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Stumping for the trees

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN A green fluorescent flier sits in the window of a jewelry store on Fourth Street, advertising a campaign to save the ficus trees that stand outside.

"They're beautiful and they help shade the street," said William Bubar, owner of Bubar's Jewelers on the corner of Fourth Street and Broadway.

The 62-year-old jewelry store, which predate the ficus trees on Second and Fourth streets, is on the growing list of downtown businesses showing their support for a grassroots effort to keep City Hall from

uprooting the large, leafy specimens.

The Santa Monica Tree Savers formed a few weeks ago in response to the City Council's authorization of an \$8.2 million streetscape improvement project that in addition to beautifying Second and Fourth streets, would uproot a few dozen mature ficus trees.

The proposal has been controversial especially among the environmentalists in town but has gained a strong following from business owners as well as residents. The project presented in August to the City Council calls for the removal of 54 ficus trees, 23 of which were identified as diseased and would be turned to mulch while the remainder would be relocated to elsewhere in the city. Each

uprooted tree would be replaced with two ginkgo biloba trees.

Eight businesses — all located on Fourth Street between Broadway and Santa Monica Boulevard — have posted the "Save These Trees" signs in their windows. Jerry Rubin, the activist leading the tree savers, said on Tuesday that he has yet to distribute the signs to north of Santa Monica Boulevard or on Second Street. He has gone to nearly every business to make his pitch against the trees' removal.

"It's just dumb," said Dimitri Lebid, a travel associate at Hostelling International

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS

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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/6/7/.

'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.

Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007

SoCal Poets of the '50s

1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

The Montana Avenue Branch Library presents an evening with 1950s poets as they discuss their works and memories. Mel Weisburd, original co-founder of "Coastlines Literary Magazine," and Estelle Gershgoren-Novak — who will be reading works by Gene Frumkin, Bert Meyers, and Thomas McGrath — will guest speak.

"A (Piece Of) Work In Progress"

1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m. — 9:10 p.m.

Inspired by life in West L.A. and the universal search for love, "A (Piece Of) Work in Progress" is the newest work from Juliette Marshall. For more information, visit www.santamonicaplayhouse.com.

Viva Villa

2332 W. Fourth St., L.A., 8 p.m.

"I Killed Pancho Villa," written and directed by Ruben Amavizca Murua, visits the last days of the legendary leader of the Mexican revolution. General tickets are \$15. Special \$11 tickets are available for Thursday performances. For more information, visit www.fridakahlotheater.org.

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.

The Santa Monica Laughter Club

717 Broadway, 11 a.m. — noon

Laughter Yoga combines yoga breathing with laughter exercises to increase health and vitality, decrease pain and everyday stress, and promote a more positive mental attitude. For more information, call Kim Selbert at (310) 471-5773.

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.



Italy drops civil claims against True

BY ARIEL DAVID

Associated Press Writer

ROME Italian officials said they will drop a civil lawsuit in the trial of the J. Paul Getty Museum's former curator after the Los Angeles institution formally signed a deal Tuesday to return 40 contested artifacts.

State lawyers will withdraw the civil lawsuit when the two-year-old trial of Marion True resumes Wednesday. But officials said dropping of civil charges will not stop criminal proceedings against True, who is accused of knowingly acquiring ancient treasures that Italy maintains were stolen or unearthed illegally and smuggled out of the country.

True denies wrongdoing, and top government lawyer Maurizio Fiorilli said the deal signed Tuesday could work in her favor.

"True's position is certainly less serious. ... In this case, returning the artifacts can be considered an extenuating circumstance," Fiorilli told reporters after the deal was signed at the Culture Ministry in Rome.

Fiorilli said the civil lawsuit against True's co-defendant, American art dealer Robert Hecht, remains because the charges against Hecht include the alleged sale of other objects on the international market. Hecht too denies wrongdoing.

Getty Director Michael Brand said he hopes the agreement, reached last month after a year of negotiations, will put an end to the trial which is part of a wider campaign by Italy to crack down on the illegal antiquities market. Already, Italy has struck deals with two U.S. museums for the return of ancient Greek, Roman and Etruscan artifacts.

"We certainly hope, on the Getty side, that this new spirit of collaboration will lead to the end of that case and will allow the scholar to get back to her life, get back to her research," Brand said after signing the agreement.

All but one of the ancient treasures covered by the deal will be transferred to Italy by year's end. The last and most prized work, a 5th century B.C. statue of the goddess Aphrodite, will remain at the Getty until 2010.

"Long and complex negotiations end, but above all a new season of clearness begins in the purchase trade of archaeological goods," Culture Minister Francesco Rutelli said. "The agreement allows us to close a long discussion with the Getty."



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DIRTY WORK: From right to left; Santa Monica City Council members Kevin McKeown and Pam O'Connor join City Manager Lamont Ewell and Big Blue Bus representative Craig Perkins as they break ground on a new maintenance facility in downtown during a ceremony on Monday afternoon.

Rolling into the future

Big Blue Bus breaks ground on a new maintenance facility in town

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN With yellow hard hats on their heads and blue shovels in their hands, city officials broke ground earlier this week on a new, eco-friendly maintenance facility for the Big Blue Bus that will allow for the addition of longer articulated buses to the fleet.

The three-year construction project, located at 612 Colorado Ave., is expected to begin in February 2008 and be completed in early 2010, said Stephanie Negriff, the director of BBB.

"The key thing about this facility is that it will really allow for us to expand the service options we provide ... and enable us to grow in the future," said Negriff, who mentioned that the facility will have room for three articulated buses, which are capable of carrying more passengers.



Photo courtesy Big Blue Bus

FAST FORWARD: Artist's rendering of the new BBB facility.

"We are particularly excited about the environmental features of this building," which will be LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified, Negriff said.

The \$56 million project, which was designed by HOK Architects, will include sustainable features such as solar panels, a reclaimed water irrigation system for landscaping and light colored concrete in the bus yard to cool air temperature and reduce the "heat island" effect.

The 66,000-square-foot facility will have 5,000 square feet of offices, 20 new repair bays including two chassis wash bays, lock-

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Living in glass houses?

Editor:
Re: ("Bauer's critical of Critical Mass," SMDP, page 4, Sept. 24)
Hey Bill Bauer, how many lives do you think George Russel Weller would have taken if he plowed his bicycle through the Farmer's Market back in 2003? I highly doubt he would have made it past the guy who sharpens knives. He may have reached the honey guy if you take "pedal error" into consideration. The SMPD needs to redirect it's police enforcement to the Pico Neighborhood where they might actually stop some murders. Let he who hasn't broken a traffic law cast the first stone. Bauer, this means you.

Alejandro Cesar Cantarero II
Santa Monica

Mind your pen, ma'am

Editor:
While reading Susan Hartley's letter insinuating American military recruitment is evil ("No Child Left Unregistered," SMDP, page 4, Sept. 22) I got the same feeling in the pit of my stomach that I get from seeing child molesters in our library, hearing O.J. Simpson claim innocence, and the post traumatic memory of having wasted several dollars and hours of precious life to see Barbara Streisand in a train wreck called "Yentel."
Isn't it interesting that people like Hartley (ugh, I'm getting that feeling again) would have their heads cut off, or be imprisoned and tortured and raped and given over to all manner of unspeakable, ungodly, inhuman subjection at the hands of real evil if she wrote the exact same letter while living in reach of, oh, lemme see ... Osama bin Laden or others in Al Qaeda, the Taliban, the presidents of Iran, Syria, North Korea, Venezuela, Cuba, Somalia, Haiti, China, and at least several dozen other countries whose blood-ravenous leaders feast on dissenters such as she.
So, Ms. Hartley, you despise the U.S. military's recruitment of America's young adults, do you? Yet this same military is the guardian of the Ideals set forth by our Founding Fathers and so eloquently penned in our Constitution – particularly the First Amendment.
You will not be dragged away in the dead of night, Ms. Hartley; you will not be tried in a kangaroo court, or tortured, or sent to gulags, rape rooms, or dropped into machines used to shred live human beings instead of recyclable plastic bottles, a la Saddam's Iraq.
No, Ms. Hartley, none of these horrors shall befall you because of your misguided ideology and venomous pen. This is because you live in The United States of America and are protected in speech, in religious worship or lack thereof, in public assembly and redress of government. You see, it wasn't people like you and your circle who served and oft times died to protect freedom and prevent the above horrors from ever happening here, it was men like me, and women like my dear friend Cheryl Strong, permanently disabled as a direct result of her service to you and the nation she loves. It was because of Major Richard Crocker (USMCR), a Santa Monica policeman who gave his life helping children while fighting terrorists during his third tour of duty.

Go ahead, Ms. Hartley, speak evil of me, or Cheryl and Rick – each of us recruited in a high school or college, each of us and our Band of Brothers and Sisters who volunteered to protect you while enduring crappy weather, low pay, and lousy chow for years on end in places you haven't heard of; speak evil of our military if it makes you feel smarter, more "progressive," more uppity than the rest of us, but put your money where your snarling mouth is – bring your letter to the above mentioned countries in person, go ahead ... I dare you. And if you do, don't be surprised if you're rescued by a guy or gal in a uniform sporting a shoulder patch of the American flag. Hoorah.

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Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack

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L.A. dropped the (foot)ball

I LOVE NFL FOOTBALL, AND I'M NOT alone. From coast-to-coast, the NFL owns Sundays in the fall and winter. And I don't care who you are or where you live, I can already tell you where you're going to be on the last Sunday in January next year: at a Super Bowl party watching a football game. As a New England Patriots fan (not a band-wagoneer, I'm actually from Boston), I'm lucky because I know there's a good chance my home-town team will be playing in that game. But if I was a kid growing up in Los Angeles, I wouldn't even care. Because if I was a kid growing up in Los Angeles, I know there is no chance my home-town team will be playing.

The worst part is the reason why that kid (and any other kid who has grown up here in the last 12 years) doesn't have a home-town NFL team to root for: because the city of Los Angeles doesn't understand that an NFL team needs a modern stadium. So while Maryland (for example) can build not one, but two NFL stadiums, the great state of California (among the top ten economies in the world) and the city of Los Angeles (the 2nd largest media market in America) can't even build one. And that's a crying shame because kids growing up in L.A. are deprived of the joy of football on Sundays.

It didn't have to be this way — L.A. had both the Rams and the Raiders playing here. But the Rams were playing in an outdated stadium in Anaheim, and the Raiders were playing at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, which the Rams had long since abandoned because it was too old). Then Personal Seat Licenses (giving fans exclusive rights to buy season tickets for a particular seat in a stadium) became the rage in the NFL. The money from PSL's became a powerful new revenue stream to provide financing for stadium construction — which could be used to lure a team to a new city. And that's exactly what happened.

With Los Angeles unwilling or unable to work out a deal to update either building, the Rams escaped to St. Louis and the Raiders returned to Oakland — and their owners pocketed hundreds of millions of dollars in the process. At the end of the day, it was the costs associated with the Northridge Earthquake which convinced the L.A. Sports Commission not to renovate the Coliseum, and it was that incredibly short-sighted decision which cost L.A. — and the kids growing up here — their home-town NFL team.

Since then, Los Angeles has gotten further and further out of touch with the realities of becoming an NFL city. With the Rams and Raiders gone, there are only two ways to get pro football back: relocation or expansion. But when Baltimore used a new stadium and PSL money to entice the Browns to leave Cleveland in 1995, relocation was off the table. That left expansion.

Unfortunately, starting an NFL team

from scratch takes money — and lots of it. And when then-Governor Gray Davis wouldn't allocate \$150 million of public money to build parking garages for a new stadium in 1998, he told any potential team owner that they shouldn't expect any love from the city or the state. The NFL got the message there isn't really any interest in having a team here, and the great city of Los Angeles, the capital of America's entertainment industry, was shown up by Houston, Texas (which had a \$300 million stadium plan in place and an owner ready to pay the \$700 million franchise fee) when it was granted the NFL's 32nd team.

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Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying the city of Los Angeles needs an NFL franchise. This isn't Cleveland, Ohio or Green Bay, Wisconsin — so it's not like the city's identity is tied to its pro football team. There is no question that the city's bread will always be buttered by the film and television industries. But how can Los Angeles not have NFL football when the Rams were here before the Lakers or the Dodgers? It just doesn't make any sense to me that a city in Southern California (of all places) can have two pro hockey teams and no pro football team.

The worst part is how L.A. has been played for a fool ever since. Team owners in Cincinnati, Tampa Bay, and Seattle have all used L.A.'s lack of NFL football as leverage to secure some kind of public financing for new stadiums, while kids growing up in here have to choose between the Trojans or the Bruins — and never have a team to root for on Sundays.

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The Rand Stand

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How to stop Iran?

AS IRAN CONTINUES TO EXPAND ITS nuclear development program, and moves ever closer to acquiring nuclear weapons, many agree that something must be done. But what? Bush's disastrous foreign policy — especially the Iraq fiasco — has led many to conclude that diplomatic "engagement" is our best hope for stopping Iran's nuclear program. But while Bush's policy is a failure, engagement is not the solution.

Bush's "moralistic" approach, we're told, entails denouncing nations as evil, refusing negotiations, and isolating and punishing hostile regimes. That, many believe, is how we landed in the catastrophe of Iraq.

And now Bush's moral denunciations of Teheran have supposedly escalated the nuclear standoff, while his policy of pressuring and isolating Iran by limiting its use of foreign banks has made Iran more defiant. That is why, diplomats claim, Iran responded to the latest American-backed U.N. sanctions by ramping up production of nuclear material. Military conflict, they warn, and an Iraq-like debacle, loom.

But engagement can supposedly end the Iranian threat bloodlessly, because it discards inflexible moral dogmas. Just as Iran has shown it will meet "confrontation with confrontation," proponents write in the New York Times, so Iran will "respond to what it perceives as flexibility with pragmatism." Iran's recent release of 15 British hostages, we are told, was achieved precisely because Britain engaged in nonjudgmental, patient diplomacy. Putting aside our moral qualms about talking with monsters would free us to negotiate a deal whereby Iran stops its nuclear program in exchange for Western carrots.

This scheme presumes that Iran, like us, seeks peace and prosperity and that no one — not even the mullahs — would put their moral ideals before a steady flow of loot. But in the three decades since its Islamic revolution, Iran has dedicated itself to spreading its moral ideal — Islamic totalitarianism — by force of arms. Teheran spends millions every year, not to pursue prosperity for its tyrannized citizens, but to finance terrorism and to build a nuclear arsenal to wield against enemies of Allah. It is Iran's commitment to the goal of subjugating infidels, not a quest for peace, that motivated its backing of the Hezbollah-Hamas war against Israel and its support for insurgents who slaughter American troops in Iraq.

Would diplomatic "incentives" encourage Iran to mitigate its ideology? No, they would only intensify its hostility. Negotiations buy Iran time; a settlement would provide loot to

fund its nuclear program. Above all, diplomacy grants Iran moral legitimacy as a civilized regime: its hostile goals — "death to America" — and its murder of our citizens are made to seem reasonable differences of opinion. Such appeasement confirms the perverse notion that Allah's warriors, materially weaker but morally self-righteous, can succeed in bringing down the mighty infidel West. The real lesson of the recent hostage incident is how readily Western nations will grovel to appease Iran's blatant aggression.

The amoral policy of engagement fails for the same reason that Bush's policy fails: both reject the need of morality in foreign policy. Iran is intransigent — but precisely because Bush's policy merely pays lip service to rational moral principles.

What has been the administration's response to Iran's nuclear quest, to its funding of terrorists and Iraqi insurgents, to its hostilities stretching back to the 1979 invasion of our embassy? Did it morally judge Iran as an enemy regime waging war on America and fight to defend U.S. lives by militarily crushing Iran?

No. After 9/11, Washington cordially invited Iran into an anti-terrorism coalition; later, Bush denounced Iran as part of an "axis of evil"; now, he embraces diplomatic talks. To the extent that his administration does momentarily recognize Iran's evil, its response has been ludicrous: to thwart Iran's nuclear program, U.S. diplomats scrounged for votes at the U.N. to pass toothless sanctions, and tried to put financial "pressure" on Iran (e.g., by preventing it from trading oil in dollars), an absurdly futile scheme (Iran now trades in euros).

Moreover, when Bush has gone to war, it was not to crush an evil enemy, but to bring it "democracy." Bush's messianic crusade in the Middle East is a selfless war of sacrifice to needy Afghanis and Iraqis — not a war to uphold the moral goal of safeguarding the lives of Americans.

The rational alternative to both of these self-destructive approaches is a policy committed to American self-defense, on principle. It is a policy that morally judges Iran — and that ruthlessly renders Iran non-threatening by military force. That does not mean a selfless, Iraq-like crusade to bring Iranians the vote. It means upholding the moral right of Americans to live in freedom by destroying Teheran's Islamic totalitarian regime. Nothing less will do.

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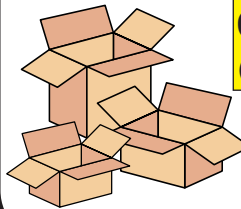
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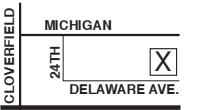
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The ficus fiasco continues

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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Call to action

Governor emphasizes urgency to cut global warming at summit

CHARLES J. HANLEY

AP Special Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS With tales of rising seas and talk of human solidarity, world leaders at the first United Nations climate summit sought Monday to put new urgency into global talks to reduce global-warming emissions.

What's needed is "action, action, action," California's environmentalist governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, told the assembled presidents and premiers.

The Bush administration showed no sign, however, that it would reverse its stand against mandatory emission cuts endorsed by 175 other nations. Some expressed fears the White House, with its own forum later this week, would launch talks rivaling the U.N. climate treaty negotiations.

President Bush didn't take part in the day's sessions, which drew more than 80 national leaders, but planned to attend a small dinner Monday evening, a gathering of key climate players hosted by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Ban set the day's theme in his opening speech, declaring that "the time for doubt has passed" on the issue of global warming

and calling the U.N. climate talks "the appropriate forum for negotiating global action."

He organized the one-day summit to build momentum for December's annual climate treaty conference in Bali, Indonesia, when Europe, Japan and others hope to initiate talks for an emissions-reduction agreement to succeed the Kyoto Protocol in 2012.

The 175-nation Kyoto pact, which the U.S. rejects, requires 36 industrial nations to reduce carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases. It set an average target of a 5 percent cut below 1990 levels by 2012 for emissions from power plants and other industrial, agricultural and transportation sources.

Advocates for emissions reductions say a breakthrough is needed at Bali to ensure an uninterrupted transition from the 1997 Kyoto pact to a new, deeper-cutting regime, something that almost certainly would require a change in the U.S. position.

The chief U.N. climate scientist, Rajendra Pachauri, told the summit of the mounting evidence of global warming's impact, including the accelerating rise in sea levels as oceans expand from heat and the runoff of melting land ice.

"The time is up for inaction," he said.

A Pacific islander, President Emanuel Mori of the Federated States of Micronesia, told the summit that encroaching seas are already destroying crops, contaminating wells and eating away at his islands' beaches.

"How does one explain to the inhabitants that their plight is caused by human activities done in faraway lands?" he asked.

STATE BRIEFS

RANCHO MIRAGE

Three teens killed when car strikes tree

Three teenagers were killed in a car that jumped a curb and slammed into a tree. Driver Tabitha Lyndsay Loftis of Palm Desert and passengers Stefan Bartek Snyder-Plati and Stephano Massotti, both of Rancho Mirage, were killed in the Monday afternoon crash. All three were 17-year-old students at Marywood-Palm Valley High School.

Front seat passenger Mazzotti was the only teen wearing a seat belt.

It wasn't clear what led to crash on Morningside Drive. No other vehicles were involved.

"The car was wrapped around a tree in the center (median)," Riverside County sheriff's Deputy Jerry Franchville said.

It was unclear if speed was a factor in the crash. The speed limit is 25 mph.

Classes at the 500-student Marywood-Palm Valley High School were canceled Tuesday but counselors were available at the campus, associate head master Vince Downey said.

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LOS ANGELES

Stamp honors slain L.A. Times journalist

Hispanic journalist Ruben Salazar, who was killed during an anti-Vietnam War riot in 1970, is being honored with a postage stamp.

Postmaster General John E. Potter said Monday that the commemorative Salazar stamp will be issued next year.

"By giving voice to those who didn't have one, Ruben Salazar worked to improve life for everybody. His reporting of the Latino experience in this country set a standard that's rarely met even today," Potter said.

Salazar was a Los Angeles Times reporter who covered the Vietnam War and then became news director for the Spanish-language television station KMEX in January 1970.

He was 42 when he was killed by a tear gas projectile fired by a sheriff's deputy while covering anti-war rioting in East Los Angeles on Aug. 29, 1970.

"Ruben Salazar put an indelible stamp on the profession of journalism in Los Angeles," Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said.

AP

JOSHUA TREE

bodies found in burning car

Two charred bodies were found inside a burning car in a remote high desert area.

Firefighters responding to a brush fire Monday afternoon found the bodies in the burning vehicle in the Sunfair area, the San Bernardino County Fire Department reported.

The cause of death and names of the dead weren't known, sheriff's Sgt. Mike Lewis said.

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BUSINESS

Litigious gas project hit with second suit

BY BOB MOEN

Associated Press Writer

CHEYENNE, Wyo. A second lawsuit is being filed against plans to drill 2,000 new oil and gas wells in the Atlantic Rim area of south-central Wyoming.

A coalition of conservation groups planned to file suit Tuesday in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, seeking to halt the drilling until its environmental impacts are studied further.

They contend the U.S. Bureau of Land Management didn't do a good enough job studying the impacts on wildlife and habitat.

A spokesman for the BLM office in Wyoming said the agency conducted a thorough environmental analysis that took about a year to complete and worked closely with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department to protect wildlife.

The development plan approved by the BLM would allow up to 1,800 new coal-bed methane wells and 200 new conventional oil and gas wells in the Atlantic Rim, which is located south of Rawlins.

The wells are in addition to 2,780 conventional gas wells previously approved by the agency in south-central Wyoming. Another 10,190 wells are pending approval.

Along with the drilling, the development would create 1,000 miles of pipeline and 1,000 miles of new roads.

The Atlantic Rim project is expected to

yield some 1.35 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, enough to heat nearly 20 million homes for a year, according to the BLM.

Over 50 years, the project would generate an estimated \$320 million in federal mineral royalties plus \$271 million in state severance taxes, according to the BLM.

The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, which represents hunters and anglers, filed a lawsuit in Washington D.C. last month, saying the BLM approved the drilling despite finding that elk, mule deer and antelope habitat along the Atlantic Rim would be damaged.

The newest lawsuit comes from a coalition made up of the Biodiversity Conservation Alliance, the Wyoming Outdoor Council, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Western Watersheds Project and the Wyoming Wilderness Association.

Sharon Buccino, attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, said the coalition's lawsuit challenges actual applications for drilling permits and development plans where-as the hunting organization's lawsuit challenges the overall decision to allow drilling.

The new coalition lawsuit contends the BLM didn't adequately study the environmental impacts because it failed to plan where the wells, roads and pipelines would go and failed to consider the impact the drilling would have on methane seeps that have been found in the area.

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Real Estate 101

Mike Heayn

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Turn profits on fixer uppers

NOW THAT THE QUICK HOUSE FLIP market is drying up due to lower appreciation, investors are getting back to basics when purchasing fixer-uppers.

The first thing to remember when purchasing a fixer-upper is your exit strategy. Before you even make an offer, figure out what the property will sell for in today's real estate market. Be conservative, you do not want to place an unrealistic value on the property and have it sit on the market for several months. Remember, every month that goes by with no sale is another month you have to make the mortgage payment, which cuts into your profit. Make sure when running the numbers to include the correct costs of materials and labor. Also, figure out what profit you want to make. You are not buying a fixer-upper out of the kindness of your heart, but rather to turn a profit.

If the numbers make sense, investigate the area. The real estate mantra — location, location, location — is something you should keep in mind. No matter how beautiful you make a house, if it is next to a freeway and liquor store in a rough part of town you will find it more difficult to sell. Figure out who you are selling to — i.e. young professional, family or older individuals. A family is going to care about the schools in the surrounding area, while a young professional may care about the local entertainment. Make sure the location has what your potential buyer is looking for. Once again, you can change a house a million different ways, but you cannot change its location.

Curb appeal is important. Putting down sod, painting the exterior and giving a property curb appeal is the best way to attract potential buyers. It is almost pointless to invest large sums of money on the interior of a fixer-upper if you are not going to spend any money on the exterior.

Cosmetic improvements yield the best return. New interior paint and flooring/carpet will give you the best bang for your buck. Do not spend excessive amounts of money on projects that will yield little to no return. For example, fixing a cracked foundation, albeit very important, is not a profitable venture. Buyers expect a property to have a solid foundation. Other major projects that buyers expect to be taken care of are plumbing, electrical and roofing. Every property is different and some need certain repairs done, just remember not to get caught up in projects that cost a lot of time and money but yield little return.

When purchasing a fixer-upper, take the time to run the numbers, investigate the location, invest in curb appeal and make cosmetic improvements that will yield the highest returns. Remember when you are working on a fixer-upper, time is money and the faster you can sell a property, the more money you will make.

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Pictured from left: Richard Taylor, CEO and president of the First Private Bank & Trust, Richard Lawrence, executive vice president and regional manager, Tom Larmore, board chairman of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, and City Councilmembers Herb Katz and Pam O'Connor cut a ribbon during the bank's grand opening of its new location on the corner of Broadway and Fifth Street on Tuesday.

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VISIONS OF THE FUTURE
Artist renderings depict the future home of the Big Blue Bus maintenance facility.



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Big Blue Bus breaks ground

FROM BBB PAGE 3

er rooms, a training room, library, parts storage and other specialized areas. Employees will also have more parking — around 265 total spaces — so they will no longer have to use the bus yard.

The current facility was built for a much smaller and less technologically advanced fleet when it was opened back in the 1960s, BBB officials said.

“The size of the fleet and the number of buses required to make the daily roll-out has significantly increased in the last decade,” said Ralph Merced, BBB transit maintenance manager. “More buses out on the road mean more buses that need to be consistently maintained, fueled, cleaned and repaired. The expansion of the maintenance facility will allow us to have enough room to keep improving our services for many years to come.”

Officials are already looking at ways to expand services, especially along Pico Boulevard, where a quarter of the bus company’s passengers ride.

Elected officials praised the bus company for its service and the role it plays in the region’s transportation network, taking riders from Santa Monica to downtown Los Angeles, LAX, Westwood and Pacific Palisades.

“You are our ambassadors to the region,” said Councilman Kevin McKeown. “I’m proud when I see a Big Blue Bus. That’s truly Santa Monica on wheels saying, ‘Howdy folks.’”

When the maintenance facility was first being discussed nine years ago, there were plans to also build a new customer services center on the site, one that would enliven the corner of Seventh Street and Colorado, formerly home to the OPCC Access Center, which has since been relocated to the south side of the BBB headquarters thanks to private donations, grants and financial assistance from City Hall.

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Stephanie Negriff
BBB director

City officials scrapped plans for the customer services center after construction costs began to rise rapidly. Since then, BBB has made efforts to open a satellite service center near the corner of Third Street and Broadway, which should be opened sometime during the next few months.

“We’ve moved on,” Negriff said when asked how she felt about missing out on an opportunity to build the customer services center. “We would have liked to have been able to do that, but we are looking forward to our new maintenance facility and the development of a transit center [at the corner of Fourth Street and Colorado where the Exposition Light Rail line is expected to end]. That could be an opportunity to try something there.”

BBB has over 400 employees, operates 14 routes within 55 square miles and serves 22 million riders every year.

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Bus driver remembered

By Daily Press Staff

DOWNTOWN While they were gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking of a new maintenance facility, officials with the Big Blue Bus earlier this week said they felt it was important to take time to remember one of their own, driver Sharon Carter, who was shot and killed in front of her two sons Sunday evening.

Police believe that Carter, 31, who was believed to be two months pregnant, died almost immediately after being shot in the head while driving in the 9600 block of South Compton Avenue. Authorities said Carter’s boyfriend, Stephen Mark Picart, 33, was riding with her and her two sons, 4, and 14, when the couple began fighting. Picart allegedly pulled out a gun and shot Carter. He turned himself in on Monday, police said.

“This is a tragic loss,” said Stephanie Negriff, BBB director. “Sharon was the light of our organization ... She will surely be missed.”

Carter, who joined the BBB in January of 2007, quickly became a valued member of the organization and was known for her bright smile and her willingness to reach out to people in need.

BBB offered grief counseling for employees Tuesday and are expected to do the same today.

Funeral arraignments have not yet been made public.

According to reports, Carter and Picart were both bus drivers. Picart drove Los Angeles Unified School District students for a contract bus company called First Student.

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Trees scheduled to be removed within weeks

FROM TREES PAGE 1

on Second Street. "It doesn't make any sense."

Lebid, who considers himself to be an environmentally conscious individual, said he is considering chaining himself to a tree to show his support.

The flier went up a week ago at the Crossroads Trading Company, a clothing boutique on the east side of Fourth Street.

"We consider ourselves to be a green company and we wanted to support maintaining the visual aesthetics," said store manager Christie Cook. "We support city (hall) and whatever they need to do, but at the same time, we love the trees."

Not everyone wants such a sign in their window. Adamm Grittlefeld, who has owned Adamm's Gallery at the same Fourth Street location for 27 years, said he supports the removal project, feeling the trees in their current state pose a maintenance, lighting and safety problem.

"They're overgrown," he said.

The fliers were also posted on nearly every ficus trees located on Second and Fourth streets Sunday night by the Tree Savers. Those signs were removed on Monday. On Sept. 21, a sign was posted on the trees in question, notifying the public the removal process would begin in approximately 14 days.

Some business owners are undecided on the issue. Steve Spill, who recently allowed the Tree Savers to meet at his Magicopolis theater on Fourth Street after they were shown their way out of the Santa Monica Place gallery the week before, has yet to determine whether he supports the environmental activists or City Hall's plan.

Spill has learned about the plan from both perspectives. If the trees are healthy, he doesn't see a reason to move them, but if they are ill and hard to maintain, he isn't opposed to removing them.

"Jerry (Rubin) has said they're not diseased and the city has said they are," Spill said. "But nobody has said the reason to me."

Estimated to cost \$600,000, the tree removal is a small element of a much larger improvement plan.

The project, which covers Second and Fourth streets from Colorado Avenue to Wilshire Boulevard, would also beautify the two corridors, improving lighting, illuminating the remaining ficus trees and installing curb extensions.

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Following up on a promise

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM BEACH If Santa Monica wants to be known for providing the best beach experience possible, then City Hall should consider installing call boxes along Ocean Front Walk or create pod casts letting visitors know what conditions are like both in the water and in parking lots before they get off the freeway.

Blasting classical music was another suggestion, albeit not a popular one, made Tuesday by concerned residents and business owners during the Convention & Visitors Bureau's second annual Beach Summit, an open forum aimed at creating a new identity for Santa Monica that can be marketed to tourists around the world and to those right here at home.

Ideas flew from every direction as a crowd of roughly 60 participants broke off into three groups — environmental stewardship, safety perceptions and beach amenities and services.

In each group, elected officials, city employees and residents were asked to give their opinions as to what can be done to enhance the experience of those visiting local beaches.

"Santa Monica is definitely one of a kind. In no other city will you see an effort as open and inclusive as this," said Duane Knapp, president of BrandStrategy Inc., a consultant firm working with the CVB to develop a brand. "Santa Monica is really being pro-



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WRITE STUFF: Cheryl Bagby, marketing assistant at the Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau, writes down notes during a brainstorming session at the second annual Beach Summit on Tuesday.

gressive in the way they are doing this, incorporating the community and making them an integral part of the process."

The effort is part of an extensive research project by the CVB to create a brand for Santa Monica that conveys a powerful message to consumers, enticing them to come back time and time again. This is crucial, participants said, given the important role tourism plays in the local economy, generat-

ing \$30 million in hotel taxes alone.

The current brand promise is as follows: "Santa Monica ... the best way to discover L.A.; an unforgettable beach city experience filled with eye-catching people, cutting-edge culture and bold innovations. It is the essence of the California Lifestyle."

While residents may think Santa Monica's beaches already contain enough amenities to place

them amongst the nation's best, a study conducted by the bureau showed more work needs to be done.

Santa Monica failed to be included in a list of the 10 best beaches nationwide in several studies by prominent universities and the world-renowned Frommer's Guide, which many tourists rely on to rank the best destinations.

After surveying 300 people, including 101 beachgoers during the summer months last year, the bureau found that 21 percent of area residents haven't visited a local beach in the past two years. While beaches offer many things to see and do, cleaner water and sand would motivate people to visit more often.

Those interviewed said added amenities such as beach canopies, recycling bins, fire pits and planked walkways right onto the beach could attract more visitors along with higher quality vendor service and more festivals held in the off-season.

While safety was not identified as a major concern in the survey, participants renewed calls for more patrols at the beach, call boxes along the boardwalk so visitors can easily reach police and more information on what can be done to assist the homeless.

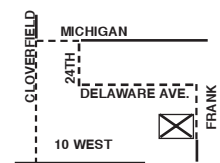
"Many people don't know how to deal with the homeless," said Laurel Rosen, director of sales and marketing for The Lobster restaurant. "It's really important that everyone does make an effort."

Misti Kerns, president of the CVB, said

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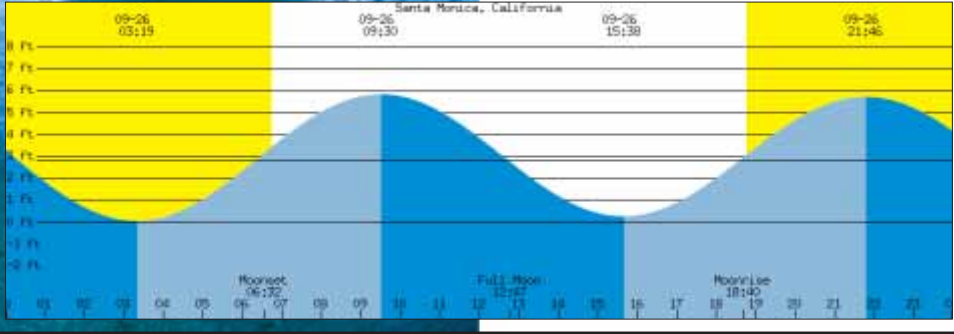
SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 64°

SWELL FORECAST (4-6 FT)
Today, NW should back off considerably as the SW ground swell begins to decrease in size. South facing breaks are looking best at chest high with 14-second periods. West facing breaks are looking at knee to waist high surf. Winds should remain offshore for the AM, perhaps a bit breezy from the NE though in wind-prone coastal areas, but for the most part, winds should be rather mild until early to mid afternoon.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
TRACKING SMALL NW FOR WEEKEND...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



BEACH REPORT CARD



NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **September 10, 2007**

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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 / ns

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

The Beach Report Card is made possible by a grant from 

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth (leocarrillo)	A	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
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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Beach Summit builds SM brand

FROM SUMMIT PAGE 11

her staff is working with local businesses on an ambassador program for employees working in the hospitality industry so that they can be trained on everything Santa Monica, including how to direct the homeless to services.

“The tools are out there, but businesses need to incorporate them in the training of their new hires,” Kerns said.

In addition to the ambassador program, there has been progress made in the area of public safety. Additional officers are being deployed to the beach and security cameras have been installed at the Santa Monica Pier and Third Street Promenade.

In addition to officers patrolling on foot, ATVs and on bicycles, some suggested placing mile markers along the bike path that would give people a better sense of where they are. Others called for better monitoring of public restrooms.

The restrooms continued to be a hot topic. Participants again voiced their frustrations with the current condition of local facilities, saying they often look filthy.

Elaine Polachek, director of Community Maintenance, said her staff is close to finalizing drawings for eight new restrooms. Polachek also said she is looking into purchasing trash cans with lids to keep garbage from making its way onto the beach. There is also some talk of getting trash cans that contain sections for glass, paper and other recyclables as well as refuse.

Continuing in the vein of environmental stewardship, those in attendance felt Santa Monica was doing more than other cities in terms of cleaning the bay and diverting urban run-off. However, there was a call for more outreach, including the posting of Heal the Bay's annual Beach Report Card, a report that indicates that several of the bay's beaches ranked high in cleanliness with the exception of the water surrounding the Santa Monica Pier.

Once again perception was key. Without education, visitors will continue to believe that Santa Monica's waters are dirty and unsafe to swim in, participants said. Some suggested more community projects with

partners like Heal the Bay and the Santa Monica Aquarium in which students from local schools could be involved in clean-up efforts and the planting of kelp beds or beach grass.

There was also a suggestion to offer visitors who park in the beach's lots a \$1 discount if they utilize biodegradable trash bags and use them to clean up after themselves.

THE TOOLS ARE OUT THERE, BUT BUSINESSES NEED TO INCORPORATE THEM IN THE TRAINING OF THEIR NEW HIRES.”

Misti Kerns
President of the CVB

As for amenities, more of them would be nice, including up-to-date information on parking, traffic and surf conditions which visitors could look at before heading out to the beach.

Former Mayor Nat Travis, also known as “Mr. Santa Monica,” suggested the city purchase a radio frequency and offer the latest information on traffic, weather and the surf. Signs with the radio frequency could be posted on the freeway heading into town so people could be prepared before they get to the beach. He also suggested pod casting.

Knapp, who has been monitoring the branding process, said Santa Monica is making progress and is continuing to show interest in enhancing itself. He said it is important to remember that the process is continuous and must evolve along with the city.

“You must involve the stakeholders on a regular basis,” Knapp said. “You have to constantly replace, renew and enhance ... This is a lifelong process.”

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Busted

Inebriated '24' star is arrested in L.A.

KIEFER SUTHERLAND was arrested early Tuesday for investigation of misdemeanor drunken driving after he was stopped for making an illegal U-turn and failed a field sobriety test, authorities said.

The actor was pulled over about 1:10 a.m. in West Los Angeles, said Officer Kevin Maiberger.

Sutherland, 40, tested over the state's legal blood alcohol limit of .08 percent, said Officer Karen Smith. Police declined to say what his blood-alcohol level was.

Sutherland spokeswoman Annett Wolf declined to comment.

The actor was released around 4 a.m. after posting \$25,000 bail, according to Sheriff's

Department records.

Maiberger said Sutherland was scheduled to appear in court Oct. 16.

Sutherland won a best actor Emmy last year for his role as agent Jack Bauer on the Fox TV series "24." The series is set to return to the air in January.

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DIPLOMATIC JOLIE

Foreign Secretary David Miliband will meet **ANGELINA JOLIE** in New York this week to discuss global diplomacy, British officials said Tuesday.

Miliband, the youthful British foreign policy chief, is seeking to soften the tone of global relations after Britain became involved in wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"He will meet Angelina Jolie in New York for talks," a Miliband spokeswoman said while speaking on condition of anonymity in line with ministry policy.

AP

Cracked rib doesn't keep Clooney off the red carpet

GEORGE CLOONEY didn't let a motorcycle accident keep him off the red carpet at the premiere of his new film, "Michael Clayton."

Clooney arrived with his girlfriend, Sarah Larson, who was also injured in Friday's accident in New Jersey.

"I'm doing fine, yeah – good, good, good," Clooney told Associated Press Television at Monday night's event. "I'm just, you know, dinged up a little bit."

Clooney, 46, and Larson were injured when their motorcycle and a car collided on a narrow road in Weehawken, across the Hudson River from New York. Larson was a passenger on the vehicle. Both were wearing helmets.

"I got a cracked rib, so I'm not jogging right now," Clooney joked. "No jumping jacks."

He wore a black suit and white shirt with no tie. Larson wore a knee-length black dress and was propped up on crutches. Her left foot was bandaged.

Clooney has been in the New York area to film the Coen brothers' "Burn After Reading," co-starring Brad Pitt, John Malkovich and Frances McDormand.

Pitt also attended the premiere, but bypassed the media on the red carpet.

When asked about how it seemed that he and Pitt coordinate everything, including projects, Clooney joked: "We do. We call each other –



we actually ask what we're wearing. He's wearing an all-white suit tonight."

Correction, Clooney: Pitt wore a black suit and shirt.

AP

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★ Dynamic ★★★★★ Positive ★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult

Happy Birthday!

You often feel between and betwixt, even more so this year. A Full Moon on your birthday implies many choices. Avoid looking at situations as either-or. You will be happier if you eye them and see how you can incorporate seeming opposites. Openness and dynamic thinking can only enhance your life. Single or attached, you might add to your home life, and find your life far more personable and happy. If you are single, you might be ready to nestle in.



Born Today

Tennis champion Serena Williams (1981)

Actress, singer Olivia Newton-John (1948)

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Hang out and do, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ By midday, you feel and live your power. The Moon in your sign gives you the green light. Work on a project that might be important. Your fiery ways could be focused on greater security and happiness. Tonight: As you like.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ As the day gets older, you might want to center on a personal matter. If you need to take some time off from the world, do so. Conversations become animated as the day progresses. Tonight: Allow your imagination to go haywire.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Possessiveness comes forward. You might want to rethink a decision about your home and security. Don't get into trivial or petty matters. Eye the big picture, and you will make excellent choices, because you are you. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a situation and get down to the root of a problem. Your ability to understand and see is enhanced. You'll like what occurs if you relax. Listen to what is happening with a friend. Communication is starred. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Reach out for others at a distance. You might want to rethink a situation more carefully. Listen to your instincts and follow through on what you think is important. Push could come to shove with communication. Tonight: Hang out and do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Be sensitive to spending as well as what you can and cannot do. Though you might have the best intentions and key goals, events could splatter the results. Start conversations with an eye to pursuing your goals. Tonight: Let someone else treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You have your hands full juggling. Listen rather than react. Even if you have the best intentions, problems could arise. Know when to lie back. Right now, others want to please you. Let it happen. Tonight: Say yes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ You might want to try something very different when handling a hot or brewing situation. Be careful. What you most fear is likely to happen. So dispel fear and work with a day-to-day situation wisely. Tonight: Early to bed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Knowing what you want usually helps you zero in on precisely that. Please note all the scattering of energy. Friends and loved ones mean well, though easily you could be on overload. Think positively. Tonight: People want you to appear. You have no choice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You might want to try a leap of faith. Understand what might be happening with a boss and/or family member. Your hands will be full juggling. Investigate and listen to feedback as you reach for the stars. Tonight: Aim high.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Work with someone and be clear. You will see a situation far differently given effort and energy. You could easily be overwhelmed by news and suggestions. Tonight: Visit with pals.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might need to do something very differently. There is no time like the present. Investigate alternate ways of handling your finances. You will be a lot happier with the results. Think positively, and the end results will work. Tonight: Plug in your conservative side.

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2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 9:55
In the Valley of Elah (R)
1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05
Silk (R)
1:35, 7:00
Stardust (PG-13)
4:05, 9:50

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3:10 to Yuma (R)
1:35, 4:20, 7:25, 10:20
Bourne Ultimatum, The (PG-13)
2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
Brave One, The (R)
1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 10:05
Mr. Woodcock (PG-13)
1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15
Resident Evil: Extinction (R)
DLP-Digital Projection
2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
Resident Evil: Extinction (R)
1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:20
Sydney White (PG-13)
1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

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Death at a Funeral (R)
12:00, 2:30, 4:50, 7:30, 9:55
Eastern Promises (R)
11:45am, 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:45

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2 Days in Paris
(Deux jours a Paris) (R)
12:45, 9:55
I Want Someone to Eat
Cheese With (NR)
3:10, 5:20, 7:30
Jane Austen Book Club, The
(PG-13)
12:00, 1:40, 2:40, 4:20, 5:20,
7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30
King of California (PG-13)
1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40

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1313 3rd Street
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Across the Universe (PG-13)
11:30am, 1:00, 2:30, 4:05,
5:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00
Fierce People (R)
12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
Good Luck Chuck (R)
12:00, 2:20, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
Shoot 'Em Up (R)
12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
Superbad (R)
1:10, 4:15, 7:10, 10:10

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Janric Classic Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty
SILVER

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GETTING STARTED

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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

9	1	7	2	3	6	4	8	5
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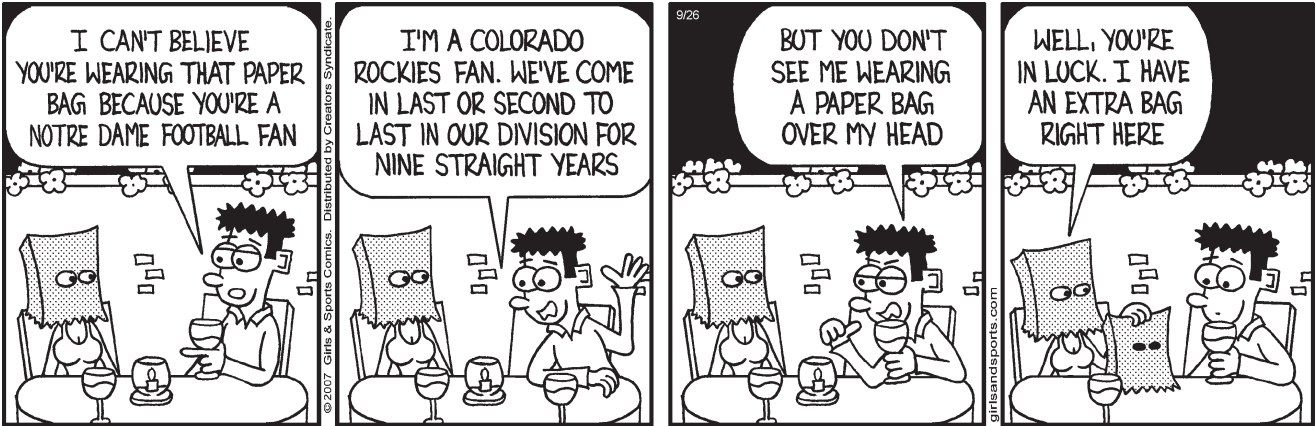
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE WEARING THAT PAPER BAG BECAUSE YOU'RE A NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL FAN

I'M A COLORADO ROCKIES FAN. WE'VE COME IN LAST OR SECOND TO LAST IN OUR DIVISION FOR NINE STRAIGHT YEARS

BUT YOU DON'T SEE ME WEARING A PAPER BAG OVER MY HEAD

WELL, YOU'RE IN LUCK. I HAVE AN EXTRA BAG RIGHT HERE



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose

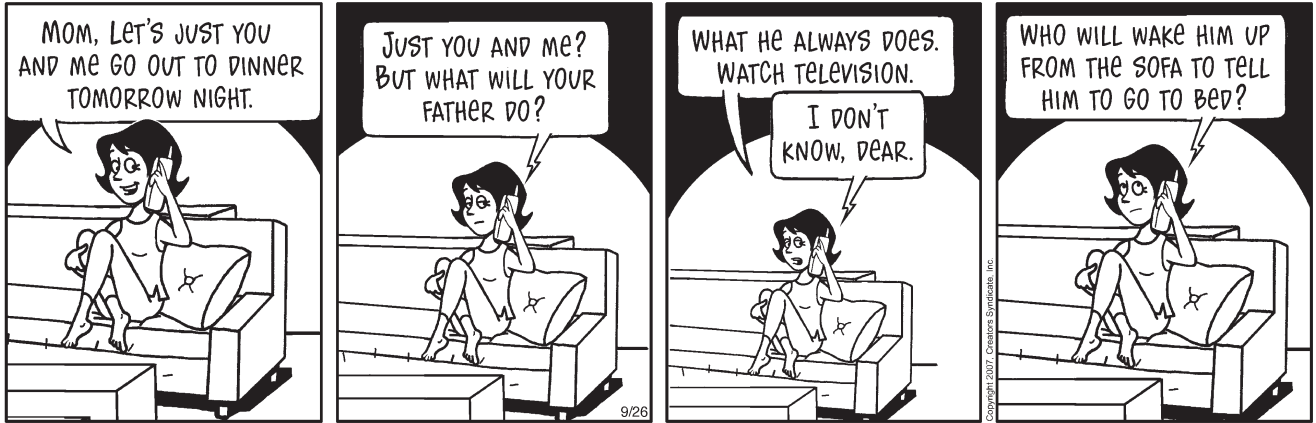
MOM, LET'S JUST YOU AND ME GO OUT TO DINNER TOMORROW NIGHT.

JUST YOU AND ME? BUT WHAT WILL YOUR FATHER DO?

WHAT HE ALWAYS DOES. WATCH TELEVISION.

I DON'T KNOW, DEAR.

WHO WILL WAKE HIM UP FROM THE SOFA TO TELL HIM TO GO TO BED?



The Other Coast

By Adrian Raeside

NEW RELEASES

IN REHAB

MUSIC



Garfield

By Jim Davis

MY UNCLE ROY WAS VERY WISE

ONE DAY HE TOOK ME ASIDE AND SAID, "SON..."

"DON'T PUT YOUR HEAD UNDER THE TRACTOR"

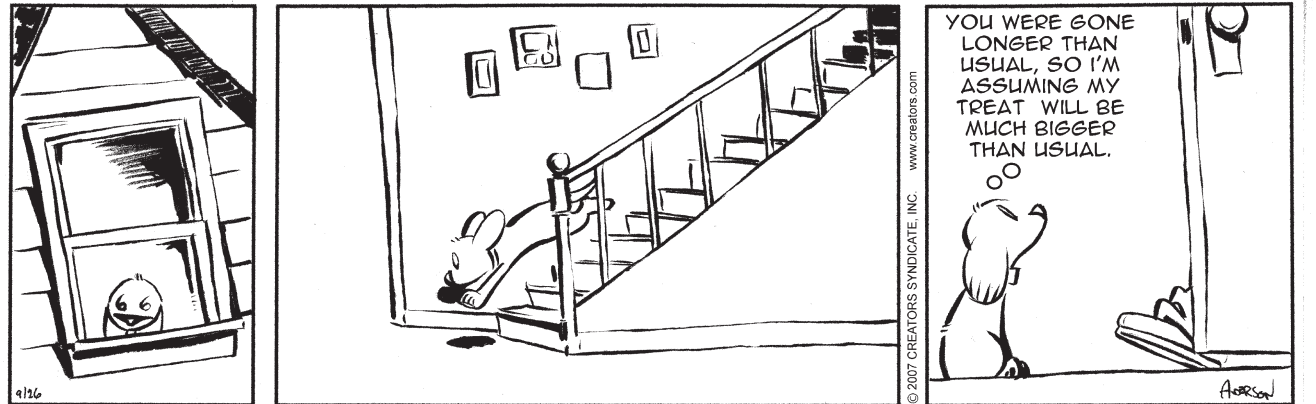
IF ONLY JON HAD LISTENED



Dog eat Doug

By Brian Anderson

YOU WERE GONE LONGER THAN USUAL, SO I'M ASSUMING MY TREAT WILL BE MUCH BIGGER THAN USUAL.



The Dinette Set by Julie Larson



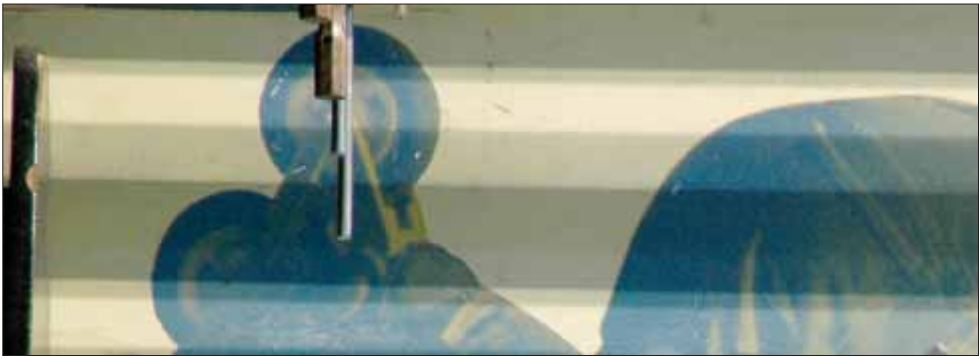
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 With 6-Across, eager
- 6 See 1-Across
- 10 Filmdom's Flynn
- 11 Motif
- 12 Wise words
- 13 Shower attendees, generally
- 14 Workout count
- 15 Desert sight
- 16 Vein contents
- 17 Harry's friend
- 18 Contrived
- 19 Most effervescent
- 22 Demand
- 23 "— La Douce"
- 26 Most giddy
- 29 Restful resort
- 32 Bee follower
- 33 Spoil
- 34 Beat at the track
- 36 Ripped
- 37 Spring month
- 38 New Guinea part
- 39 Baseball's Satchel

- 40 Raise in rank
- 41 Vast expanses
- 42 Carnival attractions

DOWN

- 1 Consider
- 2 Get Chinese, maybe
- 3 Bar for swingers
- 4 Attire
- 5 Flamenco cry
- 6 War god
- 7 Chart over
- 8 Last letter
- 9 Conviction
- 11 Like some beds
- 15 Skier Tommy
- 17 Make fun of
- 20 Last letter, in London
- 21 Numerical prefix
- 24 Jotting spot
- 25 Generally
- 27 Buddhism branch

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Yesterday's answer

- 28 Rover's rewards
- 29 Afternoon TV
- 30 Cocoon dwellers
- 31 Parts of hearts
- 35 Equips
- 36 Head for the hangar
- 38 Pricing word

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Norwegian Correctional Services revealed in August that 20 percent of convicted criminals who are given reporting dates to begin their sentences (a total of 1,799 last year) simply do not show up. The problem is compounded by the fact that Norway has no separate law requiring them to report. Said a regional prison director, "It's difficult to make plans for the prison terms when we have no idea who will show up and who won't."

■ Unclear on the Concept: The Federal Communications Commission famously imposed heavy fines for "indecentcy" against CBS for the brief, inadvertent glimpse it offered of Janet Jackson's right breast during the 2004 Super Bowl. The same "indecentcy"-concerned agency, however, issued a routine official notice in July listing call letters of TV stations it had recently approved, including, for a proposed station in Honolulu, KUNT. (The applicant, headquartered in Skokie, Ill., withdrew the requested letters when the Star Bulletin of Honolulu publicized the FCC's notice.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1580 Sir Francis Drake circumnavigates the globe.

1687 The Parthenon in Athens is partially destroyed after an explosion caused by the bombing from Venetian forces led by Morosini who were besieging the Ottoman Turks stationed in Athens.

1777 British troops occupy Philadelphia, Pennsylvania during the American Revolution.

1783 Fayette County, Pennsylvania created.

1789 Thomas Jefferson is appointed the first United States Secretary of State, John Jay is appointed the first Chief Justice of the United States, Samuel Osgood is appointed the first United States Postmaster General, and Edmund Randolph is appointed the first United States Attorney General.

1792 Marc-David Lasource begins accusing Maximilien Robespierre of wanting a dictatorship for France.

1810 A new Act of Succession is adopted by the Riksdag of the Estates and Jean Baptiste Bernadotte becomes heir to the Swedish throne.

1907 New Zealand and Newfoundland each become dominions within the British Empire.

1914 The US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is established by the Federal Trade Commission Act.

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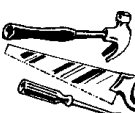
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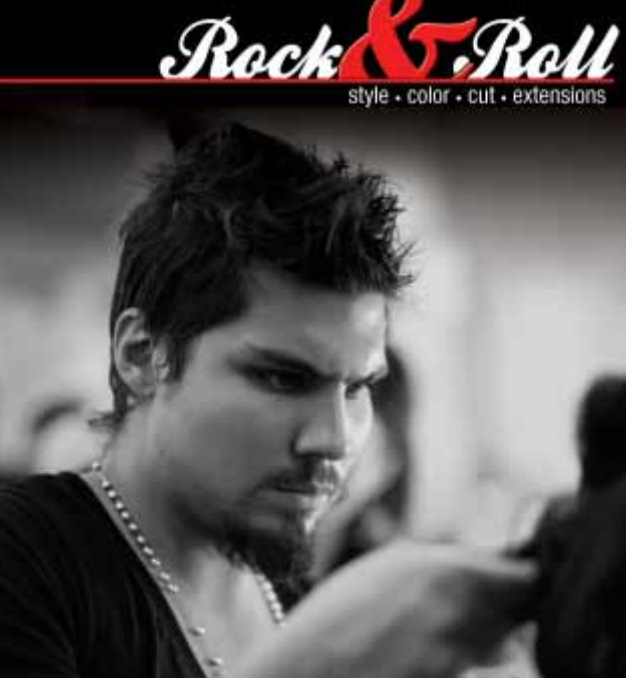
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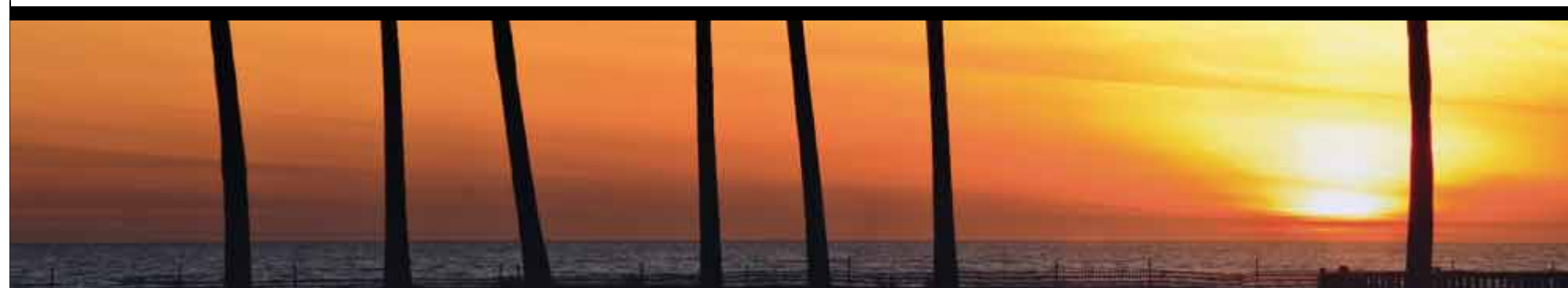




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