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1436 Second St., 10 a.m. — 2 p.m.

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6th Annual Kickin' Cancer!

San Vicente Boulevard & Darlington Avenue, Brentwood, 7 a.m. — 11 a.m.

Kickin' Cancer! is a family-friendly event to raise funds and awareness for the early detection and prevention of women's cancers. Event highlights include T-shirt giveaways, a Kiddie Fun Run, raffle prizes, entertainment and more. For a complete list of fundraising prizes, sponsor links, event information and more, visit www.kickincancer.com.

Forever young at the Forever Cemetery

6000 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood, 7 p.m.

Cinespia presents the feel-good "What Ever Happened to Baby Jane" starring Bette Davis and Joan Crawford at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery. \$10 donation tickets available at the gate. For more information, visit www.cemeteryscreenings.com.

Puppetolio

1255 Second St., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

Puppetolio is a musical revue featuring marionettes and ventriloquism. Shows are always followed by a chance to visit the museum collection and ask questions. All seats are \$7.50. For more information, visit www.PUPPETMAGIC.com or call (310) 656-0483.

'Rancho Monterey'

2612 Main St., 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.

The California Heritage Museum's current exhibition showcases Monterey and rancho-style furniture, California ceramics and tile, Mexican ceramics and pottery, tourist-ware and costuming, and fine arts by artists including Phil Paradise, Victor Clyde Forsythe and Hernando Villa. General admission is \$5, students and seniors are \$3, and children 12 and under get in free. For more information, call (310) 392-8537.

Sunday, Sept. 2, 2007

The other Jerry's kids

14 Below, 7:30 p.m. — 11:30 p.m.

Each Sunday, Cubensis brings the sights and sounds of a live Grateful Dead concert to 14 Below, at the corner of 14th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard. Cubensis is known for whipping its faithful crowd into a swirling psychedelic mass for three hours straight.

All Aboard the U.S.S. Friendship

1211 Fourth St., 2 p.m.

The final show at Santa Monica Playhouse of 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." Featuring members of Summer Stock 2007. Reservations are necessary. For more information, call (310) 394-9779, ext 2. or visit www.SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com.

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No class

Will digital degrees render the school environment obsolete?

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE Tupelo Hassman was always one of the shy students, camouflaging herself amid the rows of her classmates and blushing each time she was called upon to speak.

That all changed about six years ago, when she enrolled in her first online class at Santa Monica College — English 2, with Judith Remmes.

Sitting in the safe confines of her home and behind a computer screen, the online world brought out the outspoken hand-raiser that Hassman seldom revealed in a physical classroom.

“In the online world, I really spoke up, and I think that is one of the best things about it,” Hassman said Thursday. She has since become an online SMC professor. “You have more time to get your thoughts together, and if you’re at all articulate with the written word, then you can share your thoughts and no one sees you blush.”

It’s the other college way of life, a world where students meet in chat rooms, debate on discussion threads and sign on to take finals, all the while sitting in their pajamas with unkempt hair.

Online classes have also provided an alternative means of achieving post-secondary education to working professionals, single parents and other students who otherwise might not have the time to check into a physical classroom several times a week.

But while Internet instruction has been lauded as opening up accessibility to a college education, its effectiveness has been called into question.

A 2002 study by two professors at Michigan State University found that students enrolled in online classes performed worse on examinations than their counterparts taking the same course in a classroom.

Economics professors Carl Liedholm and Byron Brown both taught an online and live version of the “Principles of Microeconomics” course during the 2000-01 school year. The professors compared performance data in the classes and found that, while the students were all able to grasp the basic concepts, those in the classroom fared better in understanding complex material.

Liedholm and Brown did not return calls seeking comment.

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Christine Chang news@smdp.com

LINE ‘EM UP: Many students take online classes to avoid the inconveniences of attending class, such as lack of parking and traffic congestion, shown here at Santa Monica College at 7:55am.

British expatriates move forward with lives



Photo courtesy

FOND MEMORIES: Local British expatriates look back fondly on ‘The People’s Princess.’

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN As thousands of Londoners gathered Friday to solemnly mark the 10th anniversary of Princess Diana’s death, British expatriates in Santa Monica spent the day doing what they normally do and weren’t caught up in the mania that still surrounds the tragic figure.

Apparently time does heal all wounds.

“Being away from home for so long, you kind of get detached from everything. It’s just not that big of a deal here,” said James Turner, as he drank an English ale while watching a soccer match on the tele at Ye Old King’s Head pub, a popular hangout for

bloke’s and birds to gather and chin wag.

“I can’t believe it’s been 10 years,” Turner added.

That was a common response from expats when asked to give their thoughts on Diana’s death. The pain of losing Britain’s greatest ambassador has faded over the years. While most seemed to still carry a bit of sadness with them as they reminisced about where they were on the night when Diana died in a car crash in Paris, it seems there are more pressing things on their minds.

Diana did grace the cover of this week’s British Weekly, a newspaper published in Santa Monica, however, the entire issue was not dedicated to her, as was the case when

she died.

“There are more important things going on in the world,” said Editor Neil Fletcher, who said readers are more interested in the story of an 11-year-old boy in Liverpool who was shot and killed by another boy who pulled up beside him on a BMX bike than they are in the furor over Camilla Parker Bowles’ decision to stay away from the memorial.

“I suspect those in West Hollywood will be doing more to remember her than Brits here because she was so loved by the gay community,” Fletcher said.

Theresa Dulley, owner of the Tudor

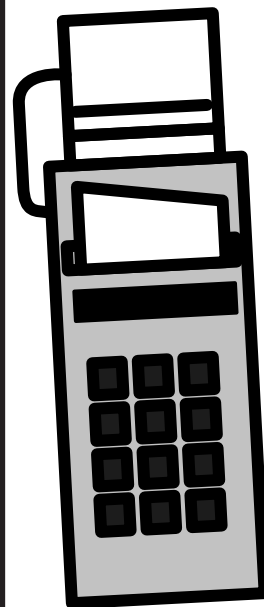
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Some kids who want to appear older then they really are, start smoking and drinking.

A small percentage however take a healthier approach and have their legs tattooed with varicose veins and their face with age spots.

RICHARD BROUWER is a 'neutral observer' living on the edge in The Netherlands.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ho-hum: Another GOP sex scandal

Editor:

Yet another Republican crusader caught in a sex scandal! Sen. Larry Craig of Idaho joins the ranks of Republicans David Vitter, Bob Allen and Mark Foley caught in shadowy behavior. Is there something in the water these conservatives are drinking?

Sen. Craig solicited sex in a Minneapolis airport bathroom. So much for the myth that Republicans are the "family values" party. GOP politicians are using their evangelical zeal in strange ways.

Ron Lowe
Santa Monica

Homeless hurt the quality of life

Editor:

The executive director of OPCC certainly has important insights into our vagrancy crisis ("OPCC didn't create the homeless," letters, Aug. 30), but the head spender of this social-service empire will only drone on with one mantra: More money, more services, more money, more services.

Last night, we walked to 18th Street and Wilshire Boulevard to get some ice cream – my infant son, pregnant wife and me. It was a zombie movie and a drunken frat party rolled into one long gauntlet of homeless – taunting, demanding money, drinking from a shared bottle – all on private property. Around the corner, going home, a man was masturbating in his doorway campsite. Where are the police? Why do we tolerate this?

The problem also is that our city leaders treat the homeless like a special class of children. They get a pass for all types of illegal behavior, because they're homeless. Most of our vagrants made conscious, rational adult decisions to travel to Santa Monica from Lord knows where. And they make rational, adult decisions to trespass, or piss in public, or drink, or panhandle or camp in cars, and on and on.

If Santa Monica can require a computerized photo registry of illegally tall plants, the city ought to be able to find the political will to tell the police to enforce laws that most of us would never think of violating, like sleeping in someone else's property or jerking off in public.

I don't think the homeless have flocked here in record numbers only because of the free food and job counseling services. It's also because they know Santa Monica will let them get away with breaking the law. And for that, blame falls squarely on the shoulders of the renter "rights" majority on the City Council. You know who they are. They've been in office a long, long time.

Mark Shepherd
Santa Monica



Modern Times

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Sports bras, baggy pants are spreading

ACCORDING TO WIKIPEDIA, "FASHION police' refers to ... an imaginary police force that makes sure that people dress according to fashion." Now, Atlanta City Councilman C.T. Martin no longer wants the fashion police to be just "imaginary." He has proposed fining men and boys who wear baggy pants that show their underwear and women and girls who show the strap of their thong or wear sports bras in public. One of the comments on the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Web site said it's "like banning stupidity."

I disagree. Banning stupidity might make more sense.

Should city governments really get into the area of legislating fashion? Those baggy jeans that drag on the ground and reveal boxer shorts look ridiculous to me. And I think wearing a sports bra in a restaurant is an odd choice. I'm sure I'm not alone in these opinions, but just because we don't like the way some people dress doesn't mean we should outlaw their clothing choices. I'm sure there are plenty of people who don't think I dress well — some of them live in my house — but I'd hate to have to worry about being arrested every time I throw on my old sweatshirt.

In all fairness to Councilman Martin, he isn't just concerned with fashion. He feels that the clothing he'd like to ban is representative of what he thinks are bad aspects of the hip-hop culture, which has its roots in African-American communities. Martin, an African-American, believes that young children see their hip-hop heroes wearing clothing like this, emulate it, and then believe that "half-dressing is the way to go." He added that baggy pants are becoming "an epidemic" throughout the country. If that's true, I don't think the vaccine for that epidemic will be a "baggy pants ban."

Much like language, fashion evolves. America didn't need legislation to get rid of the Nehru suit or mini-skirts made of paper. When the Beatles came on the scene, many parents were shocked by their "long hair" — which would be considered fairly short today. Women's hemlines have gone up and down as often as the stock market (and some people have even suggested a correlation). When I was in school, the kids who wore

baggy pants weren't "in." The cool kids — the kids that adults disapproved of — wore tight pants. So, it was the opposite of today. And no law caused that swinging of the fashion pendulum.

Councilman Martin is probably right that people's fashion choices are influenced by those whom they admire. Until the 1960s, most American men wore hats. Many people feel that the majority of men stopped wearing hats because John Kennedy didn't wear a hat to his inauguration. When Michael Jordan stopped wearing shorts that were, well, short, other basketball players followed his lead. Soon, kids were wearing shorts that might more correctly be called "longs." But these changes did not come about because of some "uncovered head proclamations" or "below-the-knee shorts laws."

If schools or restaurants want to ban certain clothing, that's fine. In fact, I'm all for that. But banning particular clothing in public seems over the line. And please don't write me to say that if smoking can be banned from public places, why can't certain ways of dress be banned, too? As far as I know, there have been no cases of getting cancer from "second hand baggy pants."

I have no idea if there is any connection between dressing like a "gangsta" and getting in trouble, as the councilman apparently feels or fears. However, if parents don't want their kids to dress like this, they can just say, "no." If a kid shows up to school dressed inappropriately, let's not blame hip-hop stars. Let's blame the adults that let them walk out of the house that way.

Speaking of adults, to those like Councilman Martin who feel that kids dressing this way is, indeed, a serious problem, I have a suggestion: All the concerned adults have to do is to start dressing this way themselves. Once kids see older people wearing these clothes, they'll stop wearing them. Dressing like this will no longer be hip — just like the word "hip" is no longer "hip" now that people like me use it.

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STRAY talk

A CENTER-CUT, NO-FAT REVIEW OF WHAT WAS SAID THIS PAST WEEK BY FOLKS THE WORLD OVER AND RIGHT AT HOME

"Anyone can have a bad day, a very bad day."

— Bernie Brillstein, a veteran Hollywood manager, on the general attitude of Hollywood toward actor Owen Wilson's suicide attempt on Sunday

"People will say, 'Why did you move there knowing that there was an airport?' It's not about that anymore. The issue is that the airport is a disaster waiting to happen."

— Ellen Mark, a Sunset Park resident who claims her quality of life has diminished due to the plane traffic

"I believe he should resign because I believe character is an extremely important qualification for public service."

— Bryan Fischer, of the Idaho Values Alliance, on Republican Sen. Larry Craig of Idaho, who was arrested for soliciting sex from an undercover male cop in an airport bathroom

"It's as dark as the eighth circle of hell."

— Ben Fitzgerald, a Georgina Avenue resident, on the necessity for new street lighting, half of which will be funded by neighborhood residents

"If George Bush's government were as good and decent and focused as the people of New Orleans, whole parts of the city would not still look like the storm just hit. This is a national disgrace."

— Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards, who launched his presidential campaign from the Ninth Ward, which hasn't improved much from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina two years ago

"She's funky."

— Excerpt from an Entertainment Weekly Web site report about Britney Spears' new sound

"In terms of risk, we have the unusual luck of having all of our faults right beneath us, so even an earthquake that is relatively small and unimportant on the geographical scale can still have devastating consequences here in Los Angeles."

— David Bowman, chair of the Department of Geological Sciences at Cal State Fullerton

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The QLine

RESIDENTS OVERWHELMINGLY SAY NO TO FLUORIDE

This past week, Q-line asked:
Where do you stand on the water fluoridation issue?
Here are your responses:

"I'M TOTALLY AGAINST THIS mass-medicating, policy-driven experiment on humans called water fluoridation. Since only about 1 percent of municipal water is consumed by humans as drinking water, the other 99 percent, fluoridated or not, literally goes down the drain and or to the rest of the environment. That official estimate holds a mirror to how senseless and extravagant the fluoridation of the municipal water supply truly is. Next, the U.S. EPA has acknowledged they are unable to identify any chronic toxicological study for the fluoridation chemicals used. Are the MWD and the Santa Monica City Council majority paying attention to that? Obviously not. Many scientists and others warn that the fluoridation chemicals are potentially harmful to the downstream supply chain of humans, wildlife, oceans and our whole environment. The chemical product to be used to fluoridate us is hydrofluosilic acid. Incredibly, it's a highly toxic hazardous-rated product with contaminants such as lead and arsenic. That grim reality could explain why fluoridationists avoid talking about these "medication" agents. This perceived madness is not a delusion. Will our water providers and major media ever see the light?"

"I CAN UNDERSTAND VACCINATION TO keep people from getting diseases and spreading them, but what I do with my teeth is my business. Fluoride has no business in my drinking water."

"A BIG NO TO FLUORIDE. THE CITY Council is poisoning us against our will. And each City Council member should be put in jail for this criminal behavior."

"I CANNOT EMPHASIZE STRONGLY enough how much I'm against putting fluoride in the water. We have no choice. If we have to take vitamins, then we can take vitamins. But if it is in our water, we have no choice. It has been said time and time again that this not a healthy thing to do to people. I am very upset and angry that they are still continuing to move forward with this stupid and expensive project in face of our opposition. I don't understand."

"I AM DEAD-SET AGAINST THIS fluoridation issue because, over a period of years, reports that show fluoridation causes osteoporosis in senior citizens. So please, please don't put it in the water. We would like to encourage the children to eat better, to brush their teeth and get a better diet so they won't have any cavities. We care about them too, believe me."

"I AM ABSOLUTELY AGAINST THIS MASS medication, adding fluoride to our public waters. I have been from the beginning. I have studied this issue for well over 20 years and it's gross that this is happening and it's ... just grotesque. It's amazing people in our city are not well informed about this and rallying against it."

"I BELIEVE IN FREEDOM OF CHOICE. I DO not want to have fluoride imposed on me. What may be good for you is not good for me."

"REGARDING WATER OFFICIALS DECIDING to mix fluoride in the Santa Monica water supply: Let's think about it this way. In this post-9/11 era, do we really want anyone putting anything into our water supply?"

"ADDITIONAL FLUORIDE INTO OUR WATER supply ... has proven to be a safe, economic and efficient way to fight decay. Fluoride has been introduced in many communities and has reduced tooth decay, especially in children, by at least 50 percent or more. I would assume that the officials who are going to supervise the fluoridation of our water would know the natural concentration and would add the appropriate amounts ... There is no need for panic over fluoridation."

"I AM ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO additional fluoridation in Santa Monica. The use of fluoride is a personal decision. Please don't remove my freedom to choose."

"THE COMMIES FROM SANTA MONICA for Renters Rights have sold out our once nice, quiet town to everything else bad, so why not get kickbacks from industry to put industrial waste in our water? So why stop with fluoride, when Santa Monicans for Renters Rights could make billions by adding all sorts of industrial waste to our water? Pesticides and rat poison have been said to work as well as fluoride to kill germs and we know radiation kills everything. We can all have beautiful, glow-in-the-dark teeth and a healthy environment if we just drink all of our radioactive waste and pesticides run off."

"FLUORIDE SUPPLEMENTS MAY INCREASE bone density, but the resulting bone tends to be fragile. Fluoride supplements do not reduce the risk of fractures. If the end result of saving our teeth only to have osteoporosis later in life, do not expect any help from the medical community. I doubt they care one way or the other. Medical practitioners treat whatever comes their way. Cures are far and few between. I personally say no to fluoride until all the facts are in. If there is anyone out there who truly knows the facts about fluoride contamination, please speak up with the facts in hand."

"FLUORIDE NEEDS TO BE PRESCRIBED BY a doctor. It is a medicine that shouldn't be put in our water for everyone to drink. Children may be the most needy, in which case they could be supplied in some other way. Some people, I understand, have negative reactions because of specific health conditions that they have that react negatively to fluoride. Definitely people shouldn't be forced to take fluoride."

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Conservatories grow in popularity among U.S. homeowners

BY DELLA DE LAFUENTE
Associated Press Writer

Summer soon will come to an end. But that's not stopping plenty of homeowners from finding a way to create sun-soaked days year-round.

Borrowing an idea from the glass houses traditionally used in England as horticultural buildings to grow delicate plants, some high-end homeowners are adding conservatories and orangeries to their residences to combine the comfort of being indoors with the splendor of the great outdoors.

They're vibrant and roomy, and enhance a home's existing architecture without the worries of adverse weather or climate changes ruining the experience of bringing nature inside. Families are finding them to be a great everyday gathering space, not just a room for plants or parties.

"People today are looking for a different way of living and of connecting with the outdoors," says Peter Marston, author of "The Conservatory Book" and founder and design director of Marston and Langering, the U.K.-based firm he started in 1978 with Adrian Langering that is at the forefront of this design movement.

"The delights of living under glass have transformed the conservatory from its functional beginnings (as greenhouses) to an imaginative modern space," says Marston, whose own passion for gardening (and growing his family's own tomatoes, peppers and camellias) introduced him to the idea of greenhouses as a living space.

Boasting a growing list of affluent U.S. clients with high-end luxury homes, Marston's firm designs elegant glass structures that lend sophistication and curb appeal.

"In a lot of homes, it's what's missing," says Marston, whose firm has designed and constructed some 1,500 conservatories and orangeries, including several in California, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan and Washington D.C. "You've got the swimming pool, the home theater, the library, the wonderful garden — and you need the conservatory or the orangery to go with it."

It doesn't come cheap: Construction costs for a conservatory or an orangery range in price from \$50,000 to \$500,000 to \$1 million, says Marston.

Some recent Marston projects include a \$260,000 conservatory for entertaining and an adjoining patio renovation at the historic Georgetown town house (built in 1850) of Washington D.C. attorney Richard and Pamela Hinds.

"The idea of being outside, but in a controlled environment — without bugs and air-conditioned in the summer — really appealed to us and was our motivation for the project," says Richard Hinds, who served as the general contractor, overseeing the work involved with the 25 feet by 17 feet addition to their five-story home. "Now we have a year-round outside room — inside."

The Hinds' conservatory addition has helped to widen their eating space into a much larger room and made the outdoor patio more accessible, says Pamela Hinds.

"When it's finished (by September), it will be a fabulous sitting room and breakfast room off of the dining room with spectacu-

lar views of the first snowfall in the winter," she says.

Conservatories are used for a variety of reasons: entertaining, home offices, pool houses, casual family dining, indoor gardening and as havens for those who need a place of respite from the household chaos.

But if you live in a region where sunshine and warm weather dominate, glass-encased buildings can get too warm in direct sunlight, creating a greenhouse effect that's not conducive for everyday living. It still can work for plants, though.

"The biggest use I've had among clients with larger homes and estates is with orangeries, which are used essentially as green houses to keep delicate fruit trees indoors during the winter," says Kevin Harris, an architect in Baton Rouge, La. "In the summer, these spaces are used as conservatories to grow exotic plants and as large spaces for entertaining large events."

Conservatories and orangeries are similar to glassed-in porches or greenhouses, but a conservatory is primarily wood and glass construction and an orangerie is masonry (brick) and glass.

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Electric and manual roof blinds can soften sunlight, help to control temperature and protect furniture and shade-loving plants. Designers can also use double glazing on glass panels to reduce the transmission of ultra-violet light and install "self-cleaning" roof glass to reduce the frequency of cleaning.

An orangery is considered to have the most straightforward architectural design, with a central building large enough to house different activities, and with tall, glazed window or door sets, says Marston, whose design team provides a no-fee consulting service from the company's showroom in New York City's design-trendy SoHo neighborhood.

In Springfield, Mass., Peter A. Picknelly, president of Peter Pan Bus Lines, and his wife, Melissa, opened up a dreary breakfast room into a light-filled, kid-friendly \$300,000 conservatory and orangery with a new eating space, studio and garden room with fireplace, adding about 1,500 square feet to the 12,500-square foot home.

The gothic-style project was completed so seamlessly that the Picknells were recognized by the area's historical society for flawlessly maintaining the integrity of the home's design, including using the home's existing bricks to extend a wall into the new construction.

The upgraded living spaces are more commonly known by the Picknells and their four children (twin girls, 11, a son, 7 and a daughter, 4) as the family eating area — a casual room for family meals that's less formal than the dining room — and family room.

"It's a four-season room for us," says Peter Picknelly.



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EPA criticized for not being tough on smog

BY DAISY NGUYEN

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Asthma patients, doctors and activists urged U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials on Thursday to go further in tightening smog standards to protect children and others from ailments caused by dirty air.

The federal agency held its first public hearings in Los Angeles and Philadelphia on plans to reduce the permissible amount of the noxious gas that is formed when car exhaust, industrial emissions and gasoline vapors are cooked by heat and sunlight.

About 100 people from across California addressed an EPA panel in a Los Angeles hotel conference room, many pressing for tougher limits on ground-level ozone, the primary component in smog.

They argued that such a move would prevent asthma, bronchitis and other lung disease. Among other things, that would bene-

fit the nation's economy by producing a healthy work force, they said.

"We as humans need three things to survive: food to eat, water to drink and clean air to breathe," said Raji Brar, a city councilwoman in the central valley community of Arvin, which the EPA says has the most polluted air in America.



OUR SURVIVABILITY IS BEING COMPROMISED AND WE DESERVE BETTER."

Raji Brar, City councilwoman in the central valley community of Arvin

"Our survivability is being compromised and we deserve better," she said.

Business and industry groups are lobbying to keep the current limit, arguing that lowering it is unnecessary and would hurt manufacturers as they face global competition and higher energy prices.

"Any recommendation to revise the current ozone standard will provide uncertain benefits while burdening the nation's economy," Bryan Brendle, director of energy and resources policy for the National Association of Manufacturers, told an EPA panel in a Philadelphia hotel ballroom.

The EPA said in June it would consider

tighter standards for smog, which is measured by calculating the concentration of ozone molecules in the atmosphere over an eight-hour period. The current standard is .084 parts per million.

The EPA is proposing a reduction to between .070 and .075 parts per million. The

agency's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee has suggested setting the limit even lower, between .060 and .070 parts per million.

The EPA is also soliciting comments on alternate standards, including keeping the current amount or going down to .060 parts per million.

Environmentalists want the EPA to set the level at .060 parts per million, contending that tougher limits are needed to force heavily polluted cities to address the problem.

The most severe smog problems are seen in California, Texas, the Atlanta area, Philadelphia and parts of the mid-Atlantic, Northeast and Upper Midwest.

In Philadelphia, Natalie McCloskey, of Delran, N.J., plopped two clear bags filled with medication on a table as she recounted the summertime stress of caring for her asthmatic children.

"Most families look forward to summer with a great sense of anticipation. Not our family," said the 33-year-old mother.

Despite loss of sons, father declines to speak out against war

BY GARANCE BURKE

Associated Press Writer

CLOVIS A father who lost a second son last week in the Iraq war declined Thursday to speak out against the conflict, and said the support his family has received since the death of Army Cpl. Nathan Hubbard strengthened his backing for the United States' efforts to combat global terrorism.

"The nation's at war," said Jeff Hubbard, the soldier's father, a retired police officer. "We just want people to support the nation and what it's trying to get accomplished by making the world a better place."

Hubbard, 21, died Aug. 22 in a helicopter crash. He enlisted at age 19 while still grieving for his older brother, Marine Lance Cpl. Jared Hubbard, who was killed by a roadside bomb in Ramadi in 2004.

A third brother, Army Spc. Jason Hubbard, 33, was part of the team that recovered Nathan's body from the crash site. After Nathan's death, Jason was sent home from his unit and was ordered not to redeploy to a hostile fire zone.

Both brothers were in the same platoon on a scouting mission observing a treacherous stretch of road south of Kirkuk, Iraq the day of the crash, the surviving son said.

Jason's team left the area in a Black Hawk first; another soldier aboard that helicopter saw from the air the second aircraft had crashed.

"We kind of went into a holding pattern over this downed bird," Jason Hubbard told reporters, his voice steady. "It was at that point where I began to really fear that was the other helicopter that picked up our team."



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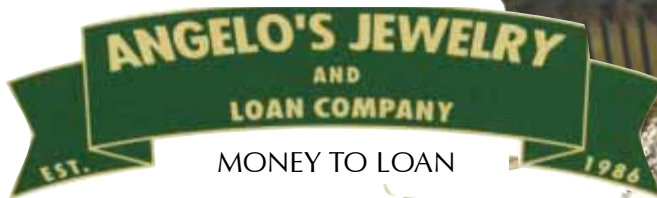
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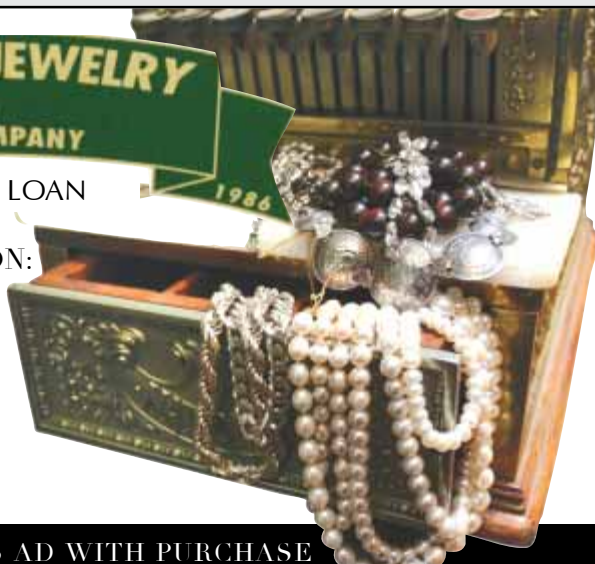
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On the road

Bush administration urges court to open borders to trucks

BY PAUL ELIAS

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO The Bush administration urged a federal appeals court Thursday to let Mexican cargo trucks cross the border and freely travel anywhere in the country, arguing that to do otherwise could strain diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Mexico.

The Teamsters Union on Wednesday asked the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to stop the program, which the administration said would go into effect on Sept. 6. The plan would let as many as 100 registered Mexican truck carriers drive their cargo anywhere in the country for the next year as part of a "demonstration project."

The court gave no indication Thursday afternoon when it would rule.

The union, along with the Sierra Club and the nonprofit Public Citizen, argues that the administration plan would endanger public highways because safety issues have not been resolved.

But in its filing Thursday, government lawyers said the trucks enrolled in the program meet U.S. trucking regulations

and the program is a necessary part of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"Participating Mexican carriers must comply with all legal requirements governing operations of domestically owned carriers, and in some cases stricter requirements," wrote Assistant Attorney General Peter Keisler.

NAFTA requires all roads in the United States, Mexico and Canada to be opened to carriers from all the three countries. Canadian trucking firms have full access to U.S. roads while Mexican trucks can only travel about 20 miles inside the country at certain border crossings like in San Diego and El Paso, Texas.

The government's filing said some 4.5 million of those short trips across the U.S.-Mexico border are made each year.

"With respect to those operations, Mexican carriers are maintaining a regulatory compliance record that meets or exceeds that of United States carriers," the government said in its Thursday filing.

In its papers, the government also said "the critical bilateral relationship between the United States and Mexico would be placed under considerable strain by further delay in the demonstration project, which is an important interim step toward fulfilling U.S. obligations under NAFTA."

In court papers filed Thursday, the Teamsters said the U.S. and Mexico have been wrangling over this issue for at least seven years.

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SAN DIEGO

Judge orders city to pay Chargers for lost revenue

A state court judge has given the city 90 days to pay the Chargers \$1.9 million for revenue the team lost after the city removed seats at Qualcomm Stadium to comply with federal regulations.

San Diego Superior Court Judge Rafael Arreola issued the ruling Wednesday after the Chargers filed a lawsuit in July.

A state arbitrator found in February 2006 that the city owed the money to cover losses in ticket, concession and merchandise sales incurred by the team after the city removed seats to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

“Someone at City Hall may think it’s a good idea to delay (payment), but with interest mounting, it’s not,” said Mark Fabiani, the team’s general counsel.

City Attorney Michael Aguirre referred questions to Executive Assistant City Attorney Don McGrath, who was not available for comment.

The city made \$5.3 million in accessibility modifications to the stadium to settle a lawsuit filed in 1997, alleging the stadium didn’t comply with the ADA.

San Diego separately agreed to compensate the Chargers for financial losses stemming from ADA-related changes. As part of last year’s arbitration, a formula was established for the team and the city to calculate how much the team loses each season because of the modifications.

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SANTA ANA

Court dismisses celebrity bodyguard case

A federal judge dismissed the impersonation case against a wannabe bodyguard who allegedly passed himself off as a Homeland Security Agent to get a job protecting Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

After the prosecution presented its case against Nelson Mercado, defense attorney Bob Ross asked the judge to dismiss the case because the government didn’t prove Mercado took any action after saying he was a federal agent.

“Merely misrepresenting your identity is not a crime,” Ross said told U.S. District Judge Cormac J. Carney.

The judge granted the motion and the case was dismissed.

Had he been convicted, Mercado could have been sentenced to three years in federal prison.

Prosecutors said Mercado told Sunset Protective Services and Investigations he was a special agent with the Department of Homeland Security who worked on his own time for famous athletes and entertainers. Sunset had represented Pitt and Jolie and Mercado specifically requested work with the celebrity couple, investigators said.

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ONTARIO

Infant in coma after meth pipe swab used to clean nose

An 8-month-old’s mother told police the infant slipped into a coma after she accidentally swabbed the boy’s nose with a cotton swab used earlier to clean a methamphetamine pipe.

The infant was in a coma and on life support at Loma Linda University Medical Center, where the boy’s condition was described as grave. The baby also has a fractured skull, broken arm and pneumonia.

Elizabeth Reta, 27, was arrested Thursday and booked for investigation of felony child abuse. Her boyfriend Juan Antonio Sanchez Jr. was being sought for his alleged role in the abuse, police Detective Al Parra said.

Police responding to a child-not-breathing emergency call at 2:30 a.m. Thursday found the baby in full cardiac arrest.

Reta told police she gave the baby a bath, and then used the cotton swab to clean his nose because it was itching, Parra said. The mother said she didn’t know the swab had been used to clean a methamphetamine pipe.

The woman didn’t immediately call for help when the infant started having seizures.

“Right now it appears that he kept her from taking the baby for medical care because he was afraid of getting caught with drug paraphernalia and he did not want to go back to jail,” Parra said.

Sanchez, who is not the baby’s father, has a criminal history and is currently on parole.

It wasn’t clear when the baby suffered the broken bones. Parra said some of the injuries may be the result of Sanchez’s attempt to rouse the baby from his seizure.

“He used different methods to stimulate the baby,” Parra said.

Reta’s other two children, ages 8 and 10, appeared in good health and were placed in protective custody.

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LOS ANGELES

LAPD stops impounding unlicensed driver cars

The Police Department has stopped impounding the cars of unlicensed drivers because the practice, which most often impacts illegal immigrants, may not be constitutional.

The moratorium announced Tuesday will stay in place pending legal assessment of a ruling in an Oregon case.

The Police Department decided to stop impounding the cars until the city attorney’s office provides a final legal assessment of a 2005 decision by the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals involving an Oregon impound case.

In the Oregon case involving Jorge Miranda, the 9th Circuit found that impounding a legally parked vehicle was unreasonable seizure of private property.

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AFL-CIO suit defends illegal workers' status

BY PETER PRENGAMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The nation's largest federation of labor unions sued the U.S. government Wednesday over a plan to crack down on employers who hire illegal immigrants, arguing increased scrutiny of Social Security numbers will result in errors and threaten the jobs of legal and American workers.

The new rules, set to take effect Sept. 14, will violate workers' rights and impose burdensome obligations on employers who receive "no-match" letters from the Social Security Administration, according to the AFL-CIO suit filed in the U.S. District Court in San Francisco.

"We've seen employers use these no-match letters as a union busting tool," said Ana Avendano, an AFL-CIO attorney and director of its immigrant worker program. "Employers will look at these letters, see all the new burdens, and just decide to fire people."

Filed by the American Civil Liberties Union, the suit seeks to force the Bush administration to halt the plan.

In a statement, the Department of Homeland Security said the lawsuit was "an obvious attempt to impede the department's ability to enforce our immigration laws. It is completely without merit and we intend to fight it vigorously."

Currently, the Social Security Administration sends "no match" letters to workers and their employers notifying them of information discrepancies. The letters are

not shared with other government agencies because of privacy laws.

Although employers are prohibited from hiring illegal workers, their responsibilities with the letters have generally ended with notifying the workers of the discrepancies. Many employers have traditionally viewed the letters, and the small fines they sometimes incur, simply as a cost of doing business.

Under the new rules, employers who receive "no-match" letters will have 90 days to resolve the problem. Those who don't comply could be deemed as knowingly hiring an illegal worker, which could result in fines and criminal prosecution.

The planned crackdown comes after immigration reform legislation in Congress fell apart this summer. Earlier this month, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff announced the administrative sanctions against employers who hire illegal immigrants.

The plan has created deep concern in immigrant communities and among businesses and unions, as it's an open secret that millions of illegal immigrants work "on the books" with fake names and Social Security numbers and other bogus documents.

Wednesday's suit, which included a handful of other unions and trade councils, focuses on legal immigrants and American workers who could face job discrimination or hassles because of the new rules.

The plaintiffs argue the SSA's national data base is riddled with errors.

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Hill of beans

Completing the Starbucks loop in a coffeeshop-saturated Santa Monica can be hazardous to your health

BY EMILY SKEHAN | Special to the Daily Press



TIME	ITEM	CAFFEINE
8:51 AM	BREWED COFFEE	240
9:07 AM	ICED LATTE WITH CINNAMON SYRUP	75
9:23 AM	ICED GREEN TEA	75
9:35 AM	NONFAT CAPPUCCINO	75
9:50 AM	BUBBERRY COFFEE CAKE	0
11:17 AM	ESPRESSO SHOT	75
11:34 AM	CHAI TEA	80
12:09 PM	FRESH FRUIT SALAD	0
12:20 PM	PUMPKIN SPICE LATTE	75
12:45 PM	STRAWBERRIES & CREAM FRAPPUCCINO	0
1:00 PM	SHAKEN ICED PASSION TEA	40
1:25 PM	AMERICANO	150
1:40 PM	PEACHY RASPBERRY PARFAIT	0
3:23 PM	EARL GREY TEA	45
4:30 PM	JAVA CHIP FRAPPUCCINO	100
8:00 PM	TURKEY & SWISS SANDWICH	0
8:51 AM	BREWED COFFEE	75

There are 17 Starbucks in the city of Santa Monica. Initially, the idea of hitting every one of them in a single day didn't seem all that daunting.

The premise was simple: For 24 hours, I would ingest only Starbucks products, and try to rack up as many milligrams of caffeine as I could stomach.

Piece of poundcake, right? Not.

At 11:17 a.m. on Wednesday, I pounded back a shot of espresso — straight — pausing to swallow the bile that was beginning to rise in my throat. By this point, I'd visited six local Starbucks and taken in a whopping 540 milligrams of caffeine — well over the daily recommended intake of 300 milligrams. My hands were a little shaky, there was that questionable pressure in my left temple, and the acid burning a hole in my stomach lining was putting me a little on edge ... OK?!!

My "barista," as the green and black logo-ed company so eloquently baptizes their cashiers, looked at me a little strangely as I stared defeatedly into my empty paper shot glass and puckered my mouth.

I don't even drink coffee, except for the occasional late night my-20-page paper is due tomorrow-emergency, and the dark brown liquid sloshing around in my mid-section was beginning to get to me.

DANGEROUS BEANS?

"It's almost impossible to reach the lethal dose of 5 to 10 grams just by drinking caffeinated beverages," said Marina Kushner, author of "The Truth About Caffeine" and founder of the non-profit Caffeine Awareness Alliance, "but that's not to say that caffeine isn't dangerous."

"If large doses can kill, small doses can cause various potentially serious health problems."

Kushner pointed out that even two to three cups of Joe a day can lead to uncomfortable side effects such as chronic fatigue, difficulty sleeping, anxiety, irritability, depression, high blood sugar and weight gain.

"About 250 milligrams a day — most people can safely tolerate," said Kushner, a one-time caffeine addict. "That's pretty much the point that distinguishes safe from excessive use."

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The average person can experience caffeine intoxication and potential overdose when they exceed 750 milligrams a day — about the amount in three tall Starbucks coffees.

I started my day just before 9 a.m. by ordering up a tall coffee at the Starbucks booth in Albertson's market on Wilshire Boulevard. Adding a couple packets of Sweet n' Low, I hopped back into the car and chugged my new morning fix as I headed towards Montana.

Following an iced latte with sugar-free cinnamon syrup (Whoever invented that stuff is a sick person, the thought of it still makes me gag), I moved on to green tea, and then a cappuccino. The foam was a nice break from straight liquid, but my respite was short-lived: There are three Starbucks on one block of Montana Avenue alone!

PLACING 'THIRD' AROUND THE WORLD

The company, named after a character in the 1851 novel "Moby Dick," began in 1971 in Seattle, Wash., when two high school teachers and a writer opened a single store that sold coffee beans.

By the early 1980s, now-owner Howard Schultz had joined the team and suggested the store branch out by offering pre-made drinks, a venture he felt could rake in serious cash. His idea was rejected and Schultz moved on to found a new store, Il Giomale, that capitalized on the concept. Soon after, the original Starbucks owners bought Peet's Coffee company and Schultz gained control of the 'bucks.

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Allan Marsh
West Los Angeles resident

In 1995, he completely redesigned the company's atmosphere, and logo, and began operating under a "synergistic rollout" business strategy, which included opening one new store every day of the year. The incredibly fast-paced expansion continued throughout the decade, and Starbucks now has almost 10,000 stores in the United States and more than 13,000 worldwide.

Schultz's goal was to have Starbucks become a "third place" — besides work and home — that people spend time; a comforting environment in which to relax, socialize and work.

SITTING STILL, IF ONLY FOR A MINUTE

Indulging in a little "third place" mentality at the fourth Montana Starbucks, I nestled into a leather armchair and idly watching botoxed joggers and yogis pass in and out, seeking their nonfat chai lattes. This lifestyle didn't last long. It took me about three minutes of frustrated key-tapping to figure out that Starbucks charges for wireless Internet.

My day continued with wired traveling and gulping. Even with a blueberry coffee cake and granola parfait soaking up the frapuccinos, lattes, teas and brews in my stomach, I was still getting uncomfortable with the amount of liquids I was taking in.

By 1:25 p.m., I was terribly close to 1,000

milligrams of caffeine, and becoming increasingly unhappy. A pumpkin spice latte, which comes in an off-putting shade of orange-brown and tastes nothing like pumpkin (more like something a 4-year-old would concoct), was the thing that really did me in.

I stopped into work and spent an agitated couple hours (ask my editor) — with coffee breaks — trying to concentrate despite my throbbing headache, racing thoughts and serious nausea.

Throughout the ordeal, I became more and more convinced that I just shouldn't take up coffee.

GIVING UP AIN'T EASY

"Caffeine is the world's most commonly used stimulant, and it's cheap and readily available, so people can maintain their use quite easily," said Roland Griffiths, Ph.D., professor of psychiatry and neuroscience at Johns Hopkins. "The latest research demonstrates, however, that when people don't get their usual dose they can suffer a range of withdrawal symptoms, including headache, fatigue difficulty concentrating.

"They may even feel like they have the flu, with nausea and muscle pain."

Griffiths led a study published in 2004 that underlined the consequences of caffeine addiction and classified the problem as a disorder. The 80 to 90 percent of Americans who drink caffeine daily might be doing so not to experience the positive side effects, Griffiths' research showed, but rather to stave off withdrawal.

Starbucks employee Mary Ellen Reagan doesn't worry too much about her customers' health, however.

"Do I worry about breathing the air in from big SUVs?" she asked. "It's not for me to judge my customers' lifestyles."

Reagan, who drinks at least two to three chai lattes with double shots of espresso each day, grew up in Seattle and is firmly rooted in Starbucks culture.

"This job definitely enables me to keep my caffeine fix going!" she laughed.

Not all locals are fans of the chain.

"I think Starbucks is just ubiquitous," said West Los Angeles resident Allan Marsh, after exiting Peet's Coffee on Montana. "They want to cover the world, and I don't know if the world is ready for that kind of marketing."

Marsh said he prefers to support smaller businesses to combat this aggressive expansion and simply because they have better coffee.

WINDING DOWN ... EVENTUALLY

At dinnertime, I trudged to the Starbucks at the end of my block and sat down with a turkey sandwich. I was starting to crash a little, but yet still felt wired, a decidedly unpleasant combination. While I hadn't been able to completely finish all of the beverages I ordered (that pumpkin spice latte just wouldn't go down), I did have to admit their food wasn't half bad ... well, it wasn't caffeine-laced liquid anyway.

I walked a couple more blocks for dessert — a vanilla latte — and went home to relax. This proved difficult.

Until about 2 a.m., I was pacing around my kitchen and waiting for the buzz to wear off. I was too high.

When I woke up the next morning, the smell of fresh brewing coffee wafted through my house. I ran outside, and tried not to retch as I walked past the green awning stamped with a globally recognized siren.

I thought back to the popular San Francisco bumper sticker Allan Marsh had described:

"Friends don't let friends drink at Starbucks."

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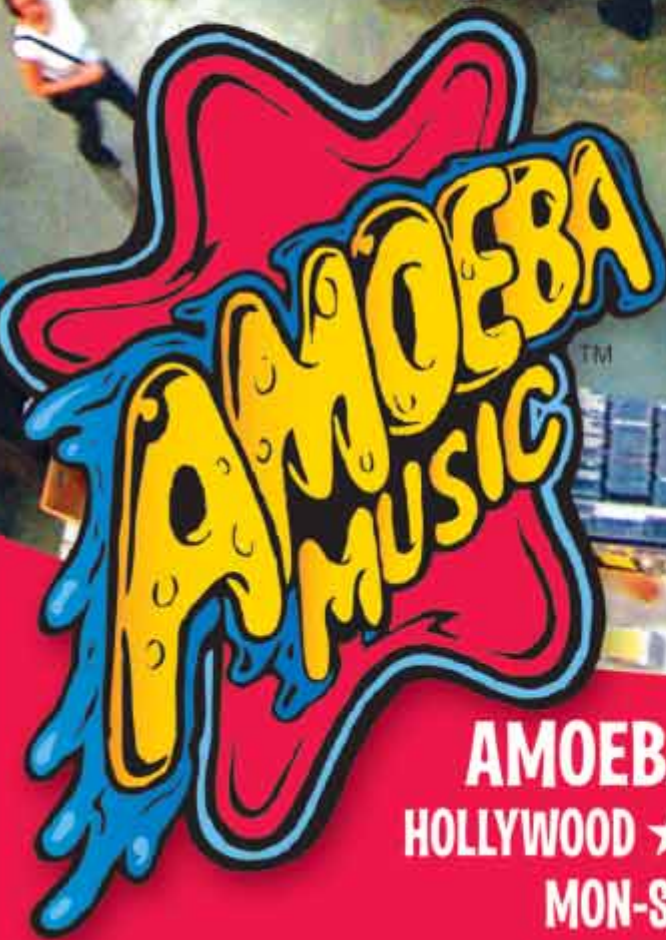
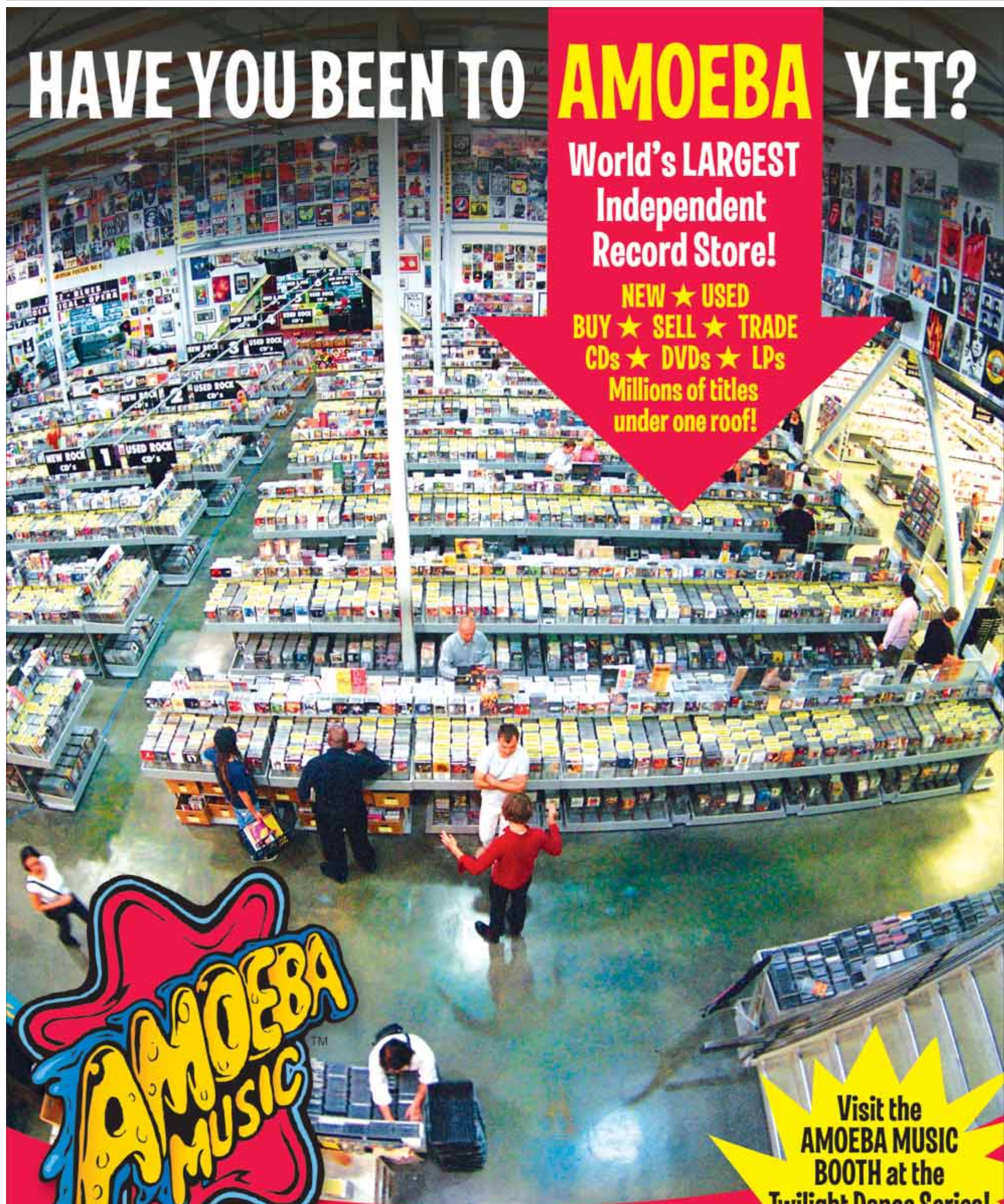

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(Top) Snake breeder Donald Dail shows off Lady, a 7-foot, 70-pound boa constrictor on Thursday night at the Santa Monica Pier. (Above) Los Lobos performs Thursday at the Santa Monica Pier — the final act to take to the stage during the Twilight Dance Series for 2007. The East L.A. band rocketed to fame in 1987 after providing the soundtrack to the Ritchie Valens biopic 'La Bamba.' (Below) A group of teenagers perch themselves atop the beach artwork 'Walk on L.A.' Thursday night just north of the pier.

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Local Brits remember Diana in different ways

FROM DIANA PAGE 3

House, which calls itself the "British center of Southern California," said she wasn't thinking about Diana until asked by a reporter to comment on the anniversary.

"I was in complete and utter shock," Dulley said as she recalled the day she learned Diana had died. She was camping in Northern California when the news broke. "She was an adoring, beautiful woman who was sophisticated but also able to connect with everyone she came in contact with. She wasn't like the rest of the royal family."

In her shop, where she sells fine British

china, chocolates and teas, Dulley has a picture of Diana hanging near the cash register. There is also a picture of Queen Elizabeth, too.

"Americans have a great love of the princess," Dulley said. "I've noticed that people are very fond of her here. I don't think you will hear anything bad about her."

Sarah Gaylen, who stopped into the gift shop at the King's Head, said as an American who grew up reading about Diana in the tabloids that she had mixed feelings about the princess. On one hand she saw her as a true humanitarian who worked tirelessly to help those with AIDs. On the other hand, tabloids often played on her marital strug-



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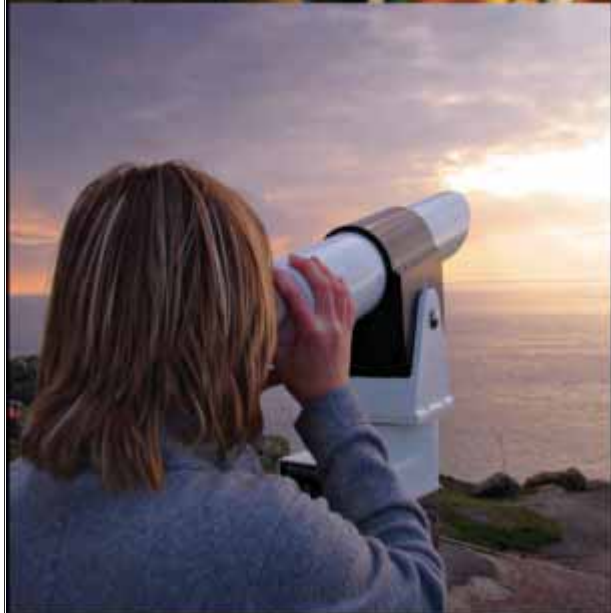
Theresa Dulley, Owner of the Tudor House, on Princess Diana

gles, her infidelity and her battle with bulimia, portraying her as a troubled individual.

"You couldn't help but feel sorry for her," Gaylen said. "She seemed so together, so strong, and then at other times it seemed like

she was barely holding on. It was really strange to see those two sides of her. It still follows her 10 years later."

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BOOK CRUNCH: Ryan Park, a Santa Monica College student, buys a book at the SMC Bookstore for his online class, Communications 1. Taking an online class 'is more convenient,' Park said.

Online selections allow flexibility

FROM DIGITAL PAGE 3

Online courses are now offered at many of the major universities and community colleges in the region, including Santa Monica College, where Internet instruction premiered during the 1999-2000 academic year.

There are about 8,500 online enrollments for the fall semester for 269 course sections. The number is duplicated as students do usually take more than one online course, said Julie Yarrish, the director of online service and support for SMC.

The way online classes are conducted depends on how they are structured by the professor. Normally, students are asked to check in during certain times of the week to receive their assignments, which are due at a specific time. In order to simulate a real-life classroom experience, many professors will require their students to engage with one another virtually, logging into chat rooms and contributing to message boards.

Final examinations are usually taken at a set time online. Remmes was one of the original SMC online instructors in 1999, teaching an English course.

While teaching an online course does provide more flexibility for the professor, it can be even more time consuming than checking into a regular classroom, said Remmes, who spends, on average, 15 hours a week for her online courses.

"I've been doing this for eight years and I can't figure out where those moments go," she said.

Remmes has found that the perception there is less interaction between the professor and students is incorrect.

"There is nobody to sit back quietly in the background," she said. "Everyone has to participate because it's part of the grade."

While there have been numerous cases of introverted students flourishing in an online setting, some have found they prefer the live class environment.

Laura Manson, who teaches Early Childhood Education at SMC, taught a student this summer who found she preferred to learn in a classroom.

Online classes have enabled Santa Monica College to expand its population while being restricted physically.

The courses are both taught and taken by professors and students from around the world. Hassman, who went on to attend USC and Columbia, teaches an English course for SMC from New York.

"It's the only way I can do it," she said.

ONLINE CLASSES FAR REACHING

Similar programs have been successful in other institutions, including UCLA Extension, where more than 12,000 students take online courses every year.

The main university does not offer online classes, said Kathy McGuire, the director of the distance learning program at UCLA Extension.

There are anywhere between 225 and 270 separate courses offered online every quarter, taken by students from across the United States and 80 different countries.

At Loyola Marymount University, online classes are less prevalent. One program offers online learning to about 30 masters students in the School of Education.

YOU HAVE MORE TIME TO GET YOUR THOUGHTS TOGETHER AND IF YOU'RE AT ALL ARTICULATE WITH THE WRITTEN WORD, THEN YOU CAN SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND NO ONE SEES YOU BLUSH."

Tupelo Hassman
English professor, SMC

The students take 10 different courses over a two-year period, graduating with a master's degree in child and adolescent literacy at its conclusion. The program has given students — many of whom work full-time — flexibility with both their work and family lives.

Candace Poindexter, the director of the literacy program, found she does miss the face-to-face interactions that she can get through a live classroom.

"I respond to e-mail and have discussion boards when they will voice concerns and questions," she said. "But it's still not quite the same as being face to face. On the other hand, I'm able to get education to people who wouldn't be able to get here."

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Residents upset as airport bill nosedives

BY GERRY SHIH

Special to the Daily Press

SACRAMENTO A contentious bill aimed at establishing a task force to evaluate the air pollution impact of the Santa Monica Airport failed to move forward here this week, leaving some residents furious that their extended lobbying efforts to get a breath of fresh air has all been for naught once again.

On Thursday, the State Senate Appropriations Committee suspended AB 700, indicating that it would not be reviewed again until next year, at the earliest. The bill, first introduced in late February by Assemblyman Ted Lieu (D-El Segundo), was amended five times in repeated efforts to appease airplane owners, business interests and a Santa Monica city government wary of the budget pressures expected to accompany the bill's passage.

Just as the concessions seemed to be softening the opposition, Lieu's previously confident camp seemed stunned by the unexpected turn of events.

"I still don't know what exactly happened," said David Ford, Lieu's chief of staff. "This is extremely disappointing because we thought there was, literally, no opposition left. Everyone who previously opposed — the aircraft owners, the city of Santa Monica, everyone — seemed to have pulled off."

The politics were, apparently, not so cut and dry. Because the bill was suspended, no vote was held and it remains unknown who in the committee took what position. Fingers have been pointed in all directions since the bill's failure, with Lieu's office suggesting that a closed-fisted city government stalled the leg-

islation while residents heap blame on Sen. Sheila Kuehl, who represents Santa Monica.

The Santa Monica Airport itself, landlocked and tightly wedged in a dense residential neighborhood, holds a history as controversial as it is illustrious. Once the home of the Douglas Aircraft Company, as well as the former base of Howard Hughes, Amelia Earhart, and countless other aviation enthusiasts, the airport has seen its jet traffic volume skyrocket in recent decades, while residents have become increasingly vocal about the noise and air pollution. Despite

tance from state agencies.

When asked what forces may have struck down the bill on Thursday, Ford said, "The only concern left hanging was from the city of Santa Monica with the staffing, printing and copying costs that would come with forming the task force."

Stephanie Burri from the office of Assemblywoman Julie Brownley, who co-authored the bill, added that opposition from the FAA, which "doesn't want to be told what to do," may have also figured into the politics behind the legislation's failure.



IT WASN'T EXPENSIVE; IT WASN'T OPPOSED. WHAT WAS THE PROBLEM?"

Martin Rubin, director of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution

finding a champion in Lieu, little legislative headway has been made on behalf of the troubled residents — Lieu's previous incarnation of the bill failed last year.

Lieu had pushed an earlier bill that would have extensively evaluated the airport, including a costly mandate on Santa Monica to collect data on the idling times of jets on runways as well as landing and takeoff frequencies. When the city objected, a state-run alternative was considered to take some of the burden off the city. There was again opposition, and the legislation was ultimately pared down under the guidance of Kuehl — an influential figure who sits on the Appropriations Committee — to form a city-run "task force" that would evaluate the pollution from the airport with the assis-

To Martin Rubin, director of Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution, the city government and state legislature have ignored the dire needs of its constituents. The Mar Vista resident said, from where he lives, a half mile from the airport, the strong smell of kerosene is pervasive outdoors and wafts into homes when windows and doors are left open. Neighbors have complained of throat irritation, said Rubin, who suspects that his cat's throat cancer was a direct result of the pollution left by jets skimming over the rooftops, a frequent daily occurrence.

"I am very disappointed in our local State Senate representation," Rubin said. "Both Sen. Sheila Kuehl and Sen. Jenny Oropeza, whose district includes the West Los Angeles neighborhoods impacted by Santa Monica

Airport, sit on the Appropriations Committee that killed AB 700. At the time of their vote, AB 700 had virtually no opposition and had strong support. That suggests they were either unwilling to or unable to garner the necessary votes to pass this very reasonable piece of legislation that had a rather insignificant monetary cost to it.

"It wasn't expensive; it wasn't opposed. What was the problem?"

The Daily Press could not reach the senators for comment on Friday afternoon.

Meanwhile, Assembly legislators, in a generally apologetic tone, maintained that they would keep pushing on behalf of residents.

Brownley told the Daily Press she was disappointed by the failure of AB 700.

"Still, the Air Quality Management District study will be coming out this fall, and there will be follow up discussions among all the many levels of government on what the next steps should be based on those AQMD findings, which was generally the AB 700 direction," Brownley said.

Some residents refused to blame Lieu and Brownley, expressing frustration instead with Sen. Kuehl.

"Our officials that talk about caring about people seem to care little, and I'm speaking of Sheila Kuehl," said Virginia Ernst, who has lived in West Los Angeles since 1962 and has previously won a lawsuit against the city of Santa Monica regarding a ban on when jets fly at the airport.

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Another injury takes Beckham out

BY BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

CARSON So much for David Beckham's debut season in America. It's all but over now that the 32-year-old English midfielder is out six weeks with a sprained right knee, to go along with his famously injured left ankle.

His absence not only dampens U.S. enthusiasm for soccer but leaves England's national team without its former captain for a crucial stretch and threatens to deflate the Hollywood hype that elevated Becks and his Spice Girl wife to A-list celebrities.

"I'm incredibly disappointed to be injured again so soon after returning to play for the Galaxy," Beckham said on his Web site Friday. "It's been a year of amazing highs and frustrating lows, but I'm hopeful that I can still play a part this season."

The 32-year-old midfielder sprained his medial collateral ligament in a tackle during the Galaxy's loss to Mexican team Pachuca on Wednesday night. He was expected to be out about six weeks while he rehabilitates behind the scenes.

Beckham's right knee was in a brace Friday and he was ordered to rest for the next five days, Galaxy coach Frank Yallop said.

"We got to make sure he's doing the right thing from day one," he said. "Then his rehab will start and away he goes on both knee and ankle."

Beckham's extended absence deals a serious blow to the already slim chance the Galaxy had of making the playoffs. Its Major League Soccer record is 3-10-5 — last in the

Western Conference.

If he stays out for six weeks, Beckham could return in mid-October, when the Galaxy would have three likely meaningless regular-season games remaining. He joined the team July 13 — well into the season.

For his time — 310 minutes in six of 12 possible games — Beckham earned \$20,967 a minute from a yearly salary of \$6.5 million. His minutes in three MLS games totaled 198, worth \$32,828 a minute.

Beckham has been worth every penny, Galaxy general manager Alexi Lalas insisted.

"Regardless of what we did with David, we were going to be second-guessed. We did what we felt was right for the organization, we did what we felt was right for the player," Lalas said. "Some of it worked out and some of it didn't. These are just moments that you go through. We'll get through this and he will, too."

Beckham's inability to play will impact everyone around him, according to marketing consultant Ryan Schinman, president of Platinum Rye Entertainment.

"The Galaxy, the stadium, the city, the concession stands, the merchandising will all be affected. And the networks showing the games," said Schinman, who works with music and sports celebrities. "You want the guy out there, where he's visible, every week."

Brand Beckham will hold up despite his setbacks.

"It's still too early to tell, but these injuries do add drama to his story line. People love soap operas and fairy tales and comeback stories," veteran Hollywood pub-

licist Michael Levine said. "Very few sports heroes make it off the sports page. There's Muhammad Ali ... and David Beckham."

While Beckham is idled, his wife Victoria is moving ahead with her entertainment career. She will play herself on an episode of the ABC comedy "Ugly Betty" this fall, and she will be part of the Spice Girls reunion tour this winter. She also oversees her own line of fashion, fragrance and sunglasses.

fact that he's an incredibly handsome and attractive man," he said. "These injuries don't impair how he looks when he's photographed."

Beckham's biggest success has been in moving merchandise and attracting fans.

Initial sales of his No. 23 jersey topped 250,000 and have skyrocketed from there. He gets an undisclosed percentage of every jersey sold, with MLS also sharing in the



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David Beckham, injured Galaxy player

"By his side, she props his star up," Schinman said.

Other than a star-studded welcome-to-Los Angeles bash thrown for the Beckhams in July by actors Tom Cruise and Will Smith, the couple has kept a low-profile on the Hollywood party circuit.

But they will always be targets of paparazzi, said Paris Hilton's publicist Elliot Mintz.

"Beckham's injuries have not altered the

profits. The Galaxy only makes money if jerseys are bought at its team store at Home Depot Center.

He attracted 66,237 to New Jersey's Giants Stadium for his first MLS start, and the Galaxy enjoyed a few home sellouts in its 27,000-seat stadium.

"It's everything they could have hoped for," Galaxy midfielder Landon Donovan said. "It stinks that he's hurt now, but in the games he's played, they've been fun."

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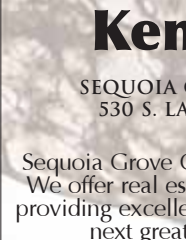
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NCAA FOOTBALL



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BIG THINGS: UCLA's Ben Olson should lead a much-improved Bruin team that beat rival USC last season.

What's Bruin in Westwood?

**UCLA buoyed by
strong defensive
unit this season**

BY KEN PETERS

AP Sports Writer

WESTWOOD The 14th-ranked UCLA Bruins have 10 starters returning on each side of the ball, and if quarterback Ben Olson can finally live up to his promise, they should be a strong contender in the Pac-10 race this season.

The Bruins, 7-6 last year, open their campaign Sept. 1 with a conference game at Stanford.

Karl Dorrell, heading into his fifth year as the Bruins' coach, has high hopes for Olson and backup Pat Cowan.

"We're going to really emphasize for that guy (quarterback) to handle a lot of information. We're very fortunate that we feel we can do that, given that Ben Olson is the returning starter and Pat Cowan is the returning starter in the backup position," Dorrell said.

"Both of those guys have extensive playing experience, can handle game plans, can handle the process. We feel those guys are ready for that kind of challenge."

Cowan, who played well in UCLA's 13-9 regular season-ending upset of then-No. 1 Southern California last fall, has had his camp interrupted by a hamstring injury that's expected to keep him on the sidelines for several weeks.

Olson, now a fourth-year junior, started the first five games last season, then was sidelined after tearing the medial collateral ligament in his left knee in the fifth game, a 27-7 win over Arizona on Oct. 7. He returned to practice on Nov. 7, but Cowan remained the starter.

Olson was one of the nation's most highly regarded quarterbacks when he came out of high school in Thousand Oaks, Calif., in 2002. He redshirted at Brigham Young that fall, then went on a two-year church mission. When he returned, he transferred to UCLA.

The 6-foot-4, 231-pound Olson, who completed 64 percent of his throws for 822 yards and five touchdowns and was intercepted five times before being hurt last year, believes he's ready to make his mark.

Everett (31 receptions for 450 yards) and Brandon Breazell (21 for 389) returning.

A wild card for the Bruins might be Osaar Rasshan, a third-year sophomore converted from quarterback to wide receiver. During camp, the 6-4, 212-pound Rasshan has been particularly impressive with his open-field moves after catching the ball.

Defensively, the Bruins figure to be led by defensive end Bruce Davis, a fifth-year senior who had 12.5 sacks

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Ben Olson, UCLA quarterback

"I am a lot more comfortable this year. I have all the confidence in the world we're going to have a stronger offense," the 24-year-old quarterback said. "We have a lot of experience now. The players we believe can do some big things. That's why the expectations are big. We just have to turn that potential into results."

Tailback Chris Markey, the Bruins' most productive offensive player last year, also is back.

"He returns with the most receptions on our team, and he's our leading rusher," Dorrell said. "I think those are big, big attributes. We have some good experience and guys that can perform on that side of the ball."

Markey gained 1,107 yards on 227 carries and had 35 receptions for 261 yards last season.

The receiving corps looks solid, with tight end Logan Paulsen (29 catches for 364 yards) and wide receivers Marcus

last season; linebacker Christian Taylor, who had 11 tackles in the win over USC; and a strong secondary featuring cornerbacks Trey Brown and Rodney Van and safeties Dennis Keyes and Chris Horton.

Davis said the Bruins' experience should be a big plus.

"We have 25 seniors now. For some of us, we've been together going on five years, so we fit together well," he said. "It's definitely a different atmosphere in the locker room. We're just more mature."

"We know what it takes to win games and we obviously know that we've lost games, and we don't want to go out there this year and do that again."

Dorrell said having a so many starters back on both sides of the ball is a huge advantage from a paper standpoint, with a challenge involved.

"Since it's on paper, that's an expectation," he said.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Tedford sees nothing but good

BY GREG BEACHAM | AP Sports Writer

BERKELEY Jeff Tedford chuckled to himself this summer whenever somebody praised the California coach for bravely choosing to open the Golden Bears' season against mighty Tennessee.

That's because Tedford actually didn't choose the path of greatest resistance: This home-and-home series already was on Cal's schedule when he took the job in 2002.

If Tedford really had a choice, his club would take the field Saturday at Memorial Stadium with a much lower degree of difficulty.

"It's high-risk, and I don't know that there's that much of a reward," Tedford said. "I think the risk probably outweighs it, because it's still a long season there ahead of you. It's a definitely a different approach, playing a team like Tennessee who is a traditional top-10 team. It really tests you right out of the gate."

But there's no getting out of this test for the No. 12 Bears, who flunked the same exam last year in Knoxville with a 35-18 loss. Facing the 15th-ranked Volunteers in Berkeley should help, but the game's high stakes and national audience will magnify everything that happens, good or bad.

Tedford's debut with Cal five years ago was a perfect example of his ideal beginning. That 70-22 victory over a miserable Baylor squad began with a trick touchdown pass and ended with everybody talking about the new-look Golden Bears. Even an easy victory over Sacramento State two years ago was more to Tedford's liking — though quarterback Nate Longshore's season ended with an injury.

"If we played a different team, we'd get a little more confidence right off the bat," offensive lineman Mike Tepper said. "But it's not a bad thing. It gives us a good chance to see where we line up against other teams from across the nation."

Tedford has built a consistent winner during his first five seasons at Cal, yet the Bears still are a second-tier power. Thanks to a few untimely losses, Cal has been kept out of the upper echelon of national powers, where Southern California is the only West Coast occupant.

The Bears had the roster to break through last year — but the opening loss to Tennessee knocked them out of the national title discussion before it even began. Cal then had a chance to reach its first Rose Bowl in 48 years, but had to settle for a share of the Pac-10 title and a Holiday Bowl berth after consecutive road losses to USC and lowly Arizona.

During the summer, Tedford rethought his strategy for preparing his team to meet such a large challenge without the benefit of a warmup game. In 2006, he bombarded his players with images of orange jerseys and blaring renditions of "Rocky Top," hoping to raise them to an emotional high — and instead, they bottomed out when things didn't go well.

"The first place I looked is in the mirror to find out where I could maybe have done a better job on motivating the team," Tedford said. "Let's not worry about going to Tennessee and worry about the guys in the orange jerseys. It's more about how we play. The focus needs to be on us doing our job and executing our stuff."

When the Volunteers agreed to this home-and-home series several years ago, they had no idea Cal would grow from a Pac-

10 bottom-dweller to a top-25 program in just a few years under Tedford's instruction. Coach Phillip Fulmer claims he prefers a tough opening game, though he acknowledges he might not feel the same way if the Vols get off to an 0-1 start.

Though Tedford takes a pragmatic approach to this tough assignment, his players are much more eager to get their opportunity for redemption against their SEC counterparts.

"I love it," linebacker Zack Follett said. "My freshman year, we played Sac State, and it was like I was playing a high school team. That game last year was about as big a stage as you could ever have. Now we know what to expect, and we're going to give it to them."

Safety Thomas DeCoud said the Cal secondary used its

awful performance against the Vols as a daily rallying cry in the ensuing 12 months. The embarrassment they felt after last season's loss hasn't abated, but the defensive backs all feel more prepared to match Tennessee's speed and skill.

The players are looking forward to hearing one of the loudest crowds in the history of Memorial Stadium, their often-sedate home in Strawberry Canyon. Cal plans to distribute 50,000 megaphones before the game to get the season off to a deafening start.

"I feel that it's good, especially because we played them last year, and we lost," said Justin Forsett, who takes over from Marshawn Lynch as Cal's starting tailback. "You want to get a shot at them. I wouldn't want to open any other way."

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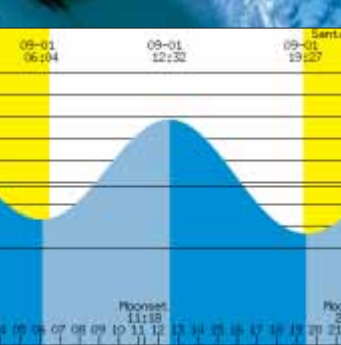
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Los Carillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth (beacarella)	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	D	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauque)	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	C	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	B	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurant)	A+	ns
Larigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Selecion Canyon at Den Blocker County Beach	B	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A	ns
Puente State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puente Beach, at 24572 Molibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	ns
Serfrider Beach at Molibu Colony fence	B	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	ns
Serfrider Beach (beach location)- daily	A	ns	Venice Beach- projection of Topsoil St.	B	ns
Molibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- Higuera tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	F	ns
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Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Tana Canyon	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Togango State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
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Comeback?

Spears debuts 'Gimme More' single; new album coming soon

It seems like forever since **BRITNEY SPEARS** had six-pack abs and a hit song on the charts. But the fallen pop princess – tarnished by a tumultuous divorce, late-night partying and erratic behavior – is trying to get her music career back on track.

For real this time. Her new single, “Gimme More,” debuted Thursday night on the Web site of

New York City pop station Z100, and a new album is due for release Nov. 13 by Jive Records, the label's representative, Wendy Washington, told The Associated Press on Friday.

The song – a clubby, flirty dance track produced by Danja, a protege of hit-maker Timbaland – has the 25-year-old singer bringing back the thumping beats and breathy come-

ons of her pop-star past. The song's opening line has an expletive.

Sharon Dastur, a program director at Z100, says listener response has been positive.

“A lot of people automatically had a negative attitude about it before hearing it,” she said. “And then the reaction we've been getting, you know, people are so pleasantly

surprised by it. You also have the people who have just been cheering on her comeback anyway.”

Spears, whose activities have been tabloid fodder since she split from Kevin Federline last November, hasn't released an album of all-new material since 2003's “In the Zone.” She came out with a greatest-hits album in 2004, which included a cover of Bobby

Brown's “My Prerogative.”

Spears, the mother of two young sons, has been taking baby steps toward a comeback. She has said she'd hoped to jump back into the music scene this year, and in May, staged several concerts at clubs in California.

“At the end of the day, it is really all about the actual songs,” Dastur said.

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DICK IN TROUBLE

David Stroupe said it was one of the worst experiences with a performer in the history of the Funny Bone Comedy Club.

He was referring to **ANDY DICK**, a former co-star on the 1990s sitcom “NewsRadio,” who appeared at the Funny Bone last weekend.

Stroupe, the club's managing partner, said the 41-year-old actor-comedian made inappropriate comments while on stage, groped patrons, took women into the men's room and urinated on the floor.

AP

Seeger sings out against Josef Stalin

PETE SEEGER has the Joe Stalin blues.

Decades after drifting away from the Communist Party, the 88-year-old banjo-picker has written a song about the Soviet leader that's as scathing as any tune in the folk legend's long career.

“I'm singing about old Joe, cruel Joe. He ruled with an iron hand. He put an end to the dreams of so many in every land,” Seeger wrote in “The Big Joe Blues.”

Seeger said he left the Communist Party around 1950 and apologized years ago for not recognizing that Josef Stalin was a

“very cruel misleader.” But he told The Associated Press on Friday that the song he finally finished this year is a first for him, despite three visits to the Soviet Union beginning in the '60s.

“It's the first overt song about the Soviet Union,” Seeger said during a phone interview from his Hudson Valley home in Beacon. “I think I should have though, when I was in the Soviet Union – I should have asked, ‘Can I see one of the old gulags?’”

Seeger calls it a yodeling blues song, and sings the chorus so it sounds like “I got the Big Joe

Bloo-ew-ew-ews!” He said it's the sort of song his old buddy Woody Guthrie might have written in the '50s.

The song's existence also touches on a sensitive political issue: the view by critics on the right that the left recognized Stalin's tyranny only belatedly. Partial lyrics were cited Friday by author Ron Radosh in a New York Sun column.

Radosh, an adjunct senior fellow at the Hudson Institute, a conservative think tank, accused Seeger in the newspaper two months ago of failing to criticize the communist

regimes he once backed.

Radosh took banjo lessons from Seeger in the '50s – two dollars for three hours – though Radosh took a very different political path from his childhood hero.

In a follow-up column Friday, Radosh said he was tickled to receive a warm letter last week from his old idol with a copy of the song attached.

He provided a copy of the song to the AP on Friday, and said he still admires Seeger.

“I think he is a man of principle,” Radosh said. “He's often wrong.”

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Your determination this year allows you to grow in new ways. View different situations as if they are in the midst of a profound transformation. If you are available, though a major love will enter your life, make sure you go through one year before deciding that this is the person you want. Doors will open as a result. If you are attached, plan and go on the special trip the two of you have been talking about. TAURUS exposes you to different cultures and styles.



Born Today
Actress Lily Tomlin (1939)
Singer Barry Gibb (1946)
Singer Gloria Estefan (1957)

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Play it low-key, Gemini

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Letting your hair down might not be unusual, though how you do it might be. As you kick back and enjoy the last unofficial weekend of summer, you mellow. Even while relaxed, you pitch in and help. Tonight: Follow through on your part.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Though you might manifest a serious edge at first, you turn events into a remembered occasion. Put yourself 100 percent into whatever interests you. You will like the end results. Your ability to absorb the good times emerges. Tonight: Keep on smiling.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Sometimes Mr. or Ms. Personality (you!) might need to step back. Others roar in to fill the opening. Enjoy those around you. Kick back and relax with a dear friend. You might be sharing an important secret or some news. Tonight: Play it low-key.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Friends surround you; you might want to pull back and relax in the company of others. Friends suggest different options. Know that you will only be happy where the crowds are. A spontaneous celebration begins. Tonight: The fun begins.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You naturally love being in the limelight. An opportunity arises for you to take your place in the sun. Others follow your lead. Remember, what is great fun for you might not be for someone else. Tonight: A must appearance, but you wouldn't miss it anyway.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Take off and meet a friend halfway for a meal and a visit. Get out of your present routine and try an adventure. You'll recharge your batteries as a result. Let go of worries, and be present with others. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ A partner wants and will steal the stage. His or her focus will be on you. Bathe in the attention of the moment. An important and meaningful conversation stems from this special time together. Don't resist vulnerability. Tonight: Be a duo.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Letting others roll with a situation might be key. Sometimes you want to fiddle with or turn an idea to your way of thinking. Just allow the situation to evolve. You will be much happier. Tonight: Say “yes.”

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Take it easy, and don't push yourself in any way that is uncomfortable. An opportunity to travel could slip through your hands. Don't pout. Share a favorite pastime or hobby with a child or friend. Tonight: Try easy ... i.e., don't throw a party!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your creativity can be funneled into any area or realm that is important. Affectionate relationships could warm up considerably if you just relax. Worry less about tomorrow; center on today. Tonight: Now toss in some flirtation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Basics do count. You move to a new level of understanding. Focus on family and domestic matters. You are far more centered and secure than many realize. You might choose not to say everything you are thinking. Tonight: At home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You are likely to say the right words, whether to warm up a friendship, convince someone that you are right or get support to throw a party. Make sure your focus is on what you want. Tonight: Visit, catch up on news and flirt a bit.

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11:50am, 2:05, 4:25, 7:10, 9:45
Bourne Ultimatum, The (PG-13)
1:15, 4:05, 6:55
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13)
1:40, 9:55
Illegal Tender (R)
9:30
Ratatouille (G)
11:15am, 1:50, 4:30, 7:05
Resurrecting the Champ (PG-13)
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The Bourne Ultimatum (PG)
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Death Sentence (R)
11:35am, 2:20, 5:00, 7:55, 10:40
Hairspray (PG)
11:15am, 1:55, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00
Mr. Bean's Holiday (G)
11:00am, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:05, 10:25
The Simpsons Movie (PG-13)
11:25am, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
Stardust (PG-13)
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War (R)
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12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
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1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

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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)
1:45, 4:30, 7:10
Delirious (NR)
9:45
No End in Sight (NR)
11:00am
Self-Medicated (R)
1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40
Sicko (PG-13)
11:00am

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

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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty
GOLD

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	2						5	
8					6			3

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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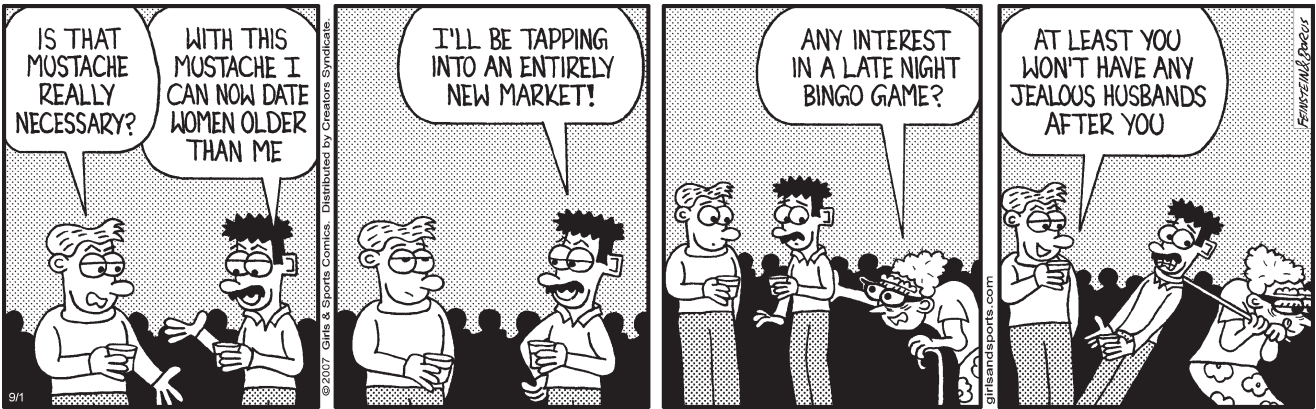
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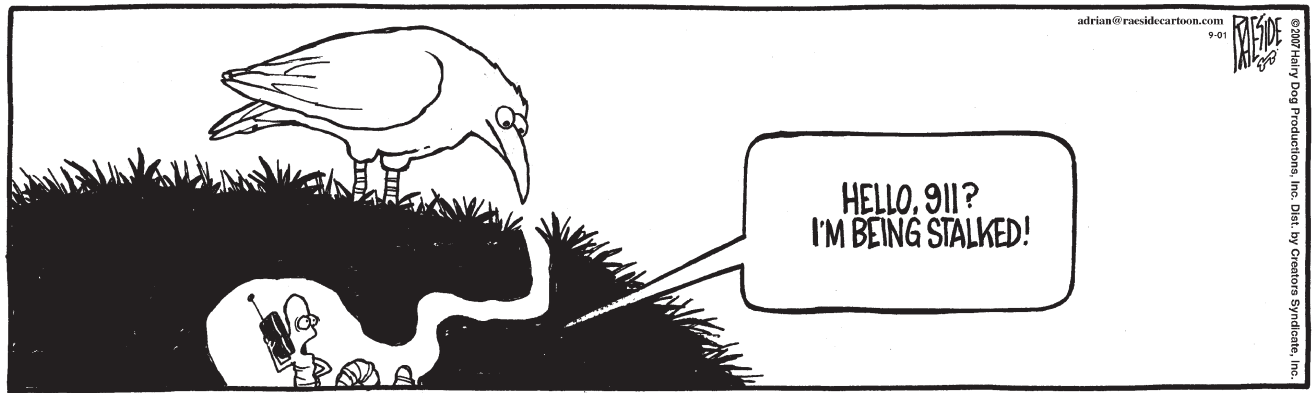
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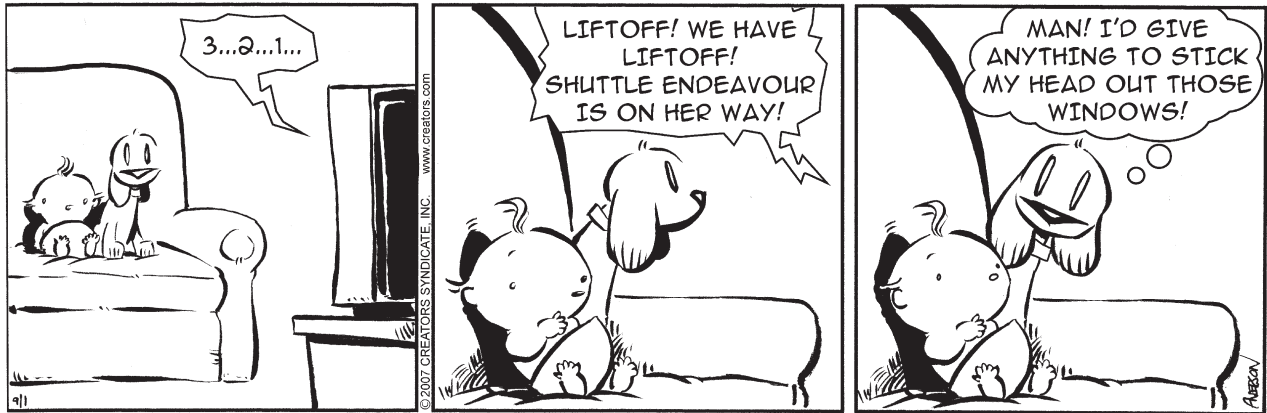
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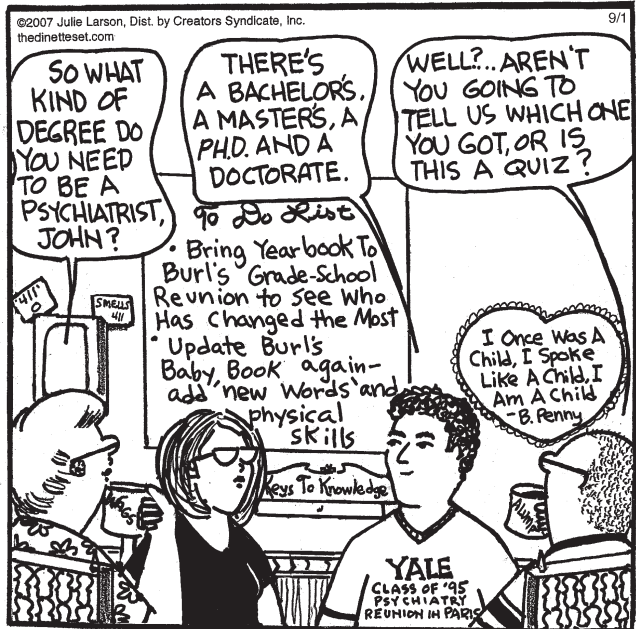


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- 1 Flora
 - 7 Lobbying orgs.
 - 11 Patch
 - 12 Resting on
 - 13 Scientist Fermi
 - 14 One of a bear trio
 - 15 Mixes up
 - 16 Archeology find
 - 17 Recital highlight
 - 18 King of music
 - 19 Indonesian island
 - 21 Lawn makeup
 - 22 Roster of approved names
 - 25 Letter before psi
 - 26 Endure
 - 27 Lily's husband
 - 29 Battle reminder
 - 33 Fields
 - 34 Reclusive star
 - 35 Foot: Pref.
 - 36 Bath-house
 - 37 James Bond's school
 - 38 Amends maker
- DOWN**
- 39 Single
 - 40 Basketball's Ann
 - 1 Iron
 - 2 Slow, in scoring
 - 3 Rainy month
 - 4 Kenyan capital
 - 5 Idiosyncrasies
 - 6 Hit letters
 - 7 Rock beater
 - 8 Bewildered
 - 9 Cockpit worker
 - 10 Moved apart

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Yesterday's answer

- 16 Train support
- 18 Spotless
- 20 One of the Titans
- 22 Cabby's query
- 23 Took a job
- 24 Birth announcement
- 25 Wedding site
- 28 New Brunswick neighbor
- 30 Origami creation
- 31 Dog-patch name
- 32 Crowd sounds
- 34 Airport area
- 36 Rotating part

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1960 Disgruntled railroad workers effectively halt operations of the Pennsylvania Railroad, marking the first shutdown in the history of the company.

1974 The SR-71 Blackbird sets (and holds) the record for flying from New York to London: 1 hour 54 minutes and 56.4 seconds.

1975 The last original episode of the American television series Gunsmoke airs on CBS after a record 20-year run.

1979 The American space probe Pioneer 11 becomes the first spacecraft to visit Saturn when it passes the planet at a distance of 21,000 km.

1985 A joint American-French expedition locates the wreck of the RMS Titanic.

2001 Almost every single commercial television station in Vancouver, British Columbia switches network affiliations after a round of ownership changes in 2000 - the largest change in North America.

2001 The first orca calf (later named Nakai) is born through artificial insemination, to parents Kasatka and Tilikum.

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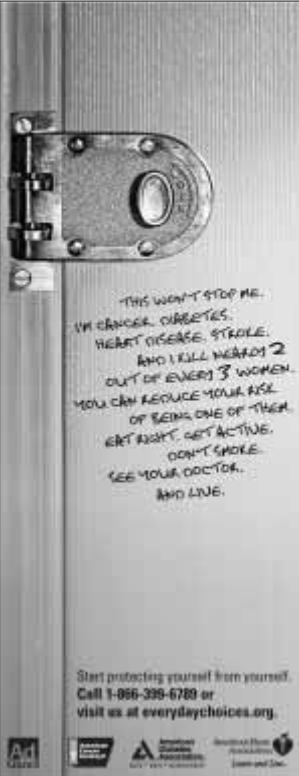
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