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THE CUT AND PASTE ISSUE

Chamber cuts ties with Lynch

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Jim Lynch is no longer the president of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce.

Members of the chamber's board of directors weren't saying much Tuesday, but they did confirm that Lynch was let go on Friday of last week after having spent just 10 months at the helm of the organization, which boasts over 1,000 members.

The chamber's chief financial officer, Brenda Katz, will serve as interim president until a successor is selected, said Tom Larmore, board chairman.

"We felt that while we liked Jim and he does a very nice job at our mixers, we felt we needed someone who had strong management skills," Larmore said. "We both came to the conclusion that the job didn't match his skills and his interests."

Lynch, 55, assumed control of the chamber in October of last year, replacing Kathy Dodson, who had served as president since 2001. Dodson left to become economic development director for the city of El Paso, Texas.

In a statement to the Daily Press, Lynch said he could not comment on the specifics of his departure, however, he did defend his tenure at the chamber.

"I can tell you that every chamber event that was conducted during my tenure as president and CEO was successful, exceeded profit projections and in some cases were record-setting events," Lynch wrote. "I believe that my work in the community was beneficial to Santa Monica and helped to repair and build better relationships among community organizations, the city, the school district, Santa Monica College and neighboring communities. It is also my belief that my leadership with regard to the advocacy trips to Washington, D.C. and to Sacramento helped to raise the status of Santa Monica as an influential community in Southern California."

"I wish all the best for the Santa Monica community with the many challenges and projects ahead."

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The American Cinematheque and Outfest collaborate to present gay and lesbian programming on Wednesdays at the Egyptian Theatre. Advance tickets are available through www.fandango.com. For more information about Outfest, go to www.outfest.org.

Green Living Workshop #80

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

'Bathroom Talk'

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

St. Joseph practices Tai Chi

400 W. Pico Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.
St. Joseph Center is holding ongoing weekly Tai Chi classes. These low-impact classes are designed to help individuals improve their overall physical fitness and increase their mobility and flexibility. Classes are free, but enrollment is limited and advance registration is required. For more information, call (310) 396-6468, ext. 307.

L.A. Leggers Running & Walking Club

1450 Ocean Ave., check for times
Year-round running/walking club and marathon/half-marathon training program held Saturday mornings in Santa Monica. Membership fees are \$55 — \$65 through Sept. 30. For information and online registration, visit www.laleggers.org. or call (310) 577-8000.

Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007

'Jack and Lem'

8853 Santa Monica Blvd., 7:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
David Pitts, author of "Jack and Lem: The Untold Story of an Extraordinary Friendship," discusses his new book at A Different Light Bookstore. The book tells the story of JFK and his gay best friend, Lem Billings. For more information, visit www.jackandlem.com or call (310) 854-6601.

The Santa Monica Laughter Club

717 Broadway, 11 a.m. — noon
Laughter Yoga combines yoga breathing with laughter exercises to increase health and vitality, decrease pain and everyday stress, and promote a more positive mental attitude. For more information, call Kim Selbert at (310) 471-5773.

Fall prevention for seniors

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

Yappy Hour @ Tails of Santa Monica

2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
A social gathering for dogs and their people. There will be light refreshments, dog snacks and play time. For more information call (310) 392-4300.

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



Swift Boat ads backer has tie to proposal

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
AP Political Writer

LOS ANGELES Lawyers behind a California ballot proposal that could benefit the 2008 Republican presidential nominee have ties to a Texas homebuilder who financed attacks on Democrat John Kerry's Vietnam War record in the 2004 presidential campaign.

Charles H. Bell and Thomas Hiltachk's law firm banked nearly \$65,000 in fees from a California-based political committee funded almost solely by Bob J. Perry that targeted Democrats in 2006. Perry, a major Republican donor, contributed nearly \$4.5 million to the group Swift Boat Veterans for Truth that made unsubstantiated but damaging attacks on Kerry three years ago.

The Perry-financed committee in California, the Economic Freedom Fund, continued to spend money this year, mostly on legal expenses tied to an ongoing legal dispute in Indiana over phone calls made to voters in 2006. It lists the Sacramento law office's address as its home and its Web site directs contributions to the firm, Bell, McAndrews & Hiltachk. In addition, Bell serves as the committee's treasurer.

Hiltachk has been pushing a proposal to revamp the way California awards its electoral votes, a change Democrats claim would rig the 2008 race. He and Bell are the sole officers of a new political committee, Californians for Equal Representation, that is raising money to place the plan on the ballot in June.

Their success could hinge on whether they get the financial backing to collect more than 400,000 petition signatures needed to qualify the proposal for the ballot. And while Perry has not donated to their cause, his wealth and connections make him a potential financier for a drive that could cost more than \$1 million. Running a statewide campaign would cost millions more.

Democrats are working to defeat the effort and already have lined up supporters such as Hollywood producer Stephen Bing, whose credits include the 2000 "Get Carter" remake with Sylvester Stallone.

Supporters say the vote-change plan could open a new era of fairness in presidential contests. But the law firm's link to Perry and other Republican candidates and causes

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SUMMER'S TWILIGHT

Lifeguard Steve Contarsy, 55, prepares to close his lifeguard station 320 on Friday. With Labor Day in the past, summer's days are numbered.

Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

Local developer perishes in crash

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

KERNVILLE One of the victims of a fiery plane crash here on Friday was a Santa Monica businessman who headed one of the largest local real estate development firms.

Santa Monica resident Adam Pasori, the chief executive officer for Santa Monica-based Cedar Signature Homes, was killed Friday along with five family members when his plane crashed into the Sierra Foothills about a third of a mile from Kern Valley Airport.

Pasori was reportedly piloting his single-engine Lancair Columbia when it dropped from the early evening sky, en route to a runway located right off Lake Isabella.

Relatives identified the victims as 51-year-old Pasori, his wife Sibel, who is believed to be in her 30s, his younger brother David, said to have been in his 40s, his sis-

ter Mila Kuygusuz, possibly in her 40s, and her two young daughters — 2-year-old Meriem and 5-month-old Nasrin.

Adam and Sibel Pasori had just gotten married two months ago, said nephew Hawar Pasori on Tuesday.

"Six bodies found from my family makes it more tragic for everybody," he said on Tuesday.

The identification of the victims will not be confirmed by the Kern County Coroner until tonight after an odontologist compares dental records, said John Van Rensselaer, the supervising deputy coroner.

The Pasori family departed from Santa Monica Airport around 4:20 p.m. Friday on their way to a weekend camping getaway. One eyewitness at Kern Valley Airport reported seeing the small aircraft approaching runway 35 a bit high and long and made a 180 degree turn left, attempting to make another shot at a landing. When the plane

appeared as though it was about to make another left turn back toward the runway, it came down, said Tom Little, an investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board.

The plane was registered to Pasori who housed it at Santa Monica Airport.

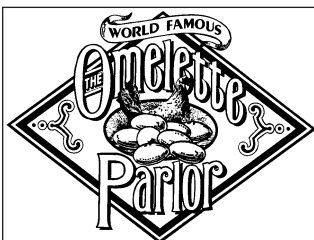
The cause of the crash will not be determined for six to nine months, Little said.

Kuygusuz's husband, Adam, was driving to meet the family at Kern Valley Airport and according to Hawar Pasori, knew something was wrong.

"He got there and knew something was suspicious and after a couple of hours. He found out that everybody was in a plane crash and everybody on board was dead," Hawar Pasori said.

Pasori is being remembered as an entrepreneur with a curiosity for the sky, taking

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Illegal immigration drains resources

Editor:

As an immigrant who used to prepare amnesty and other applications, I wish to commend you for your article, "Drunk driver admits guilt" (August 30). Open border advocates should realize that they and/or their loved ones could be the victims of illegal aliens! They should also heed the following:

In the last 15 years alone, more than 50 million people have been added to the U.S. population, most due to immigration-driven increases. If our population continues to grow at the rate of last decade, even without another amnesty, mathematically, by 2100 -- within the lifetimes of today's children's children -- the U.S. will have India's current population! All newcomers, U.S. and foreign-born, will need energy, education, health care, and many other costly social services that any taxes most pay will not cover due to their low incomes. Do Asian and Hispanic activists really want to leave their children this kind of America - overpopulated, impoverished and fragmented?

Yeh Ling-Ling
Oakland

Authorities should take the rap

Editor:
(re: "Drunk driver admits guilt," August 30)
Where is the REAL story; Why was Hectar -Nava still in the United States after the prostitution rap?
If the LAPD and Chief Bratton had done their duty, this ass hole would be back in Mexcio and not on PCH drunk as a skunk ! Two people would be alive today.
I see grounds for a lawsuit against the LAPD and Bratton for negligence.
This Race pimping Amnesty has gone too far.
The LAPD is endangering the community by releasing illegal criminals onto the street of Los Angeles. Shame on You Bratton.

John Kelso
Santa Monica

Animal control isn't up to snuff

Editor:
The article on animals at the Promenade "passing muster" was ironically amusing to me (There's No Monkey Business - Sept. 3, 2007). In particular, it mentions that the City could be liable if the "performing" - I use that term cynically since all it does really is grab money out of peoples' hands - capuchin monkey ever attacked anyone.
Well a couple of years ago, I and a moderately sized crowd of spectators witnessed exactly that. The monkey bit a child who wasn't letting go of his proffered coin fast enough, causing the boy to cry in shock and pain. I don't know how much injury occurred, but I saw that the skin on his hand was broken. I immediately reported the incident to the police on duty at the SMPD sub-station less than fifty feet away. (Remember when there actually was a place at the Promenade where you could readily find an officer?) I didn't stick around to see what the officer's response was, but I figure if a performing animal attacks a child, no matter how mildly, it is cause for serious community concern if that same animal and its owner are allowed back on the Promenade without limitations and protections for the public who may come into contact with them. Evidently though, a more freewheeling approach passes muster with the Animal Control authorities in Santa Monica.

I guess these are the same people who refused my requests a year or so ago to come over to 12th and Brentwood Terrace to remove a starving, sick coyote that was lying in the street. That poor (and no doubt dangerous) animal evidently passed muster with Animal Control too.

Alan Toy
Santa Monica



Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack

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Why cry over the war when you can laugh?

GEORGE W. BUSH IS MY PRESIDENT, BUT that doesn't mean that I don't like seeing him squirm — especially given his administration's casual relationship with the truth. And I absolutely loved watching the White House scramble to respond to the leak of the Government Accountability Office's draft report entitled “Securing, Stabilizing, and Rebuilding Iraq” last Thursday.

The most important thing to understand about the GAO's report on Iraq is that it requires a strict yea-or-nay, it-is-or-it-ain't judgment on the Iraqi government's progress on 18 specific benchmarks (3 yes, 15 no, 2 mixed). The most important thing to understand about the timing of the leak of the draft report is that it was published only five days before the actual report was to be submitted to Congress. So what was the point of the leak? To let my fellow Americans know what was in the report before any of the president's sympathizers got their hands on it. It says, “While the Baghdad security plan was intended to reduce sectarian violence, U.S. agencies differ on whether such violence has been reduced.” It says attacks against Iraqi civilians haven't changed and the “capabilities of Iraqi security forces have not improved.” The overall conclusions are that “key legislation has not been passed, violence remains high, and it is unclear whether the Iraqi government will spend \$10 billion (they promised to spend) in reconstruction funds.”

The scrambling started immediately, with outgoing White House Press Secretary Tony Snow up first. “Well, look, it's no secret that many of the benchmarks have not been met,” he said. “What is significant is that there's progress toward a great number of them.” As if that wasn't bad enough, he went on to say, “Look, if you're trying to do an overall judgment on what's going on in Iraq, the idea that somehow your standard is everything completed, or nothing completed seems to me to be a pretty high standard to meet. On the other hand, if you're trying to figure out, are you making progress toward the goals that you have set out, that's probably the proper way to look at it.” According to the White House, actually meeting the benchmarks seven months after they were agreed to isn't as important as making progress on them. I'm sorry, but my fellow Americans didn't vote the president's Republican enablers out of Congress last November because we wanted to see more progress in Iraq, we did it so we could see more progress in getting our troops out of Iraq.

I understand Snow is a cancer survivor and that he's leaving the White House because it's become too expensive for him to continue to serve his country, but does he really want to go out like this? Defending an inept and incompetent government which refuses to listen to or respect the will of its people? Or worse — defending the government of Iraqi prime minister Nuri al-Maliki?

Wouldn't he rather be remembered as a hack Fox News correspondent than the third in a succession of talking monkeys that President Bush sends to the White House briefing room to spin the day's talking points to the assembled press corps?

As much as I enjoyed watching Snow try to stay on message while being asked about

MY FELLOW AMERICANS DIDN'T VOTE THE PRESIDENT'S REPUBLICAN ENABLERS OUT OF CONGRESS LAST NOVEMBER BECAUSE WE WANTED TO SEE MORE PROGRESS IN IRAQ.

the GAO draft report, Alberto Gonzales, Karl Rove, and Senator Larry Craig in the same briefing, the real fun was watching President Bush's reaction. He didn't wait five days for the actual report, he made a surprise trip to Iraq where he met with General Petraus, Ambassador Crocker, and the “leaders” of Iraq's central government the day before the report was to be submitted. No better way to get in front of the story (and dominate a news cycle at the same time) than using Air Force One. What made the whole spectacle hilarious was that this meeting didn't take place in Baghdad (the seat of the central government), it took place in Anbar Province. President Bush explained that, though, by saying, “The government they represent, of course, is based in Baghdad — but they're here in Anbar because they know the success of a free Iraq depends on the national government's support from the bottom up. They know what I know: That when you have bottom-up reconciliation like you're seeing here in Anbar, it'll begin to translate into central government action.”

So seven months after the Baghdad Security Plan to provide a stable environment in the capital so the Iraqi government to have one last chance to work out their issues was implemented, President Bush meets with the leaders of that government — in Anbar province — to announce progress in the fight against Al Qaeda in Iraq. And I have to laugh at this man — if only to keep from crying.

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Islam is the major motivation of terror

IT IS NOW SIX YEARS SINCE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 — and since that horrific day we have witnessed numerous additional attacks by Islamic terrorists against the West. In the face of a seemingly never-ending supply of suicidal killers, many still do not understand the motivation of the terrorists. Commentators are eager to offer a bevy of pseudo-explanations — poverty, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, etc. — while ignoring the motivation the terrorists themselves openly proclaim: Islam.

The near silence about the true role of Islam in motivating Islamic terrorists has two main causes: multiculturalism and religion. Multiculturalism asserts that all cultures are equal and therefore none may criticize another; intellectuals and politicians are therefore reluctant to declare the obvious superiority of Western culture to Islamic culture. And the strong commitment to religion of many Americans, especially conservatives, makes them reluctant to indict a religion as the cause of a massive evil. But if we are to identify the fundamental cause of the terrorists' actions, we must understand at least two fundamental premises of the religion they kill for.

First, Islam, like all religions, rejects reason as a means of gaining knowledge and guiding action; it holds that all important truths are grasped by faith in supernatural beings and sacred texts. The Koran explicitly states that knowledge comes from revelation, not thinking. (Christianity in pure form entails a similar rejection of reason, but it has been heavily diluted and secularized since the Renaissance.) Islam advocates the subordination of every sphere of life to religious dogma, including the legal system, politics, economics, and family life; the word "Islam" means literally: submission. The individual is not supposed to think independently but to selflessly subordinate himself to the dictates of his religion and its theocratic representatives. We have seen this before in the West — it was called the Dark Ages.

Second, as with any religion that seeks converts, a derivative tenet of Islam is that it should be imposed by force (you cannot convince someone of the non-rational). The Koran is replete with calls to take up arms in its name: "fight and slay the Pagans wherever you find them . . . those who reject our signs we shall soon cast into the fire . . . those who disbelieve, garments of fire will be cut out for them; boiling fluid will be poured down on their heads . . . as to the deviators, they are the fuel of hell."

These ideas easily lead to fanaticism and terrorism. In fact, what is often referred to as the "fanaticism" of many Muslims is explicitly endorsed by their religion. Consider the following characteristics of religious fanatics. The fanatic demands unquestioning obedience to religious dogma — so does Islam. The fanatic cannot be reasoned with, because he rejects reason — so does Islam. The fanatic eagerly embraces any call to impose his dogma by force on those who will not adopt it voluntarily — so does Islam.

The terrorists are not "un-Islamic" bandits who have "hijacked a great religion"; they are consistent and serious followers of their religion.

It is true that many Muslims who live in the West (like most Christians) reject religious fanaticism and are law-abiding and even loyal citizens, but this is because they have accepted some Western values, including respect for reason, a belief in individual rights, and the need for a separation between church and state. It is only to the extent that they depart from their religion — and from a society that imposes it — that they achieve prosperity, freedom, and peace.

Over the last several years, there has been more and more of a call for a "War of Ideas" — an intellectual campaign to win the "hearts and minds" of the Arab world that will discourage and discredit Islamic terrorism. Unfortunately, the centerpiece of this campaign so far has been to appeal to Muslims with claims that Islam is perfectly consistent with Western ideals, and inconsistent with terrorism. America has, with little success, groveled to so-called moderate Muslim leaders to strongly repudiate terrorism. (Those leaders have focused little energy on damning Islamists, and much on the alleged sins of the U.S. government.) Such a campaign cannot work, since insofar as these "moderates" accept Islam, they cannot convincingly oppose violence in its name. A true "War of Ideas" would be one in which we proclaim loudly and with moral certainty the secular values we stand for: reason, rights, freedom, material prosperity, and personal happiness on this earth.

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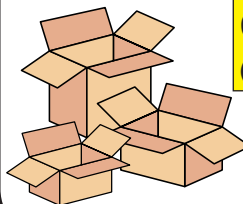
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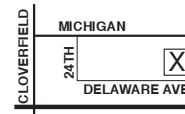
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Chewie, a 10-year-old Pug, makes off with a 'Boxer Brownie' dog treat on Saturday during Three Dog Bakery's grand opening party. The store is located at 411 Santa Monica Blvd.



Real Estate 101

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Major changes taking place in lending world

IN THE LAST FOUR WEEKS, THE LENDING world has changed dramatically. Gone are the days of low documentation, interest only and minimum payment loans with 100 percent financing. As with any credit crunch, lenders are the first to stiffen lending standards.

This all started about a month ago when investors stopped purchasing securities on Wall Street. This led to what is known as a liquidity crisis, meaning there was not enough money or liquidity in the markets.

The beginning of the liquidity crisis started with the meltdown of the subprime market. Essentially borrowers who could not afford homes were given short-term affordable financing that became problematic to pay after a two or three year adjustment period in which the payments often doubled or tripled. This led to many subprime borrowers missing payments and having homes foreclosed upon. The level of defaults escalated and will continue to do so over the next few years. Now investors are worried that some of the securities they purchased which had subprime market exposure were not as safe as they were led to believe, which led to investors halting purchasing securities with real estate risk factors.

The problem for homeowners is that tightening lending standards are making it more difficult to get loans. With fear striking the markets like an epidemic, lenders — particularly banks — are taking notice and beginning to restrict certain types of lending such as exotic loan products.

A few years ago, some exotic loan products hit the market. One was a low minimum payment loan. It could be said that this type of loan led to the subprime meltdown. The loan worked like this: A borrower would make a minimum payment of around one percent of an interest only payment, with the remaining principal tacked on to the original principal. In an appreciat-

ing market, this is not a concern for people because the theory is that most properties appreciate faster than they can accrue interest. For example, if you have a loan with a five percent interest only payment on a \$500,000 loan, the payment would be \$2,083. A minimum payment of one percent would equal a payment of \$417 with the \$1,666 added to the original principal each month. After two years, the accrued interest would be \$39,984. Now that seems like a lot of money, but if the property appreciated at 15 percent, which at the market peak was not uncommon — the property would be worth \$661,250. This means that after you pay the \$539,984 principal balance you would have a profit of \$121,266 before closing costs.

Imagine purchasing a property with 100 percent financing, paying less than you did when you rented and leaving the property with a \$100,000-plus profit. This was the scenario at the height of the real estate market in Southern California. However, the finance world has changed in the last month and many homeowners are going to find themselves in trouble. With home values leveling off, it is no longer possible to simply refinance a property. Also, lenders are now requiring documentation unless a borrower attains a low leveraged loan.

The coming months will be trying for many homeowners and it will be interesting to see the resilience of the Southern California real estate market as lending standards continue to tighten. Banks are in the business of loaning money and even with tighter standards, they will find a market place to do business, just as owners will learn that conventional financing is often the safest bet.

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Getting it right as we head into retirement

DID YOU KNOW THAT MANY PEOPLE spend more time planning their vacation than planning for retirement? Although there are many ways to save for your retirement, if you are like most people, you aren't taking full advantage of them. For example, do you understand the basics of a Roth IRA? If not, here's a little Roth IRA 101.

Right now, you may be wondering why you should invest in a Roth IRA if you currently have a retirement plan with your employer. The Roth IRA has many benefits that other retirement plans don't have, and chief among them is the fact that any investment earnings may accumulate tax-free. In other words, your Roth IRA has the opportunity to grow without incurring any taxes and can be distributed to you tax free, if certain conditions are met.

While there are advantages to owning a Roth IRA, there are also some rules to think about before you decide this is the account for you. First, not everyone can take advantage of a Roth IRA. You or your spouse must have earned income or compensation — this includes wages, tips or salary. However, be aware that earned income or compensation does not include rental, interest, dividend, pension annuity or deferred compensation income. Second, your modified adjusted gross income cannot exceed certain limits. For single people, your modified adjusted gross income must be less than \$114,000 and \$166,000 for married couples filing jointly.

Contributions you make to the account are not tax deductible but may be withdrawn any time without tax or penalty. Before taking withdrawals from your Roth IRA you need to determine if you are receiving a "qualified distribution." Any withdrawal that is not a "qualified distribution" can result in income taxes and IRS penalties. For example, any earnings on your principal will

be subject to income taxes should you decide to withdraw them prior to the five-year holding period or before age 59 (contact your state department for state taxation rules). In addition, these earnings are also generally subject to a 10 percent IRS penalty.

Tax and penalty free withdrawal of your Roth IRA earnings for "qualified distributions" can be made once a five-year holding period and if one of the following applies: You have reached age 59; you have become disabled; the funds are used for a first-time home purchase (subject to a \$10,000 lifetime limit); or the funds are distributed to a beneficiary after your death.

After thinking over the rules, if you are eligible for a Roth IRA you may be wondering how much you can contribute. For 2007, you may make regular contributions that do not exceed \$4,000. If you are 50 or older, you can also make "catch-up" contributions of up to \$1,000 per year for a total contribution of \$5,000.

A couple of other important items worth noting — contributions to your employer's retirement plan do not exclude you from making contributions to a Roth IRA and owning a traditional IRA does not prevent you from setting up a Roth IRA either (although contributing to a traditional IRA for the same year will limit the amount you can contribute to a Roth IRA).

Whether or not you decide a Roth IRA is the right retirement account for you, it's always smart to plan ahead and save money for the future. Never underestimate the importance of saving for retirement and using a variety of investment vehicles to achieve your goals.

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Auto sales heading south

BY TOM KRISHER
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AP Auto Writers

DETROIT Chrysler LLC, Toyota Motor Corp. and Ford Motor Co. each reported sales declines last month, but General Motors Corp., Nissan Motor Co. and Honda Motor Co. surprised industry analysts Tuesday by showing an increase in a declining U.S. auto market.

Toyota's 2.8 percent sales drop, Ford's 14.4 percent decline and Chrysler's 6.1 percent decrease were symptoms of what analysts said would be a slumping U.S. auto market due to high gasoline prices, rising mortgage payments and turmoil in the financial markets.

Ford's drop allowed Toyota to take the No. 2 slot in U.S. auto sales from Ford for August and for the first eight months of the year.

But GM, led by increased pickup truck sales, showed an increase of 6.1 percent, while Nissan Motor Co. reported its sales increased 6.3 percent for August and Honda Motor Co. reported a 4.7 percent increase.

Ford has blamed declining sales through the year on efforts to wean itself of low-profit-

it sales to rental car companies and other fleet buyers. It also said it had heavy incentives that boosted sales last August.

But the automakers' sales analysts said they were being hit by a declining U.S. economy that has rattled consumers.

"Overall, the industry experienced softer sales in August than a year ago," Darryl Jackson, vice president of U.S. sales for Chrysler, said in a statement, adding that Chrysler's fleet sales are down more than 20 percent from the same month last year.

Toyota, with 233,471 vehicles sold in August, beat Ford for the month. The Japanese automaker sold 1.788 million vehicles during the first eight months of the year, edging Ford, which sold 1.784 million. Many analysts have predicted that Toyota will overtake Ford for the No. 2 slot for the full year in 2007.

The Associated Press does not include heavy trucks in Ford's sales figures.

Ford's car sales of 64,864 were off 33.7 percent when compared with the same month last year, while light truck sales, at 152,572, dropped 2.3 percent, the company reported.

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High-tech toilet seats are hot

OBY NICK DIVITO

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK Technophiles rejoice: high-tech gadgetry is aiming for your backside.

Several companies, including American Bidet, BioBidet, Brondell, Coco, Koehler and Toto, have recently begun aggressive marketing campaigns to promote a slew of whiz-bang toilet seats that double as bidets.

They range from \$500 to \$1,300 and bear futuristic names like BB-1000, C3-200 and Coco 600035. These remote-controlled wonders attach easily to most toilet bowls and feature self-cleaning and adjustable water spritzers that spray, oscillate or pulsate heated water. Many come with built-in heated fans and heated toilet seats. One includes a deodorizer for a whiff of freshness and a neon-blue light to illuminate the inside of the bowl for better nighttime aim.

It's all at the push of a button. Of course, a nearby electrical outlet is essential.

"They thought I was crazy when I told them to install an electrical outlet near my toilet," said Mariana Aebly, a 28-year-old account executive who recently installed a bidet from Coco in the master bathroom of the home she built with her husband in Green Bay, Wis.

She first discovered them in the bathroom of a Japanese restaurant near her home, and knew she had to try one.

"Bidets are not that whacky," she said. "It makes sense, it's hygienic, and a big portion of the world uses them, so why not?"

For the uninitiated, traditional bidets resemble toilet bowls with a spigot that

squirts fresh water. Down there. Popular in some parts of Europe and South America, the porcelain fixtures were introduced to America by World War II veterans who spotted them in French brothels. Because of their unfortunate association, the fixtures were misunderstood, and skittish Americans never really caught on.

Besides, a bidet eats up bathroom space and requires separate incoming and outgoing plumbing fixtures. And then there's that awkward business of shimmying naked from a toilet to a bidet. Unsurprisingly, traditional bidets only found their way into the homes of the rich and famous, anxious to showcase their worldliness and ability to potty like rock stars.

Then came Mr. Bidet, better known as Arnold Cohen. In 1964, from his Brooklyn apartment, Cohen came up with the first patented toilet seat that squirts water at your private bits. He called it "The American Bidet."

"Ninety-nine percent of Americans did not know what a bidet was, and I had a hard time marketing my product back then, because toilets and anything to do with anything 'down there' was considered taboo." Newspapers initially refused to run his ads, but eventually caved.

Cohen teamed up with a Japanese company Toto in the '70s and watched as their "washlets" crowned the thrones of "tens of thousands" of Japanese toilets over the next few decades. (Evidence of their popularity there: Nippon Airways announced in June that its new fleet of planes would be equipped with bidet-like toilet seats.)

"People who used to be scared of the bidet have opened their eyes and let down their guard," said Angela Zahn, a showroom manager for Kohler, adding that two out of every 10 questions her team fields are about traditional bidets and its C3-200 toilet seat.

And while company officials declined to discuss specific numbers, all agreed that business is brisk.

Die-hard fans say the new toilet seats clean better and cut down on toilet paper consumption. They also say a bidet kills more germs than traditional wiping alone.

But Dr. Jim Applegate, a Grand Rapids,

said they just rinse and run. A good rule of thumb: do what makes you comfortable.

David Epstein, a 73-year-old, semi-retired plumber from Chattanooga, Tenn., has been using Cohen's seats for about 30 years and is glad to see his fellow countrymen catch up.

"They advertise Preparation H, sanitary napkins and Ex-Lax on TV. Why not a 30-second commercial to get these things out there? What's the big deal?"

Toto's ad campaign took a hit in July when The Times Square Church in Manhattan ordered them to remove a giant



BIDETS ARE NOT THAT WHACKY. IT MAKES SENSE, IT'S HYGIENIC, AND A BIG PORTION OF THE WORLD USES THEM, SO WHY NOT?"

Mariana Aebly, 28-year-old account executive who recently installed a bidet

Mich.-based physician and member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, pooh-poohed claims that bidets are more sanitary than toilet paper.

"Bidets are not medically necessary, but they're certainly helpful in a lot of conditions," including hemorrhoids or post-birth trauma, Applegate said. "Mostly, it's just about comfort."

Because bidets are relatively foreign to Americans, many are clueless as to how it all works. Some said they wipe, rinse and wipe again after going to the bathroom. Others

billboard featuring six naked bottoms because it was attached to their building.

"In some ways, our society has matured, but still not everyone's willing," said Cohen.

John Kang discovered the high-tech seats while in Korea a few years ago, and soon left his job as a broker to become vice president at Coco, which offers the Coco 600035R.

"We as Americans are supposed to have the best technology and the best hygiene in the world," he said. "But the dirtiest part of our body is not getting cleaned properly."

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Chamber of Commerce president is let go

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It is unclear what exactly prompted Lynch's departure. Members of the board said at the time of Lynch's hiring that they were expecting him to provide strong leadership since the chamber was already in sound financial shape and had a strong team of experienced staff members.

Lynch, who has an extensive background in business and economic development, was very visible in the community, attending City Council meetings and neighborhood events regularly to show the chamber's support.

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Tom Larmore
Board chairman

It could be that Lynch never measured up to his predecessor, Dodson, who had been credited with reinvigorating a chamber that had become stagnant, raising its membership from 846 to just over 1,000.

Under her watch, the chamber became more active in the community and in politics, hosting job fairs and promotional

events that celebrated the culture and richness of Santa Monica's business community, as well as organized a campaign to defeat a controversial living wage law that would have forced most businesses in the coastal zone to pay an hourly wage of \$10.50.

Dodson was also praised for her leadership on homelessness and improving ties with City Hall, a relationship which was often described as adversarial.

Lynch's first major move as president was the selection of Samantha O'Neil as the organization's governmental affairs representative, who works closely with City Hall on the formation of new laws and regulations that impact businesses. She also acts as an ombudsman for chamber members with projects before City Hall.

To fund the position, the chamber has established a "Business Roundtable," where up to 30 chamber members pay an annual fee of \$2,500 to have quarterly meetings with City Manager Lamont Ewell, elected officials and city department heads.

The position was created following the chamber's decision to dismantle its political arm in favor of a less confrontational approach to working with City Hall.

Lynch served as the executive director of the nationwide health care company Schick Laboratories, Inc., and as a partner in the computer and accounting services firm Lynch, McFadden & Company.

He has also served as president of several Southern California business districts and chambers of commerce.

Lynch is a graduate of the 80th anniversary class of the United States Chamber of Commerce four-year Institute for



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CUT AND DRY: Jim Lynch, former president of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, cuts the ribbon on a local business late last month. The chamber's Brenda Katz will be interim president.

Organization Management at the University of Notre Dame and holds both master's and bachelor's degrees in criminal justice and public administration from California State University, Los Angeles.

Additionally, he has earned the designation of accredited chamber executive from the Western Association of Chamber Executives, the nation's largest regional accreditation body. Of the nearly 1,000 chambers of commerce within its region, there are fewer than 40 accredited chamber executives.

Larmore said no deadline has been set for a

replacement to be hired. He said the board would like to get someone as soon as possible since the chamber has several events on the horizon, including the "Taste of Santa Monica" festival, scheduled for the 16th of this month.

"The main thing we always try to do is represent the business community and to expand our membership," Larmore said. "It is also important to us to maintain the solid relationship we have with city government ... We just felt like we needed to go in a different direction."

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SMC's ready to make music

BY GERRY SHIH

Special to the Daily Press

MID-CITY A veritable island of performing arts is quickly forming here amid the swath of businesses and residential homes.

Before the fresh academic year enters its third week, Santa Monica College has nearly finished relocating its music department — computers, pianos, and all — to its Madison Music and Performing Arts Campus on 11th Street. The refurbished building, formerly a school under the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, will be officially presented to the community at a four-hour open house this Sunday, featuring live music performed by teachers beginning at 1 p.m.

The move is the latest development in the music and drama departments' gradual annexation of the block of Santa Monica Boulevard between 10th and 11th streets. The music building is currently overshadowed by the imposing skeleton of the Madison Theater, an award-winning 541-seat performance hall slated to become the centerpiece of the Madison campus upon its completion this winter.

SMC officials said that the music facility was officially opened for use on Aug. 27, the first day of classes.

"We were bursting at the seams on our old campus," said Marge Windish, the music department secretary. "This gives us a chance to grow and develop."

According to music Chairman James Smith, the department will take advantage of its new equipment and physical space, eventually introducing new course offerings in the future.

No less than 27 air-conditioned practice rooms were opened for students, a figure that nearly doubled the 14 rooms previously available at SMC's main campus. Furthermore, the department's two resident voice accompanists now enjoy private practice spaces with pianos, eliminating another headache, Smith said.

The SMC music program currently employs five full-time professors and up to 52 part-time instructors, covering both performance and musical theory disciplines. Roughly 75 percent of graduates transfer to a four-year music program, with destinations ranging from Cal State Northridge to the Juilliard School of Music.

The newly renovated facility's other features include a media lab, library, and a "black box" rehearsal hall located at the back of the Madison Theater and connected to



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HOT SPOT: Santa Monica College students gather outside of the new Madison Music and Performing Arts Campus on Wednesday.

the music building.

The funding for the renovation of an existing auditorium, rehearsal hall, and the classroom building came from a \$5 million college bond approved by Santa Monica-Malibu voters in 2002, according to SMC marketing spokesman Don Girard. The construction of the theater is being funded by bonds approved by Measure S in 2004, and is expected to ultimately cost \$38 million.

Departments other than music, such as mathematics, will take advantage of the ten classrooms — including "smart" rooms with multimedia setups — for coveted instruction space away from the crowded main campus. A mini-bus runs regularly between the Madison and main campuses, and SMC officials expressed optimism about students' ability to cope with the back and forth shuttling.

"It's a problem that students don't want to come," Smith said. "There are no food

courts, bookstores, or amenities. But given time, it'll be a good, popular campus."

Bruce Smith, SMC spokesman, added that the college has been running satellite campuses since 1988 due to the space constraints in Santa Monica.

"The issues do come up, but our students have always adjusted well," he said.

So far, feedback from students has generally been positive, although many were still tentatively exploring the new facility, obtaining practice room keys and locating restrooms. Martin Sosinski, a jazz piano student, called the new facility "fresh" while Cesar Ventura, an applied music major, said that his only remaining gripe was that the classrooms still don't have air conditioning, a significant source of discomfort given this week's heat wave.

Given the vast parking lot surrounding the complex, it seems unlikely that neighbors will be affected by music from the campus, but facility administrators said they are

prepared to address the issue if complaints are raised.

By yesterday morning, a piano and cello duet was already drifting out of a practice room to serenade the few students relaxing on the lawn, while the stubborn sound of power tools persisted from the adjacent theater construction site.

The performance hall, set for completion this winter, has already won the Los Angeles Business Council's Outstanding Architecture in the Unbuilt Category award. Enthusiastic SMC representatives have already compared the layout of the Madison campus to a certain pantheon of performing arts in New York City.

"We're excited about having the music program right next to this performing arts center," said Smith. "It'll be like our own Juilliard right next to the Lincoln Center for Performing Arts."

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DAUCE

Pasori headed real estate firm in town

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flying classes out of Santa Monica Airport and receiving his pilot's license around 2003.

The Kurdish immigrant first came to the United States as an exchange student in the 1970s, returning later to attend Penn State University where he received his master's degree in mechanical and civil engineering. His career in residential and real estate development began in 1988, according to the Cedar Signature Homes Web site.

A representative for the company did not return calls seeking comment.

The company has developed many condominiums in Southern California, stretching from Los Angeles to Santa Barbara. Several developments are in Santa Monica, including the recently completed "Ocean View" homes at 417 Ocean Park Blvd. and a current project — "Tides" — at 125 Pacific St. Both projects were controversial, met with resistance by residents and neighbors.

Architect Ralph Mechur, who is designing the condominiums at 125 Pacific St., has

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Hawar Pasori
Nephew of Adam Pasori

worked with Pasori for about seven years on four projects in Santa Monica and several others in Los Angeles.

The two would often talk about family, Pasori speaking of his passion for flying and his many return visits to his homeland, Turkey.

"Adam loved life, he was energetic," said Mechur, who was still in shock on Tuesday. "He wasn't afraid to tackle unique and difficult projects."

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Republican presidential nominee could benefit

FROM ADS PAGE 3

will make it difficult to separate the proposal from partisan politics.

Bell, McAndrews & Hiltachk is one of the most politically involved law firms in the state. According to a news story on its Web site, Bell keeps a life-sized cardboard image of President Bush in his office. Federal records show the firm does legal work for a host of political committees, most with Republican or business ties.

"It comes across as a power grab," said Republican analyst Allan Hoffenblum, who predicted the proposal would likely fail in the Democratic-leaning state. Even Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger offered a lukewarm assessment of the idea.

But without money, from Perry or other sources, the proposal will never take off. To get on the ballot "it needs money," Hoffenblum said. "I'll be very surprised if they are able to raise the funds."

Perry spokesman Anthony Holm said it was unlikely the Texan would get involved or donate to the effort, but he didn't rule it out.

Kevin Eckery, a spokesman for Californians for Equal Representation, said Perry has no connection to the group and "as far as I know, Perry has not been solicited for any donations."

He said the law firm— which represents the state Republican Party and has worked for Schwarzenegger —provides legal services for numerous political groups and their office is usually listed as the official address for legal purposes.

"Cherry picking one ... is kind of a cheap shot," Eckery said.

A spokesman for the state Democratic Party said the firm's link to Perry was troubling, given his involvement with the Swift

Boat group.

The push to alter the division of electoral votes in California — a change with national implications — "is nothing more than an attempt by right-wing Republicans to change the rules in ways that benefits them," said the spokesman, Roger Salazar.

Perry, who is close with former White House adviser Karl Rove, donated \$5 million to the Economic Freedom Fund in 2006. His contribution provided virtually all of the group's budget for advertising, automated telephone calls and other expenses for races around the country.

Most of the fund's political work was handled by another Sacramento firm, Meridian Pacific, records show.

The fight over California's electoral votes is shaping up as an important subplot in the national campaign.

Like most states, California awards all its electoral votes to the statewide winner in presidential elections. But in the most populous state that amounts to 55 votes — the largest single prize in the nation.

Under the ballot proposal, the statewide winner would get only two electoral votes. The rest would be distributed to the winning candidate in each of the state's congressional districts.

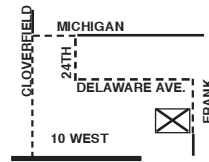
In effect that would create 53 races, each with one electoral vote up for grabs. President Bush carried 22 of those districts in 2004, while losing the statewide vote by double digits.

The so-called Presidential Election Reform Act, if it qualifies for the ballot and is approved by voters, could shift those votes into the GOP column in 2008 and potentially alter the outcome of the race.

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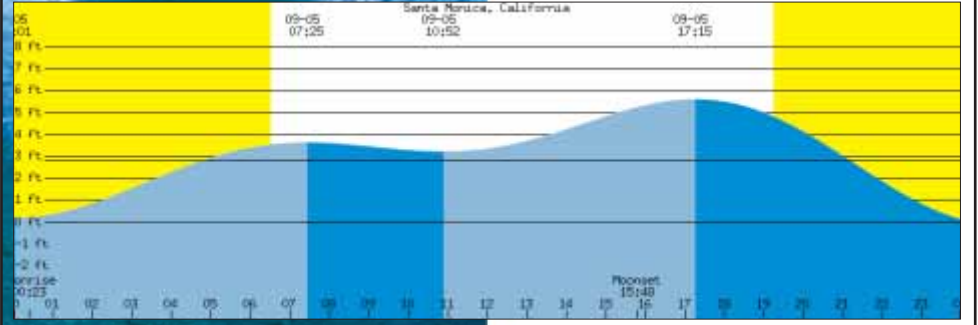


SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP: 66°**

SWELL FORECAST (5-8 FT)
We've got quite a mix of swell due. The first is some 190- 200-degree SW swell from a system that spun off the ice cap south of French Polynesia. This storm kicked up 36-foot seas, but the trajectory wasn't favorable. Still, this should keep most south facing breaks in surf running at least chest to head high.

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 1
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 0
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / ns
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / ns

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sepul Creek mouth (Jaccarilla)	A+	ns	WVA Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	WVA Rogers State Beach at Pulgo Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns	WVA Rogers State Beach at Tenesca Canyon drain	D	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Morado State Beach	A+	ns	WVA Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chertauqal)	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 Wildfire Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	C	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	B	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pica/Kanter storm drain	A	ns
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Selena Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach	B	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	ns
Serfider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	B	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	ns
Serfider Beach (beach location)- daily	A	ns	Venice Beach- projection of Topsoil St.	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns	Marina del Rey, Methens' Beach- Haggard tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	F	ns
Los Flares State Beach at Los Flares Creek (joint zone)	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 15948 PCH stairs	A+	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Deckweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pine Creek at Los Tunes County Beach	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Deckweiler Beach- opposite Hypertension Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns			
WVA Rogers State Beach at 17280 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	D	ns			

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A -- F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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Advisers tell Bush to stand pat on Iraq

BY MATTHEW LEE AND ANNE GEARAN
Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON President Bush's senior advisers on Iraq have recommended he stand by his current war strategy, and he is unlikely to order more than a symbolic cut in troops before the end of the year, administration officials told The Associated Press Tuesday.

The recommendations from the military commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, and U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker come despite independent government findings Tuesday that Baghdad has not met most of the political, military and economic markers set by Congress.

Bush appears set on maintaining the central elements of the policy he announced in January, one senior administration official said after discussions with participants in Bush's briefings during his surprise visit to an air base in Iraq on Monday.

Although the addition of 30,000 troops and the focus on increasing security in Baghdad would not be permanent, Bush is inclined to give it more time in hopes of extending military gains in Baghdad and the formerly restive Anbar province, officials said. They spoke on condition of anonymity to describe decisions coming as part of the White House report on Iraq due to Congress next week.

They plan they described is fraught with political risk. Republican leaders on Tuesday suggested the GOP may be willing to support keeping troops in the region through spring. Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell told reporters he would like to ensure a long-term U.S. presence in the

Middle East to fight al-Qaida and deter aggression from Iran.

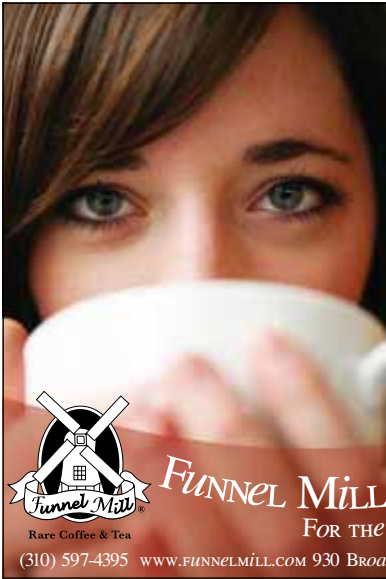
"And I hope that this reaction to Iraq and the highly politicized nature of dealing with Iraq this year doesn't end up in a situation where we just bring all the troops back home and thereby expose us, once again, to the kind of attacks we've had here in the homeland or on American facilities," said McConnell, R-Ky.

With Monday's back-to-back review sessions in Iraq, Bush has now heard from all the military chiefs, diplomats and other advisers he planned to consult before making a widely anticipated report to Congress by Sept. 15. Petraeus and Crocker are to testify before Congress on their recommendations next week.

The United States would be hard-pressed to maintain the current level of 130,000 troops in Iraq indefinitely, but Bush is not expected to order more than a slight cut before the end of the year, officials said.

Bush himself suggested that modest troop cuts may be possible if military successes continue, but he gave no timeline or specific numbers. Options beyond a symbolic cut this year include cutting the tour of duty for troops in Iraq from 15 months back to the traditional 12 months, one official said. If adopted, that change would not come before the spring.

A Pentagon official said Petraeus has not specifically recommended trimming tours by three months. Bush's troop increase will end by default in April or May, when one of the added brigades is slated to leave, unless Bush makes other changes to hold the number steady.



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Private matter

Kidman was secretly engaged post-Cruise

NICOLE KIDMAN says she was engaged to a mystery man in between breaking up with Tom Cruise and marrying Keith Urban. “I didn’t really want a relationship,” the 40-year-old actress says. “I just want-

ed my kids to have me, and I didn’t feel comfortable having some person in that small hubbub.” “And then I got engaged to somebody ... but it just wasn’t right,” she continues in Vanity Fair maga-

zine’s October issue, on newsstands Sept. 11. “I wasn’t ready. We weren’t ready.” Details, please. “I get engaged and I get married – that’s my thing,” she says, declining to reveal

her former fiance’s identity. “I don’t want to date. I’m interested in a very, very deep connection.” Kidman and Cruise divorced in 2001 after 10 years of marriage. They have two adopted children,

Isabella, 14, and Connor, 12; Cruise has a 1-year-old daughter, Suri, with actress-wife Katie Holmes. Kidman says she has no regrets when it comes to her marriage to Cruise.

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LEWIS APOLOGIZES

JERRY LEWIS dropped an anti-gay slur – the same one that got Isaiah Washington of “Grey’s Anatomy” in trouble – during the 18th hour of his annual Labor Day telethon. He apologized Tuesday for a “bad choice of words.” The 81-year-old showman – prowling about the stage during the live telecast Monday in Las Vegas – was goofing around and dodging his camera-man, then went into a ramble about imaginary family members. “You remember Bart, your older son,” he said, and motioning toward another unseen character, “Jesse, the illiterate fag,” Lewis said, quickly stopping.

AP

Valentino bids farewell as head designer

Italian designer **VALENTINO**, whose signature flaming red couture gowns have graced royalty, Hollywood stars and the international jet set for 45 years, announced Tuesday he was stepping down as head designer of his line. In a statement, Valentino said he would complete his work in January, after showing his ready-to-wear collection in Paris in October and his couture collection there in January. No individual successor was named; Valentino said his existing team would continue designing for the house. The 75-year-old Valentino said he had decided the time was right after he celebrated 45 years in the fashion world with a three-day, star-studded extravaganza in Rome this past July.

"It would be impossible to equal the emotion and joy over the friendship and consideration that the world showed me on that occasion," Valentino said. "As such, I have decided that this is the perfect moment to say 'addio' (farewell) to the fashion world." Word of his retirement, first reported Tuesday by Women’s Wear Daily, had long been anticipated. The designer, alongside long-time partner Giancarlo Giammetti, set the stage for his exit by selling the business side of the house to the publicly traded Marzotto SpA in 2002, while remaining in creative control of the atelier. Marzotto then sold Valentino to the Permira private equity fund in a deal cleared by European Union regulators in July, as the

global private equity boom found its way to the fashion industry. Permira paid 782.6 million euros (\$1.06 billion) for a controlling stake in Valentino in a deal that valued the fashion house at 2.6 billion euros (\$3.52 billion). Valentino said he was certain the Valentino house would change, but that he hoped that the team he had put in place “would know how to continue my work in a way that would make me proud.” As for his own plans, Valentino said his future would be full of new commitments, some linked to fashion. “It’s my intention to create and support institutions that promote the study of design and preserve the art of fashion,” he said. Valentino, born Valentino Garavani in 1932 in the

northern Italian town of Voghera, began his career in Paris and later moved to Rome in the early ‘60s to open his own fashion house. He quickly became the maestro of Italian couture, counting Elizabeth Taylor and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis among his customers, but he also worked to bring fashion to a wider public. In the ‘70s and ‘80s he was the first Italian designer to launch ready-to-wear collection for men and women. In 1982 the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York opened its doors to fashion by hosting a Valentino show. His menswear line was also hugely popular with the jet-setting elite, with high-end casual wear that was as much at home on a yacht in the Mediterranean.

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

Speak your mind, Cancer

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Born Today
Singer Freddie Mercury (1946)
Actress Raquel Welch (1940)
Musician Dweezil Zappa (1969)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Slow down and take a breath of fresh air. Stop racing around and center yourself, please. You are able to come from a fundamental point of view. As difficult as it is, listen to feedback. Others are full of information. Tonight: Let others decide, but keep it low-key.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Speak your mind, loud and clear. How you deal with someone could change once you get a firmer idea of what is bothering you. Your creativity might feel a touch more stifled than in the past. Tonight: Hang out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ A more possessive side emerges, taking you in a new or different direction. Your instincts allow you to help someone open up. A child or someone you care about reveals more of his or her inner self. Tonight: A little mischief adds to the fun.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You might be more serious-minded than usual. If you want to open up and try something different, do. Someone you care about takes you in a new direction. Your personality melts through a roommate's or family member's resistances. Tonight: Speak your mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★ Step back and take your time. If you would like more information, stop and listen. Your instincts help you make a positive financial decision. Pressure pushes you in different directions at once. Use time as an ally. Tonight: Vanish and do your own thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You might want to think about and understand what is going on before you jump into a meeting or group association. Information might not always be clear, but there is a nugget of truth in someone's words. Tonight: Think “money.”

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Through assuming more responsibility, you'll gain and head in a new direction. Take your time making a decision. Listen well to news that heads your way. It might be more “in the know” than you realize. Reword a request. Tonight: Make a must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Touch base with friends, especially one who might be more serious. He or she has much to share and a different vision. Read between the lines and understand what someone else means or wants. Try to grasp his or her thoughts. Tonight: Where the gang is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Someone has a lot to share, whether you want to hear it or not. Investigate alternatives with an eye to assuming a greater role. Responsibilities might be weighty. What starts out as a responsibility turns into a pleasure. Tonight: Easy does it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Others want to make the call. If you would like to approach a situation differently, let a key person play out first. Confusion surrounds brainy ideas. Go for the bottom line. Investigate thoroughly. Tonight: Opt for different.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Emphasize what can get done rather than focus on obstacles. Your ability to sway different people and get different results certainly develops into one of your greatest strengths. Easy does it. Tonight: Reach out for someone at a distance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might want to listen to feedback or understand what makes a child or loved one tick. Your creativity surges, though confusion earmarks your decisions. Listen more carefully to your sixth sense. Tonight: Make time for that special person.

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1:40, 9:55
Illegal Tender (R)
9:30
Ratatouille (G)
1:50, 4:30, 7:05
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2 Days in Paris (Deux jours a Paris) (R)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55
Becoming Jane (PG)
1:45, 4:30, 7:10
Delirious (NR)
9:45
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1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

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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

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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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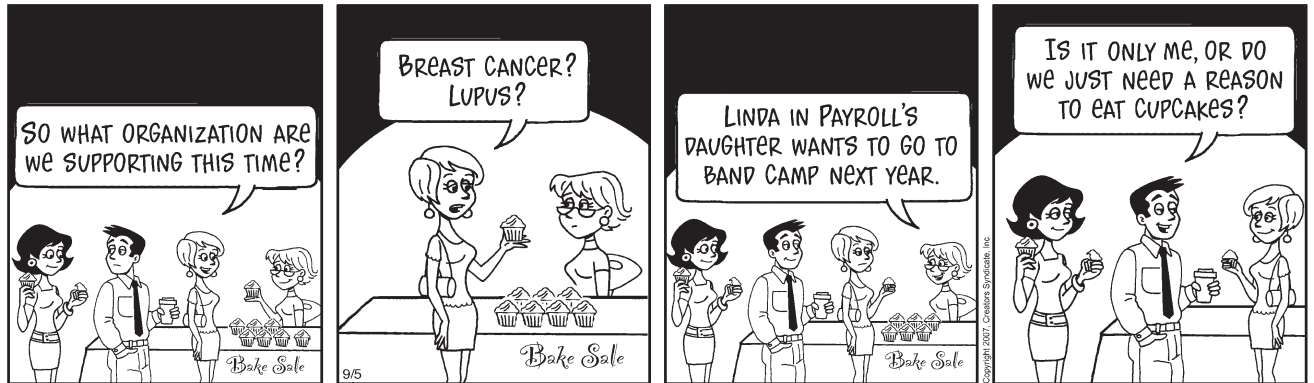
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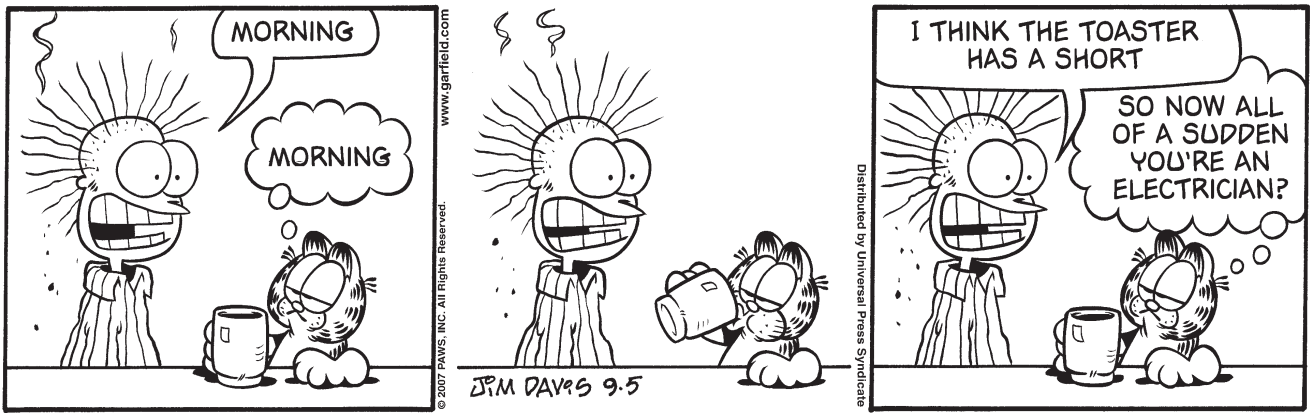
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By Adrian Raeside



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Dog eat Doug

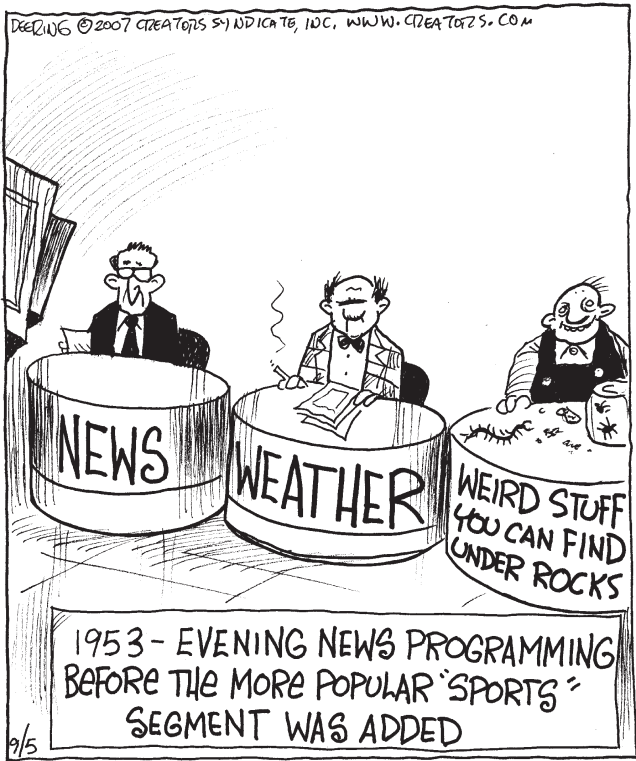
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 - 5 Gym exercise
 - 11 "Dear me!"
 - 12 Like some chats
 - 13 Billboard
 - 14 Nucleus part
 - 15 "Hey there!"
 - 16 Slimming plan
 - 17 Bank offerings
 - 19 Home of the Trojans
 - 22 Turkey topper
 - 24 Scout master?
 - 26 Assess
 - 27 First name?
 - 28 Hollywood mover
 - 30 Skydiving need
 - 31 "Certainly!"
 - 32 Entangled
 - 34 Ship staff
 - 35 In the manner of
 - 38 Tabloid content
 - 41 DVR button
 - 42 Doorway
 - 43 Gun-powder holders
 - 44 Cooking school attire
- DOWN**
- 1 Optimistic
 - 2 Canton setting
 - 3 Hoofed mammals
 - 4 Cargo amount
 - 5 Visit briefly
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- 19 Moves in waves
- 20 ERA, for one
- 21 Arrive
- 22 Overcast
- 23 Be furious
- 25 Diamond Head setting
- 29 Fictional swinger
- 30 Calf's mom
- 33 Senses
- 34 Roman censor
- 36 Theater box
- 37 Basilica part
- 38 Health club
- 39 Cut off
- 40 Goof
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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."

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1969 My Lai Massacre: U.S. Army Lt. William Calley is charged with six specifications of premeditated murder for the death of 109 Vietnamese civilians in My Lai.

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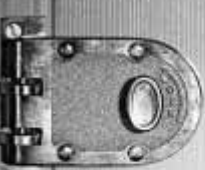
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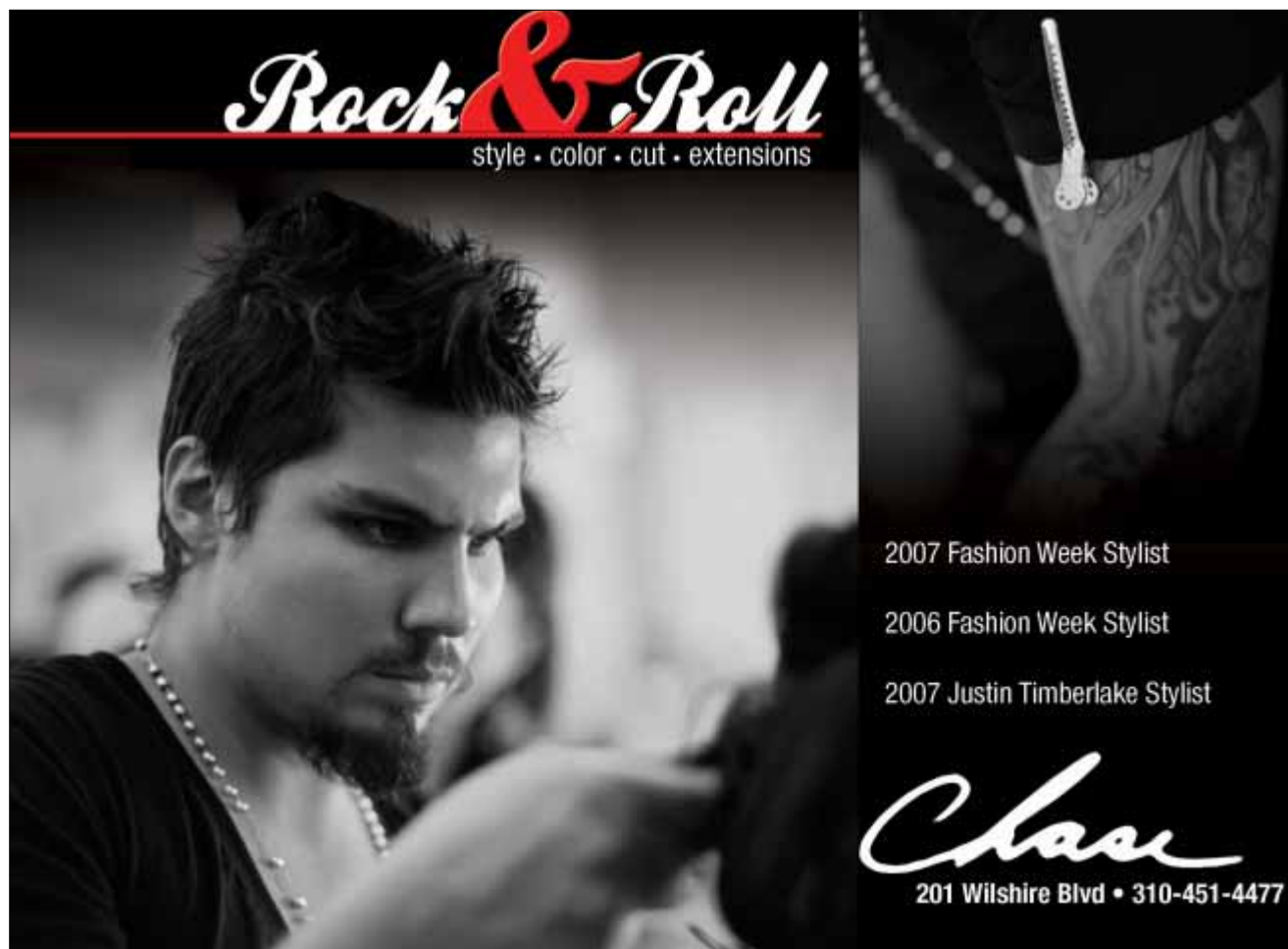
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