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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Salon facials available in New York City now include one (at the Nabi Med Spa) that uses stem cells from pregnant cows to rejuvenate damaged skin (\$250) and another (from La Prairie) that firms the face through direct application of caviar (\$270), according to a June United Press International report.

■ And the British Egg Information Service announced the imminent availability of a “smart egg” to solve the surprisingly contentious issue of when are soft-, medium- and hard-boiled eggs properly boiled. (An invisible ink on the shell turns the egg black at supposedly precisely the right moment.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 262nd day of 2006.
There are 103 days left in the year.

1777 During the Revolutionary War, American soldiers won the first Battle of Saratoga.

1945 Nazi propagandist William Joyce, known as “Lord Haw-Haw,” was sentenced to death by a British court.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“He who is unable to live in society, or who has no need because he is sufficient for himself, must be either a beast or a god; he is no part of a state.”

ARISTOTLE

GREEK PHILOSOPHER (384 B.C.-322 B.C.)

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On the road again

Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

The Los Angeles Roadrunners run along Santa Monica Beach this past weekend. They ran for 70 minutes and covered about eight miles. It was the group's fourth week in training in preparation for next year's LA Marathon, held in March.

NATIONAL

Three states join forces to improve oceanic health

By The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — The governors of Oregon, Washington and California announced an agreement Monday to work together to improve Pacific Ocean health, saying “oceans should be managed on an ecosystem level.”

“Polluted waters, declining populations of fish and other marine life, degraded nearshore habitats, risks of severe storms and tsunamis and impacts related to climate change” were among the threats cited by the governors of the three ocean-dependent states.

The announcement at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry said the governors would, among other things, send a joint message to Congress within six

See **JOINT EFFORT**, page 9



Tara Crow/Special to the Daily Press

BURIED TREASURE: Volunteer and dive team member Paul Janke scored an unusual item on the ocean floor — a stone from the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, located in downtown Los Angeles.

Beach pollution declines

BY AMY KAUFMAN
Special to the Daily Press

THE BEACH — A 5-foot-long mountain lion carcass, a handgun and a sewing loom.

Not things one might envision lying next to while sunbathing at a local beach. However, that was the

reality at Leo Carrillo State Beach in Malibu, Topanga State Beach and Redondo Beach Pier on Saturday when volunteers spent three hours collecting trash during the 22nd annual California Coastal Cleanup Day.

Other bizarre items found

See **BEACH CLEANUP**, page 7

Homeless support programs funded

BY JESSICA ROBERTS
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN LA — The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors recently awarded more than \$800,000 to Santa Monica social service agencies in an effort to improve the city's homeless support system.

OPCC, which represents a network of social services in Santa Monica, and Step Up on Second, which primarily focuses on helping mentally ill individuals, received \$761,000 and \$43,000, respectively.

The funding, approved at last week's Board of Supervisors meeting, is part of a \$1.1 million allocation to enhance homeless programs on LA's westside this year. The money represents the first portion of the \$3.6 million designated for the third district, which includes cities on the beach from Venice to the north county line, as well as Van Nuys and other inland areas. The county government has committed \$20 million to fight homelessness, which will be divided among the county's five districts.

“The project supervisors were aware of organizations and sent out inquiries, asking if they could expand their services,” said La Cheryl Porter, project manager for the Community Development Commission for Los Angeles County.

OPCC has been operating for 43 years. The community-supported organization is a network of shelters and services, serving 1,200 people each year, including low-income and homeless youth, adults and families, battered women and their children, and people living with mental illness.

OPCC was granted \$561,000 for 25 emergency beds in the new Westside Safe Haven for chronically homeless people and \$200,000 for 10 emergency beds and five new transitional beds at the Daybreak Day

See **HOMELESS SUPPORT**, page 6

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Leveling out the playing field by expressing your feelings could be important. You can achieve a lot through hard work. Consider opportunities carefully. Someone presents a different point of view. Tonight: Get as much done as possible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You have a lot of fun, and even though today might involve work, you make the most of the light moments. Listen to feedback. Work with people individually. You are positive and full of fun. Tonight: Spend time with a favorite person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might want to think positively about a situation that evokes a control issue. New beginnings will happen if you are open to a different opinion. Optimism surrounds a co-worker. Establish a better relationship, if possible. Tonight: Anchor in.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Open up to new beginnings. Talk to others. You might find another point of view to be controversial. Listen to feedback. Introspection takes you in a new direction. Add your well-known touch of creativity. Tonight: Play away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Indulge and get into the moment. Expenses come from out of left field. A family member or domestic matter could be more costly than you'd anticipated. Creativity stems from having to make ends meet. Ideas flourish. Tonight: Happiness comes from many sources.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Say what you want and share your feelings. Others do want to hear, though you might want to choose your words with care. Express yourself with an eye to others comprehending who you are. The unexpected occurs. Tonight: As you wish.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Listen to others. Share more of what is going on with you when someone demonstrates an interest. Your instincts are right-on regarding finances. Just don't spend what you cannot afford to lose. Emotions go to extremes. Tonight: Make it a free night.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Listen to what others are saying. Friends and meetings are instrumental and take you in a new direction. Realize what you are asking of someone. He or she is likely to come through for you. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Take a stand. Although you might have strong feelings about what you need to do, others have different opinions. The question remains: How do you establish your leadership without offending others? Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You might want to rethink a trip or unusual idea. Though the offbeat rarely appeals to you, right now it has its own unique attraction. Think in terms of gains and growth. Evaluate a risk with your customary practical tone. Tonight: Time for a movie.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You might be feeling as if a lot is out of control. You will want to rethink an idea with someone else's interests and perspective in mind. As a result, you will come up with a dynamic solution. Tonight: Trust another's judgment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You find that others continue to be headstrong or willful. Worry less about others and establish more self-control and discipline. You come from a stronger point of view than in the past. You also understand more. Tonight: Say yes.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Stars step up for “Art Heals”

By Daily Press staff

Step Up on Second will get some celebrity support from the former Mrs. Partridge and her real life hubby for the “Art Heals” event on Wednesday, Sept. 20.

Husband and wife Marty Ingels (“ER”) and Shirley Jones, this year’s Emmy nominee for Best Supporting Actress, will co-host the charity fundraising event, which is a group display of client artwork by members of Step Up On Second. The event will be held at Akwa restaurant in Santa Monica, 1415 Fifth St., from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

More than 60 pieces of art will be on display. “The art show will highlight some of the gifted talents of our participants, all of whom are living with a diagnosed mental illness,” said Tod Lipka, CEO of Step Up On Second.

Following the fundraiser, the artwork will be on display for one month at the Focus Community Gallery in Santa Monica Place. All the paintings are for sale by the artists. The event will feature a free Prosecco bar, sponsored by Martini and Rossi, gourmet cuisine from Akwa, imported French waters supplied by Volvic and Badoit and live jazz.

Tickets are \$100 apiece. For further information, call Kimm Baersch at (310) 394-6889, ext. 46, or e-mail kimm@stepuponsecond.org.



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IN THE ROOM: Ruth San Pietro’s “Social Elephants” will be in the Emeritus College faculty show.

Faculty art on parade

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College’s Emeritus College will present “Fall Dialogue,” a faculty art exhibition, Sept. 21 through Oct. 27 at the Emeritus College Art Gallery. The exhibit will feature an eclectic mix of styles, including watercolor, oil painting, mixed media, acrylic, wood and photography.

The opening reception will be held from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, in the gallery, located on the first floor of Emeritus College, 1227 Second St. in downtown Santa Monica. Parking is available next door in Santa Monica Public Parking Structure No. 2.

The featured artists are Chris Hero, Catherine Tirr, Lynn Goodin, Ruth San Pietro, Evi Debes, Fred Manseau, Mary Pillot, Sarah Grote, Jean Stephenson, Cheryl Walker and Susan Weinberg. The show is curated by Myung Deering, Emeritus College art consultant.

Emeritus College is SMC’s widely praised program that was founded 31 years ago and currently serves about 3,500 older adults with 150 classes and special programs.

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Time	09-19 02:42 AM	09-19 09:06 AM	09-19 02:29 PM	09-19 08:26 PM
High	8.0 ft	7.0 ft	6.0 ft	5.0 ft
Low	2.0 ft	1.0 ft	0.0 ft	1.0 ft

Moonrise 04:03 AM Moonset 05:48 PM

The QLine

Tourism and city officials spent last week at the beach racking their brains trying to figure out just what makes Santa Monica so special. As part of creating a “brand,” they were asking themselves how they can improve the “beach experience” for visitors. City leaders know that our coastline is one of SM’s greatest assets and by not bringing it to its fullest potential, Santa Monica is missing out. So this week, Q-Line wants to know, **“What do you think are the best things about the beach and what can be improved upon?”** Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we’ll print your responses in the weekend edition. Please try to limit your comments to a minute or less. It might help to think first about the wording of your response.

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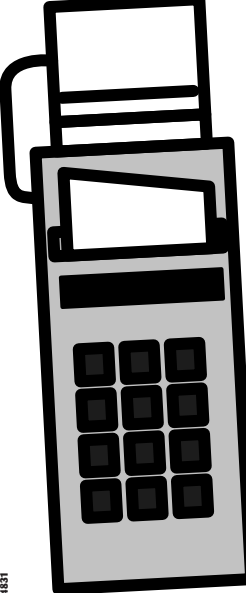


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City government has failed us

Editor:

On behalf of property owners, I'd like to thank the Santa Monica City Council and especially Kevin (term limits!) McKeown for doing all it can, legally and illegally, to raise the already stratospheric value of our residences.

The more these Chicken Littles try to limit the number and size of new homes — in the name of “affordability” — the higher the prices here will climb.

McKeown and his “Renters Rights Fellow Travelers” since day one have been fighting a battle that cannot be won, a blind jihad against property that only enriches the owners, landlords and developers — and the all-but-useless city rent control bureaucracy.

What if 30 years ago political activists here had put down their bongos and cleared their heads enough to create a group called Santa Monicans for Property Rights? What if the city these past decades had been dedicated to doing all it can to help renters purchase their units, with grants, with low-interest loans? For one thing, we would not be so freaked out about the possibility of long-time neighbors being displaced by new buildings.

Could McKeown and the renters cabal's irrational fear and loathing of the real estate market stem from the fact that after decades of paying rent, month after month after month, they've lost out on the true homeland security that comes from a nest egg of equity?

Could their animosity toward new owners who arrive with strong credit records instead of criminal records come from jealousy, and from the fact that they know, deep inside, that renters have no real rights, except to shut up, obey their leases and keep paying that rent, month after month, down the drain, while praying that they won't someday be evicted?

Despite all the damage the SMRR has wrought, it doesn't have to continue. The city government is the largest, and these days, the only multi-family builder in town. But rather than continue to blast out neighborhoods with oversize rental buildings only for the very poorest of the poor coming here from who knows where, the city could build units to sell to Santa Monica teachers, emergency responders, nurses and other essential workers. My vote would be to enable the person who's supposed to be in charge of fighting graffiti to actually live here, amid the spray-painted ugliness all around.

Rather than living under a failed and dying rent-control program that may save long-term residents, including the wealthy and some councilmen, a couple hundred bucks a month, what if you owned your apartment — now worth \$750,000, or more. Not to mention the tax benefits, and the pure and simple pride of home ownership.

The city could adopt a true progressive policy that simply says, “If you rent here and want to buy, we will use our considerable resources to help you.” Mayor Robert Holbrook is the only candidate who seems to understand the benefits such a policy would bring. Holbrook and his council allies Bobby Shriver and Herb Katz know that renters are not inherently “better” for the city's social fabric, and that McKeown's illogical war on market-rate terror brings huge unintended consequences, like severe social stratification, and needlessly higher home prices. Thing is, the SMRR gang outnumbers those guys.

So, things probably won't change. McKeown will get re-elected with “affordability” rhetoric while doing all he can to make property more expensive. Renters will keep writing those monthly checks. Our indentured population will continue to grow older than surrounding communities, more socially brittle, with less children, and less commitment to our quality of life.

In the meantime, again, thanks from those of us who own property here.

We all sleep better at night.

Mark Shepherd
Santa Monica

America's fascination with the law must cover the larger issues



WHAT'S THE POINT? BY DAVID PISARRA

America is a country founded on the rule of law. We are run by a document that is shocking in its brevity — the U.S. Constitution is a model of legislative terseness, yet we as a country have gone on to create laws that rule and regulate almost all aspects of our lives.

Our state government has historically encroached upon our lives in our bedrooms, our offices, our homes, our public parks and now, our cars. In a culture that is so fascinated with both the car and the law, it is understandable that there are many laws that regulate our behavior while behind the wheel. From not drinking and driving, to the quality of the exhaust, and now, to how we speak to others while driving — have all been subjects of legislation.

The legislature has followed the lead of the European leaders and is outlawing the use of the cell phone while driving, unless you have a headset or a speakerphone installed. This is one of the best pieces of new legislation that has been put forth.

This law is an important step forward in the fight against untimely highway deaths. Now if they can only do something about forcing people who insist on having those megamobiles like Hummers or Expeditions to take a driving class. I don't understand why it is that we do not have different levels of driving school requirements for the different size of vehicles that people drive.

I can already hear the screams from people: “A car is a car,” or, “If you can drive a Camry you can drive a Hummer.” That is simply not the case. Anyone who has ever driven a Toyota MR2 and a Chevy Suburban can tell you that there is a world of difference between the two in terms of turning radius, acceleration, stopping distance, parallel parking and overall handling.

It makes no sense to me that we require people to have completed a motorcycle training class in order to use a motorcycle, but we don't require someone to learn how to drive something that is as big as the short school bus. But because the governor drives one, we assume that all people can handle the complex requirements of a megamobile.

It always seems to me that the government over-regulates the easy stuff like when to sleep in the park, and completely ignores the difficult questions, such as making people learn the facts of life at an early age or how to properly drive a four-ton vehicle. When it comes right down to it, the fact that the state legislature, or our own City Council for that matter, has taken up time to regulate

some petty issue, like required letter height for allowable street signage, and ignores an important issue like how to lower the risk of driving, just exemplifies why the public holds elected officials in such low regard.

We see them wasting their time on petty issues, or as one esteemed member of our City Council, being contrarian solely because he dislikes unanimous decisions, and it makes the thinking public wonder why they elected these folks. It is rare indeed when one can look to our elected government officials and with a chest bursting with pride, say, “Yes, these people do a good job.”

I believe that most elected officials go into office with the hope of doing great things. It is said that every senator sees a president in the mirror, and that is likely true. But also true is that they get caught up in the nets of bureaucracy and the morass of political favor swapping.

The constant battle of politicians to find funding, whether it be for their pet projects or for a vitally necessary service, is one of the main elements that leads to political log rolling. The log rolling in turn leads to requirements for party solidarity, and that unfortunately can lead to a political logjam in Sacramento or City Hall.

When politicians from both sides of the aisle can get together and stand behind some piece of legislation, it is a rare day. Politicians are pulled by their constituents, by their party leaders, by industry lobbyists and by their own conscience. Trying to manage these divergent points of view would most certainly be challenging at a minimum.

In my experiences as a lawyer, there are few opportunities when one can act with absolute certainty. Life is filled with far too many variables, the world has more possibilities than we can imagine and for those whose job it is to see the big picture, it must at times be overwhelming.

Perhaps this is why the easier questions are answered, the simple solutions are pushed through and the hard questions are left for next year's legislature.

I'm actually glad to see the legislature has enacted a law that requires drivers to use a headset when speaking on a mobile phone. I would like to see a legislature that revises the vehicle code and requires drivers of very large vehicles — those heavier than three tons — to take additional driving classes.

It is really just a matter of safety. The fact of the matter is a Hummer does not behave like the Toyota MR2, and drivers need to be made aware of the differences before they get behind the wheel and drive like maniacs, thinking they own the road, and that their Hummer/Expedition/Suburbank will stop on a dime and handle like a sports car.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY BOB BATES

Elder abuse on wheels

For the past two or three years I have opted to utilize public transportation for a variety of reasons. It is comparatively economical in light of the increased prices of gasoline, and I don't have to fight the traffic behind the wheel and find parking once I get to my destination.

As a matter of necessity and convenience, I board the Big Blue Bus, owned and operated by the city of Santa Monica. The bus stops within feet of my front door in Brentwood.

My experiences with the Big Blue Bus have not been ideal.

On more than one occasion I have been thrown off my feet before taking my seat on a bus that is driven recklessly by a driver in a hurry to make up for lost time.

This has happened more than once.

Not once have I been offered assistance by a driver who has caused me to fall.

On another occasion I was hurt getting off the bus when the driver stopped in the middle of the street instead of pulling to the curb as required by law.

The driver refused to lower the bus so I could step safely down to the pavement, and when I literally had to leap to the ground, I lost my balance and was injured when I fell into the curbing. The driver smiled.

Another driver once referred to a couple of female riders as "two white bitches" when they asked that he lower the bus so they could dismount the bus.

Racism seems to be at the root of at least some of the elder abuse aboard the Big Blue. Some sensitivity training may be needed. That is not to infer that all bus drivers for the Big Blue are racists, of course.

I attempted to report my own injury incident, first to the LAPD since the injury occurred in Los Angeles — technically.

"We don't investigate bus complaints," the LAPD dispatcher said. "Call the sheriff."

I called the number she provided for the sheriff's dispatcher and was placed on hold for several long minutes.

"Don't go anywhere," the dispatcher said at intervals. She never did take my complaint. I then called Santa Monica PD.

"We don't handle bus complaints," the dispatcher at SMPD said. "You'll have to speak to the bus dispatcher."

"I don't handle complaints," the bus dispatcher said. "You'll have to call public relations."

When I protested, she gave me the option of calling public relations or getting off her line. Reluctantly, I took down the number she provided for public relations.

"You have reached a number that is no longer working," a recording informed me when I dialed the number I had been provided for public relations. I hung up in disgust. I know when I have been beaten.

I know a personal injury lawyer who wants me to sue the Big Blue Bus company back to the stone age. I have hesitated. I'm not sure why.

I did fall onto another passenger once when a Big Blue Bus driver hit a speed bump driving full-tilt. She was not in the least interested in the extent of either of our



Bob Bates/Special to the Daily Press

FALLEN: An elderly bus rider loses his balance and falls when a Big Blue Bus suddenly lurches forward. The man's companion attempts to comfort him as he lays on the floor while awaiting paramedics.

injuries and ignored me when I asked her to provide me with an incident report form.

Two weeks ago as I was riding the Big Blue to Santa Monica an elderly couple in their late 70s or early 80s boarded the bus at Fourth Street and Arizona Avenue. The driver, in a hurry to make a traffic light I suppose, jerked suddenly forward before the old man had been seated. I watched helplessly as he tottered, lost his balance and fell to the floor, striking his shoulder on a metal railing on his way to the floor.

This driver had the decency to call for paramedics as his wife or companion hovered over her injured spouse.

"Oh, honey. Oh, honey," she kept repeating. It was a heart-wrenching experience. I had my camera with me. I took the photo that illustrates this piece. This inconsideration of the elderly in this circumstance occurs all too frequently aboard Big Blue buses. I really don't understand the contempt some people in the society seem to have for the elderly.

One solution to the problem of elder abuse aboard the Big Blue Bus would be the creation of a second public transportation system — call it the Big Gray Bus — for older and handicapped patrons exclusively. There may even be some DOT money available on state and federal levels for the creation and operation of such a system.

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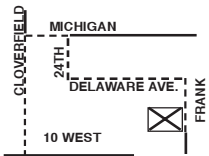
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Funds will help the chronically homeless

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Center for women with mental illness. The funding was awarded on a one-time basis over two years.

Safe Haven, which currently has 10 beds, will move to a Cloverfield Boulevard location in November to increase access to housing for hard-to-reach homeless men and women who suffer from severe mental illness, addiction or physical illness. Safe Haven, located at OPCC's main facility on Seventh Street and Colorado Avenue, currently provides outreach and overnight residence from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., as well as access to mental health, medical and drug and alcohol treatment services.

The county's money will provide for 15 new beds at the new facility, where the center will expand to a 24-hour operation, house more people and provide more daytime services.

Daybreak is a transitional housing program that currently provides up to six months of structured group living for as many as 15 mentally ill homeless women. Each resident has a private space to sleep and store her belongings, as well as access to a community kitchen, lounge and dining room. The shelter, located at OPCC's main facility, offers three meals a day, psychiatric and medical care, permanent housing placement, support groups and workshops, assistance with budgeting, self-care, counseling and benefits advocacy and job readiness skills.

The county funding for Daybreak will double the number of beds, and therefore increase to 30 the number of women who can reside at the shelter at one time.

OPCC Executive Director John Maceri said the funds from the county represent 20 to 25 percent of the operating budget for each of the programs.

"This will help fill in the gap of what we need in funding," he said, adding the organization's expenses totaled approximately \$6.7 million last year.

Step Up on Second will use its money toward operating costs and supportive services for one year for what's known as the "Street Outreach Team," which targets

chronically homeless and mentally ill individuals on the streets of Santa Monica. Step Up on Second provides psychosocial rehabilitation services to 1,200 people each year, 45 percent of whom are homeless and mentally ill.

Step Up on Second Executive Director Tod Lipka said the money for the Street Outreach Team will allow the organization to reach the chronically homeless — those who have been on the street for a year or more and are not receiving any services.

"We are looking at the most needy, addressing the really chronic population, which is outside of the normal service network," he said. "They don't want to come in, so you have to go out to them, which is what we're doing."

The county funds will pay the Street Outreach Team, accounting for 50 percent of the budget for that project, or 2.5 percent of the organization's total annual budget. The team already has started working to connect chronically homeless people with Step Up and other social services by approaching homeless people on the streets and establishing relationships with them.

Lipka said building trust and determining the personal needs of each individual are the goals of Street Outreach Team members. By establishing relationships, members aim to help homeless people gain access to Step Up's services, such as showers and laundry facilities, mail pick-up, money management and housing assistance.

The Street Outreach Team also will work with the city's Chamber of Commerce in a partnership through which local businesses can notify the team to assist homeless people in their area.

"We are so appreciative of this support from the county Board of Supervisors," Lipka said. "This is part of our commitment in addressing the chronically homeless problem in our community by engaging those people in the community who are most in need."

Porter said \$100 million remains to be allocated over the next several years, targeting different areas of concern.

"The county is looking at overall issues for homelessness," she said.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

Friday, Sept. 22, SMC at LA Mission at 4 p.m.

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Wednesday, Sept. 20, SMC at El Camino at 6 p.m.

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Saturday, Sept. 23, SMC hosts West LA College at 7 p.m.



Adena Tutino/Special to the Daily Press



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(Top) Santa Monica City Councilman Bobby Shriver and Heal the Bay Executive Director Mark Gold at Santa Monica Beach. (Bottom) Volunteers at Santa Monica Beach on Saturday.

Thousands of local volunteers turn out

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included a Mongolian fire pot cooker at Topanga State Trippett Ranch, a breast pump located in the LA River in the Sepulveda Basin and a steel-jaw bear trap at Harbor Park. The state Coastal Commission will award cash prizes to those who located the more unusual items.

The most common trash pieces collected again this year included cigarette butts, small pieces of Styrofoam and plastic straws.

In all, 66,014 pounds of trash and 3,298 pounds of recyclables were collected, according to Coastal Cleanup Day coordinator Leila Hamdan. While recyclables piled up in higher volume than last year, total trash collection decreased by nearly 20,000 pounds. The decrease in trash volume was not due to lessened volunteer efforts but rather to an increase in public awareness and education about pollution, Hamdan said.

Nearly 10,000 volunteers ages 8 to 80 showed up to the cleanup effort, helping to make the event the largest volunteer day on the planet. California was only one of the 50 states to help the international effort, which is now held in 88 countries. Turn-out numbers remained consistent from last year.

The Coastal Cleanup Day was organized by Heal the Bay, one of the largest nonprofit environmental organizations in Los Angeles County. Founded 21 years ago, Heal the Bay is dedicated to its mission to make Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters healthy and safe for residents as well as marine life.

The state hosted cleanup efforts at 58 sites this year in Los Angeles County. Santa Monica Pier was one of the most popular locations, with just more than 1,000 volunteers helping to clean two miles of beach and gathering 678 pounds of trash and 233 pounds of recyclables. The turn-out was high at the Redondo, Westward and Will Rogers beaches as well, with each beach drawing approximately 300 volunteers.

"Coastal Cleanup Day isn't just about one day at one beach, but about raising awareness of how each individual can make a positive environmental impact every single day of the year," said Dr. Mark Gold, the executive director of Heal the Bay. "Maintaining clean inland creeks, rivers and watersheds is an essential part of keeping our oceans healthy."

Among the volunteers were a handful of California public officials. State Representative Jane Harman made a speech to kick off the events at the Venice Beach Pier, while Santa Monica City Councilman Bobby Shriver and State Assembly member Paul Koretz (West Hollywood) visited the Rose Avenue site at Venice.

Divers from Culver City's Eco Dive Center helped out Santa Monica Beach site efforts by gathering trash below the water. One dive cleanup team even located a discarded handgun in the waters off the Redondo Beach Pier.

"It would take over 300 divers and industrial equipment to make a large impact in removing the amount of trash located near the pier," said Philippe Besson, an instructor with the Eco Dive Center. Besson added that despite poor visibility, he believes the day's volunteers truly made a difference considering the volume of trash they collected.

"Just seeing all of the cigarette butts piling up is a tremendous experience," Hamdan said. "You can just imagine what it would be like if all of that had ended up in the ocean."

Companies such as 1-800-GOT-JUNK and GI Rubbish donated trash bins to temporarily store the waste, which was later sent to landfills.

Residents interested in cleaning the beaches year-round can participate in Heal the Bay's "Nothin' But Sand Cleanups," held on the third Saturday of every month. The cleanups are held at various rotating locations at beaches throughout Los Angeles county.

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Yahoo takes to airwaves to defend its Internet turf

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Business Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — As its rivals create a bigger buzz on the Internet, Yahoo Inc. is hitting television and radio airwaves to remind people that its Web site remains on the cutting edge of technology and culture.

The advertising blitz, scheduled to begin Thursday, marks the Sunnyvale, Calif.-based company's biggest marketing push in two years. Besides buying TV and radio time, world's most popular Web site also will be spreading its messages in movie theaters across the United States.

As an added promotional gift, Yahoo will offer coupons for a free cup of coffee at Dunkin' Donuts to anyone who sets Yahoo.com as their home page this Friday.

Yahoo executives bill the multimillion dollar campaign as a celebration of several significant improvements to its Web site, including a makeover of the home page, an e-mail

upgrade and a service that enables users to tap into their collective knowledge to find answers to tough questions.

"This is a great time for us to talk to our customers and encourage them to visit the new Yahoo.com," said Allen Olivo, Yahoo's vice president of global brand marketing. "It's an invitation to come back to those who haven't been using us in a while as well as to those who haven't been using us as frequently as they once did."

But the push also reflects the mounting pressure on Yahoo as it struggles to catch up to Google Inc. in the lucrative online search market. Yahoo is also battling perceptions that startups such as MySpace.com have become hipper places to hang out.

Meanwhile, old standbys like Microsoft Corp. and Time Warner Inc.'s AOL are spending heavily to lure traffic away from Yahoo.

"Yahoo is probably feeling some erosion of its brand," said Brad Scott, director of digital branding for San Francisco consulting firm Landor Associates.

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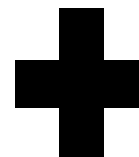
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Firefighters fight stubborn SoCal wildfire by hand

BY CHRISTINA ALMEIDA

Associated Press Writer

OJAI, Calif. — Teams of firefighters hiked into the wilderness Monday to fight a stubborn, two-week-old wildfire by hand that scorched more than 116 square miles of chaparral and timber along the Los Angeles-Ventura County line.

Counting on help from shifting winds, 55 Hotshot crews trekked into the remote forest where they will spend the night carving fire lines in an effort to prevent flames from roaring toward several mountain communities, including Ojai, the artists' enclave popular with tourists.

"As long as there are no winds, firefighters will be able to build lines and make some headway," said fire spokesman Mark Whaling.

The Day fire, which burned 74,052 acres since Labor Day and was 15 percent contained Monday, was ignited by someone burning debris in the Los Padres National Forest, 75 miles northwest of Los Angeles. No structures have been damaged.

The wildland fire doubled in size this weekend, fanned by gusty Santa Ana winds. But a cool, moist ocean breeze Sunday night slowed the fire and put communities that were still several miles away from the flames out of immediate danger.

At one point, the blaze crept within 12 miles of Ojai. Authorities had advised precautionary evacuation of about 350 homes in the Upper Ojai, Matilija Canyon and Wheeler Gorge areas over the weekend, but

the threat had been "greatly reduced" by Monday, Whaling said.

"It never came down into the communities like we feared it might. We didn't have the winds we were expecting," he said.

Besides the Day fire, two desert wildfires eight miles apart, which forced the temporary evacuation of about 2,500 residents over the weekend, were mostly contained Monday. Two homes were destroyed by one of those blazes.

In Montana, a weekend storm that dumped as much as 2 inches of rain on a pair of wildfires dramatically slowed their advance, and fire managers said Monday they expect to wrap up most firefighting efforts Tuesday.

The Jungle fire 20 miles southeast of Livingston has burned about 29,000 acres, or 45 square miles. The Derby Mountain fire, 15 miles south of Big Timber, has burned 208,096 acres and 26 homes since it began with a lightning strike Aug. 22. It was considered 85 percent contained.

The number of firefighters on the blazes has dropped to just 557 and fire equipment was being removed. Crews were beginning mop-up work.

In Boise, Idaho, the National Interagency Fire Center dropped its alert status from Level 5, the highest, to Level 4 for the first time since late July, reflecting the declining fire activity. Level 5 means fires have the potential to exhaust the nation's firefighting resources; Level 4 means that while demands are heavy, uncommitted resources are available.

Plan calls for cooperation

JOINT EFFORT, from page 1

months opposing oil and gas leasing, development or exploration off the coasts.

The agreement said goals include ensuring clean coastal waters and beaches, protecting healthy ocean and coastal habitats, expanding scientific research, monitoring and fostering sustainable economic development "throughout our diverse coastal communities," and expanding ocean and coastal research.

It said the governors would support developing a coastal regional research plan with the National Sea Grant Office and other scholars, and would work with universities

to seek funding and technical aid to support such programs in ocean observation and sea floor and habitat mapping.

It said the three governors would direct their staffs to work through the fall to get further recommendations and increase regional cooperation.

Govs. Ted Kulongoski of Oregon and Chris Gregoire of Washington were to attend the ceremony, with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger of California taking part via satellite link.

The announcement comes as scientists are studying a "dead zone" off the central Oregon coast, where oxygen deprivation has killed massive quantities of marine life.

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Baby fat: When to rejoice, when to worry

BY CHRISTINE ELLIOTT

Associated Press Writer

New parents learn quickly that everyone has something to say about a pudgy baby, with remarks ranging from harmless ("Look at those chubby cheeks") to hurtful ("Isn't he a little big for his age?").

"I got comments all the time from my so-called friends," says Lan Ma, recalling that her two children, as infants, had chipmunk cheeks and "rolls after rolls of flesh."

Ma, of Edgewater, N.J., ignored any suggestion that Thomas, now 4, and Tyler, 2, were too big, even when both weighed in at 14 pounds — double their birth weights — at their 2-month checkups. "I was never worried about their weight when they were young, because they were both very, very healthy."

Some other parents, however, can become anxious, given widespread reports that an increasing percentage of children and adolescents in the United States are overweight.

"With all the talk about obesity, we certainly have some overzealous parents who are worried about their nice, healthy, chunky baby becoming an overweight adult, and (they are) restricting their nutrients," says Dr. Robert Holmberg, a pediatrician in Bangor, Maine, and a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Task Force on Obesity.

When should "baby fat," long the symbol of a thriving infant, be cause for alarm?

In general, a chubby baby is a healthy one, doctors say.

Poor nutrition and lack of exercise — major factors in the obesity epidemic among children and adults — "haven't had time to affect the infant," Holmberg says.

But while doctors urge parents not to panic, they also encourage them to watch for warning signs:

■ Before age 3, parental obesity is a stronger predictor of future weight problems than an infant's birth weight or place on the growth chart.

"If parents are overweight, their children

are at much greater risk for the development of weight problems," says Dr. William Dietz, director of the division of nutrition and physical activity for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Genetics may be partly to blame, but more often the culprit is lifestyle, says Dr. Thomas Robinson, associate professor at the Stanford University School of Medicine and director of the Center for Healthy Weight at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital.

"A child is raised and learns about feeding, eating and activity in that same environment" as the overweight parent, he notes in an e-mail interview.

■ A sustained growth spurt before age 4, in which weight increases more rapidly than height, is another possible warning sign, Holmberg says.

And parents should note if weight appears to be interfering with developmental milestones, such as walking.

Still, always consult a pediatrician before changing your baby's diet.

Several studies suggest that breastfeeding, in addition to its nutritional advantages, lowers the risk of obesity later in childhood. Adds Dietz, "the longer the children are breastfed, the lower the risk." The AAP recommends breast milk for at least the first year.

Parents should also use this time during infancy to establish healthy routines for the entire family, doctors say.

■ Keep junk food out of the house.

"It is amazing to me how many young children, even under a year of age, are fed sugar-sweetened soft drinks and French fries and other fast foods," Robinson says. "If a parent eats junk food and has it in the home, that is the food their child will learn to eat, no surprise."

Other than the occasional chicken nuggets, or birthday cake at school, Ma steers her kids away from processed foods and avoids them herself, opting instead for fresh vegetables, chicken and fish. She sends her son to preschool with bananas and rice crisps for snacks.

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SUNDAYS thru SEPT. 24

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TUESDAY

Movies for Moms! 11:00 a.m., Loews Cineplex Broadway Theatre, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. Visit www.enjoytheshow.com/reelmoms for details.

Storytelling

Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621

Baby Time – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m., babies up to 2 years.

Spanish and Bilingual Stories – 11:20 a.m. Ages 2 – 5.

Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 450-0443.

Toddler Story Time in Spanish – 10:00 a.m., ages 2-3, current session thru Oct. 10.

Baby Time – 11:00 a.m., babies to age 2, current session thru Oct. 10.

Twilight Story Time -7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.

Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 829-7081.

Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 392-8304

Story Time for Twos – 10:00 and 10:30 a.m., starts Sept. 19, register now.

Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis For ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com

Barnes and Noble at the Grove

Storytime for ages 2 – 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 to 36 months; Infant & Me Class – 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., 0 – 12 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

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Yoga & Exercise

Exhale Center for Sacred Movement, 245 S. Main St., Venice. Pre/Post Natal – 11:25 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. 450-7676, exhalespa.com. Single class \$17, package of ten \$135.

Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined

Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

YoMama Yoga – 1404 3rd St. Promenade, St. 201. Parent & Me – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Yoga for parents with kids ages 6 wks – 6 years. Kids interact with each other and toys. \$15 single class, \$65 for five classes, \$120 for ten classes. yogababya.com

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups – Newborn group - call for time.

4:30 p.m., separate groups for children born in 2000 and 2001. Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling

The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge – 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052

10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4 at this neighborhood coffee shop.

Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.

Current session thru Oct. 11 for both

Story Time for Twos – 9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; ages 3-5.

Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.

Baby Time - 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages

0-2, current session thru Oct. 18.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. –392-3804.

Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144

Border's, Westwood – 11a.m. – 310-475-3444.

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., 5 to 36 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise

YoMama Yoga – 1404 3rd St. Promenade, St. 201. Parent & Me – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Yoga for parents with kids ages 6 wks – 6 years. Kids interact with each other and toys. \$15 single class, \$65 for five classes, \$120 for ten classes.

Prenatal Yoga – 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$18 single class, \$85 for five classes. yogababya.com

Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., \$15

Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981, drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Other

Puppetolio – 1:00 p.m., 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

THURSDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroup – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. for children born 1/02 – 2/03; 3:30 p.m., for children born 3/03 – 12/03, Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling

Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621

Current session thru Oct. 12 for:

Story Time for Twos – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Preschool Story Time – 11:20 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.

Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.

La Hora Del Cuento – 7:00 p.m. Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.

Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.

Story Time for Twos – 10:15 a.m., current session thru Oct. 19.

Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; ages 3-5. Ongoing.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.

Baby Time – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m. Babies to 2 years. Current session thru Oct. 5

Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590

10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m and 10:45 – 11:45 a.m., 12 to 36 months; Parent Support Group – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., age 3 – 5 years; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

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Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Groups

La Leche League of LA/Mar Vista – meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Westchester Municipal Bldg., 7166 W. Manchester Ave., corner of Lincoln and Manchester. Call 310-390-2529 for info.

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups 11:00 a.m. - playgroup for children born 10/04 – 5/05. Call or e-mail Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info.

Parent's Night Out at Child's Play, 2299 Westwood Blvd., 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.

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Yoga & Exercise

Kid's Yoga Circle Class at Exhale Spa –

3:30 p.m., for ages 5 – 11, 1422 2nd St., 260-2736 or yogaforkids@hotmail.com.

Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15.

Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

SATURDAY

Storytelling

Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Kid's Story Time – 10am, 310-260-9110

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30am – ages 2-5, 310-475-4144.

Children's Book World, 10580 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA - 10:30 a.m., every other Sat., 310-559-800K.

Village Books, 1049 Swarthmore Ave, Pacific Palisades – 10:30 a.m., 454-4063.

826LA, 685 Venice Blvd, 2nd Floor, Venice – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., ages 3-6, RSVP to info

@825LA.com or 310-314-8418. (826LA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write).

Classes

YWCA – Toddler & Me - 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.; Parent Enrichment once per month , 11:00 a.m. – noon, call Barbara Olinger at 452-3881 for rates and dates.

Yoga & Exercise

Santa Monica Yoga – Pre- & Post-Natal Yoga, Saturdays – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. 1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santamonicyoga.com

Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined

Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.(babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

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Prenatal Yoga – 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$18 single class, \$85 for five classes.

yogababya.com

Other

Wake up with the Waves Children's Concert Series - 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., thru Oct. 28. Santa Monica Pier presents this free interactive concert series for young children including singing, dancing and movement, puppets, talent shows, dress-up, face-painting, balloon art and bubbles. Sept. 16 program on the Carousel Deck.

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Administration, holdout senators seek compromise

BY HOPE YEN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales on Monday defended the Bush administration's strategy for interrogating terror suspects, calling it legal and critical to "continue gathering information about our enemies."

In a speech, Gonzales said CIA interrogators lack guidance on how to comply with the international Geneva Conventions, saying the provisions banning "humiliating and degrading treatment" and "outrages upon personal dignity" are too vague.

"Such phrases standing alone mean different things to Americans," he said at a conference on citizenship. "Think of the differences in interpretation that will exist between differing legal systems and cultures of the nations of the world."

"Seeking this clarity is important to our efforts to continue gathering information about our enemies," Gonzales said. "In all that we do in the war on terror, we seek to promote the rule of law and protect freedom."

Trying to end a protest by dissident Senate Republicans, the White House says it's confident it can reach a compromise on proposed rules for interrogating terror suspects.

Neither side is saying how an agreement

can be achieved on whether to allow highly controversial methods by the CIA, such as electric shock, forced nakedness and waterboarding, in which a subject is made to think he is drowning. The Bush administration says those techniques have foiled terror plots. Opponents say they verge on torture.

The full Senate was expected to take up the issue as early as this week.

"The reason we have this program is these kind of hard-core terrorists who are most likely to have information to allow us to protect America are trained in counterinterrogation techniques," Stephen Hadley, President Bush's national security adviser, said Sunday.

"It was only when they went into this CIA program we were able to get information," he said. "This is not torture. This is not a program out of control. This is a program that is conducted pursuant to law."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., one of the Republicans not satisfied with the White House proposal, said he was committed to working out a deal but insisted that the United States must hold the moral high ground.

"They are people that when they are in our custody, they deserve nothing except the fundamental rights that all prisoners have under the Geneva Conventions," said McCain, a former prisoner of war. "We should not do things which would be con-

demned by everyone in the world."

First lady Laura Bush, in New York for an international literacy conference, said Monday she was confident that her husband and congressional Republicans would "come to some consensus" on the legislation. Bush was not upset, she said, when McCain and two other Senate Republicans broke with the administration last week over the detainee interrogation bill.

"He knows these men very well, obviously," Mrs. Bush said in an interview on NBC's "Today" show. "He knows what their issues are... Obviously he thinks it's very important to be able to interrogate in a way that's not demeaning."

The Supreme Court in June ruled the Geneva Conventions on the rights of wartime detainees should apply to suspected terrorists in CIA custody. The decision froze the interrogations and led the Bush administration to turn over the last 14 prisoners in CIA custody to military officials at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

At issue is Common Article 3 of the conventions, which ban in part inhuman treatment of captives as well as "outrages upon personal dignity."

Legal experts say that under international law, the provision would likely bar the CIA's more aggressive tactics. Bush contends it is too vague. He wants a narrower interpretation that would permit the program to con-

tinue and shield CIA interrogators from lawsuits.

McCain, as well as Senate Armed Services Chairman John Warner, R-Va., and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., say that would redefine the broader legal understanding of the conventions in the international community.

Their Senate proposal is silent as to what types of CIA tactics might be permissible under the broader conception of Article 3.

On Sunday, Bush's national intelligence director, John Negroponte, said that after the Supreme Court ruling, the aggressive interrogation program has had "precious little activity of that kind for a number of months now" because of questions about its legality.

Hadley declined to say what specific techniques, such as waterboarding or prolonged sleep deprivation, would likely be considered illegal if Congress doesn't pass Bush's proposal.

He said the CIA program would suffer and be shut down if interrogators do not have guidance. He said the White House is working on a compromise that "achieves Senator McCain's requirement that we don't amend or change" the Geneva Conventions.

Hadley appeared on ABC's "This Week," CBS' "Face the Nation" and CNN's "Late Edition." Negroponte was on "Fox News Sunday," McCain on ABC and Graham on CBS.

Violence kills more than 40; Iraq preps new security measures

BY SINAN SALAHEDDIN

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Bombers and gunmen killed more than 40 people and injured dozens across Iraq on Monday as the government prepared to further tighten security ahead of the holy month of Ramadan, when violence traditionally spikes in the country.

Tribes in one of Iraq's most volatile provinces have joined together to fight the insurgency in their region, calling on the government and the U.S.-led military coalition to give them weapons, a prominent tribal leader said.

Tribal leaders and clerics in Ramadi, the capital of violent Anbar province, met last week and have set up a force of about 20,000 men "ready to purge the city of these infidels," Sheik Fassal al-Guood, a prominent tribal leader from Ramadi, told The Associated Press.

"People are fed up with the acts of those criminals who take Islam as a cover for their crimes," he said. "The situation in the province is unbearable, the city is abandoned, most of the families have fled the city and all services are poor."

Two suicide car bombers attacked a police station in Ramadi on Monday, killing

at least two police officers and injuring 26 people, the Interior Ministry said. U.S.-led coalition forces said they were looking into the report.

A suicide bomber killed at least 20 people and wounded 17 others in an open-air market in the northwestern city of Tal Afar, police chief Brig. Sabah Hamidi said. There were no Iraqi or U.S.-led security forces in the area at the time, he said.

Three Iraqi army soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb that targeted their patrol in Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of the capital. A gunman on a motorcycle killed a woman and a group attacked a family in their home, killing two brothers.

Gunmen also attacked a Shiite family in Baqouba as they prepared to leave for Baghdad, killing four people, including a young girl.

In Muqdadiah to the northeast, an armed group killed two civilians.

Four policemen were killed when their patrol was ambushed by unidentified gunmen in the northern city of Mosul, 230 miles northwest of Baghdad, police Maj. Ahmed Khalid said. Police also found the bodies of two women shot in the head and chest.

Two civilians were killed and seven others injured when a mortar round slammed into a street in Mahmoudiya, about 20 miles

south of Baghdad, police 1st Lt. Thair Mohamod said.

In Basra to the south, police found the body of Lt. Col. Fawzi Abdul Karim al-Mousawi, chief of the city's anti-terrorism department. Al-Mousawi had been kidnapped late Sunday in front of his house by a group of armed men in two cars. He had been handcuffed and shot seven times.

Gunmen also killed a former member of the defunct Baath Party in Hillah, south of Baghdad.

In the capital, police found the bodies of three men who had been bound, blindfolded and shot in the head.

The violence came as the government was preparing to announce new security measures for Baghdad ahead of Ramadan, which is expected to start on Sept. 24.

Mohammed al-Askari, a Defense Ministry spokesman, told the AP the measures would be adopted two or three days before the holy month begins to "protect citizens from terrorists attacks during this month."

Security measures could include a series of trenches and berms the government has said it plans to help secure Baghdad. As part of the plan, vehicle and pedestrian traffic would be restricted to just 28 entry points with manned checkpoints. The berms and

trenches would funnel vehicle traffic to those 28 checkpoints.

In another development Monday, the Iraqi army's 4th division came under Iraqi control in central Salahuddin province, the government said.

It was the second of Iraq's 10 divisions to come under direct Iraqi control since Sept. 7, when coalition forces handed over control of Iraq's armed forces command to the government.

"Today, the operational responsibility was handed over to the Iraqi army's 4th division in Salahuddin province. And by the end of next October, about one-third of the Iraqi security forces will be under Iraqi control," said government spokesman Ali al-Dabagh.

Government spokesman Ali al-Dabagh said Iraqi forces will take over security responsibility for southern Dhi Qar province Thursday, making it the second of Iraq's 18 provinces to be handed over by the coalition. British troops handed over control of southern Muthana province in July.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's military spokesman said Iraq's military and security forces had grown to 302,200. Brig. Qassim al-Mussawi said they included 172,100 Interior Ministry forces, and 130,100 soldiers and other troops under the control of the Defense Ministry.



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Beef bowls signal U.S. beef's return to Asia

BY YURI KAGEYAMA

AP Business Writer

TOKYO — U.S. Ambassador to Japan Thomas Schieffer was among the eager diners thronging a major Japanese fast-food chain Monday to savor the first servings in more than two years of a popular rice dish topped with American beef.

"It was great. It was well worth the wait," Schieffer said after eating Yoshinoya D&C Co.'s "beef bowl" with chopsticks. "It's a day of celebration. Beef has returned to Japan."

Japan and nearby South Korea banned American beef in December 2003 because of fears about mad cow disease. Japan eased the ban in July, and South Korea earlier this month.

But in both nations, the reception to American beef has been mixed, with the comeback being welcomed only by serious meat-lovers, like those who lined up before Yoshinoya restaurants for hours before they opened.

"It was delicious because I hadn't had it in a while," said 32-year-old construction worker Hiroaki Kaneko, who was among the first to eat a beef bowl, and took out four more for his co-workers. "I'm not a bit worried," he added about the mad cow fears.

Yoshinoya, which runs 1,000 restaurants nationwide, couldn't bring the beef bowl back before the day billed as "Resurrection Festival for the Beef Bowl" because of difficulties in getting a sufficient beef supply. Tokyo is now allowing only cattle 20 months or younger, although the U.S. has said that beef up to 30 months old is safe.

The company expected to serve a million beef bowls Monday. It will offer beef bowls

again for the first five days in October, and similarly for Nov. 1-5.

Schieffer said the differences between the nations about the restrictions on the age of cattle will be discussed another day.

"It's great to have American beef back in Japan. It's a safe, healthy product," he said after eating beef bowls with his wife Susanne.

Many Asians choose to shun American beef and remain worried about mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, a degenerative nerve disease in cattle. Eating contaminated meat products has been linked to the rare but fatal human variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

Last month, Zenshoku Co., a barbecue-beef restaurant that's smaller than Yoshinoya, became the first eatery chain in Japan to serve American beef since the easing of the ban.

But most major Japanese supermarket chains have yet to sell American beef, saying there isn't enough demand. Five Costco stores run by the Japan unit of U.S. warehouse retailer Costco Wholesale Corp. are selling U.S. beef.

"Korean beef is a bit expensive, but it tastes good so why eat foreign stuff?" says Kim Yong-geu, an 80-year-old retiree in Seoul.

In July, the state-run Korea Rural Economic Institute surveyed 651 housewives living in major cities and more than 70 percent said they would not buy American beef.

"People are against it because of mad cow disease," said Kim Gui-bae a 51-year-old telecommunications company employee. "Right now I also feel that the U.S. is forcing us into doing this."

Japan and South Korea banned U.S. beef

in December 2003 after the first U.S. case of mad cow disease. Before that, Japan was a top destination for U.S. beef, importing \$1.4 billion worth a year.

Ahead of its ban, South Korea was the third-largest foreign market for American beef, after Japan and Mexico, importing US\$815 million in beef and beef products. South Korea gave the go-ahead on the resumption of American beef imports earlier this month.

Nam Ho-kyoung, president of the Hanwoo Association, a nationwide cattle industry group, said he opposes the government's decision to allow in U.S. beef, citing lingering safety concerns over mad cow disease and the widespread practice among restaurants of touting cheaper foreign beef as Korean to lure customers.

"Consumers won't know that they ate it," Nam said.

One beneficiary of the regional fears about American beef has been the Australian beef industry. But the market share could drop with the resumption of U.S. beef imports, especially in South Korea, where there is no restriction on the cattle's age to under 20 months.

"I think Australia is going to face some much stiffer competition in Korea now," said Peter Weeks, market analyst from the beef industry's main export body, Meat & Livestock Australia Ltd.

In 2005, Australia exported a record 405,000 tons of beef to Japan worth around \$1.8 billion (U.S.) and 106,000 tons of beef to South Korea.

Koji Terada, who lined up two hours before Yoshinoya opened to eat his beef bowl, believes the inspections of U.S. beef exports are tougher now with the latest ending of the ban.

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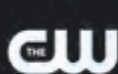
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Maintaining mystery

SCARLETT JOHANSSON struts her stuff in cleavage-baring dresses on the red carpet, but in real life, she'd rather remain a mystery. "I can't stand those articles where people spill their life story," Johansson says in the

October issue of InStyle magazine, on newsstands Friday. "After a while I feel like I know more about them than their best friend does — and that's weird. It's better when you don't know everything." The 21-year-old actress,

whose screen credits include "Lost in Translation" and "Match Point," plays a former prostitute in "The Black Dahlia," opposite Hilary Swank and Josh Hartnett. Johansson says: "Do I ever get nervous about this, right now, being the pinnacle of my

career? Yeah, I do. At the end of (filming) every movie I think, 'Wow — this is the last one! Nice working with you.'" She's more confident about her hourglass figure. "I'm curvy — I'm never going to be 5'11" and 120 pounds. But I feel lucky

to have what I've got." And, given the chance, she'd like to trade lives with President Bush. "Whose life would I like to step into for the day? The president's. I could probably get some things done in the Oval Office."

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Artistic elephant stripped down to skin

An elephant that was elaborately spray-painted for an art exhibit by British artist **BANKSY** was washed by order of the city's Department of Animal Services after animal activists objected. The 38-year-old female elephant, named Tai, was given a nontoxic paint job for last week's opening of an exhibit titled, "Barely Legal." The elephant was painted in the same red-and-gold pattern as the exhibit's walls and placed in a living room that included furniture. Cards handed out at the

opening, which included guests such as Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt, read: "There's an elephant in the room. There's a problem we never talk about." The statement went on to say that many people live below the poverty line. Ed Boks, head of the city's Animal Services Department, ordered the elephant to be completely scrubbed down to bare skin and that a child-safe face paint be used. "The paint they had been using, although nontoxic, according to government regu-

lations was unsafe and even illegal to use the way they had been using it," Boks said. On Sunday, Tai was placed unpainted in the living room exhibit. "Well, it's better than being painted," said Bill Dyer from In Defense of Animals, who objected to the use of Tai in the exhibit. Animal control officers and the elephant's handlers have monitored Tai's welfare. The handlers said the elephant was regularly fed and given water, taken on bathroom breaks and driven from the warehouse each

night back to her home on a ranch. Banksy, who has managed to disguise his identity despite his spreading fame, began by scattering subversive stenciled images across British cities, but has moved on to books and gallery shows. He has surreptitiously hung faux artworks in major galleries in New York, Paris and London, and recently made headlines by doctoring 500 copies of Paris Hilton's CD and hiding them in record stores across Britain. AP

Shiney Ahuja: Bringing himself to tears

Indian actor **SHINEY AHUJA** says he is a natural born crier. Ahuja said he never uses glycerin to help him cry in movie scenes, preferring to get the waterworks flowing by imagining himself in an emotional situation. "It's difficult, but most of the

time I place myself in a given situation and automatically tears start rolling down," Ahuja told the Mumbai Mirror newspaper in an interview published Monday. "It's human instinct and I think every actor should practice it." Filmmaker Tanuja Chandra

said she was surprised when Ahuja rejected glycerin — used by most actors when a scene requires them to sob. "He feels glycerin looks artificial," said Chandra. "For him, a scene has to be motivating enough to bring tears to his eyes."

Ahuja plays a workaholic doctor who falls in love with a rock star played by Bollywood beauty and former Miss Universe Sushmita Sen in Chandra's upcoming movie "Zindagi Rocks," or "Life Rocks." AP

HARD HITTING

JET LI is famous for his fists and kicks, but he'd like his compassion to be a hit, too. Li, who noted that a quarter of a million people committed suicide in China in 2003, hopes that he and his latest film, "Jet Li's Fearless," can help make a difference. "I would like to spend more of my energy practicing Buddhism and helping younger Chinese people to understand life," he told the San Francisco Chronicle in Sunday's editions. "When people commit suicide, they cause 10 people to suffer. So this is causing millions and millions of people to suffer." "Jet Li's Fearless" is an epic Chinese martial arts movie about spiritual growth and national pride. It's his first Chinese-language film since "Hero" in 2002. The star recently moved his family — his second wife, former actress Nina Li, and their two young children — from Hong Kong to Beijing.



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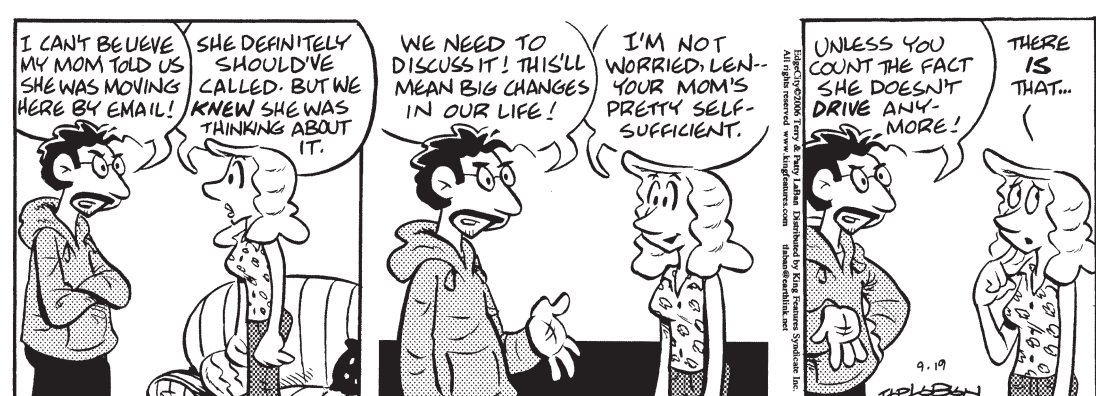
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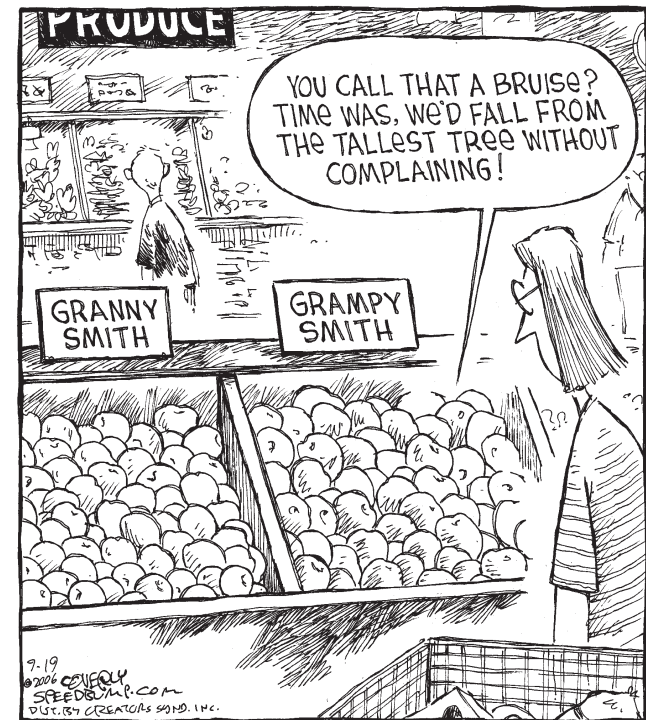
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interested in the will or estate, or
both, of ROBERT WILSON
A PETITION FOR PRO-
BATE has been filed by Donald W.
Hedrick in the Superior Court of Cal-
ifornia, County of LOS
ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR
PRO-BATE requests that Donald W.
Hedrick be appointed as personal
representative to administer the es-
tate of the decedent.

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

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

A HEARING on the peti-
tion will be held on Dec. 1, 2006 at
9:15 AM in Dept. No. F located at
1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA
90401.

IF YOU OBJECT to the
grant-ing of the petition, you should
ap-pear at the hearing and state your
objections or file written objections
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with the court and mail a copy to the
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the court within four months from
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9100. The time for filing claims will
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Notices

filing of an inventory and ap-praisal
of estate assets or of any petition or
account as provided in Probate Code
section 1250. A Request for Special
Notice form is available from the
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Attorney for petitioner:
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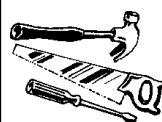
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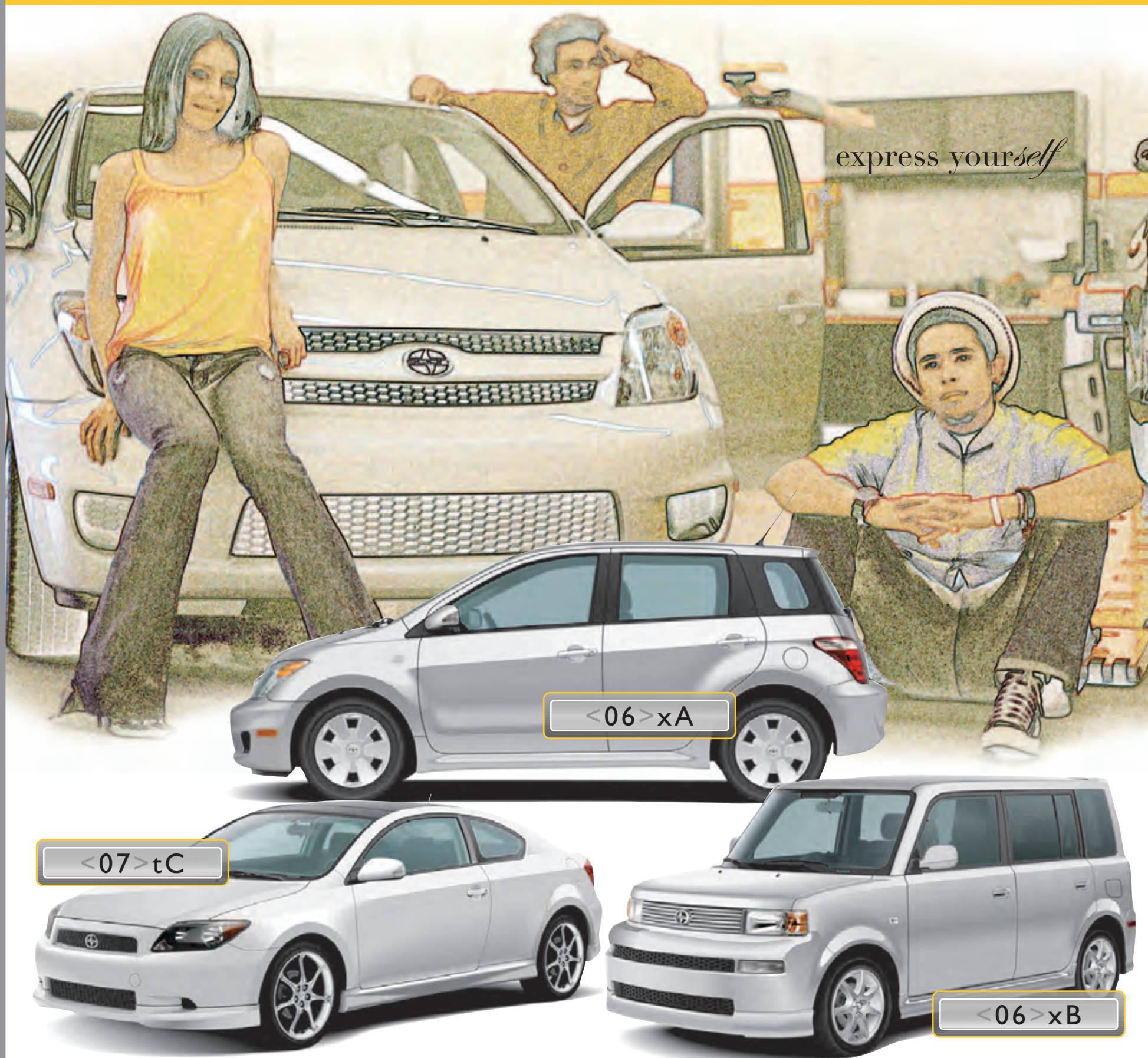
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