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Golay case set for trial after delay

BY MELODY HANATANI | Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN, L.A. The clock starts ticking today for the start of the murder trial starring a former Santa Monica landlady accused of killing two homeless men to cash in on their life insurance policies.

A trial date could be set on Wednesday as the prosecution and defense attorneys for Helen Golay, 76, of Santa Monica and Olga Rutterschmidt, 74, of Hollywood meet at the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center for a pre-trial hearing at 9 a.m.

In June, a superior court judge tentatively set the trial date for the day after Labor Day and under state law, the trial would have to begin within a 60-day window. Though the pre-trial date was postponed to Wednesday, it is expected the 60-day clock would begin ticking today.

The two elderly women, accused of killing two homeless men in separate yet similar hit-and-run incidents, have been held in connection with the murders since last year, housed in the women's detention center in Lynwood.

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Putting the brakes on development

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

MID-CITY The City Council last week adopted an emergency interim ordinance that requires development agreements for large projects in the industrial corridor, where a dramatic increase in building and land speculation have raised fears about the city's ability to support such projects.

The ordinance, which exempts auto dealerships, will be in effect for 60 days. City planners are expected to come back in that time with a permanent solution.

Elected officials, along with residents, felt it was crucial to impose some kind of restrictions on development in the old industrial corridor until the Land Use and Circulation Element process has been completed. The new LUCE will drive development in the city for the next 20 years or more.

Planning Director Eileen Fogarty said the industrial area currently is not equipped with the infrastructure and amenities to allow for the safe use of the area.

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WHAT A DUMMY

Porus Irani carries a mannequin while shopping at the monthly John Muir School PTA's Art and Antique Fair on Saturday. He purchased the mannequin for the thrifty price of \$10. The fair is held on the first Saturday of every month at the local elementary school.

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SM's youngest scientist

Local youngster vies to win national contest

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN We've all heard it a million times: Blondes have more fun. But is it true?

Not according to Catherine Haber's award winning science project that has

her in the running to be named America's top young scientist by the Discovery Channel.

The 13-year-old student at St. Martin of Tours School earlier this year conducted an experiment to see how one's hair color influences how others perceive them. She surveyed 100 people in and around Santa Monica and discovered that while being blonde may get you more dates, it can be a serious burden as blondes are generally considered to be less intelligent than brunettes.

Being blonde can mean the difference between getting that long sought after promotion or being stuck as a receptionist whose only duties are to answer phones, fetch coffee and look pretty.

"Blondes were definitely seen as being more attractive, but brunettes were more intelligent," said Haber, who conducted the survey as part of a school project and later entered it into the Los Angeles County Science Fair, where she took sec-

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Heat wave stresses power grid

Thousands of people lose electrical service

By the Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Nearly 14,000 people were without power in Southern California on Sunday as the region's electrical grid strained and sputtered in the midst of a prolonged statewide heat wave.

Highs reached 109 in Woodland Hills in the San Fernando Valley and well over 100 in many other valley and desert areas.

About 2,400 customers were left without power in Los Angeles, and 11,500 more suffered outages in inland and desert cities in Orange, Riverside and Los Angeles counties, utility officials said.

"Whenever it's this warm in the late evening hours, the system does not have time to cool, we're going to experience these scattered outages," said Joe Ramallo, spokesman for Department of Water and Power, which serves the city of Los Angeles.

Ramallo said the DWP had more than 30 crews in the field "working as fast and safely as possible to get power back up."

One outage in the San Fernando Valley's suburb of Lakeview Terrace was affecting 900 customers.

Power was restored early Sunday to about 2,600 people in Eagle Rock, many of whom did not have electricity for 24 hours, Ramallo said.

Lightning strikes on grid equipment due to scattered desert thunderstorms was adding to the strain.

The California Independent System Operator, which oversees the state's power grid, said no major shortages were expected through Monday. Still, it urged customers to continue conserving electricity by setting air conditioning thermostats higher and waiting to use major appliances until after dark.

The DWP said its power load peaked at 6,107 megawatts at midafternoon Friday, second only to its all-time record peak of 6,165 megawatts set on July 24, 2006.

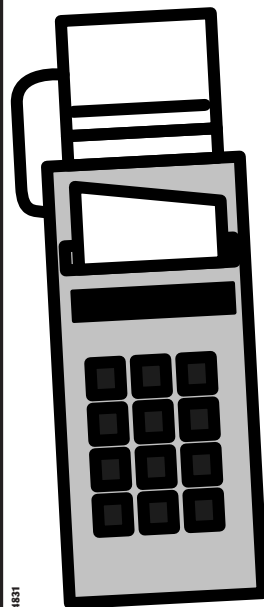
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OPCC attracts the homeless

Editor:

John Maceri's reply (page 4, Aug. 29) to Bill Bauer's (page 4, Aug. 27) article regarding the Ocean Park Community Center's (OPCC) new portal for the Westside's homeless is an exercise in obfuscation and is replete with glaring omissions. What all Santa Monica (SM) residents understand is that the homeless wandering our streets, alleys and parks did not become homeless in Santa Monica by virtue of being evicted from a SM apartment or losing a SM home to foreclosure and ending up on the streets.

Santa Monica is overrun with homeless because to quote a famous movie line "if you build it they will come." A mailing by OPCC seeks to raise \$19 million to "expand several programs assisting homeless individuals and families." The mailer also provides the new Access Center at Fifth Street and Olympic Boulevard "will be the primary entry point into the homeless services system on the Westside." This certainly looks like: 1.) OPCC will be expanding thus attracting more homeless here; 2.) it will be a portal for the homeless on the Westside.

Mr. John Maceri has been nicknamed Mr. Nimby (Not In My Back Yard) Maceri by many Pico Neighborhood residents because he lives in Northridge. He won't buy a condo or home on 16th Street near the OPCC's 55-bed homeless shelter there. Two year ago, instead of developing a 55-bed homeless shelter in Northridge where he lives, he and the Santa Monica for Renters' Rights-controlled City Council saddled the Pico Neighborhood with yet another 55-bed homeless shelter on Cloverfield Blvd. Thanks to SMRR and OPCC, the Pico Neighborhood has more shelter beds for the homeless, mentally ill, drug addicts and alcoholics than the rest of the city combined.

Mr. Maceri wouldn't go into Culver City or West Los Angeles to develop another shelter either, where he could build a shelter for half the cost as here in Santa Monica, and serve two or three times the number of clients. OPCC and Maceri are here not because of the number of homeless, but because of the generosity extended to OPCC by the SMRR-controlled City Council. Myriad SMRR-funded homeless related programs attracts clients from out of town to Santa Monica so he can say, "Look how many people we help."

When Mr. Maceri says, "If we don't want people living on our streets, then we need to provide adequate housing and supportive services." he omitted that he doesn't live here. He omitted disclosing the overwhelming number of people living on the streets of SM came here from someplace else.

SM will never solve its homeless problem until SMRR and or OPCC stop obtaining grants and funds for homeless services that should be going to the cities that are sending their homeless here. Mr. Ed Edelman, our Homeless Czar, should be taking our city staff and grant writers to Compton, Lynwood, South Gate, Bell, Bell Gardens, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Beverly Hills, Culver City, etc. to assist those cities in obtaining money for homeless services so people can remain in their hometowns when they became homeless. If this does not happen, SMRR and OPCC will continue to create a magnet for the homeless to come here.

Mathew Millen
Santa Monica



What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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Employers are just a part of the team

THE WORLD SEES EMPLOYERS IN A love/hate fashion. On the one hand they are crucial to the system, they are the source of income for most people. They are the providers for the many.

On the other hand, many people see employers as the source of the world's sorrows, and wonder why we need them. They fail to see the crucial role that an employer plays in the circle of life. These people want to have goods provided for them and have vacation time. They want health insurance for all, but don't see why people should have to work low paying, unskilled jobs like being an orderly.

There are those who see only exploitation of the worker, and those who see only the potential for profit. The nearsightedness of these two opposing views, is what allows for the sad state of our political system. We have a two party system that has broken down into "Greedy Corporations" on the one side — Republicans, and "Socialist Labor Sympathizing Sickos" on the other — Democrats.

For most of us, Labor Day means the end of the summer. But its real purpose is to honor those who make our society possible. To say "Thank You."

It is important to recognize employees and their contributions to the society we live in. Without an employee, any business would not survive. Even the self-employed are employees of their own companies, and generally they work harder than anyone.

If it were not for the employees of the world, the computer I write on would not exist. No individual man would likely have the skills, knowledge and abilities to build this computer by himself, for my purchase, at any price. It is only through the cooperative efforts of many, that I am to sit down and hit keys that become electronic letters that are then turned into a column, which is printed by others, on machines made by yet more people, on paper manufactured by an even larger group of people. There are literally thousands of people who are responsible for the words on the paper you are reading.

Men and women work all shifts during the day to provide for people they don't know, and will never meet. The reason why, is this capitalist society we live in, it is a society that is run on the concept of profit.

Who would work at a late night café, pouring coffee for drunks and college students, if there were not something in it for them? Granted they are probably making minimum wage, plus tips, but they are still valuing their time and being paid for it. They put forth effort and get back money. That is a profit. It may not be a huge profit, but few companies make huge profits.

The swing shift worker at the grocery store, is restocking shelves at 3 a.m. for a reason. It is not because he wants to make sure that there is a can of sardines for me when I come in at 7 p.m. He does it because the company pays him, and that provides him with a home for his family, food for his table and hopefully some vacation time.

Labor Day is about profit. It is profit

for the worker and for the employer. If an employer cannot make a profit, he will soon be out of business, and that means the employee will be out of a job. The interests of the employee are linked, in a life and death struggle with the employer in this way.

This is a hard concept for many people. They want to limit the profits that a company can earn. They say it is immoral for a company to make vast amounts of money, at the expense of the lives and labor of others. I disagree.

THE PEOPLE WHO CHAMPION THE RIGHTS OF THE WORKER THE LOUDEST, AND BEMOAN THE PROFITS OF THE EMPLOYER THE MOST, HAVE NEVER ACTUALLY HAD IT ALL ON THE LINE.

I own pieces of two active companies. I contribute to the livelihood of roughly 20 people directly. Our employees depend on the checks we write them being negotiable at the bank. The money must be there when they need it. I carry the responsibility of making sure that employees are paid, so that they in turn can pay their nanny, to provide care for their children.

There are those who say that profits should be reduced so more can have our services. That if more people had our services it would be better for society. Maybe. But these people are not the ones who invested the money, who worked late nights at the copy center getting the presentations ready for the salesmen, who make the company profitable.

I've always found it curious that those who most condemn employers, have never actually been one. The people who champion the rights of the worker the loudest, and bemoan the profits of the employer the most, have never actually had it all on the line. They have not spent sleepless nights wondering how they were going to make payroll.

It is important to remember, and honor, labor. But let's remember that the boss, is also part of the equation. You can't have one without the other, and they both make society operate. CEO's have been getting a lot of abuse these days. Sometimes they deserved it. But no good CEO would forget that their employees are the lifeblood of the company.

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Hatred of America is plain irrational

TO LISTEN TO MOST OF OUR FOREIGN-policy commentators, the biggest problem facing America today, six years after 9/11, is the fact that many Muslims are mad at us.

"Whatever one's views on the [Iraq] war," writes a New York Times columnist, "thoughtful Americans need to consider . . . the bitter anger that it has provoked among Muslims around the world." In response to the Abu Ghraib scandal several years ago, Ted Kennedy lamented, "We have become the most hated nation in the world, as a result of this disastrous policy in the prisons." Muslim anger over America's support of Israel, we are told, is a major cause of anti-American terrorism.

We face, these commentators say, a crisis of "Muslim opinion." We must, they say, win the "hearts and minds" of angry Muslims by heaping public affection on Islam, by shutting down Guantanamo, by being more "evenhanded" between free Israel and the terrorist Palestinian Authority — and certainly by avoiding any new military action in the Muslim world. If we fail to win over "Muslim opinion," we are told, we will drive even more to become terrorists.

All of this evades one blatant truth: the hatred being heaped on America is irrational and undeserved. Consider the issue of treatment of POWs. Many Muslims are up in arms about the treatment of prisoners of war in Iraq and at Guantanamo — many of whom were captured on battlefields trying to kill Americans. Yet these same Muslims are silent about the summary convictions and torture — real torture, with electric drills and vats of acid — that are official policy and daily practice throughout the Middle East.

Or consider "Muslim opinion" over the U.S. handling of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, in which the United States is accused of not being "hard enough" on Israel — a free nation with laws that protect all citizens, Jew and Arab alike — for Israel's supposed mistreatment of Palestinians. Yet "Muslim opinion" reveres the Palestinian Authority, a brutal dictatorship that deprives Palestinians of every basic freedom, keeps them in unspeakable poverty, and routinely tortures and executes peaceful dissenters.

So-called Muslim opinion is not the unanimous and just consensus that its seekers pretend. It is the irrational and unjust

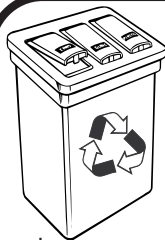
opinion of the world's worst Muslims: Islamists and their legions of "moderate" supporters and sympathizers. These people oppose us not because of any legitimate grievances against America, but because they are steeped in a fundamentalist interpretation of their religion — one that views America's freedom, prosperity, and pursuit of worldly pleasures as the height of depravity. They do not seek respect for the rights of the individual (Muslim or non-Muslim), they seek a world in which the rights of all are sacrificed to the dictates of Islam.

President Bush, like most politicians and intellectuals, has taken the opposite approach to "Muslim opinion": appeasement. Instead of identifying anti-American Muslims as ideological enemies to be discredited, he has appealed to their sensibilities and met their demands — e.g., sacrificing American soldiers to save Iraqi civilians and mosques. Instead of seeking to crush the Islamists by defeating the causes they fight for — such as Islamic world domination and the destruction of Israel — he has appeased those causes, declaring Islam a "great religion" and rewarding the Palestinian terrorist Jihad with a promised Palestinian state. Instead of destroying terrorist regimes that wage war against the West — including, most notably, Iran — he has sought their "cooperation" and even cast some as coalition partners.

Such measures have rewarded our enemy for waging physical and spiritual war against us. Condemn America, they have learned, and American leaders will praise your ideals and meet your demands. Attack America via terrorist proxy, terrorist states and movements have been taught, and America will neither blame you nor destroy you, but redouble its efforts to buy your love.

Every attempt to appease "Muslim opinion" preserves, promotes, and emboldens our enemies. Every concession to angry Muslim mobs gives hope to the Islamist cause. Every day we allow terrorist regimes to exist gives their minions time to execute the next Sept. 11. America needs honest leadership with the courage to identify and defeat our enemies — "Muslim opinion" be damned.

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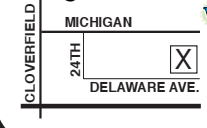


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Plane crash victims were family

By the Associate Press

KERNVILLE A relative identified the six victims of a small plane crash Friday as members of a family headed for a weekend getaway, one of which was from Santa Monica.

The six, including two small children, died when a private plane that took off from Santa Monica Airport crashed in the Sierra foothills near Kern Valley Airport, authorities said.

Sal Yaman, nephew of Adam Pasori, 56, the pilot of the plane, said the victims included Pasori, of Santa Monica; David Pasori, Adam Pasori's brother in his 40s; Mila Kuygusuz, a sister in her 40s; Kuygusuz's two daughters, Nasrin, 5 months old, and Meriem, 2; and Sibel, Adam Pasori's wife, who was in her 30s.

"They were supposed to have fun,"

Yaman told the Los Angeles Times. "Now they're all dead. There's no fun left."

The single-engine Lancair Columbia crashed and caught fire as it approached the airport at about 5:30 p.m., said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor.



THEY LOST CONTROL FOR SOME REASON, IT COULD HAVE BEEN A MULTITUDE OF THINGS."

Thomas Little, Safety investigator

An investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board said the pilot made two unusual turns as the plane prepared for landing that could be related to the crash.

The plane turned once over the middle

of the runway and again at the departure end, possibly in reaction to wind conditions, just before crashing, safety investigator Thomas Little said.

Neither maneuver was in keeping with the standard response in such situations, though no conclusions had yet been

drawn about the crash's ultimate cause, he said.

"They lost control for some reason," Little said. "It could have been a multitude of things."

Yaman, who was mourning with some

20 other relatives in Santa Monica Saturday, said the family was going to a lake in Bakersfield. He said Kuygusuz's husband, Adam, was driving to Kern County to meet them.

"When he got there, the tragedy had already happened," said Yaman. "An hour earlier, he was calling the family to see how they were, but there was no answer."

Kern Valley Airport manager Jeltje Nelson said she heard no sounds of engine trouble as the plane approached the runway.

"He was too high, and when he got a little way farther above the runway, he made a banking left turn to the west," she said. "I turned my back and thought I'd talk to him on the (radio) about what the wind was doing, and then I heard two pops, and the plane was on the ground and on fire."

Exposing public lands to city kids can create a strong bond

BY JULIANA BARBASSA | Associated Press Writer

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK Jorge Castaneda kneels on a rocky ledge with a map of the Sierra Nevada spread before him.

"There aren't street names," the 18-year-old says only half-jokingly to the guides about to take him on his first backpacking trip. "How are we supposed to read these maps?"

Castaneda is with a group of young men from inner-city Oakland and Los Angeles who are heading into the Yosemite backcountry for a five-day, 20-mile excursion sponsored by an outdoor education program called WildLink.

The group's aim is to help them forge a connection with public lands that will keep them coming back, and hopefully beef up the slowly diminishing and overwhelmingly white ranks of those who spend their free time hiking, climbing, fishing or otherwise enjoying open spaces.

A 2004 survey by the U.S. Forest Service showed that 92.7 percent of those who visited national forests over a three-year period were white, even though the country's ethnic and racial makeup includes growing numbers of Hispanics, Asians and blacks.

Overall, the number of people visiting public lands also is dwindling. The National Park Service found in

2006 it had nearly a million fewer visitors than the year before, and 14.5 million fewer than in 1999.

Experts say a range of factors are contributing to the drop in visitor numbers, from gas prices to shorter vacations. But "it may be that a certain portion of our decline is because population growth is being driven by people who are not traditional national park users," says Jim Gramann, visiting chief social scientist with the National Park Service.

A tenuous connection between new generations of Americans and public lands has potential consequences not just for individuals who miss out on the physical and mental benefits of being outdoors.

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Felix weakens to Category 4 hurricane

BY ESTEBAN FELIX | Associated Press Writer

SAN PEDRO SULA, Honduras Hurricane Felix churned toward Central America on Monday, sending enormous waves crashing to shore as the Category 4 storm drew strength from the warm waters of the Caribbean. Tourists jammed the airports and locals stocked up on food and plywood or moved to higher ground.

Felix was headed west with 145 mph winds, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center, which warned the "extremely dangerous" storm could strengthen before it reaches the Honduran coast on Tuesday and then slams into Belize, where many residents were still cleaning up from last month's Hurricane Dean.

"We are ready to face an eventual tragedy," said Douglas Fajardo, fire chief on the Caribbean resort island of Roatan. Some 300 tourists were evacuated from Honduras'

islands by midday Monday, and 400 others were awaiting flights, said Armando Funez, a spokesman for the country's National Airline Association. Winds and surf were picking up, with some waves crashing 15 feet higher than normal.

"The tourists, they're evacuating. We're staying here," said Estella Marazzito, who works at a Roatan real estate company. "At this moment, it's what they call the calm before the storm. There isn't even a breeze," she said, but added, "We know it's a tremendous hurricane that's coming."

In Belize, residents stocked up on water and food, and nailed boards over windows. Many who live in low-lying areas moved to higher ground. And many were still cleaning up from last month's Hurricane Dean, which caused an estimated \$100 million in damage, mostly to agriculture, in Belize alone.

"I stopped cleaning debris and trees from my yard. Might just get messed up again," said Wayne Leonardo.

On Sunday, Felix toppled trees and flooded some homes on the Dutch islands of Aruba, Curacao and Bonaire in the southern Caribbean. Heavy rains and winds caused scattered power outages and forced thousands of tourists to take refuge in hotels, but it did less damage than feared as the storm's outer bands grazed the tiny islands.

"Thankfully we didn't get a very bad storm. My dog slept peacefully through the night," said Siomara Albertus, a Bonaire medical administrator who waited out Felix at home with her Labrador retriever.

In Aruba, there was also little visible damage, although at least one catamaran snapped off its mooring, a house was damaged by a downed tree and power was temporarily knocked out in a northern town.

Felix, which briefly reached category 5 status Monday, is the second Atlantic hurricane of the season following last month's Hurricane Dean, which killed at least 28 people.

President Bush makes a surprise visit to Iraq to assess situation

BY DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press Writer

AL-ASAD AIR BASE, Iraq President Bush, after hearing from top U.S. and Iraqi leaders, said Monday some American forces could be sent home if security across Iraq continues to improve as it has in Anbar Province, a former hotbed of Sunni insurgency.

The president, flanked by Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, did not say how many troops could be withdrawn or how soon.

Despite intense pressure at home for cutbacks, Bush said decisions about troop levels "will be based on a calm assessment by our military commanders on the condi-

tions on the ground — not a nervous reaction by Washington politicians to poll results in the media.

"In other words," the president told cheering troops at this military base, "when we begin to draw down troops from Iraq it will be from a position of strength and success — not from a position of fear and failure."

Bush spoke after hearing from Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, and U.S. ambassador to Baghdad Ryan Crocker, who are testifying to Congress next week assessing the president's troop buildup.

"Gen. Petraeus and Ambassador Crocker tell me if the kind of success we're now seeing continues, it will be possible to maintain the same level of security with fewer

American forces," Bush said.

Bush stood in front of two Humvees near a dusty tarmac of this desert outpost in western Iraq, about 120 miles west of Baghdad, to share his latest views about the war. He urged Congress to wait until they hear testimony from Crocker and Petraeus and see a White House progress report due by Sept. 15 before judging the result of his decision to send an extra 30,000 troops to Iraq.

"I urge members of both parties in Congress to listen to what they have to say," he said. "We shouldn't jump to conclusions until the general and the ambassador report."

Bush met with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and other top government officials from Baghdad. He urged the gov-

ernment to respond to progress in Anbar where violence has abated after Sunni tribal leaders and former insurgents teamed up with U.S. troops to hunt down al-Qaida and other extremists.

He also met with Sunni tribal sheiks and members of Anbar's governing body.

"I'm going to reassure them that America does not abandon our friends," he said.

To a large degree, the setting was the message: Bringing al-Maliki, a Shiite, to the heart of mostly Sunni Anbar province was intended to show the administration's war critics that the beleaguered Iraqi leader is capable of reaching out to Sunnis, who ran the country for years under Saddam Hussein.



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Local businesses 'veg my ride'

BY DAISY NGUYEN

Associated Press Writer

MALIBU Colette Brooks' sprawling ocean-view property is dotted with tricked out cars — from a low-rider Lincoln Continental to a Cadillac with plush leather seats.

But it's her 1996 Chevy Tahoe that turns the most heads with a rear window decal declaring "It's time to kick gas" and a personalized license plate reading "OFFOIL."

The petite 49-year-old business owner might be a car junkie, but she's indulging her obsession without polluting the air by running her rides on biodiesel and other alternative fuels.

"I feel so superior driving next to a Hummer and going, 'Dude, yo, look at this, this is what you should be doing,'" Brooks said.

With her earth-friendly car finder serv-

ice, Biobling, Brooks is one of many entrepreneurs turning gas guzzlers into green machines as the interest in alternative fuel steadily spreads nationwide. Auto shops and online-based businesses are popping up in places as diverse as Maui, Hawaii, Louisville, Ky., Easthampton, Mass., offering do-it-yourself conversion kits, recycled vegetable oil, fuel delivery, and other services.

Current concerns about climate change, high gasoline prices and uncertain availability of foreign oil have brought increased interest in alternative fuels.

Hybrid vehicles such as the Toyota Prius are on track to achieve record U.S. sales this year, according to J.D. Power and Associates, and a growing number of gas-electric models are entering the competitive auto market.

Brooks and other small business owners like her want to appeal to people who

love attention-grabbing cars but don't realize they can drive them and leave a smaller tread mark on the environment.

LoveCraft Bio-Fuels in Los Angeles has converted more than 1,400 vehicles to run on vegetable oil by installing a system of heaters, pumps and filters. Its most famous client was Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who modified one of his Hummers.

"To take the vehicle that symbolizes one of the worst environmental violators and get it to run on vegetable oil was pretty cool," LoveCraft co-founder Brian Friedman said.

Brooks runs Biobling with her husband, Eric Cadora, who scours the Internet to help clients find used cars that can run on biodiesel. The couple charge a 10 percent finders fee and more if the vehicle gets tricked out with custom paint,

wheels or decals.

Brooks began promoting green cars when she bought a Prius in 2002. After discovering its benefits, she bought a fleet of hybrids for employees at her advertising and marketing company.

Two years later, she was amazed to learn that any old diesel car could run on biodiesel with little or no modification. That's because it's made with plant oil refined to remove a sticky compound called glycerin that would otherwise harm engines. The concept dates back to the late 1800s when the first diesel engine ran on peanut oil.

She set off by buying a diesel Mercedes. Her collection grew as she trolled through e-Bay and other Web sites for old muscle cars she's coveted since she was a little girl.

Today, at least 10 vehicles are parked on her property in Malibu.

Beach bought with public money remains private

By the Associated Press

MALIBU A beach that's supposed to be open to the public remains locked behind a barbed-wire fence with no-trespassing signs, serving instead as a private enclave for rich and famous property owners who live nearby.

El Sol County Beach was purchased 30 years ago with taxpayer dollars but has remained closed to the public ever since. At the time county officials promised the beach would be used "for public recreation in perpetuity."

However, the only people who have had access are adjacent property owners which include Michael Eisner, for-

mer chief executive of Walt Disney Co., and Gregory J. Bonann, co-creator of the "Baywatch" television series.

State officials have offered hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years to build a public stairway to the beach including a state grant of \$700,000. The county used the money instead to improve access to Dan Block Beach down the coast.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, who represents the area, said the county's decision not to open the beach had nothing to do with neighborhood opposition. Yaroslavsky said he is a strong proponent of public access to beaches and even told Eisner personally that "we are not going to sell it."

"It's an issue of money," Yaroslavsky said, adding that

state funds were better used elsewhere.

Eisner, through a spokesman, denied he was involved in efforts to purchase el Sol and declined to comment further.

The county applied for state park bond money to purchase the land for the public beach in 1974.

"When improved it will provide an excellent location for swimming, sunbathing, surf fishing, surfing, scuba and skin diving and other water-related activities," the application said.

But the county has repeatedly postponed opening the beach even as other pocket beaches were made public. El Sol neighbors mounted an aggressive campaign against opening the beach to the public.

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Golay's murder trial scheduled to begin

FROM TRIAL PAGE 1

“She’s looking forward to having the trial and looking forward to having an acquittal soon so she can get home,” said Golay’s defense attorney Roger Jon Diamond.

Deputy District Attorney Shellie Samuels has yet to determine whether the trial will be a capital case.

“We’ll make a decision whether to seek death or life without parole,” said Jane Robison, spokeswoman for the DA’s office.

The case has been moving at a sluggish pace since the women’s arrest mid-last year, stemming from a series of events including a change in public defenders early on for Rutterschmidt, prompting her new attorney, Michael Sklar, to request more time to review the case before moving on to a preliminary hearing.

A murder case, especially one as sensitive and complicated as this, takes time, said Laurie Levinson, professor of criminal law at Loyola Law School in Downtown Los Angeles.

“The truth is there is a lot of investigation you need to do in a case like this because it is a circumstantial case,” Levinson said. “The elderly defendants never had trouble with the law at all, so you better have evidence before you go to trial.”

Complicating the case is the fact that there have been no eyewitnesses to the alleged hit-and-run incidents, she said.

A good example of how lengthy the criminal justice system can be is the Phil Spector case. The music producer was arrested in 2003 in connection with the death of actress Lana Clarkson. His case didn’t commence until earlier this year.

“If anything, these days, nobody wants to be accused of rush to judgment in the post OJ (Simpson) case,” Levinson said.

FROM GRANNY TO INMATE

The owner of three apartment complexes in Ocean Park, including a pink building on Ocean Park Boulevard in which she lived, Golay and Rutterschmidt, a Hungarian immigrant, were arrested on May 18, 2006, charged with federal mail fraud charges, suspected by investigators of being connected

with the deaths of two homeless men.

Authorities dropped the mail fraud charges shortly before filing murder charges against the women in late July of last year.

Investigators believe Golay and Rutterschmidt befriended Kenneth McDavid and Paul Vados, setting them up in rent-free apartments and convincing them to sign the women onto their life insurance policies.

McDavid and Vados were found dead in separate hit-and-run incidents in 2005 and 1999, respectively. Both were determined to have been killed in alleys — McDavid in Westwood and Vados in Hollywood.

During a preliminary hearing in March, investigators revealed a series of insurance applications and claim forms showing the women claiming various types of relationships with the victims, including fiancés, cousins and business partners. Relatives of the two men testified during the preliminary hearing, confirming that they had no knowledge of being related to Golay or Rutterschmidt.

Golay’s AAA membership card was also found to be used to tow a vehicle just blocks from where the collision occurred in Westwood. The tow truck driver testified during prelims, stating he recalled dropping off a person about a block from where Golay lived in Santa Monica.

Throughout the preliminary proceedings, Diamond objected to his client being awakened in the early morning hours on the day of court appearances, claiming that she was physically exhausted and not mentally sharp as a result.

Diamond filed a petition in April challenging the validity of the preliminary hearing, alleging his client was denied sufficient rest. The state supreme court denied a hearing on the petition a few weeks ago. The Santa Monica-based attorney said he intended to plead to the judge once again that his client be treated better in prison, claiming Golay is not receiving a proper diet for her high blood pressure.

“She’s anxious to get the case to trial,” Diamond said. “The situation in the jail is very unpleasant.”

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Development agreements OK'd

FROM DEVELOPMENT PAGE 1

“In addition, the unplanned introduction of new residents to an existing industrial area almost always creates conflicts with existing industrial uses because of safety, and other operational impacts such as traffic, parking, noise, odor and hours of use,” Fogarty wrote in a report to the council.

The Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City, along with other neighborhood groups, had called for a moratorium on development, however, city staff felt development agreements were the way to go because a moratorium would have required the council to have made additional and stronger findings, and would have required a super majority vote, something which was not possible because there were only five members present when the issue was debated last week.

Fogarty said city planners reviewed several options that ranged from taking no action to instituting a moratorium. Staff felt that requiring development agreements would be stronger in the long run because they ensure that projects will be approved consistent

with the desire of the community and the direction of the council. They give the council flexibility to define and shape projects.

The interim ordinance establishes a development agreement requirement for projects containing more than 7,500 square feet of floor area or more than 15 housing units in the industrial corridor, artist studios or single room occupancy units, and establishes development agreement requirements for changes in land use on parcels that exceed 32,000 square feet in the light manufacturing district and 15,000 square feet in the manufacturing zone.

Council members made sure not to include auto dealerships since operators of those businesses had worked with city staff for years in a plan that allows them to expand into the industrial corridor, providing some relief for Santa Monica Boulevard, where the vast majority of dealerships are located.

Staff was also directed to include an exemption for affordable housing when the issue returns in September.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project is located on 2.04 acres that currently consists of 13 separate parcels and High Place, a public street. The site is currently developed with 15 one- to two-story residential structures housing 28 residential units, as well as associated garages and accessory buildings. Seven of the onsite structures are listed on the City's Historic Resources Inventory as contributors to a potential grouping. The proposed project involves demolition of all existing structures on the site and relocation of High Place to a public alley that would provide shared access along the western edge of the project. The project would consist of 47 apartment units and 45 condominiums with two separate subterranean garages for each development. The projects are being entitled separately but are analyzed together for the purposes of environmental review. The applicant has applied for the following discretionary permits: a Development Review permit (DR 06-017) for a project exceeding 15,000 square feet of floor area and a Tentative Map (TM06-031).

ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS: The Draft EIR determined that implementation of the project will result in the following potentially significant or significant unavoidable impacts:

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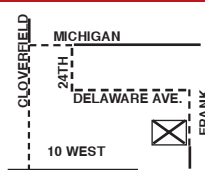
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The Rockets (above) perform during the Summer Strummer Festival at Bergamot Station on Sunday. The Summer Strummer Festival was created as a showcase of music, skating and alternative lifestyles. The day-long Labor Day weekend event featured over 40 bands on three stages and an afternoon skateboarding exhibition, autograph sessions and Gibson guitar giveaways.



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YOUNG BRAINIAC: Catherine Haber's project for the Discovery Channel Challenge delves into the differences between blondes and their brunette counterparts. The winner will be named soon.

Local student in the running

FROM SCIENTIST PAGE 3

and prize and advanced to the state championship, where she also came in second and advanced with 400 other students in grades 5 through 8 to the Discovery Channel Challenge.

"I didn't expect this to go this far," Haber said. "It's gone much farther than I thought it would."

Haber said she got the idea for her project after watching a lot of television and movies. She noticed that the blonde stereotype was prevalent in many titles.

"I also heard a lot of people saying things like 'Oh, you're blonde. You're stupid.' So why not check it out," said Haber, who has brownish blonde hair. "I get pretty curious about things that come up. I've always been like that ... I've kind of always been interested in science. Whether it's things like plants, animals or minerals, I just find something really interesting and fascinating about it."

Haber's science teacher and her parents are proud of her accomplishments so far and could care less if she wins or loses.

"It doesn't matter how she does at this point," said Haber's father, Richard Haber. "This is a great experience for her. It's something different and will teach her a lot about the real world. She loves science and is very good at it. We are very proud of her."

Haber said she isn't too concerned about the outcome. She's just happy to be included. She would like to be one of the 40 finalists that get to fly to Washington, D.C. in October to compete in the finals. The finalists receive \$500, while the winner gets \$20,000. Haber would like to use the money to buy a car when she turns 16.

However, if she doesn't make it that far, she won't be crushed. After all, she has other interests to keep her occupied,

including basketball and dancing, something which she has done since she was 3, taking after her mother, a professional dancer from Poland.

"I just have to sit and wait," Haber said. "I'm just excited to be starting my last year at St. Martin of Tours."

Haber looks forward to high school and eventually college, where she thinks she'll major in psychology. The most important thing is that she has learned a valuable lesson that will stick with her for years to come.

BLONDES WERE DEFINITELY SEEN AS BEING MORE ATTRACTIVE, BUT BRUNETTES WERE MORE INTELLIGENT."

Catherine Haber
Contest participant

"I learned how much stereotypes affect us in society today and what kind of impact they really do make on a subconscious level," Haber said. "You don't think that someone's hair color makes a difference, but it does. It just makes me more aware of what I'm thinking when I look at someone for the first time, and to not make judgments just based on what someone looks like."

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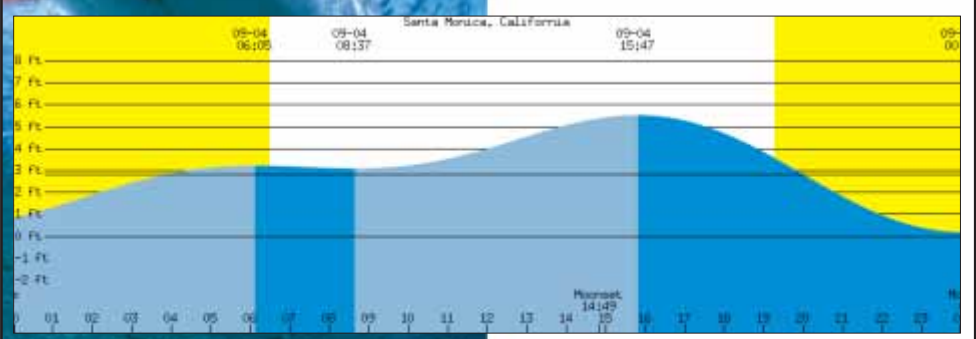
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sepul Creek mouth (Jaccarilla)	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Morafier State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildfire Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	B	ns
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A+	ns
Lorijo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Selencia Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach	B	ns
Puente State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Sunridge Beach at Malibu Colony fence	B	ns
Sunridge Beach (beach location)- daily	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (joint zone)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 15948 PCH stairs	A+	ns
Pine Creek at Los Flores County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	D	ns

LEGEND

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ns -- no sample taken



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NCAA FOOTBALL

USC’s Johnson emerges in win

BY JOHN NADEL

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Stafon Johnson was supposed to be a star at Southern California last year. Instead, he sat on the bench.

Due in part to a bad attitude, Johnson carried the ball three times for 17 yards as a freshman after being one of the most heavily recruited running backs in the country.

The 6-foot, 210-pound sophomore came to camp last month determined to make a fresh start, and if his effort in No. 1 USC's 38-10 season-opening victory over Idaho is any indication, he's on his way.

Johnson gained 64 yards on 12 carries and scored the first two touchdowns of his college career.

"I don't really rate it that high," Johnson said of his performance. "It's a process of improvement. I did the best I could and we'll go from there. The line did a great job of opening holes. We had a couple mishaps, but we fought through it."

Johnson shared playing time with four tailbacks against the Vandals, and senior Chauncey Washington, normally the starter, didn't play because of a sprained right shoulder.

"You've got to take control of all the opportunities you get," Johnson said. "I had to take advantage of everything I could and show everybody what I can do."

Johnson acknowledged before the start of camp that he didn't show much on the practice field last season, and that's the main reason he seldom played.

"It was very humbling," he said. "In college, you've got to come prepared every day. I just wasn't being consistent, wasn't living up to expectations day in and day out. That's what got me in the predicament I was in."

And now, it appears he's out of that predicament.

"I think it was really a good game for Stafon Johnson," USC coach Pete Carroll said. "He's played very well in camp. He's made guys miss and made guys bounce off him, just as he did tonight."

Johnson gained 2,197 yards on 247 carries with 22 touchdowns as a senior at Dorsey High in Los Angeles two years ago.

Sophomore C.J. Gable started against Idaho, and senior Desmond Reed, sophomore Allen Bradford and freshman Joe McKnight also got some playing time at tailback against the Vandals. Gable led the way with 68 yards on eight carries.

"I'm extremely proud of their effort, down after down," Trojans quarterback John David Booty said. "Sometimes it wasn't there, but they kept hitting the holes. The great thing was their pass blocking, picking up the corner blitzes and crashes."

Johnson scored on a 4-yard run in the first quarter, and a 1-yarder in the third period. Gable caught one of Booty's three touchdown passes — an 8-yarder in the opening period.

Favored by 46 points, USC didn't perform very impressively against the outmanned Vandals, but Carroll didn't sound concerned.

"It was an opportunity to get lots of guys in, get information, see how they do and put the first game behind us," he said. "There are a lot of areas we can do better in. I was really disappointed we turned the ball over three times."

NFL

Oakland counting on big performance from rookie

BY JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA When the Oakland Raiders open the season next week against Detroit, only one of their first three draft picks will even be in uniform.

With top pick JaMarcus Russell still holding out and third-rounder Quentin Moses getting cut, tight end Zach Miller is the only one of the top three on the roster.

Miller, a second-round pick, is in line to start the season opener Sunday against Detroit after showing good progress during training camps and the preseason.

"I'm definitely a ton more comfortable than when I arrived," he said. "I'm comfortable with the guys on the team, with the offense. I'm not swimming anymore like I was. I'm pretty good on all the plays and the game plans and stuff. As far as information overload, I feel good. When I first arrived, I was struggling to learn the plays. I wasn't sure what I was doing. I'm much better now."

The tight ends are expected to play a bigger role in coach Lane Kiffin's offense than they did in the past for the Raiders.

Oakland hasn't had a tight end catch more than 50 passes in a season since Ethan Horton had 53 in 1991.

But with Kiffin emphasizing quicker passes, the tight ends and running backs should be a bigger part of the offense this season.

"It's part of the offense that Coach Kiffin likes," Miller said. "I'm glad for that. It gives us some good opportunities to get involved in the passing game. It's good to be used like that on offense. I really like what we're doing on offense so far."

Randal Williams' 28 catches last season led the team's tight ends, but he was released over the summer along with the second-leading receiver at the position, Courtney Anderson. The leading returning tight end is second-year player John Madsen, an undrafted free agent who played receiver in college before making the switch in the pros.

Madsen had 11 catches as a rookie when he did well in the passing game but struggled as a blocker. Kiffin has been pleased with his progress during training camp and Madsen should get plenty of opportunities during the season — especially in obvious passing situations.

Stepping aside

Terfel pulls out of Royal Opera's 'Ring'

BRYN TERFEL has pulled out of his highly anticipated appearance in the Royal Opera's production of Wagner's "Ring" cycle, citing "a particularly stressful family situation" involving one of his children.

The Welsh bass-baritone was to have sung Wotan/The Wanderer in the performances scheduled for next month. It was supposed to have been his

first performance in a complete Ring Cycle.

"I have had a particularly stressful family situation involving one of my children this summer which has affected the time I had put aside to prepare for this challenging role," Terfel said in a statement carried by the Opera's Web site. "Having begun rehearsals it is clear to me that I would not be able to

perform at the standard I would wish to."

The nature of the problem was not disclosed.

The Times of London newspaper reported that the performance had been sold out for more than a year, with some tickets for the entire four-opera cycle going for as much as \$1,610.

"The Royal Opera expressed shock and sur-

prise at Bryn Terfel's cancellation, acknowledging the disappointment it will bring to audiences who were looking forward to seeing him perform in a complete Ring Cycle for the first time," the company said on its Web site.

The company said Terfel would be replaced by award-winning singer Sir John Tomlinson, with whom Terfel had been due

to share the role.

Terfel sang Wotan for the first time in "Das Rheingold" and "Die Walkure" during the 2004-5 season in the Royal Opera's production by Keith Warner.

He also is slated to sing Wotan in the Metropolitan Opera's performance of the Ring cycle, scheduled for 2012.

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IGLESIAS WINS BIG

ALBERTO IGLESIAS, who composed the soundtracks for Oscar-winning film director Pedro Almodovar's "Talk to Her" and "All About My Mother," has won Spain's 2007 National Film Award, the Culture Ministry said Monday.

The state-sponsored award highlighted Iglesias "for a professional trajectory full of inspiration, enlivened by a constant search for new and stimulating expressive forms of film-oriented musical composition."

AP

Director says Wilson is doing better

OWEN WILSON is doing well as he recovers from an apparent suicide attempt, and is even making colleagues laugh, the director of his latest film said Monday.

"Obviously he has been through a lot this week," said Wes Anderson, who directed Wilson in "The Darjeeling Limited," one of the films in competition for the Venice Film Festival's top award.

"I can tell you he has been doing very well, he has been making us laugh," Anderson told a news conference to promote the film.

"When he is ready he's going to speak for himself much better than any of us could," the director said, asking that the actor's privacy be respected.

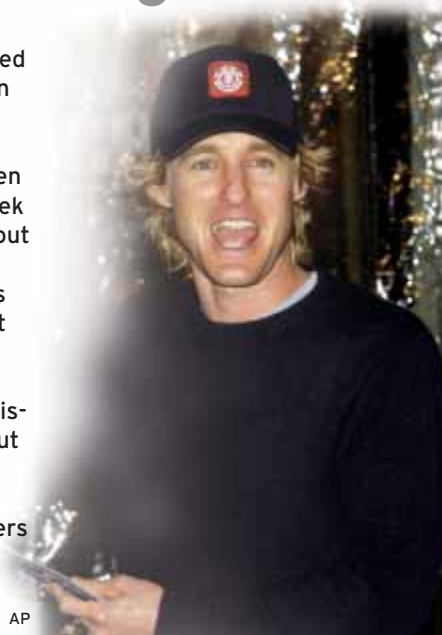
Wilson and Anderson have worked together for more than a decade, in pictures including "The Royal Tenenbaums."

The 38-year-old Wilson was taken by ambulance to a hospital last week after police responded to a call about a suicide attempt at his Santa Monica home. The day after he was hospitalized, he issued a statement asking for privacy so he could "receive care and heal."

In "Darjeeling," Wilson plays a distraught man – bandaged throughout the film – who other characters imply has attempted suicide.

Wilson plays one of three brothers who haven't said a word to each other in a year.

AP



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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might attempt to take a more even course but hit an obstacle here and there. Keep communication flowing, even if in a spirited moment you want to cut someone off. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Expenses go way overboard, and you do make a difference. Perhaps that difference is made by you saying no to yourself or to someone else. Rest assured that if buying a gift, it doesn't have to be the most costly to make a difference. Tonight: Gather your bills.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Your personality reflects a more powerful attitude and/or word choice. Don't wonder why you are getting a strong reaction from others. Do decide if it is worth the end results to be so firm and perhaps so demanding. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Take your time and make it OK not to answer someone or respond right away. Be polite, but don't allow yourself to be cornered. When push comes to shove, don't get caught in the middle. Be an observer for now. Tonight: Do for yourself uniquely.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You might want what you want, but an associate might have a different opinion or want something else. The issue will be how to make you both happy. Avoid the right-wrong game, and compromise. Tonight: Where the groups are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Take charge and handle a personal matter directly and concisely. If you direct this attitude to the other areas of your life, you could be ear-to-ear smiles. Some flak here and there shouldn't surprise you. Tonight: Touch base with an older relative or friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Take the high road. You might find others backpedaling, as they were counting on triggering you in on a problem or hassle. Though negative, it might be their way of keeping you involved! Tonight: Let your mind romp but your body rest.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Others clearly think they know more than you. Rather than have an argument, define their position with them, and let them do their thing. The end results will speak for themselves. Use good sense with money. Tonight: An important talk.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Others prove to be challenging, but it's a situation that you can handle. Invigorate your life with more information and alternatives. A family member might be creating his or her share of uproar. Tonight: Allow someone else to express his or her opinion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Dig into work or errands. Your stamina and efficiency will be tested. If you discover that someone approaches a situation differently from you, learn why before nixing it. Tonight: Relieve stress through physical activity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Fortunately, you have creativity at your fingertips, as problems might come in from left field. Still, play it conservatively concerning finances. Don't walk into problems when you don't need to. Tonight: Let your imagination choose.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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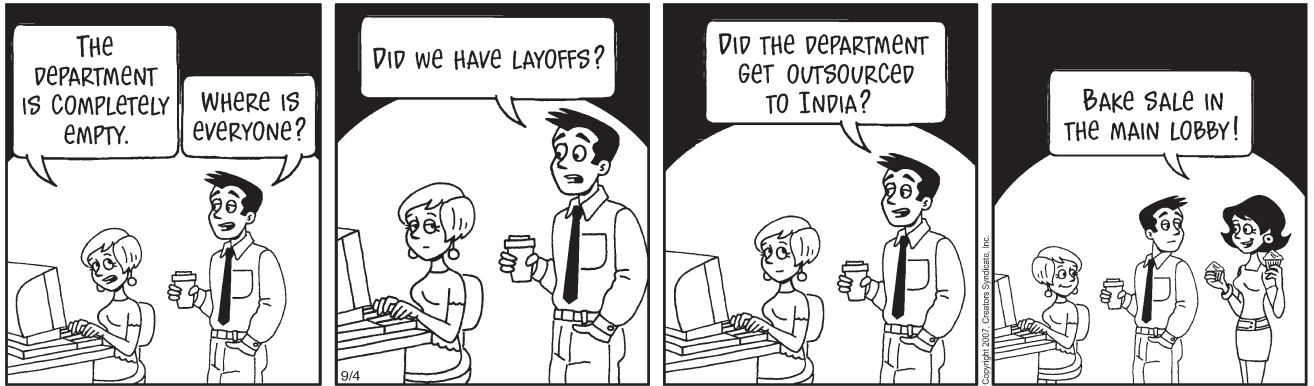
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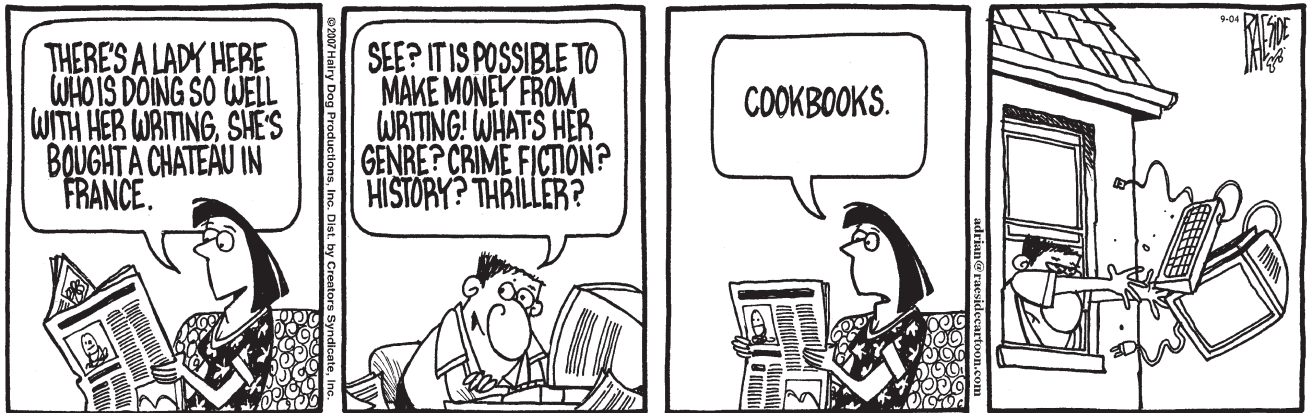
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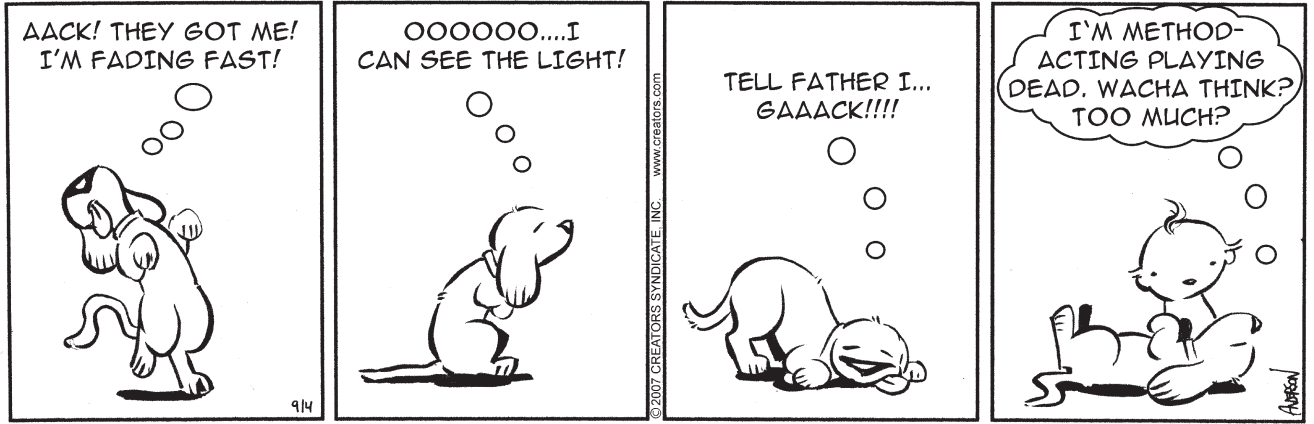
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Orient Industry Co. of Tokyo each month turns out 80 life-size, anatomically correct and finely detailed "love dolls" that retail for the equivalent of \$850 to \$5,500 each, for men who would rather hang out with toys than women, according to a July Reuters dispatch. The more expensive models are admirably life-like, made of silicon and with 35 movable joints. Reuters found one customer, Mr. "Ta-Bo," who owns at least two dozen of them (each with a name), even though he claims to be seeing five real women on the side. "Sex with human girls was better," he said, "but I hate the process of dating."

■ In July, a tractor-trailer overturned on Walker Road in Norridgewock, Maine, and its contents of nitrogen-concentrated chicken manure spilled onto rusted cars and the rest of the property of junk dealer Richard White. Days later, "There's stuff still 20 feet up the tree," he said. "It was like a tsunami wave of hot chicken (manure)," he told the Waterville Morning Sentinel. White grumbled that the truck company was slow on the cleanup, probably, he said, because his property is largely junk. "They think I'm a hick and don't matter. But my life didn't smell like this before." And "I hate flies."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1886 Indian Wars: After almost 30 years of fighting, Apache leader Geronimo surrenders with his remaining warriors to General Nelson Miles in Arizona.

1888 George Eastman registers the trademark Kodak, and receives a patent for his camera which uses roll film.

1894 In New York City, 12,000 tailors strike against sweatshop working conditions.

1939 World War II: Japan declares neutrality in European war.

1950 The "Beetle Bailey" comic strip begins.

1956 The IBM RAMAC 305, the first commercial computer that used magnetic disk storage, was introduced.

1957 American Civil Rights Movement: Little Rock Crisis - Orville Faubus, governor of Arkansas, calls out the National Guard to prevent African American students from enrolling in Central High School in Little Rock.

1967 Vietnam War: Operation Swift begins: U.S. Marines engage the North Vietnamese. The ensuing four-day battle in Que Son Valley kills 114 Americans and 376 North Vietnamese.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: HELEN C. HAYDEN CASE NO. SP007247

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of HELEN C. HAYDEN.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CLIFFORD HAYDEN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CLIFFORD HAYDEN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 09/21/07 at 9:15AM in Dept. R located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with

Notices

the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso) SC093914

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): DIANA H. FEINSTEIN, AN INDIVIDUAL, DIANA H. FEINSTEIN, TRUSTEE OF THE MALICKI FAMILY TRUST DATED MARCH 29, 1978, DIANA H. FEINSTEIN, TRUSTEE OF THE DIANA H. FEINSTEIN TRUST DATED MARCH 29, 1978; DOES 1 TO 10, INCLUSIVE YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTA DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): J.S.E.E. LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

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The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Eric Meller (BN 54123), Meller & Floyd, 2001 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 510. Santa Monica, CA 90403-5675, Telephone: 310-829-0945,

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310-829-0469 Date (Fecha): May 15, 2007 JOHN A. CLARKE, Clerk (Secretario), by D MC KINNEY, Deputy (Adjunto) SEAL 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 9/4/07 CNS-1182195# SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS

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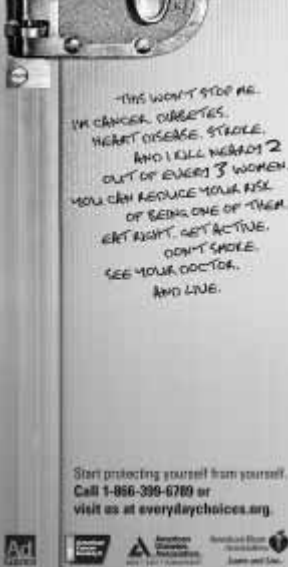
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