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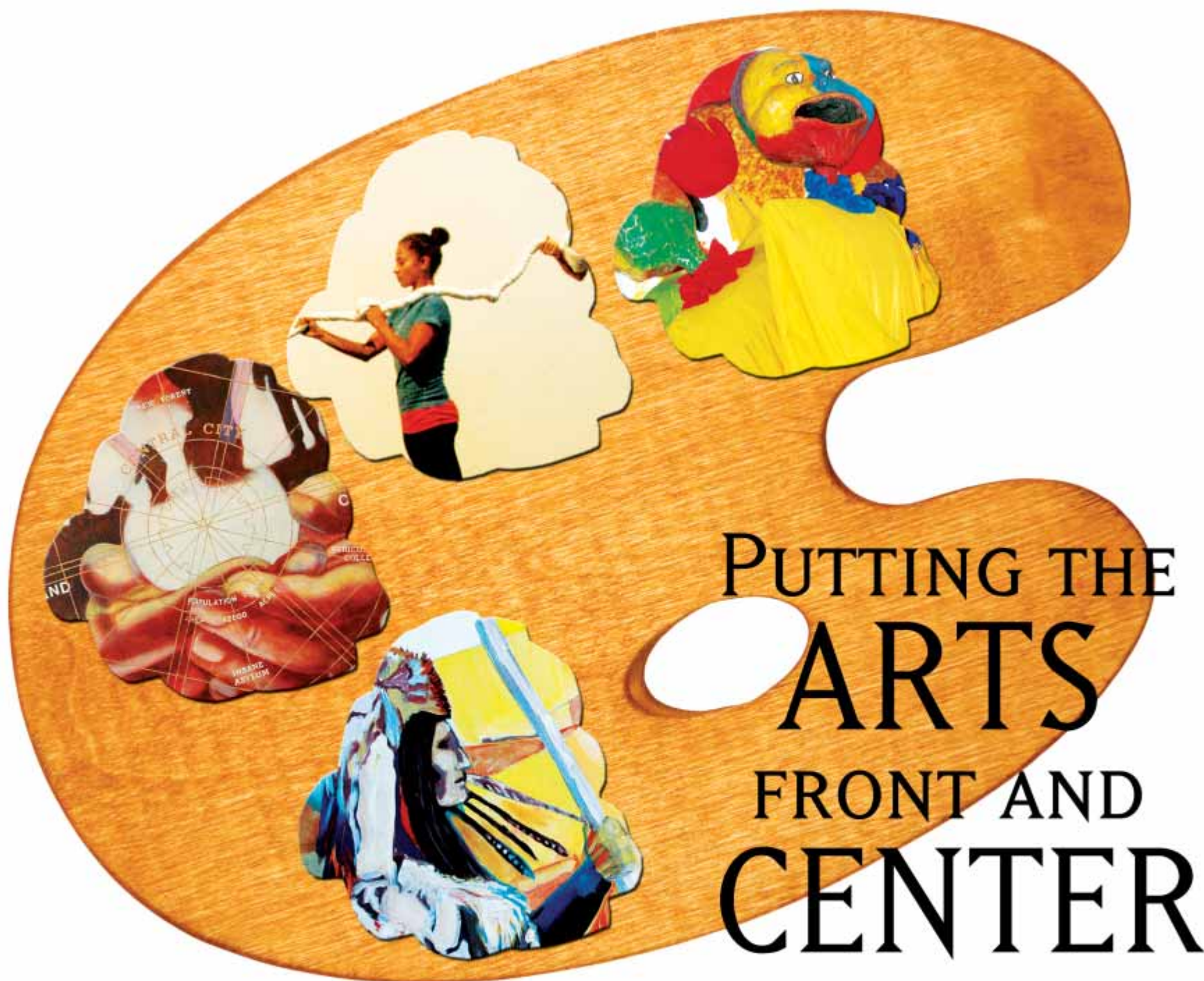
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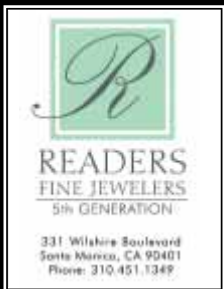
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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



An afternoon with Alice Walker

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m. — 3 p.m.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of “The Color Purple” comes to the Santa Monica Public Library to read and sign her children’s books — “Why War Is Never A Good Idea” and “There Is A Flower At The Tip Of My Nose Smelling Me.” Admission is free. Seating is limited in the MLK Jr. Auditorium.

For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Santa Monica YMCA Fall Fitness Open House

1332 Sixth St., 9 a.m. — noon

The Santa Monica YMCA will host a Fall Fitness Open House. Community members will have an opportunity to experience first-hand a variety of YMCA classes designed for the whole family. Those who are curious to visit the expanded facility are also invited.

The Children’s Place shoe drive

Santa Monica Pier, 9 a.m. — 11 a.m.

Actress Teri Hatcher will help kick off the first-ever Children’s Place shoe drive, taking place at the Wake Up With the Waves Concert series. All are invited to donate new or gently used shoes, which will then be handed over to Soles4Souls.

Poetry in motion by the ocean

1751 Cloverfield Blvd., 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.

Sherman Pearl and Judith Pacht present poetry for those who enjoy a taste of the sweet and wry side of life. Pacht’s work includes poems published in Ploughshares and Runes. Pearl was a co-founder of the Los Angeles Poetry Festival and currently co-edits California Quarterly.

Macy’s In-Store Passport Sale

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Macy’s Passport moves from the stage to the store with an exclusive shopping event that will benefit Common Ground. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Common Ground. For more information, call (310) 314-5480 or visit www.macys.com/passport.

City of Hope benefit concert

23825 Stuart Ranch Rd., Malibu, 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Malibu Performing Arts Center presents a benefit concert featuring host Denis Leary and his band, The Crown Royals, as well as Martin Short, Bobcat Goldthwait, the cast of “Mad TV,” and a special performance by The Knack. Tickets start at \$75 and can be purchased by calling (310) 456-6722, ext. 103 or by visiting www.ticketweb.com.

Sunday, Sept. 30, 2007

USTA Junior Team Tennis

601 Pico Blvd., 1 p.m. — 3 p.m.

The USTA Junior Tennis Team is looking for players in West LA and Santa Monica, from ages 8 through 18. For more information, call (310) 455-9916.

Landmarks bus tour

2235 Colorado Ave., 2 p.m. — 5 p.m.

Ride a modern Big Blue Bus with tour leader Marcello Vavala, Santa Monica Conservancy president, and visit the modernist Strick House, the John Byers adobe, the Victorian homes on Ocean Avenue and more. The tour includes some walking. Tickets begin at \$30. For more information, call (310) 496-3146 or visit www.smconservancy.org.

Lynn spins

360 Hampton Dr., Venice, 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.

The Sixth Annual Spin with Lynn for Kids with Cancer and their Families Indoor Cycling Event will be held at Gold’s Gym Venice. The registration fee is \$100; with a minimum donation amount of \$250. For more information, call (310) 268-8488 or visit www.campronaldmcdonald.org.

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.





Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

KICKING BACK: Samantha O'Neil coaches a group of 12- and 13-year-olds from the AYSO Youth 14 squad Thursday at John Adams Middle School.

AYSO kicks off season

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE They take to the field, 26 knee-high sock wearing kids at a time, chasing after one big white padded ball.

The Santa Monica American Youth Soccer Organization will kick off its season today, many teams playing their first official game on fields across the city after spending the past few weekends smoothing loose ends in scrimmages.

The nearly 1,800 kids — split into 130 teams — who play with the Santa Monica AYSO are pumped up, to say the least.

"I'm excited," said 11-year-old Shay Denison. "So far, I like playing with my team. I feel confident."

The Santa Monica branch of the largest youth soccer organization in the United States was founded 35 years ago and is the biggest sports program in the city. The organization is open to new and experienced soccer players from ages 4 to 19.

The vast majority of the players come

from Santa Monica, some from nearby L.A. neighborhoods such as Venice and Mar Vista.

This will be the first season that the soccer teams will be able to use the new artificial turf field at Airport Park, now the home of the under 14-age group boys soccer team.

"I think it really adds a whole atmosphere of professional playing," said Sharon Kornfield, the commissioner for the under-14 age group. "They feel like the big shots in town because we have a big new park."

The team used to play the majority of its games at Clover Park, which Kornfield said was in bad shape, the turf usually muddy or just dry.

"This is great," she said. "More than we could have ever expected."

The AYSO season generally runs from eight to 10 games, not including the play-offs. The Santa Monica AYSO has been successful in the past, sending teams that won the Fujisan International Cup in Japan twice in the past few years alone.

The teams are mixed by age and by

ability so the games are even. AYSO rules require that every player be on the field for at least three-quarters of the game.

Apart from providing regular exercise for children, AYSO is considered to be a child development program, soccer is just the tool.

"It's involved in getting kids involved and learning good sportsmanship," said Maryanne LaGuardia, the regional commissioner for AYSO. "It's all about a team sport and learning lessons on the playing field."

One of the teams taking the field today will be the under-12 girls team coached by Santa Monica resident Steve Eyler who has been involved with AYSO for 13 years.

The girls in the team range in age from 11-12 years old and have adopted the team moniker "The Doodlebops," so-named after the popular Disney Channel television show.

Denison, a goalie and forward, has played with AYSO since kindergarten, one of her many activities besides volleyball and cheerleading.

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Suspect in rape arrested

Man taken into custody just one day after local woman was assaulted

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

OXNARD Santa Monica Police took a suspect into custody Friday night who was wanted in connection with a sexual assault that occurred in the 1100 block of Princeton Street less than 24 hours beforehand.

Unsure whether the suspect was a minor, SMPD officials were not releasing the name of the alleged assailant as of presstime Friday. The Hispanic male was arrested without incident in Oxnard, with the assistance of the Oxnard Police Department, according to SMPD Capt. Alex Padilla.

The victim was assaulted at knifepoint on Thursday night after arriving home around 10 p.m., discovering her place ransacked and the suspect still inside, police said. The man proceeded to tie the victim up and sexually assault her.

The suspect didn't leave the WilMont home until 2:10 a.m., taking the victim's bank cards and her tan, 2003 Mercedes 500SL.

The stolen car was recovered Friday night by police, Padilla said.

Reportedly, the woman freed herself and went to a neighbor's home and called police. She was in stable condition at a local hospital Friday morning.

The suspect was initially described as a Latino, about 5-feet, 5-inches tall with a medium build. He spoke in broken English, police reported.

The Daily Press published a report Friday about a grandmother who was robbed at knifepoint by two Hispanic men in the area of 25th Street and Georgina Avenue.

In both attacks, a knife was used, police said.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is urged to call the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8426.

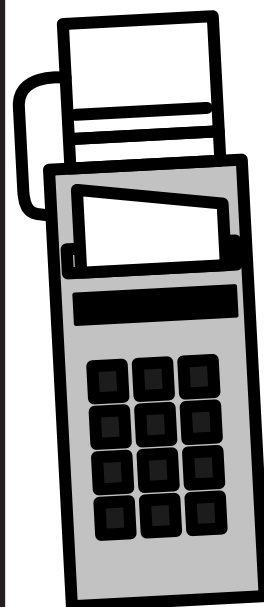
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Roosevelt is under a bad spell

Editor:

Hasn't anyone else noticed the sign in front of Roosevelt Elementary School? I cringe every time I pass by the northeast corner of the heavily traversed intersection of Montana Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard.

Among the boldly posted notices:
"Thank you, First Federal, PAVILLIONS and Staples." [emphasis added] Exposing students to the spelling error is bad enough, but particularly egregious as the school is located directly across the street from Pavilions Market!!

Jenny Fisher
Santa Monica

Treesavers aren't stuck on the city

Editor:

I was notified on Friday afternoon by a representative of the Bayside District that a number of the press releases for our upcoming Treesaver march to save the trees along Second and Fourth streets had been adhered – apparently with glue – to city traffic poles.

I want (Daily Press) readers to know that Treesavers does not support gluing or otherwise fastening fliers, literature or press releases to city poles or any other city or private property.

When we tied our "Save These Trees" green posters around threatened trees (with green ribbon), it was to let people know that many of these beautiful mature ficus trees are slated for destruction or uprooting and relocation.

We appreciate people's passion about this issue and we appreciate people distributing information regarding our upcoming crucial events and meetings, but again, we implore everyone who is supporting us to refrain from posting fliers, etc. on city or private property.

For further information, visit www.treesavers.blogspot.com or call me personally at (310) 399-1000.

Jerry Rubin
Santa Monica Treesavers

Nothing to fear in free health care

Editor:

(Re: "Single-payer health care is anything but free of cost," commentary, Sept. 20)

(The article) is an attempt to bash the Canadian health care system. The use of "socialized medicine" as a scare tactic gives a false portrayal of any future universal health coverage we may adopt.

In trips to Canada, we have talked with families who have had satisfactory care and who have praise for their health coverage. They are not shut out by the inflated costs of our medical-pharmaceutical complex, which cannot provide low income families with a necessary trip to the doctor.

Wallace UMBER
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Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Speak of the devil and he shows up

TIRED OF PAYING THAT MONTHLY phone bill? A new tech startup based in San Jose (surprise, surprise) is starting to offer unlimited, free telephone service. Sounds great, right? There's only one catch. Every time you make a call, they'll be monitoring what you talk about. So, how much is a free call worth to you?

Pudding Media is the company introducing this new Internet phone service. Like an older company, Skype, you plug a microphone headset into your computer, and make the calls from there. But unlike the older talk-on-the-phone-on-your-computer systems, this one listens while you talk. Actual humans aren't covering the mouthpiece and eavesdropping — like, well, like all of us have done more than we'd like to admit. Instead, they have computers with very clever voice recognition software to do the listening. The people at Pudding say they're interested in learning what you're interested in, so they can sell that information to advertisers.

To me, one of the more annoying side effects of the digital age is that sometimes when I talk to someone on the phone, he or she doesn't seem to be concentrating 100 percent on what I'm saying. (This is a totally different experience from talking to family members in person, who don't seem to be concentrating 100 percent on what I'm saying). I'm pretty sure that you've had this experience, too. I can sense that they are doing something while they're talking and listening to me. To be more specific, I can sense that they are doing something on their computer. Often, I'll stop the conversation for a moment and ask, "What are you doing? Sending some e-mail?" They'll usually fess up, and see nothing wrong with what I consider rudeness and what they see as multi-tasking.

Pudding people figured that since so many people send e-mail or surf the 'net while they're on the phone, why not automatically give them the sites they're interested in? They aren't planning on gathering your information, and selling it to advertisers who will later place appropriate ads on your computer. They want to put the subject matter of what you're talking about on your computer while you're talking about it. So, if you're talking on the phone about the president's latest speech or a great play you saw on last night's football game, they'll put political pundits' opinions of the speech or the replay of the football run on your computer while you talk. I'm sure they'll also place ads there, like opportunities to contribute to candidates' campaigns or life-size photos of a football player trying to knock somebody's head off.

I can see a positive use for this service.

Suppose I'm on the phone with a friend, telling him that I heard on the radio that some gas station in town is giving free gas to the first 100 customers today — but I can't remember which gas station it is. While I bring up this bargain to my friend, the story about that gas station can appear on my screen.

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE PRIVACY ISSUE. I KNOW THAT THEY DON'T PLAN TO SPY ON PEOPLE WITHOUT THEIR PERMISSION — LIKE THE GOVERNMENT OR THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS.

But I also worry that this thing can backfire. What if you're telling a friend that you think there's "too much porn on the Internet?" Pudding Media's smart software will hear the phrase "porn on the Internet." So, will they then put the image of two people on your screen wearing nothing but snorkeling masks in positions that you thought only Romanian gymnasts could get into? Maybe. Maybe not. Pudding says their software will filter out certain words that might result in offensive things being placed on peoples' screens. But if I know anything about American business, it's that the porn industry will always find a way to use the latest technology.

Let's talk about the privacy issue. I know that they don't plan to spy on people without their permission — like the government or the New England Patriots. But it still seems too high-techy weird for me. And the fact that it's a computer, not an actual person who would be listening in on my conversation makes me feel worse about it. I don't want one smart computer laughing at the dumb things I might say and then e-mailing his "friend" — the computer down the hall — so they can both be amused.

Call me old-fashioned, but if I'm going to be mocked about what I say, I'd still prefer to be mocked by a human.

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STRAY talk

A CENTER-CUT, NO-FAT REVIEW OF WHAT WAS SAID THIS PAST WEEK BY FOLKS THE WORLD OVER AND RIGHT AT HOME

“I always thought if they did go in that direction I could be McChocolatey.”

— Actor Taye Diggs, on what his nickname could be on his new TV show, “Private Practice,” which is a spin-off of “Grey’s Anatomy,” where attractive male characters are nicknamed “Mc”

“There’s so much need in that area, and I feel like if I go, it will bring more attention to what people can do to help.”

— Paris Hilton, on her plans to visit Rwanda

“In my opinion, the city is terribly shortsighted and takes a Paul Bunyon approach when a more reasonable thought out approach should be used.”

— Attorney Thomas Nitti, who has been hired by the group Tree Savers, which is trying to prevent the relocation of mature ficus trees on Second and Fourth streets

“Oh, this is scary. Then I thought, I don’t care. If I don’t wake up, it’s worth it. I just wanted it so badly.”

— Heidi Montag, star of the MTV show “The Hills,” on her thoughts prior to having surgery for breast implants

“It’s not so much that people are a--holes — though they’re plenty of that here — but they’re really distracted and not focused on the road.”

— Michael Shen, a New York transplant who created the Web site, www.lacantdrive.com, to vent his frustrations with the driving behavior of Los Angelenos

“I firmly believe and am confident of the fact that, had it not been for the direct intervention of the Lord Jesus Christ last Thursday, a disaster would have happened.”

— LaSalle Parish District Attorney Reed Walters, referring to the thousands of people who marched in Jena in support of the Jena 6

“It does have to have a look that is better suited to Santa Monica, and not San Francisco.”

— Councilwoman Pam O’Connor on the design for the downtown Santa Monica trolley

“Assuming that one half of the couple isn’t leaving for a two-year deep-space mission, I’ll say that any PDA beyond the hand-holding, arm-around-the-waist, closed-mouth-kiss type is out of order.”

— Charles Purdy, aka “Mr. Social Grace” and author of “Urban Etiquette: Marvelous Manners for the Modern Metropolis”

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

Here are your responses:

"FOR THE SAKE OF EXPRESSING THE will of the majority of the people (remember that?), they [the Treesavers] should continue. It is probably a done deal with no chance of changing what I loosely call City Hall's minds. Democracy is on the line, both locally and in Washington DC."

"OF COURSE I DON'T THINK THAT THE effort to save those beautiful trees on Second and Fourth streets in the Downtown district of Santa Monica is a waste of time. I remind people of the noted poet and artist William Blake's famous quote about trees. He said, "The tree which moves some to tears of joy is in the eyes of others only a green thing which stands in their way." Save the trees."

"AND WHILE THE CITY IS AT IT, LET them remove all these horrible bottle brush trees. They are ugly and drop their red, oily leaves everywhere that stain the sidewalks and clog the sewer lines. The city should plant pretty bushes and flowers instead. Trees should never be planted near properties with sewer lines in front. It is just a big boon to plumbers. Plant them in parks."

"THIS IS AN ENDEAVOR OR A WAR that I can actually get behind and it is certainly not a waste of time."

"THE FICUS TREES ALONG SECOND AND Fourth streets lend a great deal to the aesthetics and photosynthesis of those streets mentioned and the entire city of Santa Monica. I doubt that the business owners along those automobile road ways understand the amount of deadly carbon monoxide and other carcinogens that belch out of those vehicles that use those roadways on a daily and annual basis. Sorry folks, automobile exhaust fumes are deadly. Ficus trees and every other form of plant life as well as the Pacific Ocean play a major role in filtering out the deadly gases from our atmosphere by producing oxygen. That is why we see all the lush gardens and shrubbery along our residential streets in Santa Monica. The lush shrubbery inhibits the flow of carbon monoxide onto those residential properties. I trust that the "clean air" people will speak up on this matter as I am attempting to do now."

"SAVING THE FICUS TREES IS THE crucial issue facing this city. The ficus trees need to be saved. We need our tree canopy. The City Council needs to reconsider this matter."

"YES, WE SHOULD SAVE THE TREES ON Second and Fourth streets. We need a tree canopy for environmental purposes. We should never cut down old, tall trees particularly with large tree canopies. Every city drastically needs them."

"IT TAKES YEARS TO GROW TREES LIKE that and they are an important part of our environmental protection. They should not be cut down unless they are diseased. Cutting them down is an absolute waste of money."

"I THINK IT IS A COMPLETE WASTE OF time to cut down those ficus trees. Now, if we could get some of those nerds who sit on the City Council off I'd be all for that. I think it is nonsensical. They are beautiful and they provide a lot of shade. Trees provide shade au natural."

"OUR CITY LEADERS CLAIM TO BE green, but they will cut down seemingly healthy trees because they have the money and desire to do so. Public preference for shady, leafy streets will not change things. The campaign to save the trees may not succeed, but it serves a valuable purpose nonetheless. They expose

the hypocrisy of our elected officials."

"I DO NOT THINK IT IS A WASTE OF TIME at all to continue with the effort to stop the removal of ficus trees. In this day and age, the environment is so important. How could that even be a question? Of course we should continue this fight until they wise up at City Hall."

"THESE TREES TOOK A VERY LONG TIME to grow. Probably 40 years. I hope to see them still growing in 40 years time. It is like cutting down a bunch of teenagers because they are unruly. Don't tase the trees, bro."

"IT IS CRUCIAL TO SAVE THE TREES. THEY are a part of the quality of life in Santa Monica that we all value."

"I WAS TOLD THAT THEY WERE DISEASED or that they are an anti-business interests. Off hand, I would say it is one of the stupidest moves I've ever heard a City Council do. Cut beautiful trees down in the heart of the city. Whoever made this decision should have their head examined."

"THEY ARE PROBABLY WASTING THEIR time trying to get the City Council to change their minds. Because once politicians make up their minds, they don't care what the people say. They never listen to the public anyway, so what's the point."

"YES, WE SHOULD CONTINUE THE crusade to save the trees."

"NOTHING IS A WASTE OF TIME IF it might do some good. Helping our environment is my idea of doing a lot of good. After listening to a lot of knowledgeable people regarding this matter it is obvious to me that these trees must be saved."

"THE CITY COUNCIL HAS A LOT OF reasons, but it basically comes down to money. They are spreading lies about the trees being diseased. What those trees need is water. None of them are diseased."

"IT IS CRUCIAL TO SAVE THOSE TREES. It would be criminal not to. Take a walk down the street and see how cool and loving it is because of the trees. Think about how hot and bright it would be without them."

"THE TREES ARE MATURE AND THERE IS no reason to cut them down."

"IT IS NEVER, EVER, EVER, EVER A wrong thing to save a tree. We should not only save what we have, but plant twice as many. Call City Hall and tell them to do the same."

"I SUPPORT THE GROUP TRYING TO SAVE the trees, though I think the city will even-

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FRONT AND CENTER: The Treesavers posted signs on the trees along Second and Fourth Streets.

FROM TREES PAGE 6

usually do what it wants despite what the majority of Santa Monicans think. It is worth keeping the issue open if only to show the stupidity of the City Council and the city manager in wanting to destroy healthy trees."

"I THINK THAT THE FICUS TREES SHOULD be saved. If you walk underneath them and look up at the canopy it is absolutely gorgeous. The Native Americans called them standing people and in Hawaii, I've been told that that family of trees is considered sacred."

"THE MATURE SPECIMENS THAT YOU speak of are actually less than one third of their projected life span. The activists (and I all think we should all support them) are reminding us that we Santa Monicans aspire to be ecological-minded city."

"I THINK THE LOCAL ACTIVISTS SHOULD continue their crusade to save the trees. I don't want our beautiful trees to be cut down. They provide shade to the people who walk down those streets. I think it is a crime to cut down those trees."

"I DO NOT BELIEVE THIS EFFORT TO save the trees is a waste of time. It is Santa Monica's waste of trees."

"I COMPLETELY SUPPORT ALL EFFORTS made by the tree savers group to combat the senseless destruction of the ficus and palm trees on Second and Fourth streets in SM. I think that the city is wasting money, time and other resources in considering removing these stunning trees. They provide shade and beauty to otherwise unattractive streets. I think that cutting down healthy trees with long life spans and replacing them with other trees is a ridiculous waste of time and money. I hate to see the destruction of any healthy tree, but the city's intention in this case is absurd in the extreme."

"I WANT AN INVESTIGATION INTO WHO is responsible for this disgusting and diabolic tree massacre!"

"THE DEATH OF ONE 70-YEAR OLD TREE would return over three tons of carbon to the environment"

"DO I THINK WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO fight to save the trees? Yes. Do I think, with the current City Council and the drive to develop it, is a "waste of time"? Probably, sadly, yes."

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Mars rover reaches destination

BY ALICIA CHANG | AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES NASA's rover Opportunity has reached its first stop inside a huge Martian crater and was poised Thursday to carry out the first science experiments.

Ground controllers planned to send commands late in the day to the six-wheel robot to examine bright rock layers arranged like a bathtub ring within Victoria Crater. Results on how the rover fared are expected Friday, said John Callas, the rover project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

Mission managers initially wanted to delay the science operations because of a power outage at one of the international network of antennas that communicates with interplanetary spacecraft. But they changed their minds after they secured another antenna.

Opportunity rolled to the crater lip last month and began a calculated descent down the inner wall toward a shiny band of bedrock that scientists believe may be part of an ancient Martian surface. After a series of three

drives, the rover parked itself 40 feet below the rim at a 25-degree tilt — the steepest angle it has encountered since landing on the planet.

Opportunity's first task will be to use the tools on its robotic arm to touch and drill into the rock slab. Mission scientists expect it to stay in place for at least a week before scaling farther down the crater to sample other rocks.

"We're going to take our time collecting the data," principal investigator Steve Squyres of Cornell University said in an e-mail. "We invested way too much effort in getting here to blow it by being hasty."

Opportunity and its twin Spirit have outlasted their original, three-month mission since parachuting to opposite sides of Mars in 2004. The solar-powered rovers recently survived a raging dust storm that forced them to go into sleep mode to conserve energy.

Spirit is currently exploring a plateau called Home Plate for evidence of volcanism. Though Martian winter is still seven months away, mission managers have started looking for a safe spot for Spirit to retreat to.



Rendering courtesy of NASA

ON TASK: An artist's rendering of the Opportunity rover.

Archeologists probe secret Fresno tunnels

BY JULIANA BARBASSA | Associated Press Writer

FRESNO Tunnels run beneath Chinatown: brick-walled passages that were once home to people and activities that couldn't be mentioned aboveground.

Rick Lew knows, because he walked the passages as a child, entering through a trapdoor in his grandfather's liquor store.

"There was a nightlife you couldn't see from the streets," he said.

But to many others, the lace-work of tunnels sprawling under the city was just another tall tale from Fresno's days as a Western railroad town and a hub of gambling and prostitution.

Now, a group of archeologists is using ground-penetrating radar to find evidence of the secret passages, which are believed to branch out from long-abandoned basements littered with animal and human waste, cobwebs and other filth.

The project, funded by the city and headed by a group working to preserve Chinatown, will take data gathered via radar and compare the findings to the memories of those who recall the neighborhood's heyday, said Kathy Omachi, vice president of Chinatown Revitalization. That will help archeologists decide where to dig trenches and look for the passages, researchers said.

The approximately six blocks just west of the railroad tracks that make up the historic Chinatown were Fresno's birthplace, said Karana Hattersley-Drayton, the city's historic preservation officer. Unlike the better-known Chinese quarters of San Francisco and New York, there's little left of it today — at least on the surface.

But fire insurance maps from the 1880s show a densely populated area offering a stark contrast from the wide-open ranch and farm country all around.

It was home to the Chinese laborers who laid Fresno's foundations, and to successive layers of immigrants — Japanese, Armenians, Mexicans, Portuguese, Basque and others — who were kept separate from the growing white population by the iron boundary of the train tracks.

The area long housed family run stores, temples, churches, Chinese and Japanese schools. But it was also host to illicit activities — gambling, drinking during Prohibition, and prostitution — not deemed respectable enough for the "good side of town."

Omachi's father, a Japanese immigrant, was born here in 1913 "between a bar and a house of ill repute," she said.

Many establishments had basements, some of them interconnected. Of those that can still be seen today, some end in bricked-off walls that longtime residents say hide tunnel entrances.



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SANTA MONICA
Tiny quake jiggles coast area

A tiny earthquake jiggled communities along part of Santa Monica Bay on Friday. The magnitude-2.7 microearthquake occurred at 9:25 a.m., the U.S. Geological Survey said.

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LOS ANGELES
Car dealer arrested for alleged grand theft, assault

An unlicensed San Fernando Valley car dealer was arrested for allegedly taking cars on consignment and paying customers with bogus checks. Bank Repo Auto owner Ali Shahryarinejad, also known as Al Nejad, also faces an allegation of assault with a deadly weapon for a July confrontation with another dealer, investigators said. The Pacoima car dealer was booked on 15 counts of grand theft after the Department of Motor Vehicles served a \$2 million arrest warrant Thursday. Shahryarinejad said he was innocent. "At the moment, we're just dealing with allegations," he said. "I've been in the neighborhood for 20 years. I've tried to take care of my customers." DMV investigator Robert Ortiz said the assault charge involves a confrontation with another dealer who had given Shahryarinejad \$50,000 worth of cars on consignment. Shahryarinejad allegedly refused to pay and the two men argued.

AP

LANCASTER
Salsa killer gets 11 years in prison

A 19-year-old candy thief who threw a bottle of salsa, killing a pursuer, was sentenced to 11 years in prison. Charles Hairston, 51, was collecting donations for the homeless on July 14, 2006, when he tried to stop Joseph Peterson for stealing M&Ms and Twizzlers from a 99 Cents Only store, investigators said. Peterson then threw a bottle of salsa that hit Hairston on the head and the man died three weeks later of a brain injury. Peterson pleaded no contest Wednesday to voluntary manslaughter in a deal for dismissal of a murder charge. Peterson was sentenced to 11 years in prison. "It's probably a fair resolution on the matter," Deputy District Attorney Bernie LaForteza said. Defense lawyer Tyson Beers said there was no intent to kill. "We think it's a good resolution," Beers said. "Getting it down from second-degree murder to voluntary manslaughter is pretty good and a pretty big jump."

AP

WHITTIER
Vandal burns American flags, banners

Someone has set fire to six American flags and five garden banners hanging outside homes in a five-week period, authorities said. Police believe the vandal may be driving a gray or white pickup, but have few leads. "Residents should be vigilant," Detective Jared Burns said Thursday. "If they see or hear anything suspicious, give the police a call." All the vandalism has occurred in a neighborhood near the Whittwood Town Center in the the southeast area of the Los Angeles suburb. Jupiter Street resident Tami Wysocki said an American flag outside her home was ignited about three weeks ago. A new flag flies in its place. "My husband was really upset," Wysocki said. "He's very patriotic."

AP

COSTA MESA
Buyer of OC college island having trouble raising cash

The buyer of Orange Coast College's 40-acre island in Canada is having trouble raising the \$2.3 million purchase price. The sale of Rabbit Island off British Columbia is being delayed because the Vancouver businessman is finding "challenges in arranging the financing," said Doug Bennett, executive director of the Orange Coast College Foundation. The college's foundation board agreed to delay the sale closing from Sept. 7 to Oct. 13 while the buyer seeks funding. The buyer's name was withheld pending completion of the sale. "We have some finance people on our board who said deals are blowing up all over the place right now," Bennett said Thursday. Some faculty members and students who operated a scientific field station on the island were upset about selling the island, which was donated to the school by Long Beach sailor Henry Wheeler in 2002. The foundation said it was too expensive to maintain and too far away to be kept as a permanent field station.

AP

SAN DIMAS
City paying \$9 million to teen badly hurt in car crash

The city agreed to pay \$9 million to a teenage beauty queen badly injured when her car crashed into an equestrian fence, sending a chunk of wood through her forehead. Samantha Palumbo, 18, suffered a broken jaw and severe brain injury in the April 2005 crash on San Dimas Avenue. The accident led to criticism over the city's installation of the equestrian fences along roadways. As the case headed to trial, the city's lawyer Scott J. Grossberg and Palumbo's attorney Gregory G. Rizio reached a settlement Wednesday after two days of mediation. "The concept from the beginning was to come up with some resolution that would help her," Grossberg said.

AP

Study: Back Pain Sufferers Benefit From New Technology

Santa Monica – "A recent study using a new technology shows a high success rate for a non-surgical procedure among chronic back pain and sciatica sufferers." That's what Santa Monica Chiropractor, Dr. Tim Bullock is saying about a treatment called Spinal Decompression. Dr. Bullock has been using FDA approved non-surgical spinal decompression in his office for over two years now. This treatment is a drug free breakthrough to treat back pain, disc herniation and sciatica. "I am amazed at the results spinal decompression gets with patients who were about to give up searching for a solution for their problem. And how safe and easy it is... even for patients who have already had surgery. I am also shocked to learn that so few doctors throughout the country have this new technology available in their

office," commented Dr. Bullock. Due to the tremendous success in back pain patients using this technology, Dr. Bullock has made available a FREE DVD with all the latest information you must know now, to anyone suffering from a painful back caused by disc herniation! "I want back pain sufferers to know they have an option other than drugs and surgery... an option that really works. I want to let them know there is finally REAL hope for their condition. Learn all the details in this free DVD." To get your free copy of Dr. Bullock's recently released DVD, just call (310) 562-6700 and listen to the 24 hr recorded message on how to have it mailed to you for free. Or log on to: www.lordexsamo.com and click on "Free Report."

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PADDLING PAIR: (Bottom) Kayakers and naturalists can delight in the scenic beauty of the Cascade Bay, where the sunsets border on the sublime. (Top) Guests lounge by the pool at Rosario Resort on Orcas Island, Wash., where whale watching, biking and camping are paramount.

City slickers can just chill

BY CAROLE ORLIN

Special to the Daily Press

SAN JUAN ISLANDS Perhaps you have heard of the San Juan Islands. You may be aware that they are somewhere in the Pacific, off the coast of Washington, and a place to see one day.

I suggest you move them way up on your "places to go before I'm too old" list.

Although there are 172 named islands in the San Juans, there are only three open for tourism — Lopez, Orcas and San Juan Island. (There is also Shaw Island, boasting a population of approximately 300 people and 11 campsites!). Orcas is the largest at about 60 miles; but San Juan has the largest population (about 7,400).

We're not talking the big island of Hawaii here ... and therein lies the charm.

I chose to stay on Orcas because I assumed by its name that it was great for whale watching. Actually, it is named after a Viceroy of Mexico who sent out an exploratory expedition to the Pacific NW in 1791! But they do have whale watching. We went on a wonderful whale-watching trip with Deer Harbor Charters. We did not see orcas, but we did see minke whales and other sea creatures, which was exciting. The best

time for sighting the 85 orcas that frequent the islands are from April through September. However, whale watching is only one of a myriad of things to do on these islands. They are also a camper's, hiker's, biker's, boater's, kayaker's, naturalist's or newlyweds' dream!

We stayed at a charming and historic resort called Rosario Resort and Spa. This was originally the private estate of Robert Moran, a shipbuilder, friend of naturalist John Muir, and mayor of Seattle in the late 1880s. The history of Rosario alone is enough of a draw, but the setting is overwhelming. It overlooks the spectacular Cascade Bay, where the sunrises and sunsets are truly breathtaking. Our room was spacious and spotless. It showed signs of wear, but I believe that was part of its charm. A contemporary resort would be an eyesore on this quaint, history-rich island.

Speaking about history, if you get to Rosario you must meet Christopher Peacock. He is their director of marketing, resident musician, graphic artist and historian. He actually wrote a book about the history of Rosario. He plays the piano masterfully in the evenings. Chris came to Rosario 26 years ago for a vacation and never left. He is a font of information about the resort and

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loves to share it. His love for Orcas and Rosario is contagious. Meeting with him is a must. He is the heart and soul of that resort.

One thing I — an admitted city slicker — had a difficult time with was the difficulty of getting a cell connection. Fortunately, the staff knows the “special” places on the property where you can get a connection! At any given time, you can see several people standing on a certain hill talking on their cell phones. The islands have a well-established inter-island ferry system, which allows you to travel by ferry easily and for free from one island to the other (as long as you either walk on or bring a bicycle). Many people will go to Lopez Island for a day of bicycling or to check out their farmers’ markets. You can rent bicycles, kayaks ... virtually anything you want on these islands. I found it more convenient to be based on one island and just take day trips to explore the other islands, but others chose to spend a few days on each island.

The people that live on the islands are friendly to tourists, but they love and protect their island lifestyle. When you’re there, just keep in mind the words from an 1851 speech by Chief Seattle of the Suquamish tribe of Puget Sound: “You must teach your children that the ground beneath their feet is the ashes of your grandfathers. So that they will respect the land, tell your children that the earth is rich with the lives of our kin, whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons of the earth. If men spit upon the ground, they spit upon themselves. The earth does not belong to man, man belongs to the earth.”

The people that live there seem to live that belief, and that is one of the many gifts I received from my trip to the majestic San Juans.



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ONE TREE PLATEAU: The natural beauty of the San Juan Islands may not be on most people's radar, but it should be.

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SHAKE IT, GIRLFRIEND: Models strut down catwalk during Macy's 25th Passport Fashion Show at Barker Hangar on Thursday. Macy's expects to raise more than \$25 million for HIV/AIDS organizations.

Walking the walk for AIDS

BY MICHAEL CIDONI
Associated Press Writer

BARKER HANGAR Elizabeth Taylor, wearing a coffee-colored, gold-sequined Naeem Khan gown accented with diamond jewelry, put some superstar sparkle into an HIV/AIDS fundraiser.

Taylor, 75 and in a wheelchair, is a founding chairwoman of the annual Macy's Passport event, a charity auction and showcase for food and fashion.

Since 1988, Passport has raised \$25 million for HIV/AIDS services, prevention and research. The actress was honored Thursday night with its first

Humanitarian Award for AIDS Activism.

"I have done this every year for years," Taylor told The Associated Press in an interview. "It's tradition and it's part of my existence."

As her longtime friend Rock Hudson battled AIDS, which killed him in 1985, Taylor began work to raise funds and

increase awareness of the disease.

"I used to have doors slammed in my face, telephones hung up on me," she said when asked about the differences between her early fundraising efforts and today. "This (is) 100 percent turnaround."

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Liz accepts award for AIDS work

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Taylor, who has been married eight times (twice to Richard Burton), appeared amused when asked if she'd ever marry again. "Noooooooooooo!" she shouted, and then laughed. "Now I'm gonna howl!" Then she actually howled. So, how's she doing? "Physically?" asked Taylor. "I'm going to try and walk on the stage tonight. And say a little prayer for me that I don't fall." She did not. Taylor, with some assistance, walked on the stage to a standing ovation. She made her way to a chair, sat down and accepted her award. "I was here at the first night, here last year," she said. "I will continue to be here until we defeat the enemy of HIV and AIDS."

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BE LIZ: Hollywood legend and AIDS activist Elizabeth Taylor (at left) speaks Thursday after receiving a Humanitarian Award during Macy's 25th Passport Fashion Show at Barker Hangar. 'Talk to young people about AIDS. Let them know it happens to all people. Keep fighting with hope,' Taylor said. (At right) African tribal performers keep the beat during the event..

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The heart of art in town

Artists ponder their future amid imminent 18th Street Arts Center's redevelopment

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

OLYMPIC BLVD. As rents and land values continue to rise to unprecedented, sometimes unimaginable levels, more residents are finding it difficult to maintain. That includes the city's starving artists — those creative minds that nudge the status quo, making Santa Monica the progressive and attractive city that everyone seems to want to live in these days.

If it wasn't for the 18th Street Arts Center, a multicultural, multimedia arts community tucked away on a cul-de-sac just north of Olympic Boulevard, many of those starving types wouldn't even be in Santa Monica today, and they wouldn't be creating the paintings, films, plays and ballets that captivate the hearts and minds of the public.

I THINK IT WILL CHANGE BUT IT'S HARD TO TELL WHERE IT'S GOING TO GO."

Lita Albuquerque,
An artist in residence.

Leo Garcia can testify to that. As the executive and artistic director of Highways Performance Space, located in one of the five buildings at 18th Street — once home to a bullet and light bulb factory — Garcia has come to rely on the cheap rent charged by the non-profit arts institution, whose mission is to support artists and organizations that demonstrate social consciousness and spiritual awareness, and those are dedicated to community and diversity.

Highways considers itself to be a leading alternative cultural center with bold new performances not currently accepted by the mainstream. Conversely, it doesn't draw the large crowds or donations from the establishment, making its deal with 18th Street all the more significant.

"Without the low rent, we wouldn't be able to present the kinds of shows that we believe are important, but do not get the kind of recognition they deserve," Garcia said, as ballet dancers behind him pulled a long, white piece of cloth back and forth in a delicate, sensual version of tug-of-war.

"We are looking to help underserved artists and help develop people who are going to be the next generation of great artists," he said. "And because of the support we receive from 18th Street and the other artists and organizations here, we are able to do that."

Having been at the center since 1995, Highways feels that it plays an important role amongst the community of artists, which has included filmmakers, sculptors, painters, photographers and playwrights. That is why Garcia has hope that Highways will have a home when the center is demolished and rebuilt in the next three to five years.

"Without it, I don't know how we can

continue our mission," Garcia said. "We can't overextend ourselves."

LIVING THE ARTS

Administrators at the 18th Street Arts Center are planning to build a new arts facility on the site and are currently seeking artists to become part of the design team led by award-winning architects Pugh + Scarpa, a Santa Monica firm.

The plan is to replace the aging warehouses with a new, 80,000-square foot arts facility to expand its support to artists and art organizations. The new arts center will include a cultural commons space for multiple small performing and visual arts organizations and up to 30 affordable live-work studios.

A flexible theater and workshop space for performing groups is envisioned, along with a professional gallery and multiple nonprofit offices. Five to ten of the live-in studios will continue to support 18th Street's International Exchange Program for short-term residencies.

This concept is nearly a three-fold expansion from 18th Street's current campus of 30,000 square feet — situated on the same site as the planned redevelopment.

Naturally, artists like Garcia are concerned about what changes may come with a new center. Will it attract more of the mainstream crowd and lose all that makes it unique, or will it simply be better suited to be a comforting, supportive base for those willing to go out on a limb?

"I think it will change, but it's hard to tell where it's going to go," said Lita Albuquerque, an artist-in-residence and one of the 43 individual artists who have called the center home since it was founded in 1988. "I think that they will maintain their goals and their mission, but physically, how will the change affect it? This is a very historic place, and there will definitely be a shift."

"Whether it will be good or bad, I don't know."

The center does have a rich history, having been home to feminist artist Judy Chicago when she completed her seminal work, the "Dinner Party" installation, which helped change the face of the local art community.

"Before that, the art world was very segregated, with white males dominating," said Clayton Campbell, 18th Street's artistic director, who also has a studio on the premises. "That changed significantly in part to the 'Dinner Party,' and places like 18th Street. Here we provide a home for artists working in every medium under the sun."

"It truly is one of the premier multicultural art centers."

The community can come see for itself this Saturday (Sept. 29), when it hosts ArtNight, a free community event with live Afro-Latin jazz, food and drinks, and plenty of art to gaze at. The event is the one of the center's biggest and is intended to be a night where residents can come and explore what the center has to offer.

BIRTH TO THE ARTS

The 18th Street Arts Center came into existence in 1988, a complex of artist live-work spaces and the headquarters of High Performance magazine. Artist Susanna Bixby Dakin, writer Linda Frye Burnham



Photos by Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com
JUST A TASTE: (Top) Art work by Clayton Campbell is featured at the 18th Street Arts Center. (Above) A glimpse of the outside of the facility located in the mid-city area of Santa Monica.

and artist Steven Durland had been working together for years, documenting the alternative art world through a magazine and Astro Artz publications. In the late '80s, they decided artists needed more affordable studio space.

Dakin found an acre of land in Santa Monica's Pico neighborhood, which was recently zoned specifically for manufacturing and the arts, and asked Burnham to help her develop it as affordable arts stu-

dios. Burnham and Dakin conceived of the 18th Street Arts Complex as an intergenerational, intercultural, multidisciplinary creative hub that would be as diverse as possible. Within a year, it had become a creative cluster of studios, galleries, offices and public spaces, housing some 30 tenants — artists ages 20-60 from many dif-

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Artists in residence prepare for renovation

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ferent ethnic and national backgrounds, working in the visual, performance and media arts.

Some 30 tenants, alone and together, were making and exhibiting paintings and sculpture, operating arts-service organizations, creating film documentaries, presenting performances, publishing magazines and celebrating annually with a neighborhood festival.

In residence in those early years were The Empowerment Project, Highways (founded by Burnham and artist Tim Miller), Emilie Conrad's Continuum Movement, Kit Galloway and Sherrie Rabinowitz's Electronic Café International, Community Arts Resources and Side Street Projects, just to name a few.

Over the next 15 years, 18th Street formalized its

Residency Program, developed an International Artist-in-Residence Exchange Program, a Presenting Program to curate and produce exhibitions, and an Arts Education Program.

Tony Hamilton, an Australian artist, is one of the international artists currently living at the center for the next month and a half. In his studio, Hamilton's table and chairs were covered with books about the Wild West, director William Hart and DVDs he rented from the Santa Monica Library. There were also packages containing coyote bones and fake dirt used in old westerns.

Hamilton, who works as a guide in central Australia, gathers items from the Outback and other remote locations and brings them into the gallery as he tries to draw similarities between cultures.

"It's great," he said of the center and his new digs. "I'm

used to spending most of my time sleeping in a slag outside, so this is really nice. There definitely has been a bit of a culture shock, but I'm starting to get familiar with things and the people here have been pretty friendly."

WHAT'S OLD IS NEW

In 2003, 18th Street changed its name to 18th Street Arts Center to better reflect the ways in which the organization has provided a central focus for arts organizations and artists in West Los Angeles County.

Today, 18th Street Arts Center is a respected destination for national and international artists wishing to publish, perform, work and/or exhibit in Los Angeles. It's prominent arts programs have hosted and sponsored more than 150 group and solo exhibitions serving 700 artists since 1988.

With that history in mind, Jan Williamson, executive director of the center and a member of the city's Arts Commission, said attempts will be made to retain many of the artists and organizations that have made the center the community what it is today. While no formal plans have been made for the relocation of the artist during construction, Williamson promises that the mission of the center will not change and that those dedicated to that mission will always have a home.

"To have a community, the first thing you need to have are stable people who can create that point of reference," Williamson said. "If we had everyone rotating in and out, it would be a whole different type of community."

As an artist herself, Williamson understands the struggles others must go through to be free to create but still have money to put a roof over their heads.

"Cash flow is certainly one hardship," she said. "Artists can get part-time gigs, commissions and maybe get a lump sum of money to live off of, but you never know when that next thing is going to come your way. That's the challenge and why we believe our mission is so important and why we need to expand and provide more space for artists."

Williamson said the redevelopment of the center is just at the beginning of what is expected to be a three-year design process that will involve artists in residence. As they move closer to construction, artists and non-profit will be consulted about relocation plans.

That's good news for Victoria Goldfarb and her staff at California Lawyers for the Arts, who help artists settle disputes, set up non-profits and protect themselves against copyright infringement.

"We really want to stay here," Goldfarb said as she stood in the organization's office, a converted studio. "We hope the rent will be affordable and that we will be able to have a conference room to hold mediations ... So far we've been given every indication that we'll be back."

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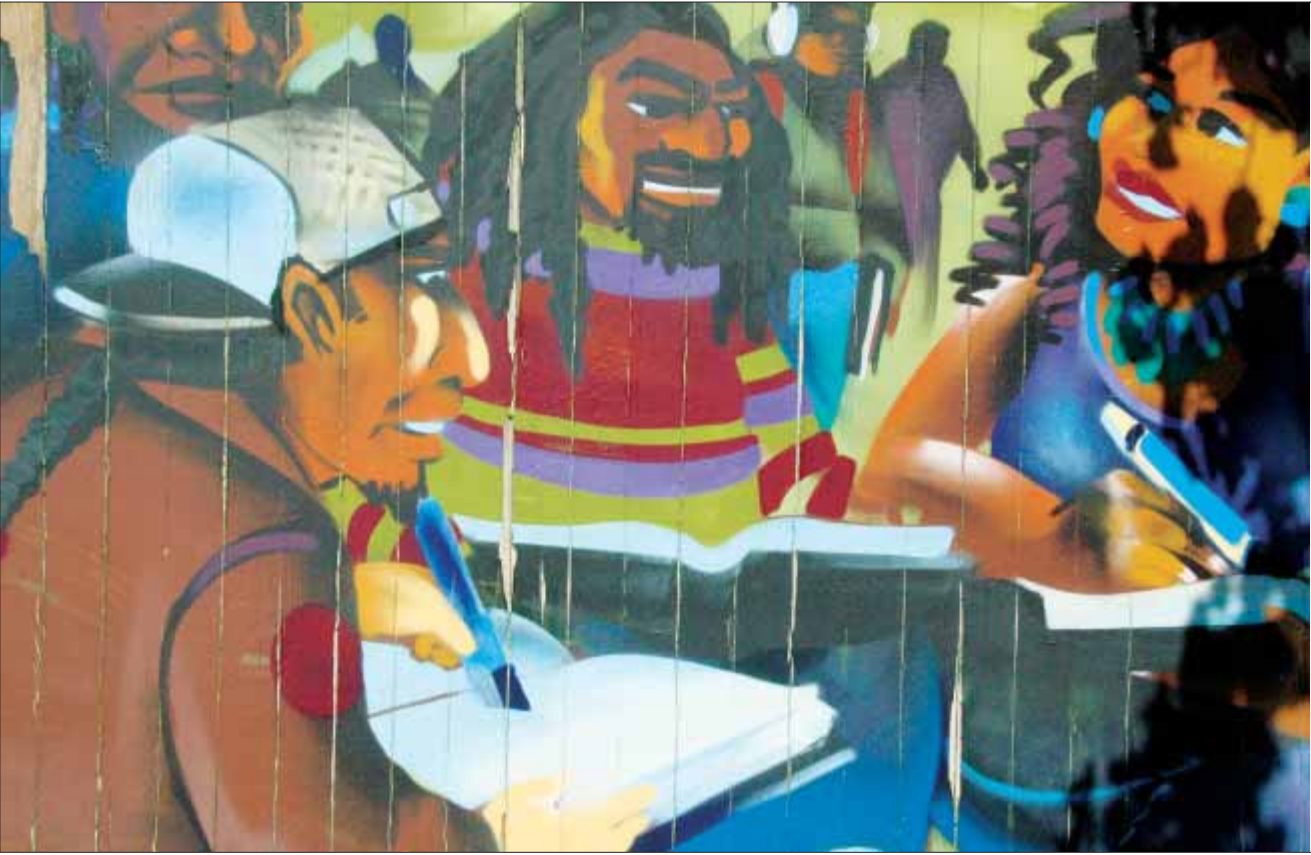


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ARTISTIC VISIONS: (Top) A mural currently on display at the 18th Street Arts Center. (Middle) (Left to right) Dancers Samantha Hazan, Alheli Montano and Stephanie Simeon rehearse an excerpt from "Rage to Know," under the direction of Donna Sternberg at Highways Performance Space on Wednesday. (Above) Another work currently on display at the 18th Street Arts Center.



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Wilson endorses Giuliani

Former governor chooses sides in GOP race for White House

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
AP Political Writer

SANTA MONICA Rudy Giuliani picked up the support Thursday of former Gov. Pete Wilson, an endorsement that could be a mixed blessing for the Republican presidential front-runner because of Wilson's hardline reputation on illegal immigration.

"America needs America's mayor to lead us as president," Wilson said while endorsing the former mayor of New York.

Wilson, who served terms as a U.S. senator and San Diego mayor, becomes Giuliani's most recognized supporter in the nation's largest state.

But the endorsement represents some tricky political calculus for Giuliani, since the immigration policies Wilson championed as governor in the 1990s are widely blamed for driving Hispanics away from the GOP in California.

Wilson's support could help Giuliani lure support in February's GOP primary, in which conservatives predominate. But it could work against him in the general election in November 2008, when a far larger number of Hispanics would be voting.

"It may be good to have the endorsement of any former governor of a large

and important state like California, but Pete Wilson comes with a lot of baggage," said Jaime Regalado, executive director of the Pat Brown Institute of Public Affairs at California State University, Los Angeles.

"He was largely despised by most Latinos," Regalado said.

Wilson appeared with Giuliani at a hotel in Santa Monica.

Later, the candidate traveled up the coast to Santa Barbara and spoke at a luncheon fundraiser.

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Jaime Regalado, Executive director of the Pat Brown Institute of Public Affairs at California State University, Los Angeles

Wilson is arguably best remembered for his support for Proposition 187, the 1994 California law that blocked illegal immigrants from access to most government services.

The law was quickly overturned by the courts and never took effect, but Wilson became its public face. It was credited with helping him win re-election but made him a pariah in the Hispanic community.

Giuliani, in his days as New York mayor, was one of the proposition's out-

spoken opponents. He called it "mindless."

Asked about the proposition Thursday, Giuliani didn't directly address its provisions but appeared cautious not to repudiate the position he had at the time.

"Whatever position I took then, I took then. It's part of history, it's not part of what's going on right now," Giuliani said.

While he disagreed with Wilson on Proposition 187, "the simple fact is we end up in the same place right now," he said.

grants suspected of committing crimes.

An estimated half-million illegal and undocumented immigrants live in New York, and only a fraction are deported each year.

"What's the best thing to do about that?" Giuliani asked in 1996. "Put them in a situation in which they keep children out of school? Put them in a situation in which they don't go to hospitals? Or put them in a situation in which they don't report crimes to the police?"

Does he still support public benefits for illegal immigrants?

"I think those are very difficult, practical choices that cities and states are left with, because the federal government does not do its job," Giuliani said. "It turns out the practical choices I made reduced crime."

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who was campaigning in Sacramento on Thursday, criticized Giuliani as "a mayor that welcomed illegal immigrants to his city and presided over a sanctuary city."

On the presidential campaign trail, Giuliani has stressed tight border controls and the use of a tamperproof ID card for guest workers.

"I think he's gambling that Pete Wilson's endorsement will help him in the Republican primary, especially on immigration," said Sherry Bebitch Jeffe, who teaches political science at the University of Southern California.

"This doesn't help him with most of the Latino electorate," she said.

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GOAL-ORIENTED: Two youths run through soccer drills Thursday at John Adams Middle School. They were taking part in preparation to begin the impending AYSO season.

Kids in it just for kicks

FROM AYSO PAGE 3

"It gives me a chance to do a sport that lets me meet new people from my team," she said.

Her teammate Jennifer Eyler, the coach's daughter and a seventh grader at John Adams Middle School, is one of the veterans on the team, having played with AYSO for six years. She agrees that the sport allows her to meet new people she might not otherwise bump into at school.

The younger Eyler's team last year went

to the sectionals in Riverside, losing in the first round.

The U-12 team, which includes two players new to soccer, have practiced together only twice and played in two scrimmages.

"The girls that haven't had any experience get an opportunity to play with the girls that have," Steve Eyler said. "Anyone who starts in soccer at this age must have some interest and they're very willing to learn."

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Breaking down No Child Left Behind

RAND discussion forum debates the often criticized act

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CIVIC CENTER The No Child Left Behind Act has been one of the most widely criticized pieces of legislation to have come out of Washington D.C. in the past decade, chastised by educators for its emphasis on standardized tests and its penalties on low-performing schools.

The bill passed with bipartisan support in 2001 and signed into law in 2002 with the intent to ensure all public school children are proficient in reading and math by 2014. Though many agree the bill came with good intentions, critics maintain the problem seems to lie in its implementation.

A group of three educational experts sat down before an audience of parents, school administrators and public education advocates on Wednesday to take a look back at NCLB and its effect over the past five years, assessing whether the bill has lived up to its name.

The panel discussion was sponsored by the RAND Corporation and featured two of its policy experts — Brian Stecher and Ron Zimmer, both of whom focus their research on education. The panel was rounded out by Ramon Cortines, the

deputy mayor of education in the City of Los Angeles.

The NCLB has a 40-year history in this country, dating back to 1965 when the Elementary and Secondary Education Act passed. The differences between the two iterations is that the latter has placed a strong emphasis on accountability within each school district, its relationship with the private sector and sanctions placed on schools that do not meet expectations, Stecher said.

The effects of the bill caught many educators by surprise, particularly in the arena of testing and accountability, Cortines said, adding that he can't think of a single school district in the country that performed well or understood the implications of accountability.



I WOULD MUCH RATHER SEE A TARGET DEFINED BY GROWTH RATHER THAN THE ABSOLUTE LEVEL."

Brian Stecher, Researcher

The trio of panelists agreed that the goal of full proficiency by 2014 was an unrealistic one, but differed on whether the bar should be reset — Zimmer said he doesn't believe the goal could ever be reached; Cortines said even if the bar was set lower, it would still be too high; and Stecher said he thinks the goal should be redefined.

"I would much rather see a target defined by growth rather than the absolute level," Stecher said.

Critics have said that one of the biggest challenges facing NCLB is its reliance on testing, making teachers spend too much classroom instruction time on the standardized tests. Many educators have said that the standardized test isn't a good indicator of how well the students actually perform in school.

Zimmer said he believes the tests need to be broadened to include disciplines outside of math and reading.

The three panelists were asked what they would like to see changed in the new version of NCLB, the question phrased as how they would make their requests to

measure proficiency. Zimmer said he would stress an importance on student progress.

Many of the people who attended the panel discussion were educators with the Santa Monica-Malibu and LA unified school districts as well as the districts' respective boards of education.

The No Child Left Behind Act was denounced last week by the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association, which rallied teachers district-wide to call their legislators and urge them to vote against the upcoming reauthorization. Several teachers cited the standardized testing component as the reasons behind their disgruntled feelings toward the act, arguing that it takes them several weeks to prepare for the test and assess the results.

School board member Barry Snell said he doesn't think No Child Left Behind has had the same effect on the Santa Monica-Malibu district as it has on other districts, especially because of the already high standards set for achievement.

Though the intentions were good with NCLB, Snell said he feels that the act shouldn't penalize school districts without first giving them the support to be able to meet those goals.

"It truly affects those school districts truly overburdened with constraints," Snell said on Friday. "That's where I think it really falls short."

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Article by Douglas Andrew, Best-Selling Author of *Missed Fortune 101* and *Last Chance Millionaire*



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NFL

Raiders believe block is key for Kelly

By the Associated Press

ALAMEDA — Warren Sapp has been to seven Pro Bowls, owns a world championship ring and is closing in on 100 career sacks. He thinks those numbers will pale in comparison to what his Oakland teammate Tommy Kelly can accomplish.

For weeks, Sapp has been telling anyone who would listen that the Raiders' fourth-year defensive end is one of the best young players in the NFL.

Kelly took a big step toward confirming that last week when he blocked a field goal as time expired against Cleveland, helping

Oakland snap an 11-game losing streak dating to 2006.

"He'll be better than me," Sapp said. "He'll have better numbers than me when his game's over. ... I know him. This kid's picking up everything you could possibly imagine. His game has just evolved."

Sapp should know. The two joined the Raiders at the same time in 2004. Sapp had just signed a free agent contract after spending nine years in Tampa Bay, while Kelly signed with the team as an undrafted and unheralded free agent from Mississippi State.

The two have since formed a tight-knit

relationship which often calls for Sapp to speak on Kelly's behalf. That's because Kelly, 26, doesn't talk to the media, at least not about football. He will exchange pleasantries with a handshake and smile, but that's as far as it goes for Oakland's 6-foot-6, 300-pound defensive lineman.

"He's just shy with you guys, but he's hilarious," Sapp said. "He'll come up with some off-the-wall stuff that just makes you laugh."

Few people within the Raiders organization were laughing much during the past 11 months. Before Sunday's game against the Browns, Oakland hadn't won since Oct. 29,

2006, an 11-game slide that matched the second-longest streak in franchise history.

Kelly halted the skid with one swipe of his left hand when he blocked Phil Dawson's second attempt at a 40-yard field goal. Dawson had been successful on his first try, but the kick was negated when the referee ruled the Raiders had called timeout before the attempt.

It was the first blocked kick of Kelly's career, moving him one step closer to Sapp in a career that already has striking similarities.

Through their first three years in the NFL, both players had comparable numbers.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Probe: Coach illegally recruited Samoan athletes

BY GARANCE BURKE | Associated Press Writer

FRESNO An assistant high school football coach led his team to a string of victories by illegally recruiting more than a dozen players from American Samoa and offering them housing, according to an investigation by local sports authorities.

The six-month probe alleges a Samoa-based relative of the coach began meeting with the students' parents as early as 2004, and persuaded them to send their sons from the remote South Pacific island to arid Lodi, a farming town 35 miles south of Sacramento. Once there, the coach is accused of housing the students at his home, with his brother or with other coaches.

Fourteen students and their families flew to California on

tickets purchased by the coach's mother, and were put up in motels for a week paid for by Franklin High School personnel, authorities said.

The coaches helped the parents get fake utility bills to establish their sons' residency, and the Yellowjackets gained a new set of recruits to advance their standing within the league, officials said.

"Who knows where they would have been if they hadn't had those kids," said Pete Saco, a regional commissioner of the California Interscholastic Federation, the governing body for high school sports. "Our goal is that everybody has to play by the rules. That's the essence of what high sports is all about."

Athletic recruiting at the high school level is illegal throughout the United States, as is exercising "undue influ-

ence" to coerce young students to switch schools, sports authorities said.

Still, administrators in the Stockton Unified School District questioned the report's focus on students from one ethnic group.

Dozens of students of Samoan descent play on other teams in the Central Valley, and all three Samoan students enrolled at Franklin High are in compliance with the rules, said Superintendent Jack McLaughlin.

"We viewed this in the beginning as kind of an attack on a culture," McLaughlin said.

"We did not violate anything."

Messages left for the high school's assistant principal and athletics departments were not immediately returned Thursday.

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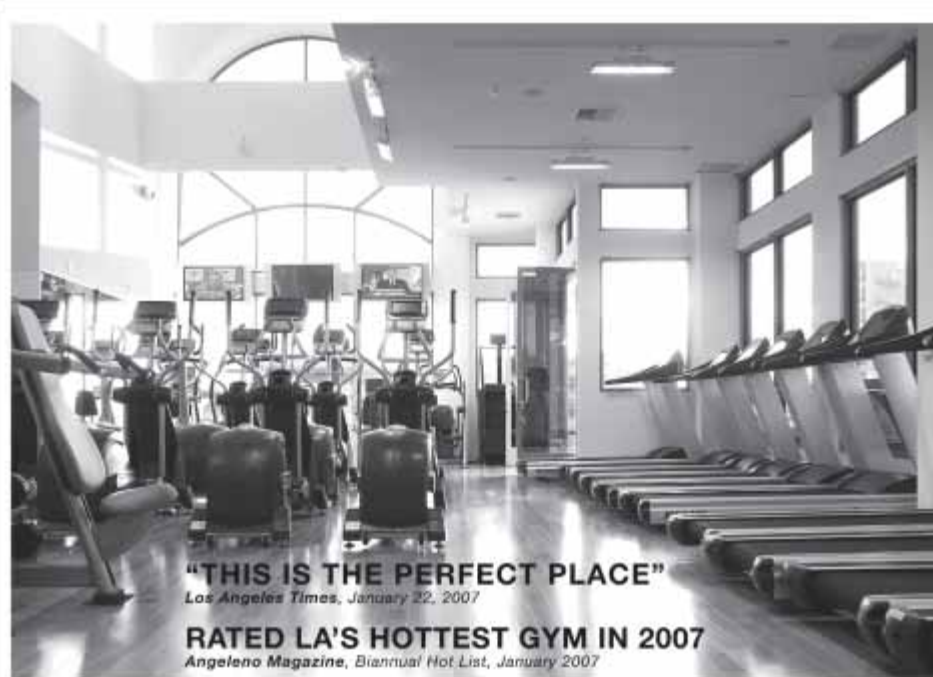
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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	WII Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
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Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	F	A+	North Westchester Storm Drain at Duckweiler State Beach	A+	A+
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Tuna Canyon	A+	ns	Duckweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	A+
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Ladd Jr. gets location on Hollywood Walk of Fame

ALAN LADD JR., the Academy Award-winning producer and former 20th Century Fox head who green-lighted “Star Wars,” was honored Friday with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

“It’s lovely to be here

UNCLE KRACKER’S GUILTY

UNCLE KRACKER pleaded guilty Friday to a misdemeanor assault charge in an incident last month at a Raleigh nightclub.

A Wake County judge sentenced the singer, whose real name is Matthew Shafer, to 12 months’ probation, fined him \$1,500 and ordered him to undergo an alcohol assessment.

Assistant District Attorney Adam Moyers said Shafer put his hand up a woman’s skirt at the nightclub. The 26-year-old woman slapped Shafer, and he slapped her back, Moyers said.

The woman later reported the incident to an off-duty police officer.

AP

among my friends and family,” Ladd said at the ceremony for the 2,348th star.

Ladd’s father, the late actor Alan Ladd, also has a Walk of Fame star.

Mel Brooks praised the man known to many as “Laddie.”

“He is one of the sweetest and nicest guys and he has saved my life many times. If anybody deserves a star, it’s this legendary, incredible, iconic filmmaker,” Brooks said.

Born in Los Angeles, Ladd, 69, became an agent

in the ‘60s to clients including Judy Garland and Warren Beatty before going into producing.

After heading up creative affairs for 20th Century Fox, he became the studio’s president.

It was his decision to

back George Lucas’ “Star Wars.”

Ladd went on to found his own company, which released “The Right Stuff,” “Chariots of Fire” and “Blade Runner,” among others.

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Kiefer Sutherland faces charges related to driving while intoxicated

KIEFER SUTHERLAND, already on probation for a 2004 drunken driving arrest, was charged Friday with misdemeanor driving under the influence in a case the city attorney’s office said could put him in jail for more than a year.

The star of the Fox TV drama “24” was charged with single counts of driving under the influence and driving with a blood-alcohol level of .08 or above, said city attorney spokesman Nick Velasquez. If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of a year in jail and a minimum of four days, Velasquez said.

“We also charged him

with a second DUI offense within 10 years, which we believe also violates the terms of his probation,” Velasquez added.

If found guilty of violating probation, Sutherland could be sentenced to an additional six months.

Sutherland publicist Evelyn Karamanos didn’t immediately return a call for comment.

The 40-year-old actor, who was arrested Tuesday, remains free on \$25,000 bail. He was scheduled to be arraigned Oct. 16.

Because he’s been charged with a misdemeanor, Sutherland won’t have appear in court for his arraignment unless the

judge specifically orders him to be there, Velasquez said.

Police have said they stopped Sutherland shortly after 1 a.m. when they saw him make an illegal U-turn. He was arrested after failing a field sobriety test.

Authorities haven’t disclosed his blood-alcohol level except to say it was .08 or above, exceeding California’s legal limit.

Sutherland was pulled over shortly after leaving a Hollywood industry party at the trendy Area nightclub.

He was also arrested for DUI in 2004, and in November of that year he pleaded no contest to one misdemeanor count. He

was sentenced to five years’ probation, 50 hours of community service and was ordered to attend an alcohol treatment program.

City officials have said he completed the community service and treatment program but was still on probation.

He also has a 1993 conviction for alcohol-related reckless driving, according to the city attorney’s office.

Sutherland won a best actor Emmy last year for his performance as dashing federal counter-terrorist agent Jack Bauer on “24.”

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★★ You certainly don’t have the final word. Just the same, expressing your opinions might not be worth it. You will find that in a few days, people might become more receptive. Your imagination might take you out of the realm of the possible. Tonight: Where there is music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. If there is a bump or a mini quake, you’ll cruise right over the obstacle. A partner means well but might not be seeing events and situations as clearly as you right now. Tonight: Where the gang is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Understanding takes you down a new path. The unexpected colors your relationships. Someone might not be telling the whole story. Listen to news that streams in your direction. Tonight: Everyone wants you around.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ The innovative and adventurous path is where the Virgo must go. Though this behavior is not your normal style, if you overthink it, you could get nervous. If you don’t risk in life, you’ll go nowhere. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You make a difference. You might question that fact occasionally, even today, when someone tosses your efforts in your face. Don’t accept this behavior. Get into why this person did and walk with him in his view. Tonight: How about a romantic dinner?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You want what you want. What is new about that? Yet to get what you want, working with other people is imperative. Do flow and give more. Trust in that what you desire is appropriate and will happen. Tonight: The only answer is yes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Listen and share who you are. Others will listen, though you might not necessarily get the reactions you want. You could be a touch uncomfortable. Loosen up and relax with family and loved ones. Tonight: Make it easy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Greet the unexpected with a smile. Your vision of what could happen might be startling. Sometimes your knee-jerk reaction is right up your alley, like now. Confusion surrounds spending and money. Tonight: Add more heat to a relationship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Home is definitely where the heart is. You might not be comfortable anywhere but home. Invite key friends or company over. Whether you throw a painting party or a great dinner happening makes no difference. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You might as well not hold back, as your expressions easily give you away. In fact, it might be easier to hear your words than see your expressions. You could be unusually sensitive right now. Tonight: Hanging out is fun to do.

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11:05am, 1:55, 4:40, 7:25, 10:10
Hunting Party, The (R)
1:00
In the Valley of Elah (R)
11:00am, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
Kingdom, The (R)
10:45am, 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
Mr. Woodcock (PG-13)
10:50am, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:05

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11:15am, 2:00, 4:50, 7:45, 10:40
Game Plan, The (PG)
11:00am, 1:45, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05
Kingdom, The (R)
11:30am, 2:15, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35
Resident Evil: Extinction (R)
DLP-Digital Projection
11:10am, 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
Resident Evil: Extinction (R)
12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
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King of California (PG-13)
3:10, 7:50
Milarepa: Magician, Murderer, Saint (PG)
3:10, 7:50
Raising Flagg (PG-13)
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45
Trade (R)
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
Vanaja (NR)
11:00am

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Good Luck Chuck (R)
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Shoot ‘Em Up (R)
12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
Superbad (R)
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Difficulty
GOLD

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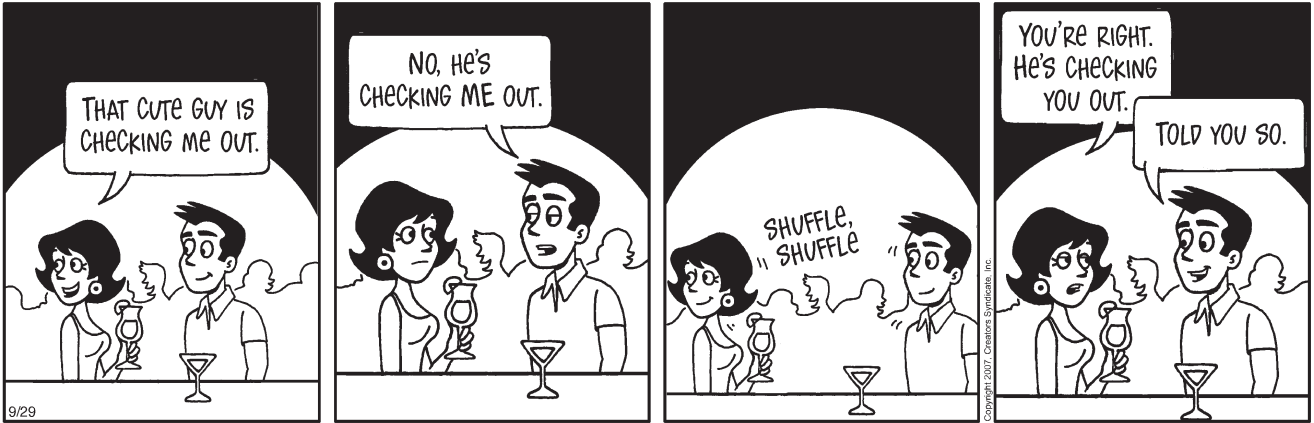
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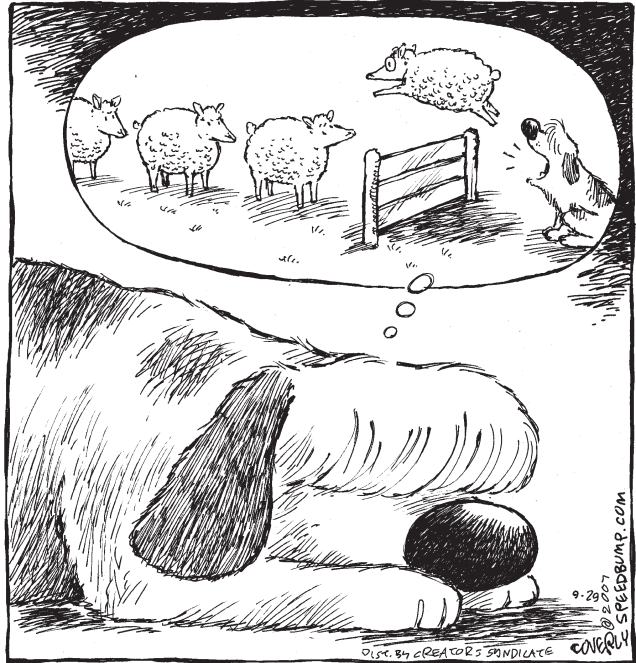
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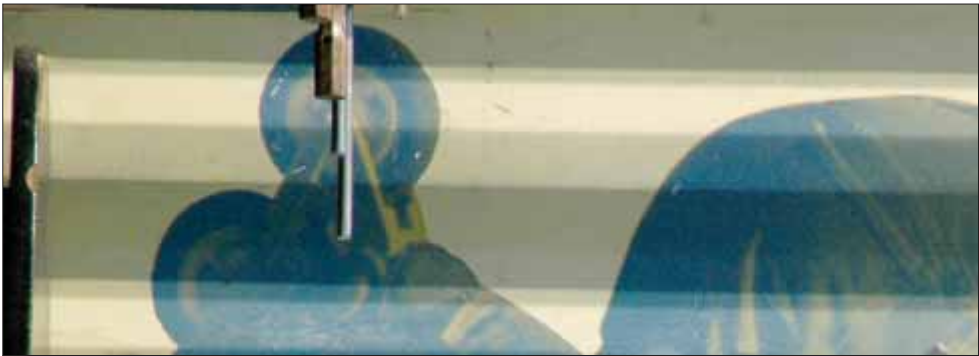
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 - 27 Sights
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 - 33 Candidate of 2004
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BY CHUCK SHEPARD

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Verle Dills, 60, was arrested in Sioux Falls, S.D., in July after police found numerous home-made videos of Dills having sex in public with "traffic signs." And Jeff Doland of Uniontown, Ohio, was arrested in July, caught in an Internet sting after he flew to Miami thinking he had arranged to pay a "mother" to let him photograph her two adolescent daughters while she periodically pushed them underwater (because he "liked watching the bubbles").

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1364 Battle of Auray: English forces defeat French at Brittany; end of the Breton War of Succession.
1567 The second War of Religion in France breaks out.
1567 At a dinner, the Duke of Alba arrests the Count of Egmont and the Count of Horne for treason.
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1789 The U.S. War Department first establishes a regular army with a strength of several hundred men.
1789 The first U.S. Congress adjourns.
1829 The Metropolitan Police of London, also known as the Met, is founded.
1850 The Roman Catholic hierarchy is re-established in England and Wales by Pope Pius IX.

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