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Hungry for food

BY MELODY HANATANI | Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The number of low income families suffering from hunger is on the rise in Los Angeles County and that includes the ritzy Westside.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health released a study on Friday that found food insecurity — a limited or uncertain means of accessing meals — is on the rise among the poorest households.

The report describes findings from two L.A. County health surveys conducted in 2002-03 and 2005, the results showing the biggest impact has been felt among those households earning below 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, which for a family of four, would be an annual income of approximately \$18,000.

The increase in food insecurity was found to be greater for households with children than without. The study found that malnutrition in children can not only lead to developmental issues, but also contributes to poor performance in school.

“It’s shocking and sad that families with children are much harder hit,” said Susie Baldwin, chief of the health assessment unit for the county Department of Public Health. “It’s a few more mouths to feed and they’re feeding it.”

In 2005, more than 470,00 households living below 300

FROM HUNGER PAGE 8

Police seek suspect in Venice shooting

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

VENICE Los Angeles police are still unaware of the fate of a suspect who was shot at by an officer and fled on foot early Sunday morning.

Police responded to a radio call of shots being fired around 3:10 a.m. at the corner of Sixth Avenue and Broadway in Venice. An officer shot at the suspect who pointed a gun in his direction, according to Officer Karen Smith, spokeswoman for the Los Angeles Police Department.

The suspect fled on foot and police established a perimeter south to Westminster Avenue, aided by a K-9 unit. Officers recovered a gun but were unable to locate the suspect.

“They still don’t know if he was hit,” Smith said on Monday.

There were no injuries reported and there was no further information available regarding the incident.

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City Council considers installing red light cameras

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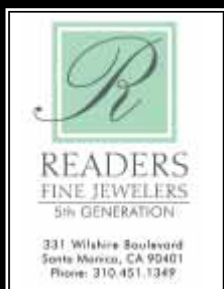
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Movie Screening: 'Notes On A Scandal'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Free screening of the award-winning 2006 drama starring Judi Dench and Cate Blanchett. Seating is first come, first served in the Main Library Auditorium.

Toddler Story Time for Twos

2601 Main St., 10 a.m. — 11 a.m.

This program is a weekly series of stories, songs and other activities for two and three-year-old children. This program is free, but registration is required. Call (310) 392-3804 for more information.

Be there and be square

16th Street and Marine, 7 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

The Red Ribbon Squares will conduct square dance classes at Marine Park's social hall. First lesson is free; \$5 per lesson after that.

Floral design and sales course

601 Pico Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007

Dukes at Duttons

11975 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 7 p.m.

Carol Muske-Dukes will be signing copies of her book, "Channeling Mark Twain," at Dutton's Brentwood Books. For more information, visit www.duttonsbrentwood.com.

College-planning workshop

1332 Sixth St., 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.

The YMCA hosts this workshop geared toward parents on the various strategies to pay for college. Among the topics to be discussed, will be opportunities for grants, scholarships, how to qualify for financial aid and hidden tax saving strategies from the IRS.

'GreenMeet'

2914 Highland Ave., 5 p.m. — 7 p.m.

The Eco Investment club will meet to discuss the value of sustainable architecture. Learn more about Eco-Friendly Real Estate Opportunities and Green Start-Ups. For more information, visit www.ecoinvestmentclub.com/content/view/full/67/.

'Bathroom Talk'

1404 Third Street Promenade, 7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

The Promenade Playhouse presents "Bathroom Talk," an improv sketch comedy about the unusual things that occur in the ladies room at a nightclub. Tickets are \$12 at the door. For more information, call Laura at (310) 430-8828.

St. Joseph practices Tai Chi

400 W. Pico Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.

St. Joseph Center is holding ongoing weekly Tai Chi classes. These low-impact classes are designed to help individuals improve their overall physical fitness and increase their mobility and flexibility. Classes are free, but enrollment is limited and advance registration is required. For more information, call (310) 396-6468, ext. 307.

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



CORRECTION

The photo essay depicting Venice High School's 33-7 victory over Santa Monica High School ("Blown out," Sept. 24, page 11) did not contain a photo credit. The picture of Samohi quarterback Ryan Katz was courtesy of Morgan Genser. The remaining shots should have been attributed to SMDP Staff Photographer Fabian Lewkowicz.

Also, the picture of the Siren of the Mermaids event in Venice ("Splish, splash," Sept. 24, page 13) should have been credited to SMDP photo intern Christine Chang.

Let there be light in town

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

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The City Council is expected to spend more than \$5 million tonight, the majority of which is slated for the annual street and park lighting upgrades, which will include the installation of energy efficient light fixtures and new street lights on the beach bike path from Bay Street to the southern city limits.

The construction contract with Dynalectric for \$4,284,390 includes the replacement of existing lighting circuits on various city streets and parks with multiple

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UNDER HER UMBRELLA

A woman waits for her ride in the rain along Pico Boulevard on Friday. Heal the Bay has issued a health advisory warning beach-goers to stay out of the ocean for at least 72 hours following the first significant rainfall after a record drought period.

Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

'Die Hard' director gets hard time behind bars

BY RAQUEL MARIA DILLON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES A federal judge sentenced Hollywood director John McTiernan to four months in prison Monday after refusing to let him withdraw his guilty plea to a charge of lying to the FBI about his association with indicted private eye Anthony Pellicano.

Judge Dale S. Fischer gave the director of such films as "Die Hard" and "The Thomas Crown Affair" until Jan. 15 to turn himself in to authorities. McTiernan's attorney said he would appeal.

McTiernan, 56, was also sentenced to two years probation and ordered to pay a \$100,000 fine. The charge carried a maximum sentence of five years.

When he entered his plea last year, McTiernan said he made "knowingly false statements" when he told an FBI agent the

only time he used Pellicano's services was during his divorce.

He later said he hired Pellicano to wiretap Charles Roven, who had worked with him on the 2002 box office flop "Rollerball."



HE'S MADE NO GENUINE STATEMENT OF CONTRITION. HE HAS NOT LEARNED THE LESSON THAT THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE AND WILL HAVE CONSEQUENCES."

Daniel Saunders, U.S. Attorney

Pellicano, who served 2 1/2 years in federal prison for possessing illegal weapons, has pleaded not guilty to charges contained in a 111-count indictment that accuses him of

bugging phones and bribing police to get information on celebrities and others.

McTiernan was originally scheduled to be sentenced two weeks ago, but that hearing was delayed after his attorney sought to

upon a previous lawyer's advice.

On Monday, the defense argued that when McTiernan spoke to the FBI agent, he was tired after returning from a long trip to Asia, taking antibiotics for a sinus infection, and going off his anti-depression medication.

Cornell Price, another attorney for McTiernan, asked the judge to consider his client's state of mind on the night he received the call from the FBI.

"He's asking for his day in court, what he would have gotten in the first place," Price said. The judge was not persuaded.

"I find these arguments completely lacking in credibility," she said.

McTiernan, who appeared in court in brown cowboy boots, black jeans and a blue blazer, did not speak.

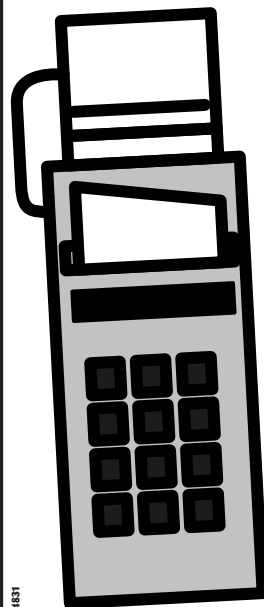
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Put a stop to tree tacklers

(The following is open letter to City Forester Walt Warriner)

I understand that the Santa Monica City Council is in the process of deciding whether to remove 75 trees in the downtown district. Please act now to save these beautiful trees. This action cannot be undone. These trees are among the most beautiful and unique things about Santa Monica; and without those mature trees, our downtown will just be more cement and glass.

It'll look like every other urban place with little respect or overt reverence to nature.

Please act now to save the trees!

Betsy Rowbottom

Santa Monica

Thinking outside the plant box

Editor:

(Re: "Tree savers draft lawyers," Sept. 22-23)

There must be alternatives.

Kevin Goldberg

Santa Monica

Maybe it's time we went Dutch

Editor:

In Holland, the bike paths are often not between traffic and parked cars, but between parked cars and the sidewalk. This avoids bikes in car traffic.

Such a simple solution.

Toeli Carpenter

Santa Monica

Hear, hear for the high schools

Editor:

I am sorry I missed your question about what sports you should cover ("Readers are out to settle the score," Sept. 22-23). I feel quite strongly that (the Daily Press) would be serving the area much better if it did comprehensive coverage on the local high schools. I do not see any reason for you to write articles about UCLA, the Dodgers, et al, as I can get all the coverage I want about them in the Times or on television.

There is a major void, however, when it comes to the local high schools, and this void has been present ever since the Outlook closed down.

Mark Kaiserman

Santa Monica



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What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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Somebody's trash is somebody's gold

THIS PAST WEEKEND'S RAIN WAS A welcome cleansing. The days after a good raining are some of my favorites in this city. The air gets all sweet smelling, and the trees are shiny, it's like a layer of grime has been washed off and we get to see the beauty of all that lies underneath the day to day ugliness.

In many ways, it reminds me of the holidays. People are on vacation, and the traffic dies down and the city goes a little quieter and we get to enjoy the city in ways that we simply can't when we are in the regular crush of life.

But that clean feeling only lasts for a few short hours, maybe a day or two, and it only lasts so long as you don't look too closely at what is happening around us.

On Sunday morning, I grabbed a friend and we went for a bike ride. It was one of those perfect Sunday morning rides, kind of a Goldilocks day — not too hot, not too cold, not too windy, not too still. It was just right.

We took the bike path south, and it's an interesting thing to me, the further south you get, the uglier it becomes. As you leave Santa Monica, you come to the first real change in scenery; the parking lot at Rose and the bike path, where there are new showers and baths, and a semi-permanent encampment of transients (Yes, I realize the irony in that sentence!) In the lot are a collection of RVs and motorhomes that bear the scars of a well-traveled existence.

The assembled autos are like portable statuary that have been tagged by graffiti artists and displayed to showcase the commentary of their owners on the state of the world. There's the obligatory political statements calling for the revolution of the government, and the overhauling of society at all levels, even to the degree of what food we should consume.

Further down the bike path, there is another group of individuals, these are usually younger and more vocal in their disdain for all things social, except for their collective need for more alcohol and something called "420." There was this one group of people, and among them was a woman who was quite ragged, but she was very cheerful and wished us a "Good Morning" as we rode by.

Cruising down to the Washington Boulevard turnoff from the bike path, one comes upon the more affluent, but still highly artistic crowds who are hanging out at the

various coffeehouses, generally in groups of three to five, discussing how sick our society is, as they sip their lattes.

We kept going, right along the bike path to that long stretch along the jetty that divides the Los Angeles River and the Marina, right where the UCLA crew teams are housed. It's a hard ride for me. Not from the physical standpoint — I've certainly ridden longer and in worse conditions — but it's hard because of the disparity of what I see.

On one part of the ride, there is amazing wealth and beauty. Homes worth millions, housing people who make decisions that affect thousands of other people.

On another part, there is crushing poverty and filth. The trash of life, both human and plastic is scattered along the road, in the gutters and in the waterways, like so many dandelion seeds blowing in the wind.

We stop for breakfast at this little coffeehouse in Playa, and there, as I eat my eggs and sip my coffee, I see the homes on the side of the cliff that symbolize the success and drive of hard work. And as I ride back along the jetty, I see the plastic cups and bags, the soda cans and the trash that has been washed downstream, thanks to the weekend's rain.

I'm very grateful to live here, and I'm very happy that I get to have the experiences I do. Most people have only either the wealth they are born into, or the crushing poverty that they cannot escape, as their vantage point on the world.

We who live in this enchanted little cul de sac, on the edge of the Pacific, have the opportunity, on a regular basis, to come face to face with the other extreme of our own life. No matter where we are on the scale of wealth, it's good to have that range of experience.

Like a cleansing rain that clears away the dust of life, confronting the good and the bad makes me more appreciative of where I am and what I have. It's not always pretty to see the other side of life. There's a lot of trash in the river, but there's also a really great show of life, with the shorebirds shrieking, and the crabs scrambling for breakfast.

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Tips for transients on the Westside

OK, SO YOU'RE HOMELESS, NO SWEAT. If you're gonna be homeless, then there's no better place to be than Santa Monica, California. Whatever the myriad of reasons may be that got you to where you are today, just know that there are a slew of social services here to help. Nothing tastes better than a free meal on the taxpayer's dollar!

Don't be surprised if you get the occasional stare-down or hurtful speech from the city's rich folk, average Joes, tourists, teens/immature adults, shop owners or even the fellow vagrant. Sometimes people may need to hurt you in order to feel better about themselves ... and sometimes you might have it coming.

Let's review a few key points that will make homeless life a bit more palatable for both you (the homeless) and others around you (the non-homeless). First and foremost, be nice to others. This doesn't mean you can't stand around yelling at imaginary people and brick walls, just be sure to respect the real people you encounter throughout your daily endeavors. Next, try to mix up the words you use if you choose to panhandle. The phrases "Can you spare some change?" and "Got an extra cigarette?" are simply too commonplace and minimally effective; maybe try taking something like "A penny for your thoughts," then reversing it and upping the ante, to something along the lines of "A dollar for my thoughts?"

Here's a great idea, stand at the 10 Freeway off-ramp with a big sign that reads: "I'm saving the world one tin can at a time." People will be throwing all their empties at you as they wait for the light, and guaranteed, you'll fill up several trash bags with cans and bottles over the course of a few hours. Even better, since you're not actually asking for money, some will give you their empties and even throw in a buck or two out of sheer respect for the earth-conscious service you're conducting.

When it comes to sleeping, try to avoid store entrances along the main roads — alleys are definitely the way to go. You see, when June Cleaver walks her pooch in the morning and sees you sleeping on the sidewalk, her first thought is that you're going to rape her or something. Sure, she's 80 and looks like a prune with a fur coat,

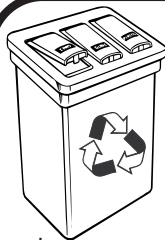
but she thinks she's pretty and vulnerable. Who are you to take that away from her? Please stay out of sight when sleeping, it's better for everyone. Next, if SMPD gives you a citation for "camping," it's OK, 90 percent of the time it gets dropped in homeless court. Just say "yes, sir/no, sir" so that the cop can finish with you quickly and go about their day and conduct more important things like nailing jaywalkers and sidewalk cyclists.

Now, going back to the whole money thing, people will throw you some change, not because they think it's going to change your life, they do it so that they can feel better about themselves. When seeking a free ride from others, try not to be drunk or expose any alcohol or drugs, it will greatly lessen your chances of success. I'd like to think I'm giving you money for a sandwich rather than booze. We all know the truth that some of you will use it for drugs or alcohol, but our society isn't based on truth, it's based on appearance of truth.

Finally, if you're homeless and you have no ambition of changing your situation, then don't be shocked when people stop giving you money. If, however, you're in this situation and there's motivation for a change in lifestyle, then just know that you're in the best location to help make that possible.

If you're in dire need of food, clothing, shelter, bus tokens, etc., you can go the public library and get a free card, then go upstairs to the computer lab and check out these Web sites: www.stjosephctr.org, www.opcc.net, www.smgov.net. There is never a reason to be hungry in this town. You can reach OPCC at (310) 450-4050 and St. Joseph Center at (310) 396-6468. Tell them that you're homeless, hungry and desperate for help and they will set you up with food, clothing, blankets, tokens and get you on the waiting lists for shelters and give you even more resources around Los Angeles. For help with drug and/or alcohol addiction, you can call CLARE Foundation at (310) 314-6200 or New Directions (for veterans) at (310) 914-4045. You can also dial 211 from a payphone (free call) and that will connect you to LA County Free Services.

Good luck and be well.

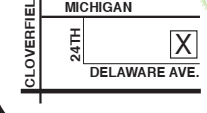


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The Q-Line

The ficus fiasco continues

An ad-hoc group of local activists has come together to save the trees on Second and Fourth streets following a City Council decision to remove the mature specimens.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you think they should continue their crusade to save the trees or is the whole endeavor a waste of time?

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Gay characters decline on network shows

BY LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES The number of gay characters depicted on TV is falling on network series but rising on cable, according to a study by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

In the 2007-08 TV season, broadcast series will feature seven regularly seen characters who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, down from nine characters in 2006 and 10 the season before, GLAAD said. Most are on one network — ABC.

The new figure represents 1.1 percent of all regular characters on ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox and CW, compared to 1.3 percent in 2006, according to the study to be released Monday. A total of 87 comedies and dramas with 650 characters were analyzed.

By comparison, cable shows will feature 40 gay characters as series regulars, GLAAD said.

"While we acknowledge there have been improvements made in how we are seen on the broadcast networks, most notably on ABC, our declining representation clearly indicates a failure to inclusively reflect the audience watching television," GLAAD President Neil G. Giuliano said in a statement.

The seven broadcast characters appear on five shows, including "Brothers & Sisters," "Desperate Housewives," "Ugly Betty," "The Office" and the new midseason series "Cashmere Mafia."

ABC shows are home to six of the seven, with one on NBC. There were no lead or supporting gay or transgender characters set to appear on CBS, FOX or CW, GLAAD found.

Last year, the characters were spread

among five networks. However, there will be an additional 13 gay characters seen occasionally on broadcast TV shows this season, compared to five recurring characters last year.

That increase "suggests that producers and writers are showing a guarded interest in being inclusive without making the characters lead or supporting," GLAAD said in a release, noting that gay characters on "Ugly Betty" and "Desperate Housewives" first appeared as recurring before being added to the regular cast.

ABC, Fox and CW declined requests for comment, while NBC and CBS did not immediately respond.

The "real advances" in gay depiction on TV are being made on cable channels, GLAAD said.

The 40 regular characters depicted on 21 scripted shows on cable channels including

HBO, Showtime and FX represents 15 more characters than last year, the study found.

GLAAD has issued its "Where We Are on TV" report on gay characters for 12 years. For the past three years, the organization also has looked at representation of minorities, men and women on broadcast TV.

Whites make up 77 percent of network series regular characters, up 2 percent from last year. Blacks remained steady at 12 percent and Asian-Pacific Islanders at 3 percent, while Latinos dropped from 7 percent to 6 percent.

Male characters outweighed females 58 percent to 42 percent on network shows.

CW, although lacking gay characters, ranked first in overall diversity with ethnic minorities making up 32 percent of its series regulars, the study found.

Green MBAs seek to balance profit with environmental concerns

BY MICHELLE LOCKE

Associated Press Writer

OAKLAND Business professor John Stayton remembers when eyes would start rolling at the idea of a "green MBA."

These days, business schools across the country are incorporating the environmental and social costs of doing business into their curricula, and a few, like the program Stayton directs at Dominican University of California, aim for an all-green program.

The goal? How to succeed in business without really frying the planet.

"Essentially we've got to change the way we're doing everything and making everything," said Stayton.

The program Stayton directs was launched at Santa Rosa's New College of California North Bay in 2000 as a Master of Arts in the humanities department and transferred to Dominican last spring. It's one of a handful of such degrees; others include MBAs offered at the Presidio School of Management in San Francisco and the Bainbridge Graduate Institute in Washington state.

The move to balance economy and eco-

logy is showing up all over, said Rich Leimsider, director of the Center for Business Education at The Aspen Institute, a leadership think tank which reports on how Master of Business Administration programs are adding social and environmental issues to their courses in its biennial "Beyond Grey Pinstripes" report.

"It matters what the senior executives of companies do, say and think," said Leimsider. "If you can change business education to include an appreciation for the social and environmental context you wind up with leaders who are really good at creat-

ing value all around."

Almost all business schools have "at least a beachhead" of environmental and social awareness, said Leimsider, and some are doing much more.

The Stanford Graduate School of Business, ranked No. 1 in the 2005 Aspen report, introduced a joint degree program for MBA students in environment and resources in April.

Another initiative teams the business and engineering school for a course in which students use concepts from both disciplines to solve problems.

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Technology firms get time in the sun

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT
AP Business Writer

SAN DIEGO Six minutes is all that each of 69 startups get to impress journalists, venture capitalists and technology mavens. If speakers run over, the music starts, the organizer steps on stage and the microphone goes off.

At this week's DEMOfall 2007 conference, companies will pay \$18,500 apiece to show they have the answer to a vexing problem. Many offer to make it easier to cut through the Web's proliferation of blogs and forums. Others offer advertisers the prospect of tracking down choice segments of such an amorphous audience.

Now in its 17th year, the two-day show in a San Diego hotel ballroom begins Tuesday. Its agenda includes start times like 9:59 a.m., without even a minute between one presenter and the next, most of them obscure.

"We don't have a trap door, and I don't think we ever had to wrestle anyone to the ground," said Chris Shipley, who has organized the biannual conference since 1996. But, she said, strict enforcement of the time limit keeps pitches tightly focused.

Shipley calls DEMO "the granddaddy" of tech shows for startups seeking to make a splash, and its longevity underscores its success. DEMO shows have served as a launch pad for such industry standouts as TiVo Inc., Palm Inc.'s Pilot and the Danger HipTop handheld.

But the show itself faces competition, as venture capitalists are on pace to invest the most in any single year since 2001. Already in the first half of 2007, they poured \$14.6 billion into startups, according to Thomson Financial, PricewaterhouseCoopers and the National Venture Capital Association.

O'Reilly Media Inc.'s Web 2.0 shows are in their fourth year. And TechCrunch, a blog widely read by venture capitalists and high-tech luminaries, hosted a conference in San Francisco this month that highlighted 40 startups.

TechCrunch editor Michael Arrington announced his conference while at a DEMO show in January, pledging he would not charge companies to show their stuff and taking a swipe at DEMO for its "hefty fees."



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Chris Shipley
Conference organizer

Shipley countered on DEMO's Web site this month that she welcomed the TechCrunch confab, even though Arrington announced its debut in a blog post written from his third-row seat at her conference. She applauded several companies at the rival show and wrote that they also deserve a "moment in the sun."

Shipley runs the DEMO conferences for Boston-based technology media company International Data Group, whose titles include PC World, CIO and Computerworld.

Romney points to business experience at campaign stop

BY GLEN JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

ORANGE Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney cast himself as more businessman than politician Sunday, as the one-time venture capitalist tried to differentiate himself from his rivals during his first townhall meeting in California.

Taking questions from an audience of 500 in a conservative tract area just south of reliably Democratic Los Angeles, the former Massachusetts governor repeatedly contrasted himself with "Washington politicians" and said he has the distance from the Beltway to be a uniter, not a divider.

"I'm not in this race for the next step in my political career. I don't have a political career, to tell you the truth," Romney said during a stop at Chapman University. "I've only been in politics four years as a governor. I loved the experience, but my life is my wife and my family. My career was building an enterprise, a business, with some other fellows."

Without naming names, Romney argued that his experience sets him apart from politicians such as Sens. John McCain and Hillary Rodham Clinton, two fellow presidential contenders, as well as former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who leads GOP

presidential polling nationally.

Romney also believes his record distinguishes him from former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson, whose accomplishments Romney advisers routinely question.

"I haven't been uniformly successful — I've tried to be successful — but I believe that experience will be helpful to America," said Romney.

While decrying the partisan tone in the capital, including both parties' focus on last year's midterm elections, Romney failed to note that during that time, he served as chairman of the Republican Governors Association and ran an aggressive effort not only to hold onto a Republican majority in the nation's statehouses but also to stave off the GOP's midterm losses.

Afterward, Romney left for two fundraisers in Orange County, a conservative hotbed. During a five-day swing through California, Romney planned to raise money and make public appearances in Santa Clara, Bakersfield and Long Beach.

During his Chapman appearance, Romney was confronted by a high school teacher, Pat Alviso of Huntington Beach, who said her son had just completed his second Marine tour in Iraq and was suffering from a variety of physical and mental ailments.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites proposals for:

**Consulting services for a City-wide
community education and anti-panhandling campaign**

The City of Santa Monica desires to implement a City-wide community education and anti-panhandling campaign. Strategies are sought for community education about homelessness and the implementation of a campaign regarding the negative effects of giving money to panhandlers, including the establishment of alternative giving opportunities.

Submission Deadline is October 30, 2007 at 5:00 PM PDT.

The request for proposals may be obtained from the Human Services Division, City of Santa Monica, 1685 Main St., Room 212, Santa Monica, California 90401; by calling (310) 458-8701; TTY: (310) 458-8696; by e-mailing your request to danielle.noble@smgov.net; or by visiting the Human Services Division website at <http://www.smgov.net/hsd>.

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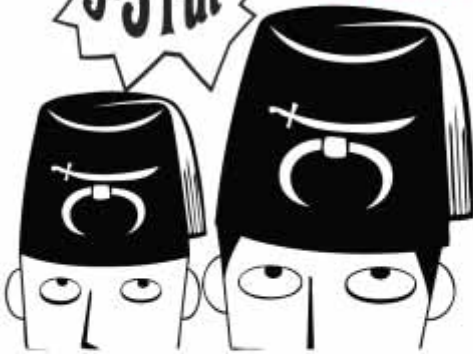
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Hungry families exist on Westside

FROM HUNGER PAGE 1

percent of the Federal Poverty Level — an annual income of \$56,500 for a family of four — suffered from some form of food insecurity, whether they had problems accessing nutritional food or any type of meal at all. That's a 17 percent increase from the results of the 2002-03 survey.

The causes vary, from the dramatic rise in gas prices — affecting public transportation fares — to increases in basic living expenses such as rent and utilities. The study cites a United Way report that found Los Angeles County has the least educated workforce in the nation, with many workers stuck in low-paying jobs.

The highest concentration of affected families were found in the southern and eastern portions of the county. The Westside reported the fewest number of low-income families having trouble affording healthy food.

Such residents on the Westside seem most impacted by the area's infamous high rents and property values. Santa Monica-based Westside Food Bank has seen a gradual increase in demand from its clients by four to five percent every year during the past five years.

"The cost of living is so excessively

high in this area," said Genevieve Riutort, the director of development for the Westside Food Bank. "Those costs are going up for many people without having comparable wage increases and what we've noticed on the Westside is there are either a lot of high paying jobs or low paying jobs and not a whole lot of jobs in the middle."

Serving clients in the Westside and Inglewood, the food bank serves about 82,000 clients every year, about half of

government cutting back on assistance. The Westside Food Bank, which spends about \$7,000 a week just on produce, is stepping up its fund-raising efforts to fill the gap.

St. Joseph Center in Santa Monica has seen regular clients increase their visits to the non-profit's food pantry. The pantry serves about 800 families on the Westside.

"It is really clear we're living in an area that rental housing costs are just

IT'S SHOCKING AND SAD THAT FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ARE MUCH HARDER HIT."

Susie Baldwin,

Chief of health assessment unit, department of public health

which are children.

One of the biggest changes impacting families is the rise in grocery prices, particularly in corn, wheat-based products and milk, Riutort said.

Low income families aren't the only ones having trouble putting food on the table.

Riutort said the food bank is going through hard times with the federal

continuing to go up," said Rhonda Meister, executive director of St. Joseph Center. "Food prices are going up and wages aren't going up in a lot of cases."

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BUBBLY PERFORMANCE

Parker Bent performs for children during the 'Wake Up With The Waves' concert at the Santa Monica Pier on Saturday.

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FISHING EXPEDITION

Sonya Topham, 4, fishes for prizes at Pacific Park during the 8th Annual 'Mattel Party on the Pier' on Sunday.

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Kids should learn to read the fine print

BY KELLI KENNEDY | Associated Press Writer

MIAMI When 10-year-old Marie Grandguillotte goes grocery shopping with her mother, she reads the food labels. She looks for calories and ingredients and knows to avoid fat and cholesterol.

Reading the food labels was "a little bit confusing, but after a while I got used to it," said the fifth-grader from suburban Doral.

Nutrition experts and the Food and Drug Administration think there should be more kids like Marie. They advocate teaching children to read food labels themselves instead of relying on mom and dad.

"Since I find parents are not doing a bang-up job (teaching nutrition), I think it's important to empower the children with their own information," said Miami registered dietitian Ronni Litz Julien.

The FDA partnered with the Cartoon Network earlier this year to launch a public education campaign encouraging children ages 9 to 13 — or tweens — to read the nutrition facts on food labels.

An interactive Web page on the Cartoon Network's Web site teaches kids to avoid foods high in fat, cholesterol, sodium and sugar and consume more foods with potassium, fiber, iron and calcium. It offers information on serving sizes and calories (40 calories is low, 100 is moderate and 400 is high).

"We learned that tweens are able to cognitively understand food labels, they're making food choices on their own, they want independence, yet they're still influenced by their parents," said Carrie Ainsworth, education outreach specialist for the FDA.

The agency will launch a campaign for parents next year reinforcing the same message, she said.

Another shopper, Sofia Rachi, 10, said she always reads food labels and likes to look at the colored boxes, but when pressed, the youngster admitted she didn't "really know what to look for."

Though the labels can be tricky even for adults, some nutrition experts say it is reasonable for children to grasp the concept by focusing on a few components.

Elisa Zied, a registered dietitian in New York and spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association, taught her 9-year-old son to read the nutrition labels on cereal boxes.

"I don't think it's unrealistic," said Zied.

"He knows when you're looking at cereal label that we're looking for high fiber, low sugar."

Lillian Tabacinic sent her son Eli to a nutritionist to learn about portion control and food labels when he put on weight after breaking a leg. But it took two years before he really grasped it, the Bal Harbour resident said.

"It takes awhile until they can mature to a point where they can understand it's not healthy," Tabacinic said.

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Parents concerned about Crocs

Soft-soled shoes are the cause of a number of injuries

BY SARAH KARUSH

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON At rail stations and shopping malls around the world, reports are popping up of people, particularly young children, getting their toes caught in escalators. The one common theme seems to be the clunky soft-soled clogs known by the name of the most popular brand, Crocs.

One of the nation's largest subway systems — the Washington Metro — has even posted ads warning riders about wearing such shoes on its moving stairways. The ads feature a photo of a crocodile, though they don't men-

tion Crocs by name.

Four-year-old Rory McDermott got a Croc-clad foot caught in an escalator last month at a mall in northern Virginia. His mother managed to yank him free, but the nail on his big toe was almost completely ripped off, causing heavy bleeding.

At first, Rory's mother had no idea what caused the boy's foot to get caught. It was only later, when someone at the hospital remarked on Rory's shoes, that she began to suspect the Crocs and did an Internet search.

"I came home and typed in 'Croc' and 'escalator,' and all these stories came up," said Jodi McDermott, of Vienna, Va. "If I had known, those would never have been worn."

According to reports appearing across the United States and as far away as Singapore and Japan, entrapments occur because of two of the biggest selling points of shoes like Crocs: their flexibility and grip. Some report the

shoes get caught in the "teeth" at the bottom or top of the escalator, or in the crack between the steps and the side of the escalator.

The reports of serious injuries have all involved young children. Crocs are commonly worn by children as young as 2. The company introduced shoes in its smallest size, 4/5, this past spring.

Niwot, Colo.-based Crocs Inc. said it does not keep records of the reasons for customer-service calls. But the company said it is aware of "very few" problems relating to accidents involving the shoes, which are made of a soft, synthetic resin.

"Thankfully, escalator accidents like the one in Virginia are rare," the company said in a statement.

In Japan, the government warned consumers last week that it has received 39 reports of sandals — mostly Crocs or similar products — getting stuck in escalators from late August through early September.

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THE BEHOLDERS

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Guests admire the artwork at Step Up on Second's 4th Annual Art Heals Event at the Lowe Gallery on Wednesday. The original works were created by people living with a diagnosed mental illness.

City looks to keep eye on traffic

Council likely to give green light to red light camera project

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL It's a question that every driver must ask themselves when approaching a yellow light: Should I slow down or speed up?

Those who chose the latter could soon find in their mail box a \$380 ticket (which includes court costs and a penalty assessment) and a point deducted from their drivers' license as the City Council looks to install red light cameras as part of a one year pilot project.

The council is expected to decide tonight whether or not to move forward with the estimated \$171,900 experiment, which police officers believe will significantly reduce accidents at intersections where the cameras will be installed.

The intersections that would be targeted if the project is approved have not yet been identified, said Councilman Bob Holbrook, who raised the need for the cameras at a council meeting in March.

"I think the council's really in favor of doing this," Holbrook said. "We are all seeing a lot of red light running. It really has become a problem and a lot of the running is being done by the same people over and over again."

Holbrook hopes installing cameras at three intersections will be enough to force people to stop and does not see the need to blanket the entire city in order to have an impact.

controversial, with many motorists coming out against them, claiming the technology has not been perfected and is an invasion of privacy. Some have suggested making yellow lights longer.

There have been lawsuits challenging the use of the cameras, saying they violate a constitutional right to due process. Some cities have stopped using the cameras because of the cost of fighting lawsuits.

In a report completed by the California

camera system is adopted, said officials with the Santa Monica Police Department.

Red light cameras are positioned at intersections in such a way that they can capture images of cars, their drivers and their license plates if a motorist enters an intersection when a traffic light turns from yellow to red. Some cameras are capable of making a short video clip that captures the full violation, a better way of confirming that a driver did run a red light.

SMPD officials said the photo system is not indiscriminate in nature and captures only the specific drivers and vehicles that violate the law. Any passengers in the vehicle are not contained in the photograph.

That said, resident Julie Rosa said she still does not like the idea of installing cameras because she feels they are a violation of her right to privacy.

"I think it would be terrible," Rosa said as she stood near the corner of Broadway and Seventh Street. "It's Big Brother watching you. We're watched enough as it is. We don't need any more cameras."

Rosa's friend Asha Gurung was on the opposite side of the debate. She believes red light cameras will help decrease the number of drivers running red lights and in turn will protect motorists and pedestrians.

IT'S BIG BROTHER WATCHING YOU. WE'RE WATCHED ENOUGH AS IT IS. WE DON'T NEED ANY MORE CAMERAS."

Julie Rosa, Resident

Studies have shown that the cameras do work. The Texas Transportation Institute. In a study released in January 2005, found that intersections equipped with cameras saw a 40 percent decrease in violations. They also found that cameras had a "halo" effect, where nearby intersections also saw a drop in violations — Dayton, Ohio reported a 9 percent drop in accidents at all city intersections after launching a red light program.

That said, red light cameras have been

State Auditor in 2002, their legal counsel advised that a literal reading of the state law limits the photographs taken by red light cameras for enforcing traffic signal violations.

However, some law enforcement agencies have asserted that other legal principals permit the usage of the photographs in criminal investigations.

The City Attorney would have to review the legal findings in the event a red light

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Council spreads word about new beach club

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circuits and the installation of new lighting fixtures.

The following locations have been identified as the highest priority and will be upgraded:

■ Santa Monica Boulevard from 12th Street to 16th Court; 17th Court to 26th Street; 26th Street to Centinela Avenue.

■ Main Street from Pico Boulevard to Strand Street, Strand to Norman streets; Norman to the south eastern city limits.

■ Fourth Street from Colorado to Pico boulevards.

■ Ocean Avenue from Bicknel to Hollister avenues.

■ Barnard Way from Hollister to Ashland avenues and Ocean Park Boulevard from Barnard to Nielson ways.

■ Nielson to Marine Street and Ocean Park.

■ Beach bike path and parking lots.

■ Lincoln Boulevard from San Vicente Boulevard to Alta Avenue; and from Wilshire to Santa Monica boulevards.

■ Ocean Park from Nielson to Seventh Court.

■ Nielson from Pico to Ocean Park.

The council appropriates money each year to upgrade the streetlight infrastructure. Dynalectric, which was one of six companies to bid for the contract, has done similar work for Burbank, Glendale, the Sepulveda Corridor for Los Angeles, and the city of Los Alamitos.

The TCM Group will inspect the construction work for \$293,062 under the proposal submitted by city staff.

KEEPING TABS ON THE INJURED

In an effort to improve and streamline the data collection process for fire fighters and emergency medical technicians, the council is considering purchasing a new tracking and reporting system for \$242,895 from Proper LLC.

Currently the fire department uses a tracking system that requires its employees to enter patient information manually, which is lengthy and inadequate, hampering the effective use of the data, according to a city staff report.

Proper's FireMed Pro system was deemed their clear choice in a detailed product comparison matrix developed by staff because it uses scanners to digitize hardcopy EMS forms, then automatically extracts patient care information and writes it to a database, where it is available for searching and reporting.

The system would allow data collection to occur at the fire houses rather than at a cen-

tralized location, allowing paramedics to scan their own reports.

CREATING A CULTURE

The Annenberg Community Beach Club is scheduled to open in January 2009, but without the proper marketing campaign, there may not be anyone around to attend.

That's why the council is being asked to approve a \$150,000-contract with AdamsMorioka Inc. for community education and outreach, special event marketing and cultural programming.

City staff believes it is important to present a consistent look and message through site signage, interactive media, and printed materials to contribute to the public's perception and recognition of the location. Essentially, they are looking to AdamsMorioka to help them create an identity for the public beach club.

The challenge for the beach club is to develop a site identity that reflects the unique characteristics of the site but one that also recognizes the identities of Santa Monica and state parks, city staff said.

AdamsMorioka has worked with Cal Arts, USC, RedCat Theater and the Sundance Companies.

The contract comes with an option to extend the score of services in an amount not to exceed an additional \$100,000.

STAYING INFORMED

Choosing a new product can be difficult, especially if you don't know what to look for. To assist City Hall in purchasing a new homeless management information system, the council is being asked to enter into a contract with consultant Canavan Associations in the amount of \$81,402.

Canavan will be called on to assist in the transfer of data from the current tracking system, and make sure that City Hall is complying with federal standards.

COLD CASE HEATING UP

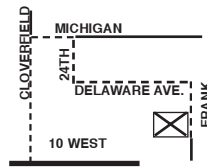
Tonight will not completely be about spending. The council will have the pleasure of accepting a \$58,993 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, which will help pay for the DNA/Advanced Forensic Evidence project, which have helped detectives solve five of Santa Monica's most troubling cold case homicides.

No local match is required for the grant. The funds will ensure continued access to the crime lab through December 2010. The grant gives the police department a "potent" investigative tool that is too expensive for the city to pay for on its own, according to a city staff report.

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The PRC is requesting proposals from qualified candidates for talent procurement and stage management of the Twilight Dance Series, a 23-year-old ten-week live concert series held annually in the summer on the Santa Monica Pier. Over 100,000 residents and visitors attend the concerts each year, which feature a variety of artists reflecting the diverse musical tastes of the community.

The selected contractor will be responsible for negotiating with and contracting artists to perform at the shows as well as handling hospitality such as ground transportation, hotel reservations, and other contractual and rider requirements; arranging for backline equipment and supplying workable tech riders to the sound company; providing payment to artists and music publishers and tracking and managing all expenses according to budget.

The RFP is available for viewing/download at www.santamonicapier.org

Please submit proposals no later than 5 p.m. on November 2, 2007 in Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF format to info@santamonicapier.org or mail proposals to:

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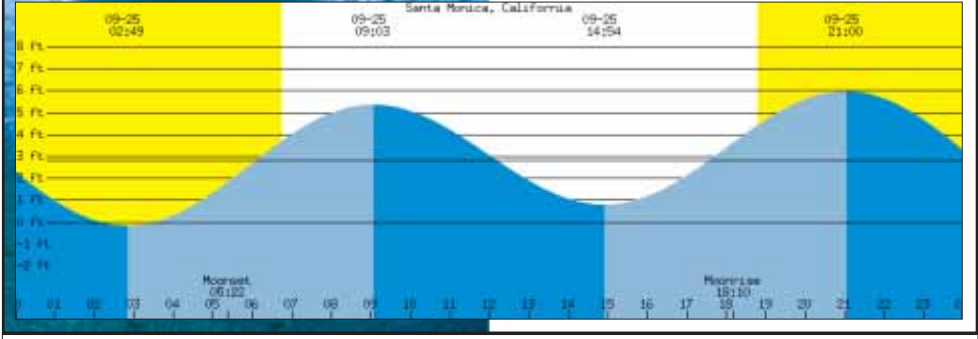
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Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 7 / ns

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Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
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Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildliffe Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	D	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	B	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	D	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A	ns

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken



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Local red light runners, get ready for a closeup

FROM CAMERAS PAGE 10

“Cameras can go in places where cops can’t go,” said Gurung, who sells incense, candles and other items at her shop on Broadway near Lincoln Boulevard. “I see a lot of people running red lights and it really makes it dangerous for those who are trying to cross the street.”

Gurung suggested placing cameras at intersections not heavily patrolled by officers, like on Pico Boulevard just east of Santa Monica College, where she said she sees plenty of red light violators.

That National Highway traffic Safety Administration reported that in 2000 more than 2.8 million intersection-related crashes occurred — representing 44 percent of all reported crashes. Motorists were also found to be injured in red light violation crashes more often than in any other type of crash. These numbers included about 8,500 fatalities and almost one million crashes involving injuries that occurred at or within a short distance from an intersection.

The cost for intersection-related crashes is approximately \$40 billion a year, according to the Federal Highway Administration.

In Santa Monica, the number of accidents caused by red light violators reached 73 in 2006, representing 3.9 percent of total accidents. That was down from a year ago when 95 accidents were caused by those failing to stop for a red light.

If cameras are installed, an SMPD employee would be responsible for reviewing images to determine if a violation occurred. The officer would then authorize a vendor to print and mail the citation, or reject a violation and have it removed from the system. The officer would also be required to testify in court.

The cost of operating a red light camera system varies depending on the number of violations. Equipment vendors vary in their costs depending on the options selected and the number of intersections

monitored. Some vendors offer a “no cost” program whereby the cost for the equipment is a flat rate and if the revenue generated from a particular intersection does not pay for the cost of the equipment, the cost is adjusted to a break even amount or the apparatus in question is moved to a

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Asha Gurung, Local shop owner

different intersection.

Current law forbids vendors from receiving a monetary percentage of each citation issued and it must be based on a flat rate, SMPD officials said.

Until a vendor is selected, the actual cost to the city is unknown, yet city staff estimates the minimal cost would be \$171,900. Nearly \$128,000 of which will be spent on salary for the police officer manning the system.

There are currently 20 local governments using automated red light enforcement and they include the city and county of Los Angeles, West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Culver City, Long Beach, Oxnard, Ventura and Garden Grove.

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Filmmaker sent to state prison

FROM PRISON PAGE 3

U.S. Attorney Daniel Saunders told the judge McTiernan was simply dissatisfied with his sentence.

“He’s made no genuine statement of contrition,” Saunders said. “He has not learned the lesson that this is unacceptable and will have consequences.”

In her sentencing statement, Fischer noted that McTiernan is worth \$9 million. He and his family would suffer while he is locked up, but “he won’t be the only depressed person in custody,” the judge said.

She cited McTiernan’s “sense of entitlement and absence of remorse” in sentencing him to prison.

Grimes said outside court he was disappointed in Fischer’s ruling and would appeal.

He disagreed with Fischer’s observation that McTiernan lived a privileged life and

simply wanted to continue it.

“He’s probably one of the most down to earth people I’ve met in Hollywood in my 30 years working here,” Grimes said of McTiernan.

Authorities say Pellicano, who is scheduled to go on trial next year, is the ringleader of a scheme that was used to get dirt on clients in legal disputes.

Prosecutors claim Pellicano bribed law enforcement and phone company employees to gather information, and that he illegally wiretapped actor Sylvester Stallone and other Hollywood notables.

They said he also had police officers run the names of more than 60 people, including comedians Garry Shandling and Kevin Nealon, through government databases.

Pellicano, who is being held without bail pending trial, has said he is innocent. He speculated during a jailhouse interview with The Associated Press last year that he might be the target of overzealous prosecutors.

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Deep pockets

Auction for Baldwin's charity includes campaign vacation

WILLIAM BALDWIN is auctioning a day on the campaign trail with Elizabeth Edwards, wife of presidential hopeful John Edwards, and a private falconry lesson with Robert Kennedy Jr. to raise funds for his

mother's foundation. Baldwin personally lined up the VIP packages for an online auction to benefit The Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund, which his mother established in 1996 after

surviving breast cancer. Baldwin and his brother Alec Baldwin sit on the board of the foundation, which provides grants to researchers. "I was very lucky ... to get a significant number of

people on board and committed," Baldwin told The Associated Press in a recent telephone interview. "And I think that sort of created somewhat of an aura, where people were like, `You know, we wanna

be in on this." Baldwin, who stars on ABC's new show "Dirty Sexy Money," said he hustled friends and family – in a nice way – to book the packages.

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GARNER THE PROUD MOM

JENNIFER GARNER, who stars in the upcoming film, "The Kingdom," says she's grateful that she can balance her career with motherhood. "My job is great to have as a mom," she tells Marie Claire magazine in its October issue. "I get to take long breaks and then work hard in a really concentrated way." Garner wed Ben Affleck in June 2005. Their daughter, Violet, will be 2 on Dec. 1. "She's pretty awesome. We're in that sweet spot before the `terrible twos,'" the 35-year-old actress says. "We definitely wonder what it would be like to have another – hopefully someday."

AP

Hudson steps behind camera

KATE HUDSON went behind the camera for "Cutlass," one of Glamour magazine's "Reel Moments" short films based on readers' personal essays. The goal of the competition, now in its third year, is to empower women by producing female-friendly short films and creating opportunities for actresses to direct. This year, the assignment was to capture the essence of happiness, the magazine said Monday. The contest began earlier this year with stories submitted to Glamour. The magazine narrowed down readers' submissions and asked Hudson, Kirsten Dunst and Rita Wilson to choose their favorites. Hudson, 28, selected "Cutlass," a generational tale about family and tradition. The short film co-stars Kurt Russell, Dakota Fanning, Virginia Madsen, Chevy Chase and Kristen Stewart. Dunst, 25, cast Winona Ryder in "Welcome," a modern-day ghost story, and Wilson, 50, directed "The Trap," starring Jeanne Tripplehorn as a woman who finds happiness in trying something new. The films will premiere Oct. 9 in Los Angeles. They will be screened Oct. 13 around the country.

AP



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Hop on the Web, Cancer

Happy Birthday!

You often want to try another approach or do something very different this year. More dynamic methods or approaches to daily life are likely. Others will encourage a change as well. If they poke and prod you, you will spontaneously take off and try something very different. Your family and domestic life feel different, for better or for worse. If you are single, everyone appreciates your attitude and openness. However, you might want more than what others can offer at first. Let time work in your favor.



Born Today

- Actress Catherine Zeta-Jones (1969)
- Actor Will Smith (1968)
- Actor Michael Douglas (1944)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Opportunities knock on your door. You might not be sure which way to go or what you will find. Evaluate and think knowing that an immediate answer might not be available. Sit down and take your time. Tonight: Ferret out other ideas.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Move a situation forward by debating its pros and cons with friends. A partner has many different ways of making a financial happening a possibility. Get to the bottom of a situation rather than create more problems. Tonight: Where your pals are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Take charge and understand what might be going on. Let someone else get to the bottom of an issue. See what motivates someone on a deep level. The unexpected occurs professionally or with an authority figure. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Examine the possibilities, even if you might feel considerable discomfort. An opportunity to break your patterns will help you grab a long-desired goal. You might not be sure, as you are on the other side. Take a leap of faith. Tonight: Hop on the Web.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision with a partner. Yes, the unexpected keeps curtsying in your backyard, but you can deal with it. Can't you? Realize all the options that are appearing. One must work, don't you think? Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might as well roll with the moment and the punches. Know when you don't want to tempt fate, as well as when it is futile to do so. Open up to possibilities rather than worry about what could happen. Tonight: Let others announce their intentions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Get into the right frame of mind to move forward and handle a problem. If you think a problem has arisen that might shake up the status quo, handle it as directly as possible. You will be much happier that way. Tonight: Easy does it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Let your imagination come forward. The unexpected thought or solution is probably the one that is going to work. Relax and let go of a situation. Understanding evolves with those who are close. Tonight: Ever playful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision with greater care. You could have a problem close to home that forces your hand. Real estate could be an issue right now. Rethink your decisions with a security-driven motivation. Tonight: At home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your instincts keep flowing, allowing you to swerve and avoid a hassle. You might want to rethink a decision with a more dynamic perspective. The unanticipated evolves, but don't be conservative right now. Plunge. Tonight: Out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might be full of fun and games, but you need to understand where a situation ends and begins. Sometimes the financial ramifications could be stunning, even to the Aquarian, who specializes in surprises. Tonight: Avoid unnecessary risks.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You have get-up-and-go on your side. Don't underestimate your creativity and ability to think. If you are open to suggestions, your power and ingenuity will only increase. Know when to say no. Tonight: Speak your mind.

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There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

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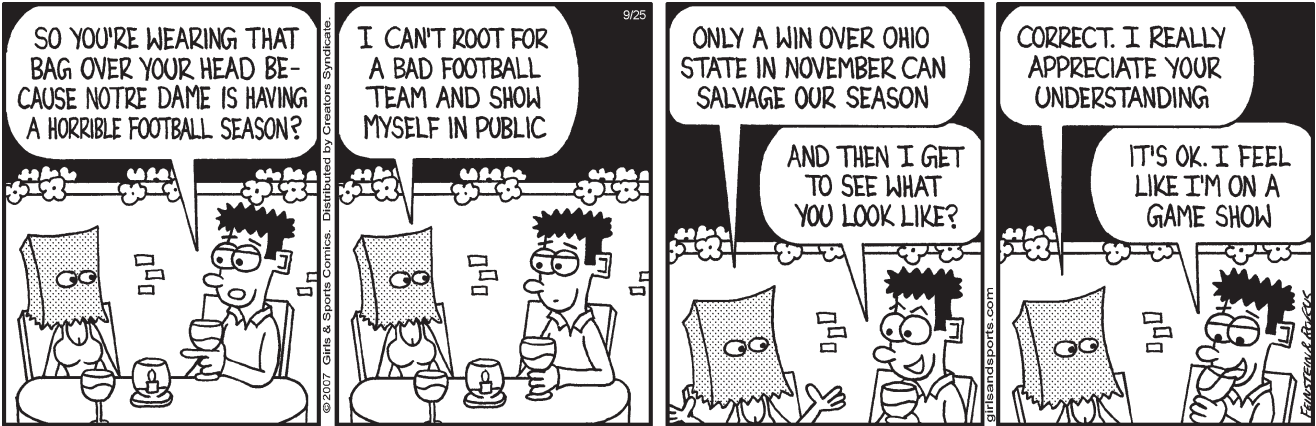
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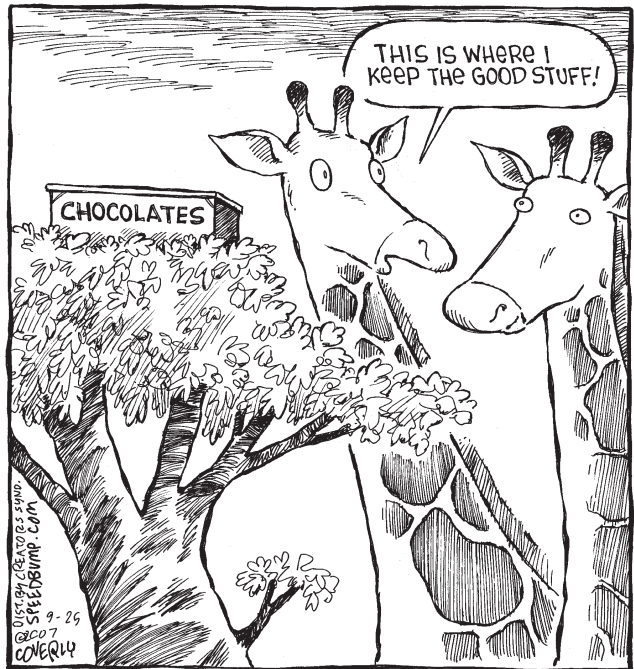
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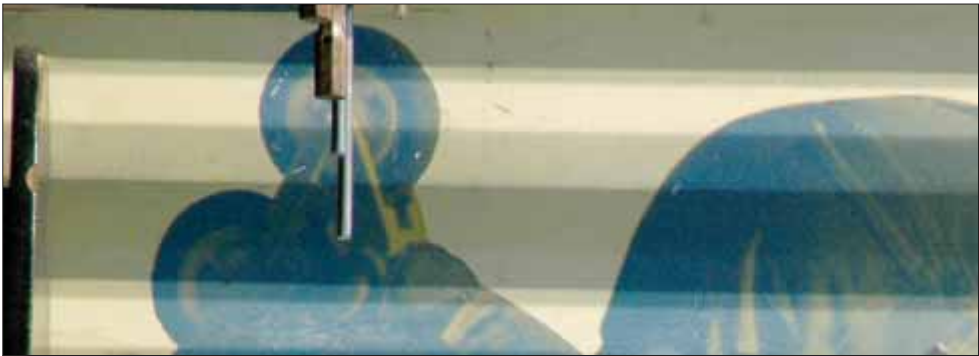
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Yesterday's answer

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- 19 Santa sound
- 22 Go against
- 23 Attacks, in a way
- 24 Solar event
- 25 "Lime-light" star
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Brian Blair, now a county commissioner in Tampa, Fla., asserted in a 2002 lawsuit that he had been forced into retirement from his previous career as a professional wrestler after he tripped over a tray of dishes and hurt himself at a Carrabba's restaurant. Blair announced in August 2007 that a settlement had been reached with Carrabba's, and thus he would not explain (according to a deposition cited by Carrabba's attorneys) how the "career-ending" injury allowed him to keep lucrative wrestling dates in Japan months after he fell, or how he registered a .089 blood-alcohol reading that evening even though he admitted to only one sip of wine, or how a sober professional wrestler accustomed to being thrown across a ring could be hurt so badly by a simple fall, or how a politician who generally abides a pro-business, anti-lawsuit philosophy could have initiated such litigation.

■ Can't Possibly Be True: (1) In July, the Houston School District, citing student privacy laws, declined to release last season's Bellaire High School baseball statistics (such as batting averages), even though requested by a player's parent. (2) The Perth, Australia, construction materials company GMA Garnet recently closed a deal to sell sand to Saudi Arabia, and shipments began in June. (Actually, it's a hard-grade sand better suited for sandblasting than that found in the Saudi desert.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1066 The Battle of Stamford Bridge marks the end of the Viking era.

1396 Ottoman Emperor Bayezid I defeats a Christian army at the Battle of Nicopolis.

1513 Spanish explorer Vasco Núñez de Balboa reached what would be known as the Pacific Ocean.

1555 The Peace of Augsburg is signed in Augsburg by Charles V and the princes of the Schmalkaldic League.

1690 "Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestick", the first newspaper to appear in the Americas, is published for the first and only time.

1789 The U.S. Congress passes twelve amendments to the United States Constitution: the Congressional Apportionment Amendment, the Congressional Compensation Amendment, and the ten that are known as the Bill of Rights.

1804 The Teton Sioux (a subdivision of the Lakota) demand one of the boats from the Lewis and Clark Expedition as a toll for moving further upriver.

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Anyone may submit written comments within 30 calendar days of the date of publication of this notice. The comment must be sent simultaneously to the Regional Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, Harborside Financial Center Plaza Five, Suite 1600, Jersey City, New Jersey 07311, and to the attention of Jennifer Marre of Merrill Lynch Bank & Trust Co., FSB to its address stated above. Written comments in opposition to establishment of the proposed branch should address the regulatory basis for denial of such application, and be supported by the information specified in 12 C.F.R. Section 516.120(a). You may request a meeting on such application by including a written request for a meeting with your comment to OTS. Your request should describe the nature of the issues or facts to be discussed and the reasons why written submissions are insufficient to adequately address these facts or issues. OTS will grant a meeting request only when it finds that written submissions are insufficient to address the facts or issues raised, or otherwise determines that a meeting will benefit its decision making process. You may view the non-confidential portions of all comments filed with OTS by contacting the OTS Regional Office listed above. This information is available for public viewing at the appropriate OTS Regional Office during regular business hours. If you have any questions concerning these procedures, contact the OTS Regional Office at (201) 413-1000.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Date of Filing Application: SEPTEMBER 12, 2007

To Whom it may concern:

The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: CLOCK TOWER RESTAURANT PARTNERS LP.

The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 225 SANTA MONICA BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401-2207.

Type of License(s) Applied for: 47 - ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE.

Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control INGLEWOOD.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS # CA-07-87028-MS Loan # 0322100231 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 6/10/2004. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state,

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will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): KIM FORDKIM FORD, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN Recorded: 6/21/2004 as Instrument No. 04-1574034 in book XXX, page XXX of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of LOS ANGELES County, California; Date of Sale: 10/15/2007 at 10:30 AM Place of Sale: At the West side of the Los Angeles County Courthouse, directly facing Norwalk Blvd., 12720 Norwalk Blvd., Norwalk, CA. Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$252,215.85 The purported property address is: 1950 CLOVERFIELD BLVD #5SANTA MONICA, CA 90404 Assessors Parcel No. 4274-023-028 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 9/19/2007 Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 714-259-7850 or Login to: www.fidelityasap.com Reinstatement Line: (619) 645-7711 ext 3704 Linh Tran, If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT. THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. ASAP# 896743 09/25/2007, 10/02/2007, 10/09/2007

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER CHEW HEULINGS aka CHRISTOPHER C. HEULINGS aka CHRIS HUELINGS

Case No. SP007271

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CHRISTOPHER CHEW HEULINGS aka CHRISTOPHER C. HEULINGS aka CHRIS HUELINGS

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

THE PETITION FOR PRO-BATE requests that Joanne Heater be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Nov. 2, 2007 at 9:15 AM in Dept. No. R located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.

IF YOU OBJECT to the grant-ing of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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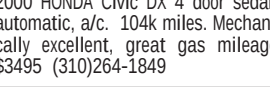
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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JACOB STOLMACK in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JACOB STOLMACK be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ALVIN S. STOLMACK CASE NO. SP007266

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JACOB STOLMACK be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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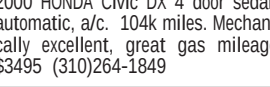
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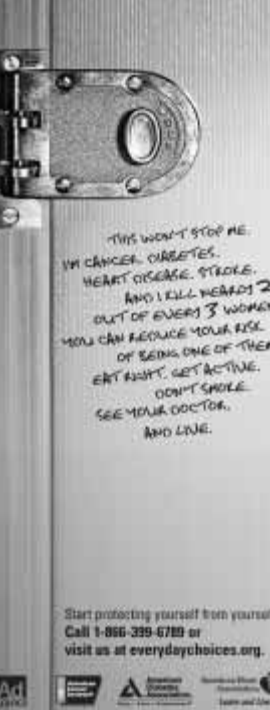
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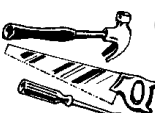
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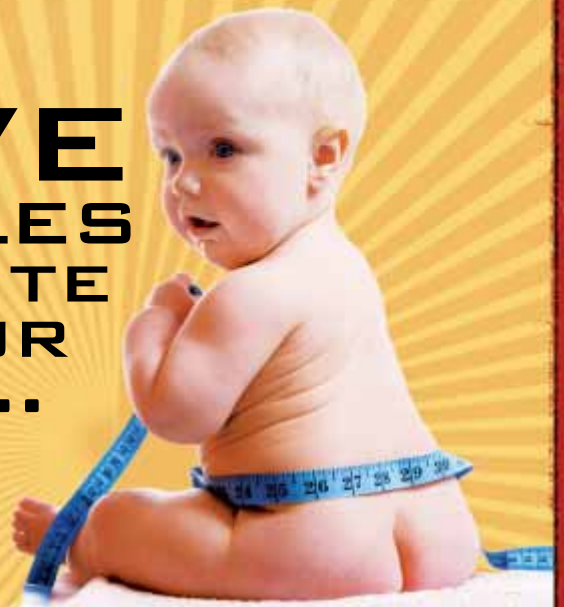
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