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DOING TIME

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Filmmaker Paul Haggis (left) and actors Mark Ruffalo (center) and Martin Sheen (right) dressed as Guantanamo Bay prisoners sit inside a life-size prison cell replica that was carted down the Third Street Promenade on Thursday morning by Amnesty International USA (AIUSA). The celebrities spoke to the public about the U.S.'s involvement with Guantanamo Bay and the harsh inhuman treatment of the prisoners there.

Taking the good with the ugly

City gets high marks in most sustainability categories, falls short on water quality

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN If the sustainability movement in the city was a high school student, it might want to consider spending a bit more time in study hall.

The 2008 Sustainable City Report Card, which was released on Thursday, showed that while there's been gradual progress made in much of City Hall's eight goals toward an environmentally healthy future, there is still a lot of work to be done.

While the fourth annual report card averaged a respectable B for grades and even better A for effort, areas such as resource conservation, transportation, housing and environment and public health continue to maintain a C, much as they have in the past few years.

But there was an overall reason for celebration at this year's Sustainable City Report Card breakfast where city officials praised work in the areas of land use and open space, affordable housing, and community education and civic participation.

The latter saw improvement in the past

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Feeding the meter to park lawn chairs

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Like most mornings, Francie Rehwald will go about her daily ritual today, kicking back with the paper and a cup of Joe.

Little will change in this routine this morning except for its setting, taking place not in the kitchen or living room, but rather

on back-to-back parking spaces along the 1400 block of Montana Avenue.

The life-long Santa Monica resident is part of a growing nationwide movement, one that advocates for more open space and sustainability by taking back the streets.

The movement will take center stage today as thousands of people across the country will begin feeding parking meters

and occupy the spaces much like they would a spot at the beach or park, setting up a lawn chair and sitting back.

An event that originated in San Francisco in 2005 after a small group transformed a metered parking spot into a grassy retreat, Park(ing) Day is intended to demonstrate the accessibility of streets as public open space. The event has quickly gained popular-

ity in cities across the country, including in the Los Angeles area where Park(ing) Day L.A. is celebrating its second year.

"We realized that too much of our urban environment is given over to the car and therefore not enough to the person and individual," said William Wright, the director of

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'Made Me Nuclear,' the Operetta

Santa Monica Playhouse, 8 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

They radiated him, but they couldn't silence him — Charlie Lustman, surviving cancer one song at a time. Blending humor and intimacy this is a show for anyone who has faced a challenge in life. It is written and performed by singer/songwriter Charlie Lustman, and directed by Chris DeCarlo. Tickets at www.MadeMeNuclear.com or (866) 468-3399.

Salsa the night away

1334 Lincoln Blvd., 7:15 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Beginners and experienced salseros alike can pick up new moves at Isabelle Pampillo's Friday Socials in Santa Monica. The night consists of a 90-minute class followed by a social hour of drinks and dancing where dancers can practice their dips and turns. There is a \$20 charge for the class, dancing and drinks. For information, call (310) 392-3493.

Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008

Fresh roasted chilies

Virginia Avenue Park, 8 a.m. — 1 p.m.

The Chile Roaster is back at the Pico Farmers' Market! Enjoy New Mexico style roasted chilies fresh from the farmers every Saturday during the month of September. The market is located at Virginia Park at Pico and Cloverfield.

Dump the junk

15800 Pacific Coast Highway, 9 a.m. — noon

Get rid of your old TVs, monitors, computers, fax machines, printers, stereo equipment, cell phones and other electronics at the Electronic Waste Collection Event benefiting Heal the Bay and Coastal Cleanup Day located at Will Rogers State Beach. All materials collected will be properly recycled by ASL Recycling. Call (310) 451-1500 ext. 148 for more information.

Day for kids

1238 Lincoln Blvd., 4 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Join the fun with the Boys & Girls Club, celebrating the positive and meaningful time spent between adults and kids for their Day for Kids. Celebrate this special day with fun-filled activities for parents and caregivers and kids facilitated by the staff. There will be food, music, and a movie screening outdoors on the field after sunset. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs! Visit www.dayforkids.org or e-mail kristin@smbgc.org or call (310) 394-2582 for more information.

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.



Samohi hopes ground game leads way

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

PACIFIC PALISADES The plan is working for head football coach Zach Cuda.

Cuda's Santa Monica High School Vikings had hoped to run the ball effectively during the season opener against Leuzinger High School to take some of the pressure off of junior quarterback Garrett Safron. He planned to utilize his veteran offensive line to control the line of scrimmage while his QB eased into the season.

All of those hours watching film and going over plays apparently paid off as his running backs gained 320 yards and ran Leuzinger off

its home field, 31-6. Senior running back Vince Lawrence led the way with 230 yards and a touchdown.

"Running was certainly the game plan," Cuda said. "We expected to go in there that way. This week we hope to open things up a little bit more. We're going to need to be more balanced as the season goes on."

The season continues tonight at Palisades High School. The Dolphins are coming off of an impressive rout of Hollywood High School, 28-6. The cross-town rival appears to be on the upswing following a 2-8 season in 2007. Cuda is impressed by the way Pali's sophomore quarterback Conner Preston commanded the offense against Hollywood

and expects more of the same when the two teams clash. If Preston is going to replicate his early success he'll have to do so under duress.

"We've been talking [about Preston] all week," Cuda said. "We want to get in his face early and often. We want him to know he's in a varsity football game."

Pali head coach Kelly Loftus is well aware that Samohi is gunning for his young signal caller.

"If we can keep our quarterback on his feet, it will be a good game," Loftus said. "I imagine they are going to be bringing a lot of pressure."

There's just one problem for Pali, Loftus said. His squad is long on speed and short on

girth. A thin offensive line got even thinner as he lost his starting guard Juan Climaco. The junior was counted on to be one of Preston's key protectors and will be sidelined for three to five weeks. As a result, Pali will come into the game with just nine or 10 serviceable lineman for both the offensive and defensive lines.

The shortage of lineman could be a problem for Pali, but Loftus is confident that his revamped offense will put up a fight.

The changes on offense are a somewhat surprising turn of events for Samohi's Cuda. During last season's win over Pali, his Vikings

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GOING UP?

Rebecca Chase (left) and Christa Czer, of the Santa Monica College women's volleyball team, leap into the air in an attempt to block the spike of Santa Barbara City College's Samantha Potter at SMC on Tuesday. SMC lost in five games by scores of 26-24, 25-23, 13-25, 22-25, and 10-15.

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Nobel Prize winners provide peaceful inspiration at LMU

BY HEATHER MOLINE
Special to the Daily Press

PLAYA VISTA In the arched sunlight of Sacred Heart Chapel at Loyola Marymount University, 100 high school students sat attentively on the altar, listening to the testimony of Imani Ephriam, a junior from Santa Monica High School.

"I'm part Native American, part Mexican, and part African American, and I've experienced racism my whole life," Imani said into the microphone. "I met a Latino girl at a language academy who asked me to hold out my hand. 'See that? You're darker than me. We could never be friends.' I walked away stunned."

Imani next shared two instances of physical abuse at the hands of lighter skinned students.

The chapel erupted in head-shaking and murmurs. One small, vibrantly dressed Mayan woman leaned toward a translator so that she could understand Imani's story. Rigoberta Menchú Tum, the 1992 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize and hero to indigenous peoples everywhere, was one of six Nobel laureates present at PeaceJam's Global Call to Action Conference, held this year at Loyola Marymount University from Sept. 11-13.

The PeaceJam foundation's goal is to inspire one billion simple acts of peace

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Hold up, wait a minute

Editor:

Monday's opinion piece by Bill Bauer contained inaccurate and misleading information about the telecommunications portion of the Utility Users Tax (UUT), which will appear on the November 4 ballot as Measure SM. I feel that it is imperative that our residents be provided with the facts.

The City of Santa Monica has submitted this updated ordinance to the voters to ensure that existing services supported by the UUT on telecommunications are preserved and that the tax is applied equitably. The definitions and language in the existing ordinance are outdated and do not reflect current telecommunications technologies. It would be like having laws on the books that only cite a horse and buggy, when today we have cars. California law requires that any changes to the UUT be approved by the voters. Without an updated ordinance, the City could face legal challenges that will put these revenues at risk. If Measure SM passes, the city will maintain this important source of revenue used to provide services to the community.

The city's current telecommunications tax is already applied to standard telephone services and cell phones. The new ordinance will clarify that private communications networks such as T-1 lines, cable-like services called IP-TV, VoIP, text messaging and paging are all taxable telecommunications services. Often service providers bundle text and paging into packages which are taxed as a whole, so many customers will not see any change in their telephone bills.

The city will not collect information on where cell phones and other services are used. The city's UUT is assessed based on the service address, and in the case of wireless, it is based on the "place of primary use" (typically the billing address) as required by federal law. Users will not be charged for services rendered in Santa Monica unless that is their service address or registered place of primary use, as determined by the service provider.

The UUT does not apply to internet access and satellite video services. Federal laws prohibit a local tax on those services. Also, the City's proposed ordinance specifically excludes from taxation downloaded internet services and products such as music, games, ringtones, and books.

The updated ordinance is intended to protect current revenues to preserve the programs and services our community expects. The measure will keep the same tax rate, continue to exempt low income seniors and disabled persons, and close loopholes to ensure that users of similar services are treated the same, regardless of technology. The residents of several other cities, including Los Angeles, Culver City and Pasadena, have recently passed virtually identical updates to their laws.

The city has observed a steady decline in the UUT from traditional telephone services in recent years and would risk losing up to \$12 million in revenues without Measure SM. Revenues from the UUT helps fund city services like after school and summer programs for Santa Monica youth, neighborhood police patrols, fire and paramedic services, and parks and recreational programs.

Factual information on Measure SM is available for residents and businesses at www.smgov.net/UUT

P. Lamont Ewell
City Manager



Your column here

Judith Meister

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Ready to move on

I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK the many supporters who have expressed disappointment about my withdrawal from the school board race and who have encouraged me to continue as a write-in candidate. While my decision to withdraw from the race was difficult, I have made peace with that choice and am ready to move on.

The write-in approach might provide a way for some voters to express their frustration or anger about the way the political process played out, but it would not result in my election. I would rather focus my energy on moving forward. The support voiced by so many community members has strengthened my resolve to continue to be a strong advocate for all of our children.

My goal in seeking a seat on the school board was to make a difference in our school district to benefit our students — to provide fresh leadership to effectively address serious concerns about district finances, administrative leadership, minority student achievement, and special education reform.

I had hoped to achieve more open communication, transparent decision making, and accountability in the way that business is conducted in our district. Although I will not be a member of the school board at this time, I believe I can still make a difference. I hope that those who share my goals will join me in seeking the necessary changes.

There are, in fact, some signs of hopeful change that I have seen over the summer. Interim Superintendent Tim Cuneo inspires confidence.

He has been working with school board members to better define the board/staff working relationship and has made special education reform a priority. I understand the frustration and share the impatience of parents who have worked on and seen several special education reform plans sit on the shelf for years. It is imperative that we implement reforms now. The Barber Report and Special Education Strategic Plan contain the framework for action.

The board has retained an experienced outside consultant, the Claros Group, which has been charged with bringing together the full range of stakeholders, with the objective of devising an action plan by January 2009. I plan to be actively involved in this process and closely monitor its progress so that our special needs students, families, and staff will finally see results.

I am also a part of the PTA Council Special Education Committee, which has begun the work of building a positive collaboration between parents, teachers, administrators, and the school board. Work has

begun on two parallel efforts — a community forum in November and a parent support network at each school site. As a parent of both a child with special needs and a child in general education, I know that it will take the involvement and education of our entire community to change the atmosphere to one of trust and inclusion.

ALTHOUGH I WILL NOT BE A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD AT THIS TIME, I BELIEVE I CAN STILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

My other focus will be on the long-term plan for Samohi. The first phase of construction will happen as part of the Measure BB plan and is currently under design. The long-range vision for Samohi is truly a once in a generation opportunity for our entire community.

The plan transforms the physical facilities of the high school to support the academic, athletic, and artistic excellence of our programs and extends opportunities to the entire community to enjoy these cultural and recreational facilities. This effort to remake Santa Monica High School has the potential to unify our community as leaders from our city government, school and college districts, business community, civic organizations, and residents come together to plan for the best education possible for generations of our children.

Although this election is not likely to result in much change among the school board members, I believe it is important for the community to expect open communication and transparency in decision making. We have a responsibility to engage the school board and administrators in a thorough discussion about public education issues. The more we stay involved in a constructive way and the more hard questions we ask, the more we can be sure the focus remains on what is best for all of our children. That's what I plan to do now. Please join me.

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Tanning bed reformer

THIS WEEK WAS AMONG THE BLEAKEST in Wall Street history. Former Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan called the economy the worst he's ever seen. And yet John McCain says it's "fundamentally sound" (Hoover said that right before the Great Depression). Maybe it's fundamentally sound for people who don't remember how many houses they own?

McCain, a proud deregulator, now wants to clean up Wall Street and stand up to the special interests. How? Almost all his senior advisors were lobbyists. His economic guru, former Senator Phil Graham, was the king of deregulation legislation. Infamously, Graham labeled this a "mental recession" and called Americans "whiners." McCain has him in hiding.

At least now the focus might be on real issues, as opposed to lipstick on a pig. McCain forgot he used that expression about Hillary in 1992. He's forgotten a lot of things lately. But I bet he still remembers what the "Bush Doctrine" is, which is more than we can say for Sarah Palin.

ABC's Charles Gibson asked Sarah if she believed in the Bush Doctrine. Except she didn't know what it was. She looked like a caribou frozen in headlights. "In what respect, Charlie?"

Bill Maher said he thought she was going to ask if she could use a lifeline.

Later, after Sarah favored admitting Georgia into NATO, Gibson queried, "Wouldn't we have to go to war if Russia went into Georgia?" Palin replied nonchalantly, "Perhaps so." That's when I fell out of my chair.

Sarah brags about small town values, but the jacket she wore at the convention cost \$2,500. She also spent \$35,000 for a tanning bed installed in the governor's mansion. Reportedly it's to treat sunlight-deprived depression. Lovely! Meanwhile, "Ms. I've got nothing to hide" is fighting the Troopergate investigation.

The McCain/Palin ads are so sleazy even Karl Rove criticized them. On "The View" Joy Behar grilled McCain. "You can't really believe Obama was calling Sarah Palin a pig?" Squirming nervously, McCain said, "Politics is a tough business." Either he's paranoid, and has lost his mind or, he's lying and has lost his integrity. Speaking of Rove, he was mentored by Lee Atwater, the Godfather of political sleaze. In 1988 Atwater created the racist Willie Horton commercials that put George H.W. Bush in the White House.

Horton was a convicted murderer who committed a rape while in the Massachusetts prisoner furlough program. The furlough law had been signed by a Republican governor and

yet Atwater went after Dukakis, "I will strip the bark off the little bastard and make Willie Horton his running mate." Charming.

Fourteen months later, Atwater was diagnosed with brain cancer. During his final days he told Life Magazine "What's missing in society is what's missing in me, a little heart and a lot of brotherhood." Desperate for redemption, he phoned Dukakis, who forgave him. I'm not sure I would have.

Right wing haters are hypocrites. Imagine what they'd say if Michelle Obama stole drugs from her medical relief organization, as Cindy did. Or, if Obama's teenage daughter was pregnant and unmarried. Or, if Obama cheated on, and then dumped, a wife disfigured from a car accident. Or, if the Senate criticized Obama for "exercising poor judgment" (Keating five).

McCain's "standing up to the good ol' boys" is laughable. After 26 years in Washington, he's one of the good ol' boys! He voted with Bush 90 percent of the time, and helped a Republican Congress convert record surpluses into record deficits. They waged a war for oil that will cost three trillion dollars, plus untold deaths and injuries, and charged everything on a credit card. The interest alone doomed the economy. Some maverick.

After Black Monday, imagine if Bush and McCain had succeeded in privatizing social security. And now, what's McCain's solution to this colossal economic crisis? Appoint a commission. Oh, brother.

No WMD's, torture, secret prisons, in Iraq for 100 years, Katrina, \$4 gas, the collapse of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Lehman Brothers, Merrill Lynch, AIG and more to come. These are only some legacies of Bush/McCain policies. As Obama said, "Enough is enough!"

McCain may have had an honorable military career. But lies about Obama i.e. lipstick on a pig, or sex education in kindergarten, or taxing the middle class, is anything but honorable. To fight back, perhaps Obama should mention Greenspan's opinion, "The country can't afford McCain's tax cuts" (Including \$4 billion for oil companies).

Or maybe Obama should quote Reagan, "Are you better off today than you were four years ago?" For the vast majority of Americans (excluding war profiteers and billionaires) the answer is a resounding "No!"

If McCain wins in November (I'm biting my tongue) I hope at least he's healthy. I cringe at the thought of President Palin and tanning beds in the White House.

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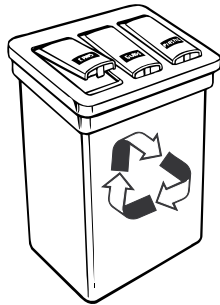
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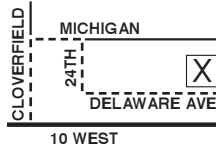


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Safe communities

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

2008-2014 Housing Element. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the City Council regarding adoption of the City's General Plan Housing Element for the 2008-2014 planning period, and adoption of a Negative Declaration in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed Housing Element has been prepared in compliance with State Law to plan for the City's housing needs as defined by the southern California region's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). Revisions are proposed to the draft Housing Element presented in March 2008 based on public and Commission comments, Council direction and comments provided by the California State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The vision presented in the Housing Element is consistent with the City's efforts to broadly define and achieve sustainability and with the long-term planning direction of the Land Use & Circulation Element update, which contemplates new ways to create housing that will meet the needs of a socially and economically diverse population. [Planner: Elizabeth Bar-El, AICP; liz.bar-el@smgov.net] **APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica**

Amendment to SMMC Section 9.04.02.030.825, Sub-Chapter 9.04.18, and Part 9.04.20.34 (Zoning Ordinance): Substantial Remodel Ordinance. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation on a Zoning Ordinance amendment to make permanent the provisions contained in Interim Ordinance 2202 (CCS), which will expire in January 2009. These provisions amend the definition of a "substantial remodel," which defines the threshold at which a structure is being changed enough to require upgrades to meet current Code requirements. The proposed amendment also outlines exceptional circumstances in which a structure receiving upgrades but without new floor area or a historic property remodeled according to specific criteria would not be required to conform to current Code requirements. It further provides two situations in which the Zoning Administrator may allow an adjustment to the substantial remodel requirements: 1) for non-conforming commercial or industrial buildings that add more than 50% of existing floor area; and, 2) when unforeseeable structural damage has been found on a property of sub-standard dimensions during construction, which renders the project a substantial remodel. [Planner: Elizabeth Bar-El, AICP; liz.bar-el@smgov.net] **APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica**

WHEN: Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Tools of the trade

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11, AT 11:25 A.M.,

Santa Monica police officers stopped a suspicious vehicle at the corner of Cloverfield Boulevard and the I-10 Freeway. Witnesses reported seeing the car being driven through the Sunset Park neighborhood, as if the occupants were casing the area looking for homes to burglarize. Officers approached the vehicle and found several pairs of gloves in the car as well as crowbars and prybars. The suspects in the vehicle were placed under arrest for conspiracy to commit a crime, burglary and possession of burglary tools. The driver, who was also arrested for driving without a license, was identified as William Saulsberry, 18, from Los Angeles. No bail was set because he was on probation, police said. The other two suspects were juveniles, one a male, 17 years old, and the other a female, 16 years old.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9, AT 2:17 A.M.,

An officer conducted a traffic stop at Lincoln and Olympic boulevards. During the stop, officers conducted a consensual search of the car and found what appeared to be marijuana on the passenger side floor board. Officers also found a small pill bottle that contained a tablet that tested positive for MDMA, or Ecstasy. The driver was placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance and for a parole violation. The passenger was arrested for possession of narcotics and possession of marijuana. The driver was identified as Jerome Green, 28, of Los Angeles. No bail was set for green because of a parole hold, police said. The passenger was identified as Derrick Ellis of Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$10,000.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9, AT 7:31 A.M.,

Officers responded to a radio call of an assault with a deadly weapon that just occurred in the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who said he and a friend were involved in an argument with a man who tried to stab them with a pen. The suspect struck the victim in the hand with the pen and then fled on foot, police said. Officers located the suspect in the 1200 block of Fourth Street and placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon. The victim refused medical treatment at the scene. The suspect was identified as Ronald Evans, 32, a transient. His bail was set at \$30,000.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9, AT 3:24 A.M.,

Officers observed a suspicious vehicle in the area of Yale Street and Santa Monica Boulevard. Officers stopped the driver for a traffic violation and a subsequent search of the vehicle resulted in the recovery of a glass light bulb, which is commonly used to smoke methamphetamine. On the floor of the car officers found a partially filled soda bottle containing a baggy filled with a white powder that later tested positive for crystal meth. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for possession of meth and drug paraphernalia, as well as destruction of evidence for tossing the meth in the coke bottle in an attempt to dilute it, police said. The suspect was also on parole so no bail was set. The suspect was identified as Tanner Brewer, 45, of Canyon Country.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10, AT 12:26 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1200 block of the Third Street Promenade – the Apple Store – regarding a possible theft suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they made contact with store security who said the suspect walked into the store to exchange several items that were purchased at another Apple Store. An employee recognized the suspect from a prior theft and warned security to watch him in case he tried to steal again. Security observed the suspect remove several Bluetooth headsets from their packaging and then walk out of the store, failing to pay for the items. Security stopped the suspect and brought him back in the store. At that point the suspect became combative. He was placed under arrest by police for commercial burglary and probation violation. Store employees believed the suspect was stealing goods from various Apple Stores and then returning them for cash or other items. The suspect was identified as Jose Berrios, 35, of Sherman Oaks. His bail was set at \$20,000.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10, AT 1:08 P.M.,

An officer on routine patrol in the 2200 block of the beach noticed a blue Ford Mustang parked with its driver's side door open and a blanket and other items piled on the roof. The officer ran the license plate number and discovered the Mustang was reported stolen. The officer pulled up behind the Mustang and activated his headlights. At that time the officer discovered a female seated on top of a male in the driver's seat. Both were taken into custody. The officer learned that the car was stolen in August in Los Angeles. The owner allowed a prospective buyer to take the car for a test drive. When the buyer did not return a few hours later, the owner reported the car stolen. Officers determined that the female suspect was not aware of the theft and she was released. The male suspect was placed under arrest for grand theft auto and held on an Immigration and Naturalization Service detainer, police said.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11, AT 11:02 A.M.,

Police responded to a radio call of an assault with a deadly weapon that occurred at a bus stop in the 700 block of Pico Boulevard. Upon arrival, officers rendered aid to the victim, who was lying on the bench bleeding from the torso area. Witnesses said that there was a commotion and two people were arguing. A struggle ensued and the suspect pulled out a large knife and stabbed the victim. The suspect fled on foot and was apprehended a short time later by officers canvassing the area. The victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment. The suspect was placed under arrest for attempted murder. He was identified as Leon Burton, 24, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$1 million. The knife was not recovered.

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Event raises the call for more open space

FROM PARKS PAGE 1

government and public affairs for the American Institute of Architects Los Angeles, which is one of the facilitators of the event.

At least seven of these smaller parks are expected to blossom in Santa Monica where there are more than two dozen community parks and 245 acres of state beach but where the lack of open space remains an issue.

Rehwald plans to take over two spaces on Montana Avenue with landscaper friend Aaron Landworth who will set down several square feet of sod and some trees.

The two plan to lounge around from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., drinking some coffee, ordering some lunch and enjoying a day out at the makeshift park.

"It's important to bring attention to the need for parks," Rehwald said. "This is one way to draw attention to that."

A similar sight will be expected citywide, including on the corner of 20th Street and Olympic Boulevard where David Hertz Architects will set up its own park.

The firm will take over five parking spots in front of its office building, which received a platinum rating for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design by the U.S. Green Building Council.

The architectural firm will set up several displays showing off various aspects of sustainable architecture, including so-called "green roofs."

"I think there is a way to make a public offering to raise awareness and importance of parks in our city," architect David Hertz said.

Among the biggest proponents of Park(ing) day are the architects and designers, whose own organization — the American Institute of Architects — helped spearhead the Los Angeles version of the national event. The local firm of Moore Ruble Yudell Architects & Planners are also expected to participate.

"The advantage of having AIA Los Angeles involved is we're able to not only provide outreach to the community and media, but to get as many architects and designers involved as possible," Wright said.

“THE DREAM IS THAT SOME OF THESE STREETS WILL BECOME UNNECESSARY AND WE WILL HAVE LONG LINEAR PARKS.”

Susan Cloke
Chairwoman, Recreation and Parks Commission

Even the media is getting in on the action. El Segundo-based Vegetarian Times will head north to Santa Monica for a few hours, setting up a park on Main Street in front of One Life Natural Foods, handing out free heirloom seeds and copies of the magazine to passersby.

Santa Monica was a perfect place to participate in the event because of its eco-conscious population, said Elizabeth Turner, the editor-in-chief.

"We saw it as a good idea for us to hand out seeds to encourage people to grow their own fruits and vegetables," Turner said. "Park(ing) Day is about thinking green so we were taking that in a food direction."

Perhaps the biggest parks will be in the parking lot adjacent to the Santa Monica Pier tonight when the Recreation and Parks Commission will take over the spots to turn it into an outdoor movie theater, screening the animated film "Open Season."

Commission Chairwoman Susan Cloke said that Park(ing) Day in Santa Monica seeks to accomplish two goals — raising the need for more green space in urban life and encouraging residents to find ways to get around town without a car.

"The dream is that some of these streets will become unnecessary and we will have long linear parks," she said. "We understand driving is part of life and we all do it, we also believe there's a necessity to walk more, bike more, and get outdoors more."

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Samohi is off and running

FROM FOOTBALL PAGE 3

faced an offense that almost exclusively ran the ball out of the I-formation with two backs in the backfield at all times.

Cuda doesn't foresee tinkering with a defense that limited Leuzinger to a paltry 67 yards of total offense last week. He intends to stick with a 4-4 base defense that has proven its worth thus far this year.

"[This game] gives us an opportunity to work on what we did last week," he said. "We want to focus on being more physical than they are."

Starting tailback Jackson injured his shoulder late in the Leuzinger game, but Cuda hopes that the return of senior Christian Ross from a one-game suspension will help shore up his running attack.

"[Ross] is excited to play," Cuda said. "Missing that first game was hard for him to watch and be a part of that. I know he was

“THIS WEEK WE HOPE TO OPEN THINGS UP A LITTLE BIT MORE.WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO BE MORE BALANCED AS THE SEASON GOES ON.”

Zach Cuda
Samohi head football coach

itching to get in there. He's been really energetic to get out there on Friday."

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Students gather to promote peace

FROM PEACE PAGE 3

before the year 2018 by bringing together youth from around the world with Nobel Peace laureates. Imani participated with students from as close as Pasadena and as far as Tibet.

Students broke out into personalized workshops with the laureates. Rigoberta's focused on racism and hate. The former candidate for the presidency of Guatemala witnessed her family tortured and killed before she was 30, and her own people, the Quiche Indians of Guatemala, are slowly dying off.

"Estoy triste cuando oigo 'No seas Indio (Don't be an Indian),' " Rigoberta announced into her own microphone, replying to Imani. Her translator explained her story. "Don't be an Indian" is a phrase used over and over by Mayan children in Guatemala, who learn their heritage is shameful from an early age.

"I am sad for you," Rigoberta told Imani. "I sense a lot of pain in your life. I hope you can find inner calm and courage."

This attitude was exactly what the laureates hoped to inspire in the students, their own lives providing examples of the resilience they preach. In addition to Rigoberta, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Jody Williams, Shirin Ebadi, Adolfo Pérez-Esquivel, and Betty Williams were in attendance. None of the laureates could enter a room without the enthusiastic cheer of the world's best and brightest youth.

PeaceJam fever is spreading. Gilberto Flores, a freshman from South Central L.A., arrived at LMU asking nothing more than when lunch was, and left asking where he could find more information on the United Nations. Nafasi Ferrell from Gael Blair Academy in Pasadena said she wanted to begin her simple act of peace by sharing Rigoberta's story with her friends who are members of the Black Panther Party.

"I think there's a better way to change society, like [Rigoberta] did," Nafasi said.

At a campus-wide talk with the Nobel laureates on Sept. 12, Tutu took to the stage with rhythmic cheers of "Tutu! Tutu!" He

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Archbishop Desmond Tutu
Winner of Nobel Peace Prize 1984

shared that all winners of the Peace Prize must have three things: a big nose, an easy name, and sexy legs.

And the archbishop couldn't stop there. "Do you ever consider how God feels, when he sees his beautiful people destroying each other? I think God weeps," Tutu said.

The 3,000 who were gathered to hear the laureates testify quieted significantly following Tutu's remarks, but if the six stars of the conference knew how to do anything, it was how to turn sadness into stimulation.

"And then God sees all these young people and says 'Ah yes. Look at how beautiful they are. That's why I created humanity,'" Tutu exclaimed.

Once more the congregated erupted in cheers. Students came burdened and open, and left ready to change the world, beginning with their communities.

Imani says there's no doubt she'll be at the next PeaceJam Conference.

"I don't care where it is," she said. "We'll make them get us a bus."

And what is her next goal, after sharing her stories of racism with Rigoberta Menchú-Tum?

"I want a picture with the archbishop with sexy legs."

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Dropping home prices luring in more buyers

BY JACOB ADELMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Plunging home prices enticed more buyers into the Southern California housing market in August and fueled a new round of speculation about whether it had hit bottom.

The figures released Wednesday by MDA DataQuick show the median home price in the six-county region fell 34 percent to \$330,000 in the year ending last month.

The figure was down from \$500,000 in August 2007 and dropped 5.2 percent from \$348,000 in July.

A total of 19,366 homes and condos were sold last month, up 9.1 percent from August 2007 but down 4.7 percent from July.

"Foreclosure activity remains high, credit is still tight, affordability remains strained on the coast and the job market is soft," MDA DataQuick president John Walsh said. "Some expect prices to bottom out soon ... That may happen, but history suggests that few of us will time the bottom precisely."

It was the second consecutive month that the number of home sales had increased compared to year-ago periods.

Richard Green, who directs the University of Southern California's Lusk Center for Real Estate, said prices had reached a level that made buying a more attractive alternative to renting.

"Owning is starting to make sense financially. That wasn't the case two years ago," he said. "Fundamentally, I think house prices in California are where they should be."

Sales activity will likely be sustained by the recent dip in interest rates that followed the federal takeover of mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, Green said.

MDA DataQuick spokesman Andrew LePage said the return of buyers to the market could suggest the market is bottoming out.

But he cautioned, "It doesn't mean prices

rebound sharply. It could be we're looking at a prolonged period of stagnation."

Foreclosures accounted for 45.5 percent of all resold properties last month, up from 10 percent in August 2007 and 43.7 percent in July.

Sales saw the greatest increase in inland communities where prices have dipped the most and foreclosures have soared.

In Riverside County, 4,078 homes sold in August, up 43.9 percent from the year-ago period. Many buyers were enticed as the median home price plummeted 37.3 percent to \$247,450 during that time.

Philip Romero, chief executive at a Century 21 Real Estate LLC office in the area, said foreclosed homes and other distressed sales in the under-\$500,000 range were posting the most sales activity.

But more expensive homes in areas with good school districts or other attributes were also drawing more buyers, he said.

"We are seeing a significant number of multiple offers, really for the first time in over a year," he said.

Los Angeles County, where the median price declined 30.9 percent to \$380,000, bucked the regional trend by recording a 7.7 percent drop in sales to 6,138 in August, compared to the year-ago period.

Tom Dunlap, a sales manager for Prudential California Realty in Los Angeles, said slow sales in high-priced communities such as Beverly Hills and the Hollywood Hills were offsetting strong activity in the lower-priced areas on the edges of the county.

He predicted more price drops among more expensive homes as owners accept lower offers.

"As sellers become more educated, more realistic, we reach a point where prices are perceived by the buyers as being a value, they're moving," he said. "When the unit is priced properly, they blow right off the shelf."

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More work needed on water quality

FROM REPORT CARD PAGE 1

year with the revamp of the Land Use and Circulation Element, which is the 20-year-update of the general plan. City Hall held numerous meetings over the past year to solicit input from the public. Each gathering drew more than 100 people.

The realm of open space saw a boost this year with the conversion of a beach parking lot into a recreational park. City Hall took out 83 spaces at 2400 Barnard Way and in its place planted a special type of grass called Netlawn, which is designed to accommodate cars when necessary. The conversion combines open space with an infiltration system that is designed to stop pollutants from entering the Santa Monica Bay.

"We're definitely moving in the right direction with the grades over the last four years moving up incrementally," Dean Kubani, who heads the Office of Sustainability and the Environment, said.

The one goal area that experienced the most problems this past year was in environmental and public health, mostly due to the 31 percent increase in posted beach warnings during the dry season, according to Sustainable City Manager Shannon Parry. The goal has gradually regressed over the past four years, from a B in 2005 to a C this year.

As in past years, the beaches in Santa Monica were ranked as among the worst this year by Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card, singling out the water underneath the Santa Monica Pier. City Hall is in the process of



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GROWING MOVEMENT: The city's Farmers' Markets are a good example of sustainability.

getting Measure V clean water projects going.

Voters passed Measure V, the Clean Beaches and Ocean Parcel Tax, in 2006.

To help alleviate the situation, Heal the Bay, a nonprofit organization, will hold its annual Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Sustainable City Report Card also mentioned that solid waste generation continues to increase, as well as electrical and natural gas usage. The problem was identified in the Resource Conservation section of the report card, earning a C+, a slight improve-

ment from last year when it received a C.

Kubani said that for the most part, progress is being made.

Total water usage has gone down by 6 percent while solid waste diversion is approaching the 70 percent target.

The number of households disposing at the Household Hazardous Waste Center has also increased from 36 percent to 43 percent this year when the number of e-waste collected citywide doubled from 21 to 42 tons.

The areas of open space, community education, economic development and human dignity all posted high marks, earning Bs

and As for both grades and effort.

The number of local businesses joining the sustainability movement continues to grow with more and more earning their Green Business Certification. More than 30 businesses have been recognized for their efforts through the certification and the Sustainable Quality Awards.

One point of pride for city officials this year is the increase in collaboration among different local entities.

"In the past it was just the city leading everything," Kubani said. "Now we're past the tipping point where everyone in the community is working on this."

The Sustainable City Program was adopted 14 years ago as a way to get the community to think about acting as better environmental citizens.

Mayor Pro Tem Richard Bloom said the popularity of sustainability has exploded since then.

"We're part of a movement that is on hyper drive," Bloom said. "It is such a different atmosphere today."

The program includes different goals and strategies. The report card, which grades the program on its goals, was created four years ago.

Mark Gold, the executive director of Heal the Bay, said that few agencies would be willingly self-critical.

"Few will lay it out on the line," he said. "That is the extraordinary thing about this community."

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NEW DVD RELEASES

BY RANDY WILLIAMS



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'Iron Man' Ultimate Two-Disc Edition

In this smart update of the old Marvel Comics hero, billionaire industrialist Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) is forced to build an armored suit after a life-threatening incident and ultimately decides to use its technology to fight against the forces of evil. Co-starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Jeff Bridges, there is a ton of special features, almost four hours worth. In addition to deleted and extended scenes, there are multi-episode features on both the making of the film and history of the hero. Visual effects, a stills gallery and the star's screen test are also part of the double-disc package. (Paramount)

'Nixon' Election Year Edition

Oliver Stone's Oscar-nominated story featuring Anthony Hopkins as President Nixon, is presented as the director's cut adding nearly a half hour to the film. The acclaimed director takes a look at the complex Nixon whose chance at greatness was ultimately washed over by his zeal for power. Extra material includes deleted scenes introduced by the director, a new documentary by Sean Stone, commentaries and interviews. (Disney)

'The Office' Season Four

Steve Carell returns in his Golden Globe winning role of "The World's Greatest Boss," Michael Scott. Rejoining him are Jenna Fischer, Rainn Wilson, and John Krasinski. Story lines from 14 episodes on four discs revolve around a team charity race, a dinner party, a job fair, promotions, vacations and the constant of office politics. Rabies: The More You Know, episode commentaries, two hours of deleted scenes, a blooper reel and a tabled draft of the "Dinner Party" episode script are part of the bonus features. (Universal)

'The Streets of San Francisco' Season 2 Volume 1

The popular cop series from the early 1970s featuring the city as a lead character, stars Karl Malden as Lt. Mike Stone and Michael Douglas as inspector Steve Keller. These partners of the San Francisco homicide department confront a hired assassin, ruthless bank robber, a crazed religious killer and escaped convicts among other villains in this three-disc, 11 episode offering. Martin Sheen, Ricky Nelson, Peter Strauss and Leslie Nielsen are among the guest stars. (Paramount/CBS)

'WWII: A Filmed History'

From our nation's record keeper, the National Archives, comes the largest collection of Second World War history in one massive box set. The 24-DVD package features historical newsreel footage and documentaries narrated by Hollywood legends covering the entire theater of war. Subsets include the War in Europe, War on the Homefront, War in the Pacific and the Oscar-winning "Why We Fight Series" with movie luminaries Frank Capra, John Ford, Walter Huston and featuring Edward R. Murrow. Among the writers are twins Julius and Philip Epstein who won an Academy Award for penning "Casablanca." Jimmy Stewart, James Cagney and Clark Gable also contribute to this living milestone of history. (Discovery)

'Fantastic Four' The Complete First Season

Mr. Fantastic, The Invisible Woman, The Human Torch and The Thing comprise the super hero team as they battle villains around the globe. All 26 episodes from the debut year are included. The cosmically-altered superheroes go up against such notorious villains as Doctor Doom and The Puppet Master. Helping to save the universe are Iron Man and The Incredible Hulk. From Origin to Animation, Rise of the Rogues, Traveling to New Dimensions and The Art of Fantastic Four are the titles of some of the bonus segments. (Fox)

'First Among Equals'

Based on the bestselling novel by Jeffrey Archer comes this 10-part adaptation revolving around sex, money and power in the halls of British Parliament. Starting in 1964, it follows the careers of four members of Parliament through over two decades of alliances betrayals, triumphs and setbacks. The three-volume presentation features double Oscar nominee Tom Wilkinson ("Michael Clayton," "In the Bedroom"). (Acorn Media)

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BAD DUDE: Max Ryan currently stars in 'Death Race.'

Villain with a nice streak

BY TAYLOR VAN ARSDALE

Special to the Daily Press

It's days like these that I love my job. I'm in Starbucks, sitting next to actor Max Ryan – easily the sexiest man I've ever interviewed.

You can see him in Paul Anderson's "Death Race" where he plays, Pachenko and gives a frightening portrayal of Jason Stratham's crazed nemesis. He was in Poland shooting a television show when he read the sides for "Death Race" and had to audition by "putting it down on tape." For this, Ryan created his own set, "something similar ... a location that's going to work for the character," he says, knowing that, "a good backdrop always helps." Ryan went the extra mile to get the job and it paid off. They requested a more personal tape, "to make sure I wasn't really a "bad ass" like the one I was portraying," Ryan jokes. He frequently portrays bad guys, assassins, mysterious drifters and the like, but you'd never guess you're speaking with an evil villain – the real Ryan is such a charming, happy person.

As we talk, I find myself getting lost as I gaze into his dreamy blue/green eyes enticingly flecked

with black and brown specks. Ryan's originally from London, where he was a motor cross champion, racing cars and bikes until he says, "I had some really big crashes ... breaking bones ... and I got to the stage where I had done everything I was gonna do as professional racer. I reassessed my life." This is when he tried acting. "And then I got the part in 'Kiss of the Dragon' with Jet Li," he says.

Later, as we stroll down the Third Street Promenade, I notice women of all ages checking him out. The hostess from the little Italian restaurant, three middle-aged women sitting at an outdoor table at Barney's, and two young girls whose heads turn as we walk by. It occurs to me that this is just like that scene in "Sex In The City," the one where Miranda's on a date with a really great looking guy, only we're not on a date and ... I'm prettier than Miranda. As a reporter I should ask Ryan if he's got someone special in his life, but part of me doesn't want to know, part of me wants the fantasy to linger. He's all mine for 40 minutes – hostess eat your heart out.

When he's not reading scripts for parts, Ryan practices tae kwon do; works out religiously, and recently drove for Land Rover in the San

Francisco-Las Vegas leg of the Gumball 3000 International Car Rally. He's even sporting the new orange Puma's received from one of the sponsors.

I ask him about clothes and shopping. Ryan admits he's "very minimalist ... I've lived out of a suitcase, for three years now," he says. Why is it when a man likes to ride motorcycles, drive fast cars, and can live out of a duffle bag, he appears all the more attractive? Ryan's vagabond spirit coupled with the fact that he's an all around nice guy is the key. He stops to give some homeless vet a sawbuck, pays for my coffee, and just treats everyone with respect. Yes, ladies start drooling.

But multi-talented Ryan is more than a pretty face. He recently wrote a screenplay with his writing partner Julio Ponce Palimeri and the two won the Queens Spirit award for Best Screen Play: "The Hunchback" based on Victor Hugo's "The Hunchback Of Notre Dame. Up next for Ryan are three features that are soon to be announced.

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Looking chill when toting around a cooler

GINGER-CASHEW CRUSTED STRIPED bass with rice pilaf, stir-fried vegetables, and lime butter. Orange-scented natural veal osso bucco with roasted beet barley risotto and broccoli. Grilled Key West shrimp with Sicilian tomato concasse and spinach-eggplant napoleon.

Yum.

These are meals from Yves Vacheresse's haute cuisine delivery service – Club Gourmet. Pre-dawn, Yves' delivery driver drops coolers packed with breakfasts, lunches, dinners, and snacks both savory and sweet on the doorsteps of celebrity clientele. Meals are on a 28-day rotation, made with organic ingredients purchased by Yves himself at the Santa Monica Farmers' Market, and packaged in biodegradable corn resin containers.

I can attest that the peach cobbler, sweetened with agave, and topped with oats, almonds, and pumpkin seeds tastes just like a lazy summer afternoon.

But I am not a celebrity. I am a middle school teacher, and my budget is such that I can either join Club Gourmet or pay my rent.

For the past three weeks, I have successfully gotten to work having packed my own little insulated bag. (Accessorizing with a cooler has become so trendy that even KFC is giving away promotional bags.)

My bag is the unfashionable orange of a prison jumpsuit and packed with: A

nonfat yogurt, a 6-ounce container of berries, an apple, 28 raw almonds, a turkey sandwich on whole wheat, an 18-ounce container of raw veggies, and two mini Babybel cheeses.

My meals are on a one-day rotation, made with produce that was probably grown very far away with the help of lots of pesticides. I shop at a grocery



store, and package my meals in plastic.

Yes, I've heard that plastic can seep into food and simulate estrogen and cause cancer, and that I should really be using wax paper. Yes, I know that I'm filling whole landfills all by myself.

Earlier this year, a colleague felt the need to warn me of the evils of corn syrup. "Yes, I know all about corn," I

said. "I've read 'The Omnivore's Dilemma.'"

Last month, I was having breakfast at a friend's house. She said, "This turkey bacon is so good. It's nitrate-free."

When her second grader asked for a second serving, my friend told him that turkey bacon is high in sodium and that a person needs to be wary of sodium, and that if he was still hungry, he should have a piece of fruit.

It used to be enough to just count calories. I'm good at that. A TV game show host could holler, "Mariel, come on down! You're the next contestant on 'The Calorie Is Right!'" and I would win the showcase.

A couple of weeks ago, "20/20" did a story on the eating disorder orthorexia. While an anorexic has an extreme fear of becoming overweight, an orthorexic has an extreme fear of developing an illness based on his or her food choices.

For example, the idea that plastic may be able to seep into food and cause cancer causes the orthorexic to stop buying anything packaged in plastic.

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But it doesn't stop there. The orthorexic's obsession snowballs. Soon, all he can think about is what he can eat, and with more and more research, the list gets smaller and smaller. The orthorexic doesn't eat enough to sustain his weight. Unlike the anorexic, the orthorexic knows he's thin. But there's nothing he can do about it.

Recently, I thought I'd stop off at the new Whole Foods on Lincoln and Rose to pick up dinner, but "stopping off" is not a possibility at this store. The new Whole Foods is an event.

There is traffic control. The parking lot is so crowded, the store could justify valet service.

Meanwhile, in an effort to compete with Whole Foods, my grocery store is being remodeled.

Signs at the entrance apologize for any inconvenience.

All I want is to be able to meander up and down the aisles, read labels, and hum along to easy listening from the early '90s. For a few minutes, the outside world disappears. I am in control.

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BOOKREVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON



‘The Edge of Recall’ Kristen Heitzmann • Bethany House

Bethany House presents us with a story that is sure to hold your interest. Labyrinths play a big part in the story. The Random House Webster's College Dictionary defines a labyrinth as a complicated or tortuous arrangement or state of things or events. That describes the character of the labyrinth. Author Kristen Heitzmann makes good use of them as a symbol. Just how successful is your subconscious in keeping memories hidden? What does it take to bring the memories back? How dangerous would it be to have these memories surface?

"Her focus on labyrinths came from her dad, from that single memory, his parting gift"

And she sees it. Circle upon circle, living branches shaped like the inside of a seashell. Mesmerized, she follows the path with her eyes to the very center."

Our main female character, Tessa, is a landscape architect. Her love is creating labyrinths. She has a fascination with them. Her therapist, Dr. Brenner, fears that they are injurious to her mental health.

But she doesn't see them as such. "She stepped onto the path. Her pilgrimages to the center and back

helped her grow stronger and wiser from encountering the Creator who instilled nature with patterns and rhythms reflected in the stars, in the depths of the sea, the earth and creatures. An order to all created things that could not have happened by mistakes and mutations. Not random chaos, but balance and perfection – even if much of it had been disrupted."

Yet she has nightmares that she is struggling to understand. She has had them since her childhood. Stress brings on these nightmares. In her memories there is a monster. A monster who stands in the labyrinth.

What is protecting the labyrinth? What is there she needs to remember to set herself free?

"Had she truly lost her mind? Dr. Brenner believed her delusional. She wished, oh, she wished she were."

Tessa has panic attacks when she is under stress. What caused them? Will she find out how to overcome them? This is told in third person multiple viewpoint. You are even allowed into the head of the "guardian." This heightens the suspense. But the main mystery remains; will Tessa ever understand her dreams?

There is a love story here also. Tessa is working side by side with a

man named Smith, the architect of the house which she is to attach the labyrinth to.

She has been hurt in the past by Smith and doesn't want to be hurt again. But when she and Smith are ambushed in the labyrinth by an assailant and Smith disappears she is accused of killing him.

"We search the field and surrounding woods." The sheriff looked her over slowly. "I'll round up some dogs in the morning, but before I do, why don't you tell me what really happened?"

She stared. "What do you mean?" "It appears you had a scuffle, but frankly, your story is ..."" He spread his hands. "Not plausible."

There is suspense and foreboding. It reminds one of the gothic writing of centuries past. There is the old house and the guardian motif. She attempts to play fair. Yet where the villain and the FBI agent are set up in the story is hard to figure out. Heitzmann has authored 17 novels including the Christy Award winning novel "Secrets." She lives in Colorado with her husband, Jim, and their family

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It's off with their heads at staging of 'Agrippina'

DESPITE THE FACT THAT HE KILLED just about everybody around him, including, eventually, himself, Nero was, according to many writers of the time, considered a pretty good emperor. Determined to be popular, he instituted public works projects and tax reforms that benefited the lower classes. He built theaters and gymnasiums and won a few wars and rebellions and, apparently, did not fiddle while Rome burned.

Instead, he blamed the Christians for the Great Fire of 64 A.D. and had many of them tortured and brutally killed. But since they were not a particularly popular group at the time, nobody seemed to mind. And besides, there was always a fire going on somewhere among the flimsy wooden, tightly packed houses of the poorer sections of Rome.

But all of this was much later in his reign. In "Agrippina," a play by A. Giovanni Affinito now having its Los Angeles premiere at the Hudson Mainstage Theatre, the focus is on Nero's early years and his stifling relationship with his mother. In the traditionally convoluted relationships among the rulers of ancient Rome, Nero's mother, Agrippina, had married her uncle, the emperor Claudius. He was her third husband; she was his fourth wife. Having persuaded Claudius to adopt her son Nero, she then arranged for Nero to marry his new stepsister, Claudius' daughter Octavia. She was 13

at the time; he was 16. Later that same year Claudius died, possibly poisoned by Agrippina, and Nero, his adopted son, became emperor.

As Affinito's play begins, Agrippina, imperiously played by Cathi Shultz, is living on the island of Pandataria, having been exiled by Nero, who, by the age of 20 has finally become fed up with her manipulations. She, as dowager empress, has had the audacity to assume that she has equal power to him, and there is even a hint of incest between them. The scene then shifts to a year and a half earlier, introducing Nero, portrayed by Brian Nolen as a self-indulgent, whiny, obsessively narcissistic Mama's boy, far too namby-pamby to convincingly morph into the ruthless tyrant he later became. He pouts, he sings, he accompanies himself on the lyre, and he laps up the extravagant praise of the sycophants around him. Having embarked on an affair with a former slave, in spite of Agrippina's disapproval, he gets a cynical warning from Pallas, (Barry Silver) a Greek who is one of his ministers, as well as Agrippina's lover, that "love makes your brain rot." He gives up this grand passion, however, only when he meets Poppeia (Vanessa White), the exquisitely beautiful wife of Otho (Richard Sabine), an ambitious young minister in his court. Otho and Poppeia have carefully planned this meeting to entice and

seduce Nero, who does, in fact, fall into their trap. Recognizing that she is losing her grip on her son, Agrippina decides to promote the interests of her stepson, Britannicus (Paris Como), who, as the emperor Claudius' actual son, is the rightful heir to the throne. Not to be a spoiler, I will refrain from relating the rest of the history here, except to tell you that it is all quite Hamlet-like, with many characters winding up dead.

The story is quite fascinating in itself, but under Tony Torrisi's limp direction the characters appear passionless and singularly one-noted. Agrippina, eyes flashing and grimly menacing, and Nero, wimpy and charmless, never change either their demeanor or their facial expressions. And Poppeia plays the alluring seductress like a fugitive from a zombie movie. Of the minor characters, the scheming Otho is credible. Further, Steve W. Shultz has designed a beautiful, serviceable set, and Diana Mann provides a predictable but attractive series of Roman costumes. As Otho notes, "In Rome we believe everything we think." In Rome, maybe. In Los Angeles, not so much. "Agrippina" will continue Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Sept. 21. The Hudson Mainstage Theater is located at 6539 Santa Monica Blvd. in Hollywood.

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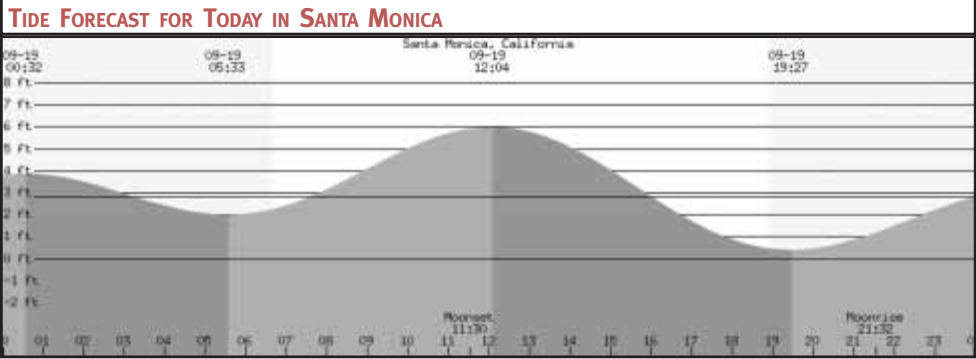
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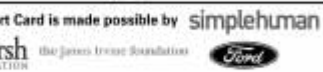
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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Las Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Tenacual Canyon drain	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Morador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chantreaga)	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	F	ns
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Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kanter storm drain	A	ns
Escamido Creek, just east of Escamido State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Selstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	F	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
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SPORTS BUSINESS

Professional leagues feel economic squeeze play

BY RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK The tumult in the U.S. economy finally is starting to affect an industry that has enjoyed years of growth: major league sports.

The NBA is laying off employees. Major League Baseball attendance has dropped after four straight record years. The NFL says revenue is under pressure.

While the symptoms are relatively mild so far, the latest developments say something about how far financial woe has spread in a nation where the appetite for sports seems ever-expanding.

“I used to come to maybe eight or 10 games a year, but this year it was only four games on three trips,” said Jack Maloney, a Cleveland Indians fan who watched his team play at home against Kansas City last weekend. “The price of tickets has gone up, you’ve got to pay to park, the price of food at the ballpark is ridiculous, and so are the gas prices. I’m glad we filled up Friday. It was \$3.67 then. This morning, it was \$3.99. That’s just stupid.”

NBA commissioner David Stern said his league intends to trim at least 50 of the 800 jobs in its U.S. work force, more than 6 percent, and says the NBA has shuttered its league office in Los Angeles.

“Our revenue targets are still being met,” Stern said. “But we know that there’s going to be enormous pressure on those targets in the next year or two, based on the country’s deteriorating economic circumstances.

“I think it’s fair to say that a sporting event may well define disposable income,” he said.

Make no mistake — America’s major leagues still take in billions of dollars, with individual team incomes varying through a sliding equation that includes tickets, luxury suites, national and local broadcasting, sponsorship, advertising, concessions, parking and licensing.

But executives throughout sports are taking a new look at expenses, fearing the boom years may be over in a business that once seemed recession-proof.

Last winter and spring, coming off baseball’s first season topping \$6 billion in revenue, commissioner Bud Selig was saying the sport could break 80 million in attendance for the first time. Indeed, during the opening half of the season, MLB was at times slightly ahead of last year’s pace.

Heading into the final two weeks of the regular season, however, average attendance was 32,553, down about 1 percent from last year’s record of 32,785.

“I think 80 million was a realistic expectation based on the prior four years,” said Bob DuPuy, baseball’s chief operating officer. “But to draw 79 million or 78 million or 79.5 million or 80 million, wherever we end up exactly is absolutely remarkable given the economy.”

Yet in Kansas City, where the Royals beat the Seattle Mariners before an announced crowd of 10,307 on Monday night, the team offered a retro pricing deal: \$3 for upper deck seats and \$5 for parking. Even that was too much for some fans who came to see the two last-place clubs.

Ed Stoll, a retiree from Blue Springs, Mo., brought his three granddaughters to the game.

“Price has restricted us. Every once in a while we get free tickets — that’s why we’re

here tonight. I really can’t afford to come very often,” he said. “We have to control what we spend and don’t usually buy souvenirs — we’re not into them that much.”

While season tickets sold before mid-2008 already are locked in, there are indications teams may face a tougher time selling seats for 2009 and beyond.

“Anything outside of rent, taxes, fuel, food, shelter, after that everything falls into the category of discretionary spending,” said Bernard Baumohl, chief global economist of The Economic Outlook Group. “We may not see any significant rebound in consumer spending, especially discretionary, disposable spending, until 2010.”

Stern anticipates the sale of full season tickets and equivalents will be down about 1 percent to 2 percent this year following the three highest-drawing seasons in league history. The NBA’s average of 17,395 last season trailed only 2006-07 (17,757) and 2005-06 (17,558).

The NFL has set regular-season attendance records for five straight years, drawing 17.3 million fans last season and averaging 67,738. But darker times may be ahead, at least when it comes to the bottom line.

In May, the league decided to opt out of its labor contract in 2011, as opposed to 2013. At the time, the owners noted they were paying players \$4.5 billion this year, just under 60 percent of total revenue. Salaries generally lag behind the economy by a couple of years.

“We recognize that it doesn’t work long term for us,” NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said of the labor pact at the time.

More recently, Goodell wrote in a memo to his staff that costs are rising and league revenues are under pressure. He urged staff to control costs and identify new sources of revenue.

The NHL’s story is slightly different from the other leagues, because of a lockout that wiped out its 2004-05 season. It’s been busy rebuilding its revenue and fan base, so it’s harder to compare its recent seasons to those of the other leagues. Ticket sales are up 3.6 percent from last year.

“Our results on season tickets are actually a good story to date,” deputy commissioner Bill Daly said. “Perhaps the economy has kept those numbers from being bigger.”

Across the board, tickets prices have risen steadily.

Baseball’s average increased 10 percent this year to \$25.43 and the NFL’s went up 8 percent to \$72.20, according to the Team Marketing Report. The NBA’s average was \$48.83 last season and the NHL’s \$48.72, TMR said.

And teams still are content charging as much as they think the market will bear.

The best seats at Citi Field, the New York Mets’ ballpark opening in 2009, will cost an average of \$495. That’s a New York bargain, believe it or not. The top tickets at new Yankee Stadium are \$2,500.

In New Jersey, the Jets and Giants are combining to build a stadium that will open in 2010 and is estimated to cost \$1.6 billion. To help pay for it, they plan to charge up to \$25,000 for personal seat licenses that only give an individual a right to buy the tickets.

Some in the stands have had enough, especially in poorer, small markets.

“We used to come to maybe 10 games a year,” said Paul Jackson, another Indians fan who attended Sunday’s game in Cleveland with his wife Pat and 12-year-old son, Shawn.

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Vicky Cristina Barcelona (PG-13) 1hr 36min 11:40am, 2:05, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45	Ghost Town (PG-13) 1hr 42min 11:10am, 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30	My Best Friend's Girl (R) 1hr 41min 12:00, 1:20, 2:30, 3:50, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 9:00, 10:10, 11:30
The Women (PG-13) 1hr 54min 11:05am, 1:50, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15	Burn After Reading (R) 1hr 37min 11:30am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45	The Pineapple Express (R) 1hr 45min 2:20, 8:00
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Maintain a strong but steady course. You might not be seeing a situation clearly, thus impacting your finances. You might want to pull back and rethink what seems like a great idea right now. Tonight: Nap and then head out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might not really care that a boss's words do not fit his or her actions right now; you will later. Get ready to deal with the inevitable. You could see a situation a lot differently, given time. Creativity flourishes when brainstorming. Tonight: Out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You move slowly today, feeling the net effects of the week. You might want to take off early and recharge. Start asking more questions. A plan easily could backfire, and you will need to re-create a modus operandi. Tonight: You start perking up – finally.

ANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Use today to the max. News from a distance could force you to rethink a trip or relationship. Talks with a partner start to reveal another way. Be open to a different style or way of responding. Tonight: Make it early.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others look to you for answers and leadership. Don't you get tired of playing that role for others? Do you want to continue as you have? You might opt to not be so reliable for a while. Tonight: Christen the weekend in Leo style.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You need to understand what is going on. Perhaps you sense that you are missing part of the puzzle. Through detachment, you will see what you are missing. Given space, you come up with better ideas. Tonight: A force to be reckoned with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Work with others more closely. You will like the end results. Do not fight a very different and strange (in appearance) approach or suggestion. Be open, and you really will see results. Tonight: Be with your favorite person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Others clearly continue to make demands. Which way you go is your decision. Do not allow someone to interfere with your current process. Your imagination feeds off your mind and what is happening. Tonight: Join a friend or loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Know when to call it quits. You might be looking forward to plans and do not want to seem overly zealous. Giving in to spontaneity might not be so bad. You need a change of pace. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your mood might not conform to work as much as some fun, creative endeavor. Don't try to squeeze a square peg into a round hole. Know when to call it a day. You can call it an early day and still maintain that very responsible persona. Tonight: Ever playful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ If you can work from home, do so. Your mind might be on home or family rather than work. By staying close to home, you accomplish more. Let your creativity emerge, and stop suppressing this special side. Tonight: Nap and then christen your weekend!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Speak your mind and understand what is happening around you. As you open up to different possibilities, you see what you can really accomplish. Your focus might be on a private matter, which you are not sharing. Tonight: Make it an early night.

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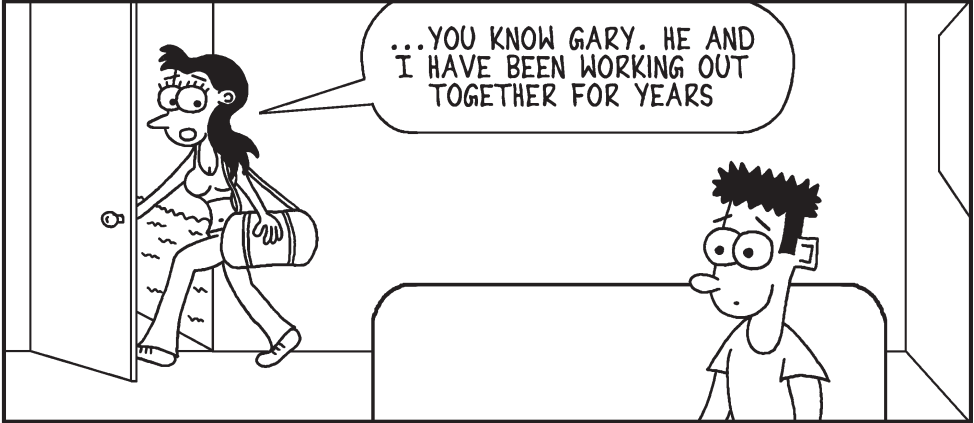
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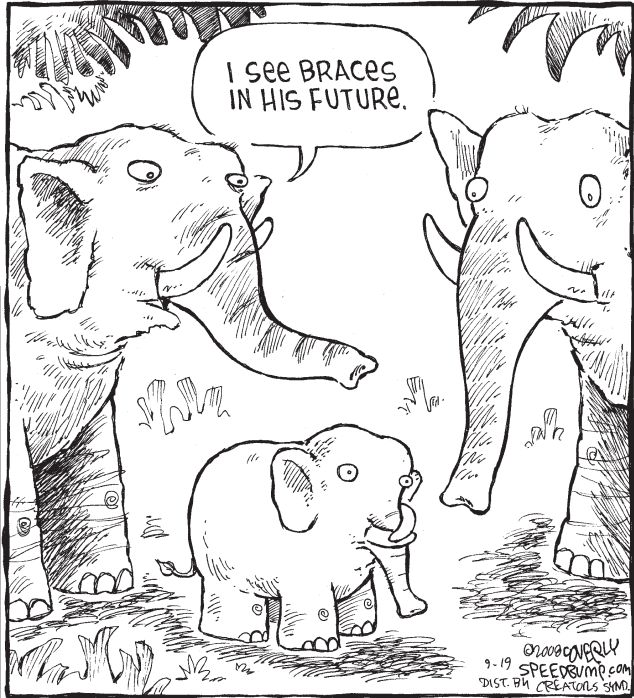
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- 1 Spill the beans
 - 5 Fresh fellow's reward
 - 9 Judge's wear
 - 11 Old TV parts
 - 13 Useful ability
 - 14 German steel city
 - 15 "The Matrix" hero
 - 16 Vest opening
 - 18 Waters down
 - 20 Pasture
 - 21 Set the radio
 - 22 Melville's "Billy —"
 - 23 Sardine holder
 - 24 Convened
 - 25 Music's Atkins
 - 27 Discus-sion group
 - 29 Music store section
 - 30 Top dog
 - 32 Dubai, e.g.
 - 34 Binary digit
 - 35 Worship site
 - 36 Farmer, at times
- DOWN**
- 2 Stock marker
 - 3 Blow one's top
 - 4 Useful musical ability
 - 6 Garden flier
 - 7 Flower parts
 - 8 Very rich
 - 9 Corrupt-ing force
 - 10 Did a KP job
 - 11 Kaaba setting
 - 12 Sneaker feature
 - 13 Formerly
 - 14 Bungles

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Yesterday's answer

- 10 New York's — add-in
- 12 Golf's Sam
- 17 Roulette bet
- 19 Foot or hand
- 22 Fire-cracker sound
- 24 Most rational
- 25 Coffee
- 26 Ophelia's love
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In August in Billings, Mont., federal officers recognized Wyoming fugitive Sterling Wolfname, 26, on the street, but the man tried to give a different name, seemingly oblivious that "Wolfname" was tattooed on the side of his head. (2) Fugitive Willie Vickers, 46, was arrested in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, in July on old burglary warrants after he volunteered to help a woman and a police officer get into her locked car. Vickers said he had lots of experience with locked cars, seemingly oblivious of tipping the officer to run his name through the computer.

■ The economic slowdown and rising prices for scrap metals have provoked desperation and creativity among down-market criminals. A 42-year-old man was arrested in his car heading for a metals-recycling center in Miami in July with a 40-foot-long municipal street lamp strapped to the roof. And police in Williamsburg, Ky., easily tracked the stolen railroad rail in August, which was so heavy that it left gouge marks in the pavement as the thieves dragged it away. And the badly burned man found in July by police on a utility pole in northwest Dallas died days later (one of several who so far this year have tried, unsuccessfully, to safely remove copper wire from power poles).

TODAY IN HISTORY

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

1783 Jacques Etienne Montgolfier launched a duck, a sheep and a rooster aboard a hot-air balloon at Versailles in France.

1881 the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died 21 months after being shot by Charles Guiteau; Chester Alan Arthur became president.

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