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Hard to say goodbye

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN The tree huggers aren't ready to let go.

Nearly one month after the City Council voted to award a construction contract that could result in the removal of more than 50 mature ficus trees along Second and Fourth streets, a group of so-called "tree savers" are strategizing ways to reverse the decision.

More than 18 people participated in the first Tree Savers meeting Wednesday night, each channeling their frustrations for about an hour before they were kicked

out of the Santa Monica Place focus gallery because they did not have the mall's permission to hold a public meeting.

The group was led by local activist and environmentalist Jerry Rubin, who heads the Alliance for Survival. The long-time Santa Monican has pledged to tie himself to a tree if he is unable to convince City Hall to reverse its decision.

"Civil disobedience is a last resort," said Rubin, as he pulled some chains out of a bag.

The estimated \$8.2 million streetscape improvement project would uproot 21 palm trees and 54 ficus trees from the

downtown corridors. About 23 of the ficus trees that have been identified as diseased will be turned to mulch, while the remainder will be relocated to other areas throughout the city.

The empty plots will be planted with approximately two ginkgo biloba trees apiece.

The project also calls for beautifying Second and Fourth streets between Colorado Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard, including improved lighting, illuminating the remaining ficus trees and installing accessible curb cuts and curb extensions.

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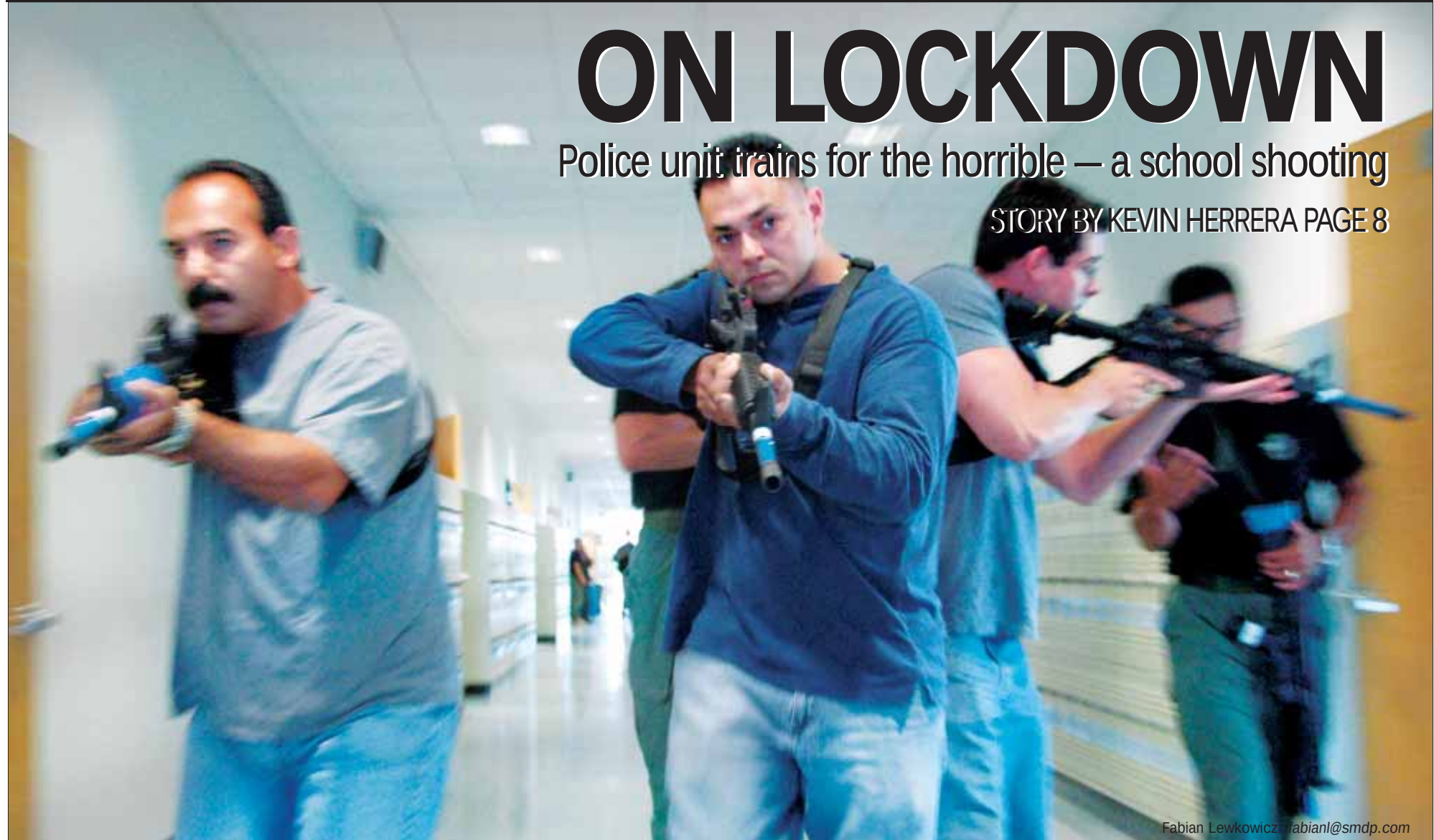
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GIVE ME A HUG: A man embraces a ficus tree on Tuesday. More than 50 ficus trees will be removed from Second and Fourth streets.

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Police unit trains for the horrible — a school shooting

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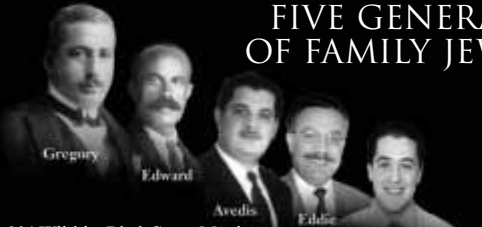


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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS

LWP! Worship Conference & Festival

725 California Ave., 7:30 p.m. — 10 p.m.

The festival features 16 stage musical performances of gospel, contemporary, folk, Gregorian chant, Christian hip hop, traditional and rock. The festival will take place at St. Monica's. Tickets are \$10 for Friday night, \$15 for Saturday night or \$50 for a full event pass. For more information, call (310) 566-1500 or visit www.LeadingWithPassion.org.

Brennan's pre-season party

4089 Lincoln Blvd., Marina del Rey, 8 p.m. — midnight

The Adult Sports League is having a kickoff party at Brennan's Bar and Grill this Friday night. The league president will be there taking last-minute sign-ups and league fees for both softball and football. For more information, call (310) 821-6622 or visit www.myspace.com/theadultsportsleague.

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007

California Coastal Cleanup Day

Check for locations, 9 a.m. — noon

Join Heal the Bay and more than 10,000 volunteers at several Los Angeles sites for California Coastal Cleanup Day. For a complete list of clean-up sites, visit www.healthebay.org/ccd or call (800) HEAL-BAY.

Truth is Stranger Than Fiction book group

2601 Main St., 11 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

The group will discuss, "Rebel Heart: The Scandalous Life of Lady Jane Digby el Mazrab," by Mary S. Lovell. Group meets at the Ocean Park Branch Library.

Local vendor day

2201 Wilshire Blvd., 11 a.m. — 6 p.m.

Whole Foods Santa Monica is hosting several local vendors in an effort to encourage the public to buy local and reduce air pollution caused by food delivery.

Supermodel makeover

1349 Third Street Promenade, noon — 6 p.m.

Too Faced and Miss Sixty offer a day of makeovers, complimentary consultations and a take-home photo at Sephora.

Ann Nietzke reading

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m. — 3 p.m.

Author Ann Nietzke, a recipient of a Christopher Isherwood Foundation Fellowship, will read from her fiction at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium of the Main Library. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at (310) 458-8600 or visit www.smpl.org.

Boy's Club volleyball tryouts

1900 Pico Blvd., 4:30 p.m. — 7 p.m.

The Offshore Waves Boy's Volleyball club is holding tryouts for boys ages 12 — 18. The fee to try out is \$20. For more information, e-mail Kevin Endsley at offshorewaves@gmail.com.

'Art Explosion'

1431 Ocean Ave., 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Tracy Park Gallery's current artwork exhibit was created by youth participating in Free Arts for Abused Children's creative expression programs. This is a complimentary reception and exhibit.

Forever freaky Friedkin

6000 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood, gates open at 6:30 p.m.

As the last film of their season, Cinespia presents William Friedkin's "The Exorcist" at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery. \$10 donation tickets available at the gate. For more information, visit www.cemeteryscreenings.com.

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X marks a pricey spot on moon

X Prize Foundation ignites \$30 million race

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN The locally based non-profit that inspired the first private flight into space is once again reaching for the stars, teaming up with one of the largest Internet companies to explore the moon.

The X Prize Foundation and Google announced on Thursday a \$30 million prize purse for a new competition pitting private companies against one another to build a robotic rover to traverse the moon.

The Google Lunar X Prize will award \$20 million to the first team that can build and successfully land a robotic rover on the moon, surviving long enough to travel at least 500 meters and transmit a so-called "mooncast" video back to Earth.

The mooncast must be in a high definition format and capture a 360-degree panoramic photograph that is shot from the lunar surface. The grand prize will be awarded to the first team that can achieve the task by Dec. 31, 2012, after which point the prize will drop to \$15 million.

If a team is unable to capture the prize by the end of 2014, the competition could be terminated.

A second-place team will be awarded \$5 million and an extra \$5 million is available for completing bonus tasks.

The X Prize Foundation, located on the 1400 block of Fourth Street, was launched in 1995 with the goal of creating breakthroughs for the benefit of mankind through hefty prize purse competitions.

The company made headlines in 2004 when Mojave Aerospace Ventures, headed by Microsoft cofounder Paul Allen and aircraft designer Burt Rutan constructed and flew the first private spaceship, capturing the \$10 million Ansari X Prize.

X Prize followed the successful competition with the Archon X Prize for Genomics contest last year, a competition that will award \$10 million to the first

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Gerry Shih news@smdp.com

GO LONG: Head coach Zach Cuda (background) looks on as assistant coach Pat Dunn directs his players during a Samohi football practice this week.

Vikings out to conquer

Explosive Samohi looks to shore things up against Palisades

BY GERRY SHIH
Special to the Daily Press

SAMOH One down, nine to go.

As expected, Santa Monica High football delivered its first win of the season last Friday, thumping Hueneme High in its season opener, 41-21.

Senior quarterback Ryan Katz torched the visitors' secondary for 255 yards and a pair of touchdowns, completing 11 of 23

passes on a night Samohi played well, but far from perfect.

They may need to tighten things up tonight when they welcome Palisades Charter High to town.

A series of offsidess and excessive celebration penalties, compounded by two fumbles deep in their own territory leading to Hueneme touchdowns, has left head coach Zach Cuda pondering about how to tighten his team's mental focus. The win over a less athletic Hueneme team was fully expected, and Katz's efficiency was mediocre by his own standards.

Still, there was something about the Vikings' verve and vitality that suggested this year's aerial offense could pose a

frightening riddle for its upcoming foes.

With Katz's deep passing now an improved and legitimate threat, senior receiver Jon Dunn thrived, hauling in two touchdowns and racking up 122 yards on the night. The sprightly Katz operated heavily out of the shotgun formation and looked confident distributing the football to other wideouts such as Isai Carillo, who had three receptions for 47 yards.

"It was a good chance to work on our spread offense," said an understated Cuda, who insists that he is still a run-first, old school I-back football coach. "But you have got to be able to run in high school football and control the clock."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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If it's not English, it's not American Editor:

Are we a united country or are we to be segregated by language? ("Speaking the king's English," Sept. 12) I am getting tired of feeling like I am a foreigner in my own country. As a member of the ACLU and a union, I think they are wrong. I am always telling service people to speak English. To me, it's part of the job. Speak your native language at home, not on the job. Not that it is necessarily the best language, but it is the common way of communication in the U.S.

By the way, I say the same thing to my Israeli acquaintances who, although they have been here 30 years or more, still try to speak Hebrew in my presence.

Diane Hart
Brentwood

Sick of the Spanglish Editor:

I am fed up with the rampant use of Spanish everywhere I turn ("Speaking the king's English," Sept. 12). I hear workers on construction sites speaking in Spanish, employees in supermarkets communicating with each other in Spanish, ad infinitum.

I support "English-only" in the workplace, and support upholding English as the official language of California.

Julia Reeves
Santa Monica

Bush & co. don't represent America Editor:

For four years, the Bush administration keeps on asking for more time, and a lot more money, to keep its failed war-of-choice going. It is always the same prediction: "In 12 to 18 months, the Iraqis will be able to govern without us." The truth is that we cannot "win" this war. No "victory" is possible for us in Iraq, only continued shame.

Yet, Sen. John McCain has a point when he says that leaving Iraq in retreat would be a disaster. So, what is the way out of this mess that Bush and Cheney put us in?

We should separate ourselves, our government and our country, from the corrupt leaders who got us into this war through their deception and lies. We should prosecute these officials, who usurped our government, for being the war criminals that they are. Then we can leave Iraq in an orderly manner, with apologies for having confused Saddam Hussein with Osama bin Laden, and find redemption through bringing to justice the people who committed these war crimes in our name.

Bruce Joffe
Piedmont, Calif.



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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LOOKING LOST: President George W. Bush, seen here with former British Prime Minister Tony Blair in Scotland, reflects on his administration and life after the presidency in a new book.

Dude, where's Bush's memory?

ALL THE WHILE, THE WAR DRAGS on due to Kool-Aid-drinking Republicans and Democrats in search of their spine. Since President Bush bragged, "We're kicking ass in Iraq," 28 more GIs have died. Back in 2006, Bush cautioned us to wait for the Baker-Hamilton report, and then just ignored it. As for the Petraeus Report, it turns out the general isn't the one writing it, the White House is!

ON DISBANDING THE IRAQI ARMY – ONE OF THE WORST BLUNDERS OF THE WAR – BUSH CAN'T REMEMBER WHOSE IDEA IT WAS. I CAN UNDERSTAND FORGETTING YOUR KEYS, BUT THIS?

How bad is it in Iraq? While Gen. David Petraeus was testifying before Congress, back in Baghdad, his office was blown up. This week, President Bush talked about troop reductions, but, at best, it would be to pre-surge levels. He asked for more time, even though none of his predictions have

ever been right. It seems to me if your teenager keeps smashing up the car, you take away the keys — assuming the car's still left.

Recently a Bush-authorized book came out with the disturbing title, "Dead Certain," by Robert Draper. On disbanding the Iraqi army — one of the worst blunders of the war — Bush can't remember whose idea it was. I can understand forgetting your keys, but this? Worse, "W" says that he isn't sure, but he thinks he was actually against the idea. As I pull my hair out, I shriek, "Why did it happen then?!"

In the book, Bush also shares how he looks forward to making money after his presidency "to replenish the ol' coffers." He's worth \$20 million, mind you. He complains that his "Dad and Clinton get 75 grand for a speech!" Actually, oftentimes, it's more. Is it me or is it unseemly for the President of the United States to be talking about making money while our GIs are dying? At least wait until the war is over. Oh, I forget, it may never be over.

It's been six years since 9/11 and I'm not sure we even know the truth, other than Iraq wasn't involved. Someone once joked that to invade Iraq after 9/11 was like invading Mexico after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. My hope, which is obviously wishful thinking, is that next year on 9/11, the troops are finally home. And that includes the Austrian troops, whoops, I mean Australian.

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Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack

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In American policy 101, Bush gets a big fat 'F'

PRESIDENT BUSH IS DEAD TO ME. Mostly because he insults my intelligence.

In the next few days, he has to provide an assessment of the Iraqi government's "progress" toward meeting their agreed-upon economic, security and political benchmarks — and he's probably going to attempt to convince me and my fellow Americans that there is some actual "progress." He's likely report that in places where American troop levels have increased, violence has been reduced — as though that's some kind of revelation. He may refer to Sunni tribes fighting Al Qaeda as "bottom-up" reconciliation — as though they're cooperating with the central government and aren't the same "Sunni insurgents" who have killed American soldiers. Then he might try and convince us it's in America's best interest for more than 100,000 troops in a largely Christian army to occupy a Muslim country in perpetuity.

For me, all of this begs one very important question: Does the president think we're stupid? I think he does.

Let's go back to last summer when the mission was to train Iraqi forces to provide their own security. Baghdad was a cauldron in which there were about two car bombs going off every day. The central government elected in December 2005 had been unable to come to any kind of understanding on passing reconciliation legislation through most of 2006. Knowing that the violence in Baghdad was carried out by Shiite militias associated with the central government, as well as by terrorists, my fellow Americans and I had had enough of their excuses by November, and we sent a message to the president and his Republican enablers in Congress: It's time for a change of direction in Iraq. So he created the "Baghdad Security Plan" with the objective of giving the central government "breathing room" to do their work by sending about 25,000 more troops. It wasn't what we wanted, but it was a step in the right direction because it was a move toward holding the Iraqi government accountable.

The key was that it would get us one step closer to being able get our troops to the one place we know they are safe: Back home. That's what my fellow Americans want and that should be the president's focus. But since George W. Bush seems to think we're stupid, he's going to try and make a big deal about the fact that he's planning to maybe pull the additional troops he sent to Iraq this

year out by this time next year — essentially leaving troop levels in the fall of 2008, right where they were in the fall of 2006, and making his "troop surge" two years long.

Despite the fact that my fellow Americans and I "thumped" his party out of power over this issue, Bush will likely ignore us and focus on how to keep as many troops in Iraq as long as possible so that the eventual, inevitable withdrawal doesn't happen while he's still in office.

Since President Bush is dead to me, I'm not waiting for his official assessment. I'm going to grade him on his Iraq policy now. I've seen the Government Accountability Office's report (no political progress), I've seen the reporting from Marine General James Jones' Commission (no political progress), and I've heard from Gen. David Petraeus (some military progress) and Ambassador Ryan Crocker (no political progress), so I've got all the information I need. Though I usually grade on a curve, it's "pass/fail" at this point. That's because the metric is incredibly simple: Military progress + a lack of political progress = failure.

On his Iraq policy, President Bush receives a big, fat "F".

Now it's up to Congress to find a way to protect our men and women serving in Iraq from a Commander in Chief totally divorced from reality, determined to keep them in harm's way, but without a compelling reason for doing it. When asked directly by Republican Sen. John Warner of Virginia whether or not military operations in Iraq are making America safer, Gen. Petraeus said he didn't know. Well, I know. I know that if you don't answer that question with an immediate and unequivocal "yes," then the answer is "no".

I blame President Bush for our problems in Iraq. I blame him for misleading the country into an invasion and occupation we would have never gone along with had we known the actual plan. But now they're aware of what's really going on in Iraq, the blood of any U.S. service personnel killed in that country will be on the hands of Congressional Republicans who could provide a veto-proof majority and force the president to change his obviously failed policy, but don't have the guts to cross party lines.

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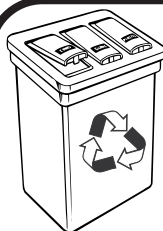
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SUBJECT: Tract Map 06-013
939 San Vicente Boulevard
APPLICANT: Chi Ming Gong
PROPERTY OWNER: Gerald Manpearl

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

Tentative Parcel Map 06-013 (Map No. 63173) to subdivide one 23,058 square-foot parcel into two parcels of 15,444 square feet and 7,614 square feet in the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district. An existing single-family dwelling will be retained on the larger parcel. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.20.04.030, a tentative parcel map is required for the proposed subdivision.

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, September 25, 2007 AT 6:45 PM

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
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MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Paul Foley, Principal Planner at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at paul.foley@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the City Planning Division public counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

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BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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THURSDAY, SEPT. 13, AT 7 A.M. (SEE PICTURE AT RIGHT)

Santa Monica detectives gathered at an apartment complex in the 1600 block of North Poinsettia Place in Hollywood to investigate the possible theft of a Santa Monica resident's brown toy poodle. Officers said a resident, living in the 700 block of Ocean Avenue, claimed that his home had been broken into and his dog was missing. He told police that he believed an acquaintance of his broke into his home and snatched his dog, Furo, out of spite after the two had been involved in an altercation. Officers made contact with the suspect, who denied having any knowledge of the dog's whereabouts. While questioning the suspect at his home, detectives heard the sound of a dog scratching frantically on the roof. Detectives climbed the roof and found the poodle. They arrested the suspect for residential burglary, grand theft and animal cruelty. He was identified as Jordan David Lee, of Hollywood. Lee was transported to the Santa Monica Jail, where his bail was set at \$125,000. The dog was returned to its owner.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 4, AT 2:30 A.M.

Officers on routine patrol in the parking lot of the 1150 block of the beach noticed a Lincoln Navigator parked there. The officers ran the license plate and discovered that the plate belonged to a Jaguar registered in Kansas. Officers sat and waited until they saw three individuals get into the car and attempt to drive away. Officers conducted a traffic stop and questioned the occupants about the Navigator, who gave conflicting stories about how they came to possess the vehicle. Officers made contact with a car dealer in Kansas, who said they had sold the Navigator to another car dealership and did not know how the Jaguar license plate ended up on the SUV. Based on this information, officers detained the three occupants for grand theft auto. During a search of the vehicle, officers found a small amount of cocaine and charged the driver with possession of a controlled substance. The driver was identified as Rekisha Tilmon, 25, from San Bernardino. Her bail was set at \$25,632. The other occupants were identified as Talmadge James Ramsey, 30, and Mario Oliver, 25, both from Arkansas. Bail was set at \$25,000 for both.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5, AT 8 A.M.

Officers responded to the 1500 block of Palisades Park after receiving a report about a burglary suspect in the area. When officers arrived, they spoke with the alleged victim who said that he was jogging through the park when he noticed a man wearing his sunglasses, which had been stolen from his car just hours earlier. The jogger said he went down to his car, which was parked in a garage at his apartment complex, and noticed that one of his windows had been broken and that several items were missing. While looking around the garage, he saw a homeless man sleeping nearby. He went to wake up the man, but before he could, the man jumped up and ran out of the garage. The victim said he then went for a jog, which is when he saw the same man from the garage wearing his glasses, leading him to believe that the man was the one who broke into his car. Officers arrested the suspect for receiving stolen property and for violating terms of his probation. The suspect was identified as Michael Paul Thompson, 22, a transient. His bail was set at \$20,000.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5, AT 9:30 P.M.

Officers on routine patrol near the corner of Lincoln and Ocean Park boulevards heard the sound of tires screeching nearby. Officers went to investigate the sound and discovered a man driving a mini-van in circles around gas pumps at a local gas station. Officers said the man was driving recklessly, coming very close to pedestrians. Officers moved in to arrest the suspect, but as soon as he saw the patrol car, he pulled out of the gas station and drove up Ocean Park Boulevard, leading police on a brief chase. Officers said the suspect eventually ditched the vehicle at the corner of 16th Street and Ocean Park. Officers closed off the area to search for the suspect. A resident told officers that they saw the suspect hiding on the roof of a nearby home. Officers surrounded the home and ordered the suspect to surrender. The suspect eventually was taken into custody and charged with assault with a deadly weapon, reckless driving, felony evading and for driving under the influence. The suspect was also in violation of his probation, officers said. The suspect was identified as Ernest James Sepulveda, 41, of Woodland Hills. His bail was set at \$35,000.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6, AT 2 P.M.

An officer on patrol in the 1500 block of Lincoln Boulevard was flagged down by employees at Bay Cities deli, who had a shoplifting suspect in custody. The employees said the suspect had walked into the store and grabbed a can of soda and walked out without paying. The employees said they recognized the suspect from previous encounters and suspected him of stealing other items in the past. The suspect admitted taking a can of 7-Up and was arrested for theft. He was identified as Sammy Lee Rush, 40, a transient. His bail was set at \$10,000.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8, AT 6:15 P.M.

Officers responded to the 1500 block of 14th Street regarding an auto burglary that had just occurred. When officers arrived, they spoke with a security guard who said that he was monitoring surveillance cameras at his work when he and his colleague noticed a man rummaging through the security guard's car. The guard rushed out to his car to confront the suspect. The two made contact, at which point the suspect tried to punch the security guard. He missed and then fled on foot, police said. Armed with a description of the suspect, officers were able to locate him a few blocks away from the scene of the break-in. The suspect was positively identified and was arrested for strong arm robbery because he tried to punch the security guard. He was identified as Jamie Timothy Ware, 33, of Hawthorne. His bail was set at \$50,100.



Photo courtesy of SMPD

BACK IN THE DOG HOUSE: Officers recovered a poodle in a dog-napping incident on Thursday.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9, AT 11:20 A.M.

A community services officer patrolling the Third Street Promenade observed a man smoking what she believed to be a marijuana cigarette. The officer called for backup and waited for other officers to arrive. When they did, they approached the suspect, who said he was smoking the joint because he had a medical condition. Officers asked him for his prescription or for a doctor's note. The suspect could produce neither and was cited for possessing less than an ounce of marijuana and was released. He was identified as William Jasper Meddley, 37, of Los Angeles. No bail was set.

Staff Writer **KEVIN HERRERA** compiled these reports.

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South of Wilshire	= \$ 1,001,250	\$ 677,407
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Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

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- ARB 06-313, 1959 Twentieth Street: Multi-Residential
- ARB 06-349, 1400 Third Street Promenade: Commercial
- ARB 07-221, 1827 Sixteenth Street: Multi-Residential
- ARB 07-230, 1707 Cloverfield Boulevard: Self Storage
- ARB 07-263, 1600 Eleventh Street: Commercial (Auto Repair)
- ARB 07-269, 1301 Santa Monica Boulevard: Commercial
- ARB 07-273, 1954 Twentieth Street: Multi-Residential
- ARB 07-276, 1422 Third Street Promenade: Commercial
- ARB 07-278, 1035 Nineteenth Street: Multi-Residential
- ARB 07-281, 520 Broadway: Commercial
- ARB 07-296, 3115 Pico Boulevard: Commercial
- ARB 07-311, 136 Wadsworth Avenue: Single-Family
- ARB 07-313, 2000 Main Street: Mixed-Use

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COME OUT, COME OUT: The Special Entry Team stands guard outside a classroom on Wednesday as part of a school safety drill.

Pre-empting Columbine

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOH With their rifles at the ready, the three Santa Monica College officers and their chief gathered in a tight, diamond-shaped formation and quickly, but cautiously, walked down a second-floor hallway here, scanning from left to right in search of the armed gunman.

"Closed door right," the point man shouted, identifying their next target.

The diamond stopped moving. The left flanker shifted into position behind the right flanker and squeezed his colleague's thigh, letting him know he was ready to proceed.

At that moment, they heard a loud clapping sound coming from a classroom on the other side of the hallway. "Shots fired, shots fired."

The officers responsible for protecting the roughly 30,000 students at SMC were running through drills drawn up by the Santa Monica Police Department's Special Entry Team (SET) — commonly known as SWAT — as part of an eight-hour training session Wednesday night on how to respond to a horrid scenario, but one with topical poignancy — an armed gunman in close quarters firing at innocent victims within a school.

"This is probably one of the most dangerous situations an officer can find themselves in," said Sgt. Greg Smiley, the SET team leader who introduced the drills to the SMPD roughly six years ago.

Wednesday marked what is expected to be the last training session of the year and a milestone within both departments. Now, all officers in Santa Monica have been trained to deal with an "active shooter" scenario such as those that occurred at Columbine High School in 1999, and more recently at Virginia Tech University, where crazed gunmen entered the campuses and began opening fire on students and faculty, killing more than 40 and injuring dozens more.

The tactics were developed by the National Tactical Officers Association shortly after Columbine, according to Smiley. In that incident, officers formed a perimeter around the school and waited for SWAT to arrive. Today, officers won't wait. They must be prepared to strap on their gear and go after the shooter before he or she does more damage.

The training session started at 3 p.m. at Samohi's Science and Technology Building. Smiley, who praised the school for allowing officers to train there, began with a debriefing on the Amish school shooting that occurred in October of last year in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. In that incident, the gunman, Charles Carl Roberts, took several students hostage, eventually killing five girls, aged 7 to 13, and himself.

The incident is important to study, Smiley said, because it can teach officers the proper way to breach a room

where the doors and windows are locked or barricaded.

Smiley and his team also instructed officers on how to use the SMPD's armored Humvee for rescue operations. Officers then broke out into groups of four or five, grabbed their rifles and practiced for more than an hour on their diamond formations and how to enter a room to search for suspects.

That proved to be a challenge for some, who were not familiar with all of the little things an officer has to remember, such as the all-important thigh squeeze or how to hold a rifle so that one can scan quickly without getting too focused on their weapon.

"I've had guys that will hold their weapons right up (to their cheek) and peer down at that barrel and totally lose site of what's in front of them," Smiley said. "I've laid on the ground and had guys trip over me because they just weren't looking ... There are a lot of little things that you need to learn and that only comes with repetition. You have to do it over and over and over again until it just becomes second nature."

Officer Brent Crafton, a member of the SET team and an instructor, had to remind some of the officers to slow down and "keep you diamond tight."

If an officer fails to take their time and enters a room without their backup, they expose themselves to more danger.

"You've seen too much of that Hollywood stuff," Crafton said, telling his fellow officers to wait and make sure their team members are with them before they try to clear a room. "I don't know what it is, but we all have a tendency to want to rush in when that door swings open."

Following the drills, Smiley and his team put the officers through several scenarios, this time with sirens blaring and weapons that shoot paint-filled projectiles in an attempt to mirror a real-life situation as much as possible.

SMCPD Interim Chief Gary Gallinot, a 32-year-veteran of the SMPD, thought the training was vital and was glad that his 15 officers could work so closely with the SMPD.

"This training is extremely important," Gallinot said. "This is another great tool to have in the toolbox and I'm thankful for the great relationship our officers have with the SMPD. We are working side-by-side with them and have a commitment to ensure the safety of not only the main campus and our satellite campus, but the city of Santa Monica as a whole."

SMCPD Officer Kurt Trump said he benefited tremendously from the training session and believes the tactics he learned will go along way in making SMC a safer place to learn.

"The most important thing is that it teaches everyone to be on the same page as everyone else," Trump said. "You really learn what it takes."

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SWAT team earns top honors

Santa Monica SWAT team leader captures the 'Top Gun' award

BY KEVIN HERRERA
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PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY The Santa Monica Police Department's Special Entry Team, more commonly known as SWAT, took home top honors earlier this week in the 13th Annual Ventura Police Department SWAT Competition, which pitted local officers against 11 other teams from throughout California.

IT'S GOING TO BE A TOUGH, CHALLENGING COMPETITION."

Greg Smiley, team leader

The team, which has participated in the competition for the last 10 years, also took first place in the physical fitness category, with team leader Sgt. Greg Smiley

taking the "Top Gun" award for overall marksmanship and Officer Brent Crafton snagging second place.

The SET team will now compete in the "Best in the West" competition next week, where they will go up against at least 25 SWAT teams from California, Washington and Nevada.

"We'll kick some ass," Smiley said. "Really, though, it's going to be a tough, challenging competition. Naturally, everyone wants to win, but it's really about going out there and trying to stay sharp."

Santa Monica's team has dominated the Ventura competition over the last three years, placing second in the two previous competitions due to low scores in the sniper section, said Ventura PD Cpl. Darrick Brunk.

"They definitely deserved to win," Brunk said.

Santa Monica faced off against police departments from Costa Mesa, El Segundo, Irvine, Oxnard, Pomona, Riverside, San Luis Obispo and Simi Valley, as well as sheriff's departments from Kern, San Luis and Ventura counties.

The competition included 10 events in a physically and mentally exhausting eight hours, Brunk said. The events consisted of team and individual competitions that included a dignitary protection scenario, firearms courses using a variety of weapons and targets, team building exer-



Photo courtesy of SMPD

TOP DOG: Santa Monica SWAT teams came out on top of 11 other organizations in California.

cises and a physical fitness challenge, which called on the officers to carry heavy logs through rough terrain.

For taking first place in the event, the Santa Monica team received tactical bags for each member and a custom made shotgun and a team plaque, Brunk said.

SMPD Chief Timothy Jackman told his

officers that he "appreciates all the time and effort they put into this, even away from work, to keep their tools and tactics sharp."

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Photos and text by Christine Chang

OUT AND ABOUT: (Clockwise from top) Camilla Swensson waits to cross 17th Street after finishing a fashion class at Santa Monica College; A man digs into the dirt at a construction site in front of the Palms Hotel on 14th Street; Students from Malibu and Santa Monica high schools hang out at Lincoln Boulevard as they wait for a bus to arrive; A man blocks a shot during a half-court game of basketball at Virginia Avenue Park.

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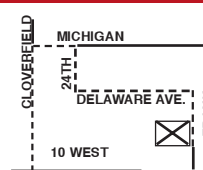


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Vikings hungry for a 2-0 record

FROM FOOTBALL PAGE 3

Looking forward to tonight's matchup showdown with Palisades, Cuda will again push junior tailback Vince Lawrence to attack the middle and compress the defense. "The idea is that I just do my job when I'm called upon and go up the middle," Lawrence said. "That opens up the defense for Ryan [Katz] and the receivers."

The opposite is also true, as Lawrence's solid performance last week — 13 carries, 62 yards, and three touchdowns — presented one-on-one matchups for Samohi's quickly improving receiving corps.

"I was able to spread the ball around," Katz said. "It's not just Jon Dunn. He had his big night last week, but I'm definitely confident in all my receivers — Taylor

Wright, Luke Zelon, Isai Carillo — I have faith in all these guys."

Cuda anticipates Palisades will rely heavily on their

I HAVE FAITH IN ALL THESE GUYS."

Ryan Katz, Vikings quarterback

own three hot receivers tonight, but the Vikes' defense has plenty of feel-good momentum to carry into tonight. Junior safety Christian Ross made three interceptions, and other players on the Vikings' secondary — described

by the ever-demanding Cuda as "needing some work" — chipped in two more picks to brand the Hueneme quarterback with one forgettable night at Corsair Field. Cuda added that senior linebacker Max Monbouquette was "stellar, as expected."

With nerves now settled, Lawrence felt that the Vikings' camp is high on morale.

"We're definitely way hyped and high on intensity," he said. "We're going to let everybody know that Samo ain't playing around this year."

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X Prize partners with Google for lunar exploration

FROM PRIZE PAGE 3

team that can demonstrate the ability to sequence 100 human genomes in 10 days. Four teams are registered in the competition and another four have expressed interest, said Tom Vander Ark, the president of the X Prize Foundation. A winner is not expected for a few years.

"(Space) exploration will always be a third of what we do, and when Google indicated interest in our space prize, the moon was the next step," said the Santa Monican.

Google is based in Mountain View and maintains offices in Santa Monica.

A recent Gallup poll found that about 68 percent of Americans support a return trip to the moon, according to a release by the X Prize Foundation. The foundation chose lunar exploration for several reasons, claiming the moon enables scientists to learn more about the Earth's geologic past and might possibly save the Earth.

"When the original Ansari X Prize was launched, it was considered unimaginable that private individuals could commercially venture into space and yet that was accomplished," said Google cofounder Sergey Brin in statement released on Thursday. "So now, we are here today embarking upon this great adventure of having a non-governmental, commercial organization return to the moon and explore."

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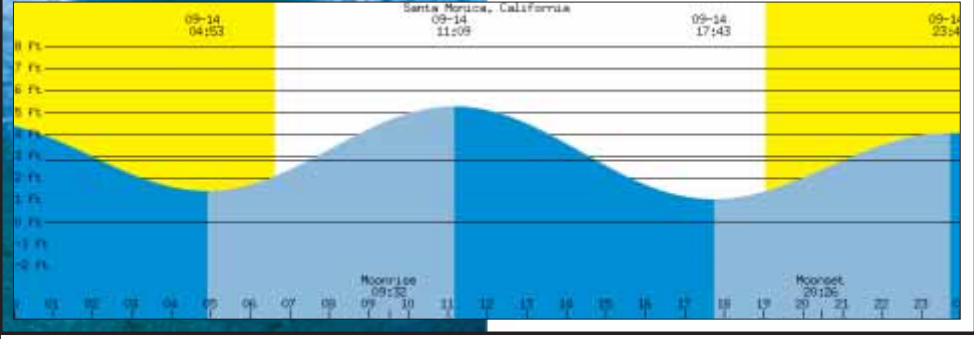


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Number of sewage spills -- 0
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Number of wet days -- 0
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / ns
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 7 / ns

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth (leocarrillo)	A	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildliffe Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	D	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	B	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	D	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A	ns

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	D	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	D	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	F	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns

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SAVE THE TREES: A group of activists aren't giving up hope on saving downtown ficus trees.

Tree issue kept alive by activists

FROM TREES PAGE 1

The trees are a small portion of the entire streetscape project — costing roughly \$600,000 — but the most controversial, as several residents have spoken out against spending money to move what they believe are healthy trees that offer welcome shade to passersby. Meanwhile, proponents argue that the plan would bring much needed improvements to two corridors that have not fared nearly as well as the Third Street Promenade.

“AS LONG AS THE TREES ARE ALIVE, THE ISSUE IS ALIVE.”

Dan Jansenson
Tree saver

“We say that \$600,000 is better spent in planting more trees,” Rubin said. With the most recent action taken by City Council, which would authorize the city manager to enter an agreement with the Griffith Company to move the project forward, it seems as though it could be too late to keep the trees where they stand. The activists have one of two options, according to City Councilmember Kevin McKeown, who was the lone “no” vote last month. A City Council decision could be

reversed if one of the six councilmembers that voted for the project announces they want to reconsider their decision and calls for another vote, McKeown said. The other option, which McKeown didn't state specifically, would be the filing of a lawsuit against City Hall. McKeown said his job is to protect City Hall, not bring about suits against it. Though the outlook appears grim, the tree savers aren't giving up. “As long as the trees are alive, the issue is alive,” said Dan Jansenson, an architect with offices on Fourth Street. Following the meeting, the tree savers walked down Fourth Street, carrying a sign that read “Save the Trees,” observing the trees marked for removal and walking in and out of businesses to enlist their support. One tree saver walked out of the clothing store Active and informed two kids on skateboards that the ficus trees were coming down. One of the skateboarders appeared shocked, telling his friend that they should protest. The group plans to tie green ribbons — which were donated by Michael's — on the trees sometime next week. One of the tree savers in attendance was filmmaker Chris Paine, who wrote and directed “Who Killed the Electric Car.” “The world will see that Santa Monica is making an inane decision,” Paine said.

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Welcome! Clooney sees Sudan president's trip as first step toward healing Darfur

GEORGE CLOONEY welcomes the visit to Italy by Sudan's president, saying increased international contact with the Khartoum leadership could ease the plight of the millions who have fled their homes in Darfur.

"The policy of not talking to them because they're unsavory hasn't been very effective," the 46-year-old actor said in a telephone interview Thursday with The Associated Press.

"So my hope is that having a conversation with this man can some-

how further movement toward getting these people back into their homes, their villages."

President Omar al-Bashir scheduled meetings Friday with Italian Premier Romano Prodi and Pope Benedict XVI. The rare visit to the West has drawn criticism from the human rights group Amnesty International and some European parliament members who say Italy shouldn't receive a man whose regime has been accused of genocide in the Sudanese region of Darfur.

"The goal of this visit is to improve the dialogue of civilizations, and the dialogue between Christianity and Islam," said the Sudanese Foreign Ministry spokesman, Ali Sadiq.

More than 200,000 people have died and 2.5 million have been uprooted since ethnic African rebels in Darfur took up arms against the Arab-dominated Sudanese government in 2003. The regime is accused of retaliating by unleashing a militia of Arab nomads known as the "jan-jaweed," a charge

Khartoum denies. Clooney, who has raised money and campaigned for increased international attention for Darfur, acknowledged that al-Bashir could use the meetings as a publicity stunt.

"At some point, it is a publicity stunt," he said, speaking from New York. "But if it moves things forward and brings it (the situation) into the mainstream, he can't turn a blind eye to what's happening in his country."

Clooney pointed to recent steps in the right direction, citing the U.N.

Security Council resolution authorizing a joint U.N.-African Union peacekeeping force for Darfur and a planned peace conference among Darfur rebel groups and the Sudanese government next month.

"Our hope is that if we can have some conversations with this guy, then we can get this thing to move much quicker," Clooney said. "So whatever it takes: There are 2.5 million people who could very easily die, and I'm concerned with their lives more than anything."

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Douglas and Zeta-Jones camping out in India to shoot new movie



CATHERINE ZETA-JONES and her husband, Michael Douglas, are planning to shoot a movie in India.

"I'm looking forward to going to India," the actress was quoted as saying by The Times of India on Thursday. "Michael and I are developing a script

that will be set up in India. We will take our kids and all of us will come there, set up camp in India and shoot a film."

Zeta-Jones didn't give details about the movie.

Douglas visited Mumbai two years ago and announced plans to co-pro-

duce and star in "Racing the Monsoon," an action-adventure about a diamond heist aboard an Indian train.

Zeta-Jones, Douglas and their two young children live much of the year on the island of Bermuda, the 37-year-old actress said.

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JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY has asked a judge to dismiss a slander lawsuit against him, arguing in court filings that statements he made to police qualify as "pure opinion" and cannot be found slanderous.

A fired Lexington police officer, Joshua Cromer, filed the lawsuit last month, arguing the country music star made several false allegations.

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You know how to make money this year. You actually might make this a major priority, as if you were buying a house in a few months or going to retire. Recognize the price you might pay by focusing on material values too much. If you are single, you could meet someone quite delightful in the second half of the year. Don't overthink this relationship. If you are attached, make sure your goals are in sync with your sweetie's.



Born Today
TV's "The Lone Ranger"
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Sex symbol Joey
Heatherton (1944)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Get to the bottom of the issue rather than fret. Worry about what is going on on a deeper level. Detach and watch others. Once more, actions might speak louder than words. A partner gives you significant feedback. Tonight: Dinner for two.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Emphasize the practical. Get as much work done as humanly possible. By the afternoon, others want or need your time. You will want to be available. Think positively and create much more of what you want. Tonight: Act like the social butterfly of the Zodiac.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ How you deal with someone could change radically as the day progresses. If you discover that a light touch doesn't get the message across, you could become overly serious and demanding. You know what you want. Tonight: Work late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might want to stay home today, but in a more open environment, creativity will take over. A budding friendship puts a smile on your face. Look less at the end results and enjoy the process for a change. Tonight: Get into weekend mode.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision. Search for opinions and other solutions. Internalize information before you launch into action. Be aware that even you, a Leo, might not have every answer. Let go of ego. Tonight: Happy at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Handle your finances in a firm and powerful manner. You will be able to make a difference if you stay anchored in your priorities. Your way of dealing with someone could vary considerably. Loosen up in the company of others. Tonight: Swap news.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You wake up "in the pink." Don't dillydally, and focus on key priorities. What might happen could surprise you. If you act early – before noon – your success ratio will skyrocket. Later, it could be a problem. Tonight: Gather your bills.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Though you might be slow to start, once you are centered and on a project, you'll get a lot done quickly. Choose to direct your energy in areas that are most important for you. Someone is clearly drawn to you. Tonight: Feel your Wheaties.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Use the a.m. for prime goals and desires. You are most likely to succeed then. If you are together and anchored, you will see the results. Vanish in the afternoon, when you might need some time for yourself. Tonight: Be unavailable!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might want to move in a new direction. Take charge early on and lead. Pretend you are leading others into battle, and you will become more efficient. Success proves to be yours. Let it happen. Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ If you understand the hows and whys, you will make much better decisions and naturally fall into the right place. Use the morning for fact-gathering. Use the p.m. for taking responsibility and action. Tonight: Look around. You have many supporters.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ A key partner might want to make a decision but might not choose to push too hard if you want to rule the roost here. Still, you might be better off letting go of the steering wheel and letting someone else do the driving. Tonight: Start dreaming.

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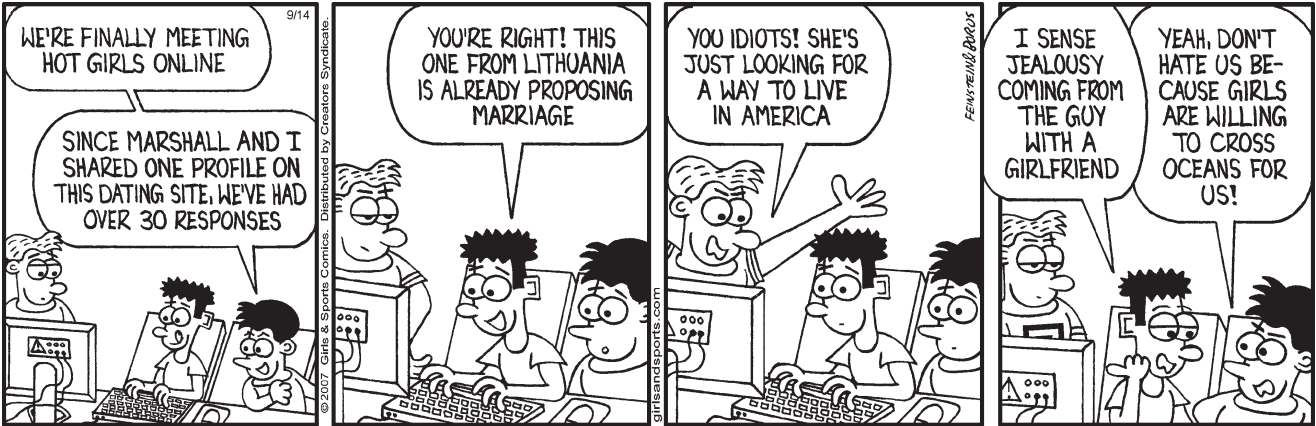
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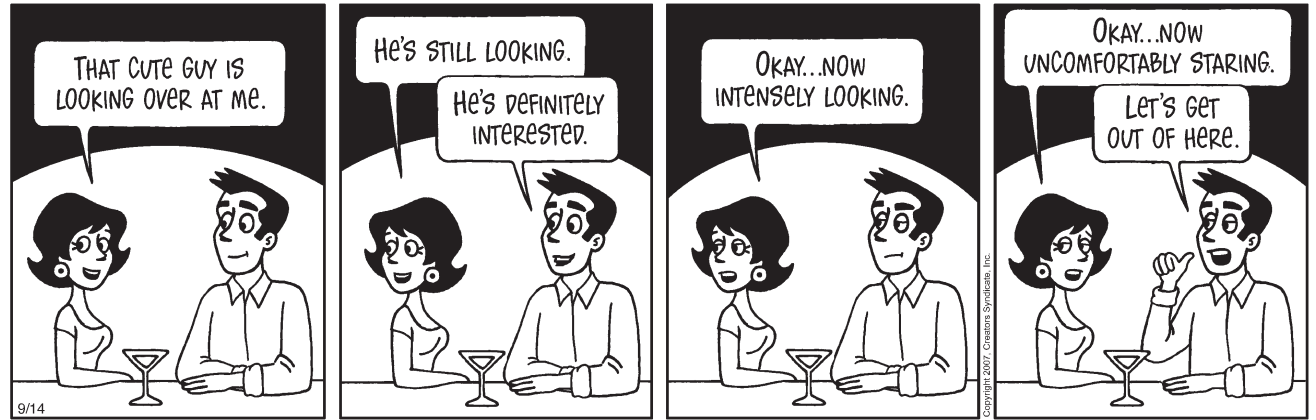
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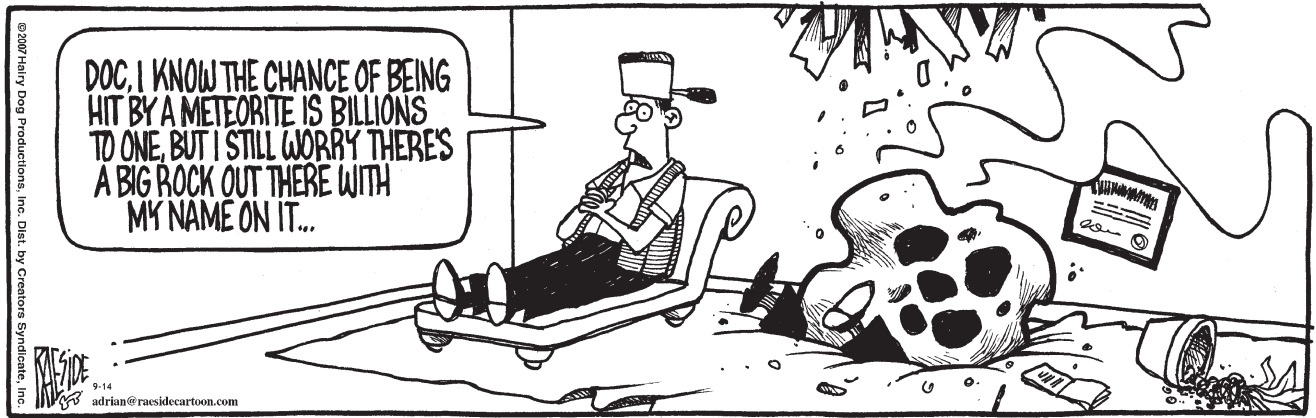
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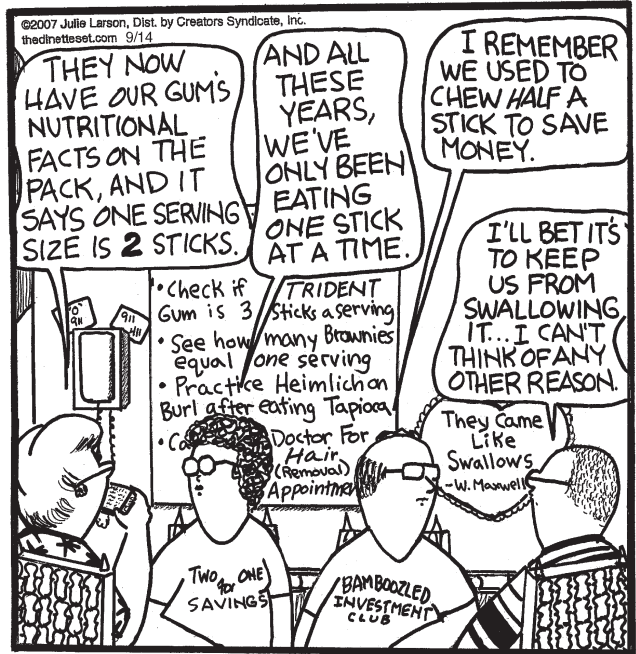
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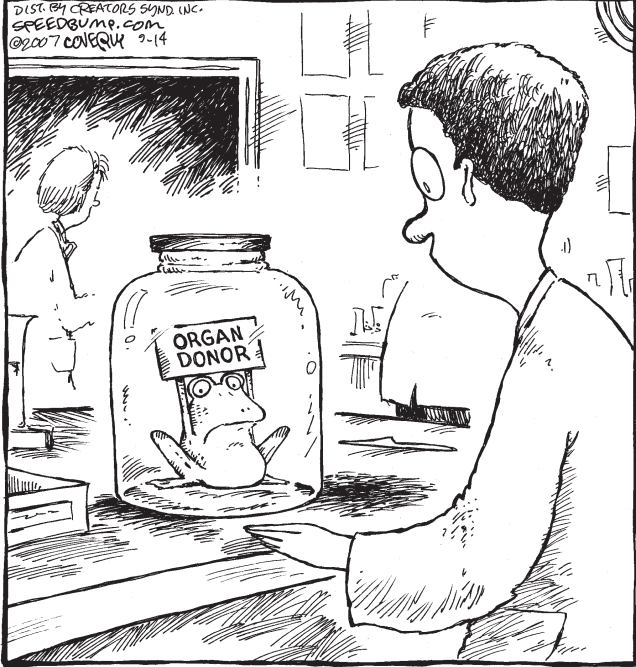
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In Orlando in July, Brittany Ossenfort complained that it was not she who had been jailed recently on a prostitution charge, that the arrestee claiming to be her was Richard Phillips, who had befriended Ossenfort last year (while pretending to be a woman) and become her roommate but who with the passage of time began dressing and acting like her until Ossenfort finally discovered "she" was a man (after which Phillips allegedly stole Ossenfort's financial identity). Ossenfort admitted to being completely fooled by Phillips: "(H)e acted like a girl, talked like a girl, looks like a girl. He doesn't even have an Adam's apple."

■ News of the Weird has reported several times on various designers, and even engineers, who claim to have invented a more comfortable bra. In July, a team from Hong Kong Polytechnic Institute, citing "the complex 3-D geometry" of the breast, offered a mathematical equation that they said would yield greater comfort, producing a larger variety of sizes. The researchers tried out 100 different measurements, eventually narrowed to eight -- overall build, volume, breast shape (inner, outer and lower), height, "gradient" and "orientation." Their "depth/width ratio" would increase the number of sizes from the current A/B/C/D to as many as 20.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1948 Groundbreaking for the United Nations headquarters in New York City.

1958 Two rockets designed by the German engineer Ernst Mohr, the first German post-war rockets, reach the upper atmosphere.

1975 The first American saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, is canonized by Pope Paul VI.

1984 Joe Kittinger becomes the first person to fly a hot air balloon alone across the Atlantic Ocean.

1987 The Toronto Blue Jays set a major league record for most home runs in a single game - 10 - versus the Baltimore Orioles at Exhibition Stadium, and the teams combined to tie the record for most homers by two teams - 11. The game also marked the end of Cal Ripken's streak of 8,243 consecutive innings played, which is believed to be the longest, although this is not a record officially kept by MLB.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF BULK SALE
(SECS. 6104, 6105 U.C.C.)
NOTICE IS HEREBY given to creditors of the within named seller that a bulk sale is about to be made of the assets described below.

The names and business addresses of the seller are: MAIN STREET INVESTMENTS LLC, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, 2424 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90405

The location in California of the chief executive office of the seller is: P.O. Box 1275, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

As listed by the seller, all other business names and addresses used by the seller within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the buyer are: None

The names and business addresses of the buyer are: NARESH MEHRA, 237 Adelaide Dr., Santa Monica, CA 90402

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The anticipated date of the bulk sale is October 3, 2007 at the office of NORTH AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, 101 N. Brand Blvd., Suite 1800, Glendale, CA 91203, JB JENNINGS.

This bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2.

If so subject, the name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is JB JENNINGS, NORTH AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, 101 N. Brand Blvd., Suite 1800, Glendale, CA 91203, and the last date for filing claims shall be October 2, 2007, which is the business day before the sale date specified above.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
BARBARA J. DANKS
CASE NO. LP012896

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of BARBARA J. DANKS.

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

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

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 10/04/07 at 9:00AM in Dept. A located at 6230 SYLMAR AVENUE, VAN NUYS, CA 91405 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner

David T. Pisarra, Esq.

Pisarra & Grist

1305 Pico Blvd

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PUB.Dates: 9/7/2007, 9/8/2007, 9/14/2007

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF HELEN V. MOORE
(THE 2006 MOORE FAMILY TRUST
Dated August 11, 2006)
Case No. SP007251SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court, at 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401-3299, and mail a copy to ROBERT S. MOORE, Jr., as trustee of the trust dated August 11, 2006, wherein the decedent was the settlor, at c/o Barrie W. Anderson, Attorney at Law, 2276 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90501, within the later of four months after September 7, 2007 (the date of the first publication of notice to creditors) or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CHIU-CHU HSING

Case No. BP106556
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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Kuo Wu Hsing in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Kuo Wu Hsing be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Oct. 9, 2007 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RONALD NORMAN MILLER CASE NO. BP105908

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of RONALD NORMAN MILLER.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JULIE MILLER BENNETT in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JULIE MILLER BENNETT AND MARK MILLER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on 11/05/07 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RONALD NORMAN MILLER CASE NO. BP105908

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of RONALD NORMAN MILLER.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by NICOLE BARTH KANE in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that NICOLE BARTH KANE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 10/10/07 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20071927080 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as GET YOUR EDGE ON PRODUCTIONS, 21527 ENCINA RD. TOPANGA, CA. 90290. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : KAJA VAN ZANDT, 14020 MARQUESAS WAY #B, MARINA DEL REY, CA. 90292, ADAM GILAD, 21527 ENCINA RD. TOPANGA, CA. 90292 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: ADAM GILAD
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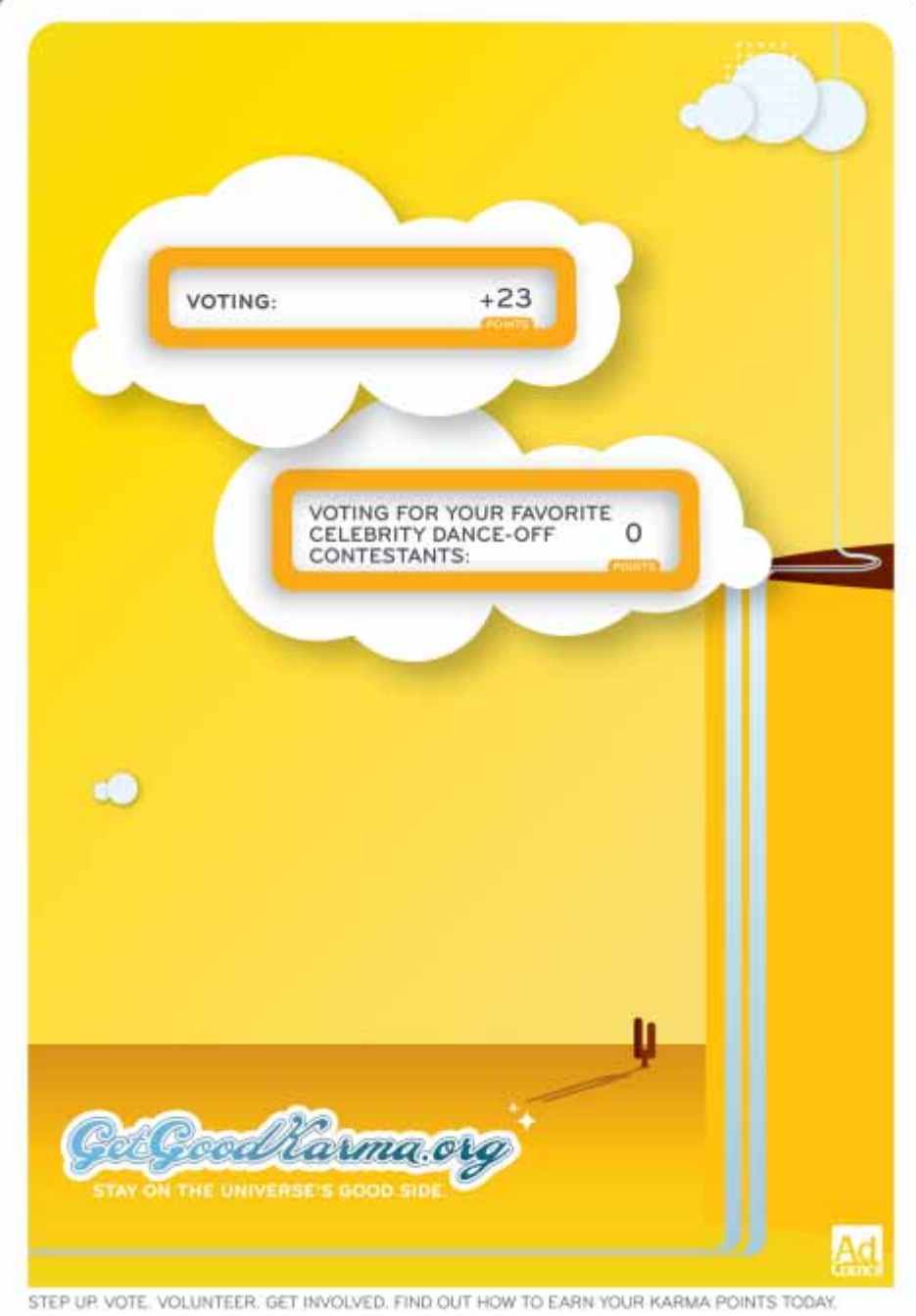


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