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Drivers pay high price for parking

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Parking here might not burn a hole in the wallet, but it could still be an eye-popping experience for those accustomed to using loose change to pay the fare.

The National Parking Association recently conducted a study on private garage operators in 131 North American cities, finding Santa Monica has some of the higher rates in the country.

Parking is at a premium in Santa Monica where the picturesque location not only serves as a hotbed for tourism, but also for corporations who want to do business in the city. Aside from the private operators, City Hall also owns several public parking garages, which were not included in the survey.

The study was conducted to assist private developers, city officials and other invested parties to make informed decision when it comes to parking, said Marty Stein, the president of the 57-year-old trade association.

Stein added that the organization hopes to conduct the survey annually and later expand to include statistics on operating expenses for parking garages, as well as the cost to develop one.

Santa Monica was named in the top 50 U.S. cities with the highest first hour parking and monthly unreserved rates, coming in at \$6 for the former and \$138.75 for the latter.

The area that was found to have the highest first hour parking rate is just a stone's

throw away from Santa Monica — Century City came in averaging \$16. Santa Monica came in at about the middle of the top 50 pack.

"Some of the cities that one might not think were very large cities had some of the strongest parking rates, which is clearly a function of the success of that particular city because what drives parking rates really is supply and demand," Stein said. "We can cre-

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SCORE!

Fausto Pinto of the Mexican national team signs an autograph for Jake Chisvin, 19 months, and his caretaker Laura Diaz while making an appearance at the Adidas store on the Third Street Promenade on Tuesday morning. The team takes on Chile for a friendly match at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum tonight.

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School board candidates pledge more transparency

BY MELODY HANATANI
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BUNDY CAMPUS The focus of a candidates forum here Monday night might have been on education, but in light of the recent turbulence in the school district, it was only natural the theme would center on change and healing.

Two educational advocacy groups — Community for Excellent Public Schools (CEPS) and Leadership Effectiveness Accountability Direction (LEAD) — hosted separate political discussions for both the Board of Education and City Council candidates. The forum was the first co-hosted by the two organizations since LEAD formed this summer in response to issues of accountability and transparency in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

"I'm hoping the candidates can look back on the last two years and really see areas where they could've taken a stronger leadership role and commit to doing that in the future," Debbie Mulvaney, the co-chair of LEAD's organizing committee, said.

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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS

Kicking it with Kiwanis

1332 Sixth St., Noon — 1:30 p.m.

Join members of the Santa Monica Kiwanis Club for their weekly
luncheon where guests connect and hear from a rotating panel of
speakers. The club has been serving the needs of the community and
its children since 1922. For more information, call (310) 613-1249.

Heal your body

1844 Lincoln Blvd., 6 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Come for free energy Pranic Healing for asthma, arthritis, cancer,
addictions, depression, and phobias with Master Choa Kok Sui at the
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Workouts for teens

3026 Nebraska Ave., 3:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.

O2 Max offers two daily classes teaching teens how to exercise and
eat properly in a cool and fun environment. They get to hang out
afterwards in the Wi-Fi lounge, play Nintendo Wii, or simply surf the
Internet. For information, call (310) 867-1650.

Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008

What's new this week

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.

Join us for a free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key
news stories, at home and abroad — politics, the economy, society,
and culture. Discussion moderator Jack Nordhaus is a former college
history professor. Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

Pole position

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A little understanding

Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m.

Dr. Joshua Grill from the UCLA Alzheimer's Disease Center will be on
hand to discuss the cases of Alzheimer's disease and how it differs
from other forms of dementia.

Moving with ease

SMC Gym, Room 104, 1900 Pico Blvd., 11:15 a.m.

Dancer, choreographer, and body practitioner Sachiye Nakano will
present a master class that combines introduction to the Feldenkrais
Method with practical experience that allows you to explore how this
method can help you move with greater ease, flexibility, and ele-
gance. The event is free. Seating is strictly on a first arrival basis.

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.



Fire fighters work for charity

BY CHRISTINA WALKER
Special to the Daily Press

CLOVERFIELD BLVD Santa Monica firefighters came out in force on their day off to raise money for those suffering from neuromuscular diseases.

Wearing their helmets and turnout pants, 10 men from the Santa Monica Fire Department gathered on Lincoln Boulevard between Colorado Avenue and Michigan

Avenue to fill their boots with money for charity Tuesday.

The men raised \$4,188 dollars in the first day of a three-day effort that will continue today and Friday.

Although the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) has a long standing relationship with the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), this is the first year that Local 1109 has directly participated. Capt. Lee McNett spearheaded the local effort

after being personally impacted by the disease. McNett has a friend whose daughter lives with a neuromuscular disease and relies on a wheelchair for mobility. McNett said that when he suggested getting involved this year it was natural for everyone to rally around the idea.

"In a fire service family, when one person puts the word out that we need to help someone, everyone steps up with their support," McNett said.

The 10 fire fighters not only worked from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, but also put in a full shift the night before without going home to rest and recoup.

"They really deserve the recognition for the work they're doing," Erin Kelly, program coordinator for MDA, said regarding Local 1109.

Kelly is excited by the fire fighters' partic-

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A PAWS FOR SAFETY

Christina Selter, founder of Bark Buckle UP, demonstrates how to properly restrain a pooch on Sunday at Volvo Santa Monica as part of Pet Safety Days, a nationwide initiative to educate pet owners about the dangers of driving with their unrestrained pets. "In the event of an accident, an unrestrained pet can escape and be hit by another vehicle, cause another collision, or attack emergency crews trying to reach an injured party," Selter said. "It only takes a few minutes to safeguard your pet and by properly securing your pet, you are protecting yourself, your passengers, and your pet from injury, not to mention protecting other drivers and strangers trying to help."

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Cancer survivors needed for study

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN Long after scars have healed and treatment has ended, many breast cancer survivors continue to experience the emotional and physical effects of the disease.

To ease those troubling lingering effects, WISE & Healthy Aging, in partnership with City of Hope, is conducting a pilot study called the "Mindful Movement Program for Breast Cancer Survivors," and seeking participants for the 12-week program, which begins Oct. 6.

Funded by the California Breast Cancer Research Program, this Community Research Collaborative Pilot Study — known as the Mindful Movement Program — is designed to enhance self-awareness through simple body movement at the participant's own pace and ability, said co-investigator Holly Kiger, vice president of clinical programs at WISE & Healthy Aging.

"The study's purpose is to assess whether this new, innovative program can improve the quality of life and emotional well-being of older breast cancer survivors," said Kiger,

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State of affairs

Editor:

As a former Santa Monica resident and now regular visitor, I would like to offer an observation of this town. Santa Monica is losing its identity and focus in a blur of construction.

The nice part of Santa Monica is the low scale, non-city like atmosphere. California's assets of sunshine, beach, elbow room and greenery are at their peak in Santa Monica, yet all this seems lost on those wanting to build higher, bigger, more dense. It is foolish to aspire to a European or an east coast type of urban life. It's a waste of assets. The natural riches can never be replaced by chock-a-block living, traffic, consumerism and hyper-urban fantasies.

Teut Deese

Munich, Germany

Don't make excuses

Editor:

[Eric] Cooper claims that Sarah Palin knew there were many versions of the Bush Doctrine and that's why her answer was correct in the Charlie Gibson interview ("Charlie Gibson's gaffe," page 4, Sept. 23). And he says that Gibson was in error. He is forgetting to note that Gibson referred to the Bush Doctrine of September 2002, which was before we invaded Iraq. But even if there were many variations, it comes down to the fact that Palin didn't have a clue about any Bush Doctrine.

Her answer about what it meant to her was something you would get in a high school class from a student who wasn't prepared, "His world view?" Why? Because she has never had any interest in history or current affairs. And clearly she has not been paying attention over the past eight years while Bush has served as president. She probably knows little about the rest of the world, which means making excuses for her is dangerous.

Having someone running for the second highest position in the United States who knows little about the rest of the world except for what they picked up in the last few weeks from political aides is criminal.

And it could put all our lives in jeopardy, because the people she will rely upon are the people she decides to put around her, which will more than likely be highly partisan appointees.

She will then have little to draw upon from her own experiences to challenge her political appointees point of view.

Seeing what happened during this current administration shows how dangerous that can be.

Mr. Cooper should not try to manufacture an excuse for Palin when the consequences could be dire.

Dan Kolhoff

Santa Monica

You go girl

Editor:

My family and I have know Judith Meister since my oldest child attended Grant Elementary school – he is now going to college ("Ready to move on," page 4, Sept. 19). During these last 10 plus years, Mrs. Meister has always taken the lead regarding educational excellence, honest fund raising and classroom enhancements. Her commitment to our school children is only matched by her grace, style and wisdom. Whenever Judith came into any PTA meeting, the teachers' and the parents' enthusiasm moved up two notches. Clearly I support and believe in Judith Meister.

I understand her desire to secure a Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR) endorsement, but are we as a community better of now that she dropped out of the race for school board? I believe not. Running for public office is fitting and proper for Mrs. Meister and we need her on our school board. I urge her in 2010 to run again, this time with or without SMRR.

Mrs. Meister, you don't need SMRR. You have all of Santa Monica behind you.

Robert Kronovet

Santa Monica



Going Postal

Steve "the Mailman" Breen

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It's time to wave the yellow flag

DURING THE BAGHDAD LEG OF OBAMA'S summer Presidential Gumball Rally, the publicly putative "anti-war candidate" was privately pulling a bait and switch on the foreign policy car lot.

A Sept. 11, 2008 interview with Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari in the pan-Arab daily, Asharq Alawast, related that Obama privately demanded that the Iraqi government stop all negotiations to effectively delay the withdrawal of American troops from Iraq.

The Iraqi foreign minister quoted the Car-Salesman-in-Chief as insisting that the Iraqi government, "... wait until the coming of a new administration next year on [these] issues and matters"

Additionally, according to FM Zebari, this theme was a key "demand" during Obama's eight-hour road trip into Baghdad with the Iraqi leadership. Obama further insisted that the do-nothing Democrat Congress be included in the negotiations. Obama has also declared the current war as "illegal" despite its legal UN mandate, thus legitimizing Saddam Hussein's carnivorous regime, while questioning the present government's authenticity on face value. By that legal logic, doesn't that make the current government therefore "illegal?"

How does Obama then expect to negotiate the turns in the global backstretch with a foreign government that participated in an "illegal" war that facilitated its birth?

Obama has never denied the substance of the Iraqi FM's statements.

Let me get this straight, a neophyte Senatorial road jockey who burned rubber in launching his anti-war presidential candidacy has privately insisted and demanded from his hosts for accommodations of his unsanctioned opinions?

And isn't Barack's "Backdoor Doctrine" at odds with his publicly stated raison d'être for presidential pretensions while denigrating the heavy lifting of the U.S. and Iraqi governments?

The Iraqi foreign minister was clear that the current negotiations were in the interests of his people and not to the DUI political ambitions of Barack Hussein Obama. It's good to see, however, that Obama now has sobered up and is in current unison with Dubya that the "Surge" has worked. Obama's looking like "four more years of Bush" every day.

It's also considered poor taste and manners to make insistent demands while a guest in someone else's home. Obviously Mama Obama had ever shown Obama the rules of the road in this respect, especially lacking an open lane from the State Department to do so. Obama's behavior is akin to going out on a date with a girl while asking her mom if you can use her car and then using the back seat as you please.

Looks like Speed Racer for Change ploughed his Prius through the pumps in Gasoline Alley on this one. Well, so much for overseas Grand Prix racing, how does Obama hit the hairpin turn on the domestic financial Brickyard? He agrees with Dubya's Federal bailout of the crash on the tracks at the Wall Street S&P 500.

After some initial poll positioning from Obama about throttling some more horsepow-

er into his own financial power train, he relented and took another, less sticky, back seat to the Republican plan that rescues banks and other financial institutions. Would it be an inconvenient truth that, according to the Center for Responsive Politics, Barack "Crash" Obama has taken in \$24 million from these institutions through his bundlers connected to his campaign? I laud his loyalty to this segment of war profiteers and billionaires who chanted, "Four more years! Four more years!"

... A NEOPHYTE SENATORIAL ROAD JOCKEY WHO BURNED RUBBER IN LAUNCHING HIS ANTI-WAR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY HAS PRIVATELY INSISTED AND DEMANDED FROM HIS HOSTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS OF HIS UNSANCTIONED OPINIONS?

Another open secret is that prior to the Lehman Bros. driving into the ditch on Monday, it contributed \$385,000 in gas money to Obama's campaign Pinto. McCain, however, feels that all of Wall Street should get thrown under the wheels of the Free Market Express.

I agree. Kill them all; let the free market sort them out.

Of course, you wouldn't have guessed about Black Monday's Darwinian debacle from Obama's Hollywood celebrity carnival feted on Tuesday night. The glitterati of Tinsel Town sat down at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel to a \$28,500/plate banquet with Community-Organizer-in-Chief Obama followed by a \$2,500/ticket concert by Barbara Streisand who warbled "Happy Days Are Here Again."

Currently, Obama has spent \$377 million on his campaign yet has a picayune 2 percent advantage in the polls. He has outspent McCain five to two and is getting all the traction of a man ice skating uphill. Would you pick a financial advisor that realized a meager 2 percent net gain on \$377 million? How can Obama say he has the stick on the downshifts of the economy when he can't brake the excesses within his own campaign to demonstrate otherwise? Would you buy a used car, foreign or domestic, from this man? You wouldn't be buying a "lemon" so much as an orchard.

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Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack

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Drinking game debate

TWO DAYS. THAT'S HOW MUCH TIME

John McCain and his sorry excuse for a presidential campaign has left to try to fool me and my fellow Americans. Two days. Once the Republican candidate finally shares a stage with the Democratic candidate on Friday, none of the lies and half-truths will matter, and nothing will be able to save John McCain from becoming the Bob Dole of the 21st Century.

Before I talk about the debate, I have to mention John McCain's running mate. A lot of people have asked me why I haven't written about Sarah Palin. At first, I was waiting until she did one of the Sunday shows. I figured Brokaw or Schieffer or even Stefanopolous would come up with the big "Get," sit her down, and ask her 10 minutes of questions about her positions on the issues and her record.

That was the plan — then a month of Sundays passed without her talking to anyone (I don't count Gibson or Hannity). No interviews with the Washington press corps, no interviews with the press traveling with the McCain campaign, and she won't let her husband or her employees (civil servants working for the state of Alaska) answer subpoenas.

I give her credit for being a fast learner. She's only been on the national stage for a month and she's already mastered the Karl Rove playbook on how to simultaneously ignore the law and the press.

I'm not going to write about Sarah Palin because I only get 800 words per week and I've already wasted too many on her. She only matters in as much as she shows how piss-poor John McCain's judgment is. For this man (of the 1,000-page medical history and the multiple bouts with cancer) to tell me she's qualified to take over as president and commander in chief insults my intelligence.

Dedicating an entire column to this woman would insult my readers.

Enough about Alaska and its governor. Let's get back to reality. I've been writing about this campaign and the transcendent nature of the Democratic candidate for over 18 months and readers of this column should know by now that I was the first person to go on the record predicting an Obama presidency back in April of 2007. If you've paid attention to the campaign at all before now, you're ahead of the game. The debate on Friday is expected to have a viewing audience of over 100 million people, a good percentage of whom will be tuning in

for the first time.

They missed Jeremiah Wright and John Hagee. They didn't catch Barack Obama's "bitter" comments in San Francisco or John McCain's "hundred year war" exchange in New Hampshire. It's not their fault; they were busy living their lives, raising their kids, going to work, and worrying about how to make ends meet.

With the news from Wall Street last week, you can bet they're paying attention now. This debate is supposed to be about foreign policy, but look for it to shift to domestic issues after about a minute-and-a-half because it's the American worker that's going to be asked to pick up the tab to bail out another one of the country's biggest investment banks while still paying fees to two banks to take money out of the ATM, and bail out the world's largest insurance company at a time when most people can't afford health coverage.

How many times can John McCain say our economy is fundamentally sound before Barack Obama brings up the fact that not every American family is worth over \$100 million like the McCains?

How long can John McCain really expect to talk about the "surge" tactic in Iraq and its so-called "success" before Barack Obama brings up the opportunity costs at home of spending \$10 billion per month in Iraq with zero return on our investment five years later? How much longer does John McCain think he can focus on his support for the "surge" tactic and hide the fact that he's been whole-heartedly behind the president's strategy and policies in Iraq from the beginning?

Who does he think he's fooling?

As for me, I'll be watching the debate either on PBS or on C-Span because I don't want to be watching commercials for deodorant when I could be watching John McCain sweat. I'll be playing a drinking game that involves taking a shot whenever John McCain says something ridiculous (like "Sarah Palin is ready to be president"), tells a lie (like "the fundamentals of our economy are strong"), or comes up with a ridiculous lie (like "I didn't know I own eight homes and 13 cars").

Knowing John McCain, I'll probably have to re-watch Friday's debate on TiVo on Saturday because I'm gonna be pretty drunk.

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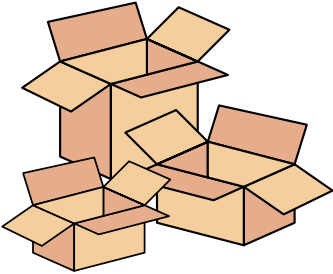
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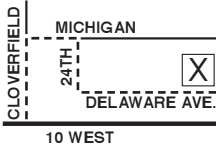
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The Q-Line

Building frustration

An ongoing streetscape improvement project in Downtown has led to increased traffic and some business owners have complained that it has hurt their bottom lines. This, coupled with the renovation of Santa Monica Place, has made the area a hard place to navigate lately.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Have Downtown construction projects impacted your life and how?

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Bernanke says approve bailout or risk recession

BY JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS
AND JEANNINE AVERSA

Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke bluntly warned reluctant lawmakers Tuesday they risk a recession with higher unemployment and increased home foreclosures unless they act on the Bush administration's \$700 billion plan to bail out the financial industry.

Despite the warning, influential lawmakers in both parties demanded changes in the White House-backed proposal, and conservative Republicans recoiled at the prospect of federal intervention into private capital markets.

Six weeks before the elections, both major party presidential contenders also insisted on alterations in the administration's prescription for the worst financial crisis in decades.

Bernanke's remarks about the risk of recession came in response to a question from Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., who seemed eager to hear a strong rationale for lawmakers to act swiftly on the administration's unprecedented request.

"The financial markets are in quite fragile condition and I think absent a plan they will get worse," Bernanke said.

Ominously, he added, "I believe if the credit markets are not functioning, that jobs will be lost, that our credit rate will rise, more houses will be foreclosed upon, GDP will contract, that the economy will just not be able to recover in a normal, healthy way."

GDP is a measure of growth, and a decline correlates with a recession.

Dodd later spoke disparagingly of the administration's proposal. "What they have sent us is not acceptable," he told reporters after presiding over a lengthy Senate Banking Committee hearing at which Bernanke and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson urged swift action by Congress.

Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama, the panel's senior Republican, added, "We have got to look at some alternatives" to the administration's plan.

The legislation that the administration is seeking would allow the government to buy bad mortgages and other troubled assets held by endangered banks and financial institutions.

Getting those debts off their books should bolster the institutions' balance

sheets, making them more inclined to lend and easing one of the biggest choke points in the credit crisis. If the plan works, it could help lift a major weight off the sputtering national economy.

The White House and key lawmakers have been in negotiations since the weekend on terms of the legislation. It was not clear what impact the new congressional complaints would have on the discussions.

"Nobody is happy" about the bailout request, said House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., although he spoke of possible passage of legislation by the weekend.

"Nobody wants to have to do this," agreed Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, the Republican leader. He said he was hopeful of a quick agreement.

Presidential politics have become part of the debate.

Sen. Barack Obama, the Democratic presidential candidate, called a news conference to urge changes in what he called the administration's "stubborn inflexibility."

He said Wall Street executives must not be allowed to walk away from the mess with multimillion-dollar severance packages, taxpayers who are bearing the risk of the bailout must benefit if it succeeds and homeowners should be able to get relief from unaffordable mortgages.

Obama's Republican opponent, Sen. John McCain, has also said he wants steps to limit the compensation of CEOs who leave financially wrecked firms.

The stakes were unmistakable.

"I understand speed is important, but I'm far more interested in whether or not we get this right," Dodd said at the hearing.

Later, he told reporters he hopes for legislation soon.

"But it is not going to be a blank check or a simple signing on to a bill that sends a blank check to this secretary or any other secretary," He noted that either Obama or McCain would probably be appointing a new treasury secretary after he takes over in the White House.

Across the Capitol complex, Vice President Dick Cheney and Jim Nussle, the administration's budget director, met privately with restive House Republicans, some of whom emerged from the session unpersuaded.

"Just because God created the world in seven days doesn't mean we have to pass this bill in seven days," said Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas.

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Google phone to cost \$179, debut Oct. 22

BY PETER SVENSSON
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK The first phone that harnesses Google Inc.'s ambition to make the Internet easy to use on the go was revealed Tuesday, and it looks a lot like an iPhone.

T-Mobile USA showed off the G1, a phone that, like Apple Inc.'s iPhone, has a large touch screen. But it also packs a trackball, a slide-out keyboard and easy access to Google's e-mail and mapping programs.

T-Mobile said it will begin selling the G1 for \$179 with a two-year contract. The device hits U.S. stores Oct. 22 and heads to Britain in November and other European countries early next year.

The phone will be sold in T-Mobile stores only in the U.S. cities where the company has rolled out its faster, third-generation wireless data network. By launch, that will be 21 cities, including New York, Los Angeles, Houston and Miami.

In other areas, people will be able to buy the phone from T-Mobile's Web site. The phone does work on T-Mobile's slower data network, but it's optimized for the faster networks. It can also connect at Wi-Fi hotspots.

The data plan for the phone will cost \$25 per month on top of the calling service, at the low end of the range for data plans at U.S. wireless carriers. And at \$179, the G1 is \$20 less than the least expensive iPhone in the U.S.

Android, the free software powering the G1, is a crucial building block in Google's efforts to make its search engine and other services as accessible on cell phones as they already are on personal computers. The company believes it eventually might make more money selling ads that get shown on mobile devices than on PCs, a channel that will generate about \$20 billion in revenue this year.

Both Yahoo Inc. and Microsoft Corp. also are investing heavily in the mobile market in hopes of preventing Google from extending the dominance it enjoys in searches initiated on PCs. In an interview, Google co-founder Sergey Brin said Google's aims are broader than mobile advertising.

"Generally, we think if there are great (operating systems) out there that let people have great devices and great applications, people use the Internet on their phones much more," Brin said at the launch event in New York. "And whenever people use the Internet more, they end up using our services, and ultimately, that's good for our business. There's no secret plan to have ads pop up or anything."

Like the iPhone, the G1 has a high-resolution screen, making it easier to browse Web sites that haven't been specifically adapted for a cell phone. Unlike the iPhone, Research In Motion Ltd.'s BlackBerrys and most other high-end smart phones sold in the U.S., the G1 has a very limited ability to connect to corporate e-mail servers.

Oil prices trade lower a day after huge rally

BY STEVENSON JACOBS
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK Oil prices pulled back Tuesday after the previous session's wild, record-setting rally, dropping below \$107 a barrel as uncertainty over the U.S. financial bailout plan and a stronger dollar led investors to shed commodities.

It was crude's first down session in five days. Some decline was to be expected after crude soared 16 percent on Monday — the biggest one-day gain ever — partly because of a technical fluke.

Still, oil market watchers say crude is showing early signs that it may be poised for another big climb. They say tightening global supplies, weakness in the dollar and nervousness about the U.S. government's \$700

billion financial rescue plan could soon prompt edgy investors to shift funds out of equities and send a burst of capital back into safe-haven commodities like oil — potentially pushing prices back toward record levels and causing consumers more pain at the pump.

Oil prices are up \$15 in the past week, momentarily halting a precipitous two-month slide from the all-time high of \$147.27 a barrel reached July 11.

"We could be back on the road toward \$150 a barrel," said Stephen Schork, an analyst and oil trader in Villanova, Pa. "If we can't get any stability in the dollar and there's further weakening in the economy, my fear is that it's deja vu all over again. We're going to see a lot of money piled back into commodities as an inflation hedge."



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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT FOR 2007 PROGRAM YEAR

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2007 Program Year. The CAPER is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and provides a status report on how the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME grant funded projects and activities are meeting the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the Consolidated Plan (FY 2005-10) adopted by City Council and submitted to HUD in June 2005 and the subsequent Program Year 2007 Action Plan and Amended Action Plan, submitted to HUD in May 2007 and July 2007, respectively. The City is seeking community comments on this report.

Copies of the CAPER are now available to the public for a 15-day community review period ending September 29, 2008. Copies are available at City Hall (Room 212) and on the web at smgov.net, or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to Gigi Decavalles-Hughes at the above address by September 29, 2008.



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Schwarzenegger signs budget 85 days late

BY JUDY LIN

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed the most overdue state budget in California history Tuesday, skipping the usual fanfare because he said the Legislature's efforts on the \$144.5 billion spending plan were nothing to celebrate.

Nearly a quarter of the way through its fiscal year, the state finally has freed up billions of dollars to pay medical clinics, nursing homes, daycare centers and contract vendors. The 85-day impasse stemmed from a partisan legislative standoff over how to close California's \$15.2 billion deficit.

The governor signed the budget bills in his office, rather than the Capitol rotunda where budgets are usually signed. He also issued line-item vetoes to trim \$510 million.

"Why I didn't feel like celebrating in the rotunda is that it is inexcusable to have a budget that's three months late," Schwarzenegger said after signing the budget before a small gathering of local officials. "It's three months late because both of the parties stayed in their ideological corners

and refused to come out."

Legislative Republicans opposed any tax increase, while Democrats sought to combine budget cuts with higher taxes on corporations and the wealthiest Californians.

Assemblyman John Laird, who chaired the Assembly Budget Committee, called the governor's line-item vetoes a "disaster" for eliminating certain methamphetamine and HIV prevention programs, as well as removing tax credits geared toward seniors.

"Seniors are going to be paying higher taxes," said Laird, D-Santa Cruz. The governor's vetoes "opposed a broad-based tax increase but increased taxes for senior citizens in particular. That seemed unconscionable to me."

Schwarzenegger had offered what he considered a compromise proposal involving a temporary 1 cent increase in the state sales tax that would drop after three years. That plan failed to gain support from Republicans, which meant it would not be able to generate the required two-thirds vote in the Assembly or Senate.

The final version approved by the Legislature last week includes \$7.1 billion in

spending cuts, which advocates say will trigger deep cuts to health care programs. Critics also said the plan relies on accounting tricks to inflate revenue and makes permanent some tax breaks that will lead to larger deficits.

Lawmakers met the governor's demands for a stronger rainy day fund and authority to make spending cuts during the year, but they did not address the imbalance between revenue and spending.

And the budget battle isn't quite over. The changes to the rainy day fund require voter approval, as does a plan to borrow \$10 billion from future lottery revenue to help stabilize the next two state budgets. Schwarzenegger said a special election is likely to be scheduled for June.

Schwarzenegger said he also hopes to place a water bond measure in the special election. A \$9.3 billion water bond plan introduced earlier this year by Schwarzenegger and U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein to create more reservoirs and increase underground water storage went nowhere while the Legislature was mired in unproductive budget negotiations.

Democratic Assembly Speaker Karen

Bass reiterated her call to have a commission review the state's tax structure, while Republican leaders pledged to fend off tax increases in the next fiscal year that will start July 1.

Those negotiations are expected to be just as frustrating as this year's, as the state's economy continues its tailspin. Lower tax revenue and automatic spending increases are expected to produce a deficit of at least \$1 billion in the 2009-10 fiscal year.

The governor's finance director, Michael Genest, said revenues were based on the belief that the state's economic troubles would bottom out by the end of the fiscal year and begin to recover next year.

Next year's shortfall will grow significantly if voters reject the lottery proposal, which is expected to add \$5 billion annually for the next two years.

After signing the budget, Schwarzenegger took part in a rally for Proposition 11, the Nov. 4 ballot initiative that would take authority to draw legislative districts away from state lawmakers and give it to an independent citizen's commission overseen by the state auditor.

U.S. moves to drop contempt case against two Marines

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIVERSIDE Federal prosecutors have moved to drop proceedings against two Marines who refused to testify against their former squad leader in his trial on charges he killed four unarmed Iraqi detainees.

U.S. Attorney Thomas O'Brien filed the motion Monday, asking U.S. District Judge

Stephen Larson to drop the charges against Sgt. Ryan Weemer and Sgt. Jermaine Nelson.

"The punitive effects of further contempt proceedings with a trial regarding contempt would not be in the interests of justice," O'Brien wrote. "While the actions of the witnesses were unlawful ... the government submits that proceeding with a trial regarding contempt would not be in the interests of justice."

U.S. attorney's office spokesman Thom Mrozek declined to comment further on Tuesday, saying the motion spoke for itself.

The Marines refused to testify in the civilian trial of former Marine Jose Luis Nazario Jr., who was found not guilty of charges that he killed or caused others to kill four unarmed detainees on Nov. 9, 2004, in Fallujah, Iraq.

Weemer, from Hindsboro, Ill., and Nelson, from New York, face courts martial at Camp Pendleton on charges of unpremeditated murder and dereliction of duty. Both maintain their innocence.

The men invoked their Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination after they were called to testify at Nazario's trial in Riverside, east of Los Angeles.

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Horrific hazing case shakes NM town

BY TIM KORTE

Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS, N.M. It was shocking enough when six high school football players were accused of sodomizing six younger teammates with a broomstick during training camp. But the scandal was raised to a whole new level when the coaches were accused of turning a blind eye to the hazing.

Since then, Robertson High's head football coach and all five assistants have resigned, and prosecutors are considering charges against adults and youngsters alike.

The incident has turned student against student in the town of 14,000, and subjected some of the school's athletes to lewd taunts from spectators.

"I'm very sad, so very sad for these young men," said Veronica Sanchez, a retiree who knows one of the victims and one of the accused. Her friends and family, she said, are split "kind of 50-50" on whether to blame the coaching staff or the older players.

The scandal unfolded at a four-day, mid-August preseason training camp in the mountains west of Las Vegas, a predominantly Hispanic, once-booming Old West town 60 miles from Santa Fe, now known for its stately Victorian homes.

According to state police reports, a group of juniors assaulted several younger teammates over two days, holding the victims down while a broomstick was forced into their rectums over their athletic shorts.

Police did not find out about it from school officials; instead, a state police officer

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Bob Rothstein

Attorney for several victims' families

whose son is on the team learned of the allegations through his wife, a camp volunteer.

The alleged ringleader was expelled from school. The others — some of them veteran members of the highly successful team — were suspended through the end of the school year. The six victims returned to the team.

Several residents declined to give their names but expressed disbelief, frustration and embarrassment over the case, along with anger — some directed at the coaches, some at the media inquiring about the scandal.

On the field, the Cardinals — who played in the state championship game in each of the past three years, winning the title in 2005 and 2006 — have struggled, losing their first three contests by lopsided scores of 51-7, 34-6 and 35-13.

"These are young kids in a difficult, difficult environment," said Bob Rothstein, an attorney for several victims' families. "They have to go to school every day and they're still trying to play football on the team. They cer-

tainly didn't want to be exposed in this way."

School Superintendent Rick Romero said spectators at some opposing schools have taunted the Robertson girls' soccer team and a middle school girls' volleyball team with "references to broomsticks and other very inappropriate sexual innuendoes."

A school district investigation released earlier this month accused the coaching staff of not adequately supervising the players and failing to look into the initial reports of hazing. District Attorney Henry Valdez in Santa Fe said coaches and school administrators could face charges of failing to report child sexual abuse.

According to a state police report, an assistant coach told the other coaches during training camp "that some sort of hazing incident involving broomsticks was happening." Another coach walked into a cabin to see "a player on his stomach on the ground, with his legs spread open," while a teammate held a broomstick, the police report said.

The coach told the players to "cut it out" and the group broke up.

Romero said the coaches believed they had intervened in time to stop a hazing incident. But "as our investigation has unfolded, we learned that it had already happened," the superintendent said.

That afternoon, according to the police report, head coach Ray Woods called the players together and told them that if any hazing was going on, it needed to stop.

When Woods asked if anyone had been violated, one 15-year-old player raised his hand. But before the boy could elaborate, other players began making jokes, the report said. Several coaches told investigators that because of the laughter from the players, they didn't believe the allegations were serious and took no further action.

On Day 4 of what was supposed to be a five-day camp, Woods was approached by concerned parents. He gathered the boys again, insisting they identify those involved. Woods immediately kicked several players off the team, training camp was cut short, and the squad was put on a bus and taken back to the school.

There they were met by a group of parents, four state police cars and at least eight uniformed officers, plus Capt. Toby Dolan, who had learned of the allegations through his wife. In an interview, Romero said school officials did not immediately notify authorities because they were not sure exactly what had happened.

Associated Press Writer Melanie Dabovich in Albuquerque contributed to this report.



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PAY UP: The attendant at the private parking lot on Ocean Park Boulevard collects money from a Wells Fargo Bank customer on Tuesday afternoon.

Study finds Santa Monica has some of highest parking rates

FROM PARKING PAGE 1

ate the supply but the cities have to create their own demand."

Stein added that while many would view high parking rates as a negative, it's actually a good thing that demonstrates the economic vibrancy of a city.

But some visitors to the city don't embrace the high rates.

"I think it's a little too expensive, especially if you just want to stop for 15 minutes," Sonja Vascal, a visitor from Slovenia, said.

Gabriel Zarate, a Los Angeles resident who works in Santa Monica, pays the monthly parking rate and doesn't see it as too burdensome.

"I park here because there's no parking nearby," he said.

One of the largest private garage operators in Santa Monica is Ampco Parking System, which runs about 31 structures in the city.

Mark Muglich, the executive vice president, said the rates are set based on the cost of development, the day-to-day operating expenses and the market demand.

He pointed out that while the study states unreserved monthly parking in the city averages about \$138, much of that fee could be subsidized by the owner of the building

that's connected to a given garage.

"I believe the rate is advantageous in Santa Monica due to the fact that the office building owner keeps the rate under control to keep occupancy in their building," Muglich said.

Muglich added that the rates in Santa Monica are much less compared to Los Angeles where the average monthly rate for unreserved parking is \$193.75 and \$12.25 for first hour parking.

"We're definitely on the lower end," he said.

Santa Monica is unique in the survey in that there is free parking available in much of the city-owned garages, which waives the fee for the first two hours.

Ellen Gelbard, the assistant director of planning and community development, said that City Hall periodically surveys rates in surrounding cities and adjusts accordingly. The same goes for the beach parking lots.

City Hall also offers monthly unreserved parking for \$82.50, which was also not included in the study.

"There are a lot of places right now where two hours being free is kind of unusual," she said.

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Goal is to raise \$20K for families

FROM CHARITY PAGE 3

ipation this year. She said that although a fundraising goal has not been set, the MDA would love to raise \$20,000 from Santa Monica by the end of the week.

Profits from the fundraiser are used to run local camps, provide equipment and services, and aid in research that benefits the 6,000 families in Southern California who live with neuromuscular diseases.

MDA is a privately funded organization and one of the world leaders in research. According to McNett, the IAFF raised \$26 million to support the organization's work last year.

A location has not yet been determined for Friday morning, but Fire Fighters will be out Wednesday on the corner of Cloverfield Boulevard and Interstate 10 refilling their

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FROM FORUM PAGE 1

Both LEAD and CEPS are expected to make their endorsements in the next week based on the candidates forum.

The topics at the forum encompassed everything from funding to facilities to even the policy for out-of-district permits. But the star of the show came out of concerns that have been raised repeatedly the past few years about the need for openness and repaired trust between school officials and parents.

The candidates all essentially agreed there needs to be more leadership and transparency on the school board, adding that one solution would be better communication between the administration and the community.

Chris Bley, a graduate of the district who now teaches at the Brentwood School, said there needs to be a new way of thinking on the board.

"The special education issue has brought that to the forefront," Bley said.

Newcomer Ben Allen, who served as a University of California student regent, added that the board could do more in terms of reaching out to the community by attending City Council meetings in both Santa Monica and Malibu as well as gatherings by parent organizations.

"It's not just when there's a crisis, but when things are (also) going well," Allen said.

Incumbent Maria Leon-Vazquez pointed out that communication has been a weak point in the district because there hasn't been a person formally charged with that responsibility.

Intertwined in the issues of accountability and transparency is special education, which became a hot topic in educational circles last year after a group of parents accused the district of fostering a culture of intimidation.

The three incumbents — Jose Escarce, Leon-Vazquez and Ralph Mechur — all



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Ralph Mechur
School Board candidate

pointed out that the board has jump-started the process toward change, which includes an outright moratorium on all confidentiality clauses in student education plans as well as hiring a consultant to lead the way toward healing.

"We're all working together to solve the problem and doing what we can for the kids," Mechur, who is running unopposed for a two-year seat and will automatically be appointed, said.

The high turnover in the superintendent position has also been an area of concern. Former Superintendent John Deasy left the district to head Prince George's County Public Schools in Maryland after a few years on the job and was replaced by Dianne Talarico, who also resigned in the summer after two years. Tim Cuneo has been serving in the interim and will do so until the new school board launches a search after the elections.

Escarce pointed out that the role of superintendent is an "incredibly hard job" and stressed that the new chief will have to be a strong leader capable of conveying their message.

"They will need to hire staff who share that vision," he said.

SHOULD THE COUNCIL BE A SCHOOL BOARD?

When the City Council decided in 2007 to hold back on half a million dollars of funding if the district didn't resolve issues in special education, there were questions raised as to whether it overstepped its bounds.

The money has yet to be released.

The candidates for the City Council say they believe the right decision was eventually made.

"Throwing money into the problem won't make it go away," John Bleakly, a council candidate, said.

He added that it's just good business sense to know how the money is being used.

The candidates — with the exception of Jon Louis Mann — agreed that City Hall should continue its annual funding to the district, some adding they were open to make it a permanent source of money for the schools.

Mann said there needs to be more streamlining to make sure money and services are being used more efficiently.

Ted Winterer, an Ocean Park activist who also serves on the Recreation and Parks Commission, said he would support increasing funding but to also split the amount of money that the district receives, making half of it permanent and the other discretionary.

The council has yet to hear a formal presentation from school officials about the changes that have been made since Talarico requested more time in the spring.

"We want to hear back from the administration and school board to make sure appropriate changes take place," Mayor Pro Tem Richard Bloom said. "Parents have the right not to feel intimidated in the school environment."

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Movement made fun

FROM STUDY PAGE 3

who is working with City of Hope research partner Rebecca Crane Okada.

Studies show that many breast cancer survivors experience lingering anxiety, depression and pain as well as altered feelings about their bodies and fears that cancer will return. Research on the potential benefits of mindfulness and movement-dance therapy is limited, which sparked the project, Kiger said.

According to Grace Cheng Braun, president and CEO of WISE & Healthy Aging, the Santa Monica nonprofit initiated the project to address the needs observed by Kiger, a clinical nurse specialist.

"Having worked with breast cancer survivors for six years, Holly is aware of their ongoing needs and concerns," said Cheng Braun. "Beyond that, she has been involved in breast cancer survivor research, as well as with Mindful Movement concepts and philosophies. Given the population that we serve at WISE & Healthy Aging, this study is enabling us to reach out to our community in a unique and meaningful way."

In Mindful Movement, there is no formal sitting meditation, prescribed body movements or postures. The leader encourages participants to move their bodies, often with music, in ways that are comfortable, fun, creative and natural to them.

"In the process, participants become aware of their thoughts, feelings and sensations in the present moment, and express them, without judgment, in self-directed movement," explains Kiger.

WISE & Healthy Aging hopes to enroll 25 women in the first series of weekly, two-hour sessions, which begin Oct. 6 at its Fourth Street location. The series will be offered again next year in February and June.

Enrollees must be breast cancer survivors age 50 or older without metastatic disease who completed their treatment at least 12 months ago. Participants must be able to read and write in English. Enrollees will be randomly assigned to two groups.

One group of participants, compensated up to \$145, will be asked to attend 12 weekly sessions, complete a log and questionnaires, and participate in a focus group. Participants assigned to the "control group" will complete a set of questionnaires only and will receive up to \$75 in compensation as well as a free three-hour mindful movement session at the study's conclusion. To enroll or for more information, call Marlena Ross at WISE & Healthy Aging, (310) 394-9871.

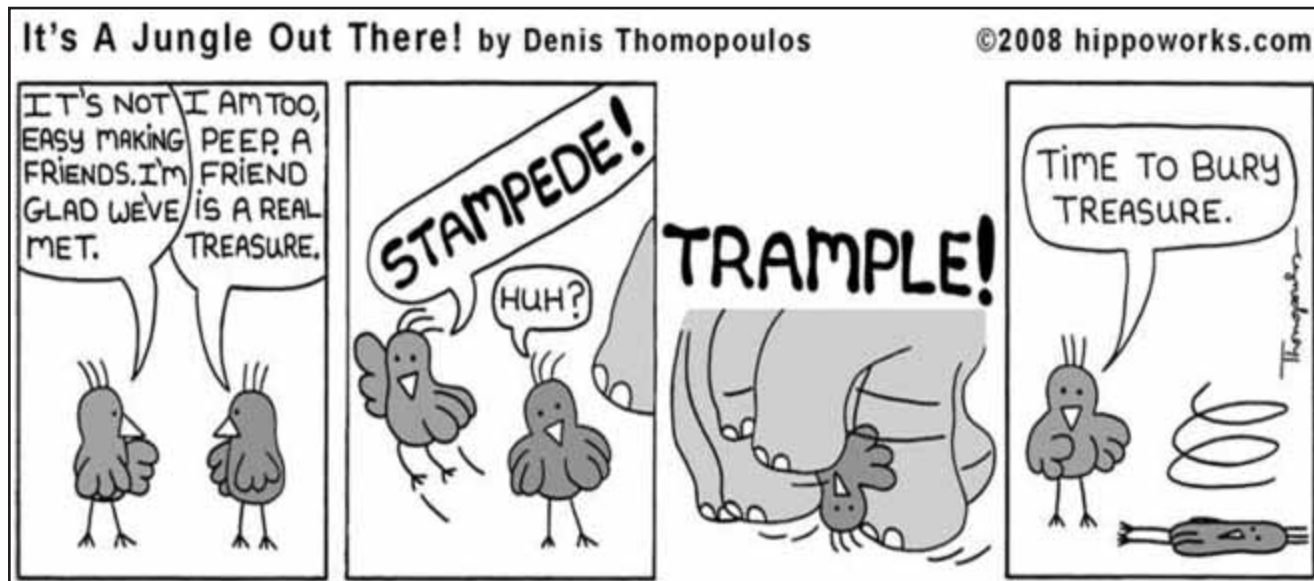
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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 0

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0

Number of wet days -- 0

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / 35

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / 35

LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cienegas Beach, at Arroyo Soguit Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Del Air Tey Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Las Alitas creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chantrelle)	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
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	A	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kanter storm drain	A	ns
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A	ns
Larigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Selkirk Canyon at Den 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 Molibu Rd.	D	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily	B	ns	Venice Beach- projection of Topsoil St.	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	D	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- Haggard tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	C	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain	B	ns
Big Rock Beach at 15948 PCH stairs	A+	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pine Creek at Los Angeles County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset junction)	A+	ns			

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Your positive style once more has an opportunity to emerge. You will need to double-check all messages and appointments. Try not to solidify an agreement if possible, today or in the next few weeks. A change could make a different agreement more feasible. Tonight: Ever playful.	LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Do not throw caution to the wind with an idea that you like but that might be too good to be true. Take your time making a decision, understanding your limits and needs. You might be prone to overindulging. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You come from a point of anchoring, knowing full well what your goals and needs are. Try not to act or finalize any ideas for a while. Consider yourself in a process of change, where the dynamics could easily transform. Tonight: Happy at home.	SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Others feel your passion about a key issue, but they are less likely to follow through than you are. In fact, count on you and only you. If you take a stand or decide to lead, you will like the outcome far more. Tonight: A must appearance.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Discussions flow in a different vein than you might anticipate. Review a matter more closely, and you'll come up with ideas. Give yourself the gift of time, as you could be feeling out of sorts. Tonight: Visit with pals.	SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Take the high road, refusing to get into negativity, which certain partners perpetrate. You might want to go off and do something that is just for you. It might even be a walk. Be open to dynamic change. Tonight: Where people are.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Knowing your limits is instrumental to success. To achieve a goal, your budget might need to expand. Do more investigating. Find a different path that might be more comfortable. Remember, nothing needs to be decided today. Tonight: Your treat.	CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Work with someone directly. You discover how much you offer, simply through the manner your ideas are received. Refuse to get caught up in a complicated situation. Observe. Do not play. Tonight: Rent a movie.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Listen to your instincts. Investigate what a family member offers. You could be confused by all that drops on your plate. Take your time sorting facts from fiction. Understand your limits first. Tonight: Do your thing!	AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Defer to others, rethinking a decision more carefully. You have the unique ability to see what others don't. You are a dynamic thinker, ready to plow the path to a new spot. Tonight: How you present an idea could reflect its success.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Take your time before making a decision. Your planetary ruler changes course, encouraging you to slow down. Take the next several weeks for research. Keep your own counsel, as what you hear might be off anyway. Tonight: Listen, but do not decide or judge.	PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Let others run the show, and ask for more feedback from a key associate. Together, by requesting or seeking some expert advice, you could find a new path unfolding. Test out the ground in the next few weeks. Tonight: Dinner for two.

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If you maintain focus this year, you'll accomplish a lot more than you thought possible in one year. You have a way and style that often draws many. You seem to like people more than ever, and often you can be found in social situations. Try not to jump to conclusions or sign agreements quickly. Do much-needed research. If you are single, your gregarious personality draws many people. Choosing the right person will take talent. Look to 2009 for a significant person enter your life. If you are attached, the more you do together as a couple, the closer your bond will become. LEO reads you cold.

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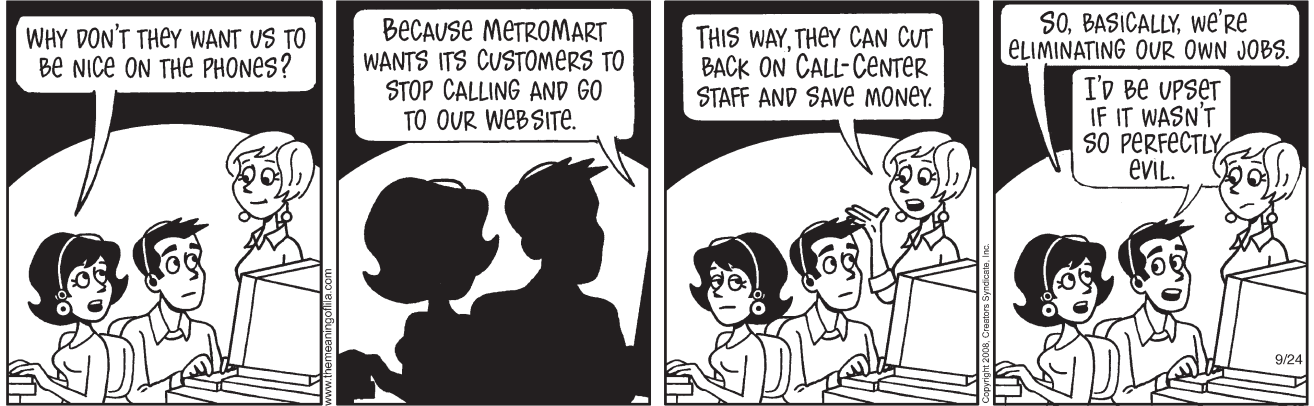
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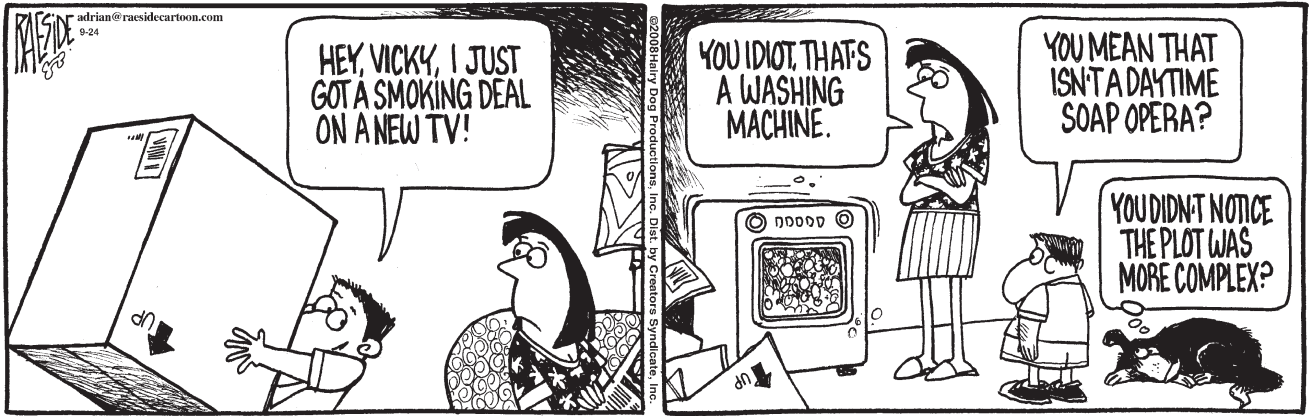
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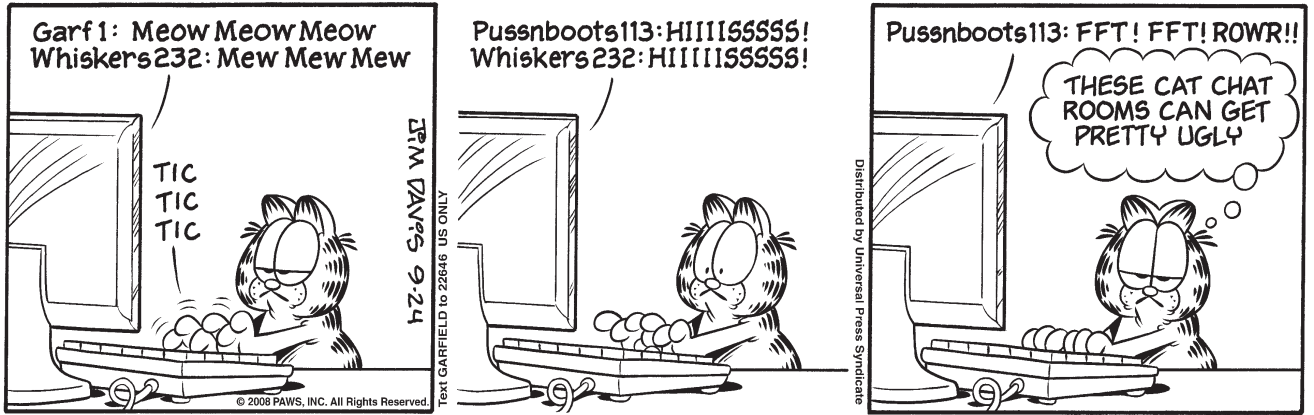
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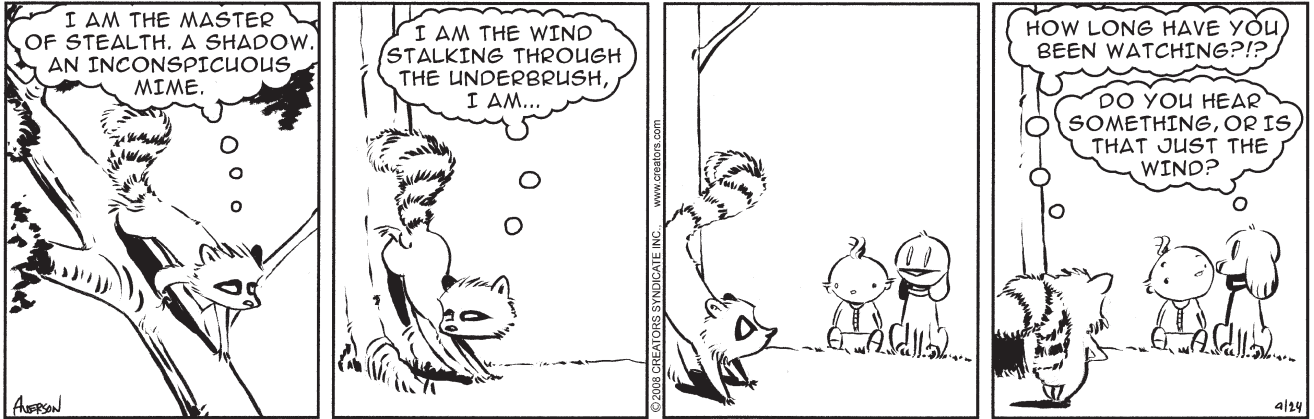
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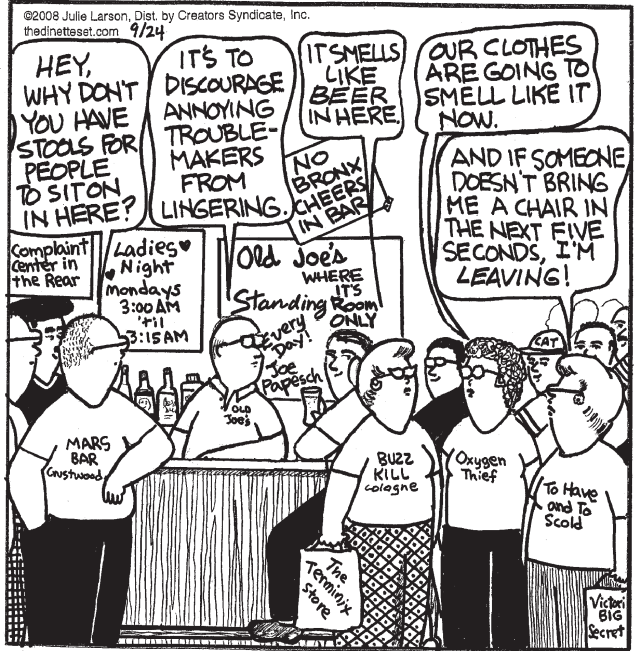
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