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An affordable place to dwell

Community Corp. apartments near completion along Santa Monica border

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CENTINELA AVENUE A new chapter of affordable living soon begins in an otherwise unaffordable area for three dozen low-income families.

Community Corporation of Santa Monica, one of the largest local builders of affordable housing, is putting the finishing touches on a new apartment complex on the city's eastern border.

The latest in a series of projects to have opened in the past year by the nonprofit organization, the development is comprised of six different, three-story buildings that each have a half dozen apartments, consisting altogether a mix of two and three-bedroom units.

The project, located on the 2400 block of Centinela Avenue, was built on a consolidated parcel that once held an 11-unit apartment building and a 1930s era motel that was later converted into rental housing,

including — illegally — several of the carports. The development is called Tahiti, which was the name of the apartment it replaced.

CCSM purchased the two lots in the earlier part of the decade with the hopes of rehabilitating both properties, eventually opting for reconstruction after concluding it would be more cost efficient.

"Because of the changes in insurance requirements and the requirements on how to bring it up to code, we decided to change

course," Joan Ling, the executive director of the nonprofit, said.

The project, which broke ground 20 months ago, cost approximately \$14.6 million, roughly \$5.5 million of which came from City Hall.

The building is expected to be ready for move-in by the end of the month. CCSM is currently in the process of selecting tenants, who will pay anywhere from \$600-\$1,000 for

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GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

Olympic swimmer Jason Lezak shows William Melara, 9, the two medals he won at the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics. Lezak, who won gold and bronze medals, was at the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center on Monday morning talking with kids about his experiences abroad. "I Love inspiring kids and making a difference in their lives," Lezak said.

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SMFD asks for \$95K to study dispatch options

(Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.)

BY MELODY HANATANI
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CITY HALL Following concerns about service quality and slower response time with the new dispatch center, the Santa Monica Fire Department will begin evaluating alternatives to possibly make another switch.

The City Council tonight will consider approving a \$95,000 study that will evaluate different fire dispatching and communication service options. The expenditure is part of an extensive \$2.9 million spending package that the council is expected to approve in its first meeting since July.

Response time has been a concern since the SMFD contracted with the Los Angeles Fire Department Regional Dispatch Center in January 2007 to handle all 911 calls, a move that was expected to expand the capability to address emergency situations in Santa Monica where the department in the

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Russian Mrs. Roosevelt

1011 11th St., 1:30 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Azerbaijani film-maker Rauf Khalilova will capture for posterity Dr. Sofia Gelman's reading of her own translation of Mrs. Roosevelt, the one-act play and film treatment by playwright Glenn Hopkins at the Senior Villa at Upward Bound House. Admission is free but seating is limited. For more information, call (310) 478-7379.

Viva Mexico

1445 Fourth St., 7:30 p.m. — midnight
Border Grill Santa Monica and Partida Tequila invite you to celebrate Mexican Independence Day with a creative selection of handmade margaritas, accompanied by an inspired five-course tasting menu featuring the bold flavors of Mexico. Admission is \$75 per person for a 5-course tasting menu. Call (310) 451-1655 for information and to make reservations.

Do-si-do & swing your partner

16th St. and Marine, 7:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Enroll in a square and line dance class at the Marine Park auditorium sponsored by the Red Ribbons Square Dance Club of Santa Monica. The 8-week class costs \$42 for Santa Monica residents and \$46 for all others. For more information call (310) 312-0410 or (310) 395-4042. Enroll online at www.recenroll.smgov.net.

All about Death Valley

402 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Learn from REI's expert staff about the hidden canyons and out-of-the-way sand dunes of Death Valley National Park. REI's staff will share their tips & tricks, as well as some amazing pictures to get you ready for your own adventure in Death Valley. You'll know all the best places to go and how to get there after this clinic and side show. Call (310) 458-4370 for more information.

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008

Kicking it with Kiwanis

1332 Sixth St., Noon — 1:30 p.m.
Join members of the Santa Monica Kiwanis Club for their weekly luncheon where quests connect and hear from a rotating panel of speakers. The club has been serving the needs of the community and its children since 1922. For more information, call (310) 613-1249.

Heal your body

1844 Lincoln Blvd., 6 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
Come for free energy Pranic Healing for asthma, arthritis, cancer, addictions, depression, and phobias with Master Choa Kok Sui at the Kathmandu Boutique. The no-touch, painless, and effective healing art helps the body to repair itself. This healing treatment is offered as a service to the community, and all are welcome with no appointments necessary. For more information, call (310) 396-4036.

Workouts for teens

3026 Nebraska Ave., 3:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Max offers two daily classes teaching teens how to exercise and eat properly in a cool and fun environment. They get to hang out afterwards in the wi-fi lounge, play Nintendo Wii, or simply surf the Internet. For information, call (310) 867-1650.

Getting the 411

1715 Olympic Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Meet representatives from 50 independent elementary schools in the LA area at an information fair held at Crossroads Elementary School. Just in time for the upcoming admissions season, this is an excellent opportunity for parents of prospective students entering kindergarten in Sept. 2009. Call (310) 828-1196 for more information.

Life like it's golden

1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Join the discussion of Doris Lessing's "The Golden Notebook" at the Montana Ave. Branch Library.

For your support

2200 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 8 p.m.
The Neuro-Endocrine Tumor Center's Pituitary Patient Support Group is held bi-monthly at the John Wayne Cancer Institute, in Santa Monica. Our speakers are medical experts and we address an array of pituitary hormonal topics. Our meetings are free and we welcome anyone affected by a pituitary tumor and/or hormonal disorder, friends and family. For more information, please visit online at www.neuro-endo.org or contact group facilitator, Sharmyn McGraw at pituitarybuddy@hotmail.com or by phone (949) 515-9595.

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





file photo

HAPPIER TIMES: Former Santa Monica-Malibu Superintendent John Deasy was all smiles during a farewell party Santa Monicans threw in 2006.

Deasy degree called into question

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

LOUISVILLE, Ky. The University of Louisville could face sanctions from its accrediting agency if an internal investigation shows former Santa Monica-Malibu Superintendent John Deasy was improperly awarded a doctorate degree.

The Courier-Journal of Louisville reported last week that by awarding a doctoral degree to Deasy, who was enrolled for only one semester, U of L violated the rules of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Belle S. Wheelan, president of the commission, told the newspaper that if U of L is found to be out of compliance, her agency could put the university "on warning or probation" or revoke its accreditation, although she said the last option would be highly unlikely.

U of L President James Ramsey appointed a committee last week to investigate how Deasy, who left Santa Monica-Malibu in

2006 to become head of schools for Prince George's County, qualified for the advanced degree, even though he apparently was on campus for only one semester. University rules specify a doctoral candidate must study for two years at U of L, including at last one year of full-time residency.

The Courier-Journal and WHAS-TV reported this week that Deasy gave former education Dean Robert Felner's research center a \$375,000 contract in 2002.

Felner was Deasy's adviser and chairman of his dissertation committee.

Felner resigned in June to take a job in Wisconsin, but withdrew from that position after news became public of a federal investigation into how he spent grant money. Felner did not respond to questions the newspaper relayed through his attorney.

Deasy also did not respond to the newspaper's phone calls or e-mails seeking comment.

The accrediting commission's next scheduled meeting is in December.

Wheelan said she plans to contact Ramsey next week "to ask what happened and what the university is doing about it."

She said she also will request a written report.

The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education also will review the matter as it begins considering reaccreditation of the university's College of Education and Human Development next spring, said James Cibulka, the group's president.

With rising test scores fueling a sense of academic progress in Prince George's County schools, members of the county Board of Education praised Deasy's record last week and said they would reserve judgment over questions about his doctorate.

Deasy received his doctorate in education in May 2004 after he completed nine credit hours of work at the university — equivalent to one semester — in addition to 77 credit hours from other schools.

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City Hall rank and file back user utility tax

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN The union representing city employees is backing a measure on the November ballot that would amend the current Utility Users Tax on telephone services, something which City Hall believes is necessary to protect roughly \$12 million in funding.

The Coalition of Santa Monica City Employees, which represents over 1,500 non-sworn workers, announced its support for Proposition SM on Monday.

"By changing the existing UUT, Proposition SM protects vital city services for all residents and city employees," said coalition representative Lauralee Asch. "Santa Monica could lose up to \$12 million in revenue, which would not only hurt essential community programs but also decrease public safety. The coalition is strongly committed to ensuring that Proposition SM passes on Nov. 4."

The UUT was first adopted in 1969. The current tax rate is 10 percent. The revenues from this tax are deposited into City Hall's general fund and pay for services such as police, fire and paramedic and for city programs including those in recreation, the environment and the schools.

Since the existing law was written nearly 40 years ago, its language does not match the many changes in communication services and technology that have occurred since.

The existing UUT law relies for its interpretation and enforcement on definitions and policies created over many years under the Federal Excise Tax. This federal law was repealed two years ago. The repeal complicates interpretation and enforcement of the existing UUT. One result of both the repeal of the federal law and the age of the existing UUT law is that not all persons or businesses are being taxed the same even if they use the same or similar equipment or services.

Also, since the repeal, some California cities, with utility tax ordinances almost identical to the city's, have been sued because the repeal led to disputes on how to apply these cities' laws to current communication services and technology.

Should City Hall be sued, or should a decision be reached in one of these lawsuits that affects how the city's law is applied, the

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Pot calling the kettle

Editor:

It is true, as Ron Lowe mentioned in his latest letter, that the Democratic Party looks like the one of inclusion, but that is only if you agree with them. Differing opinions bring on ridicule, scorn and excommunication from the “tolerant” party. My friends on the Westside who dared to put Bush or McCain decals or signs on their cars or houses report their property was vandalized; more, I guess, of Lowe’s “tolerance.” Just a quick, cursory glance at the members of the current Cabinet shows some who are Pro-Choice and some who are Pro-Life, a difference of opinion which would not exist in the “diverse” Cabinet of Mr. Lowe.

Although they boast of running an African American for president, the same Democrats pulled together to defeat Lynn Swan, a black Republican running for governor of Pennsylvania.

When Michael Steele, a black conservative, was running for governor of Maryland, Barack Obama flew in to speak at African-American schools and organizations to tell them they should not vote for Steele merely because of the color of his skin. They should, instead, examine what he stood for. And yet, when someone mentions they may not vote for Obama because they don’t like what he stands for, these same “inclusive” Democrats will label that person a racist.

Kevin Skoglund

Santa Monica

In a state of decay

Editor:

J.W. Petoria closes his letter to the editor clearly admitting that Santa Monica is a city in a state of decay. For too many years, the city has backtracked from its glory days as a protector of the environment and has opted for a magnitude of growth that is worthy of a New York City borough, resulting in an unprecedented increase in traffic into and out of Santa Monica. So much so, that Santa Monica is now clearly recognized as the major influence of Westside gridlock. Santa Monica is now desperately seeking to have new arteries built to relieve the existing, now-clogged, arterial streets. Exposition Rail and Subway to the Sea will only continue to make Santa Monica feel more like New York City, but apparently Santa Monica cannot handle the New York load. Protecting established trees from unnecessary destruction addresses this out-of-control growth. It certainly also addresses global warming.

Visiting Santa Monica has become an uncomfortable adventure of fighting noise and traffic and the Wednesday Farmers’ Market has been replaced with a comfortable visit to the Sunday Mar Vista Farmers’ Market.

The city argues the trees had to be removed for safety reasons, but one only has to walk or drive in Downtown Santa Monica to realize how unsafe it has become. With no usable sidewalks on either side of some streets due to construction and tree destruction, pedestrians are forced to walk adjacent to dangerous traffic. Where is the logic? J.W. Petoria got one thing correct; Santa Monica is in a state of growth decay.

Martin Rubin

West Los Angeles



What’s the Point?

David Pizarra

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In the land of the blind

IF I ASKED YOU WHAT CALVIN KLEIN, Donald J. Trump, Kenneth Cole, Geoffrey Beane, Michael Kors, Sean John, and Joe Joseph Abboud have in common, most people would be able to say they all sound like males and they are all clothing lines. Just like DKNY, BCBG, Van Heusen, Arrow, IZOD Chaps, Timberland and Bass are all respected American clothing lines.

What most people don’t know is that they are all, and I mean ALL of them, are owned by the same company.

These are all brand identities that are attractive to particular niches in the marketplace. The man who buys a Donald J. Trump shirt is unlikely to want to buy products from Sean John and vice versa. It’s called market segmentation and it allows for a variety of tastes and needs to be satisfied.

So how did they all come to be owned by the same company, and why? Well “the market” allows that there are economies of scale to be realized by combining manufacturing costs. We all know this from our own lives, it’s just like when you go to the local grocery store and you can buy two pork chops at \$5 a pound or you can buy 20 pork chops at \$3.50 a pound. The problem is that you now have to deal with the extra 18 pork chops that you are not going to make for dinner tonight.

These clothing companies take the extra materials that they are using, and if they have different brands, they can use the same materials and make a “different” shirt with some styling tweaks, add a different label and change the packaging. Also, by having different brands, a company can attract different purchasers, and if they own the brand, they are not losing sales or customers.

Sometimes this is a really good thing. In clothing manufacturing, it allows for a company like Phillips-Van Heusen to have a more stable presence in the marketplace of men’s clothing. Other times, this type of market segmentation can be a dangerous thing, because it can hide the fact that a company is in trouble.

We are seeing that this week, with the fall of Lehman Brothers, the once venerable financial powerhouse, made many investments, through many subsidiaries, and it was hard to divine the real status of the company. It looked great on the outside, but lacked the infrastructure to support it in times of crisis.

It’s rather like Santa Monica. We are a picturesque city that looks great, but with a limited infrastructure to support it. Our roads were laid down in a time when cars, and people, were smaller. We used to be a sleepy little beach community, and soon we are going to be a major

retail center on the coast, when Nordstroms and Bloomingdale’s open as major anchor tenants in the renovated Santa Monica Place.

This coming November there is a resident sponsored measure to limit the development of commercial buildings. The proponents are saying it will help the city, and the opponents are saying it will destroy the city.

WE ARE A PICTURESQUE CITY THAT LOOKS GREAT, BUT WITH A LIMITED INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT IT.

I’m no traffic engineer, I’m not a land use attorney, I don’t aspire to control how others can use their land. On the one hand I know that the traffic in this town is insane and getting worse. On the other, I know that we are destined to be as crowded a city as London or New York, the only real question is how fast we get there.

I haven’t read enough about Proposition T, as in traffic, to have a clear idea of whether or not I’m in favor of it. And that’s the problem, there is much to be read, sifted, collated, and valued. If I listen to the residents, we have to do something, now. If I listen to the pro-development side, we have to do something now, also, but it is getting government out of the process and Prop. T is not the answer.

I’m not sure I like either of those choices. I want more choices, and I want more clarity. I feel like I’m only getting half the story from both sides, I feel like I am lumped into a market segment for their purposes. The hard part is, this is not like buying a shirt, or investing in a company. This is my home.

The old saying goes, “In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is king.” Right now, I feel like I’m blind, and I don’t know which ‘one-eyed man’ to follow. I’d like to hear more from my readers on this issue. What do you think? Who do you believe? Which ‘one-eyed man’ do you follow, and why?

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Bizarro world at GOP convention

"DRILL BABY DRILL."

Are you serious?

I'm in a serious cold sweat with that catchy mantra reverberating through a sore head, rendering me dumbstruck with broken sleep now for on towards two weeks, or since the end of that Republican confluence in Minnesota.

"Drill baby drill."

They chanted it joyfully, ecstatically, mercilessly all throughout their get-together, and if drilling something is what rocks your world so be it, but drilling something is never, repeat, never, ever worthy of being the object of a happy chant. Except maybe at a meeting of rabid dentists.

"Drill baby drill" — the best they could come up with? And they now sit in the latest polls some 10 points ahead of the competition. Please pass the painkillers. The hockey-mom-fundamentalist walks out on stage to delirious applause and I'm scared to death that I'm about to bear witness to the future leader of the free world bellowing God bless America in five different tongues.

The hockey-mom-governor, adamant about no condoms and no sex education in her Alaskan high schools, speaks to a devout audience that includes her teenage daughter who is swollen with an unplanned high school pregnancy and the reverent family values bunch that makes up the core of this suddenly raucous party insist it is a further measure of the hockey-mom-matriarch's stellar character because, papa first dude, I'm keeping my baby. Talk about if you get a lemon turn it into lemonade? They're good, man, they're very good.

The hockey-mom-rugged-outdoorsman rules her stage like a rock star, albeit a rifle-toting, moose-killing, extreme right-wing rock star. Think Ted Nugent in lipstick. Make no mistake about it, this lady is here for one reason, to push this country down into the guns, God and gays chasm that every four years splits us open like a gutted caribou, spilling blood from Alaska all the way down across the "lower 48," turning the electoral map into a sea-to-shining-sea of red states. My friends, you have been "Roved" again and you like it.

Speaking of Karl Rove, what's with the biggest elephant of all so conspicuously not in the room? Where are Bush and Cheney? Real nowhere men, suddenly sitting in their nowhere land making nowhere plans for

nobody. This is no cold shoulder they've gotten, this is an Alaskan deep-freeze shoulder from the very party they rule. The hockey-mom-princess-warrior does not so much as acknowledge the existence of either her president or the man whose hunting boots she hopes to fill in the office of the vice. It's like she and her G.O.P. minions are running for their lives from a stalking Freddy Krueger and Jason, who would surely murder the whole deal.

This can't be happening, we're hallucinating, right? This gang is actually brazen enough to tell you they want to take over your nation and mine on the promise of throwing-the-bums-the-hell-out-of-Washington even though they're the bums that have been running it for the last eight tortuous years. John McCain has been over there for some three decades, right in the heart of the mix and would appear to be exactly one of the bums he promises to throw the hell out.

He doesn't know how many houses he owns while Obama is stuck in his one, yet Obama is the "elitist" in this Salvador Dali canvas where what is real is not necessarily real any more. The poor young black man raised by a single white mom — admittedly not a hockey one — in circumstances as far away from privileged as possible is branded "elitist" in this bizarro world, where Cindy McCain, high as a kite, introduces her husband dressed in "fierce saffron shirt-dress with popped collar, diamond earrings, four-strand pearl necklace, white Chanel watch, and strappy shoes totaling out at \$313,100," according to the fashion experts at Vanity Fair.

"Drill baby drill." This thing should be a Barrack Obama slam dunk but Barack Obama lost his mojo and may not be able to get it back. He gave it away in fact, when he scurried to that dead zone they call "the center" faster than a rat off a sinking ship as soon as he got the nod over Hillary, who by the way would be taking McCain and the hockey-mom-faux-feminist apart piece by disingenuous piece right about now. Barack's time is eight years from now, Hillary's time was now, and the self-righteous liberals who disdained her so thoroughly may well be suffering a severe case of buyers' remorse when they wake up on Wednesday morning, fifth of November.

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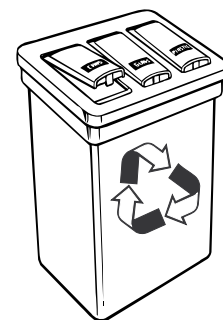
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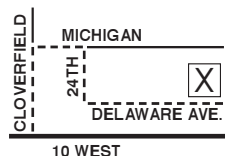
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Bailing out the big three

AS THIS IS WRITTEN, NO DECISION HAD been reached, at least publicly, about the Detroit Three's request for a \$50 billion loan or loan guarantee from, well, from us. Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI) was at both recent political conventions, as were the heads of the Detroit Three, aggressively pushing this plan.

Remember Sen. Everett Dirksen's line about cash? "A billion here and a billion there, and pretty soon you're talking about some real money." Yes, this is real money.

As just one example: Detroit has to get very busy, very quickly, in developing their own versions of the new "clean diesels." Volkswagen, Mercedes-Benz, Audi and other European car makers are bringing them to the U.S.; their emissions so clean they've been approved by the California Air Resources Board, with the toughest standards in the country. Audi and VW will use the "TDI" designation for their new clean diesels; Mercedes calls their versions "BlueTec."

Asian manufacturers are hopping on the bandwagon; the 2009 Nissan Maxima is available with a diesel engine option.

But clean diesels are just one example of where Detroit must play catch-up.

GM's Chevrolet and Saturn have gas/electric hybrids in their showrooms, and more are planned. GM's crossover Equinox hydrogen-fueled fuel cell electric vehicle is being tested across the country, as is Honda's similarly-powered FCX Clarity sedan.

If the money allows GM to bring their plug-in hybrid Volt concept car to market late in 2010, that could draw many import-only buyers back to The General. Volt has a small on-board gasoline engine (which GM craftily calls a "generator") which charges Volt's batteries so its wheels, turned by electric motors, stay turning. GM says Volt's batteries can be recharged overnight via any standard 110-volt outlet.

Compared to Ford and Chrysler, though, GM might as well be "Buck Rogers in the 25th Century."

In the 2008 Ford line-up, there is one gas/electric hybrid, found in their Escape SUV. Their all-new Flex crossover is a wonderful styling exercise, but stuck with a big V6 engine, it's no mileage champ. Ford says they'll bring the Euro version of their Focus to the states. It sports features like Volvo's five-cylinder 225-horsepower engine and a six-speed double-clutch transmission to rival VW's Direct Shift Gearbox (DSG), which can improve mileage and performance.

Robert Nardelli, fired by his own board of directors at Home Depot this past January, now runs privately-owned Chrysler (yes, I, too, don't quite understand). Guesting on the Charlie Rose program on PBS last week, Nardelli discouraged me. After discussing their oxymoronic "Hemi Hybrids," Rose asked Nardelli if Chrysler will have anything like the Chevrolet Volt. Nardelli smiled knowingly and said, to paraphrase, "Oh, yeah, just wait'll next year!"

That's what we've heard from Detroit

executives for 30 years, since the first oil embargos and gasoline shortages in the early 1970s. Detroit should have started planning for now ... then. Other car companies did, didn't they?

All three are in big trouble in America, still their most-important market.

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Some have suggested that, as one of many conditions of these loans, the top management of all three firms must be replaced, and with no "golden parachutes" allowed.

GM, Ford and Chrysler are now run by three men with little or no experience in developing, creating, styling, engineering, building or marketing cars and trucks. GM's Rick Wagoner has been a "bean-counter" there for decades; Ford's Alan Mulally most-recently headed Boeing, and Chrysler's Nardelli was an executive at General Electric and Home Depot.

As a good friend once opined, about a similar situation, "These guys wouldn't know a good car if they got run over by one."

Will this money save the Detroit Three from self-imposed implosion? "Who knows?" is the only honest answer. All I do know is that the millions of American men and women who would join the ranks of the unemployed if any of the Detroit Three utterly fail should never be punished for the shortsightedness and, arguably, the stupidity of the few people who run them.

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Debate over safety equipment follows local rail disaster

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The deadliest rail disaster in 15 years has exposed a glaring safety issue: Technology installed on a fraction of U.S. rail tracks can slow or halt trains heading toward catastrophe, but it was not in use when a Los Angeles commuter train failed to stop at a red warning light and collided with a freight train.

The National Transportation Safety Board has been pushing railroads for decades to adopt the system known as positive train control. Railroads, however have balked at the cost and reliability of the technology.

"The same things you are hearing now — we need more time, it's going to cost a lot of money, we need more research — is the same story we've been hearing for 20 years," said Barry M. Sweedler, former director of the Office of Safety Recommendations for the National Transportation Safety Board.

"Many times in this county, we regulate by counting tombstones. Unfortunately, it takes a tragedy like this with many people dead for action to take place, even though people in the know knew what needed to be done and didn't do it," he said.

The head-on collision Friday between the Metrolink train and a Union Pacific freight train left 26 people dead on a horseshoe-shaped section of track in Chatsworth at the west end of the San Fernando Valley. The commuter train was heading from Union Station in downtown Los Angeles to Ventura County.

The impact rammed the Metrolink engine backward, jamming it deep into the first passenger car.

NTSB board member Kitty Higgins has said the positive control technology could have prevented the crash.

"I've seen it tested. It makes a difference," she said.

The House and Senate have passed separate legislation to require major railroads to develop a plan to use positive train control in the future, although the competing versions have not been reconciled.

The Association of American Railroads, the lobbying arm for the freight railroads, said it did not oppose the legislation but has concerns that the technology has not been perfected.

"This is not off-the-shelf technology. You can't put something like this into place unless it's been thoroughly tested and proven to be effective," association spokesman Tom White said.

House Transportation Committee Chairman Jim Oberstar, D-Minn., countered that railroads "prevented this technology from being fully implemented" by failing to invest enough money.

The system monitors train location and speed using satellite-based positioning systems and digital communication. It can engage the brakes if a train fails to heed signals or gets on the wrong track.

The Federal Railroad Administration said positive train control is in use on 240 miles of track in the Northeast U.S. used by high-

speed trains and is being tested on 2,600 miles of track in 16 states. The cost would be \$2 billion to install the technology nationwide.

Part of the challenge, officials said, is getting the nation's railroads to install systems that are compatible.

"We could do this as quickly as five years if everything comes together right," said FRA Administrator Joseph Boardman.

In Massachusetts, the commuter rail system is equipped with sensor technology designed to stop a train on the tracks if it fails to stop at a signal or if another train is in its path.

The system, known as "Cab Signal with Positive Stop," was used in March, when a 112-ton freight car parked at a lumber yard came loose and barreled almost three miles along the tracks toward a commuter rail train carrying 300 passengers during rush hour. The technology sensed the freight train on the tracks and stopped the commuter train.

"The system knows that the commuter rail is headed that way, so at that point, after the runaway freight car rolls through stop signals, the system, for all intents and purposes, automatically brakes the outbound commuter rail train," said Joe Pesaturo, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

The freight train still struck the commuter train, leaving 150 people with mostly minor injuries. But the impact was not as severe as it could have been, Pesaturo said.

Train accidents in the U.S. have remained fairly constant over the past decade. A total of 2,617 were reported last year.

Metrolink dispatchers use computers to monitor train traffic and send signals to control flow along the tracks. Engineers are required to obey trackside signals, which are then relayed by radio to a conductor on board. Those conversations can be heard by the dispatcher and are recorded.

It remains unclear what, if anything, was said between the engineer and conductor before the crash in Los Angeles. A dispatcher tried to alert the Metrolink engineer about the oncoming train, but the call came too late.

Metrolink carries about 50,000 riders a day. It reported 51 fatalities in accidents between 2000 and 2006.

A Metrolink spokesman did not respond to an e-mail seeking comment.

Experts say a safety system that relies on track signals is open to tragic mistakes.

"The red light is the last straw," said University of Southern California engineering professor Najmedin Meshkati. "The lightbulb could go out and you would not have a red signal."

The Los Angeles collision was the deadliest passenger train crash since Sept. 22, 1993, when Amtrak's Sunset Limited plunged off a trestle into a bayou near Mobile, Ala., moments after the trestle was damaged by a towboat; 47 people were killed.

Associated Press writers Amy Taxin, Sarah Karush in Washington and Denise Lavoie in Boston contributed to this report.

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HP to cut 24,600 jobs as part of EDS integration

BY JORDAN ROBERTSON

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Hewlett-Packard Co. said Monday it plans to slash 24,600 jobs over the next three years, nearly 8 percent of its work force, as it combines operations with Electronic Data Systems Corp., the technology-services company it recently acquired.

Most of the cuts will come from within EDS's ranks, and nearly half will hit jobs in the U.S., HP said Monday after the markets closed.

HP had not previously detailed how many employees of the combined company would lose their jobs. Before the acquisition, HP had 178,000 people and EDS had 142,000, a total of 320,000.

HP was expected to reveal more details about the integration at a meeting with financial analysts in San Francisco later Monday.

Palo Alto, Calif.-based HP bought EDS for \$13.9 billion in a bid to challenge IBM

Corp. for more of the lucrative, long-term business of helping companies manage their computing infrastructure.

HP expects to save \$1.8 billion per year from the cuts once the restructuring is complete. The company will incur a \$1.7 billion charge in the current quarter, its fiscal fourth quarter, for a goodwill adjustment and other costs connected to the restructuring.

HP CEO Mark Hurd has been aggressive about cutting costs since he was hired in 2005. His first big act was a major restructuring that eliminated nearly 15,000 jobs.

Hurd's changes have helped HP wring more profits from its businesses even as the personal-computer industry as a whole grapples with shrinking profit margins, and HP's crown-jewel business — printer ink — faces intensifying competition from lower-cost competitors.

HP shares fell \$1.64, or 3.5 percent, to \$45.33 in regular-session trading. In after-hours trading, the stock gained 42 cents to \$45.75.

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Shasta County setting records for pot seizures

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

REDDING Shasta County has set a new record for the amount of illegal marijuana it has eradicated.

Local law enforcement agencies and California National Guard troops destroyed nearly 90,000 plants last week. That brings the total for the year to nearly 410,000 plants.

The seizures eclipse last year's total of about 365,000 plants.

Lt. Jeff Foster of the Shasta County Sheriff's Department says the county has set new records for several years.

He says the pot gardens are getting larger. In past years, growers typically had fewer than 5,000 plants.

Now it's common to find illicit groves with 20,000 to 30,000 plants.

Two suspected growers were arrested during raids last week. Several others were seen fleeing from pot plantations as authorities closed in.

Marines extend tattoo ban for some jobs

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO The Marine Corps top general has revised a ban on "sleeve" tattoos to prohibit troops grandfathered in under the policy from serving as recruiters or security guards at U.S. embassies.

A Marine spokesman said Monday that Gen. James T. Conway said in his order recruiters and guards have "significant impact on public perception" because of

their daily dealings with civilians.

Conway banned the large and often elaborate designs on the biceps and forearms in April 2007.

Marines already tattooed were exempt from the ban.

Those who were grandfathered in must have their tattoos documented by the Corps. Any Marine caught after the ban with a fresh "sleeve" could be barred from re-enlistment or face disciplinary action.

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Pico roads to be repaired

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past only had one dispatcher per 12-hour shift.

The old center handled about 11,000 incidents per year — or 30 a day — and operated 20-year-old equipment that frequently failed, fire officials said.

“It became increasingly difficult to acquire replacement parts for necessary equipment repair,” according to a staff report.

The partnership with Los Angeles came after local officials spent nearly two years evaluating nine different options to enhance dispatch services, such as increasing staffing at the local Communications Center and creating a joint center with Beverly Hills and Culver City fire departments.

While the new center has alleviated some of the burdens placed on the solo dispatch officer, it created concerns for its slower response time and in the accuracy of the emergency situations which were relayed to the SMFD, the latter of which was in the process of being corrected.

GeoComm, a public safety consultant in Minnesota, will be called upon to perform a study and make recommendations on the best dispatching option. The plan is due to the department by Nov. 30.

The council is also expected to approve an approximately \$117,000 contract with Gensler Architects to locate the new site for a public safety storage facility. The contract includes a feasibility study comparing different city-owned properties and public outreach.

The new facility will store emergency response and training vehicles as well as disaster supplies and other equipment.

Both the police and fire departments currently store their reserve emergency and training vehicles outside, which requires that all of their equipment be removed and placed indoors.

“The process of returning the equipment onto the vehicle impedes the responsiveness of the vehicle and staff to emergency calls,” the report stated.

The same firm will also be asked to complete a \$220,000 space needs analysis for City Hall.

The lack of space has long been an issue for city departments. City Hall currently leases more than 51,000 square feet in 10 different locations, spending more than \$2.2 million annually.

“The proposed administrative space needs analysis will examine the current organizational structure, current working relationships as well as current space opportunities and realities,” the report stated.

SKATING IN DOWNTOWN

A popular outdoor skating rink that attracted more than 30,000 people in less than 50 days will be making a return this winter.

The Bayside District Corp. last year brought a Rockefeller Center-like tradition to the city when it set up an outdoor rink on the corner of Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue during the holiday season as part of its Winterlit celebration.

The private-public management company that oversees Downtown will ask the council to contribute \$25,000, which would help pay the cost of providing electrical service to the site.

Bayside officials estimate that the rink will serve more than 40,000 skaters this winter.

City Hall is expected to lose approximately \$21,000 in parking revenue as a result of

the transformation of the site from a parking lot to a rink.

MAINTAINING THE CAROUSEL

As City Hall begins soliciting interested operators for the famous carousel on the Santa Monica Pier, it is hoping the current one — Roth Management — will stay around in the interim.

The council will be asked to approve a month-to-month extension of an existing contract with Roth Management for a period of six months. City officials in the meantime plan to begin seeking operators for the carousel, which could again be Roth Management if a bid is submitted and granted.

The extension will cost approximately \$84,450 or approximately \$14,000 a month.

REPAIRING ROADS IN PICO

A series of streets in the Pico Neighborhood are expected to be resurfaced under an estimated \$447,000 project that would repair street pavement, sidewalks, driveways and curbs.

Sequel Contractors could be asked to take on the project, which includes the area bounded by Cloverfield Boulevard to the east, Pico Boulevard to the south, Lincoln Boulevard to the west and the I-10 Freeway to the north.

The locations, which include stretches of 22nd Street and Delaware Avenue, were identified as needing repair.

“Failure to complete the repairs will lead to further deterioration of the streets and sidewalks and higher liability exposure,” the staff reports stated.

UPDATING LOCAL HISTORY

In the ongoing quest to preserve significant buildings, City Hall is looking to pay more than \$33,000 extra to Jones & Stokes Associate in order to research and document a potential historic district.

The consultant has been working with City Hall since August 2006 on updating the existing Historic Resources Inventory, which currently contains 1,300 historically significant properties. The list was compiled from surveys conducted between 1983 and 1993 and four updates since then.

Jones & Stokes will conduct further research on the possible formation of the Gillette Regent Square Historic District north of Montana Avenue, encompassing an area of roughly 550 parcels.

DESIGNING A BIKE-FRIENDLY GARAGE

While the renovation of a Downtown parking garage is certain to include a full-service bicycle station, how it will look is another question.

KPFF Consulting Engineers, which is designing the upgrades for Parking Structure 2 on Second Street, is currently developing the look for a new bike station. The council will be asked to pay the firm an extra \$20,000 to draft several different concept designs.

“The development of multiple bicycle station options and a feasibility study to determine amenities and operational planning of bicycle facilities was not included in KPFF’s original scope of work,” the report stated.

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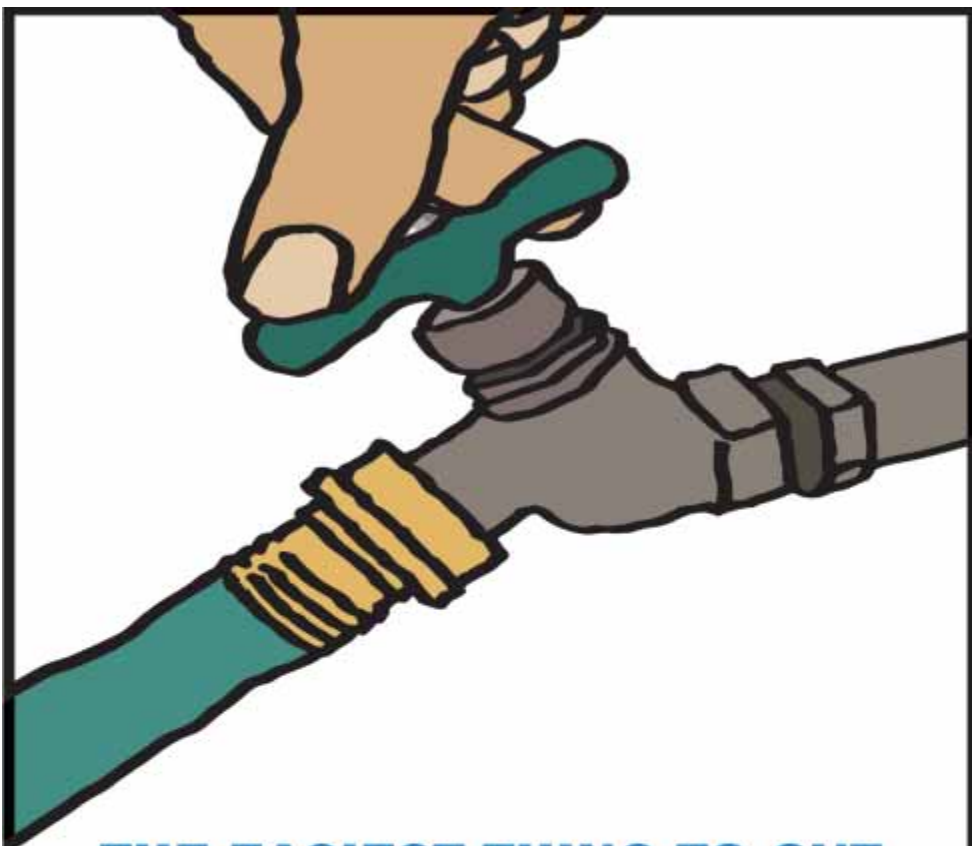


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Neighbors welcome new housing project

FROM HOUSING PAGE 1

the two bedrooms and \$700 to \$1,100 for the three bedrooms.

Kevin Daly of Daly Genik Architects designed the apartments in his first project with Community Corp., deciding to split the development into several buildings in order to break up the scale.

Daly said zoning regulations in many cases lead projects to take the often-seen horseshoe shape in which the building wraps around a courtyard.

"We kind of felt that sort of space was something that is visible to everyone but available to nobody," he said.

Instead the architect decided to use smaller buildings to create more intimately-sized spaces.

The 30,000 square foot development was designed with sustainability in mind, using low-VOC paint, and a rainwater capture feature. While CCSM will not apply for certification under Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, which is the designation for "green" developments, the project would be at the level of LEED Silver, Ling said.

Breaking up the project into six buildings also allowed them to maximize natural sunlight.

CCSM is currently in talks with the Boys & Girls Club to operate an afterschool program at the site, similar to its apartment complex on Main and Pacific streets, which opened last year. The apartment will also have an on-site resident services coordinator, acting in a counselor-like capacity, advis-

ing on how to apply for low-income tax credit and even suggesting different computer or parenting classes in the community.

The developer currently owns 80 properties in the city altogether. About six buildings that CCSM hopes to rehabilitate are currently in escrow.

Ling said these projects allow low-income families to remain in their community, pointing out that approximately half of their tenants live in the city.

"Housing is such a large part of any family's budget and to have stable affordable housing means a great deal in terms of quality of life for the entire family," she said.

Residents near the project say they welcome an affordable addition.

"It shouldn't just be rich people who live in Santa Monica," Mews Small, who has lived in her house for 10 years, said. "You need a diverse society."

"They deserve a decent place to live at a fair price."

Affordable housing projects have traditionally been known to receive some resistance because of a belief that it will lower property values. Geoff Gurnee, who earlier this year moved into his house just around the corner from the project, said it doesn't bother him.

"I'm indifferent," he said. "As long as you don't see the crime rise or shady people start to walk past the house."

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Opponents fear UUT could drive away jobs

FROM ENDORSEMENT PAGE 3

city's UUT revenue could be reduced.

To address these issues the proposed ordinance amends the current law and adds various definitions to the UUT law, including a definition for "telecommunication services". The proposal applies the UUT to all telecommunication services regardless of the technology, equipment or services used.

The proposal also removes all references to the Federal Excise Tax. The proposal makes no change to the tax rate. The existing tax rate is kept at 10 percent.

Exactly how, if at all, the proposed ordinance would affect the amount of tax paid by any taxpayer would depend upon a number of factors, including the terms of the services agreement with the service provider and whether the provider has to change its

billing and collection practices.

The proposal provides an exemption for low income senior citizens and for disabled persons. The proposal also provides an exemption for services that cannot be taxed under federal or state law as well as an exemption from tax for digital downloads, such as music, ringtones, games, and similar digital products, according to an impartial ballot statement prepared by the City Attorney's Office.

Opponents of the measure said residents are currently taxed too much and City Hall needs to learn how to better manage funds than impose more taxes. They also claim that the tax would make Santa Monica even more expensive to do business in, driving away job opportunities.

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Keeping it green

FROM SPENDING PAGE 9

The compressed natural gas vehicles will be used for commercial and resident collection. The council could also authorize a \$262,000 order of two new hydraulic telescopic articulating aerial devices, which are vehicles used to repair and maintain street lights.

GREEN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

A firm that provides financial management for Sustainable Works, a nonprofit organization that encourages resident and business participation in green initiatives, is due to receive a \$257,000 contract from City Hall. Under the new contract, Community Partners will provide fiscal management for Sustainable Works, which was first contracted by City Hall under the name "Green Team Project" in the 1990s to develop the Residential Greening Program.

Sustainable Works has worked with more than 115 businesses and 3,600 community members in greening programs.

CONTROLLING TRAFFIC

As City Hall continues with water and sewer main construction projects, it is seeking a \$20,000 contract extension with Traffic Management Inc. to continue mapping out vehicular and pedestrian detours.

NEW SOFTWARE

A firm that is upgrading the operating system for the wastewater pumping station and Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recycling Facility



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SPINNING: The Santa Monica Pier Carousel.

is asking for more money to purchase hardware and software to complete installation. Beavens Systems Inc., which has been working with City Hall since February, is requesting an additional \$65,000 to complete the project.

The upgrade will replace an outdated control system with an automated one that identifies operating needs and manages the equipment maintenance of both facilities.

Along with the contract extension for Beavens Systems, the council will also be asked to spend \$11,000 for a new cash management software system, which will integrate other payment recording systems used by City Hall, including for business tax receipts.

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School board reserves judgement

FROM DEASY PAGE 3

Deasy was hired by the Santa Monica-Malibu school board in 2001.

School board Chairman Verjeana M. Jacobs (At Large) said the board will contact the university to ensure that the inquiry's outcome is received promptly. In the meantime, she said, "we're going to reserve judgement." Several other board members said they share her view. Jacobs said the board discussed the situation with Deasy in closed session, but she declined to elaborate, according to the Washington Post.

"Dr. Deasy has done good work in this county," she told the newspaper.

Two former board members involved in selecting Deasy as chief of the 130,000-student system said they found it unlikely that there are flaws in his record.

"I have the utmost confidence in Dr. Deasy's honesty and his integrity," Judy Mickens-Murray, who voted to hire Deasy, told the Post. "I had no reason throughout the process to believe that he would put forth anything that was untrue."

John White, a spokesman for Deasy, said the superintendent would not comment further until the university concludes the investigation.

The current board, which took office soon after Deasy became superintendent, very rarely criticizes him in public. Likewise, the superintendent is careful in his relations with the board. Although Deasy appeared to strongly disagree with a recent vote to spend \$36 million for a new school system headquarters, the dispute remained civil. Deasy also quickly apologized for snapping at board member Rosalind Johnson (District 1) during a brief public exchange last year, according to the Post.

By and large, board members express satisfaction with his leadership. Scores on the Maryland School Assessments have been rising steadily under his tenure. A board meeting last week in Upper Marlboro featured a lengthy discussion of information technology infrastructure, and the degree inquiry was not mentioned.

"Our test scores, the programs that we're putting in place throughout the county, the equity that we're seeing in our programs for all of our students throughout the county — it's very successful, and he's leading our school system in a very successful manner," said board member Amber Waller (At Large).

Deasy's annual evaluation will be completed in mid-October, board member Linda Thornton Thomas (District 4) told the Post. Thomas would not go into much detail, noting that the evaluation is "a personnel matter." But she said she had questions about the school system's communications with the public as well as a consortium Deasy formed to oversee county high schools.

"I did not see last year how [the consortium] actually made a change," Thomas said. "I don't see, even right now, the plans for anything different."

In its last formal evaluation, issued in July 2007, the board gave Deasy a \$16,666 performance bonus and a 5 percent raise, which pushed his annual base salary to \$273,000. A statement issued by the school system said that Deasy had received an overall score of 4.46, on a 5-point scale, in a rating of 106 indicators.

The board has not made that evaluation public, calling it a personnel matter. But in a statement, it described his leadership as "excellent."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.



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Stocks tumble amid new Wall Street landscape

BY TIM PARADIS

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK A stunning makeover of the Wall Street landscape sent stocks falling precipitously Monday, with the Dow Jones industrials sliding 500 points in their worst point drop since the September 2001 terrorist attacks. Investors reacted badly to a shakeup of the financial industry that took out two storied names: Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. and Merrill Lynch & Co.

Stocks also posted big losses in markets across much of the globe as investors absorbed Lehman's bankruptcy filing and what was essentially a forced sale of Merrill Lynch to Bank of America for \$50 billion in stock. While those companies' situations had reached some resolution, the market remained anxious about American International Group Inc., which is seeking emergency funding to shore up its balance sheet. A faltering of the world's largest insurance company likely would have financial implications far beyond that of Lehman, the largest U.S. bankruptcy.

The swift developments that took place Sunday are the biggest yet in the 14-month-old credit crises that stems from now toxic subprime mortgage debt. For the first part of Monday's trading, the market was falling, but in a largely orderly fashion as investors seemed to draw some relief from the resolution of Lehman's problems.

But as the session wore on, and there was no word about AIG, the market's suffered another bout of fear that the ongoing credit crisis will continue to devastate the financial sector, and selling accelerated in the final hour.

Investors are worried that trouble at AIG and the bankruptcy filing by Lehman, felled

by \$60 billion in bad debt and a dearth of investor confidence, will touch off another series of troubles for banks and financial institutions that may be forced to further write down the value of their own debt assets. Wall Street had been hopeful six months ago that the collapse of Bear Stearns would mark the darkest day of the credit crisis.

AIG's troubles a week after its stock dropped 45 percent are worrisome for some investors because of the company's enormous balance sheet and the risks that troubles with that company's finances could spill over to the companies with which it does business. AIG, one of the 30 stocks that make up the Dow industrials, fell \$6.93, or 57 percent, to \$5.21 Monday as investors worried that it would be the subject of downgrades from credit ratings agencies.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow fell 504.48, or 4.42 percent, to 10,917.51, moving below the 11,000 mark for the first time since mid-July. It was the worst point drop for the Dow since it lost 684.81 on Sept. 17, 2001, the first day of trading after the terror attacks. It was also the sixth-largest point drop in the Dow, just behind the 508.00 it suffered in the October 1987 crash.

Broader stock indicators also fell. The Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 58.74, or 4.69 percent, to 1,192.96, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 81.36, or 3.60 percent, to 2,179.91.

The S&P 500 broke through the 1,200.44 trading low seen in mid-July, a key level traders watch. Much of the trading day until about the last hour had been orderly because the market had tested another key level early in the session and managed to stay above it. But the eventual drift lower prompted some investors to hit the "sell" button.

FDA approves anti-nausea patch for chemo patients

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Cancer patients will soon be able to use a medication patch to ease the debilitating nausea that often accompanies chemotherapy.

The Food and Drug Administration said Monday it has approved the first anti-nausea patch for chemotherapy patients, intended to provide relief for up to five days. The patch, called Sancuso, is worn on the arm and delivers a widely used anti-nausea medicine, known as granisetron, through the skin. It is expected to be available by the end of the year.

"It will be another way that we can address nausea and vomiting, coming from a route that we haven't had before," said nurse practitioner Barbara Rogers, who specializes in cancer treatment. "The patch is a nice option."

Rogers, who works at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, is also a consultant to ProStrakan, the Scottish company that developed the patch.

About a million people undergo chemotherapy every year and as many as 70 percent develop nausea. If the problem occurs at the hospital, it can be dealt with

immediately. But many patients suffer from nausea after being sent home. Anti-nausea pills are available, but some cancer patients have difficulty swallowing.

"The main benefit will be for people who have difficulty taking oral medications," Rogers said. But other patients could also benefit, she added, since a single patch is designed to maintain a steady level of the anti-nausea medicine in the body for several days. These days, medical professionals treating cancer patients are trying to eliminate nausea as a side effect of chemotherapy, believing that will help the patients maintain physical strength and emotional energy.

Melvin Hren, 59, a retired elementary school teacher from New Philadelphia, Ohio, said the patch helped him battle a rare cancer of the thymus gland, now in remission.

"I couldn't leave the house for very much because of the fact that I was so sick," Hren said. "As a result of the patch, I was able to leave the house and be with the family. I was able to enjoy life a little bit. Without it, life would have been a lot more difficult."

Hren took part in a clinical trial in which the patch was shown to be just as effective as anti-nausea pills. A spokeswoman for the company said no information on pricing is available.

Juice prosecutor says evidence will show threats

BY KEN RITTER
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS A prosecutor told jurors Monday they will learn “the true face” of O.J. Simpson during the former football star’s trial on charges of robbing sports memorabilia dealers in a Las Vegas hotel room.

Prosecutor Chris Owens began his opening statement by playing an audio recording of the confrontation and pointed out one voice barking commands: “Don’t let nobody outta here ... stand the (expletive) up before it gets ugly in here.”

Simpson, who flashed a thumbs-up sign when he arrived at court, sat impassively while Owens described the rest of the recording.

“The audio will show threats, it will show force, it will show demands and it will show the taking of property from the victims in this case,” Owens said.

“In our presentation of the evidence we are going to spend the next few days finding which may be the true face of ... Simpson, not necessarily the one he tries to put out to the world,” Owens said.

In his opening statement, defense attorney Yale Galanter asserted that the evidence will not show that Simpson intended to commit a crime, but rather that he simply wanted to recover stolen personal effects, including pictures of his deceased parents, and not sports memorabilia.

“You can think what you want about his past, and you all as jurors have agreed to ignore that ... what you’re going to hear in this courtroom is not a case about hiding anything from anybody. It’s a case about recovering personal items,” Galanter said.

Simpson, 61, and co-defendant Clarence “C.J.” Stewart, 54, a former golfing buddy from North Las Vegas, have pleaded not guilty to 12 charges including kidnapping, armed robbery and conspiracy. Each could face life in prison with the possibility of parole if convicted of kidnapping, and mandatory prison time if convicted of armed robbery.

Clark County District Attorney David

Roger has said the case against the two men will rely on testimony from some 25 witnesses, including four former co-defendants who have taken plea deals and agreed to testify for the prosecution.

Stewart’s attorney, Robert Lucherini, characterized his client as a successful mortgage broker who used his relationship with Simpson for networking, and on the day of the incident had simply been asked by Simpson for help in picking up his property.

Lucherini told the jury that unlike former co-defendants in the case, Stewart was on trial because he was of no use to the prosecution.

“These witnesses have been offered plea agreements, bargains, given immunity, in order for the state to help prosecute and convict O.J. Simpson,” Lucherini said. “That’s something that Mr. Stewart couldn’t help them with because, one — and his story has never changed — he didn’t know the property was stolen, and two, he didn’t know there were guns going to be used in that room.”

After opening statements, the prosecution is expected to call Bruce Fromong, a 54-year-old sports collectibles dealer from North Las Vegas to the stand, according to a witness list that Galanter said prosecutors shared with the defense.

Fromong testified at a hearing in November that he expected to meet with an anonymous buyer when Simpson arrived with others “in a military invasion fashion.”

Fromong said one man wielded a gun while Simpson shouted that items in the room belonged to him and instructed the men with him to gather them up.

Simpson denies that guns were taken to the hotel room.

The prosecution audio recordings were surreptitiously made by Thomas Riccio, a Los Angeles collectibles trader who arranged the Sept. 13, 2007, meeting between Simpson, Fromong and sports memorabilia dealer Alfred Beardsley.

Galanter said the recordings could also help the defense, asserting that at one point, Simpson says nothing should be taken that isn’t his.

Mom allegedly uses daughter’s identity to become a cheerleader

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREEN BAY, Wis. A 33-year-old woman stole her daughter’s identity to attend high school and join the cheerleading squad, according to a criminal complaint filed against the woman.

Wendy Brown, of Green Bay, faces a felony identity theft charge after enrolling in Ashwaubenon High School as her 15-year-old daughter, who lives in Nevada with Brown’s mother. According to the complaint, Brown wanted to get her high school degree and become a cheerleader because she didn’t have a childhood and wanted to regain a part of her life that she’d missed.

Brown allegedly attended cheerleading practices before school started, received a cheerleader’s locker and went to a pool party at the cheerleading coach’s house.

The \$134.50 check Brown gave to the cheerleading coach for her uniform bounced, the complaint said.

A high school employee, Kim Demeny, told authorities that the woman, posing as the teen, seemed very timid. Demeny said she told her she was not good at math and even cried when she talked about moving from Pahump Valley High School in Nevada. Demeny said she looked older than a student but had the demeanor of a high school girl.

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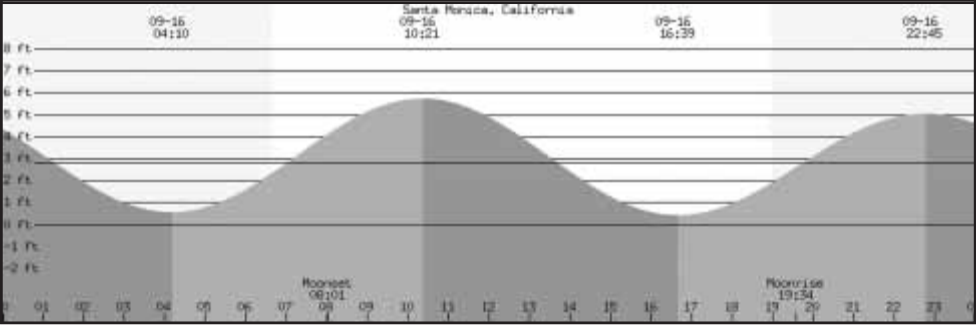
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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cienegas Beach, at Arroyo Sepul Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Red Air Hwy Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Las Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Maradero State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chontalupa)	A	ns
Bread Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	B	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	F	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildfire Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	E	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Escamido Creek, just east of Escamido State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	E	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Selencia Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach	F	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Puente State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puente Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Calvary fence	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily	B	ns	Venice Beach- projection of Topwell St.	E	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	F	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- Haggard tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Ballina Creek mouth	C	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint zone)	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	E	ns
Big Rock Beach at 18948 PCH stairs	A+	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Deckweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Paseo Creek at Las Terasas County Beach	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Deckweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns			

LEGEND

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

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

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NFL

Ref graded down after blown call in Denver

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK Ed Hochuli's acknowledgement that he erred on a call late in Sunday's San Diego-Denver game will mean lower grades for one of the NFL's highest profile referees.

"Officials are held accountable for their calls. They are graded on every play of every game," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Monday. "Ed has been an outstanding official for many years, but he will be marked down for this call. Under our evaluation system, an official's grades impact his status for potentially working the playoffs and ultimately whether or not he is retained."

The play occurred with the Broncos at the Chargers 1-yard-line in the final minute. Denver quarterback Jay Cutler dropped back to pass, the ball slipped out of his hands, bounced off the grass and into the arms of San Diego linebacker Tim Dobbins.

Hochuli ruled it an incomplete pass. Replay ruled it a fumble, but it was spotted at the 10-yard line, where the ball hit the ground, and given to Denver because the rules did not permit possession to be awarded to San Diego because the whistle had blown.

Denver went on to score, convert a 2-point conversion and win 39-38.

The play also is likely to be reviewed in the offseason by the league's competition committee, which normally reviews all controversial plays.

"It's going to require a great deal of discussion," said Titans coach Jeff Fisher, the cochairman of the competition committee. "It's happened at times. It happened in a game against us at Indianapolis years ago. ...

MILWAUKEE The Milwaukee Brewers fired manager Ned Yost on Monday, hoping to pull out of another late-season slump that has jeopardized the team's chance of making the playoffs for the first time since 1982.

Third-base coach Dale Sveum will take over as interim manager for the remainder of the season. The Brewers have lost seven of eight and fallen into a tie with Philadelphia for the NL wild-card lead. At 83-67, the Brewers have just 12 games to rebound.

Milwaukee came into this month with a 5 1/2-game lead in the wild card, but since has lost 11 of 14 — including a four-game sweep completed by the Phillies over the weekend.

Milwaukee was idle Monday, and was scheduled to begin a three-game series with the Central-leading Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field on Tuesday.

"This was a very difficult move to make, and we appreciate all of the work that Ned has done to develop this team into a contender," general manager Doug Melvin said in a statement. "In the end, this was a collaborative decision made to put our club in the best position for the final two weeks of the season."

The team has scheduled a news conference Monday night in Chicago. Yost did not immediately return a message left on his cell phone by The Associated Press.

Bench coach Ted Simmons, once considered a potential successor should Yost be

When the whistle blows and the pass is ruled incomplete, there's just no way currently that you can award possession."

For example, until March 2007, down by contact plays were not reviewable. That rule was changed so that they were reviewable, and if a fumble occurred even after the whistle blew, the team recovering it got possession

San Diego coach Norv Turner said he spoke with NFL officials Monday and that the Chargers sent in video of the plays in question.

"As for things that occurred during the game, in my mind, they're done," Turner said. "We sent the plays in to the league that we had in question. We expect to get a response back. Anything that we talk about or anything that is discussed in terms of any of the rules or any of the calls isn't going to change the outcome of that game. That game is going to be 39-38, forever."

Denver coach Mike Shanahan said honest mistakes always happen in the NFL.

"This was the best crew that we have had in the last 20 crews I have graded," Shanahan said. "They did a heck of a job. Every game that you see that is within a point or a field goal over the last couple years, it may be a call or a non-call that wasn't right, but that is the nature of this game. You have to find a way to win.

"We still had the ball at third-and-10 and had to get it into the end zone. Third-and-10 and then fourth-and-4. We still had to make a 2-point conversion," Shanahan said. "It wasn't like somebody gave us the touch-down. You have to go out there and still get it done."

MLB

Slumping Brewers fire manager Ned Yost

BY CHRIS JENKINS
Associated Press Writer

fired, has been reassigned to an "advisory role," making his long-term status with the team unclear.

By shaking up its on-field leadership, Milwaukee is hoping to avoid a repeat of last year's collapse. In 2007, the Brewers held an 8 1/2-game division lead in late June but slid to 83-79 and missed the playoffs.

The Brewers came into 2008 with even higher hopes for the playoffs, and received a major boost when they made a trade with Cleveland for ace CC Sabathia on July 7. That acquisition certainly has worked out, as the reigning AL Cy Young winner is 9-0 in 13 starts with six complete games and a 1.59 ERA.

But little else — not the other starters, the shaky bullpen or a home run-happy offense that has gone colder than a Wisconsin winter — is working for Milwaukee these days.

Now Yost has paid the price.

Yost became a lightning rod for fan criticism in Milwaukee in recent years as he stubbornly stuck by players mired in slumps and refused to criticize them in public — even when they get in shoving matches in the dugout during games.

And the Brewers haven't looked like contenders in some of their biggest series this season, including a three-game sweep by Boston in May, a four-game sweep by Chicago at home in July and the just-completed four-game sweep by Philadelphia.

AP Sports Writer Colin Fly contributed to this report from Milwaukee.

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Save some money, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Investigate and go past a problem. Understand and move forward. Extremes hit, no matter what you do or try. Stay clear and maintain a high profile. You might need to screen calls and be selective about your priorities. Tonight: A must appearance.	LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Defer to others, even if you do not feel overwhelmed. Much happens quickly. It might take a while to land. Investigate an offer, and decide to act on it in the near future. Be direct with someone you care about. Tonight: Sort through invitations.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Know when you need to pull back. In this whirlwind of happenings, you might be overly charged. Right now, resolution is not possible, but what is wise is to gather all the facts and then act. Tonight: Think rather than act. Bounce an idea off a trusted associate.	SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Easy works, though you could be overwhelmed by all that you hear and the many calls you get. Focus on doing one job at a time, refusing to take on too much, too fast. Think positively, and you might be surprised by all that you get done. Tonight: Fit in a brisk walk.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You might want or need to think through a situation more carefully. Someone might be tossing a lot of information on your plate. Lighten up about a concern, and do not feel as if you must have answers. Tonight: Where your friends are.	SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You could wonder what to do in order to make the most of a financial opportunity; however, if you are spending too much to make this happen, it could be a bad investment. Let your creativity flourish. Tonight: Let some fun filter in.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Others look to you for answers and ideas. You easily could feel overwhelmed or as if you have nothing more to offer. In truth, you do. Simply slow down, and pick and choose your battles. Tonight: Make a must appearance.	CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Your optimism and energy meet. You need to deal with basics. Issues involving real estate and property could filter in. You might be thinking about how much easier it would be to have a home office. Tonight: You don't need to go far.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Evaluate and think rather than jump in. Too many offers might come in from left field. Pace yourself, and know that you do need to make choices. Trust your instincts, and you will come out on top. Tonight: Think as if you were looking in rather than being a part of.	AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Speak your mind. You are ahead of your game and understand much more than others think. You are positive and upbeat. Do not be surprised where a conversation goes. Allow feelings to flow. Be vulnerable. Tonight: Talk up a storm.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ A partner could ask for a lot, and you will deliver at least that much in the near future. So many ideas keep popping in your mind, you could be overwhelmed. Perhaps you should carry a notepad. Tonight: Relate on a one-on-one level.	PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Before you spend, make sure you will be happy with the end result. You will be much happier if you are careful. A meeting might be overwhelming, but very much good news. Treat a friend or co-worker to lunch. Tonight: Put yourself on a strict budget.

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You could be more “in charge” of your life this year than in the past. You seem to have an endless supply of creativity and imagination. Others often tap into your thoughts, as they love the ideas that pop out of left field. You also might be prone to wild risks more often than not. If you are single, you definitely will be greeting romance in the next few months or year. This person could be very special. If you are attached, you see opportunities to be wild, but you invite your sweetie along. Your relationship will benefit. ARIES relates closely to you.

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By Jim Davis

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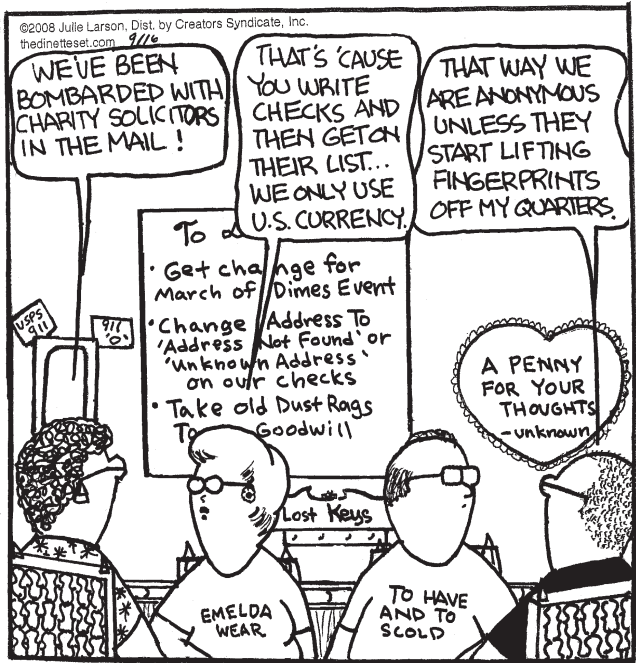
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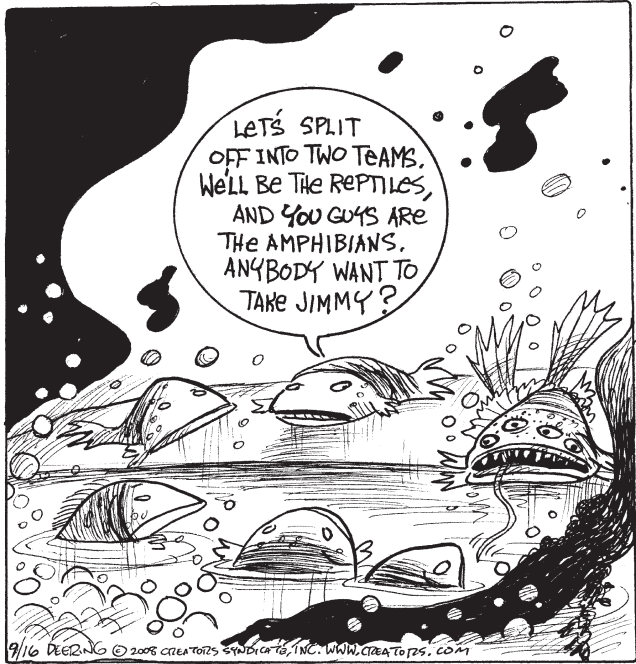
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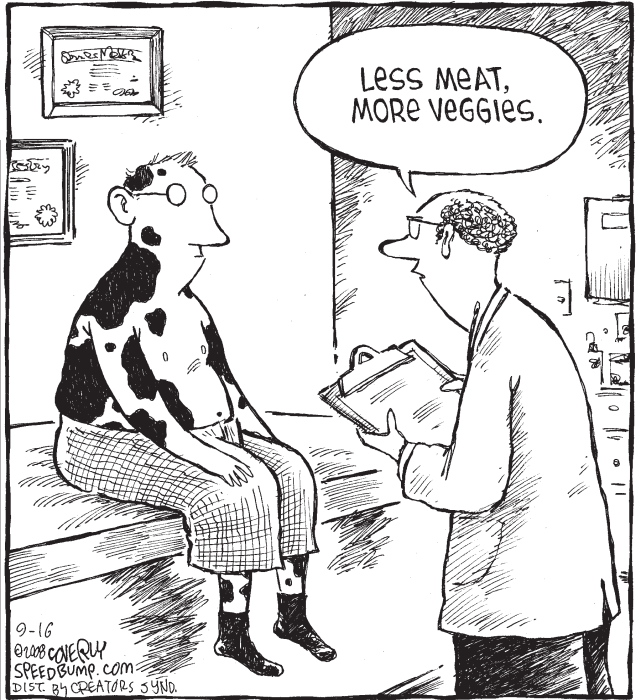
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 - 31 Intended
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 - 38 Pollen collector
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 - 45 Rental contract
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 - 18 High dice rolls
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Yesterday's answer

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- 25 Bar basic
- 26 Clique
- 30 Rafting hazard
- 31 Talk indistinctly
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ A cautionary note about "early voting" was registered in the Dallas suburb of Carrollton, Texas, in May, when Mayor Becky Miller built a nine-point lead in early balloting before a Dallas Morning News report on fanciful parts of her biography caused election-day voters to cast her out. In her campaign, she had emotionally referred to a brother killed in the Vietnam War, but her father said her only brother is still alive and was never in the military (which Miller "explained" by alleging that dad has Alzheimer's). She later gave a name for her brother, but the Morning News found that that soldier, unlike Miller, is black. Miller also claimed to be a backup singer for Linda Ronstadt and Jackson Browne (and once engaged to the Eagles' Don Henley), but spokesmen for each said they never heard of her (which she "explained" by saying she was earlier known as "Pinky").

■ An Insurance Institute for Highway Safety spokesman said in July that "billions" of dollars are unnecessarily spent annually because the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration still fails to regard SUVs and light trucks as "passenger" vehicles. One result, according to an MSNBC report, is that otherwise-benign bumper-to-bumper nudges (harmless because passenger-car bumpers are required to be of standard height) turn into major repair jobs when higher-bumpered SUVs crush the headlight assemblies of lower-bumpered passenger cars.

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Obituaries

EUGENIO GALVEZ, 71



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A Viewing/Rosary will be held at St. Mark Church, 912 Coeur D'Alene Ave., Venice, CA 90291, (310) 821-5058, at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 19, 2008. A Funeral Mass will be held at Risen Christ Chapel, Holy Cross Cemetery, 5835 W. Slauson Ave, Culver City, CA 90230, (310) 836-8112, at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 20, 2008.

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North of Montana	\$ 3,803,538	\$ 2,098,909
Between Wilshire & Montana	\$ 3,926,000	\$ 1,015,621
South of Wilshire	\$ 1,334,500	\$ 703,821
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