. Not everything is exactly as it seems or will be. In some manner, you are preventing yourself from seeing the whole situation. Tonight: Take in a movie.

Happy birthday

This year, open up to swift changes, which often come from others' exaggerated reactions. By adopting a quieter attitude, you'll draw the types of results you desire. Maintain an element of control, if not over others, then over yourself. Often you might wonder about what is going on behind the scenes, anticipating changes. Others will tend to hold back in your personal life. Often you take their actions personally. If you are single, you could choose the wrong person, or the emotionally unavailable person. You can't get to know someone well enough before diving into a relationship or deciding this person is it. SCORPIO always adds another perspective.

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

Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



The Meaning of Lila

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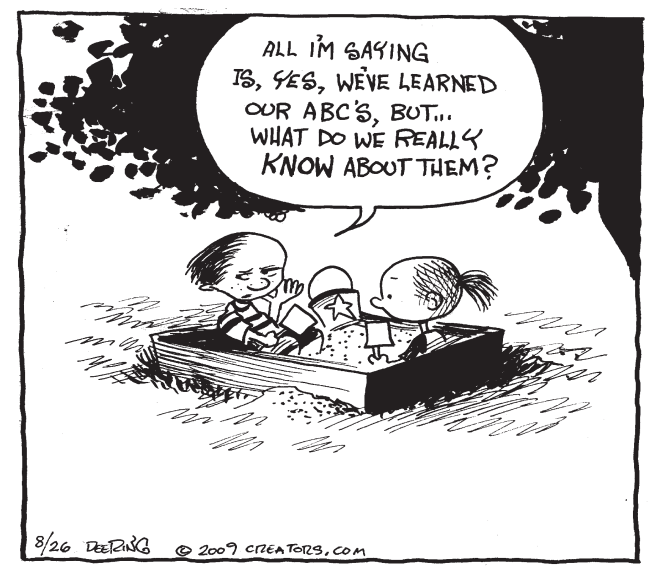
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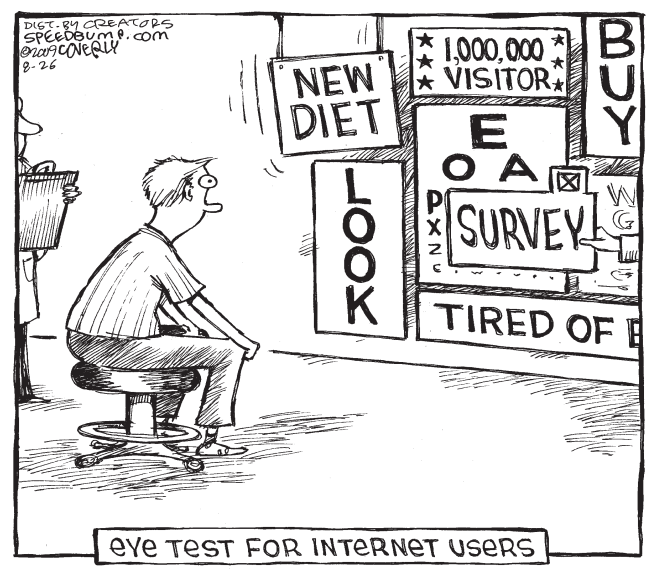
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

6	4	3	8	5	1	9	2	7
5	9	1	7	2	3	4	8	6
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Toward the stern
6 Card collection
10 Solitary sort
11 Mason's partner
12 With fervor
13 Foreword
14 "Yeah, right!"
15 Dr. Phil's last name
16 Gangster's gun
17 Solid wood
18 Green and Gore
19 Sports contests
22 Go across
23 Inning count
26 Expeditions
29 Yank's foe
32 Chiding sound
33 Gallery fill
34 Kuwait setting
36 Vivacity
37 Column style
38 Navajo home
39 Find cute as a button
40 Laughable
41 Tear
42 Buttes' cousins

DOWN

1 "King of the Trumpet"
2 Blunders
3 Started a pot
4 Fedora material
5 Essay
6 Bell sound
7 Superfluous
8 Pink shade
9 Understands
11 "Bewitched" co-star
15 West of films
17 Formally warned
20 Rule in India
21 Weather-map icon
24 Riot queller
25 2005 George Clooney movie
27 Can. neighbor
28 Rocks
29 Airport aid
30 Eat away
31 Tycoon
35 Rail or quail
36 Dog's treat
38 That fellow

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Chicago banker George Michael, seeking to avoid $80,000 a year in property taxes, decided to call his $3 million mansion a "church" and apply for tax exemption as pastor, and in July 2008, his application was somehow preliminarily approved by the Illinois Department of Revenue. According to a Chicago Tribune report, the application included a photograph of the "church," which was just a shot of an outer wall of Michael's house with a large cross on it, except that the cross was later discovered to have been merely placed on the photograph in marker pen. In July 2009, a state administrative law judge finally reversed the earlier approval.

■ The Economy Is Working: (1) Carole Bohanan was hired among 300 applicants by the Wookey Hole tourist facility in Somerset, England, in July to be its witch-in-residence, at a pro-rated annual salary of the equivalent of about $83,000. The witch's job is to linger in the caves full-time during tourist season, looking like a hag and cackling. (2) Officials in Heath, Ohio, might have solved their budget problems. The town (population 8,500) reported in July that its new, six-intersection traffic-camera ticketing system issued 10,000 citations in its first four weeks. (Nonetheless, officials admitted that was too many and were discussing how to ease up.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1914 World War I: the British Expeditionary Force briefly checks the German advance at Le Cateau.

1914 World War I: the German colony of Togoland is invaded by French and British forces, who take it after 5 days.

1920 The 19th amendment to United States Constitution takes effect, giving women the right to vote.

1924 (August 13 Old Style) The Catastrophe of Smyrna, known as the Asia Minor Catastrophe to Greeks, occurs. The Ottoman army expels Greeks and other non-Turks from Asia Minor.

1939 The first Major League Baseball game is telecast.

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PETER MANZI, 91, beloved father and grandfather, passed away at home July 22nd after a two-year battle with cancer. Born Christmas Day, 1917, in New Haven, Connecticut, Pete was a decorated World War II Veteran (43rd Division) with a long career in the Floral industry. He lived in southern California for the past 60 years, the last 16 in Santa Monica. Long widowed, "Grandpa Pete" was well loved by the families in his Sunset Park neighborhood. He leaves behind daughter and son in law, Patti and Reiner Braun, and grandsons, Dylan and Justin, of 1811 Pier Avenue, Santa Monica, 90405.

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