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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In August, zookeepers at Apenheul ape park in Apeldoorn, Netherlands, said they had arranged with counterparts at a park in Borneo to establish a live Internet video connection to provide companionship to their respective rare orangutans, treating the connection as sort of a visual dating site. An Apenheul spokeswoman suggested the apes might learn to push buttons to transfer food to each other, creating a mutual fondness that might lead (if transportation can be arranged) to mating.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 257th day of 2006.
There are 108 days left in the year.

1814 Francis Scott Key was inspired to write his poem "The Star-Spangled Banner" after witnessing the British bombardment of Fort McHenry in Maryland during the War of 1812.

1982 Lebanon's president-elect, Bashir Gemayel, was killed by a bomb.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Civilizations die from philosophical calm, irony and the sense of fair play quite as surely as they die of debauchery."

JOSEPH WOOD KRUTCH
AMERICAN AUTHOR, CRITIC AND EDUCATOR

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Witnesses take the stand

EYEWITNESS: 'Fender bender' may have sparked the market tragedy

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN LA — The 89-year-old Santa Monica man on trial for killing 10 people when he plowed

through a crowded Farmers' Market more than three years ago seemed to be fleeing the scene of a "minor fender bender" just moments before his burgundy Buick LaSabre sent bodies flying into the air, witnesses

for the prosecution said Wednesday. During the second day of testimony, six witnesses told a jury of four women and eight men that George Russell Weller gripped his steering wheel tightly in the "10 and

2 position," crouched forward in his driver's seat and deliberately drove around a gold Mercedes-Benz he rear-ended on the corner of Arizona

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Letting it flow

Santa Monica firefighter Johnny Maccini, 28, performs an annual flow test on a fire hydrant located at Bay and Sixth streets on Wednesday. The fire hydrant passed, proving that it can pump out 65 pounds of pressure.

Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press



File photo

READY FOR REVIVAL: An overview of the existing Marion Davies Estate.

Public beach club cleared

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Putting aside litigation in favor of recreation, a handful of residents living along Pacific Coast Highway on Tuesday reached an agreement with elected officials that clears the way for the construction of a public beach club at the old Marion Davies Estate.

Members of the Palisades Beach Property Owners Association and resident Jonathan Ornstein filed a lawsuit in June asking a judge to stop the project because City Hall violated conditions of the California Environmental Quality Act, as well as a local law prohibiting the creation of food-serving facilities along

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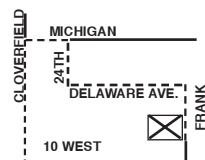


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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Once more, your strong ability to communicate tosses you to the forefront. Others expect that you will have the right answers for the job. You know which way to lead. The honest truth is you often question your choices and direction. Tonight: Visit over munchies, but make it home early.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Deal with financial tension. You might feel squeezed by different sources. You will have a strong discussion, but right now you need to take care of yourself first. You also might be able to turn this situation around by the end of the day. Tonight: Easy does it.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Truly, you are unstoppable. Still, an associate or a partner could trip you up at the very last minute. How could this happen? Remain anchored, and uproar won't ruffle your feathers. You can do it. Tonight: All smiles.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Gather facts, though you could hit an obstacle along the way. Knowing when to back off or try another approach is important. Work behind the scenes. Emphasize details and routine. Tonight: Take a deep breath. You suddenly feel better.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Friends help you achieve your goals, though you might wonder at the winding road you have to follow. Intense reactions also help you understand what is important. Extremes hit left and right. Humor, my dear Leo. Tonight: Find your friends.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might be pushed in a new direction, whether you want to be or not. Emphasize your inner knowledge, especially when dealing with a higher-up. Pressure builds as everyone seems to want something different from you. Tonight: A must appearance.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Most every detail or conversation tumbles as you would like. On the other hand, you gain important information that takes you in a new direction. Communication has a tone of willfulness, only if you decide to take this energy on. Tonight: Rent a movie.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Work with a partner, and you will achieve much more than you'd anticipated. What you see and what goes on might force you to revamp your financial thinking, if only that. Some of you might resist someone's money demand. You don't have to say yes if you don't want to. Tonight: Let others run the show.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Others run with the ball. Honestly, you have little or no control. Think through a decision that involves someone at a distance. You might want to understand another's perspective. Walk in this person's shoes. Tonight: Choose your plans. Many people have suggestions.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Right now, work needs to be your highest priority. Many will focus on errands and projects. Maintain your focus on what needs to be done. Tonight: Nap and then decide.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You have imagination and creativity working with you. You might hit a touchy domestic situation, but you cruise right through it. Don't forget your long-term goals. If you find a clash between what you want and what is happening, work on making both possible. Tonight: Choose a fun happening.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You want to deal with basics and not get caught up in others' agendas and what they want. Pressure will build if you allow too many people to distract you. Know what you want and head in that direction. Tonight: Ease up. Enjoy.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Tacos benefit Boys and Girls Clubs

By Daily Press staff

Taco Bell diners in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas will be doing more than getting their fill of chalupas today. Three hundred and fifty area Taco Bell restaurants will donate 10 percent of the day's sales toward refurbishing teen centers at more than 70 Boys and Girls Clubs, including the one in Santa Monica.

Boys and Girls Clubs offer separate, teen-only facilities and provide programs that emphasize character and leadership development, community service opportunities and job skills for members ages 13-18. Boys and Girls Clubs of America comprises a national network of more than 3,900 neighborhood-based facilities annually serving some 4.6 million young people, primarily from disadvantaged circumstances. Teen members will decide how the Taco Bell funds will be used to revamp their teen centers.

The fundraiser is being held in honor of the 100th anniversary celebration of the Boys and Girls Club of America, which will be hosting its national "Day for Kids" event on Sept. 16 at the Santa Monica Pier.

Participating Taco Bell restaurants stretch from Ventura to Orange Counties. The fundraiser will take place at restaurants from opening until midnight.

More information on Boys and Girls Clubs of America is available at www.bgca.org.

Senior seminars at the YMCA

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica Family YMCA Wellness Lecture Series kicks off with this month's upcoming seminars for seniors.

Learn more about the dangers of heart disease at the "Looking Beyond HDL and LDL Cholesterol Seminar: Exploring the True Causes of Heart Disease" on Thursday, Sept. 14, from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Explore the intricacies of the mind at the "Memory Loss Seminar," Thursday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Understand your bones while attending the "Pain in your back? Osteoporosis and a downward spiral seminar," Thursday, Sept. 28, from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Finally, receive facility tours, free chair massages, seminars and exercise classes at the YMCA Senior Open House on Thursday, Sept. 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those who wish to swim are required to bring a swim cap for pool usage. Similarly, exercise classes require appropriate tennis shoes and attire.

Visitors who come for a tour will be give a free guest pass for up to seven visits.

All events will be held at the Santa Monica Family YMCA in the second floor community room.

Help to Heal the Bay

By Daily Press staff

The largest volunteer day on the planet will once again hit the shores of Santa Monica this weekend.

Join 10,000 volunteers at one of 55 cleanup locations in LA County to help rid local beaches and inland waterways of dangerous debris on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. to noon. The cleanup sites includes beaches from Leo Carrillo Beach to Belmont Shore and as far inland as Compton Creek, the LA River in Van Nuys and Elysian Park — to collect trash and recyclables from their local beach, river, creek or neighborhood.

Observed by 88 countries and all 50 states, Heal the Bay coordinates Coastal Cleanup Day activities for Los Angeles County. It is the 22nd annual California Coastal Cleanup Day.

Special parking rates will be available at most cleanup sites. Gloves, trash bags and other cleanup materials will be provided on-site. Minors must have a signed waiver from either a parent or guardian to be able to participate in the event.

For more detailed information or to pre-register, call (800) HEAL BAY or go online at www.healthebay.org. For locations throughout the rest of California, call 800-COAST-4U. Interested volunteers also can contact Hillary Atkin at Heal the Bay (310) 451-1500, ext. 138, or e-mail her at hatkin@healthebay.org



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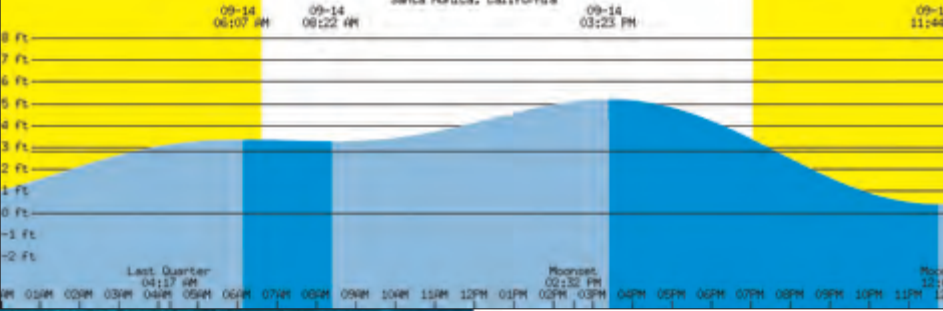
SWELL FORECAST (3-5 FT)

Minor southern hemi swell continues with a slight increase from Tuesday. Size at south facing spots should bump up to a more steady chest high or better. The NW is also expected to be about the same as what we're seeing now: chest high or so with standouts pushing towards head high on the better set waves.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

NW GROUND SWELL TO FILL IN, THEN TURN TO WIND SWELL IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



The Q-Line

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There appears to be a mass exodus of middle-class residents in Santa Monica. The average resident only lives here for about two years before they end up moving on. Those who can't benefit from rent control prices capped years ago find it difficult to live here. And actually owning a home is nearly impossible. So those who actually make the town tick and contribute to Santa Monica's economy end up moving to the suburbs or outside of the state so they can live the American Dream.

This week, Q-Line wants to know, "How can city leaders address this growing issue?"

Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your responses in the weekend edition. Please try to limit your comments to a minute or less. It might help to think first about the wording of your response.



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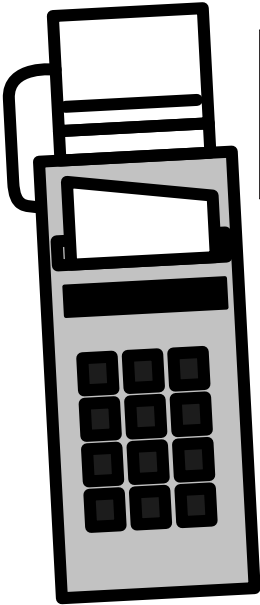
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GUEST COMMENTARY BY LAURA ROSENBAUM

PTAs are the backbones of schools and our children's educational opportunities

Summer always comes to an end the day our students go back to school. There's something in our rhythm, no matter how long ago it was that we had the summer off, that mixes a little nostalgia for those less scheduled days with the excitement of starting off fresh with clean erasers on our pencils and the possibilities of a new mix of friends in the classroom. As the volunteer brigade of our schools, we parents share that enthusiasm by joining returning students, teachers, principals and staff through our PTAs and PTSAs. Back-to-school is always an exciting time, full of anticipation about new challenges facing our children and hope for new successes.

For the Santa Monica-Malibu council of PTAs, our members reenergize for the joyful and often arduous work of bridging the school with the community. As the summer comes to an end, the individual PTA/PTSA units across our district are meeting in planning sessions to lay out initiatives, programs and activities for the upcoming year. As school gets started, PTAs will activate a tremendous army of motivated, dedicated and highly skilled volunteers who, during the ensuing school year, will perform hundreds of thousands of tasks to support our local public schools and, in turn, our greater community.

How we do it might sometimes be unclear to the residents of our Santa Monica and Malibu communities. Fundamentally, it is through the work of thousands of parents together with our dedicated education professionals, our students and a significant number of community members. But what exactly is "it?" The answer is that "it" is a combination of volunteer hours that help schools run and children learn in a safe environment with unending fundraising activities to supplement shortfalls in our public education funding.

Most of the work that PTA does is invisible, partly because we remember a time when schools had the resources to provide students with what they needed for first-rate education and we assume that's still how it still is. In addition, our work can be invisible because the PTA does such a skillful and dedicated job of filling in the noticeable holes. For the upcoming 2005-2006 school year, Santa Monica and Malibu PTAs and PTSAs will fundraise more than \$1 million to replace programs, services, equipment and personnel — all of which are basic educational needs lost to budget reductions over the years. Each blank homework sheet sent home by a teacher, or flyer or newsletter brought home by students is copied on a copier paid for the PTA. The PTA pays for most of the new pieces of playground equipment seen around the district. We will buy thousands of books for our libraries and many hundreds of computers for our classrooms, including the programs on those computers, memory upgrades, maintenance, training and support. We will pay for teachers' aides, nurses, playground and custodial staff, not to mention those "extras" such as arts and music programs. Surprising as it might be, we will provide the funds to pay most of the teachers' aides who keep stu-

dent/teacher ratios manageable in our children's classrooms. And Santa Monica-Malibu PTA/PTSAs have provided a model for PTAs around the state to understand how to engage in strong advocacy at local community and state levels on educational issues, and for appropriate funding critical to our schools' survival.

PTA volunteers will put in countless hours on behalf of the children of our communities. By helping in our schools' operations and in enriching the lives of our students, PTA fulfills its mission everyday of working together for a common purpose in the benefit of all children. We will produce information for incoming students and compile their first-day registration packets. We will arrange myriad service and support programs for students, parents, teachers and administrators. We will welcome new parents, sponsor parent-education programs for returning parents and scramble to find volunteer replacements for departing parents. We will sponsor and coordinate academic enrichment programs and supplement academic intervention programs. We will ensure and staff everything from kindergarten round-up to high-school graduation. And through all of it, we will watch with pride the progress and success our students experience every day.

So, as we head into the new school year, we will celebrate our ability to make such a significant impact on a cause we cherish. The PTA volunteers with whom I have the extreme privilege to be associated with are some of the most talented, dedicated and engaged people we could hope to have shape the world our children live in. Our extraordinary efficiency and sheer volume of output is amazing and provided to our community by all 9,000 of the PTA/PTSA members in Malibu and Santa Monica — for free, with the sole expectation of improving the education for all of the students in our communities.

As a PTA we are all extremely grateful that our children have the good fortune to be educated in our superb district. Each member of our community has shown his or her commitment to maintaining the excellence of our public schools — from passing parcel taxes and supporting city funding agreements, to volunteering in classrooms, to candy bars and pencils and tickets at our carnivals and car washes. Santa Monica and Malibu residents have demonstrated over and over again their commitment to our children and the future of our cities through supporting excellent public education. The PTA is grateful for the ongoing efforts of the community at large to support our younger members — the students.

As president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Council of PTAs, I extend my thanks to everyone for what you have done — and what you will renew yourself to do this next school year and beyond — in benefit of all children. We look forward to continuing to share with you in our common purpose.

(Laura Rosenbaum is president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Council of PTAs. To learn more about your PTAs, log onto www.smmpta.org.)

Some in SM say 'doggone it'



ICONOCLAST BLAST BY SETH BARNES

It's a good time to be a pet in the United States. Our little furry friends are receiving love and attention at a rate heretofore unseen in the history of our country. You can barely go a day without reading a news report on all-time high ownership rates. Americans spend billions of dollars a year on their pets. I must say I'm envious. It's not acceptable for a grown man to spend all day sleeping on the floor waking up only to scarf down a bowl of food followed by an after-dinner chew on a squeaky toy. For a pet, this is the norm.

In Santa Monica, some pets are more controversial than others. We have to assume that most house pets are pretty well off. After all, comparatively, Santa Monica is an affluent community and some of that disposable income is undoubtedly dedicated to maintaining the quality of life for the cats, parakeets, hamsters, lizards and rabbits in our midst. These guys also are out of sight and out of mind for most citizens, so even the bitterest anti-pet curmudgeon can't complain about them.

Dogs on the other hand are a walking controversy on the order of Howard Stern or Michael Jackson.

I'm a life-long dog owner. You can catch me walking my golden retriever with my girlfriend any day of the week. And if you notice such things, you've also noticed that there are a lot of dogs in the city. The sidewalks and byways can resemble a West Coast Westminster Dog Show before and after work. For those not disposed to love our four-legged companions, this causes some consternation and dismay because Santa Monica is a crowded place with little open public space.

The typical complaint goes something like this: "The only patch of green grass I can see in this world is a shoddy little rectangle in front of my dwelling. Dog owners use this as a defecation target range with their pooches. Sometimes they don't even bother to clean up."

Of course the truth is that the vast majority of dog owners do clean up after their dogs. Most of us are almost forced to work second jobs to support the canine toy and food habits that are tallied in our monthly budgets, so believe me, we have plenty of access to special baggies for this very purpose. As with anything, there are a few bad apples in this respect that give the rest of us a bad name.

And after "Doggie Housegate" this summer, when City Hall wrestled with Valerie Hiss over 60 "doggie houses" she generously mounted in a quest to encourage owners to clean up their "doggie debris," I think it's pretty clear that the message is out there that unless you're a selfish lout, the only choice you have is to clean up after your dog. For goodness sakes, people are spending thousands of dollars of their own money to make sure we do so.

But even if dog owners could boast of a 100 percent clean up rate, I'm sure we'd still have some ardent dog detractors in town. One reason for this is the desire of many owners to extend the doggie domain beyond the city streets to the ocean. Unleash The Beach is a well-known action committee trying to establish reasonable, safe use of the beach for dogs — there are a host of bureaucratic county laws that have to be dealt with, so it's not just a matter of passing a city ordinance. And not surprisingly, the campaign has met some pretty fierce resistance.

I've heard some utterly hilarious descriptions of the supposed apocalypse that will befall the oceanfront if dogs are allowed on the beach on a limited, regulated basis: Scenes of filth, feces and harmful bacterial conditions that are straight out of a Michael Crichton novel.

Do these people realize we're dealing with a bay that routinely has thousands and thousands of gallons of human sewage leaked into it? A bay where I see syringes and raw trash floating in the water on a regular basis after a rainstorm? An oceanfront that is fronted by millions of people in the second largest metropolitan area in the country?

I hardly think dogs are going to add to the damage we've already inflicted. The real problem is that Los Angeles, and to a greater extent the Westside, is vastly overpopulated. We're starting to crowd each other out, and we all seem to have divergent priorities for our public spaces.

From what I've heard, some progress has been made by dedicated organizations like Heal The Bay to clean up the oceanfront. We should focus on big picture efforts like this instead of wringing our hands over whether or not responsible dog owners can handle taking care of their dogs on the beach for a few hours before sunset each day.

But I'm not going to hold my breath. After all, the status quo on this issue has been notoriously hard to overturn. And it doesn't help that doggie detractors growing annoyed with the population density of their chosen city take out their rage on our pets.

Doggone it.

(Seth Barnes can be reached at barneseth@hotmail.com.)

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LAGUNA BEACH

Canyon project to go \$5M over original budget

Cost estimates for rebuilding a canyon that collapsed in a landslide last year have reached \$20.5 million — \$5 million more than originally expected.

The landslide on June 1, 2005, damaged 21 homes, 12 of which had to be demolished.

City Manager Ken Frank blamed the overall cost increase on a hike in the cost of materials, the expense of shipping dirt off-site and shifts in the canyon's slope that forced work to proceed more slowly.

State and federal agencies may cover all but \$1.6 million of the cost, according to a city report. The city has spent \$14.4 million and has received about \$9 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Office of Emergency Services.

The costs not reimbursed will be covered by a half-cent sales tax voters approved in December. The sales tax would raise enough to cover the gap within a year.

The city hopes to have all roads, utilities and slope protection finished by March.

SANTA ANA

Retiree medical benefits to be cut

County supervisors unanimously approved a plan to reduce funding for retiree medical benefits as part of a deal to pay for current workers' wages.

The plan approved Tuesday is an attempt to gain control over a ballooning gap in the county's retiree medical care fund, created in part by medical inflation and retirees who are living longer, officials said.

The cost of funding the benefits has consumed a growing share of county resources, to a projected \$130 million next year, raising fears it could begin to force cuts in public services.

Retired county workers who packed the boardroom as the vote was held criticized the plan.

"It doesn't seem fair that I worked hard and played by the rules, and you can now change the rules after I have retired," said Jana Rogers, a former probation officer.

Supervisors said something had to be done to afford current county services, and that the cuts were less draconian than others that had been considered, including doing away with the retiree medical program altogether.

"The money simply isn't there," Supervisor Chris Norby said.

LOS ANGELES

Fruit flies lead to quarantine

Oriental fruit flies have been detected in Southern California, triggering a quarantine in part of San Bernardino County and a smaller eradication program in and around Hollywood, state officials said.

Tuesday's action marks Southern California's first Oriental fruit fly quarantine in two years.

The state food and agriculture department said the fly harms more than 230 varieties of fruits, vegetables and other plants.

Officials are attempting to wipe out the insects using a process known as "male annihilation," by which crews squirt a mix of pesticides and a chemical that attracts the male flies on trees and utility poles.

Oranges, grapefruit and other fruits and vegetables prone to being attacked by the fruit fly are barred by state and federal regulations from being transported out of a 65-square-mile quarantine area.

MORENO VALLEY

Coroner: Girl's death was a homicide

A 16-year-old girl, whose body was found in a burning abandoned home, died from injuries caused by "multiple sharp force," a spokeswoman for the Riverside County coroner's office said.

Kayla Lorrain Wood's death was ruled a homicide following the results of an autopsy, coroner's spokeswoman Heather Driever said.

Police and firefighters discovered Wood's body when they responded to a blaze on Saturday at the single-family residence in Moreno Valley, where the girl lived.

Before the fire, the home had been boarded shut by building code-enforcement officers.

POMONA

Teen pleads guilty in case of exploding pens

A teen accused of leaving booby-trapping pens rigged to explode when uncapped around high school campuses last year has pleaded guilty to nine felony counts.

Brian Rocha, 18, pleaded guilty Tuesday to three counts of explosion of a destructive device causing bodily injury and two counts of possession of a destructive device near a school, among other charges.

A student and two adults who found the pens at Rosemead and El Monte High schools over a four-month period last year suffered minor injuries from the devices, prosecutors said.

Investigators said Rocha rigged the pens to explode as revenge for being expelled from Rosemead High School.

Rocha faces up to 40 years and eight months in state prison. He is scheduled to be sentenced next month.

LOS ANGELES

Officials considering extending Orange Line

Transit officials want to extend the popular Orange Line busway by six miles through an industrial corridor in an effort to boost ridership and encourage more economic development around commercial centers.

The route proposed Tuesday would carry passengers from the busy Warner Center area to the Chatworth commuter rail station in less than 15 minutes, Metropolitan Transportation Authority officials said. It would run along an old railroad right of way.

"There is something about the Orange Line that is drawing people out of cars," said county Supervisor and MTA board member Zev Yaroslavsky. "We ought to build on it. We should not just declare victory."

The idea must still be approved in committee before it goes to the full board. If approved, the extension could be completed by 2012.

MTA officials are pushing for the \$135 million project to get approved before year's end to capture \$98 million in state funds that must be allocated by January 2009.

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Female immigrants earn less, send more

BY JULIANA BARBASSA
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Every two weeks, Margarita Gutierrez takes the money saved from her \$7-an-hour job washing cars and sends it to her two children in El Salvador, even though her husband frets over the cost of living in their adopted home.

“As a mother, I thought first, second and last about the children, and I sent them everything I had,” said Gutierrez, 45, who lives in San Francisco.

A recent United Nations Population Fund report shows that Gutierrez is not alone. Although female immigrants generally earn less than men, they tend to send home a larger portion of their earnings, playing an important role in poverty reduction and development in their home countries and upending many traditional mores.

About 95 million women around the world have left their native countries to live and work in a foreign land; they account for nearly half the world’s immigrants. But until

now little research had been done on how men’s and women’s immigration experiences differ.

According to the report, titled “A Passage to Hope: Women and International Migration,” they send up to three-quarters of their income home, contributing substantially to the approximately \$232 billion the World Bank estimates was transferred last year to immigrants’ countries of origin.

“It’s a trend worldwide, and reflects the investment priorities of women in general,” said Maria Jose Alcala, the report’s primary author. “Women will always prioritize family and children and their well-being. Men will seek more consumer items. Women tend to be more reliable, and send home larger amounts.”

In developing countries, this steady stream of funds can be substantially larger than official assistance, and is the second largest source of external income after foreign direct investment.

Individual country studies cited in the report reveal aspects of women’s roles in this larger phenomenon. In 1999, women from

Sri Lanka sent home about 62 percent of the more than \$1 billion the country received in remittances. A study of Bangladeshi women working in the Middle East showed that in 2000, they sent home an average of 72 percent of their earnings.

“The contributions of women’s remittances to poverty reductions are critical, but they’ve been largely ignored,” said Alcala.

Every time she calls home, Gutierrez, 45, hears about the results of her work washing over 20 cars an hour, and cleaning houses on the side.

Reviewing her children’s homework on the phone, going over their multiplication tables and encouraging them during the eight years she’s been away from them, she’s helped her son, who was 10 when she left, graduate high school, and her daughter, who was 15, finish law school.

Her money has kept them fed, clothed, and focused on their studies — her goal when she left her hometown of Usulután, in El Salvador.

There have been days when she had to eat at soup kitchens and live in shared quarters, but she didn’t mind.

“At least I had the satisfaction of knowing my daughter was going to the university,” she said.

By sending money home, women also find they’re earning more respect and authority than they might have had at home, though that can meet with some resistance, Alcala said.

“What’s very interesting about remittances and the whole migration experience is that it transforms traditional gender norms in both public and private life,” she said. “In more traditional societies, money is the men’s field.”

Aida Andino realized that when she decided to go against her husband’s wishes and join him in the United States. He had been sending home about \$100 a month — not nearly enough to support their four children.

Andino, 39, decided to come anyway, without her husband’s financial support. Two years ago, she left her native Honduras, clinging to the side of cargo trains as she traveled the length of Mexico.

Finding herself alone in California, she cleaned homes during the day and supplemented that by cleaning a restaurant at night.

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Cross Country

Running strong

At the Southern California Preview meet in Antelope Valley earlier this week, the women's cross country team finished in 14th place. The top finisher was Yasmin Renteria in 22:47.

Women's Soccer

Tied up

Sept. 6: SMC 0, LBCC 0

LBCC ranked No. 1 in country by NSCAA

Andy Grierman had 10 saves, unbelievable performance.

Sept. 8: SMC 1, Diablo Valley College, 1

Tournament at Cuesta College. A game tying goal by Meagan Friess on a cross from Sarah Erlanson. Andy Grierman had nine saves in another outstanding performance.

Sept. 9: SMC 2, Solano 2

Tournament at Cuesta College. Another tie but this time giving away a two-goal lead. Goals by Lisa Guichard and Meagan Friess, both off assists by Lydia Laddon. Andy Grierman had eight saves, two of which were on breakaways.

Football

Solid win

Santa Monica College at Fullerton College: 43-13.

Sport highlight

Athletes and scholars

Three SMC tennis players earned the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Scholar-Athlete award for the 2005/2006 academic year. The SMC student-athletes, Caley Harlan, Marjan Vakilmozaffari and Helen Zaychik, were the only players to receive this award out of all of California's community colleges. Harlan is now attending Berkeley, Zaychik is attending UCLA, and Vakilmozaffari is returning for a second season.

Since 2003, when the award was first presented to California community college tennis players, SMC has had one or more players receive this award. And, since its inception, nine out of the 10 players to receive this award have been SMC students. SMC is the only California community college to have received All-Academic Team honors, which it earned in 2004.

Upcoming events:

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Sept. 16: Football at Citrus, 7 p.m.

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Oregon schoolmates developed drug ring over three decades, agents say

BY JOSEPH B. FRAZIER

Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — The U.S. Justice Department said Wednesday it has shattered a drug operation that started among high school buddies in Roseburg, Ore., 30 years ago and grew over the years to become an international operation that took in more than \$20 million.

Eleven of the 12 people named in a federal indictment are in custody after arrests Wednesday in Oregon, Washington, Colorado and Idaho. Most are from Oregon.

U.S. Attorney Tom Moss of Boise, Idaho, said the arrests followed a classic strategy of "follow the money."

The 194-page indictment, handed up in Boise in June but kept sealed until Wednesday's arrests, said the operation began by growing and selling marijuana. But, the indictment said, the operation expanded to smuggling of drugs from Mexico and South America, growing large quantities of marijuana indoors and on public lands, and manufacturing methamphetamines.

The government seeks forfeiture of more than \$24 million in assets including boats, planes, business interests and real estate in five states.

U.S. attorney spokeswoman Jean McNeil said more arrests could follow, and those in custody likely would be sent to Idaho after court appearances where they were arrested.

The case is handled in Idaho because it stemmed from the case of a convicted Clearwater, Idaho, drug trafficker, Leland Lang, who was allegedly supplied with large amounts of drugs by the operation.

In addition to drug distribution and money-laundering charges, six of the defendants are charged with operating a continuing criminal enterprise, which carries a mandatory minimum 20-year sentence.

U.S. woes still mounting

BY TOM RAUM

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is confronting security troubles on multiple fronts: a deadly spike in violence in Afghanistan, a terror attack in Syria and a deteriorating situation in western Iraq.

The outbreaks brought fresh White House defenses of its counterterrorism policies, and new criticism from Democrats.

In a conflict President Bush calls a "struggle for civilization," the U.S. also found itself in the rare position of praising one of its usual terror-war villains: Damascus.

"Syrian officials came to the aid of the Americans" in foiling an attack on the U.S. Embassy there, White House spokesman Tony Snow said on Tuesday. He invited Syria "to become an ally" in the broader battle against terrorism.

In Iraq, police said Wednesday that they found the bodies of 65 men who had been tortured, shot and dumped, most around Baghdad. A day earlier, the senior commander of U.S. forces in western Iraq said that he might need reinforcements if his mission changed from training Iraqi security forces to defeating the insurgency.

White House spokeswoman Dana Perino was asked Wednesday about the latest violence in Iraq and the fact that roughly 50 people are dying there violently each day. "The violence is horrible and that type of death is very hard for all of us who love freedom and democracy to deal with," she said.

"And that's why the commanders on the ground have been given as much flexibility as possible to address the challenges as they see fit," she added. "And we're working closely with the Iraqi government in order to turn the tide on the insurgents."

Marine Maj. Gen. Richard C. Zilmer told reporters in a Tuesday telephone interview from his headquarters in Fallujah that he has enough troops for now to do the training mission in turbulent Anbar Province. But, he added: "If that mission statement changes — if there is seen a larger role for coalition forces out here to win that insurgency fight — then that is going to change the metrics of what we need out here."

He spoke in response to news reports of a Marine intelligence report that characterized Anbar as locked in a military stalemate with inadequate political progress.

In the past, the Bush administration has been highly critical of the tight control that the regime of Syrian President

Bashar Assad has over its people and its support for the Lebanese guerrilla group Hezbollah and Palestinian militants.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice also praised the work of Syrian security agents in repelling the attack. "I do think that the Syrians reacted to this attack in a way that helped to secure our people, and we very much appreciate that," Rice said at a news conference in Nova Scotia.

Islamic militants tried to storm the embassy using automatic rifles, hand grenades and a van rigged with explosives, the Syrian government said. Four people were killed in the attack, including three of the assailants, but no Americans. An al-Qaida offshoot group was suspected.

Afghan forces killed 12 suspected Taliban militants in fierce fighting in southern Afghanistan while more than 40 suspected insurgents were detained as security forces fought back against a surge in violence.

Several southern provinces of Afghanistan are gripped by the deadliest spate of fighting since U.S.-led forces toppled the Taliban after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks for harboring al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden. The scope of insurgency has prompted NATO commanders to ask for more troops.

Bush, in his prime time address to the nation on Monday marking the fifth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, pledged anew to catch bin Laden.

Dan Benjamin, a national security analyst with the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said the surge of violence in Afghanistan shows a familiar pattern. "It is clearly the case that tactics pioneered elsewhere, such as Iraq, particularly suicide bombing, have been taken up in Afghanistan," he said.

"There is no question that there is a global circuit now. Technology and strategy and tactics are being shared among different groups in different theaters," Benjamin added.

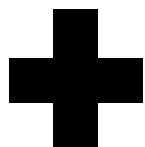
Michael O'Hanlon, a foreign policy analyst at the Brookings Institution, said episodes like the increase in violence in southern Afghanistan, western Iraq and the bombing attempt in Syria show things are getting worse, not better. "It's an indictment on our long-term counterterror strategy that we haven't had any great success in reducing the long-term trends toward more terrorism," he said.

The administration is portraying the war in Iraq as the major front in the war on terror, a linkage that most Democrats and some Republicans don't embrace.

Democrats and Republicans traded accusations on Tuesday of politicizing the debate two months ahead of elections.

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After three years, witnesses fuzzy on some details

WELLER, from page 1

Avenue and Fourth street.

He then hit the gas, accelerating the car through an intersection and into the market, packed with roughly 300 shoppers. Blue tents used by grocers toppled, and bodies were tossed into the air as Weller continued to drive through the market at a high rate of speed, witnesses said.

"Instantly I realized something horrible was going to happen," said Michael Alexakis, a middle-aged man with black hair and glasses who had just finished withdrawing money from Wells Fargo when he looked and saw Weller drive toward the direction of the market, about 50 feet behind him. "I knew he was headed right into the market ... I just put my head in my hands and screamed. I forced myself to look up, and my focus was caught by a body ... literally tumbling through the air, like 10 to 15 feet."

Deputy District Attorney Ann Ambrose called Alexakis and other witnesses to the stand to support her claim that Weller, then 86, caused the carnage that ensued at the market and that it wasn't a tragic accident caused by "pedal error" and the rapid, forceful deployment of an air bag, as his defense attorneys claim.

"Did you see an air bag?" Ambrose, a pregnant, fair-skinned red head asked Alexakis during roughly 45 minutes of testimony.

"I did not see an air bag deployed," Alexakis answered. "His hands were on the wheel. He was leaning forward looking straight ahead."

Defense attorneys contend Weller, who was not present in the courtroom because of his failing health, made a tragic mistake, one that continues to haunt him. They spent the day trying to discredit the prosecution's witnesses. During cross-examination, some witnesses, including Benjamin Bringham, found it difficult to recall exact details.

"The one caveat is that I lack confidence in some of my recollections of the incident," said Bringham, who was called by the defense.

Even though the prosecution was still presenting its case, Judge Johnson allowed Bringham to take the stand because of scheduling conflicts.

Bringham said he was walking with a friend north along an alley just off Arizona Avenue when the accident occurred. Just as he stepped into the street, he heard a loud cracking noise, he testified. He then looked up and saw a burgundy sedan driving toward him. It was then that he and his friend made their way across the street and saw the sedan drive by them into the market.

"I wish I had more confidence," said Bringham, who characterized his accuracy level as "low" when asked by Ambrose.

Other witnesses standing at various vantage points provided stories with more detail. There was an elderly woman standing on the southeast corner of Arizona and Fourth; a 20-something brunette woman just feet from the initial collision; and a young married couple — the husband in a crosswalk on Arizona while the wife sat in a car parked illegally just south of the intersection.

Tricia Robbins, the brunette woman, said she had her eyes trained on the Mercedes-Benz as she walked east on Arizona Avenue, having just come from the market.

"I always watch cars turning in front of me," Robbins said. "People drive crazy in Los Angeles."

Robbins said once she made eye contact with the driver, she continued to walk until she was in the middle of the crosswalk. It was then that she heard a thud in what must have come from "a minor fender bender." Robbins said she looked at the driver of the Mercedes and then through the car to Weller, whom she could not identify at the time. She said she knew the driver was an older man with white hair.

"The driver took off," Robbins said of Weller, whom attorneys from both sides agree was the driver of the burgundy sedan. "I thought it was a hit-and-run."

Defense attorney Mark Borenstein objected to Robbin's comments about the accident being a hit-and-run, and the objection was granted. Nearly every witness who testified said they thought it was a hit-and-run, and each time

Borenstein voiced his objection. Judge Johnson instructed jurors to disregard any statements in which the witnesses gave their opinion about the motive behind Weller's actions.

During cross-examination, Robbins said she could not recall whether or not she saw several pairs of brake lights following the accident. Weller's attorneys also presented prior testimony by Robbins in which she stated she was looking "in 12 different directions" during the accident.

"They were 12 different places, but all part and parcel of the same," she said. However, during further questioning, Robbins said of other details, "It's been a long time ... three years ... I don't remember."

Testimony is expected to continue throughout the week, with more witnesses to the accident with the Mercedes scheduled for today. Attorneys for both sides said the trial could last six to seven weeks.

Weller is charged with 10 counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence. If convicted on all charges, he could face a maximum sentence of 18 years in prison, making him one of the oldest inmates in state history.



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Local flavor



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Christophe Bernard (second from left), culinary director at the Art Institute of California-Los Angeles, and his students prepare a caprice salad on toasted bread during the Taste of Santa Monica culinary event last summer. This year's Fifth Annual Taste of Santa Monica event will be held on Sunday, Sept. 17, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Santa Monica Pier.

Something's cooking this weekend in SM

By Daily Press staff

SM PIER — It's time to get a taste of Santa Monica seaside.

The fifth annual Taste of Santa Monica is a food festival showcasing 40 local restaurants and features chef demonstrations and live music. Admission is \$40 for adults, \$10 for children between 4 and 10 years old, and includes all food. Beverages are additional.

Food lovers young and old can eat to their hearts' content and learn some tips and techniques to preparing gourmet cuisine from culinary experts at the Taste of Santa Monica, held on Sunday, Sept. 17, from noon to 4 p.m. The Taste of Santa Monica will be a fun-filled day of food, drink and entertainment hosted by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and held on the historic Santa Monica Pier. A selection of Santa Monica's finest restaurants will serve a wide range of gourmet dishes.

Due to its popularity and success last year, Young's Market & the Estates Group will bring back the wine garden, which will feature 15 different wineries showcasing 30 to 40 varietals. Wine garden tickets are an additional \$15. Tickets are available at www.tasteofsantamonica.com or (310) 393 9825, ext. 10.

Each year the Chamber of Commerce selects a local member nonprofit organization to participate in the event, and this year the featured nonprofit is The Wellness Community-West Los Angeles (TWC-WLA). The organization is dedicated to helping cancer patients fight for their recovery, along with their medical team.

"We are thrilled to have been selected to participate in this year's Taste of Santa Monica. It is a wonderful way for us to raise awareness about the free programs for cancer support we offer to the local community. If we reach just one person who didn't know about TWC-WLA prior to the event, who learns that neither they or their loved one needs to go through the cancer journey alone, it will have been a success."

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Beach club slated for completion in 2009

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the beach.

The plaintiffs also said the beach club, funded by a \$28 million grant from the Annenberg Foundation, would create dangerous driving conditions on an already deadly stretch of PCH, and therefore, a stop light needed to be installed.

City officials made several attempts to appease the residents, including scaling back portions of the facility, as well as the hours of operation. Additional security was also included, and city staff entered into negotiations with the California Department of Transportation to have a traffic signal installed.

As part of the settlement, City Hall will be required to operate the beach club according to conditions approved by the association and provide around-the-clock security for at least seven years, with certain conditions in effect for 10.

The City Council will also adopt a resolution specifying the terms and conditions for operation. Those terms will be included in the facility's permit with the California Coastal Commission. The council also agreed to make its best effort at having CalTrans place a traffic signal at the property, located at 415 PCH. CalTrans has been receptive, according to a city staff report.

"This project is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and we are elated that the neighbors have agreed to drop their attempts to stop it," said Joel Brand, chair of Friends of 415 PCH, a group of residents and preservationists fighting for greater access to public beaches. "The city has done more to accommodate the concerns of neighbors on this project — more than any other city development in recent history, perhaps ever."

There was some concern that the lawsuit would derail plans for the beach club by causing delays that would force the Annenberg Foundation to pull out. Friends of 415 PCH staged beach parties on the lawn of City Hall and near the Davies estate to draw attention to the effort, which was followed by newspapers from across the country. The dispute was largely portrayed as a battle between wealthy, beach-side residents and middle-class individuals looking for a taste of the "Gold Coast," a term used to describe the opulent stretch of beach where the Davies estate now sits.

Charles Levy, president of the association, said residents were never against the project or its mission. They were concerned that if the project proved to be unsuccessful and a drain on City Hall's coffers, elected officials would cut back and create an eye sore that would attract squatters, he said.

In a statement released Wednesday, Levy said homeowners are "very pleased" with the settlement and are "confident that it will now be possible for a pattern of operation ... that will ensure maximum enjoyment of the beach club," while maintaining the quality of life for those living nearby.

Ornstein, who filed a suit along with the association, said he was "delighted" by the settlement.

"This lawsuit was never about denying access to this wide open public beach or preventing construction of the beach club," Ornstein said. "Its goal was public safety and assurance of quality of life for everyone."

The 5.5-acre estate was built by William Randolph Hearst in the late 1920s for actress and mistress Marion Davies. It was designed by architect Julia Morgan, who created Hearst Castle in San Simeon. The estate had 100 rooms, guesthouses, tennis courts, an elaborately decorated swimming pool and a dog kennel.

The property was sold in the 1940s to a private party and converted to a hotel and beach club. The state purchased the property in 1960. Under an agreement with the state, City Hall leased it to a private beach club, the Sand & Sea Club, and later operated it as a seasonal public beach facility.

Damaged in the 1994 Northridge earthquake, all structures except the beach cafe have been "red-tagged," or designated as unsafe to occupy.

After an extensive community planning process, in 1999 the council approved a re-use plan that determined site's potential as an important public resource, leading to the current development proposal.

The beach club design would preserve and restore the original swimming pool, which is constructed of Italian marble tiles with inlaid designs. The north house would also be rehabilitated along with the interior design, including hand-painted bathroom tile, a marble fireplace, several cabinets and a crystal chandelier.

New facilities include an entry pavilion, an event house and pool house. For more information, go to 415pch.smgov.net.

City officials said that the design phase and construction have continued as planned despite the lawsuit, with construction beginning in the early part of 2007. The project should be completed in 2009.

"It is gratifying to see that cooler heads have prevailed," Brand said. "We can all work together to ensure that the beach club becomes and remains a true crown jewel of public facilities."



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A flowering succulent takes in sun at Crescent Bay Park in Santa Monica on Wednesday.
Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press



Clean sweep

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Jose Orellana, 20, and Steve Breslau, 46, sweep the Bay Street boardwalk on Wednesday. Breslau was hired through Chrysalis, which helps economically disadvantaged and homeless individuals become self-sufficient through employment opportunities.

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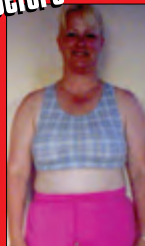
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500 units.

Designed by Killefer Flammang Architects, the San Marco
and Rappalo buildings will each include 2,500 square feet of
retail space on the ground floor, said JSM's Tim Ball. Both
buildings will be served by a common gym.

"The thrust of the design concept," explained architect
Wade Killefer, "is to provide urban housing in a casual envi-
ronment."

Ranging in size from 640 to 1,250 square feet, the units
include 18 one-bedroom/one-bath and 32 two-
bedroom/two-bath apartments — all with private balconies.

The landscaping concept calls for using plants that
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The Protector (R)
11:35am, 1:40, 3:45, 5:50, 8:05, 10:30

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7:30, 10:10

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12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10

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12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30

More information email news@smdp.com

Did it again

Spears gives birth to her second son within a year

BRITNEY SPEARS gave birth to her second son early Tuesday at a Los Angeles hospital, according to several entertainment magazines.

The baby boy was delivered around 2 a.m. at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Us Weekly reported on its Web site Wednesday, citing an unnamed family source.

The child was delivered by a scheduled Cesarean section procedure, People.com reported. The newborn's name was not immediately known. Spear's

New York-based publicist, Leslie Sloane, did not immediately return a call to the Associated Press seeking comments. It was the second child for

Spears, 24. The newborn's arrival came just days before their son Sean Preston's first birthday on Thursday. **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Updike claims another literary award

JOHN UPDIKE has won yet another literary award. The Pulitzer Prize-winning author is this year's recipient of the Rea Award, a \$30,000 honor for making a "significant contribution to the discipline of the short story as an art form."

"How rarely can it be said of any of our great American writ-

ers that they have been equally gifted in both long and short forms of fiction," reads a citation issued Wednesday by Rea judges Richard Ford, Ann Beattie and Joyce Carol Oates, all previous winners of the prize. "Contemplating John Updike's monumental achievement in the

short story, one is moved to think of Nathaniel Hawthorne, Henry James, Ernest Hemingway, and perhaps William Faulkner."

Updike, 74, is best known for his quartet of "Rabbit" novels, two of which received Pulitzers, but he has also published numerous story collections, including

"Pigeon Feathers" and "Trust Me." A 2003 compilation, "The Early Stories," won the PEN/Faulkner prize for fiction. The Rea award was established in 1986 by Michael M. Rea, a publisher and collector of first-edition short stories. **AP**

Jane Fonda praises Lohan's scolding

JANE FONDA praised a studio executive's recent scolding of Lindsay Lohan for her absences on the set of their film, "Georgia Rule."

"I think every once in a while, a very, very young person who is burning both ends of the candle needs to have somebody say, 'You know, you're going to pay the piper, you better slow down.' So I think it was good," the 68-year-old actress told "Access Hollywood" in an interview to air Tuesday.

In July, James G. Robinson, CEO of Morgan Creek Productions, chided Lohan, 20, in a letter for her behavior on a movie set and doubted her absence was related to heat exhaustion. "We are well aware that your ongoing all-night, heavy partying is the real reason for your so-called 'exhaustion,'" he wrote.

Fonda agrees. "She's in the magazines, so you always know what she's doing because you can just read

about it in the tabloids," she says. "She parties all the time ... And you know, she's young and she can get away with it. But, you know, it's hard after a while to party very hard and work very hard. She learned that, I hope."

Lohan's publicist, Leslie Sloane, did not immediately return an e-mail from The Associated Press late Tuesday. Lohan plays a troubled teen in "Georgia Rule," which co-stars Fonda and Felicity Huffman. The film, currently in production, is

expected to be released next year. Fonda is still sympathetic toward Lohan, who is estranged from her imprisoned father Michael Lohan. "I just want to take her in my arms and hold her until she becomes grown-up," she says. "She's so young and she's so alone out there in the world in terms of structure and, you know, people to nurture her. And she's so talented." **AP**

Paris Hilton may have her day in court

The Los Angeles Police Department has submitted to the city attorney's office its case against **PARIS HILTON**, who was arrested last week on suspicion of driving under the influence, an office spokesman said. Lawyers will review the case to determine whether to file charges

against the 25-year-old heiress, said Nick Velasquez, a spokesman for the city attorney's office. "We will submit our decision by the Sept. 28 arraignment date," he said Tuesday. Hilton was arrested Sept. 7 in Hollywood after officers stopped her for driving erratical-

ly. Police said her blood-alcohol level was 0.08 percent, which is the legal limit in California. Hilton said she had had one margarita and denied driving erratically. Penalties for a first drunken-driving offense typically include a fine, probation, an alcohol-

rehabilitation program, license suspension and "other DUI-related conditions" such as community service, Velasquez said. Hilton is the star of "The Simple Life" reality show and recently launched a music career with last month's release of her CD, "Paris." **AP**

PAYING TRIBUTE

TIM ROBBINS and **HELEN MIRREN** will be honored at this year's Mill Valley Film Festival in northern California.

The Robbins tribute is set for Oct. 11 and will include an on-stage conversation with the activist actor and director, as well as clips from the 47-year-old actor's films, including "The Shawshank Redemption," "Bull Durham" and "The Player."

His new movie, the apartheid-era drama "Catch a Fire," will be shown Oct. 10 and 14.

Mirren, the 61-year-old British actress, will be similarly honored with an on-stage interview Oct. 7. Mirren was nominated for Oscars for her performances in "Gosford Park" and "The Madness of King George," and has starred in the long-running public television series "Prime Suspect."

She stars in the upcoming film "The Queen" as Queen Elizabeth II, set in the days following Princess Diana's death. "After 29 years, we're a mature organization that has developed a reputation nationally and internationally," said festival founder Mark Fishkin, executive director of the California Film Institute. "When you look at what's happening this year at the festival, it's the culmination of three decades of work." **AP**

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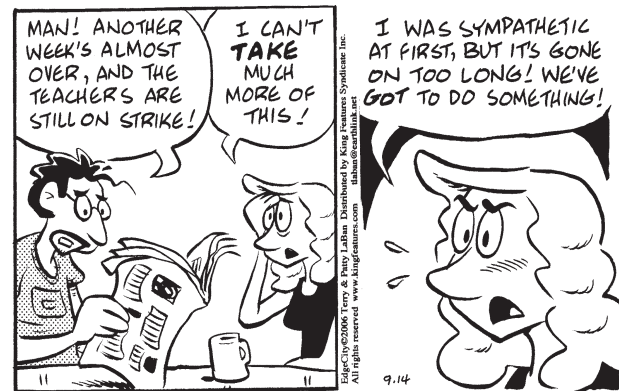
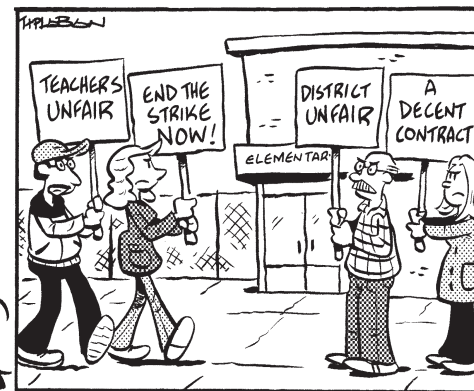
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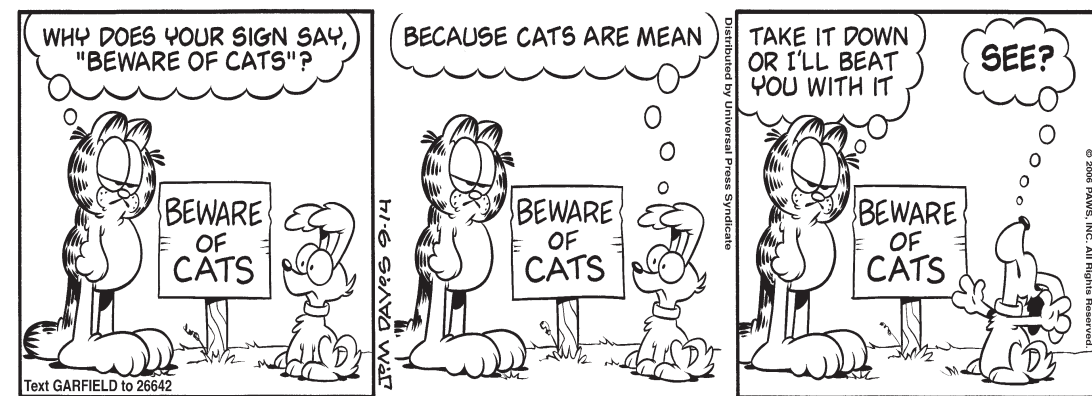
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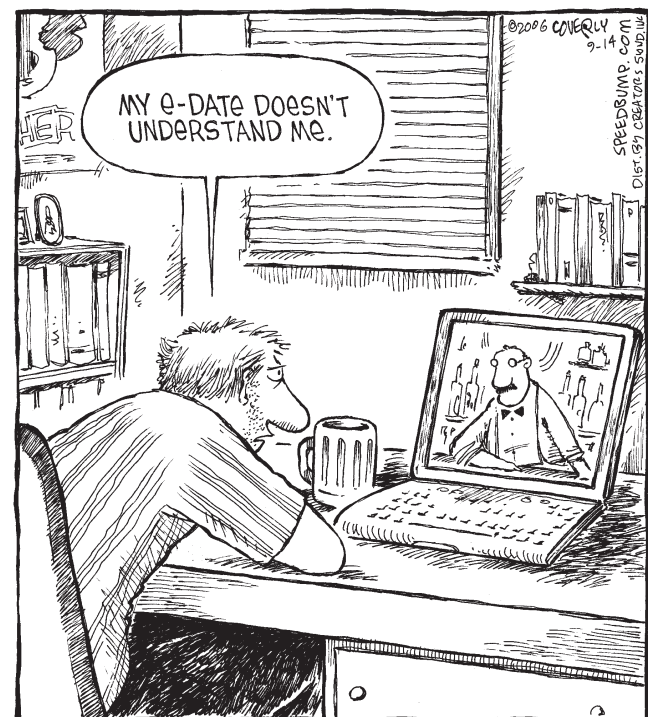
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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Ruth Jeanne Blakely in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Ruth Jeanne Blakely be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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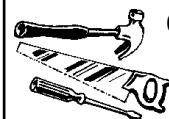
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