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THE CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN INTERN ISSUE

City to deploy smokescreen

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN — Restaurateurs could soon be held liable for their customers' bad habits.

Attorneys for City Hall on Monday told members of the business community that they are planning to change the city's comprehensive smoking ban so that fines would be issued to restaurants and bars that knowingly allow their patrons to light up.

Under the current ban, which went into effect in November of last year to protect the

public from the dangers of second-hand smoke, smokers are prohibited from lighting up in all public parks and beaches, the Santa Monica Pier (except in designated areas), the Third Street Promenade, all farmers' markets and outdoor dining and bar areas, as well as within 20 feet of any entrance, exit or open window to a public building.

Those caught violating the law can be fined up to \$250.

As it stands, the law only targets the smoker — not the business, something city attorneys would like to change after receiv-

ing roughly 25 complaints about restaurant and bar owners who blatantly allow their customers to break the law, some going so far as to offer ashtrays.

Adam Radinsky, a city attorney who heads up the Consumer Protection Unit, which was responsible for drafting the smoking restrictions, said Santa Monica is the only city in the region with a ban that does not put pressure on business owners to comply.

"For the most part, (the law) has been successful," said Radinsky, who estimates

that police have issued roughly 100 citations since the law took effect, with the promenade and Main Street being the most problematic spots. "But there are those who are taking the approach of 'It's not our problem,'" because they are not being held liable for violations of the law.

Radinsky said that by amending the ban, it would make enforcement easier, however, the burden of proof would still be high. City attorneys, along with police, would need to

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ENVIRONMENT

ONE BRIDE'S JUNK ...

It wasn't sunken treasure volunteers found in the water, but a record haul of trash

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WATER MUSIC: Volunteers from Eco Dive Center show off their booty. Among the items retrieved from the Santa Monica Bay during the Coastal Cleanup were a wedding dress and a skateboard.



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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Monthly Movie Classic: 'The Graduate'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.

The Santa Monica Branch Library presents a free screening of the classic film starring Dustin Hoffman and Anne Bancroft. Seating is first come, first served in the MLK Jr. Auditorium.

Sojourn volunteer training for domestic violence

1527 Fourth St., 6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

Sojourn Services for Battered Women and Their Children will begin their volunteer training program tonight. This training is mandatory for anyone who would like to volunteer at Sojourn. For more information on volunteer training and duties, or to sign up, contact Leticia Pineda at (310) 264-6646, ext. 221 or via e-mail at lpineda@opcc.net.

Computers course

601 Pico Blvd., 6:15 p.m. — 9:45 p.m.

The Regional Occupational Program is offering a low-cost computer class in MS Office XP. The registration fee is \$50. Pre-registration is required. Call (310) 395-9493, ext. 457 or 456 for more information.

Fly Fishers Show & Tell 2007

11301 W. Olympic Blvd., L.A., 6 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

Members of Wilderness Fly Fishers will share photos and tales of their far-flung fishing exploits. Admission is \$28 in advance or \$33 at the door. For more information, and to register, visit www.wildernessflyfishers.org or call (310) 280-3459.

The way to a book signing

1201 Third Street Promenade, 7:30 p.m.

Costantino Delli, author of "The Way," will be discussing and signing his book at Barnes & Noble. The book encourages readers to reconnect with their inner wisdom and live a greater life.

Floral design and sales course

601 Pico Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

The Regional Occupational Program is offering a semester course on floral design. Instruction includes principles of floral design, basic sales, customer relations and basic business practices. The registration fee is \$50. Pre-registration is required. Call (310) 395-9493, ext. 457 or 456 for more information.

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2007

Art Heals 2007

2034 Broadway, 6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Step Up on Second's 4th Annual Client Art Show will take place tonight at The Lowe Gallery. Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased by calling (310) 260-7843.

Get a business tune-up

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Michael Levine, author of "Broken Windows, Broken Business — How the Smallest Remedies Reap the Biggest Rewards," will speak at the Fairview Branch Library.

Montana Avenue Branch book club

1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

The group will discuss "A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier," by Ismael Beah.

Square 'em up

11338 Santa Monica Blvd., W. L.A., 7:15 p.m. — 8:45 p.m.

The Heels and Souls Square Dance Club is conducting dance lessons at Felicia Mahood Center. First lesson is free; \$4 per person thereafter. Singles welcome.

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.



CORRECTION

In the StrayTalk piece featured in the weekend edition (Sept. 15-16), several of the quotes were erroneously attributed to the wrong individuals. The quote that should have been attributed to local activist Jerry Rubin, regarding the removal of trees from downtown, is as follows: "Civil disobedience is a last resort."

Campaign filings to go high-tech

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Finding out how your favorite candidate is financing a run for office is about to get a whole lot easier.

City Clerk Maria Stewart, Santa Monica's top elections official, said she is close to purchasing new computer software that will allow her staff to more efficiently process campaign disclosure statements and allow users to conduct searches for specific contributions or expenditures and then transfer that information onto a spreadsheet, something which the current system does not allow.

The software is expected to save time, money and paper, while enabling voters to better participate in the democratic process.

NetFile, based in Mariposa, Calif., is the vendor of choice and is currently serving or in the process of contracting with the cities of San Diego, San Jose, Anaheim, Santa Clara, Berkley, Sacramento and San Francisco.

The decision to look at more user-friendly software was sparked by a City Council discussion in May of this year in which elected officials expressed concern about the ability of residents or candidates to access information off of the City Clerk's Web site.

The issue also came up in May at a community meeting on how to improve the city's electoral process. During that meeting, residents said they felt democracy is alive and

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A message to our readers

DP NEWSROOM The planned second installment of "No Direction Home," a firsthand account of life on the streets in Santa Monica that first appeared in the weekend edition (Sept. 15-16) of the Daily Press has been canceled due to changes in personnel. We apologize to any readers seeking out the story in today's issue, but feel free to enjoy our remaining fresh arrangement of poignant news articles.

-- Michael Tittinger, editor in chief



Melody Hanatani melodyh@smdp.com

I VOTED: Sylvia Levin, a Santa Monica resident, has registered more than 46,000 people to vote over the past 34 years. Levin was honored on Friday for her work by the LA City Council, which presented her with a resolution.

She's a superstar registrar

At 90, Levin still casts a long shadow among non-voters

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

WESTWOOD In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson inked the Voting Rights Act, eliminating discriminatory barriers and ensuring that every eligible American would retain the right to cast a ballot.

Eight years later, a 56-year-old Santa Monican set up a small card table outside of Canter's Deli in the Fairfax District of Los Angeles, and with a stack of voter registration applications, she began enrolling her fellow Americans to be a part of the democratic process.

Sylvia Levin hasn't stopped since.

The nonagenarian is passionate about

the electoral process and firmly believes that every American that has the right to vote should involve themselves in one of the key attributes of democracy. In a time when voter apathy is high and turnout is considerably lower in the United States than in European countries — about 50 percent for presidential elections — the average number of citizens registered has slowed substantially.

In the beginning, Levin registered an average of 20 people a day, reaching a peak of 60 a day in 1996 when Sen. Bob Dole waged a campaign against incumbent President Bill Clinton. Today, that number has dropped to about four voters registered a day.

The reason is due in part — according to her son, Chuck Levin — to the fact that people have been able to register themselves without a deputy registrar since 1979.

But the numbers don't dissuade Levin, who is perhaps even more active now in the registration drives than in the early years during which she signed up for her first

hundred voters. Her efforts have turned into a full-time volunteering responsibility, scouting in front of post offices, boutiques and farmers' markets in four Westside locations, six days a week.

She wants to show voters that registering is easy and, according to a sign on her table, "it takes two minutes."

"I'm still going strong and I will continue to go strong," Levin said.

Monday marked the end of a four-day birthday celebration for Levin, who turned 90 years old on Friday. The start of the birthday festivities coincided with the presentation of a proclamation to Levin by the Los Angeles City Council, honoring her 34 years of community service.

During her time as a deputy voter registrar, Levin has registered an estimated 46,000 voters — a California record — and spoken to more than 460,000 people from her booth.

Levin celebrated the end of her birthday

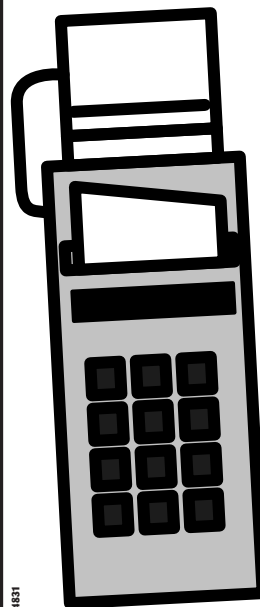
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Is there a scientist in the house?

Editor:

I am opposed to the removal of the ficus trees on Second, Third and Fourth streets because of the shade produced, the risk and expense of transplanting the ficus trees and the need to address the opposition – need for scientific debate, not political.

Allen D. Frankel
Santa Monica

Homeless need to help themselves

Editor:

Regarding Randy Walburger's letter of Sept. 11 ("Homeless issue lacks perspective") chastising Bill Bauer and others who write about the transient situation in our city: I don't believe that Mr. Bauer and others are attacking the truly poor and homeless among us. There are very few people who would not feel compassion for these people: The ones who leave an abusive home with their children; the ones who have lost their jobs (probably due to the outsourcing frenzy); the ones who are not paid a living wage; the mentally ill and addicted who need hospitalization and/or treatment; the elderly on fixed incomes.

There are few among us who have not needed a helping hand at one time or another.

I believe the complaints are directed at the large population of transients: The drug addicts; the alcoholics who support their habits at our expense and are enabled in their slow suicide by the city; the ones who walk into businesses located by the centers that feed them, steal things and pick up heavy glass and threaten employees and smash things; the ones who aggressively threaten people (usually women or the elderly) with harm if they don't fork over money; the ones who break car windows in parking areas to steal what they can; the ones who take over the parks and urinate and defecate in front of our children; the ones who spit on passersby; the ones who support their habits by theft and/or violence. If these individuals are "homeless," it's because the rent money goes up their noses or into their bodies by various methods. It is my belief that this population should also be helped by treatment for their addictions, and not by given three hots and a cot which just enables them and deepens their addictions.

Help should be given to those who want sobriety, and thus, to become a contributing member of society. Alcoholics Anonymous and 12-step programs are free, but sobriety should be the criteria for help extended. As it is, the city has become the giant magnet and enabler of the addicted population, few of whom were Santa Monica residents before hitting the skids. If, on the other hand, they desire to keep putting alcohol/drugs in their system until they're dead, so be it – but Santa Monica can't continue helping them do it here on our streets and parks.

Marilyn Brennan
Santa Monica

Gay politicians can represent

Editor:

Sen. Larry Craig (R-Idaho) seeks to undo what he did; undo his guilty plea in an airport sex incident. The senator says he "panicked" to avoid a media story about his sexuality.

Barney Frank serves openly as a gay politician, and I for one, would have no qualms with Larry Craig serving as an openly gay politician.

Ron Lowe
Santa Monica



What's the Point?

David Pizarra

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

That's a hefty price to pay for ignorance

ON SUNDAY, I WAS AT A POOL PARTY for the 10-year-old daughter of my law partner. The party was held in Tarzana in one of those gated developments that specialize in manicured lawns, and the "Leave it to Beaver" world promised to everyone in the '50s. The party was a blast. There were about 20 kids under 11, all of them running around, playing in the pool enjoying a beautiful end-of-summer weekend.

After the party, I came back to my little home to walk my dog and stroll through the park to work off some of the calories from the party. Virginia Avenue Park has a water feature — it's similar to those in-ground fountains that you see at the Music Center, where water shoots up in different patterns. On Sunday, there were maybe a dozen or so kids playing in water.

The interesting thing was the contrast I noticed between the two populations of children. Both groups of kids were in the 'pre-teen' category. Both groups were happy and enjoying themselves playing in the water and cavorting as groups of children will.

But the differences were striking to me.

In the Valley, the children were all from fairly well-to-do parents, and the food was typical birthday party fare: Hot dogs, brownies, potato chips, carrot sticks and three types of salads. What I noticed was how almost all of the kids were well nourished, but not fat. There was one overweight girl, but other than that, the kids were all within that range of "normal" weight for their height and age.

At the park, the children were with their families (I have no idea what their economic status is), but almost all of the kids were overweight or obese. It was truly shocking to me, as it was such a contrast, so close in proximity to each other.

Now I don't think it is a genetic difference, but it could be, I suppose. I don't think it is an intelligence difference, as there is more than enough education out there for people to learn how to eat properly. And I don't think it is a caring issue, as both groups of people were happy and enjoying themselves and the parents seemed to evidence love for their children.

I think it is an economic issue.

There was one girl at the birthday party who was doing backflips and roundoffs and cartwheels — she was very talented and quite graceful. I asked her father, how long had she been taking gymnastics lessons? He

said two years, plus the summer intensives of five hours a day, five days a week. I didn't really think very much of it, until I got to the park. The kids in the park were running around and playing, but they weren't doing any directed play, or playing in an athletic manner.

I think that's because they haven't been shown how.

It occurred to me that the difference between these two groups of children and the wide disparity of their physical health and agility is really just a matter of access to physical education.

It used to be that P.E. was derided as that class to warehouse kids and less than stellar teachers. But the reality is that if we don't teach kids how to play constructively, and how to develop their bodies, and how to direct their energies into something more useful than a Playstation, we are doing them a disservice.

Now, clearly, the people at the birthday party had access to private classes and trainers for their kids (and I'm not saying that the parents who don't have that access are bad parents). What I am saying is that, as a society, we have to recognize the need, as part of a full and comprehensive education, to teach our children about physical exercise.

The governor talks about putting our children first, the president talks about No Child Left Behind, our Assemblywoman ran on the basis of her education credentials, yet, at the end of the day, we have to look at where the money goes to see their true priorities. We have billions of dollars for new jailbeds, while our schools go under-funded.

It's my perspective that we would be better off putting some of that money into after-school programs, bringing back P.E. to the schools that lost it, and upgrading our athletic programs. Otherwise, we're just going to be putting those overweight and obese children into the jails when they act out due to low self-esteem and bad body image. We'll also have to provide a much higher level of medical care for these kids, all of whom are at risk of developing hypertension and diabetes in epidemic proportions.

All of which is just bad economics, and bad for society.

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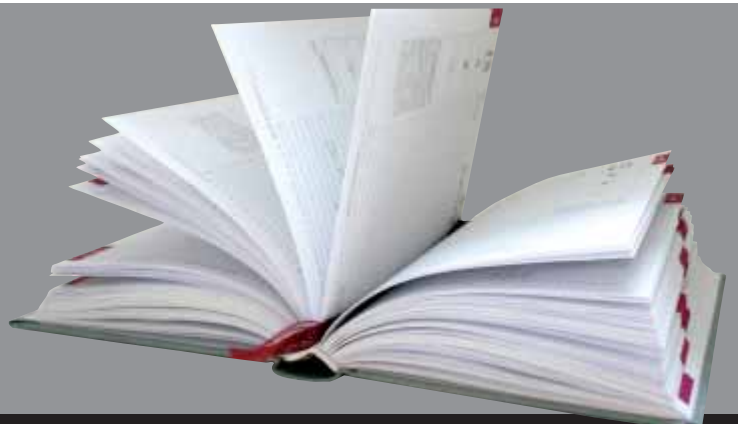
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Alex Thompson

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Cops' chain reaction is bad for our city

ON SEPT. 7, THE RIDERS OF SANTA Monica Critical Mass (SMCM) voted to remain as one large group rather than break up, with full awareness that this could lead to citation by the SMPD. Immediately, a rider blocking traffic for the safety of other riders was cited and searched. We headed south to Los Angeles, with SMPD around and amongst the ride — making it clear that a return to Santa Monica was not a good option.

So we did not return, but SMCM was still a huge success, including an epic pillow fight on the Venice Boardwalk and impromptu race in a Venice park.

SMPD and other opposition to SMCM seem to view the ride as an isolated monthly event. Hence, they take a flawed strategy for dealing with it; each month they drive the ride out of Santa Monica and into Los Angeles. Apparently, SMPD has assumed that this will either force the ride to comply with their requests, or decrease ridership until the ride is small enough to be of no bother.

SMCM is not an isolated event. It is one manifestation of a large social bike-riding movement in Los Angeles. Formerly the largest community of cyclists was mountain and road cyclists who rode their bikes for individual recreational enjoyment. However, in 2004 in Echo Park, a ride called Midnight Ridazz catalyzed the explosive growth of a new group in the cycling community. These cyclists — social bike riders — use their bicycles for daily transportation and participate in rides like SMCM on their Friday and Saturday nights. They now comprise a large segment of the cycling community in Los Angeles and Santa Monica.

In a certain sense, disrupting SMCM is like trying to get rid of that pesky bubble underneath the wallpaper. Push it down and it pops up somewhere else. This new group

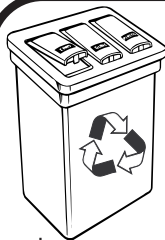
of social bike riders feel persecuted by a car culture which treats them as second class citizens. SM cyclists are routinely endangered by motorists who tailgate, cut off and narrowly pass them. When SMPD drives out SMCM instead of focusing attention on motorists who endanger bicycle commuters, it confirms the social bike riders view that we are unwanted outsiders. SMCM is a time during the month when they can enjoy cycling and feel safe in the city streets. Social bike riders want a ride like SMCM, and if Santa Monica succeeds in destroying SMCM, social bike riders will probably create another ride in its place.

Those interested in being rid of Critical Mass might pursue a long-term strategy of lessening the identification of one bike rider with another.

Enforce the laws. Cite motorists who harass cyclists. Police officers need only spend a few minutes daily commuting by bicycle in plainclothes to discover just how dangerously motorists operate around cyclists. Give cyclists adequate road space by engineering roads reasonably. Inform citizens (and police officers) of a cyclist's right to the road. In essence — strive to make cycling safe and accepted by motorists.

Finally, rather than distancing themselves from Critical Mass, local politicians should recognize the wealth of young leadership that SMCM and other rides have attracted. Many future progressive leaders are simply pedaling about on these rides. One could build quite a political legacy from these young leaders, but only if one first acknowledges the validity of their concerns, and the positive intent of their participation in SMCM.

ALEX THOMPSON is a longtime participant of Santa Monica Critical Mass.

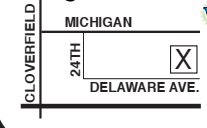


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The Q-Line

Sporting life

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Six years after 9/11, sky-high enthusiasm emerges from ashes

BY LISA LEFF

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO The rivalry between Los Angeles and San Francisco permeates life in California, infiltrating debates on everything from sports and weather to cuisine and water consumption. When it comes to competing for the West Coast's tallest building, though, few would expect this city to enter the fray, much less end up on top.

Yet here in the land of earthquakes and cafe culture, plans are unfolding for not just the loftiest skyscraper on the coast, but the three highest high-rises west of the Mississippi River. All are part of a proposed downtown neighborhood to be built around a regional bus and train terminal — a Grand Central Station of the West — that is being promoted as an environmentally sensible magnet for development.

“What it will mean for San Francisco to have its tallest building be the Transbay Terminal tower is a statement that our highest value is ecology,” said Gabriel Metcalf, executive director of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association, a local public policy think tank. “It will be this exclamation mark saying the most important location in our city is the transit center.”

Six years after many architects and urban planners predicted the indelible images of Sept. 11, 2001, would stifle Americans' enthusiasm for iconic skyscrapers, San Francisco is not the only U.S. city where the landscape is moving up. Instead, fueled by high land costs, disenchantment with suburban sprawl and urban one-upmanship, the nation is experiencing its biggest high-rise construction boom in decades.



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Gabriel Metcalf, executive director of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association

From Miami and Las Vegas to Chicago and New York, buildings that would either eclipse or stand spire-to-spire with the 1,250-foot-tall Empire State Building are promising to reshape skylines. The 1,200-to-1,375-foot-tall tower that is supposed to help finance and attract riders to San Francisco's new public transportation hub is one of 11 buildings nationwide either planned or under construction that, if completed, would make the list of the 20 tallest buildings in the United States.

“Many people thought 9-11 would sound the death knell for tall buildings, and it's been the opposite,” said Antony Wood, execu-

utive director of the Chicago-based Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat. The collapse of the World Trade Center “probably induced the largest introspective analysis of the whole typology that has ever happened — is this a viable part of our cities or is it not? And like it or not, that has resulted in a resounding yes.”

Compared to the high-rises that were erected in the 1970s, the new crop of super

skyscrapers are more likely to be residential or government-supported expressions of civic or even national pride than symbols of corporate wealth, according to Wood. The 150-story, 2,000-foot-tall Chicago Spire rising near the shores of Lake Michigan, for example, would be both the tallest skyscraper in the U.S. and the world's tallest residential building.

“Tall buildings are being used to project a certain status for a city on a world stage. That's undoubtable,” Wood said. “For a city to be taken seriously on a local or domestic or international scale, they want to be seen to be keeping up with the times, and tall buildings are part of that.”

Lawmakers and governor ready to deal

BY LAURA KURTZMAN
AND SAMANTHA YOUNG

Associated Press Writers

SACRAMENTO After a year of gridlock, lawmakers say they want to reach deals with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to reform health care and improve the state's water supply.

But a special legislative session called last week by the governor may not result in consensus and compromise.

On health care, the governor and Democrats still do not have the Republican support they need to enact reform legislatively, and their plan now is to seek voter approval through a ballot initiative.

On water, environmentalists have locked horns with Republicans over the dams they say are needed to store water. Many Democrats spent most of the year refusing to negotiate, and no deal has emerged, despite a developing drought and a court order that will force the state to stop pumping from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta — which supplies two-thirds of the state's water.

Schwarzenegger said he ran out of time to negotiate both issues because of the 51-day budget standoff engineered by Senate Republicans over the summer. But the Legislature's enduring ideological disagreements contributed at least as much to the lack of action.

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Hells Angels' leader is sentenced

'Smilin Rick' gets sent away for seven years on racketeering rap

By The Associated Press

SEATTLE Richard "Smilin' Rick" Fabel, who presided over the Spokane chapter of the Hells Angels motorcycle gang, was sentenced Monday to 7½ years in prison after being convicted of racketeering.

U.S. District Judge Robert S. Lasnik issued the sentence Monday morning in a courtroom packed with Fabel's supporters, including Hells Angels from around the West. He also ordered Fabel, 50, to pay nearly \$55,000

in restitution, mostly to Progressive Corp. for fraudulent insurance claims. The sentence exceeded the guideline range, which Lasnik determined to be between five years, three months and 6½ years.

In June, following a 10-week trial, a jury convicted Fabel of racketeering and conspiracy to commit racketeering — specifically, mail fraud, extortion and trafficking in stolen motorcycles.

The judge noted that while Fabel kept his distance from the most serious crimes committed by the Hells Angels' Washington Nomads chapter — including murder — he also stocked the Spokane clubhouse with people willing to do violence. And, Lasnik found, he rewarded them for criminal behavior that enriched the organization.

Fabel was tried alongside three other current and former Hells Angels, one of whom — Rodney Rollness — was convicted of killing a Snohomish County man, Michael "Santa" Walsh. The motive was to punish Walsh for pretending to be a Hells Angel, prosecutors said, and Fabel honored Rollness and another defendant, Joshua Binder, with coveted "Filthy Few" patches signifying they had killed for the club.

The U.S. attorney's office had recommended a 10-year sentence, \$50,000 fine, \$55,000 in restitution and an order that Fabel be barred from associating with Hells Angels following his release.

"For two decades, Rick Fabel's life has been dedicated to glorifying violence and a criminal subculture," prosecutors wrote in

a sentencing memorandum. "Fabel brought together a toxic blend of sociopaths and anti-social personalities, giving their violent tendencies a place to flourish. Fabel himself extorted, robbed, and victimized numerous people."

Lasnik did not impose a fine but ordered that Fabel stay away from other Hells Angels for at least a year.

Fabel continued to maintain his innocence and told the court he appreciated all of the support he had received.

His lawyers, who had recommended a sentence of less than three years and two years of supervised release, maintained throughout the trial that he had been unfairly targeted in an investigation based on unreliable testimony from crooks and liars.

Search for aviator Fossett cut back, pilots remain hopeful

BY BRENDAN RILEY | Associated Press Writer

MINDEN, Nev. The Nevada-based search for Steve Fossett was cut back on Monday, but those still involved in the hunt for the missing aviator and adventurer said they remain optimistic about finding him alive.

The Civil Air Patrol, which had 20 planes and 60 searchers aloft over the weekend, suspended further flights and left two planes and a small team on standby at the airport here.

The National Guard kept five helicopters on search duty — and many private aircraft continue to operate out of hotel mogul Barron Hilton's 1 million-acre Flying M Ranch,

where Fossett had been staying. Search and rescue crews on the ground also continued their efforts.

"We're going to remain hopeful," said Nevada Highway Patrol Trooper Chuck Allen, speaking for the state Department of Public Safety. "I guess the best possible scenario we can think about today is that he's sitting next to his plane somewhere in Nevada that no one has checked yet, and that he's alive."

"It's only going to take that one set of eyes to come forward and say, 'We know where he's at.' That's the day we're all hoping for," Allen said.

Maj. Cynthia Ryan of the Nevada CAP said volunteer CAP pilots in up to 28 planes made 245 flights searching for Fossett, a millionaire who has sailed and flown around the world and

has set more than 100 aviation and distance records.

Regarding the CAP flight suspensions, she added, "We don't like to do that. It's against our nature to walk away from a search. But at some point you have diminishing returns."

Maj. Ed Locke of the Nevada Air National Guard said the guard's helicopters will continue flying and will be able to hover close to the ground, in contrast to the CAP planes which flew at about 1,000 feet above the ground.

But Locke also said tips from people, including those from Web surfers using Google Earth Satellite photos, have dropped off from hundreds following Fossett's disappearance on Labor Day to about two dozen a day — and of those two dozen most duplicate one another.

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Children sing, dance and play musical instruments on Saturday at the Santa Monica Pier during the 'Wake Up With The Waves!' children's concert, lead by children's entertainers Michael Cladis and Rachel Owen.

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Tales from the crib

Angie Wagner

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Crashed out at beach

LAGUNA BEACH There's something we Wagners have had to learn to accept. It started long ago, and extends into many aspects of our lives.

We have to do everything twice.

When we buy something, usually a big product, we know it most likely is going to have to be returned for being broken or damaged. I know it sounds crazy, but it's true.

Example: When we unwrapped a table and chair set for our patio, we noticed a large scratch across the top. We returned it, grabbed another and ... the same thing happened. Only this time when we returned it, they didn't have any more.

We found a flaw in the new carpet. After it was ripped up, we were told that color was no longer available.

We bought a new fax machine that didn't work. My daughter's doll house was missing a part on Christmas Day.

A packet of screws for a shelf is missing one.

See what I mean?

We call it just being a Wagner.

Which brings me to our lovely day at the beach. We had decided to spend Labor Day weekend in Laguna Beach, Calif., with our girls and my parents.

We loaded up with towels, chairs, snacks and umbrellas and headed down to the beach. I packed the baby's stroller with all these things and attempted to push it in the sand so it would be easier than carrying everything.

My toddler, husband and father were playing in the water while my mother and I sat in the beach chairs with the baby nearby.

We were way up on the sand, nowhere near where the tide was hitting.

Then I noticed the waves were getting awfully big. No one else seemed concerned, though, and the surfers were loving it.

All of a sudden, I noticed water coming toward us. It happened so fast we didn't have time to move. But in another way, it was like a car wreck, where you see it happening before it happens but can't do anything about it.

The water hit us with force and swallowed us up to our necks. As the wave moved, it swept up sand and rolled it over us and on up the beach.

I start yelling for the baby because at this point, I can't see anything. All I know is that a mighty big wave came our way and I can't see her.

She could be halfway up the beach by now.

She's crying, but luckily for her, she has good survival skills from all those times she falls down. So much for a nice, quiet day at the beach.

My toddler informed me she just wanted to go back home because she doesn't like the big waves.

I had so much sand on me and in my mouth I don't argue.

My family now refers to this incident as the mini-tsunami.

I looked up and down the beach and realized that strange wave just hit pockets of people. The people on either side of us didn't even get wet or have sand slammed in their face.

But, of course we did!

It just goes along with being a Wagner.

It's never too early to get kids started with a steady bedtime

BY CHRISTINE ELLIOTT

Associated Press Writer

Before she closes her eyes at night, 8-month-old Ava Ruzza listens to mom read "Goodnight Moon."

Soft music and prayers help settle Annelise Kelly, 11 months.

Skipping or shortening these evening rituals can mean trouble, their moms say: for Ava, more wake-ups during the night; for Annelise, a tougher time winding down.

The bedtime routine has always been "a

peaceful way to end our day and something we both enjoyed," says Ava's mother, Leyna Hanan-Ruzza, of Brooklyn, N.Y. "But now I know it is a crucial part of her sleep pattern."

She's right, say researchers and parenting experts: The tried-and-true techniques parents use to calm lively children before lights-out can work wonders on infants too.

"Even the youngest baby will understand that when I have a bath and get into my pajamas and listen to these lullabies, I'm going to sleep," says Elizabeth Pantley, author of "The No-Cry Sleep Solution" (McGraw-Hill,

2002). "A routine moves them from one state to another."

Babies who suck on books and don't understand stories may seem too young to benefit from many parts of a bedtime routine.

But good sleep habits established in infancy are likely to carry over into childhood and beyond, says Jodi Mindell, author of "Sleeping Through the Night: How Infants, Toddlers, and Their Parents Can Get a Good Night's Sleep" (Collins, 2005).

"We know without a doubt that just having a bedtime routine has a huge benefit on babies and on moms," says Mindell, profes-

sor of psychology at Saint Joseph's University and associate director of the Sleep Center at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

She led a 2005-06 study of 58 infants age 7 months to 18 months that suggested that babies who have consistent bedtime routines fall asleep faster, sleep for longer stretches and awaken less often at night.

Mothers in the study, funded by Johnson & Johnson, followed a three-step routine with their little ones - a bath, a massage with baby lotion, and a quiet activity such as reading - for two weeks.

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ENLIGHTENED: Patrons smoking outside bars like Finn McCool's may soon get owners in trouble.

Restaurateurs don't want to police patrons

FROM SMOKING PAGE 1

conduct undercover operations at local businesses to gather evidence and then present that when issuing a citation. City attorneys would have to prove that a business owner was "knowingly or intentionally" permitting smoking.

"As long as a business is being honest ... there shouldn't be a problem," Radinsky said.

News of the proposed change had some business owners concerned about becoming the enforcer, while others felt it would not put too much of a burden on employees to remind customers of the law.

"From my point of view, I don't think the burden should be on us to enforce a relatively new law that is still controversial," said West Hooker, owner of the popular promenade restaurant Locanda Del Lago, which has an outdoor dining area covered by the law. "I don't want to have to be in the position of telling people what they can and cannot do."

Hooker was particularly worried about foreign tourists who may not be aware of the law. He doesn't want to risk driving away customers who would be confronted by his staff, who are in the business of providing the best dining experience possible.

He suggested that instead of a "negative" ad campaign that City Hall put a positive spin on their campaign.

"Perhaps we can say something like smokers can extend their lives in Santa Monica because they are not allowed to smoke," Hooker said, eliciting laughter from those who attended a Monday morning briefing hosted by the City Attorney's Office.

The California Restaurant Association, the leading advocate for the dining industry in the state, is not opposed to the changes being proposed by City Hall.

"We talked with the City Attorney's Office and they assured us that if someone lights up on a patio, police are not going to walk up to the manager and issue a citation," said Andrew Casana, senior director of local government affairs. "We certainly don't want employees to be chasing customers around, and we don't believe that it will come to that."

Since the introduction of the first smoking ban in 1975 in Minnesota, business owners have expressed concerns about the

impact the bans would have on their bottom lines, but so far, there has been no evidence to suggest that no smoking laws are taking a bite out of profits, Casana said.

In fact, enforcing the bans helps businesses, said Robert Berger of Healthier Solutions, a marketing firm that is working with Santa Monica to educate people about the no smoking law.

Berger and representatives from Los Angeles County Department of Public Health said if the law is not enforced, then businesses who encourage smoking will have an unfair advantage over those who don't because they will be attracting more smokers to their establishments. Enforcement "levels the playing field," they said.

I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO BE IN THE POSITION OF TELLING PEOPLE WHAT THEY CAN AND CANNOT DO."

West Hooker
owner of the popular promenade restaurant
Locanda Del Lago

Also, more and more people are choosing to dine only at restaurants where they know smoking is prohibited. By catering to this segment, business can also increase their profits.

Radinsky said changes to the law have not been finalized and he is not sure what type of penalty or fine structure will be added. Attorneys are considering sticking with the \$250 fine per citations or they could opt to use the state's tier of \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second and \$500 for the third. They could also go so far as to revoke a business license if an operator is cited repeatedly within a year, however, Radinsky said that will not be recommended to the council.

The proposed changes could go before the council by the end of the month or sometime in October. Radinsky said the goal is to do something sooner rather than later in the interest of public health.

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Residents want more financial information

FROM CONTRIBUTIONS PAGE 3

well in Santa Monica, however, they were worried that special interest groups continue to have a greater impact on elections than in previous years, raising concerns that elected officials are being persuaded by big money, no longer owing their allegiance to the public that elected them.

Because of that, residents felt they should have greater access to campaign finance information so that they could keep an eye on candidates and the committees working for and against them. Some even called for the public financing of campaigns and the establishment of a non-profit to monitor expenditures and contributions.

Campaign disclosures have been posted to the City Clerk's Web site and made available electronically for public access since 2001, Stewart said.

When the filings are received in the clerk's office, the home address and phone number of the filer and of filer and the contributor are manually redacted from the forms and then the documents are scanned and uploaded to the Internet within 24 hours.

To accomplish that takes a considerable amount of time and effort, especially during campaign season, when many forms are turned in at the last minute, said Denise Anderson-Warren, deputy city clerk.

"It definitely takes a lot of time," Anderson-Warren said. "There's quite a bit of work involved."

The currently scanned documents are in ".pdf" images only and are not easily searchable. The documents are available to the public to view online, but they are not stored in a database which allows for queries or searches of the data.

Stewart and her staff felt NetFile offered the best product at the best price, given that it is used by many other cities and is approved by the Secretary of State's Office.

NetFile, which is the preeminent vender and has a hand in shaping the current state electronic filing system, is expected to charge City Hall \$10,000 per year. The cost includes training, upgrades, maintenance, any updates mandated by law, as well as instant notification that filings have been received and a letter generation system in case staff needs to remind someone that they need to amend their filing, are later or need to pay a fine.

The City Clerk's Office is looking to have the system up and running by campaign disclosures due on Jan. 31, 2008.

The City Council may want to consider in the future whether or not to make electronic filing mandatory for certain campaign committees. Those statements not submitted electronically will have information redacted and then be scanned manually and loaded onto the Internet. Those filings will not be searchable and a disclaimer will appear on the Web page that not all information is searchable.

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Fine cuisine was the order of the day on Sunday at the Santa Monica Pier — site of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce's 6th Annual 'Taste of Santa Monica.' (Clockwise, from top left) Kelly Baker, a culinary student from the Art Institute of California - Los Angeles, offers samples of celery soup to attendees; Hooters girls hula-hoop in front of their restaurant's expo-booth; Davide Vedovelli, a chef from Locanda del Lago, demonstrates how to prepare Trota Alla Comasca and grilled fillet of rainbow trout marinated in lemon, capers and parsley; guests watch a cooking demonstration while sampling local cuisine.

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Bride's loss wasn't the bay's gain

Volunteers dive the Pacific in search of debris

BY Daily Press staff

SM BEACH Volunteers plucked close to 80,000 pounds of ocean-bound debris and recyclables from the Los Angeles County watershed over the weekend.

From 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, more than 11,000 volunteers and community groups canvassed beaches, parks, alleys, creeks, highways and storm drains from Malibu to Echo Park to Long Beach, hauling in 79,234 pounds of debris as part of the 23rd annual Coastal Cleanup Day, according to Heal the Bay, the organizers of the event.

The total bested last year's 70,413 pounds.

Among the most unusual items found this year were: A bridal gown submerged in the waters off the Santa Monica Pier; a .357 Magnum-style air pistol off Playa del Rey's beach; an expired passport in the sand at Hermosa Beach; and a doorless

safe and more than 2,000 used or partially filled cans of spray paint in a Wilmington park.

"Today was a remarkable day of action as well as education," said Karin Hall, executive director of Heal the Bay. "It's satisfying to remove so much debris from the watershed this weekend, but it's equally important to raise awareness about the everyday steps people can take to reduce marine-bound pollution throughout the year."

Coastal Cleanup Day is held in partnership with the California Coastal Commission and the L.A. Department of Beaches and Harbors. Observed by 50 states and nearly 70 countries, the event has become the largest volunteer day on the planet, according to Heal the Bay.

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FLUSHED OUT: Volunteers in SCUBA gear emerge from the Santa Monica Bay on Saturday with trash that had found its way into the watershed.



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CHECK IT: Sylvia Levin, a Santa Monica resident, has registered more than 46,000 people to vote since the Johnson administration.

Santa Monican has registered 46,000

FROM REGISTRAR PAGE 3

on Monday by doing what she knows best — registering voters in front of the Federal Building complex in Westwood. The snow white-haired woman sat behind a small card table set up in front of the post office, with a stack of voter registration applications ready to go. The table was cluttered with cards, flowers and cake as several post office regulars that took notice it was Levin's birthday stopped by bearing gifts.

She's quite the popular lady.

"It's not the same if I walk by and she's not sitting there," said Robert Neely, who works in the Veterans Affairs office in the federal building. "There's something missing when she's not out here."

Levin cracks jokes with the familiar faces that stop by, many congratulating her for the recent commendation by the LA City Council. Born and raised in Brooklyn, Levin is a diehard Yankees fan, often getting into friendly tiffs with Neely's coworker, a Dodgers fan. Similar interactions take place at the three other locations where Levin sets up.

She follows the same volunteer schedule every day without fail, commuting by bus to spend four hours a day, six days a week registering voters. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Levin sits outside the Federal building's post office; Fridays are set aside for the Malibu post office; Saturdays are spent outside Brick Lane on Abbot Kinney Boulevard in Venice; and Sundays are for the Westwood Village Farmers' Market.

In every location, a business owner allows Levin to store her table and other belongings inside their establishment.

Politics is taboo at the table — a golden

rule for Levin, who never discriminates a voter based on their party affiliation.

"That's my goal — to get these people to register," Levin said.

Murray Gomer spent a few minutes registering to vote on Monday. The 86-year-old resident of Westwood walked to the post office with his friend, who pointed out Levin

I'M STILL GOING STRONG AND I WILL CONTINUE TO GO STRONG."

Sylvia Levin
registrar of 46,000 voters

after reading an article about her in the LA Times last week. The friend turned to Gomer and informed him that it was time to register.

"I think she deserves it," Gomer said of the LA City Council resolution.

The recognition bestowed upon Levin on Friday was the third in the past nine years. In 1998, former state Sen. Herschel Rosenthal presented Levin with a resolution, and in 2001, former Secretary of State Bill Jones inducted her into the state's Voter Participation Hall of Fame.

"My mother's accomplishment of setting up her card table and registering more than 46,000 ... and in this way expanding democracy is a wonderful example of how a dedicated volunteer contributes to our community," Chuck Levin said.

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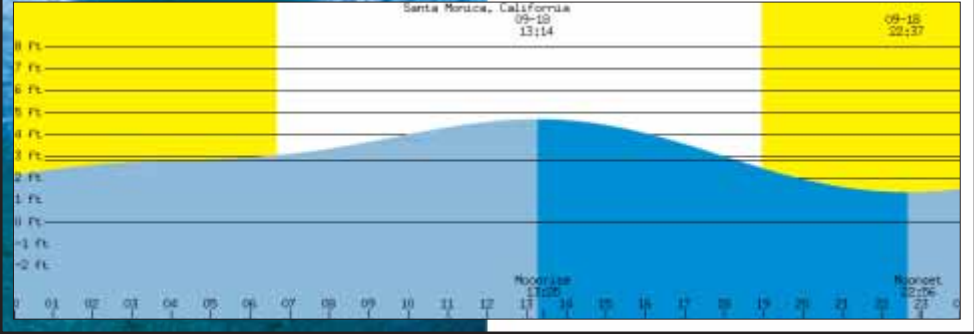


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Number of wet days -- 0

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	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth (leocarrillo)	A	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay 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 Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	D	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	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	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildliffe Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	D	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	A+	ns	Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	F	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	D	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	B	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	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			

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken

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A young coach, younger squad

SMC men's hoops set to begin a youth movement this year

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE The name of the game might be basketball, but for Jesse Teplitzky, success will be defined by how well his players perform both on and off the court.

That was the tone of the first press conference held Friday by SMC's new head basketball coach, whose team tips off its 2007-08 season against Santa Ana College on Nov. 7.

“What I'm trying to change is the culture of the program to a winning culture,” said Teplitzky, who replaced Trevor Shickman in the spring.

Shickman coached the Corsairs' men's team for three seasons.

While the goal of every head coach is to attain the ever-elusive championship, Teplitzky is taking on the added task of ensuring that every one of his players will transfer to a four-year college, whether it's to play for a Division I, Division II or NAIA team.

That lofty goal will require cooperation from both players and the coaching staff, Teplitzky explained, adding that the first thing recruiters from big programs ask from a player is their transcript.

“I know that four-year programs recruit from winning programs,” he said.

But good grades or not, Teplitzky is sure to have his hands full this season as the Corsairs return just five players from last year's squad, one of which red-shirted due to an injury.

The 19-member team is a collection of new faces from across the world, some of whom made their way to Santa Monica from as far away as Sweden, others as close as Venice High School.

“He is real goal-oriented and a family kind of guy,” said Derrick Thompson, a sophomore who transferred from LaGrange College in Georgia. “He's here to make a change.”

Expected to be a key contributor this season is sophomore guard Noah Gottlieb, a Venice High School graduate who recently represented the U.S. team in the Maccabi Games this past summer.

The biggest question that lies ahead is how a team that has suffered four consecu-

tive losing seasons will be able to turn things around under a first-time head coach. The Corsairs finished 11-17 last season.

The 29-year-old head coach spent close to a decade as an assistant before landing the head coaching gig at SMC. During his assistant coaching tenure, Teplitzky's teams captured seven league titles and two Division II championships. The championships came in 2000 and 2002 at Metro State College, where Teplitzky began his coaching career.

He later moved on to Ohlone Community College in Fremont, where his team won the Coast Conference North Championship two of his three years there.

Needless to say, Teplitzky knows how to win.

WHAT I'M TRYING TO CHANGE IS THE CULTURE OF THE PROGRAM TO A WINNING CULTURE."

Jesse Teplitzky
Head coach, SMC Corsairs Men's Basketball Team

“I've never had a losing season,” he said. “In terms of coaching and quality recruiting, all I can do is apply (experience) to this program now.”

Teplitzky has already made some changes to the program, hiring a new coaching staff in Joe Cascio and Aaron Landons, who just completed his own college playing career at the University of La Verne. Cascio's coaching background includes stints at Redondo Union High School and Loyola High School.

The Corsairs are expected to take the court with a defensive-minded strategy, putting a lot of pressure on the ball and playing some form of full-court defense 75 percent of the time.

Many coaches make the mistake of having their offense take the same pace as their defense, Teplitzky explained.

“If we don't have the offense, we won't swing the ball,” he said. “I'm not just teaching them how to run a play, I'm teaching them how to play.”

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HITS SANTA MONICA 09.21.07
(now that's entertaining)

Woo, that Burns

Director recalls securing his wife

ED BURNS says it took hard work to woo Christy Turlington.

“Friends of ours had tried to fix us up _ we both live in New York, we’re both pretty low-key, both heterosexual _ but she was

like, ‘Uh, not really interested,” the 39-year-old actor-director tells Best Life magazine in its October issue. “That did not deter me. I just wanted to get her to laugh.”

How long did it take to

build up the nerve to kiss her?

“Probably within five minutes of meeting her,” Burns says. “Which hurt my chances. It took her a long time to come around. But I got her good and

drunk, if I remember correctly, which never hurts.”

Turlington and Burns wed in 2003. They have two children.

Burns was seen as the next Woody Allen after directing and starring in

1995’s “The Brothers McMullen.”

“I was the toast of the town,” he tells the magazine. “All of a sudden I was semifamous. There were six-figure checks.”

AP

NO STRINGS ATTACHED

An art collection belonging to the late Russian cellist **MSTISLAV ROSTROPOVICH** has been sold to a private buyer for substantially more than \$40 million, Sotheby’s auction house said Monday.

Sotheby’s said the anonymous buyer intended to return the collection to Russia. An auction of the collection, scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, was canceled.

The buyer’s identity was expected to be revealed Tuesday in Moscow.

Sotheby’s did not disclose the sale price, but said it was “substantially higher” than the pre-auction estimate of \$40 million.

AP

Madonna looks to represent Jews

MADONNA toasted the Jewish new year with Israeli President Shimon Peres and declared herself an “ambassador for Judaism,” local newspapers reported Sunday.

The singer, who is not Jewish, arrived in Israel Wednesday on the eve of Jewish new year to attend a conference on Kabbalah or Jewish mysticism.

Madonna met Peres at his official Jerusalem residence on Saturday evening and the two exchanged gifts, with Madonna receiving a lavishly bound copy of the Jewish Bible.

She gave Peres a volume of “The Book of Splendor,” the guiding text of Kabbalah, inscribed “To Shimon Peres, the man I admire and love, Madonna,” the Yediot



Photo courtesy

PRAY TELL: Madonna's latest reinvention is ambassador of Jews.

Ahronot daily reported.

A Peres aide confirmed the meeting but had no details.

“You don’t know how popular the Book of Splendor is among Hollywood actors,” Yediot quoted Madonna as telling

Peres. “Everyone I meet talks to me only about that. I am an ambassador for Judaism.”

Madonna, who was raised a Roman Catholic, has taken the Hebrew name Esther, and has been seen wearing a red thread

AP

Get some exercise, Cancer

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Happy Birthday!

Your actions this year could make a big difference in your personal life. Your career and community standing has an erratic, but not bad pattern. Listen to feedback from those you look up to. They might be able to give you a pointer or two. If you are single, you could discover someone quite interesting and exciting. Don't count on this bond being stable for a while. This relationship could work if you don't become attached too quickly. If you are attached, you feel as if every day is a new day with your sweetie. Interact and share even more.



Born Today

Actress Greta Garbo (1905)
Singer Frankie Avalon (1939)
Actor Robert Blake (1933)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ If you disengage from the conflict and turmoil, answers will appear, but not through the conventional mode. An imaginative friend or creative brainstorming session becomes instrumental. Tonight: Break down mental blocks.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Togetherness is the theme right now, even if you want to swing a bat at someone. Learn to detach and look at the whole picture. Otherwise, someone might be unpredictable and demanding. Tonight: Say yes to a loved one's invitation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Others will work with you if you defer to them. Does that sound contradictory? You don't always need to let another know that you are master of your own destiny. Tonight: Return calls and e-mail, and stop for a chat with a pal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ We all know the problem with all work and no play. It appears at this point – perhaps just for today, just for the here and now – you might need to toe this line. Investigate new opportunities openly. Tonight: Get some exercise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You could unleash a lot of fun and humor if you are willing to walk the untrodden path. You might want to see someone from a different perspective, and with more empathy, you will. Tonight: Act like the sign that loves love.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Take your rightful place, and forget being bashful. Once you acknowledge yourself, so will others. You easily might feel overwhelmed by requests. Learn to say no. You cannot be everywhere at the same time. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Speak your mind but don't close off other options, or you might be sorry. Keep every door open as a possibility. Refuse to say no to an unexpected offer, even if it might stress you out. Think before you leap. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might consider tossing logic to the wind in order to do exactly what you want. Ultimately, the end results could be uncomfortable, even if you delight in the immediate experience. Only you can weigh the pros and cons. Tonight: Off indulging ...

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You continue to feel like you're on top of your game. The difference between now and yesterday is that others have become receptive. Still, someone close might create uproar, but not at the level he or she is capable of. Tonight: Please yourself!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might want to sit back and listen more carefully to what is being said. You could be blocking another's words and not getting the gist of what he or she is sharing. New vistas and possibilities open up. Tonight: Get some extra R and R while you still can.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Zero in on what is important. If you feel that you don't have what it takes to make something you want happen, do not give up. Think outside the box and be creative. Surprises occur when you are willing to do the unusual. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Your unanticipated reactions sometimes shake up others. Stop and think about it. With understanding, make another approach toward a loved one or associate. You might need to re-establish trust. Tonight: A must appearance.

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1:55
Silk (R)
2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50

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Brave One, The (R)
1:25, 2:45, 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:30, 9:45
Mr. Bean's Holiday (G)
1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:10
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1:10, 3:20, 5:35, 7:50, 10:15
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I Want Someone to Eat Cheese With (NR)
1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 10:00
In the Shadow of the Moon (PG)
1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
King of California (PG-13)
1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40

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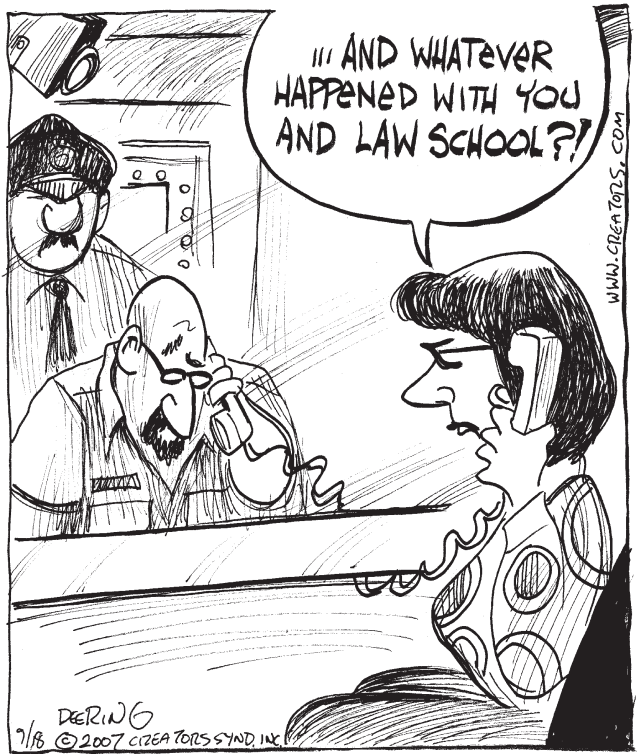


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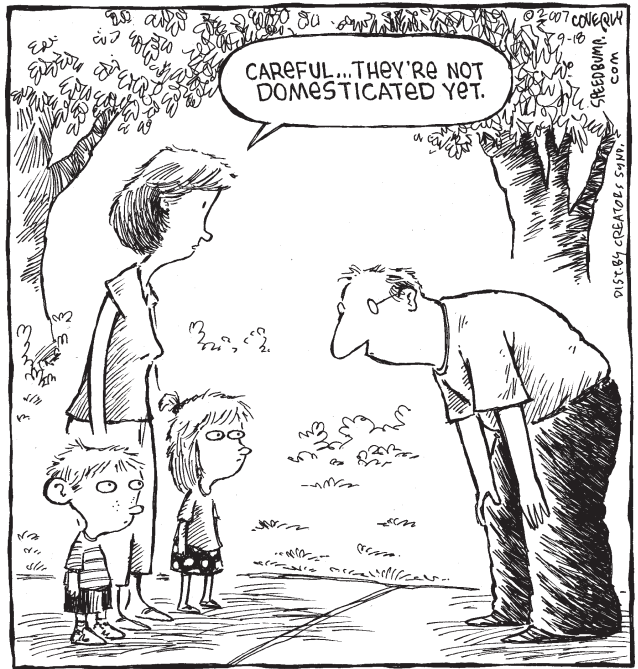
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 6 Nasser's follower
- 11 Indy driver
- 12 "Republic" writer
- 13 1945 hit for Sinatra
- 15 Tourney pass
- 16 Take the title
- 17 Be decisive
- 18 Unforeseen problems
- 20 Some stingers
- 23 Patriotic symbol
- 27 Revered one
- 28 Go under
- 29 Bar mixer
- 31 Push away
- 32 Pisa sight
- 34 Young fox
- 37 Decay
- 38 Sassiness
- 41 1971 Perry Como album
- 44 Get a run
- 45 Landlord's income
- 46 Vestige
- 47 Waco setting

DOWN

- 1 Baby's bed
- 2 Lord's wife
- 3 Farm chunk
- 4 Glimpse
- 5 Shrimps' kin
- 6 Kitchen aid
- 7 Politico Landon
- 8 Belafonte song
- 9 Resting on
- 10 Extol
- 14 Farrow of film
- 18 Divided
- 19 Morley of "60 Minutes"
- 20 Comedian
- 21 Brouhaha
- 22 Bart, to Homer
- 24 Opening
- 25 Avoid the truth
- 26 Angled pipe
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Yesterday's answer

- 20 Comedian
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- 30 Kind of beef
- 31 Snappy answer
- 33 Bowl-
- shaped pan
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Inexplicable: (1) Annual "crying sumo" events are held in several Japanese cities every year (the most recent in Tokyo in April), featuring sumo wrestlers holding specially dressed toddlers out in front of them and coaxing them to cry, with the first bawler declared the winner. (2) No industrialized country has more national holidays than Italy (12), but a group of legislators recently proposed to inadvertently challenge industrial growth by adding seven more, according to a June Reuters dispatch, mostly marking Christian events.

■ The medical association in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu reprimanded Dr. K. Murugesan in June after his arrest for unremorsefully allowing his 15-year-old son to perform a Caesarean section on one of his patients, for the sole purpose of qualifying the boy for a world record in the Guinness Book. The baby was born with a fatal congenital defect said to be unrelated to the surgery, but Tamil Nadu's health minister termed Murugesan's office a "butcher's shop."

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1180 Philip Augustus becomes king of France.
- 1454 In the Battle of Chojnice, the Polish army is defeated by Teutonic army during the Thirteen Years' War.
- 1502 Christopher Columbus lands at Costa Rica on his fourth, and final, voyage.
- 1544 Charles V of Germany and Francis I of France sign peace treaty (Truce of Crepy-en-Laonnois)
- 1573 Spanish attack on Alkmaar.
- 1635 Emperor Ferdinand II declares war on France.
- 1679 New Hampshire becomes a county of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.
- 1739 The Treaty of Belgrade is signed, ceding Belgrade to the Ottoman Empire.
- 1759 The British capture Quebec City.
- 1789 American government takes out first ever loan, a total of \$191,608.81.
- 1793 The first cornerstone of the Capitol building is laid by George Washington.
- 1809 Royal Opera House in London opens.
- 1810 First Government Junta in Chile. Though supposed to rule only in the absence of the king, it was in fact the first step towards independence from Spain, and it is commemorated as such.

WORD UP!

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regional Planning Commission, County of Los Angeles has recommended approval of the proposed Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program (LCP) that consists of the Coastal Zone Plan, and imple-menting actions including the community standards district (CSD), amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance and the Planning and Zoning Ordinance (Titles 21 and 22 of the County Code), and a zoning consistency program. The preparation of the proposed LCP is necessary to comply with the Coastal Act and transfer coastal development permitting authority from the Coastal Commission to the County.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the Board of Supervisors, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Room 383, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012 at 9:30 a.m. on October 23, 2007 pursuant to said Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code and Title 7 of the California Government Code (Planning and Zoning Law) for the purpose of hearing testimony relative to the adoption of the following:

1. Proposed Plan Amendment 2006-00008-(3) repealing the 1986 Malibu Land Use Plan and adopting the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone Plan.

2. Proposed amendments to Title 21 (Subdivision Ordinance), and Title 22 (Planning and Zoning Ordinance), including the establishment of a community standards district, the new Rural-Coastal Zone, and lot merger provisions.

3. Proposed Zone Change No. 2006-00009-(3), necessary to ensure that the zoning is consistent with the land use categories designated in the Coastal Zone Plan.

All interested persons will be heard at the public hearing.

Copies of the proposed Local Coastal Program and related documents are available for review at these locations:

* Dept. of Regional Planning website: <http://planning.co.la.ca.us/spSmmllcp.htm>
* Dept. of Regional Planning office: Monday-Thursday (closed on Fridays) from 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Hall of Records, 320 West Temple Street, Room 1356, Los Angeles, CA 90012
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Written comments may be sent to the Executive Office of the Board of Su-pervisors at the above address. If you do not understand this notice or need more information, please call Ms. Gina M. Natoli, AICP, at (213) 974-6422.

The process to prepare and certify an LCP has a special status under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The LCP process is considered to be a functionally equivalent program, and is exempt from CEQA provisions relating to the preparation of an environmental impact report and other procedural requirements (Section 21080.9 of the Public Resources Code).

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO AD-MINISTER ESTATE OF:
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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ALVIN S. STOLMACK.

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE re-quests that JACOB STOLMACK be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the de-cent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the In-dependent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court ap-proval. Before taking certain very im-portant actions, however, the per-sonal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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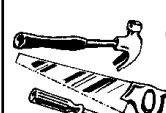
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