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Suspect targeting young girls for sex

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

MID-CITY Santa Monica Police are searching for a man who reportedly approached three teenage girls here last month and offered them money for sex.

The suspect on two occasions solicited a group of juveniles from his car as they were walking on the sidewalk. The first incident occurred during the afternoon of Aug. 1 in the 1500 block of 26th Street where the man approached a 13-year-old girl.

He reportedly followed up again in the

late afternoon of Aug. 20 about two blocks away on the 1300 block of 26th Street, driving up to 12 and 13-year-old girls.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male between the ages of 30 and 40, with medium build and black, short and spiked hair.

While police believe the same suspect could've been involved in both incidents, the victims each described a different vehicle. The victim in the first case reported seeing a newer model white pick-up truck with a

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Politics trump City Council business

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Turns out City Councilmembers have better things to attend to tonight.

The first council meeting in more than a month was canceled Monday when the City Manager's Office was notified that the four councilmembers up for reelection — Mayor Herb Katz, Mayor Pro Tem Richard Bloom, Ken Genser and Bobby Shriver — had instead opted to attend a Los Angeles County Democratic Party function where they will seek endorsements.

Their absence leaves the seven-seated dais just one person short from convening.

The council has not met since July 24 when it capped off a series of hearings related to the Land Use and Circulation Element's strategy framework, which is an update to the city's general plan.

The meeting has been rescheduled to Sept. 16.

Katz said on Monday he was originally under the impression that only three of the incumbents would skip the meeting but later learned that a fourth was joining his colleagues. He did not name the fourth councilmember.

"I don't think any real harm has been done," Katz said, pointing out that the meeting was postponed for only a week.

Genser said the agenda was packed with appeals, in which case if there were less than five members present, the appellant would have the right to request a postponement anyway.

The councilmember added that while he always preferred to postpone the meeting, he

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FRIEND TO THE END Luis de la Torre lights incense on Monday afternoon at the temporary memorial for his friend Thomas Patrick Caffrey at Fifth Street and Hollister Avenue. Caffrey, 24, died while skate boarding down a steep section of Hollister last Saturday morning.

Loved ones remember Southside skater

BY CHRISTINA WALKER
Special to the Daily Press

OCEAN PARK Candles flickered on the sidewalk of Fifth Street and Hollister Avenue Monday afternoon as people gathered by Los Amigos Park to remember the man in the pictures smiling and surrounded by friends.

Jerseys, a soccer ball, and a skateboard that said Tom Slick were all possessions that reminded family and friends of the man they had known and loved, Thomas Patrick Caffrey.

Caffrey, who was born in Santa Monica

and attended local schools, died early Saturday morning when he fell off his skateboard while riding down a steep section of Hollister.

Caffrey maintained close friendships since kindergarten. Last Friday night he played soccer and then went out to party with some of those longtime friends. After eating Jack in the Box, he and other close friends, including Brandon Leivas, gathered just up the hill from Fifth and Hollister around 3 a.m. to chat.

Leivas said that Caffrey and another friend skated down the hill in the dark and came back unscathed. Caffrey was known

to skate down this same hill as many as three to four times a day. Leivas did not see Caffrey go down the hill a final time, but was alerted that something was wrong when another friend yelled that Caffrey had fallen down hard.

"I jumped in my car and drove to the bottom of the hill," Leivas said. "I called 911 and followed the instructions they gave me turning him to his side. We were all screaming, 'I love you. You can make it.'"

Leivas later learned that Caffrey was pronounced dead at an area hospital.

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Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2008

Get lost in thought

1008 11th St., Noon — 1 p.m.

Stressed out at work? Then take an hour to revitalize by walking and meditating at the First United Methodist Church's new permanent labyrinth in Simkins Hall. The labyrinth is open every Wednesday until Sept. 10, 2008. For more information contact Mary Garbesi at (310) 393-8258, ext. 106 or via e-mail at mary.garbesi@santamonicaumc.org.

Kicking it with Kiwanis

1332 Sixth St., Noon — 1:30 p.m.

Join members of the Santa Monica Kiwanis Club for their weekly luncheon where quests connect and hear from a rotating panel of speakers. The club has been serving the needs of the community and its children since 1922. For more information, call (310) 613-1249.

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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.





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THE RIGHT WAY: Fire Capt. Scott Ziegert and Fire Safety Coordinator Suzanne Post on Monday demonstrate how easy it can be to lift a heavy object off of a victim immediately following a major earthquake or other natural disaster.

Emergency preparedness is as easy as seven steps

BY CHRISTINA YOON
Special to the Daily Press

SEVENTH STREET Preparing for the next big natural disaster can be as easy as a jar of peanut butter, a flashlight and some Band-Aids.

That's the message that public safety officials and business leaders want to get across to residents and businesses this September, which is Emergency Preparedness Month.

"You don't need to spend a lot of money to be prepared," said John Pacheco, the executive director of the American Red Cross in Santa Monica. "Many (emergency supplies) are the kinds of things you have in your pantry already."

Pacheco, along with representatives from

the Santa Monica fire and police departments, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, the Chamber of Commerce and local businesses gathered in front of Fire Station Number One to provide tips at the kickoff of the third annual "I've Got 7" disaster preparedness campaign.

The Red Cross has partnered with these agencies to promote the campaign, which encourages residents and businesses in Santa Monica to store enough food and supplies to last for seven days after a natural disaster. The campaign also provides seven basic steps to prepare for a potential emergency.

"After Hurricane Katrina, we looked at some of the impact from that disaster and what we could do locally," said John Pacheco, the executive director of the Santa Monica

chapter of the American Red Cross. "We decided to combine resources and launch this campaign for community preparedness and it's grown each year."

Many of the representatives at the campaign kickoff said that the earthquake that hit Southern California in July acted as a reminder of the importance of emergency preparedness in the community.

"It certainly created a lot of increased awareness on the part of a lot of people as to something that hadn't happened in a while," said police Chief Tim Jackman. "It's all too easy to think sometimes that these disasters often get relegated to the Gulf Coast or Florida or somewhere other than here."

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Photo exhibit brings some soul to SMC

BY CHRISTINA YOON
Special to the Daily Press

SMC Billie Holiday frowns in concentration before taking the stage. Duke Ellington lounges in his chair as he tinkers with a new idea on the piano. A young Miles Davis lovingly holds his trumpet backstage.

For just a few weeks, Santa Monica College's photography gallery will hold all of the dim lights, wafting smoke and easy glamour of a New York jazz club in the 1940s, '50s and '60s.

Photographer Herman Leonard, best known for his work with jazz icons during those years, will display his rich black and white prints in his upcoming exhibit "Jazz Giants: Photography of Herman Leonard," which opens today and runs until Oct. 18 at SMC's Drescher Hall.

"The thing I love about his images is that when I look at them, I'm still holding my breath for the moment to finish," said Ford Lowcock, a photography professor at SMC who helped organize the exhibit. "They still have that life and the expectations of that scene. Not a lot of photographers can capture that."

Leonard, now 85, shot some of his most famous photographs of legends in his early 20s. He fell in love with jazz as a soldier in World War II, when he would listen to Army-produced jazz records sent to the troops.

After his time in the Army, Leonard moved to New York City to hear them in person.

"I used photography as a way to get into the clubs for free," Leonard said. He offered free prints to the clubs and musicians in exchange for access.

"In retrospect I got access really easily, but when I was doing it I was really nervous," he said. "I had never been in the presence of such famous musicians. In those days they didn't have 1,000 paparazzi all around them. It was just me."

Leonard recalled a time when, after a show in Paris, Duke Ellington invited him back to his hotel to watch as he worked on new ideas with his arranger.

"I was thinking, here I am in the presence of two geniuses in a creative mood," he said. "Who else would have access to that?"

Some of Leonard's most intimate shots also came from the musicians' recording sessions.

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A wonderful Santa Monican

Editor:

Santa Monica lost one of its foremost residents with the untimely passing of Charline Trier this past week. Charline lived in Santa Monica for more than half a century and as a single parent raised six children working seven days a week in a deli for years. All of her children grew up to become good citizens.

I was very fortunate to get to know Charline through working with her daughter Susan, who is on my staff at Promenade and Parking Structure Maintenance. Mother and daughter professed love for each other every day and I felt spiritually uplifted every time it was said in my presence.

Charline reveled in her daughter's successes and showed her gentle and firm support always. Recently, Charline had Susan and another city employee held a demonstration to her senior citizens club on our sustainable, environmentally friendly practices. All were fascinated and participated.

I was very grateful to share an occasional lunch with Charline and always admired her wit and charm. When she felt passionate about an issue she was both sharp minded and could be acid tongued in her commentary when the occasion demanded it.

My memory of Charline will always be of someone who never gave in to age and whose wisdom was admired by so many.

Farewell sweet princess and cherished daughter of Santa Monica. Your life will be an example to many for years to come. You will always be missed and yet you will always be so near.

Eddie Greenberg

Supervisor of Promenade and Parking Structure Maintenance, City of Santa Monica

Rude bus drivers

Editor:

[Last Saturday,] I waited for the Big Blue Bus at the corner of Ocean Avenue and Colorado Boulevard. At 8:50 a.m. I saw the Route 1 bus coming and flagged him down. This has to be done a lot with the Big Blue Bus. The driver did not stop for me. Not only did he not stop, he laughed and waved at me. It was not the first time this has happened to me

I've had enough of these rude Big Blue Bus drivers, and I hope those who use the system are also tired of having to flag down a bus only to be left standing while the driver deliberately and maliciously drives past. If you have had enough of this rude behavior like me, then I urge you to call the Big Blue Bus customer service number at (310) 451-5444, press number four for an agent and voice a complaint about the driver. They will need to know the date and time, bus route and street, and the bus number ... to help the agents report the driver to the operations manager, since obviously the bus driver does not stop and a person is not able to get his or her name.

If more customers ... call and report deliberately mean and unprofessional drivers, then maybe the operations manager will finally get off his or her butt and train the drivers the proper customer service and respect we, the paying public, are entitled to. It is our bus system, not theirs.

Lee Fernandez

Santa Monica



What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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The most powerful choice

MY MOTHER USED TO SAY THAT "RICH people have property, poor people have children." Many a pundit on the right will speak of the "richness of love" that children bring, particularly in the heat of an argument about abortion rights. This line of argument tends to bring more heat than light, and serves merely to ramp the rancor to such a degree that both sides end up heavily fortified in their respective positions completely disclaiming anything that the other side has to offer of value.

No matter where you stand on the abortion rights spectrum (and it is certainly a spectrum), no matter how much both sides try to portray it as a simple, either or proposition, the issues that are being dealt with are life changing for all involved. Which is why I am so disappointed at the intellectual dishonesty that occurs on both sides of the debate.

On the Pro-Choice side, I believe it is intellectually dishonest to say that the only life that is effected by an abortion is that of the mother. Patently, that is false. It takes at least two to make a baby, and certainly the father has some rights in this debate, since he clearly will have responsibilities should the pregnancy go full term. Since we will require of him 18 years worth of child support, it seems to me, that he has an interest in this pregnancy.

On the Pro-Life side, it is equally as dishonest to say that every life counts, but we shouldn't be teaching how that life comes to be, or providing the means to prevent it from accidentally occurring. If one truly believes that every life should be saved, then we should be making sure that every life is a wanted life, coming into this world with a set of parents that are at least desirous of the child, if not prepared.

If the Pro-Life lobby wants to make the argument that a society is civilized to the degree that it protects the least amongst it, well then they should start by becoming vegetarians. We kill everyday for our own well-being and comfort, and to act as if we don't is just rubbish. We have millions of cows, pigs and chickens slaughtered each day for our food, only we don't have to see the gore, the food comes to us neatly packaged in little plastic trays.

Whenever I am in court downtown I see the same level of dishonesty, but this time it comes from the unintended consequences of the Pro-Choice lobby. They've made it all about the woman's right to choose, and ignored the men involved. They've empowered women to such a point that they stop seeing the man as a father, but rather as donor who now has only responsibilities and

no rights, which leads to increased anger and resentment on everyone's part.

It is a sad story, but it is replayed day in

HE WAS GOOD ENOUGH TO BED DOWN WITH, AND HE NEEDS TO BE MADE TO PAY FOR HIS KID, BUT HE'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO BE A FATHER.

and day out. He was good enough to bed down with, and he needs to be made to pay for his kid, but he's not good enough to be a father.

As I sit in courtroom after courtroom, watching the system extract the "child's right to support" from the fathers of children who were ignorant of the costs they were taking on by fathering a child, I can't help but marvel at the lack of awareness that so many men display when confronted with the responsibilities of parenthood.

By reducing the role that men play we have diminished them, and then blamed them for not being the men they were supposed to be.

There is not enough information out there informing men that once they get a woman pregnant they are out of the decision tree, until the child is born, and even then they will have very little to do with the raising of the child, but to pay for it.

The Pro-Life lobby forgets to inform the fathers that this tiny life will have a huge impact on their future. Their ability to improve their lot in life is severely hampered by having a child. It will cost them thousands of dollars and lost opportunities.

The Pro-Choice lobby forgets to inform the fathers that their choice comes beforehand, in whether or not to use contraception, or even have sex.

We need to have an organization that informs men, that "Their Choice" is the more important one, the choice to have protected sex or not.

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Prop. T would hurt small businesses

LAST WEEK YOU MAY HAVE RECEIVED an e-mail from the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City, an organization apparently dedicated to creating a rift between the business community on the one hand and municipal government and community leaders on the other.

The focus of this e-mail was to promote Proposition T, an initiative measure drafted and circulated by no-growth neighborhood activists early this year. Supporters characterize it as a "common-sense initiative." The Board of Directors for the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce unanimously disagreed for a variety of reasons.

Most importantly for many chamber members is that Prop. T will increase commercial rents. Common sense tells us that as the supply of development is artificially limited, rents will rise. Prop. T supporters claim that by "protecting" existing small businesses from large new developments, it will prevent increasing rents. In fact, just the opposite is true.

While it wasn't really necessary to engage economists to demonstrate that reductions in supply result in higher rents, two independent experts with national reputations concluded, in a report given to the City Council in June, that Prop. T would result in probable increases in rents for existing commercial space creating a "windfall for commercial landlords" as a result of supply constraints, and have potential secondary impacts on small business from higher commercial rents and a reduced supply of space, with local businesses potentially priced out of the market with regional/global businesses being the most likely to afford the available space.

Supporters contend ... that opposition comes from developers who stand to benefit from future development. The truth is that the opposition to Prop. T comes from an extremely diverse coalition of community leaders, including five of the seven council members, the healthcare community, environmentalists, supporters of social service agencies and other nonprofits, and many other neighborhood activists as well as the chamber and other business leaders.

In any event, it is the effect of Prop. T on the residents and businesses that is critical irrespective of who supports or opposes it.

Prop. T contains absolutely no traffic mitigation measures beyond the simplistic

notion that drastic development restrictions will automatically cure our traffic congestion. However, this will not be the case.

Two independent experts have concluded that Prop. T will not result in less traffic generation than would result over the next 15 years from growth limits contained in the current land use and circulation plans recently considered by the City Council. In fact, by encouraging residential growth, Prop. T may actually make traffic worse.

The economists' report ... also determined that it would cause a significant shortfall in the city's general fund of millions of dollars. It is the general fund which pays for public safety, provides grants to social services, delivers millions of dollars to public schools, pays for after-school and summer programs, parks and recreation and other essential services. While obviously not all the funding for these programs would be lost if Prop. T were to pass, risking the loss of millions of dollars for these services is foolish, particularly when the promised traffic benefits will not be realized.

Supporters defend its impact on health care by citing the exemption for "hospitals." While "hospitals" are exempt from the growth limits, there is no exemption for other important health care uses, such as medical office, clinics, and laboratories.

We should not irrationally restrict development of other health care facilities necessary in order to give these hospitals the support they need to better serve those in need.

Why would anyone include within the definition of "commercial development" facilities such as the YMCA, the Boys and Girls Club, OPCC and the Red Cross? More importantly, how can it possibly be rational to subject these facilities to the same development restrictions applied to large-scale office and retail development? Yet this is exactly what Prop. T does.

If Prop. T were to pass, it would delay, perhaps for 15 years, the ability of these important organizations to better serve the public. For all of these reasons, the chamber board unanimously voted to oppose Prop. T and we urge you to do the same.

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So this week's Q-Line question asks:

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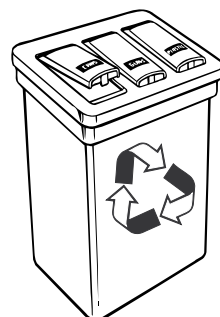
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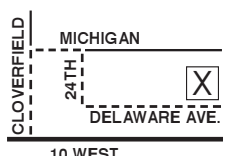
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FUN IN THE SUN: The Quackers roll out to the Santa Monica Bay for a day of surfing and sun bathing. Little did they know they were headed into polluted waters, Juanita Quacker (r) especially.

A bad day at the beach

IT'S SUMMER. WE LIVE BY THE BEACH.

Suddenly, distant cousins and long lost friends magically appear at our door. Since Memorial Day weekend the "Le Quac-Ker Bed and Breakfast" has been in full operation. Still, it was surprising when we got a call from our cousin, Juanita Quacker, from Albuquerque, N.M.

We'd begged her to visit for years, but she was full of excuses. It was always too hot to fly, or too cold to fly and then it was too far to fly. She was right about the last excuse. It was a lengthy flight, since she was using her wings instead of a plane. Juanita is environmentally considerate like that. She insists on keeping her carbon footprint to a minimum. With global warming and rising airfares, I think she made the right choice for her budget and the environment

It had been a long time since we'd seen her. We were looking forward to her visit. I, more than my brothers, and for entirely selfish reasons. I love green chile. Please, don't think badly of me, but when I heard she was coming the first words that popped out of my bill were, "Are you bringing green chile?" I finally remembered to say, "Can't wait to see you!" And then, "You won't forget the green chile, will you?" Yes, I am ashamed.

Juanita's mom lives to cook. She makes the best green chile stew in the universe. Did I mention I asked Juanita to bring her mom? Yes, I am rotten, but I love green chile. They call it "chile verde." On our first visit to Albuquerque, they took us out to eat. At the restaurant the waiter asked us, "Green, red, or Christmas?" We looked at him like he was crazy. It turned out that 'Christmas' means you want both, red and green chile! Happily, I discovered I could get green chile on everything. I had it with my eggs, on my pepperoni pizza and even at MacDonald's on a burger! I'm convinced the New Mexico state motto must be, "A day without chile, is like a day without sunshine."

We all had ideas on how to entertain Juanita. I suggested a trip to the Museum of Science and Industry. Rusty opted for hitting all the surf spots from here to San Francisco. Richard commandeered the phone trying to recruit her to help reclaim a junky vacant lot and turn it into a wildflower field/vegetable garden. She heard nothing.

Since she was a huge fan of "Baywatch," I

pictured her gazing into space, eyes vacant, with a dreamy look on her face, while she imagined her version of the trip featuring herself surrounded by beautiful people and handsome lifeguards. She probably pictured the sand caressing her little webbed toes as she ran down the beach (in slow motion of course) and splashed dramatically into the breaking waves. Our suggestions never stood a chance.

Juanita flew in ready for the beach. She had not flapped her wings for 800 miles to sit around the house. She jumped into her swimsuit and grabbed her flip-flops. We loaded up our surf boards and jumped on our skateboards. The race was on. Richard, in the lead, turned and asked, "Did anyone check the beach report card?" The question fell on deaf ears.

When we arrived, Juanita froze in place. Her eyes grew wide and a smile spread across her face. The large, crashing waves were exhilarating. She loved the feel of the sand under her feet and the salty tasting breeze on her bill. She was not prepared for the size of the waves or the vastness of the ocean. Though beautiful and exciting, the power and size was intimidating. At home she swam in the Rio Grande, an irrigation ditch or splashed in flooded fields. Compared to the Pacific Ocean, those places looked like bathtubs. She settled on wading at the shoreline and working on her tan.

As we surfed, she seemed content collecting shells and chasing sand crabs. Later, we noticed Juanita jumping and waving. She was frantic. We paddled in as fast as we could. Distressed and agitated, she was sitting in the sand with tears in her eyes pointing at her feet.

They seemed swollen and she was scratching them. They looked hot and were covered with a fiery red rash. What had happened? The beach had not been posted but it had to be the water. Why didn't we check the beach report card? There must have been another sewage spill! We felt terrible and responsible. The day was ruined. Using one of our boards as a stretcher, we carried a sobbing, miserable Juanita home from the beach.

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Mommie Brain

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Saying it loud and proud

I READ AN ARTICLE ONCE THAT DISMISSED some woman at a party for defining herself as a "mom." The writer of this article was pregnant and determined to be more than "just a mom." She judged this woman for her momness and wrote a whole article professing how she would be different. Work would define her, not diapers or preschool worries.

I didn't bother to finish reading the article because it bothered me so much. Her belittling of this woman struck me. I may do other things in my life, but at my core, I am a mom.

I always wanted to be a mother, though I was never overly interested in baby-sitting or babies. But I had a feeling in my gut that someday I would be a mother, someday I would hear a voice say, "Mommie," and know it was meant for me.

So the good people of The Santa Monica Daily Press have allowed me to share my thoughts on motherhood with you. While I have been writing for years, I have never written a column before, so I hope as I come to you in these pages you allow me to find my way.

A little about some of the players.

There's me, obviously. Originally from New York, I have lived in Los Angeles for almost 12 years now, more than half of that time in Santa Monica.

I am 37, have brown hair, and can often be seen wandering down Wilshire Boulevard pushing my son in his stroller (or chasing after him).

I have spent too much money at The Pump Station and The Right Start due to living a block from each. And I haven't felt quite as cute and thin as I would prefer since my pregnancy.

My son Benjamin is 2 years old. He likes to swing at the playground. He loves Dora. And he has never been the best sleeper. I think he is quite the looker.

There is no way to mention my experience of motherhood without mentioning that when my son was born there were complications.

I know this will not define him or me forever, but at the moment, and for the last two years, I spend most of my time with him managing his care.

I am happy to report he is doing great, and if you saw him at the playground you would not think a thing, but just as everyone's experience defines them, this is mine and it will find its way into this column. As will what parks I like and other regular mom stuff.

Then there is my husband, Jay, a truly lovely man, also from New York, who knew I was a writer when we met so he was very aware that he would be written about. He seems okay with it. He's good like that.

As I write this, he is giving Benjamin a bath and singing Hava Nagila to him mak-

ing him and me laugh.

Then there is Santa Monica.

My husband and I struggle often about moving back to New York to be with our families.

THERE IS NO WAY TO MENTION MY EXPERIENCE OF MOTHERHOOD WITHOUT MENTIONING THAT WHEN MY SON WAS BORN THERE WERE COMPLICATIONS.

But then we'll go the Farmers' Market on Main Street on Sundays, or stroll over to Whole Foods or feed the ducks at Douglas Park, and Santa Monica will take hold and keep us in place, embracing us as we make our home here, no longer there. This city has reassured us that if you have to be away from your family, this is a really good place to do it.

I thought about what to call this column: Santa Monica?

All I do is Laundry?

But I chose Mommie Brain because often it seems my brain is in a fog of momminess, but then on the plus side, my thoughts have expanded because of the experience of motherhood.

I also run writers groups under the same name for moms and moms-to-be to document their experience, so it was a name I was already familiar with.

Motherhood is challenging. I don't always get it right. I try not to judge how others parent, though I admit I have. At times, from pregnancy to nursing, it has felt like an assault on my body.

And because of how hard this all can be I am always a little in awe of it. I applaud moms whether they stay home or go to work.

Work is not a dirty word. I did not set out to be a stay at home mom, in fact it still takes me by surprise. But now that I am home, or rather now that I am a mom, I recognize how all encompassing it can be.

So, if asked at a party what I do, I would probably say, "I write, but at the moment I am home raising my son." Or more direct, I would say simply and with pride, "I am a mom," for I do it all day and all night long and I work hard at it.

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Pontiac: No longer your Grandma's car

WHAT IF THEY BUILT A POWERFUL, family-sized sedan with all the right bells and whistles, priced so reasonably even your mother wouldn't object — but no one could afford to put gas into it?

Meet Pontiac's 2008 G8, their all-new (and Australian-built) sedan. Plain G8 has a 256-hp, 3.6-liter four-cam DOHC V-6 and five-speed automatic transmission. Its bruiser version, G8 GT, comes with a pushrod, 361-horsepower, 6.0-liter V-8 mated to a six-speed automatic.

Both transmissions can be set in either "full auto" mode or the driver can select semi-automatic, clutchless sequential shifting. GM calls this "manual-shift capability".

Pontiac says the near-two-ton G8 GT will hit 60 mph in 5.3 seconds. Those numbers compare favorably with the world's original muscle car, another Pontiac, the 1964 through 1974 GTO.

The V6 base-prices at \$26,910, while a V8-equipped G8 is \$29,310. That works out to about \$1,500 each for the two extra cylinders offered by the GT, or around \$30 for each extra horsepower.

Both G8s run on 89 or 87 octane gas; you can forget 91 grade, and save from 50 cents to over \$1 a gallon.

The cars' relatively low prices include four-wheel anti-lock disc brakes, front and side-curtain airbags, traction control and, with the V8, an engine smart enough to run on only four cylinders while cruising the freeway. GM calls this feature "Active Fuel Management."

G8's exterior is pleasant enough, but not so striking as to call untoward attention to itself; a sleeper, and for some, perfect for those many "Stop Light Grand Prix" events run daily on Lincoln between Pico and Ocean Park boulevards.

In the 1950s, Pontiac's were derisively called "Grandma's cars," and while G8 is definitely modern and sporty, Detroit (and Holden, apparently) can seem to do only so much with four-door design. Apart from Cadillac's CTS, try to quickly name another striking new sedan from any of the Detroit Three. See?

Some drivers will find G8 interiors have too many buttons, knobs, screens, gauges and switches for a truly easy-to-read and operate whole out of just too many elements. Video game champ? Then there's no problem.

Front seats are supportive while not too stiff, and there's good legroom, but not so much in the rear. The high and wide center tunnel reminded us of one thing we sometimes don't like about rear-drive cars.

There's no map-based navigation system, but G8 has standard OnStar and a live operator always available to help, like John Wayne might talk down some kid in a cockpit in a war movie.

Order the XM satellite radio option, too.

The sounds pump just right through G8's Blaupunkt audio system.

Handling is what an experienced driver would expect, especially one use to cars from Detroit. We had no real complaints,



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HANDLING IS WHAT AN EXPERIENCED DRIVER WOULD EXPECT, ESPECIALLY ONE USE TO CARS FROM DETROIT. WE HAD NO REAL COMPLAINTS, AND ENJOYED THE POSITIVE AND CONFIDENT FEEL OF A REAR-WHEEL DRIVE CAR.

and enjoyed the positive and confident feel of a rear-wheel drive car.

G8 is an American-ized version of the Monaro, a popular four-door made in and for Australia by GM's division there, Holden. Bob Lutz, GM's executive in charge of North American products, who was responsible for the Dodge Viper and ersatz hot rod Plymouth Prowler when he was at Chrysler, ordered the G8 from Holden.

Lutz was also behind the short-lived "new" 2004 Pontiac GTO, which was also built for the US by Holden, on the platform under their Monaro coupe, an older, two-door version of what's under the G8.

G8 V6 with the five-speed, if one is willing to use the tranny in "shiftable" mode, is the best value for the money between these two.

G8 GT is considerably less than the price of a BMW 5-series, yet delivers 75 percent of that car's performance, but without the bank-vault-tight feel of that car. If that equation sounds right in this economy, get thyself to a Pontiac store.

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MEMORIES: A temporary memorial was created on Sunday for Thomas Patrick Caffrey at Fifth Street and Hollister Avenue. Caffrey died Saturday when he crashed while riding his skateboard.

A true Southsider

FROM MEMORIAL PAGE 1

Friends and family at the memorial site remembered Caffrey as a happy man with many friends who had a passion for sports and pride in his community.

"He was so loyal," said Kelly Caffrey, Thomas Caffrey's sister. "He was so charismatic, dedicated to being a friend to so many people, honest, trustworthy, a ton of fun. He was the center of fun and made sure everyone around him was having fun too."

Leivas also remembered Caffrey as a person filled with positivity.

"He always had humor and a smile on his

face," Leivas said. "If he was ever in a bad mood he'd just start talking about something else."

Caffrey, who celebrated his 24th birthday just over two weeks ago on Aug. 23, was working two jobs and supporting his mom before he passed. Caffrey worked at Tony P's in Marina del Rey and at Bourget Brothers, family members said.

Next Saturday friends plan to throw a fundraiser at the Cock 'n Bull Pub just off of Lincoln Boulevard to help Caffrey's mother Madeline McCusker, who recently lost her job.

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No council meeting due to lack of quorum

FROM MEETING PAGE 1

would've attended if there were five members present to hear the appeals.

"If four people came, it would've gotten canceled anyway because I presume each (appellant) would've asked for a continuance and that was the bulk (of the meeting)," Genser said.

He said that there have been times in the past when the majority of councilmembers couldn't make a meeting and there was nothing questionable about their reasons.

"If there was (an issue with a certain) deadline that needed to happen by a certain date then it might be a different matter," Genser said. "I don't see it in that sense."

Among the items on which the council was expected to take action was an estimated \$3.2 million spending package, which included a \$95,000 study to evaluate different fire dispatching and communication service options. The study comes nearly two

years after the Santa Monica Fire Department merged its dispatch center with Los Angeles, a move that has drawn some concerns about service quality and slower response time.

The lengthy agenda also included several appeals to Planning Commission decisions and a number of second readings on ordinances, which if approved would be ratified.

One of the proposed ordinances is a possible prohibition on soliciting from public chairs and benches on the Third Street Promenade and transit mall.

The purpose of the law is to free up benches and seating areas that are often monopolized by individuals who panhandle. The restriction would affect everyone from homeless individuals seeking money to even the Girl Scouts, who would be banned from selling cookies while using a bench or chair.

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SMC exhibit tracks a thrilling career

FROM EXHIBIT PAGE 3

“What you’re witnessing is a piece of work,” Leonard said. “These sessions became great works of art.”

Leonard’s lush, elegant style of photographs became great works of art in themselves. In the foreword to Leonard’s third book, producer Quincy Jones wrote, “When people think of jazz, their mental picture is likely one of Herman Leonard.”

Lowcock agreed that Leonard’s photographs came to crystallize the unique mood of the jazz revolution during those years.

“I didn’t know much about him, but I realized I had seen a great deal of his work without realizing who had taken them,” he said.

Leonard said that this was one of the goals of his photography.

“Apart from just recording these great musicians, I was interested in making a dramatic image that I could be proud of, that I could enjoy.”

Creating that dramatic image sometimes required Leonard to haul along his own strobe lights to create effective lighting in the dim clubs. The musicians were sometimes surprised to see what came of Leonard’s shoots.

“Their reactions all depended on their ego status — what they thought of themselves,” Leonard said. “Sometimes the treatment I gave them was not the way they saw themselves, and they didn’t like it. But that was very rare. Most of the time they were utterly delighted.”

It was a challenge for Leonard to be able to provide the resulting prints for free to the jazz players and clubs.

“Well, I used to rob banks,” he jokes.

Actually, he had side work, freelancing for Life, Esquire and Look magazines and taking portraits for aspiring actors and actresses.

It was during one of these portrait sessions that he heard that Marlon Brando was looking for a photographer to travel with him on a research trip throughout southeast Asia.

“Every photographer in the country wanted to be on the assignment because Brando was at the height of his fame,” Leonard said.

Within five minutes of their meeting, Brando informed Leonard that they would be leaving within a few days, and Leonard spent several weeks snapping shots of Brando as he explored remote villages and met with political and religious leaders.

“It was a life-changing experience,” Leonard said. “I’ve had a few of those. That was one of them.”

Tragically, most of the negatives of his trip with Brando were lost due to a mix-up with the studios that owned them back in Hollywood, and Leonard is still trying to

recover them.

Aside from his brushes with legends of music and film, Leonard also worked as a fashion photographer in Paris.

“It paid a lot better than what I was doing before,” he said, “but it’s different. You’re subject to the whims, opinions and idiosyncrasies of the editor of the magazine.”

Leonard formed a working relationship with Hugh Hefner in the 1950s and was named the European correspondent for Playboy magazine. Leonard shot playmates during the 1950s and early ‘60s, and the iron curtain made it difficult to recruit Eastern European girls to pose nude for a magazine that was banned in their countries.

“The K.G.B. didn’t like it,” he said. “We had to go in as tourists. Playboy was illegal in Russia, so I had three copies hidden in the lining of my suitcase.”

Leonard has selected pieces from his travels and his fashion work to be in the “Jazz Giants” exhibit alongside his more famous jazz photos.

“‘Giants’ is more comprehensive than some of my other shows, which were just the jazz pieces,” he said. “A lot of people haven’t seen this stuff.”

Among his favorites of the exhibit are prints of Miles Davis, who he describes as his most beautiful subject, and a portrait of Marilyn Monroe perched on an elephant.

“We asked him to simply curate the show with what he would like to be included, and that’s what he did,” said Lowcock. “Our hope is to introduce our students to a wonderful photographer who’s also so personable.”

It is with some luck that his prints have survived as well as they did. Until Hurricane Katrina hit, Leonard was living and working out of New Orleans, a city he discovered on an exhibit tour and fell in love with instantly. His studio and many of his prints were destroyed in the flood, and he and his daughter, Shana, and her family moved to California.

“I had a lot of friends here,” said Leonard, who now lives in Studio City. “When I got here, I had a pair of jeans and some sneakers. Within a month we had to have a yard sale because people had given us so much stuff.”

The Grammy Foundation recently awarded a grant to the Herman Leonard Jazz Archive, which was established in 2007. Leonard now spends much of his time digitally archiving the many memories he has made in his decades-long career. He no longer shoots every day, although he’s hard at work on a book set to be released next year.

“I’m 85 and I get tired,” he said with a laugh.

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GOOD EYE: One of Herman Leonard's iconic photographs of blues chanteuse Billie Holiday during a performance in New York City in 1949. Leonard's photographs of jazz greats will be on display at Santa Monica College starting today.



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TAKE FIVE: Jazz legend Dexter Gordon seen in a photograph by Leonard, circa 1948. Leonard has photographed some of the most talented jazz musicians at the height of the era, and had a chance to accompany Marlon Brando on a trip to southeast Asia.

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Locals can win prizes for being prepared

FROM PREPARED PAGE 3

For the first time this year, the "I've Got 7" campaign is working closely with the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce. The partnership reflects the Red Cross' efforts to send the message of emergency preparedness not just to residents but to local businesses as well.

"We have an overnight population here in Santa Monica of about 90,000, but the daytime population is much higher, 250,000 to 300,000 folks who come here to work and play in Santa Monica," Pacheco said. "One of the ways for us to reach these folks, because disasters don't always happen after six o'clock in the evening, is to make sure we're coordinating with local businesses."

To introduce the seven steps of disaster preparedness to Santa Monica consumers as well as business owners, the campaign organizers have set up an incentive program with local businesses.

"When we envisioned this campaign, we realized that it's not always easy to get people to act before a disaster," Pacheco said. "So we came up with some incentives."

People who fill out pledge cards committing themselves to keep seven days worth of supplies and get the seven items on the checklist will be entered to win gifts cards from participating merchants like Starbucks and Trader Joe's, emergency kits and bus passes.

The campaign is also working with large, local businesses including MTV and the RAND Corp., to promote the message of disaster preparedness to their employees and their families.

"Preparing for emergencies is more than just common sense," said Michael Rich, the executive vice president of RAND. "It's been shown to reduce the effects of an emergency and to shorten the time it takes to recover from an emergency. That's what we've learned in our research, and therefore we apply it."

At the kickoff event for the campaign, the Red Cross displayed items that could be used in emergency kits and food supplies.

Members of the fire department also demonstrated how anyone could potentially save a life by learning simple maneuvers such as using a nearby object to help lift heavy objects that may have fallen on people in an earthquake.

"We need to remember that here in the

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5. Have sturdy clothing and bedding, like hard-soled shoes, gloves and sleeping bags.
6. Have special needs items like medicine, eyeglasses, contact lens solutions, passports and pet supplies.
7. Create contact information for someone out of the area who can relay messages to family and friends if local communications are down. Be sure to have a family emergency plan.



IT'S ALL TOO EASY TO THINK SOMETIMES THAT THESE DISASTERS OFTEN GET RELEGATED TO THE GULF COAST OR FLORIDA OR SOMEWHERE OTHER THAN HERE."

Tim Jackman
Police Chief

city of Santa Monica there's only 30 fire-fighters on duty every day," said fire department Chief Jim Hone. "We're not going to be able to go everywhere when everyone needs us immediately following a large-scale disaster."

The representatives from the Red Cross, police department and fire department encouraged residents to learn to become self-sufficient in the event of an emergency with steps such as taking first aid courses and visiting the "I've Got 7" Web site at www.smgov.net/ivegot7.

"The less response that we have to give to people that are already prepared, the better we can help those who truly need it," Jackman said.

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Separate sex solicitation cases could be connected

FROM PREDATOR PAGE 1

white camper shell, its license plate ending with "02."

The teenagers in the second incident said the suspect drove a newer model white four-door sport utility vehicle.

Investigators have not identified any suspects or received similar reports since the most previous incident.

The warning was posted late last week in light of the new school year.

"We decided to put it out in case they're related because they occurred in the same area," Detective Lloyd Gladden of the SMPD said.

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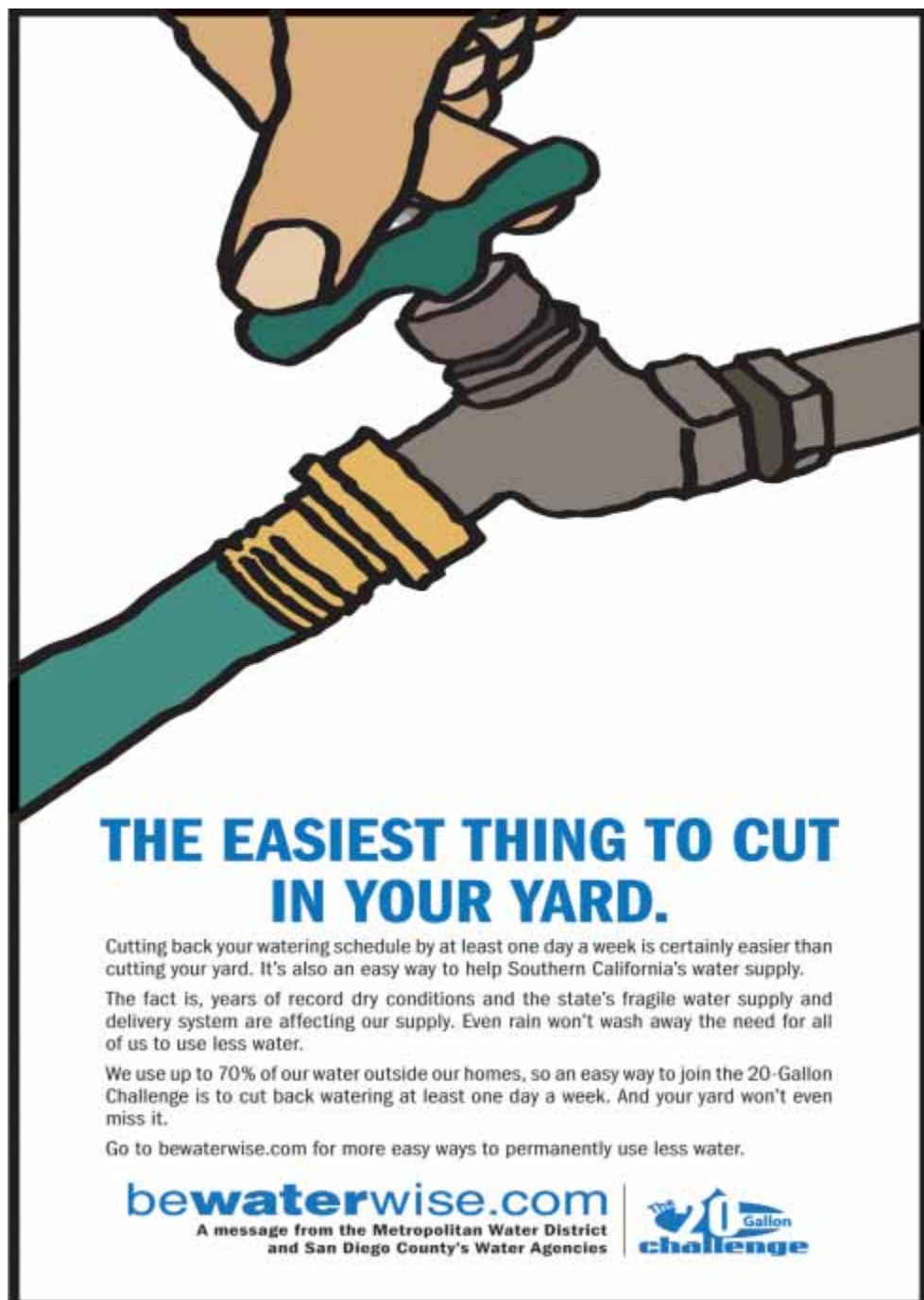


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Prison guards threaten to recall Gov. Schwarzenegger

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO The union representing California's prison guards on Monday said it was starting a recall attempt against Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, in part because it is upset its members have gone two years without a new labor contract.

The union also criticized Schwarzenegger for not exempting its members from an executive order intended to reduce pay for tens of thousands of state employees to deal with the state's budget crisis.

Mike Jimenez, president of the California Correctional Peace Officers Association, said the governor should have allowed overtime pay for prison guards during the budget crisis. Many guards increase their salaries significantly with overtime.

He said Schwarzenegger has been a failure since taking office after the successful recall of then-Gov. Gray Davis in 2003. This year's record-long budget impasse, with lawmakers at odds over how to close a \$15.2 billion deficit, only adds to the union's disillusion over Schwarzenegger, Jimenez said.

"This governor, he stands for nothing," Jimenez told The Associated Press shortly before the start of a union news conference. "He's a dismal failure in every sense of the word. This failure on this budget puts him over the top."

Schwarzenegger's executive order to reduce pay for some 175,000 state workers to the federal minimum wage of \$6.55 an hour has not yet been implemented because the state controller has refused to comply. That means permanent, full-time state employees such as prison guards have not been affected.

Thousands of employees, including state firefighters and California Highway Patrol officers, were exempt from the order because they were considered essential for public safety.

The union said it would file the notice of intent to recall Schwarzenegger with his office and the secretary of state later Monday. It will need to collect more than 1 million signatures to put a recall question on

the ballot, a hurdle that can be passed with relative ease by one of the state's most well-funded and influential unions.

Schwarzenegger said the recall attempt is just a tactic to increase wages for the 30,000-member union beyond what the state can afford. Davis was widely criticized for capitulating to union demands when he gave the prison guards a 37 percent pay raise shortly before he was recalled.

"This is a different governor sitting here," Schwarzenegger told reporters outside his office Monday. "I will not get intimidated."

The five-year contract signed by Davis cost the state \$2 billion. Besides a hefty raise, it gave the union big increases in overtime, sick leave, fitness pay and pension benefits.

Several hundred prison guards earn more than \$100,000 a year in salary and overtime.

Davis negotiated the contract even though he had accepted \$2.6 million in campaign contributions from the union between 1998 and 2002. Schwarzenegger has not accepted contributions from the guards union, saying he will not take money from groups with whom he negotiates.

The guards have been operating under their previous contract since 2006. As negotiations with the Schwarzenegger administration have stalled, the union sought to bypass those talks by securing a raise through the Legislature.

Two attempts to persuade lawmakers to approve wage increases have been unsuccessful. Internal politics also could be playing a role in the guard's recall announcement. Jimenez faces a re-election challenge for the union presidency next week.

Schwarzenegger said the state cannot give raises to employee unions beyond what it can afford.

"Their intimidation tactics will not make me change my mind whatsoever because I happen to not represent the CCPOA. I represent the people of California," Schwarzenegger said.

Monday's recall announcement by the union is the latest distraction for the Republican governor.

Trees gone, but Berkeley protesters still remain

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press Writer

BERKELEY A tree-sitting protest at the University of California, Berkeley, was whittled down to one tree after arborists chopped down most of the disputed grove to clear the way for a new sports center.

The cutting began last week after the campus got a court order clearing the way for construction. By Monday only one redwood — containing the final four protesters — remained of the trees marked for the ax.

Tree-sitters, communicating by walkie-talkie, said they still hoped for a "productive and positive" outcome.

But campus officials said an attempt at reaching some sort of settlement ended without success Sunday.

"We're now weighing options for the next steps," said university spokesman Dan Mogulof.

Officials are urging protesters to come

down voluntarily but are "making preparations to quickly bring this situation to a safe but certain end," said Mogulof.

Tree-sitters have been occupying the grove, which is next to the university's Memorial Stadium, since December 2006.

The center also was opposed by a neighborhood group, the city of Berkeley and the California Oak Foundation. The three groups filed suit charging the project violates environmental and earthquake safety regulations.

But rulings mostly went in favor of the university, and last week a state appellate court declined to issue an injunction blocking construction.

University officials had planned to remove 42 trees. As of Monday they had cut 40. The final two that remained included the occupied redwood as well as another redwood they plan to transplant.

The campus has promised to plant three new trees for every one cut.

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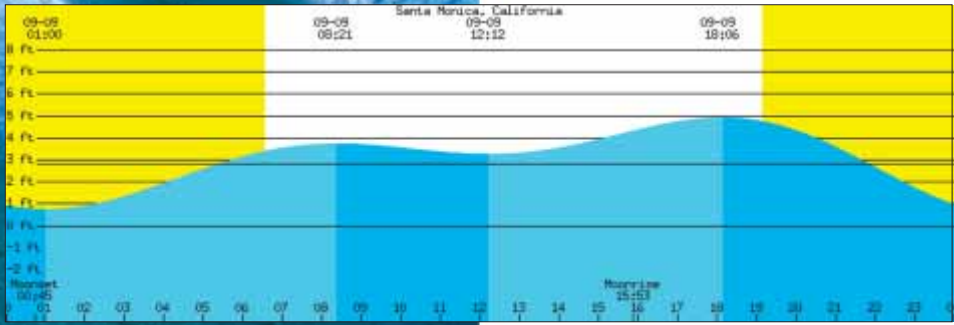
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Tuesday the 9th this New Zealand swell should fill in more to all south facing spots with chest high waves. Wind swell is looking negligible once again, so west facing breaks are looking at knee to waist high stuff. Winds should be light and variable in the AM, but with a slight onshore element. Tide on Tuesday looks moderate throughout the morning.

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Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 9 / 45

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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cienegas Beach, at Arroyo Sagitt Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Del Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Palms Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Las Alitas creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Tenebris Canyon drain	A+	ns
Escalante Canyon at El Mirador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chantreux)	A	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	D	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildfire Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	C	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pica/Kanter storm drain	A	ns
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	C	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Selkirk Canyon at San Blocker County Beach	F	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Panero State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Panero Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Serfider Beach at Malibu Calvary fence	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	ns
Serfider Beach (beach location) - daily	B	ns	Venice Beach - projection of Topail St.	D	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	C	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - flagrant tower	A+	ns
Carlson Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	C	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	B	ns
Big Rock Beach at 18948 PCH stairs	A+	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Deckweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Perra Creek at Las Tareas County Beach	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Deckweiler Beach - opposite Hyperion 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			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns			

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken

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NFLTom Brady out for the season

BY JIMMY GOLEN
Associated Press Writer

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. The New England Patriots have come back from injuries before, winning three Super Bowls and reaching a fourth despite losing Rodney Harrison, Richard Seymour, Junior Seau and Drew Bledsoe.

Now they will try to do it without Tom Brady. The 2007 NFL Most Valuable Player will miss the entire '08 season with a left knee injury that needs surgery, the team said Monday. That leaves the Patriots without one of the game's great quarterbacks and severely damages their hopes of a return trip to the Super Bowl.

Coach Bill Belichick would not say what the injury is, but the play, Brady's reaction and the prognosis all point toward a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

"As a team we all just have to do our jobs. That really doesn't change," Belichick said Monday, a day after Brady's knee collapsed under him when he was hit by Chiefs safety Bernard Pollard in a 17-10 victory over Kansas City. "He played one position, he played it very well. We have somebody else playing that position now."

The Patriots issued a one-paragraph statement that the two-time Super Bowl MVP will have surgery and be placed on injured reserve. That leaves them in the hands of a backup who's barely been tested — in part because of Brady's 128-game starting streak that was the third-longest for a quarterback in NFL history.

Matt Cassel, who guided New England to its 20th consecutive regular-season victory

after Brady was hurt, will start Sunday at the New York Jets. It will be the first meaningful start since high school for Cassel, who backed up Heisman Trophy winners Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart at Southern Cal and spent the last three years holding a clipboard for Brady.

"I'm not trying to be Tom Brady. I'm just trying to be Matt Cassel," he said when subbing for Brady on his regular weekly radio show. "I don't know where that's going to take us."

Brady took the Patriots to three NFL titles since 2001 and led them to a perfect record in the regular season last year before a loss in the Super Bowl to the New York Giants deprived them of a fourth championship and an unprecedented 19-0 season. They had been favored to return — before Brady's injury.

"We're not going to tank it the rest of the season. That's not going to happen," defensive lineman Richard Seymour said in a somber and nearly empty Patriots locker room. Seymour was across from where Brady's locker remained stocked with equipment and personal items. "There's always a way to win. We're not going to have a lot of excuses about it."

Even without Brady, the Patriots remain a team stocked with veterans in a mediocre division, and with one of the most successful coaches in NFL history.

"The leadership on this team will take care of itself," offensive lineman Matt Light said. "I expect (Cassel) to do his job, and that's the same thing he expects from each one of us. There's nobody on this team that we don't have confidence in. You can't have a better mentor than Tom Brady."

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Pisces, be where the action is

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Opportunities strike left and right, leaving you questioning which way to go. You might want to rethink an issue or do something quite differently. With so much coming at you from left field, you can scarcely stop. Tonight: A must appearance. Others follow your lead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. You also might want to get more information. The problem is sorting through the amount of information you are getting. You might need a break. Someone pushes hard for you to agree. Tonight: Let your mind wander and find different solutions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ If you differ with someone, it is OK, but the real issue is how you present the situation. There are many, many different ways to proceed; which one you choose is a question of preference. Tonight: Note that you are not locked into anything.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Others dominate, but do not even think that you have reached a dead end. There are so many possibilities that you could be surprised. Listen to news with a touch of skepticism. Tonight: Listen to suggestions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Follow through on what you know works for you. You could be overwhelmed by the many possibilities that head your way. Do not spend money before you get it. Use care and insight. Ultimately, you will be a happier Lion. Tonight: Relax.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Where others jam up, you flow. You find answers where others cannot. Your smiling ways draw solutions nearly as much as an innate ingenuity. A serious approach will push someone away — count on it. Tonight: Romp away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your easygoing manner works and makes others feel as if they are part of your family. You finally establish a better sense of self and what is expected of others. Consider working from home more often if you can. Tonight: Happy at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Keep expressing yourself and common interests. How you deal with someone could greatly change because of an important conversation. Be aware of how much you offer. Think positively. Tonight: Hang out if possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Your abilities to make a difference and possibly go in a new direction earmark your decisions. Finances, as you understand, make the world go around, especially right now. Tonight: Be realistic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Understanding that you are unstoppable could be more important than you realize. Listen to what is shared, and be honest about the impact you want to have, as well as what might be appropriate. Tonight: All smiles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You might want to try something different or approach a situation differently. You could be taken aback by another's insistence to have his or her way. Be careful, as you could rupture this situation permanently. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Friends surround you, opening doors and making the impossible possible. What will happen is, if you hesitate, you could hit a problem out of the blue. You are best off working with friends. Schedule meetings. Tonight: Where the action is.

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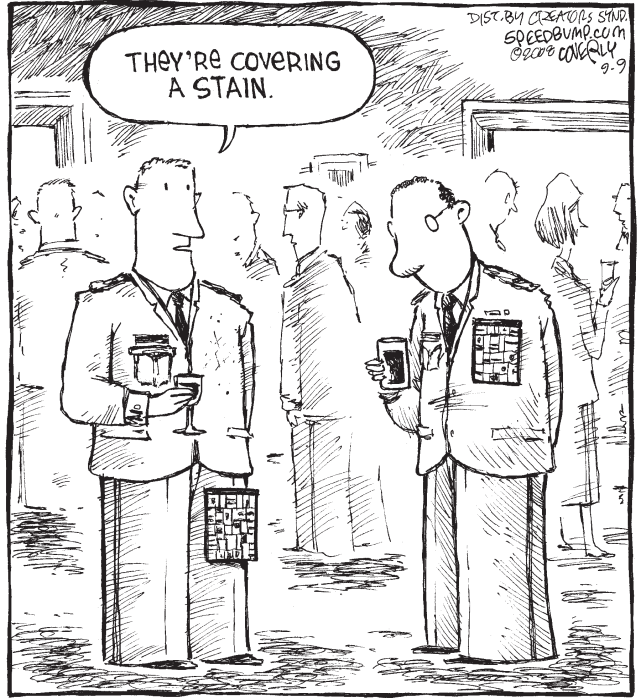
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15 FCC concern	6 Marsh plant
16 Come down in buckets	7 Suffering
18 Visibility lessener	8 Hogwash
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BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ "What was once a gentleman's hobby among a few dozen enthusiasts at the turn of the 20th century," wrote The New York Times in July, "has evolved into a multimillion-dollar industry," namely, collecting strands of hair of famous people. Mastro Auctions of Chicago sells \$100,000 worth of hair a year, and in October, a tuft of Che Guevara's went for \$119,500 (and John Lennon's recently for \$48,000). Westport, Conn., Americana dealer John Reznikoff (who owns strands of Lincoln, Washington, Napoleon and Beethoven) appraised Britney Spears' locks (after her 2007 head-shaving) at "only" \$3,500. Reznikoff told the Times that, while he advertises his trade in books and autographs, the hair is low-key: "I'm concerned clients might not take me seriously if they see me selling a lock of Charles Dickens' hair."

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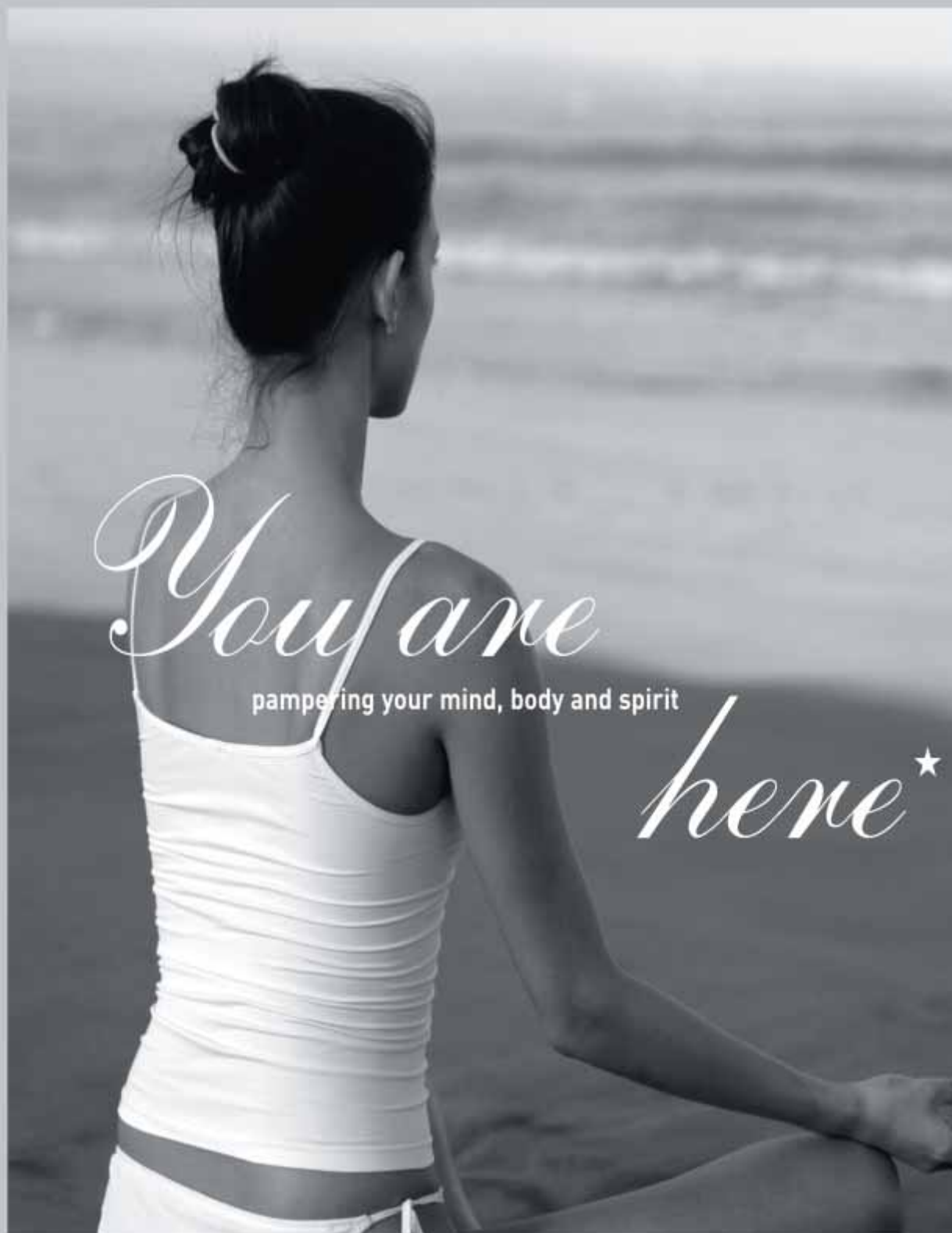
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