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THE CLEAN WATER ISSUE

Beachgoers to benefit from EPA settlement

BY CHRISTINA WALKER
Special to the Daily Press

SM BAY A settlement was reached last week with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) after the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) the County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District sued the agency for failing to meet its obligations under the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Plan Act of 2000.

The act was designed to improve public health through beach monitoring and notification programs as well as higher water quality standards. In October of 2000 congress ordered the EPA to create new water quality standards for national beaches by 2005. The new standards were to be based on current studies conducted by the EPA on the human health impacts of bacteria and viruses in coastal waters. The NRDC decided to sue the EPA after it failed to meet those deadlines. Under last week's settlement the EPA will be required to provide new criteria by 2012.

"It's good news," said Aaron Colangelo, attorney for the NRDC referring to the settlement. "It's unfortunate that we had to sue the EPA to get them to take the necessary steps, but the agreement they signed onto will lead to better safety standards and fewer illnesses for those people who swim at the beach."

Current public water and beach safety regulations were adopted in 1985 and based on research done in the 1970s. That research did not include the health effects of people swimming in water contaminated by urban runoff such as the water found off local beaches.

Enesta Jones, spokesperson for the EPA, said prior to 2005 the agency completed research associated with creating new recreational water quality criteria including several epidemiology studies. The studies raised additional questions and EPA said it needed to conduct more scientific research before the new criteria could be created.

"Getting these new criteria right is impor-

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SPLISH SPLASH: Jose Huizar and his family from Altadena enjoy a day at Santa Monica Beach on Tuesday. A settlement will prompt the EPA to develop new water safety standards.

Prop T gets big support from county Democrats

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES A campaign that wants to institute a commercial development ceiling in Santa Monica got a major boost on Tuesday when a sponsored ballot measure and one of its biggest proponents received endorsements from a major political player.

The Los Angeles County Democratic Party voted to support Proposition T — also known as the Residents' Initiative to Fight Traffic — and City Council candidate Ted Winterer, one of the authors of the contentious proposal that will be presented to residents in the November election.

If approved, the measure, which is sponsored by the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City, would put into place a 75,000-square-foot cap on new commercial growth for the next 15 years.

"This is a very powerful endorsement of Proposition T and one of its authors by the Democratic Party," Diana Gordon, who chairs the coalition, said.

Winterer, who serves on the Recreation and Parks Commission and is the president of the Ocean Park Association, was endorsed along with council incumbents Richard Bloom, Bobby Shriver and Ken Genser for the four open seats. Mayor Herb Katz was the lone incumbent who did not secure an endorsement.

"It's incredibly significant to me and a great kick off to my campaign," Winterer said.

The incumbents all attended the Democratic Party meeting instead of a regularly scheduled council meeting that night, leaving the dais without the four members necessary for a quorum. The meeting was canceled and rescheduled for next Tuesday.

All four candidates who received the nod from the party were recommended for endorsements by the 41st Assembly District Delegation, which interviewed all candidates and later forwarded their suggestions to the Central Committee, making the decisions final on Tuesday.

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COMING TO DOWNTOWN: High-end retailer Bloomingdale's has signed on to set up shop at Santa Monica Place. It will replace a Macy's in 2010.

Bloomingdale's anchors new Santa Monica Place

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Bloomingdale's is coming to town.

The high-end retailer, which made the Manhattan corner of 59th and Lexington Avenue famous, will join the newly remodeled Santa Monica Place, replacing Macy's, currently the only store in operation during the mall's renovation.

Macerich, one of the largest developers of shopping centers in the country, announced the addition of Bloomingdale's on Wednesday, marking the department's store's fourth location in the Los Angeles area and eighth in the state since branching out to California in 1996.

"Bloomingdale's fits better than Macy's with our planned merchandise mix," said Randy Brant, Macerich's executive vice president of real estate. "We are currently negoti-

ating with retailers to become part of our project and the level of quality and level of fashion of the tenants we are currently working with currently complements Bloomingdale's — and Bloomingdale's complements them — more so than Macy's."

The department store joins Nordstrom as the two anchors for the newly renovated mall. Seattle-based Nordstrom announced

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California now home to priciest housing markets

BY ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES Californians rave about year-round sunshine, temperate climate and easy access to surfing, snowboarding and everything in between. But when it comes to getting the most out of their homebuying dollar, they've got nothing on homeowners in the Midwest, a new study suggests.

Eight out of the top 10 most expensive housing markets in the U.S. are in California, while eight Midwestern cities are among the 10 most affordable markets, according to the Coldwell Banker Home Price Comparison Index released Tuesday.

The study compared the average value of 2,200-square-foot houses with four bedrooms, two and a half baths, a family room and a two-car garage across 315 U.S. markets.

The results underscore the vast disparity in how much homeowners in different markets pay essentially for the same amount of living space.

The sharpest contrast was found between La Jolla, Calif., and Sioux City, Iowa — the most expensive and most affordable cities, respectively, tracked in the study.

In La Jolla, an upscale seaside suburb of San Diego, the average price of homes tracked by the study was about \$1.8 million. In contrast, the average price of a similarly-sized home in Sioux City was \$133,459 — about 13 times more expensive.

"Areas where there's water and nice climate and ocean and mountains, people are going to pay more for that," said Jim Gillespie, chief executive of Coldwell Banker Real Estate in Parsippany, N.J. "That's just where people want to live."

Typically, homes located near the coast or in resort areas appreciate more.

Overall, the average sales price of the homes that met the survey criteria was \$403,738, a drop of 4.4 percent from 2007.

That reflects the decline in the U.S. housing market since the housing boom fizzled.

Fewer buyers and rising mortgage defaults have left many markets saddled with a large supply of foreclosed properties and other heavily discounted unsold homes, fueling home price declines.

The price drops have been most severe in California, Arizona, Nevada and Florida —

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Real grassroots

Editor:
I was disgusted to read (“Following the money,” page 4, Sept. 8) on the anti-Proposition T campaign.

A few months ago, I got a letter from Planning Commissioner Terry O’Day co-chair of the anti-Prop T campaign asking fellow community leaders for our support in opposing this anti-traffic initiative. The letter referred to a grassroots campaign to defeat this measure though we now know Terry knew full well at the time what Bill Bauer reported in the Daily Press [on Monday] – that the campaign against Prop T is entirely developer-funded. Knowing the anti-Prop T campaign is a front for developers, I’m offended that O’Day would think that community leaders working closest with the city on improving life for residents wouldn’t know the difference between a real grassroots campaign – Prop T – and the well funded corporate attack on it that he has aligned himself with. Traffic or no traffic, these kinds of dirty tricks have no place in our city.

Nina Fresco
Santa Monica

Missed opportunity

Editor:
Ms. Noveck’s article about Clinton backers and Palin (“Most Clinton backers say Palin’s too far a stretch,” page 7, Sept. 8) is missing the point. I personally know many women that like both Clinton and Palin. All women are not represented by Hillary Clinton, Gloria Steinem and Mariah Carey. In picking Biden, they missed the historic opportunity for real change. The Democratic Party has a large group of fantastic women that are better qualified and have more experience than Obama, Biden and Clinton combined. If Kathleen Sebelius, Governor of Kansas, was selected as VP, the Democrats would have won this election handily. The Democrats would have had an unstoppable candidate four to eight years later for president as well. How about more than one woman on the ticket? Jennifer Granholm, the Governor of Michigan, is a rock star as well. Shame on the Democratic Party for not stepping up when they had the chance. It is shameful that the United States has not been lead by a women while the top five largest Islamic countries like Turkey, Bangladesh, Indonesia and Pakistan elect women as prime ministers. The Hillary or nothing attitude is stupid and bad for America and its women.

David Alsabery
Santa Monica

Go to the park

Editor:
Santa Monica does not need a shady-canopy urban forest in the Downtown business district. If you want a shady-canopy urban forest, go to a park. Then you can lay down your blanket with your picnic basket and enjoy your shady-canopy urban forest. Downtown requires a different style of beautification. A beautification that will draw tourist and shoppers which is in progress at this time if the construction workers were left alone so they can do their job. Jerry Rubin, instead of trying to run for City Council should run for president for the Critical Mass bike riders. This would show that he is a true principled, peaceful, stalwart member of the community

Geno Schotte
Santa Monica

Renaming is in order

Editor:
As a long-time resident of Santa Monica, I’m amused at Councilman Bobby Shriver’s shock that he wasn’t endorsed by the Santa Monica Democratic Club for this coming election. With uncle Teddy’s support in the last election and Bobby’s well established liberal credentials, you would think that would be enough, but not in this town if you are not a SMRR supporter. The Santa Monica Democratic Club should call a spade a spade and rename themselves the Socialist Club, because as long as SMRR keeps its strangle hold on this town, more of the same (including all of the overdevelopment) will continue.

Stephen Eccles
Santa Monica



The Libertarian Perspective

L.K. Samuels

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The growing threat of wildfire government

THERE WAS A TIME WHEN VOLUNTEER fire departments, paid firefighters, and local residents would work hand-in-hand to put out wildfires. It was an amenable relationship, sharing hardships, goals, and camaraderie. But if the 2008 California wildfires proved anything, it demonstrated that this alliance is no longer a cornerstone of American communities.

During the Big Sur fires in July, residents who did not evacuate reported that they felt they were behind “enemy lines.” When 79-year-old Don McQueen traveled down the road to his campground business to provide hot water showers for fire crews, he was detained by sheriff deputies and scolded.

Although McQueen was released, he soon discovered that fire officials had changed the rule book. To him it seemed like the various federal and state firefighting agencies no longer wanted to work with the community to put out fires. Instead, they wanted Big Sur residents to leave the area and stop defending their property. Worse still, the firefighter crews were “strictly forbidden to assist locals.”

Despite experience fighting fires since the 1940s, McQueen was told to get off his ranch. When he refused, an official reportedly said, “We’re carefully allowing these homes to burn down. You can build a new house at no cost with your insurance money.” McQueen could hardly believe what he had heard.

According to local residents, many of the fire crews were grounded and told to let the fire burn itself out.

One ashamed firefighter told them, “I was taught to put out fire, not let them burn.” Professionals watched as the locals on the front line fought the blaze. Finally, one crew become so upset that they covertly parked their engine near McQueen’s property, rolled out a 4,000-foot fire hose, and helped him to maintain his fire break.

On Apple Pie Ridge in Big Sur another family worked feverishly to protect their 55-acre ranch and home. The Curtis family had successfully fought several fires going back to the 1970s. Some family members and friends had worked in the past as seasonal firefighters. When the fire crept within 12 feet of the family’s property, they set a backfire, which is legal “for the purpose of saving life or valuable property” under California Public Resources Code 4426. But within a short time a different type of firestorm flared up.

A Cal Fire official and several sheriff deputies drew guns on Ross Curtis and a friend. The civilians were arrested, handcuffed, and charged with lighting a backfire. Outraged authorities said that the Curtis family, friends, and tenants had disobeyed warnings not to use backfires. But the Curtis family was also told earlier that firefighters were ordered away from his property—that the area was written off as “inaccessible and undefendable.”

Ironically, some of Curtis’s fire-protec-

tion gear was confiscated as one deputy warned him to stop impersonating a firefighter. There was even talk that the two men might be charged with arson. Despite the arrest, no homes burned down on Apple Pie Ridge. In other areas, where people had evacuated, many lost their homes.

ACCORDING TO LOCAL RESIDENTS, MANY OF THE FIRE CREWS WERE GROUNDED AND TOLD TO LET THE FIRE BURN ITSELF OUT.

Cal Fire Battalion Chief Paul Van Gerwen still maintains that the Curtis family was protecting their property in an “unlawful way,” saying that they had no permission from the government. Other officials said that only professionals should fight fires.

Jerry Teeter, the Monterey County sheriff’s commander, commented that they tried not to arrest locals as long as they did not drift off to another property or interfere with firefighters. In other words, residents were under “house arrest.” Of course, this was ludicrous.

Since many of the government firefighters were either benched or ordered not to assist residents, only the local citizens were left to protect structures. And they needed to move around, to help each other fight the moving flames and to resupply residents and businesses.

Ideally, government officials should closely work with the locals to mitigate crises. But under Big Sur’s “Unified Command,” local agencies had little authority. Australia, by contrast, has a more libertarian approach in which rural residents are expected to defend their homes from any danger. But in California it appears that our government is opposed to the freedom that would allow citizens to respond to emergencies themselves or to take an active role in being responsible and self-reliant.

Unfortunately, good government only works in theory. That is why it is up to citizen participation and vigilance to keep political systems from getting out of control and from becoming over centralized. One must wonder which power is more devastating in the long run: wildfires or the government’s determination to make citizens dependent.

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Your column here

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The House Speaker's unusual description of Catholic dogma

THE SPEAKER'S WAR WITH THE CATHOLIC Church has now spilled over to the House. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Democrat of California, has challenged when life begins. The Roman Catholic Church says life begins at conception. The speaker, who claims she is an ardent Catholic, says down through the years the Catholic Church has not been able to agree when life begins. Church authorities have hotly disputed her view. Now a group of Pelosi's fellow House Members has weighed in with a sharply worded letter, organized by Representative Thaddeus McCotter, Republican of Michigan. McCotter is part theologian, part street-fighter. Clearly he is one of the most articulate members who have graced the floor of the House of Representatives.

McCotter's letter begins by pointing out that Pelosi claimed she had studied the abortion issue "for a long time." The letter says, "As fellow Catholics and legislators we wish you would have made a more honest effort to lay out the authentic position of the Church on this core moral issue before attempting to address it with authority."

The letter cites Pelosi's interview with Tom Brokaw, which the letter said mangled Catholic Church doctrine regarding the inherent sanctity and dignity of human life. The legislators stated that they are compelled to refute her error. The legislators said that Brokaw reminded you that the Catechism of the Catholic Church professes the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. The Catechism says the embryo must be defended in its integrity, cared for and healed, as far as possible, like any other human being.

To this Pelosi responded, "I understand. And this is like maybe 50 years or something like that. So again, over the history of the church, this is an issue in controversy." The members told Pelosi that her statement demonstrates a lack of understanding of Catholic teaching and belief regarding abortion. They told Pelosi, "From the apostles of the First Century to Pope John Paul the Great, the Church has reaffirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. The teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law." They cite the Catholic Catechism, Item 2271, as their source.

They went on to say that the speaker's erroneous claim about the Church's opposition to abortion is false and denigrates "our common faith." "... For example, during the reign of

Pope Innocent XI in 1679, the Church unequivocally stated it is an error for Catholics to believe fetuses do not have a soul ..." confirming the teaching that abortion constitutes an unjustified taking of innocent human life. These Members of Congress concluded by telling Pelosi, "To reduce the scandal and consternation caused amongst the faithful by your remarks, we necessarily write you to correct the public record and affirm the church's actual and historical teaching that defends the sanctity of human life."

THE CONGRESSMEN TOLD PELOSI THAT THEY HOPE SHE WILL RECTIFY HER ERRANT CLAIMS AND APOLOGIZE FOR MISREPRESENTING THE CHURCH'S DOCTRINE AND MISLEADING FELLOW CATHOLICS.

The Congressmen told Pelosi that they hope she will rectify her errant claims and apologize for misrepresenting the Church's doctrine and misleading fellow Catholics. Among the 18 McCotter colleagues who signed the letter are House Minority Leader John Boehner, of Ohio; veterans such as Peter King, of New York; Steve King, of Iowa; Dan Lungren, of California; and Phil English, of Pennsylvania. They were joined by newcomers, such as Jeff Fortenberry, of Nebraska; David Nunes, of California; and Michael McCaul, of Texas. While partisan differences are typical of doing business in the House, it is highly unusual for members to deliver such a pointed attack on another member's version of her religion.

Inasmuch as Pelosi has insisted upon standing by her original statement, it is highly likely that this matter will continue to be an issue as we move into the autumn campaign.

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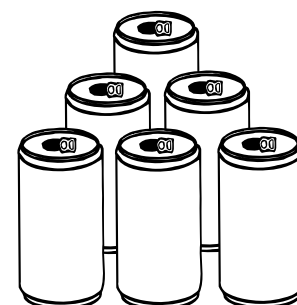
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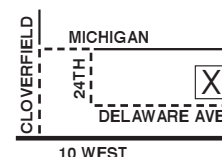


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The U.S. clinical study was conducted in Los Angeles under the direction of Dr. Ronald M. Lawrence,³ M.D., Ph.D. a former clinical professor at the University of California's

Los Angeles School of Medicine.

The study included healthy, overweight individuals between the ages of 31 and 73. Their caloric intake and level of exercise was not disclosed.

The participants were instructed not to change the food they were eating and not to add any exercise; in other words, no changes to their daily routine. They were told to take Apatrim 30 minutes before lunch and dinner.

An amazing 100% of the participants who took the active ingredient as instructed either lost weight or inches off their waistline during the 4 week study.* In contrast, only one person taking the placebo lost weight, just half-a-pound, and not one reduced their waistline.¹

Some participants experienced incredible results, losing as much as 8 pounds and up to 3 inches off their waistline.*¹

HOW IT WORKS

The active ingredient in Apatrim comes from a plant that grows in India.

This 'miracle' plant is *Caralluma Fimbriata* and it has been used by native tribes in India for centuries to reduce hunger and quench thirst during times of famine and drought.*

Until recently, the only way to get

these benefits was to eat the plant.

But scientists have developed a proprietary method of extraction that is protected by U.S. Patent #7,060,308. This process enables Apatrim's manufacturer to put the plant's benefits into a pill.

Scientists believe Apatrim's active ingredient works by blocking the hunger signals that are sent from the stomach to the brain. The brain then thinks that the stomach is full, causing a reduction in appetite.*

HOW TO GET APATRIM

Initial shipments of Apatrim have been rushed out to a few select retail chains across the country. CVS/pharmacy was among the first stores to snap up the entire initial production.

The company has also set up a National Order Hotline just for Apatrim. This enables people that don't want to fight the crowds or run the risk of not finding it at the store, to get Apatrim delivered directly to their homes.

Starting at 7:00 am today, the order line will only be open for 48-hours. All consumers have to do is call 1-800-782-8750 and ask for Dept. AP2668; orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

"We're bracing for the next surge

Public now facing 48-hour cut off; clinical trial shows participants lost weight without adding exercise or diets

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of calls, we've hired more people and the order lines will be fully staffed," said Ken Geis the Manager of Call Center Operations.

"Even though we weren't able to take all of the initial calls from people trying to get Apatrim we're ready now," said Geis.

Current supplies are limited so consumers that don't get through to the order line in the next 48-hours or can't find Apatrim at the store will have to wait until more inventory is produced or more shipments reach the national chains. ■

www.apatrim.com

Here's how you can get Apatrim:

To make sure that everyone can get Apatrim while the initial shipments are being rushed out to drug stores across the country, a National Order Hotline has been set-up. Simply follow the instructions listed below to have Apatrim shipped directly to your home or you can go to your local drug store to see if Apatrim has arrived.

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Retail Stores:

National chains across the country are working around the clock to get the initial shipments of Apatrim onto their shelves. It has been confirmed that **CVS/pharmacy** and **The Vitamin Shoppe** all have placed orders and should have supplies of Apatrim available to consumers.

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1. Primary study based on 26 participants over a 4-week period. Participants were directed not to add any exercise or change eating habits. Participants level of caloric intake and exercise were not measured or disclosed. 2. Individual results may vary. 3. Dr. Ronald Lawrence, M.D., Ph.D., conducted the clinical trial and is not affiliated with PatentHEALTH nor endorsing Apatrim. 4. Available in select store locations. *THESE STATEMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN EVALUATED BY THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION. THIS PRODUCT IS NOT INTENDED TO DIAGNOSE, TREAT, CURE OR PREVENT ANY DISEASE.

Drug stores load up with powerful joint pill

Sales skyrocketing; news of its amazing results spread across the U.S.

By G.W. Napier

Universal Media Syndicate

UMS - Consumers can't seem to get enough of it and drug stores are selling it as fast as they can get it.

"Unbelievable, that's all I can say," said Matthew Woods, Director of Business Development for PatentHEALTH the company that developed the breakthrough joint supplement.

Woods was referring to the fact that in just one day a drug store chain sold 2,000 bottles of the powerful joint health supplement called Trigosamine®.

"We've already shipped over 500,000 bottles of Trigosamine and sales just keep growing, it's been crazy," said Woods.

Scientists have developed this amazing oral tablet that doesn't require a prescription and is taken only once a day.

It's so impressive that one key ingredient has the ability to retain fluid up to 1000 times its own weight; this helps increase lubrication for the joints allowing them to move with ease.*

Trigosamine's key ingredient is Hyaluronate also called HA-13 which is the building block of "nat-

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This joint fluid reduces friction in the joints allowing for effortless motion. It not only lubricates the joints, but it also acts as a comfortable shock absorber.

"As we age, the body's natural production of this fluid declines and this can force the bones in our joints to grind together which can result in nagging discomfort," said Dr. Joseph Dietz¹.

"Using Trigosamine is like taking a can of oil and applying it directly to your joints," said Dr. Dietz².

Trigosamine combines HA-13 with the essential blend of glucosamine and chondroitin which have been clinically shown to help build healthy cartilage in the joints allowing for increased flexibility and range of motion.*

A clinical study conducted by the United States government found that glucosamine and chondroitin, similar to those found in Trigosamine, had a 79.2% effective rate for those with moderate to severe joint discomfort.^{2*}

But it's the results that make this joint supplement so impressive.

"We get messages from consum-

ers all the time telling us how great Trigosamine works for them," said Woods.

"Everybody wants it," added Woods.

"CVS/pharmacy was one of the first ones to order Trigosamine and they've loaded up their shelves. We've received reports that show they have some inventory left," said Woods.

"And to make it easier for people who can't find Trigosamine or don't want to go to the store, we've set up a National Order Hotline so they can have it delivered directly to their home," said Woods.

"We'll be offering a direct delivery discount for the next 72 hours, and consumers should know they can't get this discount at drug stores," he added.

Otherwise those living in the local area that miss the deadline won't be able to get the discount. They'll have to go to their local drug store to try and get Trigosamine and may be hard pressed to find it. ■

Or, visit us online at:
www.trigosamine.com

Local Readers Discount Deadline

You may be able to find Trigosamine at **CVS/pharmacy** since they have received shipments. If you want Trigosamine shipped directly to your home and would like the local readers discount, call the National Order Hotline listed below before the **72 hour deadline** expires. Otherwise you'll have to get Trigosamine at the drug store and may run the risk of not being able to find it.

Begin Calling at 8:00AM TODAY 1-800-924-2109

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1. Dr. Joseph Dietz, PhD currently conducts full time research for PatentHEALTH, LLC. as Director of Health Science, Research Development. 2. Statements herein are based upon published public information and do not imply affiliation, sponsorship or endorsement of Trigosamine by the United States Government.

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Soaring lemon prices may leave many feeling sour

BY NICHOL NELSON

For The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES For folks who make a living off lemons, sweetening up this sour news is going to be costly.

The price of lemons has soared recently, thanks to the triple whammy of a crop-wrecking frost in California last year, problems with overseas harvests this year and the nation's ongoing struggle with fuel costs.

It means businesses and consumers are paying significantly more over 2007 for lemons and products made from them.

"Out of nowhere, I saw prices double," says Elias Carofilis, owner of San Antonio-based

The Lemonade Company. "So now, my Original Lemonade retails at \$4. In July '07 they were going for about \$2.50."

It's yet another case of having to pass on the cost. Carofilis, who sells his drinks at roadside stands, fairs and other events, said a box of lemons that cost him \$20 to \$30 last year now runs as much as \$50.

Even big-name chefs are taking note of the increase. Though lemons are just a small fraction of food costs at New York's high-profile restaurant Chanterelle, ingredient prices do cut into the bottom line, says chef and owner David Waltuck.

"We've noticed a price increase on many of the ingredients we use on a daily basis, includ-

ing lemons," he says. "There is no substitution for lemons, so we pay the higher price. We don't really have a choice."

The problem started in January 2007, when California's Ventura County was hit hard by a freeze. Ventura County accounts for more than two-thirds of the state's lemon crop, and California produces nearly all of the nation's lemons. As a result, this year's lemon harvest is expected to yield about 703,000 tons, a 12 percent dip from last year, according to government data. California's crop will be down 8 percent, making it the smallest harvest in nearly a decade.

Lemon trees are unusual; they bear two or three crops at once — blooms, small unripe

fruit and maturing fruit. That's why last year's frost was so devastating, says Joel Nelsen, president of California Citrus Mutual, a collective of growers.

"There will be supplements from other areas in California that are nearing harvest, but not enough," he says.

That scarcity is prompting higher market prices, but they aren't translating into profits for growers, who still face steep labor and transportation costs. And imports aren't likely to ease the pressure. Though the U.S. does import lemons from Chile, Spain and Mexico, it's a small fraction of the demand, says Susan Pollack, an economist and lemon expert with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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High-end retailer to open in 2010

FROM MALL PAGE 3

in July that it would be opening a three-level, 122,000-square-foot store in fall 2010 at the corner of Broadway and Second Street. The mall is expected to reopen in fall 2009.

Macy's Inc., which owns Bloomingdale's, announced two other store openings for its upscale retail brand on Wednesday, including San Jose and Washington D.C.

"Santa Monica Place is being redeveloped into a very high-end fashion-forward destination, which is really in sync with the Bloomingdale's customer so we are very excited about that," said Sharon Bateman, spokeswoman for Macy's Inc. "It also adds to our presence in the Los Angeles and Southern California market."

The new store will be a slight departure from its standard stores, taking a concept approach similar to the Bloomingdale's branch in the SoHo district of Manhattan.

"The merchandise is much more tightly edited for men and women," Bateman said.

The Santa Monica Place store will not have a home goods section and merchandise will be tailored to the local market, she added. The existing space, which is current-

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ly three stories, will be scaled down to two-levels, requiring extensive reconstruction starting in February 2009 when Macy's moves out. Construction costs will be paid for by Macy's Inc.

The facade will also be altered.

Founded in 1872, Bloomingdale's has more than 40 locations across the country, heading west in the mid-90s when it opened stores in Century City, Newport Beach, Sherman Oaks and Palo Alto.

Brant said the significance of Bloomingdale's committing to Santa Monica Place illustrates that the department store

understands the difference in the market between here and Century City, which is located about six miles away.

"Bloomingdale's has their flagship store in Midtown Manhattan and about three or four years ago, they opened a store in SoHo," he said. "It's a much smaller store and it serves a market that has a different psychographic than Midtown," he said. "That is how they look at this opportunity."

The 1980s era mall designed by Frank Gehry has been under construction since the spring. Macerich officials originally proposed building three, 21-story office towers

that included office and retail spaces and residential units. Those plans were later scrapped after residents decried the proposal, calling it out of character with the neighborhood.

The developer held a series of community workshops that resulted in a revised plan that called for an open-air shopping center that would utilize Southern California's greatest resource — the weather.

The project includes tearing the roof off of the shopping center's central spine, making way for an open-air walkway and rooftop dining deck, providing shoppers with a panoramic view of the Pacific Ocean. When the three-story mall opens, it will better connect with the Santa Monica Pier, Civic Center and Third Street Promenade.

The announcement received mixed reaction from locals.

Socorro Rodriguez, an Inglewood resident who works in Santa Monica, said she prefers Macy's, but admits she isn't too familiar with Bloomingdale's.

"(Macy's) has a lot of good things," she said.

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Democrats back latest SMC bond

FROM ENDORSEMENTS PAGE 1

The party consists of 26 Assembly district delegations, whose members are elected during every other primary elections. The delegation interviewed candidates on Sept. 7 and the committee acted on the recommendations — as well as those from seven others — during its meeting at the United Teachers Los Angeles Auditorium in Koreatown.

The endorsement came a week after Winterer failed to earn one from the Santa Monica Democratic Club despite receiving the recommendation by its steering committee.

The committee also suggested supporting Shriver, Genser and Bloom, the latter two of which ultimately received endorsements.

Katz, a life-long Democrat, did not attend the Democratic Club meeting last week.

First elected to the council in 2000, Katz has been a Democrat since he registered in 1952, voting for Adlai Stevenson in his presidential bid against Dwight Eisenhower.

Katz said he has heard different reasons as to why he wasn't chosen, including one that the party did not want to endorse four incumbents.

"I was perturbed because I thought I should've been," he said.

The endorsement of Proposition T should lend strong support to the cause, Gordon said, pointing out that the recommendations for the ballot measures were made by a committee that specializes in analyzing initiatives.

"They believe it's well written and deserving of full community support," she said.

The party also voted to back the Utility

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User's Tax, which seeks to modernize the tax on telecommunications, and a \$295 million Santa Monica College bond measure, which will pay for capital projects.

School Board candidates Ben Allen, Chris Bley and incumbent Maria Leon-Vazquez also received support.

Ralph Mechur, who is vying to fulfill the remaining two years on former board member Emily Bloomfield's term, was also endorsed.

Incumbent Jose Escarce was not able to make the meeting because of scheduling conflicts.

The three college Board of Trustees candidates — Margaret Q. Quiñónez-Pérez, Susan Aminoff and Rob Rader — also joined the list of endorsees.

The endorsement is one of the first from a major party that Bley has earned, having previously been snubbed by Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights and the Santa Monica Democratic Club.

"I think it's good that people are seeing I have support and show there is an independent voice out there that is backed up," Bley said.

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Agency to develop new water safety standards

FROM SETTLEMENT PAGE 1

tant for public health and for local communities and the EPA is committed to getting all critical studies done to ensure a strong scientific foundation for the new criteria," Jones said.

Kurjon Lee, public information officer for the County of Los Angeles Public Works Department, said that his agency will be happy to get the new scientific research the EPA will provide.

The Los Angeles Public Works Department is held responsible for contaminants found at Los Angeles beaches. The new regulations created by the EPA will help the department to know whether current bacteria at beaches and in the water is causing people to become ill Lee said.

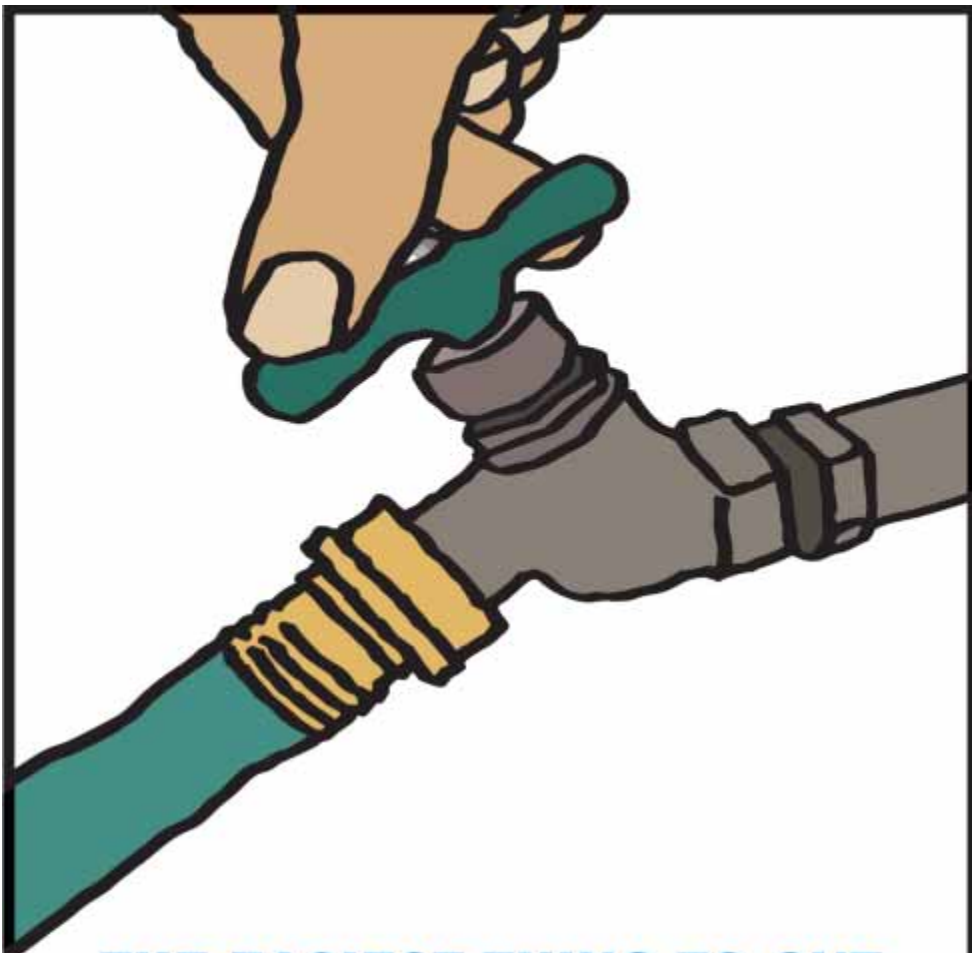
Mark Gold, president of Heal the Bay, is also very excited by news of the settlement.

"It's been a long time coming," he said. "We're ecstatic that the EPA will finally move forward updating the criteria on public health."

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Kelly Doley (right) and Alyce Ahn take the time to view a group of naked statues on the Third Street Promenade Friday afternoon. Insurance company Blue Shield of California deployed the statues to illustrate how vulnerable people can feel when they don't have health coverage.

Santa Monica among the most pricey places to buy

FROM PRICES PAGE 3

states that saw a rapid surge in prices during the housing boom, but have since borne the brunt of the foreclosure crisis.

Home values in the Midwest, meanwhile, have also taken a beating, in large part because of rising unemployment in states like Ohio and Michigan.

Even though home price declines have been steeper in California than in the Midwest, the difference in the price of similar-sized homes in coastal markets versus heartland cities remains vast.

"With the price run-ups (in California), those homes have depreciated more, but they're still worth more than they were five or six years ago," Gillespie noted.

Philip Deslippe knows what it's like to go from a pricey coastal market in California to an infinitely more affordable city in the Midwest.

The graduate student and his wife moved earlier this year from Los Angeles, where they lived in a rent-stabilized apartment for \$900 a month, to Iowa City, Iowa.

Now the couple owns a three-bedroom, one-and-a-half-bath home and pay a mortgage that's just under what they paid for their L.A. apartment.

Things he and his wife were longing to do, like "settling down, having a home, raising a family — I don't think any of these things would be possible in Los Angeles, considering the cost of a home," said Deslippe, 30, who turned down acceptance letters from universities in Boston and Washington, D.C., in part, because of home prices. "I knew that housing would be much cheaper here in Iowa City."

No city in the study, which also tracked some international markets, was more expensive than Dubai, located in the Middle Eastern nation of United Arab Emirates.

A 2,200-square-foot, four-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath home in Dubai averaged \$2.5 million, or a third more expensive than a similar property in La Jolla.

In 15 markets outside the U.S., the average

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home price averaged more than \$1 million.

Quito, Ecuador, was the most affordable housing market outside the U.S. The average home price in the South American nation is \$96,750.

About half of the U.S. housing markets surveyed had an average home price less than \$300,000. In all, 13 U.S. markets in the study had an average home price of at least \$1 million. Among U.S. markets, Greenwich, Conn., and Beverly Hills, Calif., were ranked the second and third most-expensive markets, respectively, with average home prices just under \$1.8 million.

The other California markets that rounded out the top 10 by price are Palo Alto, Santa Monica, Santa Barbara, Newport Beach, San Francisco and San Mateo.

Boston was ranked ninth at an average home price of \$1.5 million.

After Sioux City, the most affordable domestic markets were Jackson, Mich., with an average home price of \$134,325, and Akron, Ohio, at \$135,780.

Canton, Ohio, Grayling, Mich., Minot, N.D., Arlington, Texas, Muncie, Ind., Killeen, Texas, and Eau Claire, Wis., rounded out the bottom 10 most affordable markets.

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County puts taco truck battle on front burner

BY JOHN ROGERS

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Southern California's taco truck war continued to sizzle as county officials asked a judge to reinstate a law he threw out last month that had forced truck operators to move every hour or face the threat of jail.

County officials say the trucks, many of which have become the equivalent of neighborhood restaurants, are a nuisance, parking at the same spot every day and bringing in noise and traffic. Taco truck operators respond that they meet the same health standards as restaurants and are being unfairly targeted because of organized political pressure from restaurateurs.

At stake is unfettered access to cheap, to-go Mexican food like carnitas, quesadillas and carne asada tacos that are cooked to order and served from literally thousands of elaborate restaurant-trucks that dot the business streets in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, particularly in largely Hispanic East Los Angeles, where trucks can be found on almost every block.

"All there is to say right now is that we have filed a motion for reconsideration, requesting that the court reconsider its previous ruling," said Deputy District Attorney Steven Gates. He declined to discuss the

basis of the appeal but said the county requested a hearing Sept. 19.

"We will definitely oppose," said attorney Philip C. Greenwald, who represents the taco truck drivers.

In dismissing a citation against taco truck operator Margarita Garcia last month, Superior Court Judge Dennis Aichroth ruled that the stringent new law was "too ambiguous to be enforceable."

The law requires that any vehicle from which "liquids or edibles" are sold be moved every 60 minutes from a commercial zone or every 30 minutes from a residential zone and that it not return to within a half-mile of its previous location for at least three hours. Violators can be fined as much as \$1,000 and sentenced to six months in jail.

Before the law took effect, taco trucks were required to move every 30 minutes, but a violation cost them no more than a \$60 fine, and that was only when sheriff's deputies got around to writing the ticket, which wasn't often.

In toughening the law last spring the county Board of Supervisors opened a cultural can of worms. Thousands of people signed petitions in favor of the trucks and operators complained that disrupting street sales of tacos in East L.A. was as un-American as running hot-dog pushcarts out of New York City.

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SoCal residents protest oilfield expansion

Residents of communities southwest of downtown Los Angeles are protesting a plan to drill 1,000 new wells over 20 years at a local oilfield. About 50 residents showed up Wednesday at a meeting of the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission to protest expansion of the Inglewood oilfield. Residents say the proposed expansion will add to air and noise pollution as well as the risk of spills and pipeline ruptures. Some had photos of cracks in their homes that they claim were caused by soil subsidence from drilling.

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Young salmon under attack by parasites

Young salmon in the Klamath River are being infected in unusually high numbers by two fish parasites. More than half the young salmon in the river are infected, resulting in higher death rates. The parasites lodge in the intestines and kidneys of young salmon, and are transmitted by tiny worms. Federal and state agencies, university researchers and members of local tribes have been trying to understand the parasites' impacts on the fishery for nearly two decades. Scientists with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service briefed Humboldt County Supervisors about the salmon epidemic on Tuesday.

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ONTARIO

Small plane nearly landed wheels-up at airport

Quick action by an airline pilot and traffic controllers last week kept a single-engine plane from landing at Ontario International Airport with its wheels up, the Federal Aviation Administration said. The Cessna 210 Centurion was about a mile from the runway on Sept. 4 when a Southwest Airlines pilot spotted the problem and advised a ground controller who quickly relayed it to a controller handling arriving aircraft, FAA spokesman Ian Gregor said.

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New 9/11 museum building design evokes twin towers

BY AMY WESTFELDT
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK The latest design for the Sept. 11 memorial entrance pavilion has a facade that evokes the World Trade Center's twin towers, and builders still hope the memorial will open by the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

The three-story, asymmetrical glass and steel building is the last piece of the 8-acre memorial plaza at ground zero, a redesign of a building first introduced as a much larger museum space three years ago.

Craig Dykers, architect for the Norwegian architectural firm Snohetta, said the reflective steel facade was inspired by the World Trade Center towers. He said natural light will hit the building at different points of the day and change its appearance.

"At times, you'll see yourself in the building," Dykers said Tuesday at the

design unveiling.

The building, surrounded by oak trees between the footprints of the destroyed towers, features a sloping atrium that will shine light down a staircase leading to the Sept. 11 museum. Two trident columns that formed the base of the face of the original towers will stand by a stairway that stood above ground from Sept. 11, 2001, until it was moved last year.

The pavilion, ranging from 57 to 72 feet high, includes ticketing services for memorial museum programs, space for a security area for visitors, a 180-seat auditorium, a cafe and a private room for Sept. 11 victims' family members.

One-fourth of the space will include rooms for mechanical equipment serving the complex, including an adjacent transit hub and the memorial plaza.

The ongoing construction of the multibillion-dollar transit hub and the

memorial has become central to the re-evaluation of the budget and schedules of all projects at ground zero. An underground mezzanine for the hub overlaps with part of the tree-covered memorial plaza.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the 16-acre site, is issuing new budget estimates and deadlines by the end of the month for five office towers, a performing arts center, the transit hub and the memorial.

Memorial foundation president Joe Daniels said work on that mezzanine would have to be finished by July 2010 to allow the memorial to open by the 10th anniversary of the attacks. He said opening by Sept. 11, 2011, "is both possible and essential."

The Port Authority has said that date would be a difficult deadline to meet, although the memorial plaza could be open to the public for a 10th anniversary ceremony.

Stimulus checks funneled toward child support

BY STEVE LEBLANC
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON Deadbeat dads and moms around the country are discovering that their economic stimulus checks from Washington — intended to encourage the purchase of TVs, cars and other goods — are being intercepted and funneled toward the support of their children.

Treasury Department figures obtained by The Associated Press show that more than 1.4 million of the checks have been seized since the payments began last spring, and a total of \$831 million has been collected by child support agencies nationwide.

Cheryl Hayes, a 32-year-old paralegal student from Auburn, Mass., said her ex-husband owes about \$30,000 in support for their three children, and she hopes to see some of that via his stimulus check.

Hayes said that while she knows the stimulus checks were intended to encourage people to head down to the local Wal-Mart, Best Buy or Home Depot, in the case of deadbeat parents, their children's well-being should come first.

"The stimulus check is something at least they can get to help live off of," Hayes said. "It should go to the children because the children are the ones

that would need it."

The parents who are owed child support won't immediately see the money. And in some cases they may not receive it at all.

The intercepted checks in Massachusetts, for example, are deposited with the state and held for 180 days to allow the parent to file an appeal.

If the appeal is denied, the money is turned over to the parent who has custody — in most cases, the mother — unless she has been on public assistance, in which case the funds can go back to the state and federal government to reimburse the taxpayers.

Some states hold the funds longer, others for less time.

In California, \$97.9 million was collected via 152,877 diverted checks, while Texas brought in \$80.3 million from 132,144 payments.

Rhode Island saw a \$1.9 million boost from 3,465 diverted checks. Massachusetts took in \$11.2 million, Tennessee \$24.4 million.

"It's been a very nice bonus for our children in need of support," said Mike Adams, assistant commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Human Services. "We've been very pleased with the amount of money we've been able to collect."

The stimulus program proposed by

President Bush and approved by Congress provided \$600 checks for most individuals and \$1,200 for couples filing jointly, with a \$300 per-child credit added on.

States submit the names and Social Security numbers of deadbeat parents to the IRS, which crosschecks those names against the lists of taxpayers receiving stimulus checks.

The IRS then sends the deadbeat parents' checks straight to state child support agencies.

The diverted ones are just a fraction of the more than 112 million stimulus checks issued as of the start of July. So far, the IRS has dispensed checks totaling \$92 billion.

It will continue processing tax returns and issuing stimulus checks for much of the year.

Ned Holstein, founder of Fathers and Families, a Boston-based organization that supports the rights of fathers, said the seizing of economic stimulus checks ignores the fact that most fathers who owe child support are earning little.

"We're trying to support very poor people, the mothers and children, from the pocketbooks of other very poor people," he said. "There are those who are just downright avoiding their child support payments, but there are many more who just can't make their payments."

Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field.

White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said the president thinks about 9/11 every day and is always concerned about another attack.

"The terrorists are very determined, and they have to be right only once, and we have to be right every single time," she said.

the aviation system as a target. He said that the Bush administration has made strides in reducing the nation's vulnerability but that the risk remains.

Chertoff was speaking at the National Press Club. Today is the seventh anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, in which terrorists crashed hijacked airplanes into the World Trade Center, the

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Chertoff: Aviation still vulnerable to terror attack

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WASHINGTON The nation's top domestic security official said Wednesday aviation remains vulnerable to terrorist attack seven years after 9/11.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said the al-Qaida terrorist network continues to focus on

the aviation system as a target. He said that the Bush administration has made strides in reducing the nation's vulnerability but that the risk remains.

Chertoff was speaking at the National Press Club. Today is the seventh anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, in which terrorists crashed hijacked airplanes into the World Trade Center, the



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Study: Too many needless arthroscopic knee surgeries

BY LINDA A. JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

Two studies call into question whether many people with arthritis are needlessly undergoing one of the most common operations in America: arthroscopic knee surgery.

One finds that surgery is no better than medication and physical therapy for relieving the pain and stiffness of moderate or severe arthritis. The other reveals that tears in knee cartilage — which often prompt such surgeries — are very common without causing symptoms.

Experts said the new studies and other evidence show arthroscopic knee surgery still has a place, such as after a recent injury, but shouldn't be done routinely for osteoarthritis.

"A lot of people would prefer physical therapy and their doctors would as well," said Dr. E. Anthony Rankin, spokesman for the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons.

The studies were published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Nearly 27 million Americans have osteoarthritis, a top cause of disability. Symptoms usually begin after age 40 and progress as a breakdown of cartilage on the end of bones causes them to rub together at joints, leading to stiffness and pain and limiting movement.

One popular solution is arthroscopic surgery, in which a scope with a miniature camera is inserted through a tiny incision and surgeons operate through other tiny cuts. Surgeons typically smooth damaged cartilage surfaces on the bone's ends and flush out bone chips.

This allows quicker healing than traditional surgery, but can still trigger blood clots, infection and nerve or blood vessel damage.

About 1 million arthroscopic knee surgeries are done in this country each year, costing roughly \$7,000, depending on the location, when done as an outpatient procedure.

A large study in 2002 found the operation was no better than sham surgery, but the procedure remains popular.

The new study, done at the University of Western Ontario in Canada, included nearly 200 patients with moderate-to-severe osteoarthritis in the knee. Researchers gave half medication, weekly physical therapy for three months and instruction on twice-daily exercises to do at home.

The other half got those treatments, plus arthroscopic surgery.

Medications included anti-inflammatory drugs, Tylenol, glucosamine or chondroitin supplements and injections of a knee lubricant. Therapy included exercises to strengthen knee muscles and hot and cold packs.

After two years, both groups of patients reported the same pain levels, physical function and overall quality of life.

Study co-author Dr. Brian Feagan, a professor at the Ontario university, concluded the procedure benefits a minority of patients, those with milder symptoms or large meniscus tears. He predicted the study would change practice.

In the other study, researchers at Boston University School of Medicine and elsewhere examined MRI knee scans from 991 randomly selected people, aged 50 to 90, from Framingham, Mass.

About one-third had a tear or other dam-

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age to the meniscus — a pair of cartilage pads that act as shock absorbers between the upper and lower leg bones — with prevalence increasing with age.

But nearly two-thirds who had these knee cartilage tears had no pain or stiffness in the prior month.

Some experts think the increased use of MRIs to diagnose knee problems could be leading to unnecessary surgeries or at least referrals to orthopedic surgeons.

Surgery for that problem "probably isn't terribly helpful compared to just medication and physical therapy," said Dr. C. David Geier Jr., a spokesman for the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine.

He said there may be a misperception that doing arthroscopic surgery on arthritis patients could prevent the need for major knee surgery later.

"This might change that opinion a little bit," Geier said.

Rankin said the studies show arthroscopic surgery benefits patients with milder cases, who have had arthritis symptoms for weeks or months, not years, particularly those with a recent knee injury, and those with a major cartilage tear. It isn't for people with advanced arthritis, who may need a partial or total knee replacement, Rankin said, but many family doctors don't realize this.

In an editorial, Dr. Robert G. Marx of the orthopedic surgery department at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York wrote that treatment decisions must be individualized and that arthroscopic surgery for osteoarthritis has been associated with worse outcomes than therapy. He said it's still appropriate for specific patients where the primary cause of pain isn't osteoarthritis.

"I think everybody should be more cautious about going to surgery," said Dr. Patience White, chief public health officer at the Arthritis Foundation. "We need to understand what is the best approach because the costs are so high."

Many U.S. health insurance plans don't cover arthroscopic knee surgery for people with mild and moderate arthritis, according to Robert Zirkelbach, spokesman for the trade group America's Health Insurance Plans. He said the new findings could lead more health plans to tighten coverage rules.

The Medicare program did so back in 2003, and the number of procedures it paid for plunged 77 percent within three years.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Slimmer Maualuga looks forward to facing Buckeyes

BY JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Rey Maualuga was all over the Rose Bowl field on New Year's Day, sacking quarterback Juice Williams three times, making an interception and forcing a fumble to win the outstanding defensive player award in USC's resounding 49-17 victory over Illinois.

He did all that carrying 273 pounds on his 6-foot-2 frame.

And he's a linebacker.

"We must have fed him too much during bowl preparation," Southern California coach Pete Carroll said with a smile this week after admitting he had didn't realize the senior from Eureka weighed that much. "We keep telling him it's not an eating circus around here."

Maualuga no longer needs to be told. After reporting to training camp last month weighing 264 pounds, Maualuga proudly revealed the other day that he's down to 247.

"I've got three percent body fat," he said with a smile, drawing a shocked reaction before quickly adding he was kidding.

Maualuga said he didn't decide to lose weight to get faster, but added: "You feel light, you feel much better. I feel awesome. I'm not as tired and my speed is up."

And his reputation as a hard-hitter is unchanged.

"He's much quicker to the punch," USC tailback Stafon Johnson said. "Rey hits hard, period. You can't measure it."

And, Johnson added, Maualuga never takes a play off.

"His love for the game, his ambition to be so great every day makes him a great player," Johnson said.

No question Maualuga would have taken early in the NFL draft last spring had he decided to turn pro, but along with several of his teammates, he decided to return for his senior year.

"I came back to better myself, try and help take this team as far as I can," he said. "I'm pretty sure everyone came back for the same reason."

Maualuga and No. 1 USC figure to find out a lot about themselves Saturday night when they entertain No. 5 Ohio State at the Los Angeles Coliseum in a matchup of college football's most successful programs of his decade and one of the most highly anticipated regular-season games in years.

Maualuga broke his right ring finger five days before USC's 52-7 season-opening romp

at Virginia on Aug. 30, but said that won't be a problem.

"This is a big game," he said. "Broken leg, pulled hamstring, I'm playing, no matter what."

Ohio State will certainly be aware of Maualuga's presence.

"When he's on the field, he plays with attitude," Ohio State cornerback Malcolm Jenkins said. "He puts fear in his opponents. That's always great as a defender. You always have to game-plan around guys like that. He's an emotional player and he plays with fire in his eyes. That's what makes him great."

Asked if Maualuga looked scary on film, Buckeyes coach Jim Tressel replied: "He'll hit you now, and you'll go backwards. I guess I don't see it as scary because I don't have the ball, but he's a good one."

Maualuga, a sociology major, has been a good one since arriving at USC, but he's had some off-the-field problems. As a freshman nearly three years ago, he punched a student at a Halloween party and was arrested for misdemeanor battery. The charge was dismissed after he participated in an arraignment diversion program that included counseling, Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and community service.

His father was critically ill with brain cancer at the time, and would die some two months later.

Maualuga got in trouble again a year later for his behavior at a fraternity party, but has traveled a relatively smooth road since that time.

"It's a sense of maturity, growing up, knowing what to do and what not to do," he said. "Coach gave me another chance."

And he certainly made the most of it.

Maualuga knows the Trojans will have to slow down Chris "Beanie" Wells to be successful Saturday night. Wells injured his right foot in the second half of Ohio State's opener against Youngstown State, and didn't suit up when the Buckeyes struggled to beat Ohio University 26-14 last weekend. Tressel said earlier this week that Wells would definitely play against USC.

Wells, a 6-foot-1, 237-pound junior, rushed for 1,609 yards and 15 touchdowns last season.

"We've been watching film. Arm tackling doesn't work," Maualuga said. "You give him a little space, he's gone. We've been working on our tackling. We've been on the grind. We're just going to do what we've been doing."

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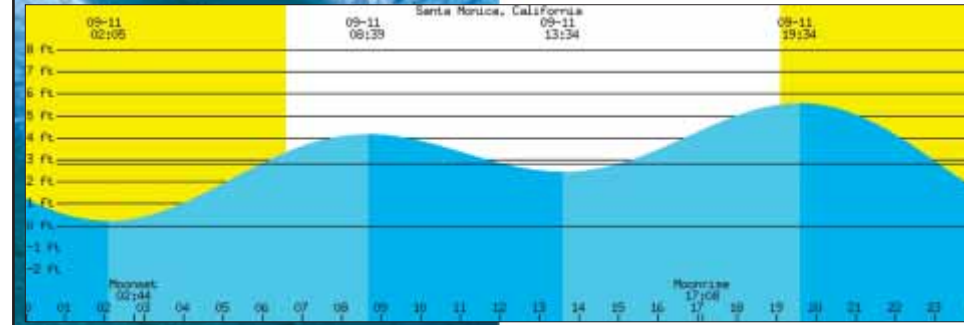


SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP: 68°**

SWELL FORECAST (1-1 FT)
Thursday the 11th looks similarly sized (chest to head) for south facing breaks. Breaks in OC should pick up some of Lowell's 160+ degree energy, adding some chest high stuff to the mix. Wind swell remains nil, so west facing breaks once again are looking at chest high waves (bigger though at SW exposed spots).

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 0
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 0
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37 / ns
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 9 / 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 Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cañitas 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 Palga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Las Alitas creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Teneo Canyon drain	A+	ns
Escalante Canyon at El Morado State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chantreux)	A	ns
Bread 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 Pico/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 Den 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
Sunridge Beach at Malibu Culinary fence	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	ns
Sunridge 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 - Regard tower	A+	ns
Carlin 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 10948 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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★★★★ Passion always surrounds your key causes, whether they are intellectual or emotional. Today, you demonstrate how you can, by sheer spirit, make what you want happen. Pick and choose your battles. Tonight: Only what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You might feel pushed way beyond your normal limits. Establish boundaries, with a knowledge of what might be enough. You feel good about a strong stance, though others let you know they are NOT in sync with you. Tonight: Share with a best friend or loved one.

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★★★★ Look beyond the obvious with a co-worker or in a testy issue on the home front. Your ability to move past a hassle could earmark the end of a difficult situation. Tonight: Go with another's choice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ A partner arises with a bigger issue than you originally thought possible. Be sensitive to alternatives that surround a child or a key loved one. You do not need to agree to spend when you are not comfortable doing so. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Defer to others, as you might have your personal share of demons to handle. You need to use your charms when dealing with a personal matter. You make headway because of your ability to not create an even bigger problem. Tonight: Sort through possibilities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Your instincts help you drive a hard bargain, yet at the same time, when someone gives you a strong reaction, you might want to pull back rather than cause yourself a problem. Tonight: Ask, and you shall receive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Understand that others have good intentions, even if their actions could cost you more than you are willing to spend. Saying "no" might need to be worded well if you do not want to hurt another's feelings. Tonight: Let your hair down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Family needs to remain your highest priority, no matter what occurs. A boss admires how you deal with tension, although you might not be as pleased with yourself. Keep a low profile, or work from home. Tonight: Home is your castle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Hesitate no longer; express your deeper feelings. Though you might be uncomfortable with what comes up, you also could be taken aback by the level of your own reaction. Stop before you say anything you might regret! Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Your finances — not even the actual use of resources or spending, just the concept — stir up some strong reactions. Be smart and say little rather than stick your foot in your mouth. A treat, some fun or a gesture does not have to put you into bankruptcy. Tonight: Indulge a little.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You feel like you're on top of the world. Others might be challenging, as they need to clear the air. Someone you care about deeply could be a source of uproar, like it or not. You could want or need to deal with a beligerent associate. Tonight: Could be a late one.

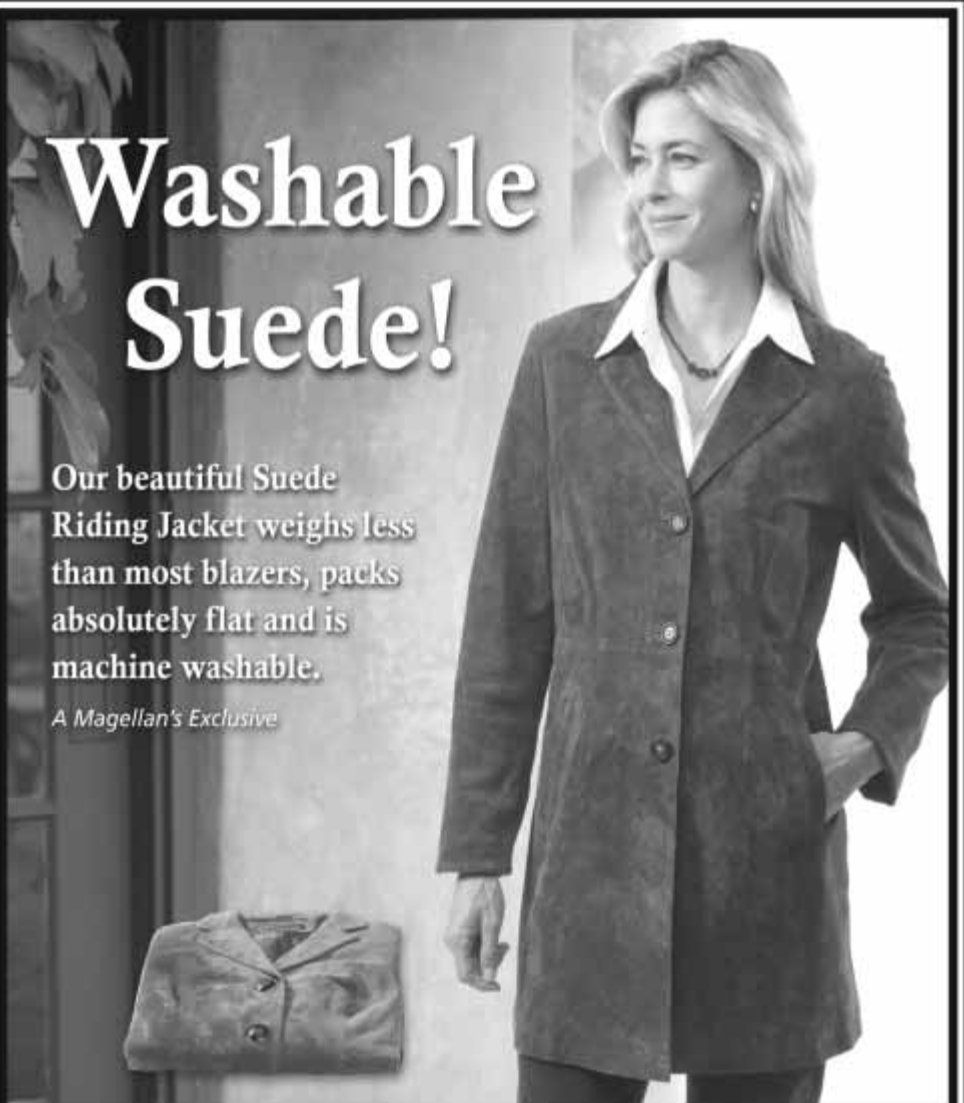
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1	5	2	8	7	9	6	4	3
8	6	9	5	3	4	2	7	1
4	3	7	1	6	2	9	8	5
5	4	1	2	9	3	7	6	8
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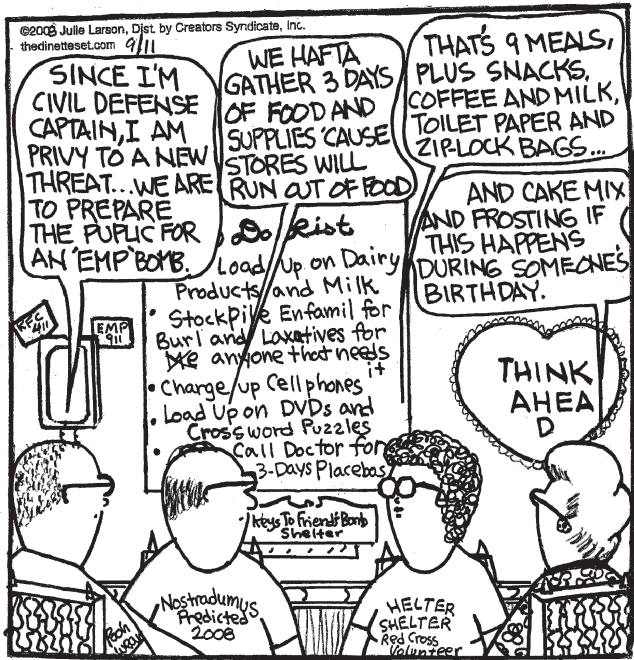
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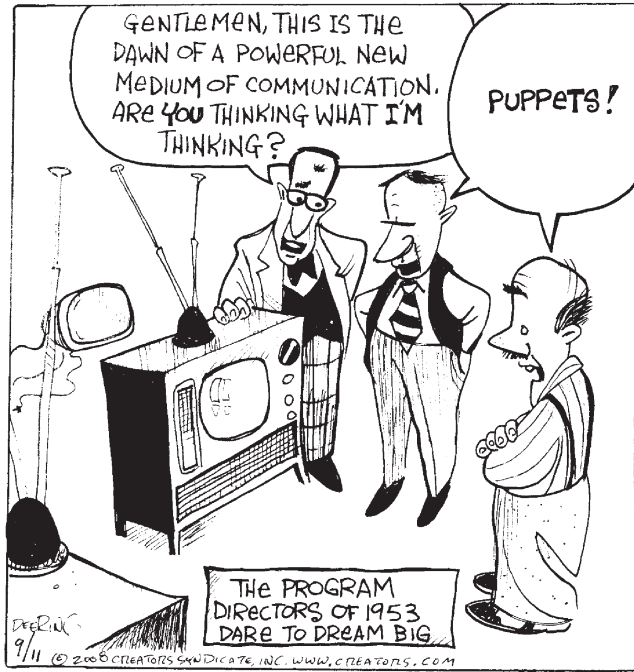
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- 5 Scolds
- 10 Wander
- 11 Singer Uggams
- 12 Bad sign
- 13 Short sock
- 14 Unworried
- 16 Adieu
- 20 Smart
- 23 Game cube
- 24 Raises
- 25 Lathers
- 27 — loss
- 28 Fancy feathers
- 29 Unshod
- 32 Curiosity
- 36 Threaten
- 39 Diva's piece
- 40 Van Gogh subject
- 41 Expense
- 42 Band demos
- 43 Dandling spot

DOWN

- 1 Gator's cousin
- 2 Italia's capital
- 3 Declare
- 4 Aid

- 5 Zellweger of "Chicago"
- 6 Crooked
- 7 Foreboding
- 8 Canard
- 9 Part of a match
- 11 One of the Stooges
- 15 Stadium group
- 17 Wax-coated cheese
- 18 Green hue
- 19 Not so much

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Yesterday's answer

- 20 Spill the beans
- 21 Comic Rudner
- 22 At a distance
- 25 Iceberg
- 26 Aussie area
- 28 Skin openings
- 30 Wipe away
- 31 Watch parts
- 33 Vitamin extra
- 34 Ascend
- 35 Appointment
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- 37 Important age
- 38 Wee taste

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Nevada Political Babylon: Greg Nance, 49, resigned from the state Board of Education in August after complaints about his ignoring a policy discussion at a public meeting by cooing with his new, 20-year-old wife of 12 days. (When a colleague complained that the woman should not have been seated with Nance at the board table, Nance replied, "Bite me.") Nance's replacement will be named by Gov. Jim Gibbons, whose approval rating hovers in the 20 percent range, in part because of rumors of womanizing. Gibbons filed for divorce in May, but his wife of 22 years has refused to leave the governor's mansion, and, instead, Gibbons has moved out.

■ Former British glamour model Jayne Bennington, 31, says she spends the equivalent of \$600 a month on treatments and frills to make her daughter Sasha, 11, into the beauty queen she almost was herself, according to a July profile in London's Daily Mail. However, Mom has done such a good job that Sasha can't get work because she no longer looks like a child. Asked her self-assessment by a BBC documentary crew, Sasha responded, "Blond, pretty, dumb (but) I don't need brains." (At that, Mom roared with laughter.)

■ Blood Is Thicker: In Bihar state, India, a man was charged with having his father killed a day before retirement so that the son might "inherit" his government job via the traditional family-hardship policy. (If Dad had retired, the regular hiring process would have been used to find a replacement.)

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