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ROUGH DAY AT THE OFFICE: Santa Monica Police Department officers arm themselves during a three-hour long standoff in the Pico Neighborhood of the city.

Purchase raises more development issues

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

MID-CITY An international real estate firm responsible for the Lantana Media Campus in Santa Monica — home to IMAX and Revolution Studios — has purchased the former Paper Mate pen manufacturing plant on Olympic Boulevard, with plans to turn the shuttered industrial complex into creative office space for the entertainment industry.

Houston-based Hines reportedly paid more than $75 million for the seven-acre property and hopes to build two- to four-story office buildings totaling roughly 300,000 square feet. The seller was a family trust that had held the land since the 1950s, according to published reports.

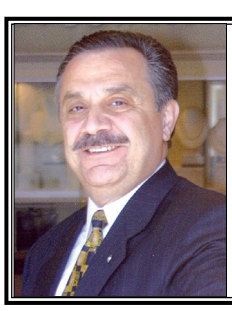
The complex — located at the northeast corner of Olympic Boulevard and 26th Street — is currently empty, a security guard with property manager Grubb & Ellis said.

Colin Shepherd, a Hines senior vice president, told the Daily Press on Monday that the company has been interested in the property "for quite some time," and is looking forward to developing a quality project that will enhance the neighborhood, which is already home to the Water Gardens, MTV Networks and Bergamot Station. With the Exposition Light Rail line planned to pass by the complex, Shepherd said Hines wants to create a project that will serve as a gateway into the city.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS

'Kyrgyzstan: Past & Present'
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Richard Hewitt left Santa Monica in 1994 to live with the Kyrgyz of Central Asia. He returns to the Main Library to discuss his experiences.

'All Aboard the U.S.S. Friendship'
1211 Fourth St., 7:30 p.m.
A musical murder mystery on the high seas, as cast and audience ferret out the culprits from a host of finalists in the "National Devil's-Food-Cake-Mix Devil's Island Treasure Hunt." Tickets are $20. Reservations are necessary. Call (310) 394-9779, ext. 2 or visit wwww.santamonicaplayhouse.com for more information or to purchase tickets.

Activists, relax!
1440 Harvard St., 7 p.m.
"Dealing With Activist Stress During the Presidential Election Campaign" will be the theme of this month's Activist Support Circle at the Friends Meeting Hall. For further information, call the Activist Support Circle at (310) 399-1000.

Get out for 'Outfest'
6712 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, check for times
The American Cinematheque and Outfest collaborate to present gay and lesbian programming on Wednesdays at the Egyptian Theatre. Advance tickets are available through www.fandango.com. For more information about Outfest, go to www.outfest.org.

Green Living Workshop #80
1744 Pearl St., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Learn how to save $200 a year on utilities, cut landfill waste by 50 percent and brush up on the latest Eco-Info in this six-week course. Suggested residential donations are $25 for Santa Monica residents and $50 for Los Angeles residents. For more information or to register, call the Sustainable Works office at (310) 458-8716.

Thursday, Aug. 30, 2007

Twilight Dance Series
Santa Monica Pier, 7:30 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Amoeba Music presents "An Evening with Los Lobos" at the last concert of the 23rd Annual Twilight Dance Series.

'Bathroom Talk'
1404 Third Street Promenade, 7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
The Promenade Playhouse presents "Bathroom Talk," an improv sketch comedy about the unusual things that occur in the ladies room at a nightclub. Tickets are $12 at the door. For more information, call Laura at (310) 430-8828.

Fall prevention for seniors
2317 Broadway, 8 a.m. — 7 p.m.
Balance Classes for Senior Citizens. Treatment programs are available through the end of summer, every Tuesday and Thursday at Clinicare. For more information or to make an appointment, call (310) 829-2225 or visit www.clinicaresantamonica.com.

Local networking breakfast
1029 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice, 7:30 a.m. — 8:45 a.m.
The Marina del Rey/Venice Chapter of Leads Club hosts a networking breakfast at Meditirina Cafe every Thursday. For information or to RSVP, contact Diana at (310) 528-9723.

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.



TAKING A KNEE

Kevin Herrera *kevinh@smdp.com*

Joelene Knight and her son Connor, 21 months, protest the proliferation of jets using Santa Monica Airport on Tuesday in front of City Hall. More than 100 residents turned out before the City Council meeting to confront officials from the Federal Aviation Administration, who were scheduled to present their latest runway safety proposal. 'We're mad as hell and we're not going to take it anymore,' said Martin Rubin, a Mar Vista resident.



STUDENT'S PET: Santa Monica resident Andrew Walzer was named the 2006-07 Teacher of the Year for Los Angeles City College. The recognition was awarded last week.

SMC Trustee is teacher of year at LACC

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES Perhaps the greatest gift a teacher could give their student is a passion for learning.

That is what one college professor did for Andrew Walzer, a Los Angeles City College teacher whose life changed after taking a political science course during his junior year at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

It was a love for education that the professor instilled in the Santa Monican — who had left college twice up until that point — setting the tone for his own teaching approach, which recently earned Walzer the accolades of his students at LACC.

The student government at the college honored Walzer last week with the Teacher of the Year award for the 2006-07 school year. The humanities instructor has been a member of the LACC faculty since 2004 and a Santa Monica College trustee since November.

A series of courses taught by exuberant professors, encouraging students to both engage in class and with each other, further molded the teaching style for which

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Drunken Lohan was right on

Editor:

Lindsay Lohan was right when she allegedly told hangers-on that she would get off with a slap on the wrist because she was a major celebrity. Who would have thought that an alcohol/drug-soaked brain could make such a correct and accurate assessment of the situation. All the non-celebrities doing time for several DUIs acquired within a very short period of time must be happy that Lindsay, once again, is free to roam our streets behind the wheel of a large machine.

At least they're in jail, it won't be them she mows down.

Marilyn Brennan
Santa Monica

Council is two-faced about jets

Editor:

I am writing to you regarding the Santa Monica jet air pollution controversy ("Living in the shadow of the airport," Aug. 25-26).

I am astounded by the level of hypocrisy displayed by the city of Santa Monica on this issue. Every event put on by Santa Monica, whether it's a Farmers' Market, a convention – whatever – there are recycling bins everywhere, because, apparently, the city values the environment so, so much. You have to put your plastics here, your glass there, your paper here, etc.

Yet they are willing to spew jet fuel gas into the air for hours at a time while the jets ready for take-off, so the city can get some fat fees off of each take-off or landing? What a joke!

But the hypocrisy doesn't end there. Most of the fumes seem to blow toward West Los Angeles – out of the city of Santa Monica. So who cares about non-Santa Monicans, right? I guess Santa Monica's environmentalism doesn't extend beyond its borders.

The hypocrisy doesn't end there. When our West Los Angeles neighborhood, east of Bundy, was populated by mostly mechanics, plumbers and teachers – about 10-plus years ago – and we raised this issue, the city put our item as the last one on the agenda of a three-hour meeting. We had two minutes each to speak about the fumes that poisoned and choked us on a daily basis, while a timer ran right in front of our face.

Now that all these yuppies and rich people moved into the area, the issue gets a special meeting (on Aug. 28) and put at the top of the agenda? I guess air quality is more important when houses are selling for over $1 million.

What a joke!

And the final act of hypocrisy by a supposedly eco-friendly Santa Monica: They are now planning to cut down dozens of trees for the airport.

Santa Monica, enjoy your big jet landing fees, which you can get rich on along with all your inflated property taxes and parking tickets. Just spare me the environmental heroics at my local Farmers' Market. Hundreds of Coke cans going to the dump will do a lot less damage than what your private jets do in a second.

Miriam Jaffe
Santa Monica





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A requiem for the American Empire

"The Titanic sails at dawn."
— Bob Dylan

ON JAN. 1, 1791, OUR NATIONAL DEBT (the total amount of money owed by the U. S. government) totaled $75 million. Today, it rises by that amount every hour or so.

According to the National Debt Clock, the U.S. national debt is now a whopping $8.9 trillion. Since Sept. 29, 2006, it has increased an average of $1.45 billion per day! And by 2010, the debt is estimated to reach $11.2 trillion.

It is difficult to get one's head around such a large figure, so think of it this way: If the nation's debt were divvied up among Americans, every man, woman and child in the United States would owe approximately $38,000. Yet the government keeps ratcheting up the national debt, spending money it does not have on ill-advised schemes and far-flung wars.

Since 2001, the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have cost the American taxpayer hundreds of billions of dollars. For instance, by May 2007, Congress had approved roughly $610 billion for the three military operations initiated since the 9/11 attacks: Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and other counter terror operations; Operation Noble Eagle, providing enhanced security at military bases; and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that total funding for Iraq, Afghanistan and the "Global War on Terror" alone could reach $1.45 trillion by 2017.

Add to this the fact that billions are spent on luxury military installations. For example, the new U.S. Embassy being built in Iraq, dubbed "Fortress Baghdad," covers 104 acres and boasts a "city within a city" that includes six apartment buildings, a Marine barracks, swimming pool, shops and 15-foot-thick walls. Camp Anaconda in Iraq, like many U.S. military bases scattered across the globe, has been structured to resemble a mini-city with pools, fast food restaurants, miniature golf courses and movie theaters.

Thus, it's clear that American taxpayers' dollars are not being used wisely or well. Our burgeoning military empire — funded by taxpayer dollars — is not limited to Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2005, the U.S. had 737 military bases in other countries. Historian Chalmers Johnson notes that there are "more than 2,500,000 U.S. personnel serving across the planet and military bases spread across each continent."

Indeed, much like the Romans who faced the challenge of raising sufficient funds to support their over-extended military, America is facing the consequences of financing a global military presence. In fact, David Walker, comptroller general of the U.S., believes there are "striking similarities" between America's current situation and the factors that contributed to the fall of Rome, including "declining moral values and political civility at home, an over-confident and over-extended military in foreign lands and fiscal irresponsibility by the central government."

At the height of its power, even the mighty Roman Empire could not stare down a collapsing economy and a burgeoning military. In fact, it was largely prolonged periods of war and false economic prosperity that led to its demise. And it is feared that America, by repeating Rome's mistakes, is headed toward collapse. As Johnson predicts, "the United States will within a very short time face financial or even political collapse at home and a significantly diminished ability to project force abroad."

To sustain their empire, the Romans raped the world and heavily taxed those subject to its power. However, as Henry Kissinger recognizes, "Hegemonic empires almost always elicit universal resistance, which is why all such claimants have sooner or later exhausted themselves." The Romans faced revolt. And the American Empire is now facing its own rebellions, at home and abroad, in the form of terrorism and insurgency.

INDEED, MUCH LIKE THE ROMANS WHO FACED THE CHALLENGE OF RAISING SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO SUPPORT THEIR OVER-EXTENDED MILITARY, AMERICA IS FACING THE CONSEQUENCES OF FINANCING A GLOBAL MILITARY PRESENCE.

But we can no longer ignore the cold, hard reality that despite the fact that politicians may say otherwise, America is going broke.

Indeed, President Bush recently patted himself on the back for reducing the deficit to $239 billion. However, as Ed Hall observes on the Debt Clock's Web site, "Politicians love to crow 'The deficit is down! The deficit is down!' like it's a great accomplishment. Don't be fooled. Reducing the deficit just means we're adding less to the Debt this year than we did last year. Big deal."

Thus, there are two choices that remain to us: We can continue to pour our resources into building a military empire or we can focus on shoring up our democracy. The Romans chose the military route, and history shows how that ended. Will we make the same mistake?

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Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Spoiled rich girls aren't learning a dang thing

ONE OF MY FAVORITE COMMERCIALS IS the one in which three different guys are swerving down city streets with their cars full of beer, red wine and vodka, respectively. They get to a police checkpoint, roll down their windows and booze pours out of the car onto an officer's feet, followed by the question: "Sir, have you been drinking tonight?" The spot ends with a warning, "You drink, you drive, you lose."

In Los Angeles, celebutante justice is making a joke out of drunk driving laws. Two cases last week got me wondering: What would have happened to me? What if I had pulled a Nicole Richie and used an off-ramp to merge onto the 134 in Burbank, was driving the wrong way in the carpool lane when the Highway Patrol pulled me over, then gave the officers the excuse that I was whacked out of my mind on weed and Vicodin?

What would my punishment have been if I had pulled a Lindsay Lohan and gotten arrested for DUI in May after crashing my car into a tree in Beverly Hills (then fleeing the scene), went to rehab for six weeks, turned myself into police, and four days later commandeer a car with two people in it, chased another car down PCH from Malibu at 100 mph, tore through the streets of Santa Monica at 85 mph chasing another car to the police station, where I lied to police (saying I wasn't driving), failed a field sobriety test because my blood alcohol level was over .12, and had cocaine in my pocket when they arrested me?

I know what wouldn't have happened.

Unlike Nicole, my father isn't a Commodore, so I wouldn't have been sentenced to serve just four days for my second DUI arrest in five years (especially when the minimum sentence for a second offense is supposed to be five days) and I would have been in custody a good deal longer than the 82 minutes it took to process and release her. And unlike Lindsay (and Malibu's other most wanted drunk driver, Mel Gibson), I can't afford to hire Blair Berk, the miracle worker who got the charges against Lindsay reduced to two counts of being (not driving) under the influence of cocaine, two counts of driving with a blood alcohol level above .08, one count of reckless driving, and got both DUI charges dropped so Lindsay will serve only one day (if that) in jail.

I would be locked up in the Men's Central Jail right now — which is one of the main reasons why it's not me we're talking about. Like Nicole and Lindsay, I've been known to enjoy a substance or two. But unlike them, I know what would happen to me if I got arrested for DUI, so I don't drive when I'm partying. If you went to a suburban high school like I did, you learned that lesson sometime between sophomore and junior year and you may or may not have had the point driven home by having to attend a classmate's funeral.

It's a lesson Nicole Richie and Lindsay Lohan never learned — and it's a shame that it's a lesson the criminal justice system in Los Angeles County is failing to teach them. Because Nicole and Lindsay are what I call "SRGs" or "Spoiled Rich Girls" — and SRGs have no concept of reality.

They've been coddled and pampered their whole lives by their parents and teachers, they've been protected from the real-world consequences of their actions and have never been held accountable for the decisions they make. They don't listen to their fathers, they don't listen to their mothers, and they definitely don't listen to their boyfriends, fiancés or husbands. An SRG will only listen to two people — another SRG or a police officer, because the only things an SRG fears is the loss of her friends and the loss of her freedom. In a city and county full of SRGs, Los Angeles should send a consistent message when it comes to drunk driving.

In Paris Hilton's case, Judge Michael Sauer understood that. When he learned she was sent home after serving five days of her 45-day sentence, Judge Sauer sent her back to jail. The message was clear: You drink, you drive, you lose. But in Nicole's case (two DUIs in five years) and Lindsay's case (two DUIs in two months), the message is: You drink, you drive, you lose about an hour-and-a-half out of your day. It's a message I'm sure every SRG in Los Angeles received loud and clear.

And if you think it's going to scare them into not driving home from Les Deux or the Green Door after a night of partying, you've got another thing coming.

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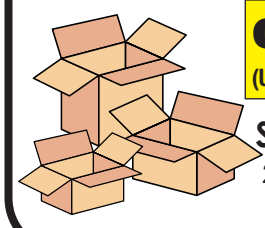
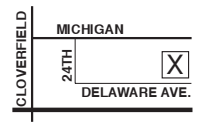
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So this week's Q-Line question asks:

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Cities must give records to media

BY PAUL ELIAS
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO The California Supreme Court on Monday handed two victories to newspapers seeking the salaries of public employees and termination records of police officers throughout the state.

The court ruled that Oakland must release the names and salaries of police officers who earned more than $100,000 in 2004. Unions representing the police officers argued unsuccessfully that such government salary information should remain confidential out of privacy concerns.

"Counterbalancing any cognizable interest that public employees may have in avoiding disclosure of their salaries is the strong public interest in knowing how the government spends its money," Chief Justice Ronald George wrote for the majority opinion signed by three other justices. Another three justices each wrote separate opinions essentially agreeing with the majority take, with Justices Marvin Baxter and Ming Chin arguing that police officers' salaries should be exempt from public disclosure.

The ruling Monday was the result of a Contra Costa Times' lawsuit against Oakland and it also should settle an almost identical lawsuit filed by the San Jose Mercury News demanding the names and salaries of every San Jose city worker who earned more than $100,000 annually.

"I think this sets the rule for the state," said media attorney Karl Olson, who represented the Times. "These are landmark cases that serve the public's right to know."

Some of the largest newspapers companies serving California, including the owners of the Los Angeles Times, San Francisco Chronicle, the San Diego Union-Tribune, Sacramento Bee, New York Times and the Orange County Register filed friends of the court briefs in support of the Times.

Duane Reno, who represented the Oakland police officers argued that publicizing the salaries would open the employees to unwanted sales calls.

"Unfortunately the Supreme Court didn't feel that was a big enough invasion of privacy," Reno said.

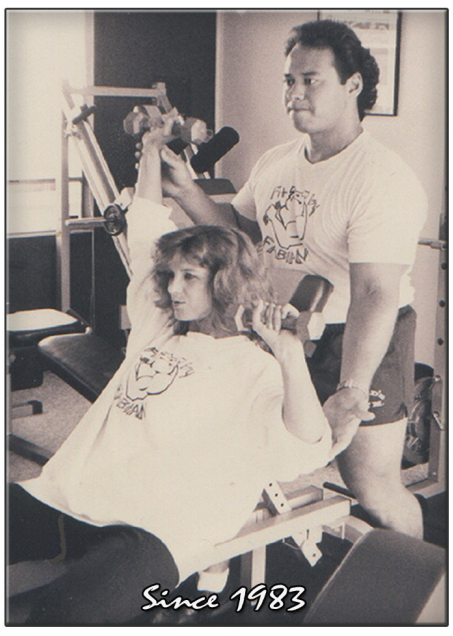
The court also ruled in a separate 5-2 opinion that police officers' names, hiring and termination dates compiled in a massive state Department of Justice computer database also are fair game.

> **"I THINK THIS SETS THE RULE FOR THE STATE. THESE ARE LANDMARK CASES THAT SERVE THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW."**
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> Media attorney

"It should have been a no brainer," said Lucy Dalglish, executive director of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. "We are discovering that police departments across the country are increasingly withholding this kind of information."

The Arlington, Va.-based nonprofit joined the Los Angeles Times in its legal action against the California DOJ, which refused to turn over a decade's worth of police officer information to the newspaper. Several other news organizations, including The Associated Press, also filed court papers in support of the Times' case.

The newspaper said it planned to use the information to track the movements of police officers from one department to the other while also examining staffing levels.



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California Assembly votes to put pullout measure on ballot

BY STEVE LAWRENCE
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Putting Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in a tight political position, the state Assembly voted Monday to place a measure on California's Feb. 5 ballot urging President Bush to immediately withdraw American troops from Iraq.

The 43-32 roll call left the proposal one step from Schwarzenegger's desk. It was sent back to the Senate, which approved a slightly different version of the bill in June.

Final approval by the Senate would send the bill to the Republican governor, who could risk angering members of his own party by signing it and putting it on the presidential primary ballot or veto the bill and draw the wrath of the war's opponents.

The bill, by Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, D-Oakland, asks voters if Bush should "achieve the immediate, complete, safe and orderly withdrawal of United States forces" from Iraq.

Schwarzenegger has tried to steer a middle course on the issue, saying he supports the troops and the war on terror but also backs a "timetable for withdrawal."

A spokesman for the governor, Aaron McLear, said Schwarzenegger had not taken a position on the bill.

"We're aware of it," McLear said. "We have not reviewed the final version. We will review it and obviously take a position and take action on it."

The Assembly vote split mainly along party lines, with Democrats arguing that the invasion of Iraq had been a disaster that had cost the United States dearly in lives and dollars.

"If silence equals consent, we cannot remain silent anymore," said Assemblywoman Loni Hancock, D-Berkeley. "We need to give the citizens of California a concrete opportunity to express their hopes."

Assemblyman Jared Huffman, D-San Rafael, said the decision to invade Iraq was a "terrible mistake, one that's making our country weaker, not stronger — one that's empowering terrorists."

STATE BRIEFS

DESERT HOT SPRINGS

Two dead, four hurt, in desert head-on collision

An ambulance on an emergency run with lights flashing and siren wailing was hit head-on by a car, whose driver was killed along with one of his passengers, authorities said.

Two other passengers in the car and two American Medical Response paramedics were hurt during the Monday night crash. The California Highway Patrol described the injuries as critical to moderate.

Crash investigators were still on the scene on Palm Drive north of Interstate 10 early Tuesday. The roadway reopened at 7:40 a.m.

Alcohol may have been a factor, CHP Officer Craig Rentle said. The Ford Thunderbird carrying four people was seen "weaving and driving recklessly" through Palm Springs and into Desert Hot Springs prior to the crash, he said.

The Thunderbird ran a red light at Palm Drive and Interstate 10 before colliding with the ambulance, which was knocked onto its side trapping two paramedics inside, witnesses and investigators said.

"There was this gnarly sound of metal just crunching," said motorist Jerry Salazar of Palm Springs, who had stopped to let the ambulance pass.

The driver of the Thunderbird and a front seat passenger died on impact. One of the back seat passengers was ejected from the vehicle.

The names of the dead and injured weren't released.

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LOS ANGELES

City expands recycling to include foam products

Residents can now toss polystyrene foam products and plastics, including grocery bags and clothes hangers, into recycling bins as part of city's plan to reuse waste.

The city's Bureau of Sanitation expanded the variety of items it will accept in an effort to meet recycling goals. By 2015, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa wants 70 percent of the city's annual 10 million tons of waste recycled.

Homeowners in the city have three specially colored bins: blue for general recycling, green for landscape recycling and black for refuse.

"We get feedback from residents all the time that say they don't know what to toss in what bin and what can or cannot go in the blue bin," sanitation bureau division manager Alex Helou said.

A pilot program in February in the east San Fernando Valley included eight full-time "recycling ambassadors" to help educate the public on proper sorting.

City officials hope the expanded program will help redirect 400 tons of potential recyclables to the proper bins, which could generate an additional $4.3 million annually for the city, Helou said.

AP

SANTA ANA

County plans train crossing 'quiet zones' to halt horns

Transportation planners earmarked $60 million to establish Orange County train "quiet zones" by upgrading railroad crossings so horns won't be sounded.

Fifty-three crossings, including 16 in the city of Orange, will be upgraded with additional gates, new signals and other improvements, the Orange County Transportation Authority said. Construction is expected to begin next year.

"We're very pleased. The tide has turned," said Orange homeowner Jim Owens, who has campaigned for the so-called quiet zones.

Train engineers are required to sound horns — a short blast followed by a long blast — 1,000 feet before reaching a pedestrian or vehicle crossing without various safety features.

AP

HESPERIA

Pair arrested in killing of grandmother

Two more young men were arrested as the dragnet widened in the hunt for graffiti vandals who allegedly killed a grandmother and wounded her grandson as they confronted the taggers.

One teenager had already been arrested and investigators were asking for help in locating a fourth man in connection with Thursday's killing of Seutatia Tausili, 65, and wounding of Vaovasa Penu, 25, both of Hesperia.

Ricardo Real, 19, believed to be the shooter, and brothers Brian Dominguez, 18, and Brandon Dominguez, 20, all of Hesperia, were booked for investigation of murder, authorities said.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department High Desert Regional Gang Team was seeking help in locating a third Dominquez brother, Robert Dominguez, 23, who was also a suspect in the case, sheriff's spokeswoman Jodi Miller said.

Penu saw the men spray painting graffiti on the mailboxes and trash cans of a First Avenue apartment complex Thursday night and he confronted the vandals, investigators said. Other family members, including his grandmother, joined him.

Tausili and Penu were shot and the vandals fled.

Tausili was the second woman shot this month in Southern California while trying to chase away taggers.

Maria Hicks, 58, was shot Aug. 10 in Pico Rivera after she flashed her car's headlights and honked her horn at a tagger. She later died.

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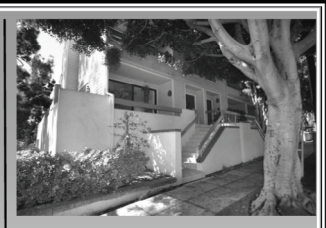

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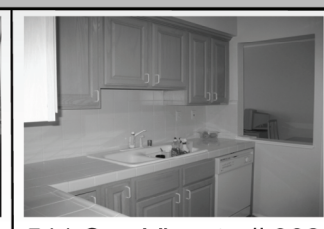
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Home pricing should be realistic



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BACK IN 2004 YOU COULD PRICE A home too high and people would come and see it. Sometimes, to everyone's surprise, these places would sell. Buyers weren't as worried about over paying because values had been increasing at double digit rates for several years at that time. With a 20 percent annual increase in property values, a buyer was pretty safe overpaying. All that really mattered was that they liked the home.

You could also under-price your property and not risk selling it for too little. In fact, many properties that were under-priced were able to achieve higher prices than what they would have received if they had been over-priced. The exposure was tremendous for an under-priced property. People would come in droves. As an agent, I would be sitting at an open house and people would be crawling through the windows, cracks in the floorboards, causing 405 freeway type gridlock around the block — it was an intense atmosphere. One of my colleagues cleverly noted that you had more time to think about buying a new pair of shoes than a million dollar house. There was a real mania happening in the Los Angeles real estate market.

All of that is over now and sellers need to get back to basics. Pricing needs to be as spot on to what the market will bear or you will lose exposure, be on the market longer and likely lose money. In order to price a property correctly you will need the expertise of a local Realtor. When I say "local" I mean someone who helps people buy and sell in your neighborhood on a consistent basis. If your agent does 80 percent of their sales in your neighborhood, then you are in good shape. Try to avoid agents who work all over the city. It is impossible for them to have the in-depth knowledge of your local sales history and competition. Many of them won't have the respect for your neighborhood that an agent who specializes and/or lives in your neighborhood will have. This will rub-off on prospective buyers.

Many listings listed with out-of-area agents end up being priced too low. This is generally because the agents don't know the area or the sales history. Comparable sales to yours often look better on paper than they did in person. The ad copy agents write in the MLS leaves out the flaws a property has. An agent who specializes in Beverly Hills isn't going to know what the houses that sold a few months ago in Santa Monica looked liked. Additionally, agents who have to drive a long distance to do a showing will avoid the commute or have their assistants do the showing. If someone needs a 6 p.m. showing, your agent in Hollywood isn't going to want to cross town during rush hour. Make sure the agent you hired to sell your property actually does the selling.

The reason why it is so important to price your property accurately is because the majority of buyers will see it in it's first two weeks. For the eight weeks leading up to you putting your home on the market, buyers whose search criteria matches your home have been building up. These people will see your property in it's first two weeks on the market. After that, you will have to wait for new buyers to begin their real estate search. Later on in the listing period, agents and new prospects will see your property as a "stale" listing, and it's negative qualities will become amplified.

Now more than ever it is important to price your home correctly and to hire an excellent salesperson. Buyers need to have confidence in your agent and your price. The market is more challenging these days, but if you do things right, you will be able to achieve your goals.

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SIGNS OF FATIGUE

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Jim Lynch, President/CEO of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, helps the owners and instructors of Extreme Boot Camp cut the ribbon in honor of the workout business' grand opening last Thursday at Clover Park.

Copper thefts hit farms hard, rising metal prices fuel surge

BY JORDAN ROBERTSON
Associated Press Writer

SAN JOSE Twice this spring, metal thieves trespassed onto Gary Barton's walnut ranches in the Central Valley, yanked out the copper connecting his irrigation pumps to the power poles, and drove off with thousands of dollars worth of scrap metal.

In all, Barton says he's had to spend more than $10,000 repairing and replacing the copper wiring for the seven vandalized pumps. And he considers himself fortunate — other farmers have lost entire crops and had to shell out much more to stay in business.

Metal thefts have been on the rise as prices have skyrocketed, and copper thefts are hitting farmers in California and throughout the country particularly hard. Commonly used in electrical wiring, and included in motors for pumps and tractors and other farm machinery, copper is everywhere in agricultural operations and is an increasingly juicy target for thieves, selling for around $3.50 a pound, a more than 400 percent increase from 2001, fueled in part by demand from a building boom in China.

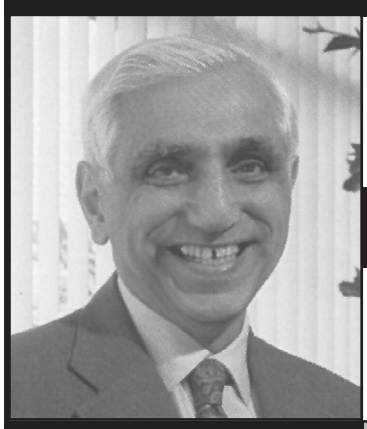
"We are totally vulnerable," said Barton of Barton Ranch in Escalon in San Joaquin County. "It's just sort of waiting for the next one to happen because the assumption is that it will. We can't keep an eye on these things 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We just hope it doesn't happen in the middle of the growing season -because that's when it gets really scary."

Metals such as copper and aluminum, long targets of thieves, are not only disappearing from farms — law enforcement officials are grappling with a spike in thefts such as air conditioners and gutters from homes and businesses, power lines and even public areas where freeway guardrails and other infrastructure is disappearing.

Authorities say the damage can be particularly severe for farmers, who risk losing crops and whose livelihood could be threatened if their machinery is disabled for several days or weeks at a time while repairs are made.

The amount of reported metal thefts in many counties in the San Joaquin Valley jumped to around $6 million last year, up from less than $1 million in 2001, according to Bill Yoshimoto.

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Real Estate 101

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Keeping the nation's economy on the bike

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU ARE RIDING a bike and you stop peddling? Eventually you and the bike fall over. Now think of the U.S. economy as a bicycle. Except instead of peddling to keep the bike upright, liquidity or cash needs to be continually poured in to keep the economy up right. The major problem today is that there is a liquidity crisis in the markets. Investors are not investing money into the markets and banks are hesitant to provide liquidity. However, to understand the current liquidity crisis you must understand the key players and one of the issues at hand — securitization.

The first two players are the banks and borrowers. The borrowers took loans from the banks for home purchases and refinances. The banks loaned money to the borrowers, qualifying them with credit criteria, income verification and bank statements. Traditionally, the borrowers paid the banks each month, with the banks earning a profit by taking a percentage of the interest rate. However, about a decade ago something changed. Someone had the clever idea of having banks sell loans to investors on Wall Street by cutting them up into pieces — known as tranching — and selling them as tradable bonds known as securities. The only problem was that home loans were considered risky by the third player — rating agencies. To understand how risky securities took on the illusion of safe securities you have to understand the creativity of Wall Street and the securitization process.

Securities are a type of bond, which can be bought, sold or traded. Asset-backed-securities, or ABS, are a type of bond secured by an asset. Mortgage backed securities, like their name suggests, are tied to home loans, which in turn are collateralized by a home. Another term to understand is collateralized-debt-obligations, or CDOs, which are asset backed securities that are cut up and sold off. CDOs are the brainchild of Wall Street. They are bonds that are tranched into risk categories. The tranches with the highest yielding pieces carry the highest risk.

What transpired in the 1990s went something like this: Rating agencies looked at pools of securities and gave them ratings. The best ratings — designated by a series of letters such as AAA — were reserved for the best securities. The best securities were perceived to have the lowest risk and were known as investment grade securities. In the mid 90s, banks were looking for ways to improve securitization pool ratings. The better the rating, the easier it was to sell the pools of securities, which was important considering that banks made a profit with each sale. Over time, banks asked the rating agencies how they could improve the ratings on the pool of securities. Rating agencies gave suggestions on how to improve the pool and before long, a pool of loans that was not investment grade was given investment grade ratings. Since, the rating agencies are paid to rate securities — it is in their best interest to rate fairly so their customers — many times banks — come back to them with future business.

Now the blame game begins. You have homeowners who have lost their homes because they could not afford monthly payments due to the banks aggressively, giving unaffordable loans. The banks cannot sell securities to investors because investors do not know what risk exposure the securities the banks sold them actually have. Finally, you have rating agencies blamed by banks and investors for rating securities too aggressively.

It is easy to see the problems with the markets when they are in turmoil, but it is important to remember that markets correct themselves. Sometimes it is a long, slow and tedious process. However, the securitization of many types of debt helped keep liquidity in the marketplace over the last several years, which helped fuel the greatest U.S. real estate boom of all time. Over the next few weeks, months, and possibly years, the U.S. and world economies' resilience will be tested. Ultimately, the market will rebound and liquidity will return, helping to keep that bicycle known as the U.S. economy rolling for future generations.

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Publicity isn't always good

Virgin Galactic keeps low profile following Mojave explosion

BY ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES As a female voice coos, "Welcome to space," six passengers in skintight spacesuits unbuckle their seat belts and somersault in zero gravity, occasionally peeking back at Earth through the private spaceship's large portholes.

Virgin Galactic showed off this animated video promoting the weightless joys of commercial space travel at a trade show for experimental aircraft last month. But the excitement was overshadowed three days later when a deadly flash explosion rocked a Mojave Desert facility where top-secret tests were under way for Virgin's yet-unbuilt spaceship.

The accident at the remote site run by famed aerospace designer Burt Rutan rattled the fledgling space tourism industry, which has enjoyed a honeymoon period since 2004 when Rutan launched SpaceShipOne, the first private manned rocket into space.

It also offered insight into how two pioneering companies that forged an unlikely partnership two years ago to fly civilians to space reacted to the tragedy. In a reversal of roles, Richard Branson's publicity-seeking Virgin Galactic kept a low profile while its usually silent partner, Rutan's Scaled Composites LLC, took to the Internet to mourn its workers.

Some space experts believe Virgin Galactic is following the right strategy because the accident was of an industrial nature and not directly related to spaceflight. But eventually customers and the public will demand answers, they say.

"It's natural for a company to not be out there talking immediately afterward. I don't think that would be good PR," said Kathleen Allen of the University of Southern California's Marshall School of Business, who follows the commercial space industry.

In a telephone interview, Virgin Galactic President Will Whitehorn said it is not the company's place to comment because the blast occurred in Rutan's backyard.

He added that four new customers have signed up since the mishap and none of the astronauts-in-waiting has asked for a refund.

"It hasn't affected Virgin Galactic as a business at all," Whitehorn said. "It hasn't put a stop to anything."

The Mojave accident invoked memories of NASA's Apollo 1 tragedy 40 years ago in which three astronauts were killed in a flash fire during a routine launch pad test. The accident forced NASA to temporarily halt its space race with the Soviet Union and make design changes that led to the successful moon landings.

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Virgin Galactic did privately contact its prized customers known as founders, who have paid the full $200,000 to be among the first to experience four minutes of weightlessness.

Stephen Attenborough, Virgin Galactic's astronaut liaison, reassured the founders in an e-mail that the accident's impact on the first commercial spaceflights — expected in late 2009 or 2010 — will be "minimal" and that it was "business as usual."

In Scaled's case, three technicians died and three others were critically injured while performing a routine cold-flow test of nitrous oxide that did not involve a rocket firing. The company, which has done the test numerous times before without a problem, uses the chemical as an oxidizer in its spaceship's hybrid rocket motor.

New wave of home buyers comb auctions

BY J.W. ELPHINSTONE
AP Business Writer

About 60 people huddle on the front lawn of the white bungalow with green shutters in Ocean Township, N.J. Parents with children in tow meander on the porch, while others weave in and out of the freshly painted rooms, inspecting appliances and the wood floor planks.

Many of them clutch bright yellow paper signs showing a bidder number. They hope to walk away with a house, winning a good deal at an auction while sidestepping the typical six-month house hunt with a real estate agent.

As the housing market slows and foreclosures spike, people who have to sell quickly or lenders that need to unload properties they took back at sheriff's auctions are turning to the fast-talking spectacle for quick sales. Even some homebuilders and condo developers are using auctions to reduce excess inventory.

These auctions differ from sheriff's sales, trustee's sales or courthouse sales, which conclude the foreclosure process and are conducted by the county. Often, the lender wins the property at these sales and then tries to resell it by auction.

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Long-struggling Gateway to be sold off

BY GARY GENTILE
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES Gateway Inc. will be acquired for $710 million by Taiwan-based Acer Inc. in a deal designed to give the long-struggling U.S. computer maker the size it needs to compete against larger players, the companies announced Monday.

The deal will push the combined company past China's Lenovo Group Ltd. to become the world's third-largest vendor of personal computers, behind Hewlett-Packard Co. and Dell Inc.

With the acquisition, Acer will absorb a company that made a splash when founded in 1985 in an Iowa farmhouse.

Its made-to-order philosophy for selling computers made it a formidable player early on, and the brand became known for the cow-spotted boxes used to ship its products.

Now based in Irvine, Gateway struggled in recent years amid fierce competition.

It branched out into consumer electronics, selling televisions, music players and other items, but the strategy didn't work. Neither did its retail stores, which shuttered in 2004.

"Having tried for several years to grow their way back up through various strategies, it seems a reasonable step to consider joining forces with another company," said Tom Smith, a computer hardware analyst with Standard & Poor's Equity Research.

Acer said it was offering to buy Gateway for $1.90 a share — representing a premium of 57 percent to Gateway's Friday closing price of $1.21 but only 2 percent of Gateway's all-time high of $82.50 in late 1999.

Gateway shares increased 61 cents, or about 50 percent, to $1.82 in trading Monday.

"Joining with Acer will enable us to bring even more value to the consumer segments we serve and capitalize on Acer's highly regarded supply chain operations and global reach," Ed Coleman, chief executive of Gateway, said in a joint statement by the two companies.

Acer and Gateway have discussed merging in the past but intensified those talks during the past six weeks, Acer chairman J.T. Wang said during a conference call with analysts.

Acer estimated that acquiring Gateway would create operating savings of more than $150 million a year and immediately add to its earnings.

Gateway also said it is in talks to sell its professional business, which markets computers to business customers, and is exercising its right to purchase the remaining shares of the parent company of Packard Bell BV, a European PC vendor based in France.

Smith said selling the professional unit makes sense for Gateway so it can focus on gaining share in just one market.

Acer is committed to buying Gateway whether the company succeeds in selling its professional division or not, Wang said.

Gateway gained the right to buy Packard Bell when it acquired eMachines for $235 million in cash and stock in 2004 from Lap Shun Hui, who now owns all the shares of PB Holding Co., S.ar.l, the parent company of Packard Bell.

In 2006, Gateway rejected Hui's offer to buy Gateway's consumer business for $450 million.

Previously, Packard Bell had said it was in exclusive talks with Lenovo. Gateway's move to buy Packard Bell was seen by analysts as a move to keep the company out of Lenovo's hands.

The Acer-Gateway deal will create a multi-branded computer company with more than $15 billion in revenue and shipments in excess of 20 million units per year, Acer said in a statement.

Yahoo adds features to popular Web-based e-mail service

BY RACHEL KONRAD | AP Business Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Yahoo Inc. will introduce new features Monday for its popular Web-based e-mail program, including software that allows computer users to type text messages on a keyboard and send them directly to someone's cell phone.

The enhancements make it easier to send e-mail, instant messages or text messages from a single Web site — no need to launch or toggle between separate applications or devices. The features will be available to users in the United States, Canada, India and the Philippines.

The most obvious beneficiaries will be parents, who will be able to use their keyboards to type messages sent to their children's cell phones — no thumb-twisting typing on a dial pad, said Yahoo Vice President John Kremer.

"We're giving you the right way to connect at the right time with right person," said Kremer, whose two preteen sons vastly prefer text and instant messages to e-mail.

The changes come amid fierce competition among providers of free, Web-based e-mail services. Yahoo and Microsoft Corp.'s Hotmail have long dominated the niche, but Google Inc.'s Gmail has grown quickly since its introduction in April 2004.

In March, Yahoo announced that it would provide unlimited storage space, and earlier this month Redmond, Wash.-based Microsoft said Hotmail would increase free storage from 2 to 5 gigabytes. Time Warner Inc.'s AOL, the fourth largest e-mail provider, began offering unlimited storage last summer. Google provides nearly 3 gigabytes.

Sunnyvale-based Yahoo bills the changes as the most significant overhaul of Yahoo Mail since its launch in 1997. The new version replaces a one-year-old beta program and adds new features, including text messaging and a more comprehensive e-mail search engine.

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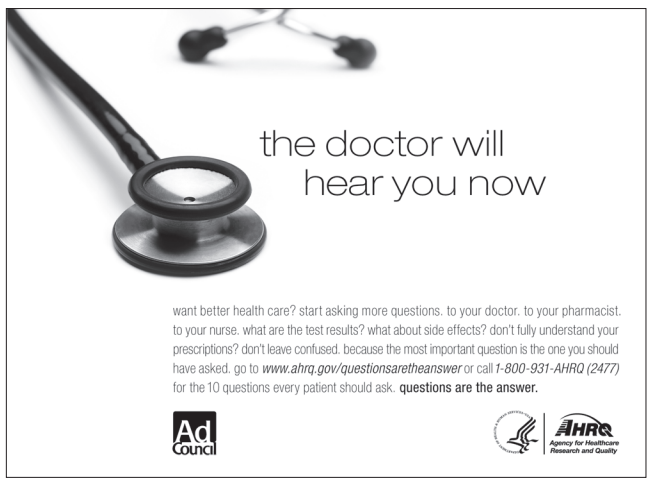
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GETTING PERSONAL

Disoriented? Surviving your freshman year can be trying

BY EMILY SKEHAN | A special to the Daily Press

As a college freshman last year, I made my fair share of rather large mistakes. For instance, I don't know my advisor's name — a minor problem when I wanted to drop a class a week after the deadline. I also neglected to do any reading for my political science class until two days before the mid-term, signed up for 8 a.m. classes that I attended just once, and had my bike stolen because I didn't listen when everyone told me to lock it.

Despite it all, I survived the experience and now have the experience (or audacity) to dish out my own helping of advice to high schoolers getting their campus metriculation on.

A FEW CRUCIAL DOS AND DON'TS:

■ Do base class selection on your professors.

If someone is notoriously dull or famous across campus for being "like, the best teacher ever," it's worth listening to a school-wide consensus.

■ Don't go against your natural schedule.

If you're a night owl chances are you'll end up skipping any classes before 10 a.m. Scheduling your classes around your most alert hours can make showing up and paying attention much easier.

■ Do go to the library.

Shockingly, this place is a great study spot. Plus they have a countless number of books — for free!

■ Don't buy your textbooks at the bookstore.

Most can be found much cheaper online at sites like Amazon.com or from friends who have taken the same class before you. Make sure to get the right edition though, so that your page numbers aren't different than those assigned.

■ Do join something.

If you've always thought golf was sort of cool, start attending club practices. Ever considered being an actor? Audition for a play. It's no big deal to start something and stop it if it doesn't interest you, but sometimes following up on that flyer that catches your eye can lead to a new passion or group of friends.

■ Don't choose a safe roommate.

While most schools randomly assign you to your freshman dorm partner, sometimes you can request a friend. Don't do this! For one thing, having a roommate you don't know is a good way to be introduced to a different culture, personality type, or set of friends. Even if you don't particularly get along, it's a lot easier to establish boundaries with someone that you don't know than with a friend, where things can get personal.

■ Do anticipate being cold.

Even Northern California can be freezing compared to sunny Santa Monica!

■ Don't rush into a major.

Most freshman who enter college dead set on being biology majors find out they actually want to be a politician, or spend a whole year taking one-track classes while they should have been exploring other avenues.

■ Do get some requirements out of the way.

If you're pretty sure you want to go pre-med, it's worth taking the class that's only offered once a year. Even if you have no idea what you want to do, try knocking out that math requirement that the university requires — you'll be glad when it's senior year and you're cramming in classes for a major.

■ Don't sign up for an extensive meal plan.

Dining hall food is convenient and less expensive than eating out every day, but sometimes it verges on prison quality (literally). It's worth checking out the less comprehensive meal plan, as you might find that you don't really eat in the dining hall three times a day, seven days a week.

■ Do meet with your advisor.

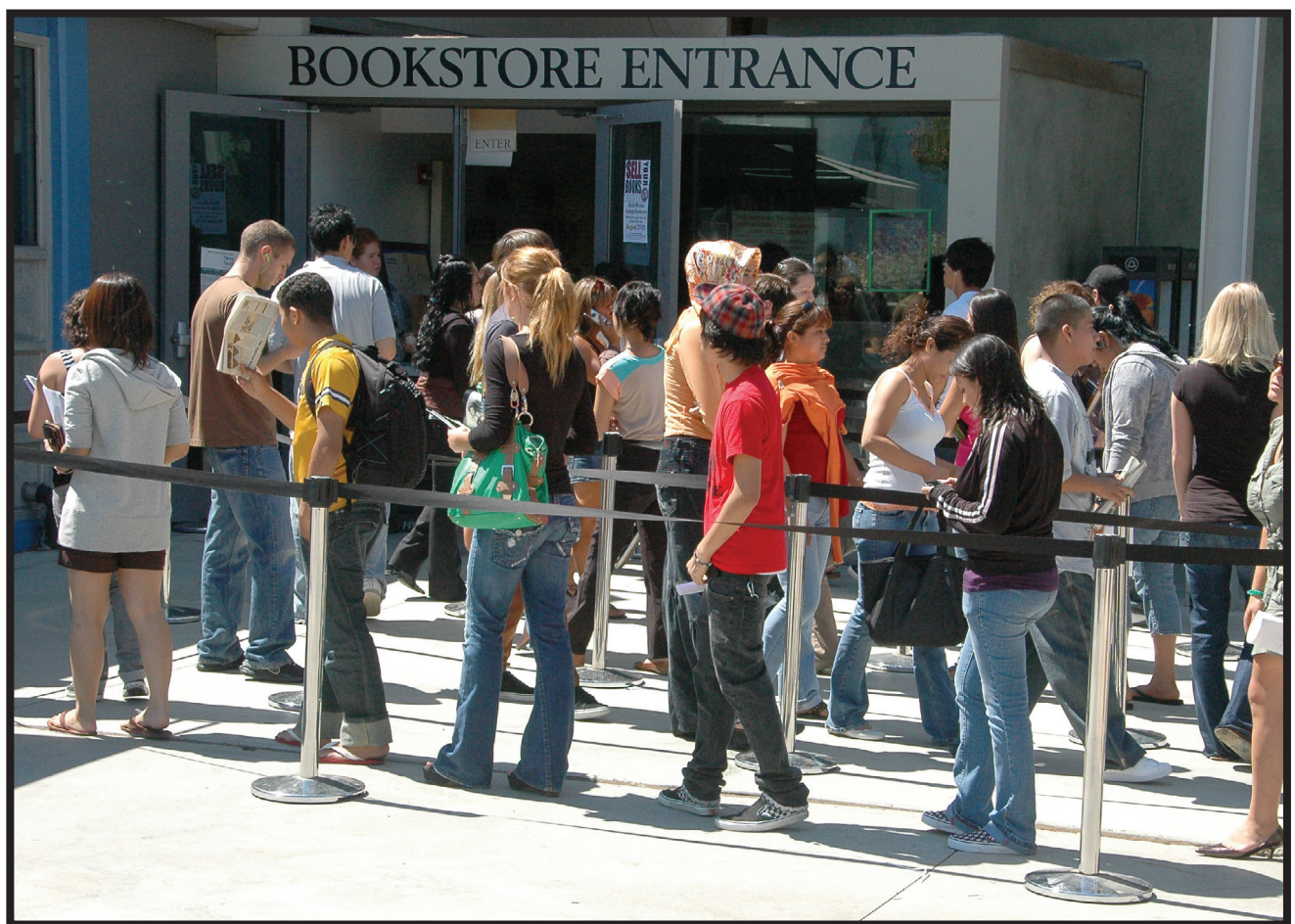
They can often guide you in the direction of great classes you wouldn't have thought of, and help you navigate around requirements.

■ Don't go to every orientation activity.

"Bonding" can get a little tiresome, and you can usually find out more by going to talk to people who can specifically answer your questions, like RAs or people in the financial aid office.

■ Do drop classes.

Most schools have a grace period where students can sign up for more units than they need, "shop" classes, and shuffle



STATUS QUEUE

Fabian Lewkowicz *fabianl@smdp.com*

Students wait to buy textbooks at Santa Monica College's bookstore on Tuesday, the first day of the fall semester. Students waited in line, on average, between 30 minutes to an hour.



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TAKING A (CLASS) LOAD OFF: **A first-year student takes a break during what can seem like an endless day of challenges.**

their schedules a little. If during the first couple lectures you just can't stay awake or that 20 page term paper seems impossible, don't take the class.

■ Don't get a credit card.

Unless you are one of those type-A personalities that can keep track of everything, it's way too easy to part with money you can't see and end up in nasty debt.

■ Do get a Brita, and a mini fridge.

The Brita means you don't have to pay for bottled water when you're thirsty and the dining hall is closed, and the fridge is good for keeping (somewhat) healthy late night snacks.

■ Don't overload on units.

As long as you don't decide to take only pottery and ballroom dancing one semester, you probably don't need to cram your schedule in an effort to "get ahead." Usually, doing so will just result in a lot of unnecessary stress, and a lower GPA.

■ Do take advantage of campus resources.

Free gym membership, unlimited access to a health center, wonderfully up-to-date Internet services, paid psychology surveys, on-campus jobs that pay way more than minimum wage — there are a lot of services and programs to get your money's worth.

■ Don't let the freshman 15 creep on.

Second trips to the all-you-can-eat dining hall are more tempting than you'd think, as are the ice cream machines that run at every meal. Try exercising now and then, it can be a good study break.

■ Do get a job if you have free time (especially one where you can study while working).

■ Don't shower without flip flops. Enough said.

■ Do party on the weeknights.

Chances are you won't have classes early in the morning every day. Sometimes a mid-week social outing is refreshing, and can save you time to put aside a whole day on the weekend to work or just relax.

■ Don't party like you just got paroled from prison.

Just because you don't have a curfew anymore doesn't mean you should start doing bodyshots and staying up until 4 a.m. A bad hangover isn't the worst consequence of nonstop madness, especially if you weren't a big partier in high school. If your only experience with alcohol is a sip of Mom's wine at dinner, you probably shouldn't attempt that keg stand.

■ Do leave high school in the past.

You don't have to call home every day, your high school friends might be easy to fall back on, but hanging out with them every weekend isn't a good idea, and most of all, you don't have to be the same person you were in high school!

■ Don't let Dad's plan for you dictate your college experience.

Just because your family have been doctors for five generations doesn't mean you can't take a creative writing class. If you end up fulfilling your parents dreams, great, but remember that this is your college experience, not your family's.

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Tips for empty nesters

The Associated Press

Some coping tips for parents sending a child off to college for the first time:

■ Be prepared to go through a period of reevaluation of your marriage, friendships, and relationships with children still at home.

■ Give yourself time to adjust. Accept that it won't happen overnight and may be painful.

■ Take up activities and interests that seem fulfilling, but don't try to come up with "busy work" to fill the void. This is a time for developing, refocusing and growing.

■ Keep it light. If you cry when dropping your child off at college, also try to laugh at yourself a bit. Don't lay the burden of your unhappiness and anxieties on your child.

■ Avoid offering last-minute advice on everything you think you didn't cover sufficiently. Your child is preoccupied with the coming adventure and isn't listening.

■ Resist the temptation to rush to fix your student's problems. Parachuting in robs children of the chance to develop problem-solving skills all adults need.

■ Don't call your student all the time just because both of you have cell phones. Think about setting aside a regular time for communication.

■ Don't orchestrate a massive family gathering.

Letting go of college-bound kids is easier said than done

BY EILEEN PUTMAN
Associated Press Writer

"You know what to do if you're caught in a rip current, right?" I ask anxiously, wanting to impart this last bit of knowledge to my son before he leaves us — and his childhood — behind.

We sat on a beach in the Florida Keys, a last family vacation before he headed off to college, joining a projected 18 million students at campuses this fall. My riptide worries, a metaphor for my jitters over that life-changing milestone, provoked a sigh.

"Yeah," he said wearily. "You tell me every time we come here."

Doubts over how well we've prepared a child for life's tough currents are a common affliction of parents sending a student off to college. Just as common is the advice aimed our way: Let go.

It's a message colleges stress — every chance they get. The dreaded "helicopter" parent who drops in to fix problems is the focus of orientation workshops. Topping schools' recommended reading for parents are books about letting go, prominently displayed in campus bookstores on move-in and orientation days.

At a time when parents are proud and thrilled their child is taking this big step, they're told to step back.

The thrill is tempered by sadness.

°Their job — a big part of it, anyhow — is over.





Police on high alert in Pico

Shooting, standoff put cops on alert in eastern part of city

BY MICHAEL J. TITTINGER
Daily Press Editor

PICO NEIGHBORHOOD Tensions ran high here on Tuesday, with police responding to an early morning shooting and engaging in an armed stand-off in the afternoon.

Pico residents spilled out onto the streets shortly after 2:30 p.m. when Santa Monica Police officers located a suspect wanted for assault with a deadly weapon holed up inside of an apartment building. Guns drawn, police sealed off the encircling area and attempted to negotiate the suspect's surrender for the better part of three hours before taking the man into custody.

WE TIP HOTLINE

Anyone having information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the robbery/homicide division of SMPD at (310) 458-8451 or the watch commander at (310) 458-8427. Callers who wish to provide anonymous information may also call the We-Tip national hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME (27463). Callers with information may be eligible for to receive a reward up to $1,000....

It was the second arrest made stemming from an afternoon incident in which a group of Latino males reportedly brandished a gun and pointed it out of their parked car at a passing female.

Earlier, a female had called the SMPD, saying that the group inside of a car pointed a gun at her while she walked past, according to Lt. Alex Padilla. The vehicle was subsequently spotted by police and stopped along the 2000 block of Cloverfield Boulevard. Following a search, one suspect was taken into custody, and police learned another was hiding out in a nearby apartment building.

Once on the scene, officers found the wanted male to be uncooperative and negotiations dragged on until approximately 5:30 p.m., when he turned himself over to authorities.

No weapons were recovered from the vehicle or the apartment building and no injuries were reported as a result of the incident.



Photo courtesy David Brown

STANDOFF IN PROGRESS: Santa Monica police gather outside of an apartment on Cloverfield Boulevard on Wednesday.

A RUDE AWAKENING

In the morning, a man was shot after being jolted awake as he slept in his truck on the 1900 block of Cloverfield Boulevard.

The victim was reportedly sleeping in his vehicle when a suspect attempted to break into the truck, smashing the driver's side window before fleeing on foot.

An initial police investigation revealed the victim — described as a 27-year-old male Latino from Santa Monica — then pursued the suspect onto Virginia Avenue, where the alleged assailant fired gunshots back in the direction of the truck and struck the driver.

The man drove himself to a local hospital where he was treated for a non-life threatening wound, according to Lt. Padilla, spokesman for the Santa Monica Police Department.

No description of the suspect was made available Tuesday, as the victim was reported to be uncooperative with police.

Police were notified at approximately 4:40 a.m. by a local hospital that it had just admitted a gunshot victim.

The incident is believed to be gang-related.

Anyone with additional information can report to the Santa Monica Police Department 24 hours at (310) 458-8427. Callers wishing to remain anonymous can contact the WeTip hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME.

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LACC teacher became SMC trustee last year

FROM TRUSTEE PAGE 3

Walzer would become known on the LACC campus.

"I had some inspirational teachers that transformed the way I thought about knowledge and about the world, and got me excited about learning and thinking more broadly about the world," he said.

More than 800 of the roughly 16,000-member student body cast their votes for their choice of favorite professor as part of a student government election in April — a 5-percent turnout. Walzer garnered the majority vote, said Arsen Mkrtchyan, who was named the student government president from the election.

Mkrtchyan took a humanities course taught by Walzer in spring 2006, an experience that helped motivate the student to participate in school activities and run for student body president.

"Students really enjoy his class ... you don't see a lot of students not show up to his class," he said.

Walzer received his bachelor's degree in politics from the University of California at Santa Cruz in 1983 and his doctorate in American Studies from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities in 1997.

He taught part-time in the history and writing departments for about six years at SMC before accepting a full-time gig at LACC in winter 2004, a decision that eliminated a conflict of interest with SMC and enabled him to secure a seat on its Board of Trustees in November.

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> **Andrew Walzer,** Los Angeles City College Teacher, SMC Trustee

Walzer calls his teaching approach "collaborative learning" or "student-centered learning" — a method to encourage students to take control of their education by involving themselves in the learning process. It's a style that helps with student retention, especially in the community college level, Walzer said.

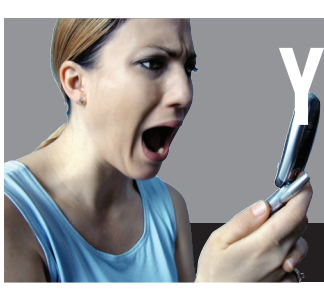
But perhaps what might have secured Walzer's place as teacher of the year is his advocacy to preserve the current fee structure for the MTA student bus passes at $30 a semester, said Susan Aminoff, a colleague at both the board of trustees and LA City College.

The SMC board chairman teaches sociology at LA City College.

"He's a deeply committed student activist who happens to be a faculty member," she said. "He spends a great deal of time with students and he is an advocate and an activist."

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CONTROVERSY? International real estate developer Hines on Monday announced the purchase of the old Paper Mate pen manufacturing plant located at 26th Street and Olympic. The company, which reportedly paid $74 million for the 7-acre site, plans to build more than 300,000 square feet of office space for those working in the entertainment industry. (View from Olympic.)

Paper Mate sale opens up debate

FROM **SALE** PAGE 1

"It is an extremely important property," Shepherd said. "It is going to be a primary entry point to the city and needs to be beautified. It needs to be a nice, new project that will be appropriate as an entry into the city and it needs to be developed responsibly and worked within the (Light Manufacturing and Studio District, or LMSD).

"We are obviously concerned about the cities in which we work in and we are trying to create a project that is responsive to the needs of the city."

The purchase comes as residents continue to pressure the City Council to pass a moratorium on development in the LMSD until a new Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) has been approved. City planners have been meeting with residents over the last several months to discuss changes to LUCE, which will determine how land is used for the next 20 years or more.

Residents in favor of a moratorium believe developers are trying to push through as many projects as possible before the LUCE is complete and want city staff to spend more time on it than on processing development agreements and permits. They fear that unchecked development will dramatically change the look and feel of their neighborhoods, bringing with it more vehicle traffic and people in need of services, which could tax the city's infrastructure.

In an e-mail to elected officials and City Manager Lamont Ewell, Ted Winterer, a member of the Recreation and Parks Commission and a president of the Ocean Park Association, urged city officials to enact some type of moratorium, calling the Hines purchase "the canary in the coal mine."

"We're driving without a contemporary road map and it makes sense to apply the brakes until we know where we're headed," Winterer wrote.

In his letter, Winterer went on to say that the plan outlined by Hines would add a tremendous amount of office space, "further disrupting the job v. housing imbalance, while arguably adding little to the city coffers after the cost of new services to these tenants are provided."

Wintered also mentioned the bad traffic that clogs streets like Olympic and Cloverfield boulevards during the morning and evening rush hours.

In response, Ewell said the property is heavily contaminated by industrial pollutants that must be removed before the land can be developed, which would take years.

"It is our belief that the LUCE will be completed prior to this estimated time frame," Ewell wrote.

Paper Mate's former owner, Gillette Co., is working on a cleanup proposal, Shepherd said.

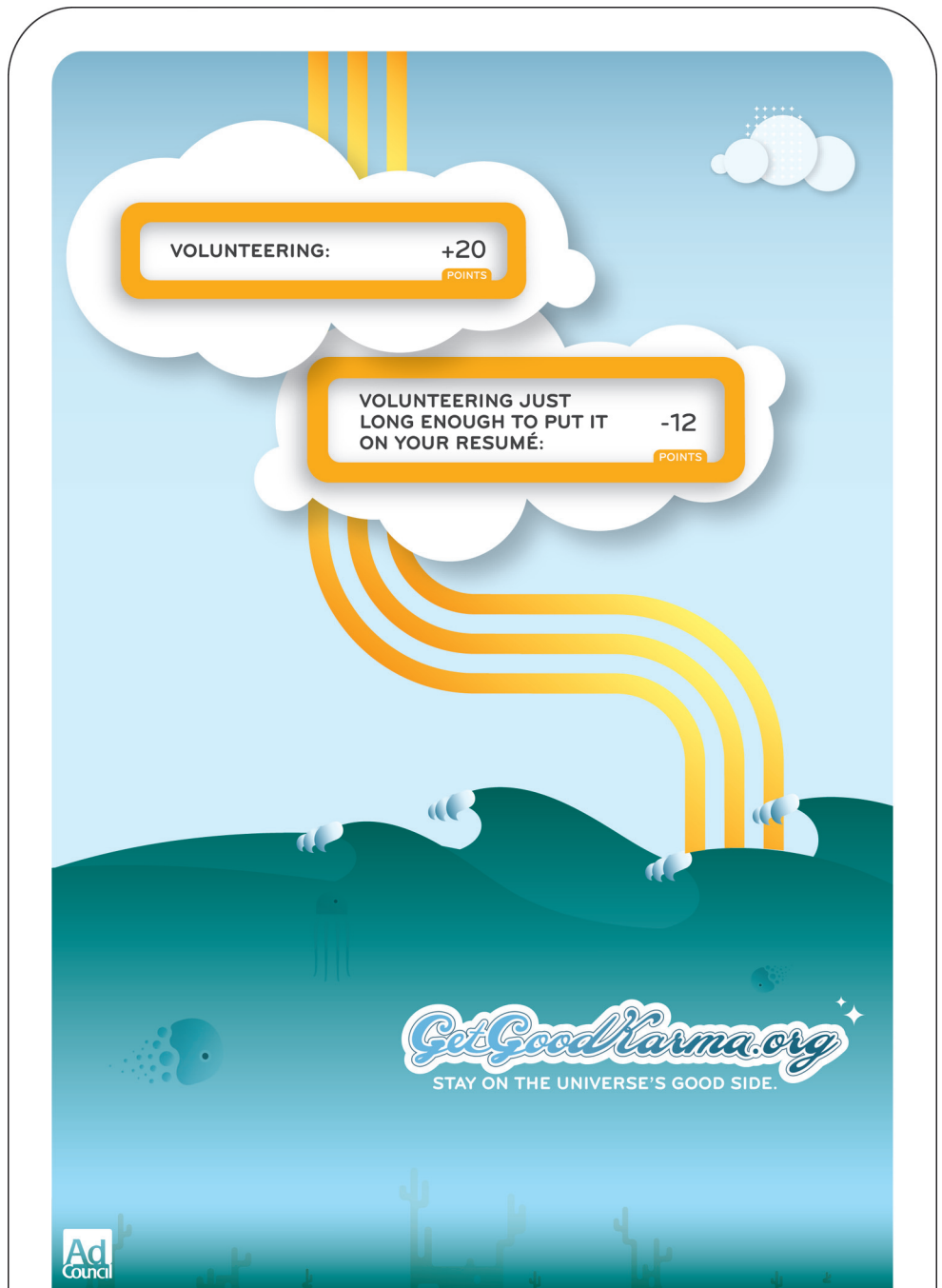
"We obviously very much want (Gillette) to do the right thing and I think we are confident that they will," Shepherd said. "It is important that we get the property cleaned up."

"If they can get it approved, it will do well," York said. "There is a tremendous demand for office space and the market is very tight. The real challenge will be how will the community react to it. There are concerns about traffic, but as of right now, the property is underutilized and is obviously not an asset to the city in its current state."

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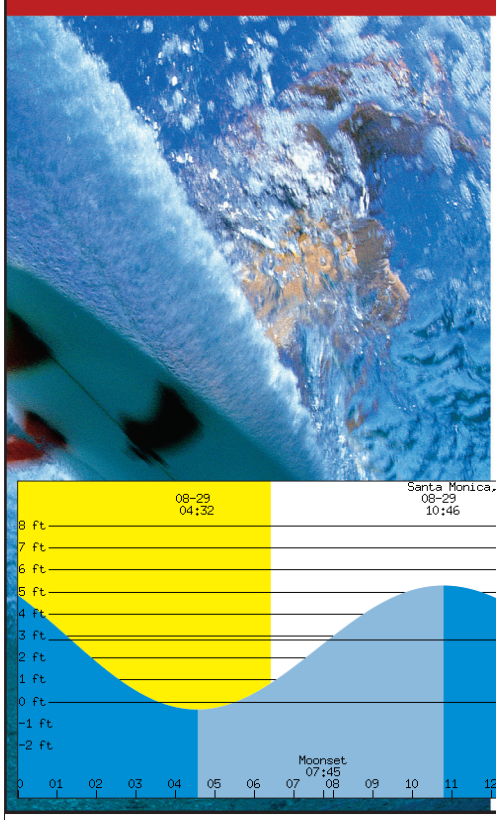




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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth (leocarrillo)	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	B	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	F	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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Army brass turns to Guard for assistance

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON The U.S. Army is turning to the National Guard for help recruiting would-be soldiers in hometowns across America.

Army leaders, struggling to meet recruitment goals in the midst of a long and unpopular war in Iraq, are quietly working out final details of a program that would give bonuses of $2,000 per recruit to any National Guard soldier who brings somebody into the active duty Army.

Army Secretary Pete Geren disclosed the plan in an interview with The Associated Press, calling it an innovative effort to get broader reach into local communities.

> **"IT'S A WIN-WIN FOR BOTH THE ARMY AND THE NATIONAL GUARD."**
>
> **Lt. Col. Ron Walls**
> Chief of enlisted recruiting and retention for the Army National Guard

The Guard members, Geren said, are "much more in contact with the civilian population than the active duty soldier is. So they give us reach into a larger segment of the community on a personal level, a one to one basis, than we get through our recruiting relationships."

National Guard "recruiting assistants" already earn bonuses for signing up new members of the Guard, and one former Marine was so successful that he earned nearly $100,000.

Under the new plan, a recruit would join the Guard but indicate that they are intending to shift to active duty. After they finish basic training they would either sign up for 30, 36 or 48 months in the active Army, or change their mind and simply stay in the Guard.

The Army secretary said the impact of the new Guard program would be felt next year when Guard soldiers will "become an important part of the active recruiting force."

The secretary says "they would recruit soldiers into the active component," adding that the recruits would then have continuing obligations in the reserves.

The Army initially expects to gain about 1,600 recruits next year through what they're calling the "Active First" program, according to Lt. Col. Ron Walls, chief of enlisted recruiting and retention for the Army National Guard.

Guard officials see the new plan as a boost for them, even though it could remove soldiers from the Army Guard ranks and shift them into active duty positions for 30 to 48 months.

"It's a win-win for both the Army and the National Guard," said Walls. While the active Army gets a new soldier, "we gain some (recruiting) growth immediately, and in the long run we gain a higher readiness level."

Recruits who come in under the Active First program will be counted toward the Guard's recruitment goals. The active Army would pay the bonus to the Guard soldier that got the new recruit.

Walls said that, in the end, "unless (the recruits) want to make a career out of active duty, they will return to the Guard."

Guard officials also see this as a way to reach people who might be open to a military career, but are looking for a full-time job, not just a part-time Guard position.

Oregon lawsuit seeks to roll back naturalization fee

BY JOSEPH B. FRAZIER
Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. Two unions sued in federal court Tuesday seeking to roll back stiff hikes in the fees immigrants must pay to file for naturalization papers.

Effective July 30, fees for starting the naturalization process went from $400 to $675, which plaintiffs say is both illegal and beyond the means of many seeking to apply.

The lawsuit on behalf of the 1.9 million-member Service Employees International Union and the Northwest Treeplanters and Farmworkers United of Woodburn, Ore., was filed in U.S. District Court in Portland by the Immigrant Law Group of Oregon.

About 98 percent of 5,000 members of the treeplanters and farmworkers union are Mexican or Central American, and the union goes by the abbreviation of its name in Spanish, PCUN. The lawsuit says many members of the service workers union also are immigrants, from many countries.

The suit names Michael Chertoff, the secretary of Homeland Security, and Emilio Gonzalez, director of federal Citizenship and Immigration Services agency, as defendants.

It claims the immigration agency's fees for the naturalization process can't exceed the cost of providing the services.

It says the new regulation, called the 2007 Fee Rule, is a revenue-raising measure not authorized by law, and it contends the government agencies have not accounted for revenues and costs.

"This fee increase has put U.S. citizenship beyond the reach of many of our nation's newcomers," said a statement in support of the action from the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials.

It said Congress should provide money to supplement costs of major immigration agency expenses.

The regional agency spokeswoman in San Francisco, Sharon Rummery, said its policy is not to comment on pending litigation.

But she said in July that the last comprehensive immigration fee review was in 1998 and that the agency took more than 4,000 public comments on different fee schedule proposals.

She said Tuesday that the Citizenship and Immigration Services agency is fee-based and required to recover the costs of its services.

The agency was part of the disbanded Immigration and Naturalization Service and became a part of the Department of Homeland Security in 2003.

Good cause

Jim Carrey raises awareness of rights leader Aung San Suu Kyi

JIM CARREY has made a straight-to-YouTube video. And it's not funny at all.

The 45-year-old actor-comedian – in rare serious mode – appears in a new public service announcement on behalf of the Human Rights Action Center and the U.S. Campaign for Burma. The goal: To free Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, who has been confined by the Burmese government for 11 of the last 17 years.

"Even though she's compared to a modern-day Gandhi or Nelson Mandela, most people in America still don't know about Aung San," Carrey says in the filmed message, posted Tuesday on YouTube.

"And let's face it: the name's a little difficult to remember. Here's how I did it: Aung San sounds a lot like `unsung,' as in unsung hero. Aung San Suu Kyi is truly an unsung hero."

Suu Kyi, who is under long-term house arrest in the city of Yangon, received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991 for her nonviolent efforts to bring down the oppressive military regime that rules over the Southeast Asian country.

The regime, led by General Than Shwe, has destroyed more than 3,000 villages in eastern Burma – forcing more than a 1.5 million people to leave their homes – and recruited more child soldiers than any other country in the world, Carrey says in his spot.

"People around the world need to come to her aid, just as they supported Mandela when he was locked up," said Jeremy Woodrum, co-founder of the U.S. Campaign for Burma, in a statement Tuesday.

"This announcement contributes to an upsurge in activism around Aung San Suu Kyi in the United States and throughout the world."

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DIDDLEY DOING BETTER

BO DIDDLEY was in stable condition at a Gainesville hospital after suffering a heart attack, his publicist said Tuesday.

The 78-year-old singer-guitarist complained of dizziness and nausea during a routine medical check-up with his physician on Friday, said publicist Susan Clary.

She said Diddley was taken to North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville where a stent was implanted to improve the blood flow to his heart.

AP

Davis sues father-daughter nonprofit organization over See Jane charity idea

GEENA DAVIS has sued the owners of a Minnesota-based advocacy group for allegedly taking her idea for a charitable foundation and promoting it as their own.

The actress filed her lawsuit Monday in Los Angeles Superior Court against Joseph Kelly and Nancy Gruver of the Dads & Daughters nonprofit organization, seeking unspecified compensatory and punitive damages. Kelly is president and Gruver is executive director of the organization.

Davis, 51, said in court papers that she came up with the idea for the See Jane foundation, which encourages balanced gender representation in entertainment for children, in 2004.

She alleges that Kelly and Gruver agreed to be the project's fiscal sponsors after meeting with her and that she raised nearly $750,000 in donations. But the pair later informed her "that they were the owners of the See Jane project and whatever legal rights existed in the See Jane name and goodwill," according to the lawsuit.

Kelly and Gruver also told others they owned the project, and have used Davis' name and likeness without her permission to promote Dads & Daughters, the actress said in the lawsuit.

In an e-mail Tuesday to The Associated Press, Kelly denied the claim, saying he and Gruver were "shocked" by the lawsuit and that it was "filled with inaccuracies and false allegations."

Kelly said that as a nonprofit organization, Dads & Daughters is governed by its board of directors and doesn't have individual owners.

AP



Curb spending, Aquarius

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

Happy Birthday!

You create what you want, whether you are aware of that fact or not. This year, cease to blame others and stay more in control of your life by accepting responsibility. You might be the source of confusion, as you ask so many questions of yourself. Trusting might be more important than you realize. If you are single, you'll meet someone spectacular during the winter. This person could be the one. If you are attached, be careful not to take your skepticism into your relationship.



Born Today

Singer Michael Jackson (1958)
Actress Carla Gugino (1971)
Actress Ingrid Bergman (1915)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Though you might want to put yourself out there, you might choose not to. Roll with events; a startling insight easily pops up. Miscommunication is the norm, as well as power plays. Detach, my dear Ram. Tonight: Do your thing!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ The natural rhythm of the day could prevent you from achieving your goals. Straightening out a conflict could be a major preoccupation. A partner also could be insistent that he or she is right! Tonight: Let that special person be a force in his or her own mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Assume more responsibility, especially if you want a job done a certain way. Confusion earmarks responsibility, and, as a result, decision-making might not be a snap. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ The unexpected surrounds communication and decisions. Not everything happens as you would expect, and perhaps nothing will. Confirm meetings and appointments. Expect to revamp your schedule, and you won't be disappointed. Tonight: Others might need you!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ A partner has a strong sense of determination that could nearly crush your spirit or energy. Actually, the smart move would be to let this person call the shots. Tonight: Keep togetherness as the theme.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You might want to listen to someone else or let this person take the lead. Sometimes more is accomplished by letting someone have his or her way than to argue. Nothing speaks like the end results. Tonight: Be a yes man or woman!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ All work and no play might make Libra dull. That concern falls to the wayside because whatever you touch has an element of the unexpected. Don't make a problem bigger than it is. Some people respond to different styles of communication. Tonight: Roll on home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Tap into your creativity, as stunning or startling a situation might be. There is always an answer. It is simply an issue of finding the right one. Don't aim for a consensus of opinion in the present astrological climate. Tonight: Let your hair down. You need to.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ On some level you might have the air knocked out of you. Step back rather than react, and you will be on top of your game soon enough. A boss, parent or authority figure might have quite a few suggestions. Tonight: Adjust your plans to your needs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ What you thought you heard might be exactly what you did hear. Hold on tight, as the unexpected unleashes its possibilities. You could get upset or kick back and enjoy all the possibilities. Tonight: Don't create drama where there is no need to have any.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You pull the wild card financially. What you know for sure is that you shouldn't count on anything. What might have been OK yesterday could be tossed today. Do understand there is an element of confusion here. Tonight: Curb spending.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
HHHH You seem to be a source of surprise. You might also decide to step up to the plate and unleash some chaos here and there. You feel as if you can then regain control. Tonight: Someone might be quite judgmental.

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The Last Legion (PG-13)
10:00
No Reservations (PG)
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Resurrecting the Champ (PG-13)
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Mr. Bean's Holiday (G)
1:15, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30
Ratatouille (G)
2:00, 4:50, 7:45, 10:20
The Simpsons Movie (PG-13)
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Stardust (PG-13)
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War (R)
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12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00
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12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55
Becoming Jane (PG)
1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
Delirious (NR)
1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50
No End in Sight (NR)
11:00am
Sicko (PG-13)
11:00am

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Illegal Tender (R)
1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 10:00
The Invasion (PG-13)
12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20
The Nanny Diaries (PG-13)
11:50am, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
Rush Hour 3 (PG-13)
12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:50, 10:10
Superbad (R)
12:00, 1:30, 2:40, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30, 11:30

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Difficulty
GOLD

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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.

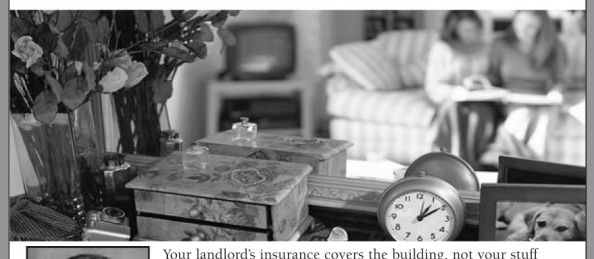
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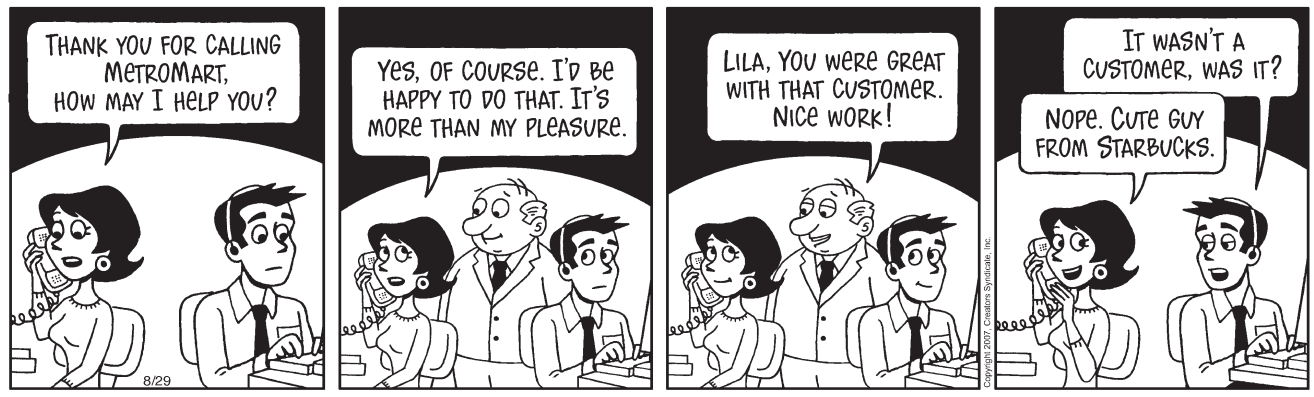
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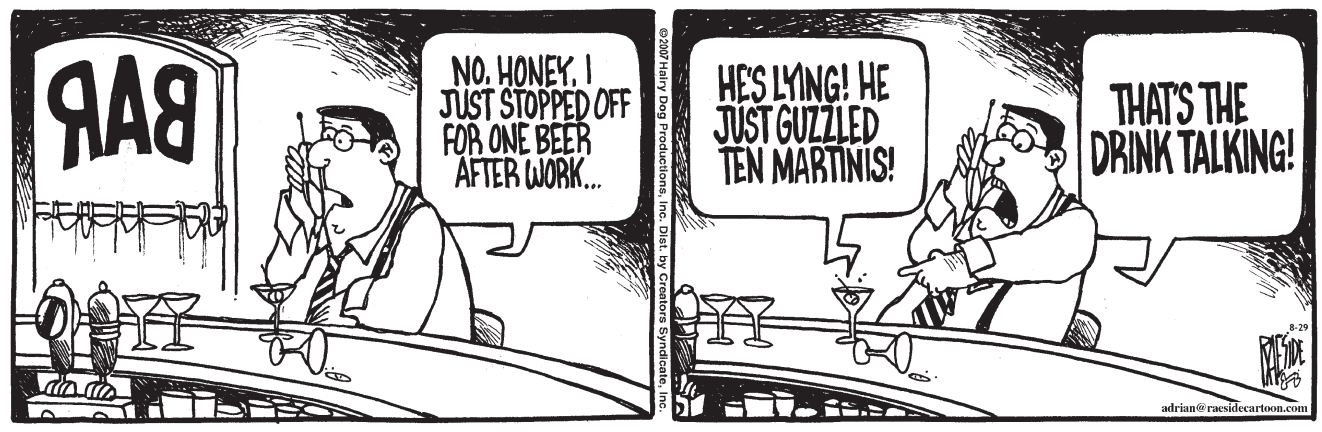
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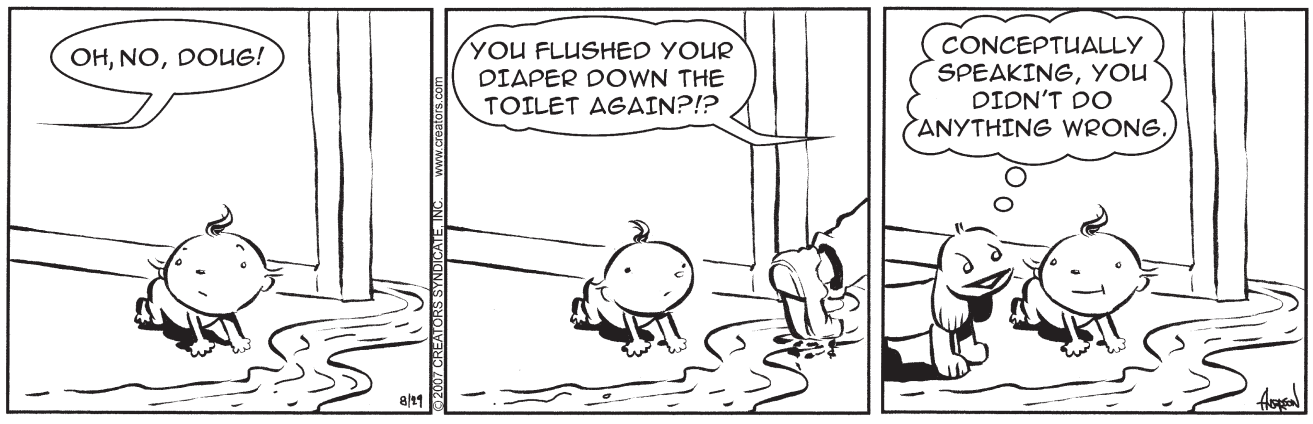
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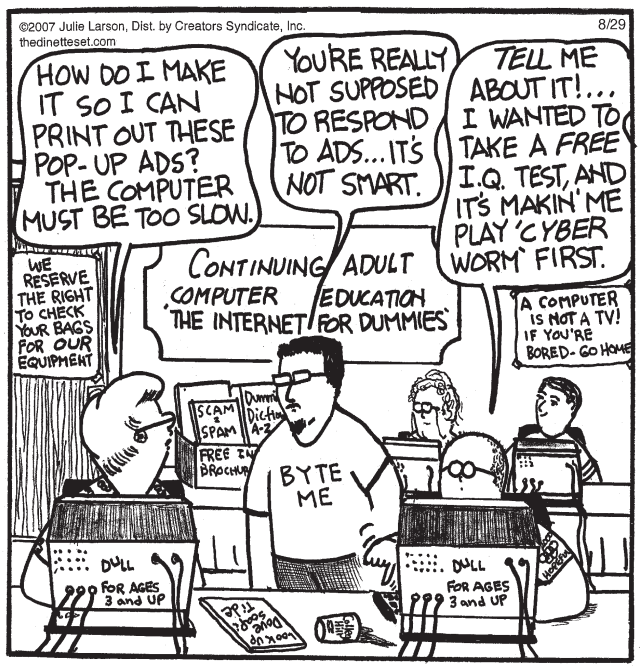


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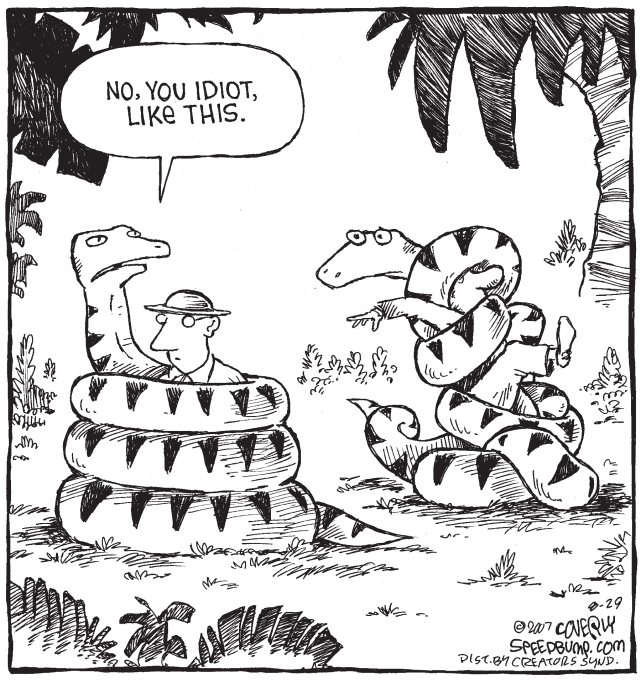
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11 Street urchin
12 Even a little
13 Preach
14 Chat
15 Stuff thrown overboard
16 Groom's answer
17 "Viva — Vegas"
18 Wily
19 Reprimands
22 Onion's kin
23 Gung-ho
26 Counts
29 Dunderhead
32 Method
33 Have brunch
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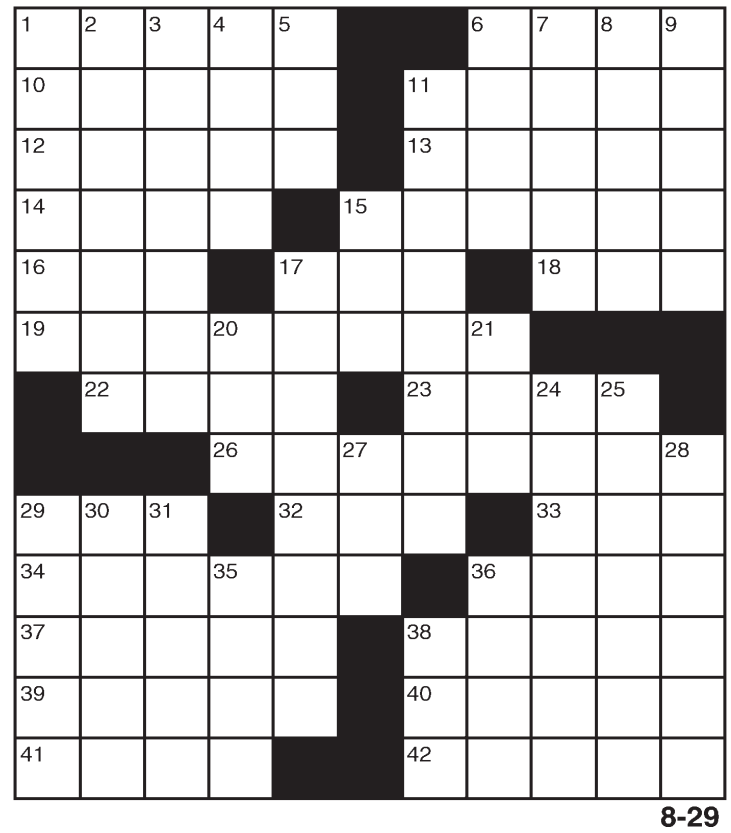
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17 Tepid
20 Dry, as wine
21 "Law & Order" letters
24 Words after "peekaboo"
25 Cul-de-sac
27 Pester
28 Feeds the furnace
29 Travel aid
30 Tend
31 Thrifty one
35 Thrash
36 Brewing need
38 Holds

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Undignified Deaths: (1) Police in Brandon, Fla., arrested Willie Tarpley Jr., 46, in May, alleging that he killed his ex-wife's boyfriend because he was upset that she was dating a man who was a registered sex offender (even though Tarpley and his ex-wife are reportedly also registered sex offenders). (2) At a Toronto nursing home in May, a 69-year-old resident angrily kicked a 79-year-old fellow resident, causing him to fall and fatally hit his head. The victim had taken up with a female resident, thinking she was his wife, but the jealous younger man thought the woman was his own wife. She was actually married to neither; all three had Alzheimer's disease. (No charges were filed.)

■ An estimated 50 followers of Hira Ratan Manek live in the Atlanta area, according to an August Journal-Constitution report, and regularly follow his teaching to stare directly into the sun, supposedly for energy and clarity of thought. Ophthalmologists consulted by the newspaper expressed alarm, even though Manek advises to start at 10 seconds' time and gradually increase (to 45 minutes!) and to stare only when the sun is near the horizon.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1533 Spanish conquest of the Inca Empire: Inca emperor Atahualpa is executed in Cajamarca by the garrote by Spanish invaders known as Conquistadores.

1786 Shays' Rebellion, an armed uprising of Massachusetts farmers, begins in response to high debt and tax burdens.

1911 Ishi, considered the last Native American to make contact with European Americans, emerges from the wilderness of northeastern California.

1949 Soviet atomic bomb project: The Soviet Union tests its first atomic bomb, known as First Lightning or Joe 1, at Semipalatinsk, Kazakhstan.

1966 Last scheduled Beatles concert, in Candlestick Park San Francisco, California.

1970 Chicano Moratorium against the Vietnam War, East Los Angeles, California. Police riot kills three people, including journalist Ruben Salazar.

1991 Supreme Soviet suspends all activities of the Soviet Communist Party.

2003 Ayatollah Sayed Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim, the Shia Muslim leader in Iraq, is assassinated in a terrorist bombing, along with nearly 100 worshippers as they leave a mosque in Najaf.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: COLETTE CHANEL
CASE NO. SP007237

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of COLETTE CHANEL.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JEFFREY L. CONDON in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JEFFREY L. CONDON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on 09/21/07 at 9:15AM in Dept. R located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
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Attorney for Petitioner
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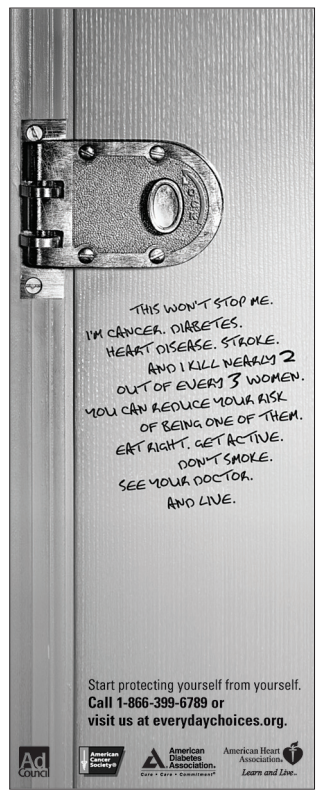
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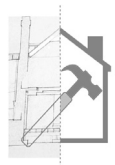
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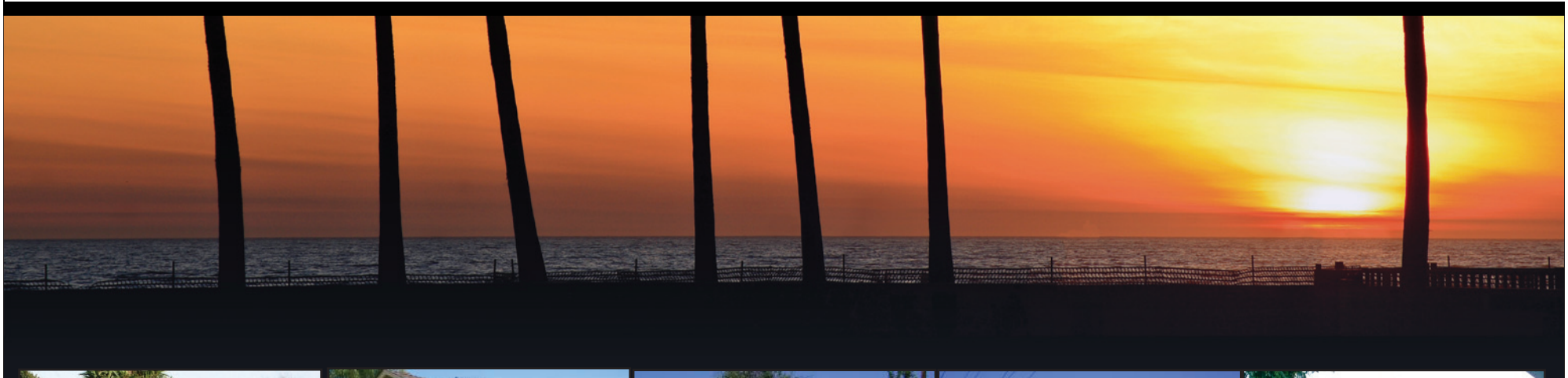
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