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The greening of Santa Monica

Real estate Web site bestows honor on the city by the sea

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Green seems to be a color that Santa Monica sports quite nicely, and others are starting to take notice.

The municipality has been lauded by real estate Web company Move.com, which named Santa Monica as one of the 10 greenest cities in the United States.

In an article published last week, author Nicki Kipen lists the various city governments that have done a good job at exercising sustainable practices, implementing pro-

grams and offering services with their residents' well-being in mind, services such as a strong public transit system, clean water and air programs as well as farmers' markets.

Kipen was not available for comment by deadline on Monday.

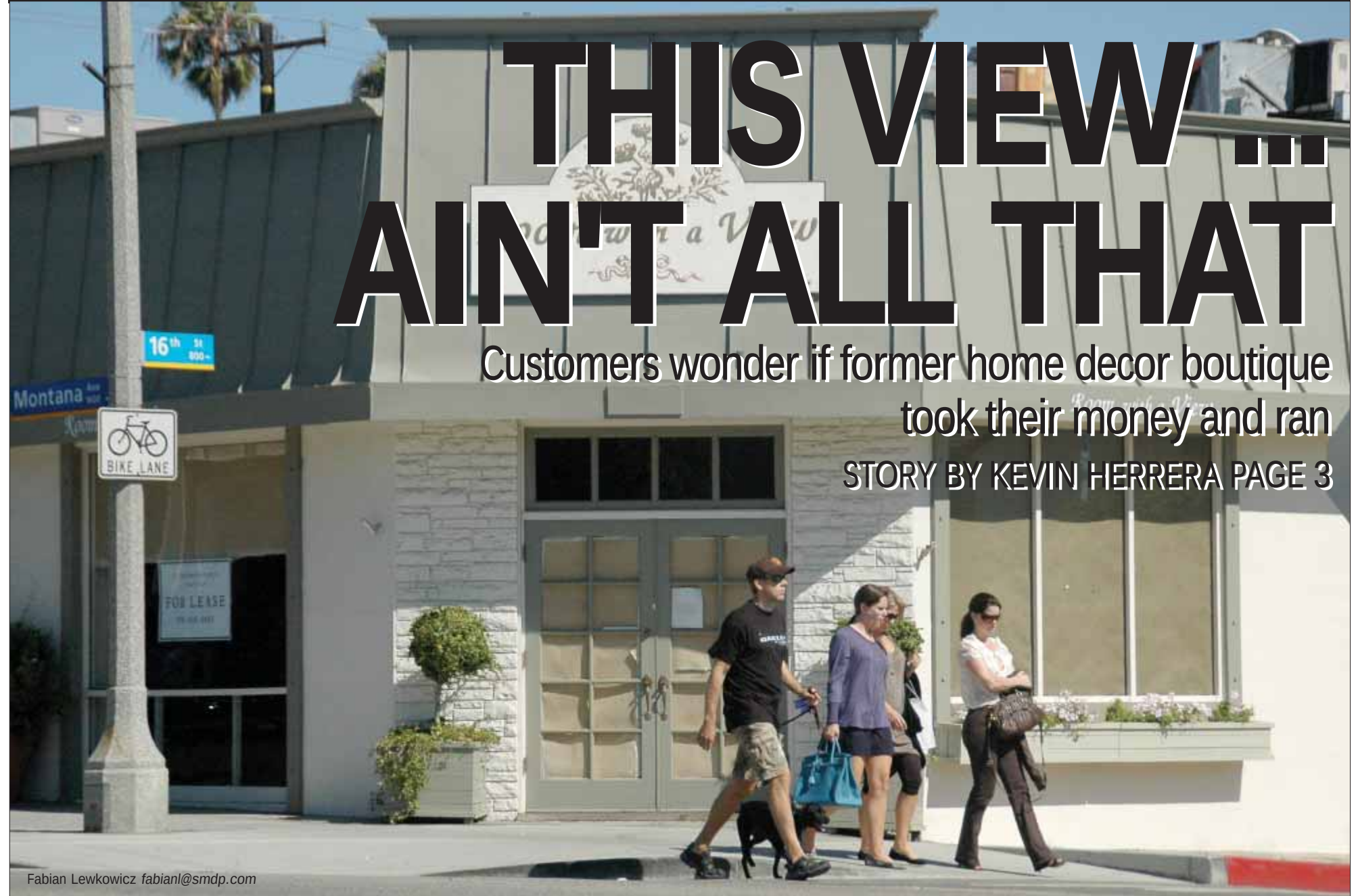
Santa Monica was recognized along with other cities that have long-established themselves as leaders of the green movement, including San Francisco and Portland, which currently has more than 50 buildings that

are certified as being environmentally friendly by the United States Green Building Council. The council certifies buildings that have satisfied the strict Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design guidelines.

The list also includes a few surprise names, including New York City, which was recognized for its vast public transportation network and energy-efficient housing.

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Santa Monica Pier, 6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

In recognition of the International Day of Nonviolence, and Gandhi's birthday, a "Living Peace Symbol" will be lit on Santa Monica beach with 900 lanterns. This event is open to all.

If you don't feel good, we don't look good

500 Broadway, 9 a.m. — 9 p.m.

Fred Segal Santa Monica's custom-designed T-shirt will benefit Angels at Risk, which aids teens with substance abuse problems and their families. The T-shirt will be available during their annual half-off sale.

Canned Steinbeck is still good

11975 San Vicente Blvd., 10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

The Judith Palarz Book Group will be at Dutton's Bookstore to discuss John Steinbeck's "Cannery Row." The book discussion is open to all and no pre-registration is required. For more information, visit www.duttonsbrentwood.com.

Toddler Story Time for Twos

2601 Main St., 10 a.m. — 11 a.m.

This program is a weekly series of stories, songs and other activities for 2- and 3-year-old children. This program is free, but registration is required. Call (310) 392-3804 for more information.

Floral design and sales course

601 Pico Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2007

Dance Diaspora

3631 Hayden Ave., Culver City, check for times

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McC Campbell and Mendez play Tag

2903 Santa Monica Blvd., check for times

Tag Gallery's new exhibit features works by Rachael McCampbell and Valerie Mendez. For more information on the gallery or the artists, visit www.TAGTheArtistsGallery.com.

YMCA pumpkin patch

Sunset Boulevard and Temescal Canyon, Pacific Palisades,
3 p.m. — 7 p.m.

Pick a pumpkin, play on hay bales and hide-n-seek in the spooky woods at the Palisades-Malibu YMCA's pumpkin patch at Simon Meadow. For more information, call (310) 454-5591.

St. Joseph practices Tai Chi

400 W. Pico Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.

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

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





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BETTER DAYS: Richard DuBois was a sight.

Dubois, 1950s bodybuilder passes away

By the Associated Press

SANTA MONICA Richard DuBois, a bodybuilder whose brawny physique landed him parts in 1950s movies and Mae West's stage act, died last week at the age of 74.

DuBois died Wednesday at Saint John's Health Center, his wife Marcy said. She said an autopsy was to be conducted to determine the cause of death. He lived in Santa Monica.

The winner of Mr. America and the Mr. USA bodybuilding contests in the mid 1950s, DuBois' Herculean frame landed a contract with MGM and a role in the 1954 movie "Athena" with Debbie Reynolds and Jane Powell. He appeared in the musical comedy under the stage name Richard Sabre.

DuBois later appeared with Mae West in her nightclub act as it toured across the country.

Dubois eventually abandoned his show business pursuits to become an evangelist, his wife said. He spent the last 19 years preaching as pastor of Gospel Lighthouse in West Los Angeles.

Besides his wife of 47 years, DuBois is survived by his son Elijah, daughter-in-law Carol and granddaughter Jasmine.

Color them missing

High-end boutique's customers are feeling ripped-off by owners

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

MONTANA AVENUE A high-end home decor boutique that was once a favorite place to shop for Oprah Winfrey is being investigated by the City Attorney's Office for failing to provide customers with merchandise they paid for before the store went out of business.

Room with a View, formerly located along a trendy stretch of Montana Avenue,

went out of business in May and has since failed to respond to letters and phone calls from the City Attorney's Office, which is trying to locate the owners to see if they plan to follow through with orders made or provide refunds.

"We really don't have much more information to release at this time because it is an active investigation, but we are reaching out to (the media) to see if there are more people who will come forward," said Paula Rockenstein, an attorney with City Hall's Consumer Protection Unit.

"We've had a few complaints. We believe there are more people out there," Rockenstein said. "No formal charges have been filed. What happens next all depends on what response we get from consumers. That will determine if we handle this ourselves or go to a bigger agency."

Rockenstein is urging any customers who may have ordered something from the store to contact the City Attorney's Office.

The owners of Room with a View, Elizabeth Lamont and Tom Alesio, could not be reached for comment. Phone numbers for the boutique are no longer in service.

On the boutique's Web site, the owners left a message for their customers, which reads:

"To Our Dear Customers,

Room with a View has closed its doors after 17 years. We thank you for your patronage all these years, as we felt very much a part of this community. Hopefully we will reopen in the near future with an eco-friendly focus, and will let all of you know when and where that happens. Please

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THE BIGGER THEY COME

Work crews began trimming the ficus trees on Fourth Street on Monday. Many of the mature trees are due to be uprooted and replaced, beginning as early as next week, following a City Council vote to beautify the popular corridor.

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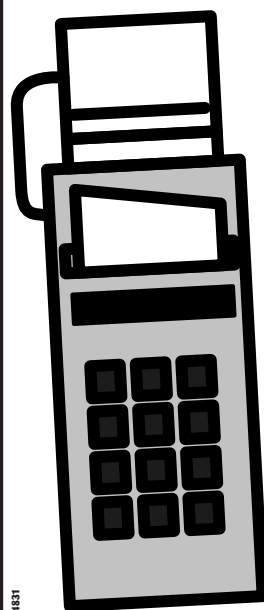
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There's green in those red lights

Editor:

Red light cameras have many problems that (the Daily Press) article did not report ("Drivers to pay for pushing it," Sept. 27). It is a shame that our City Council reversed their prior decision to allow these in our community. I urge them to reconsider.

Contrary to popular mythology, many studies show that red light cameras actually increase accidents. (See <http://www.autoblog.com/2006/04/05/maryland-countys-red-light-cameras-net-2-85-million-increase/>. See also <http://www.thenewspaper.com/news/04/430.asp>.)

These articles note the real reason for red light cameras – they increase revenue for governments and the private companies that sell the camera devices to them. In essence, they are the good old small town "speed trap" writ large. So the private companies that make money on the cameras push for them and they oversell the benefits in slick presentations in order to rake in the cash.

Because of the income aspects, red light cameras also turn cities and the judges handling cases into interested parties. How do you get a fair hearing when the judge is directly or indirectly aware that the money is paying his or her salary and/or paying for needed items in his or her town?

Beyond those practical arguments, there are also at least three significant legal and Constitutional problems with traffic cameras mounted at intersections.

First, unlike the traffic officer who stops an alleged violator and issues a ticket which constitutes a summons to appear in court, when the ticket is by camera, the alleged violator supposedly gets the ticket by mail. But we all know that mail is often not delivered or that it may be intercepted by a roommate, eaten by the dog, not forwarded to a new address, or otherwise not delivered. This alone is reason enough to oppose these tickets.

Second, with a traffic officer, the alleged violator is stopped on the spot and has an opportunity to recollect the circumstances of the ticket and defend himself or herself. With a camera, the alleged violator receives the ticket many days or even weeks later. In the interim, the alleged violator probably does not know that a ticket is in process and may forget the circumstances. In fact, the alleged violator may go through the intersection in question daily. It is fundamentally unfair to ask someone to defend himself or herself without the opportunity to recollect the circumstances, gather witnesses, if required, and mount a defense.

Third, cameras mounted at intersections are another incremental invasion of our privacy today. As (the Daily Press) article notes, some law enforcement agencies are already asserting the right to use the photographs taken for other purposes. They could also be subpoenaed in civil disputes.

In addition, we are already seeing jurisdictions extend camera monitoring to include tickets for speeding using two cameras and measuring the elapsed time a car takes to pass between the two – another step in the disappearance of privacy in our society.

Fourth, why not simply hire more officers to monitor intersections? The income from the tickets they write should cover the cost – and they are then available at other times for necessary police services.

Fifth, if I were a dictator interested in taking over this country, one of the things that would most facilitate my efforts to restrain and control the populace would be an installed base of cameras and the legal precedents to retain them.

Cameras not only increase accident rates, but they also violate privacy rights, endanger the public welfare in the long term, and are fundamentally unfair to the public. The money should be used for human officers who can not only monitor traffic, but perform other necessary police functions.

It is fascinating to note that the statistics cited in (the Daily Press) article actually showed a decrease in accidents caused by running red lights, from 96 in 2005 to 73 in 2006. By my calculations, that is more than a 25 percent reduction!

Given that success rate, achieved by the dedicated men and women under Chief Jackman's command, where is the need for this?

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Santa Monica



What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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I hear the sizzle, but where's the steak?

I, ALONG WITH MOST OF THE REST OF the city, I presume, have just received the latest correspondence from the city of Santa Monica. This one deals with the impending addition of fluoride to our drinking water.

This is a controversial topic. Some people think that fluoride causes cancer, AIDS and Leukemia. Others think that it prevents cavities and is a good addition to our diet.

The science on this topic is wide ranging, and as with any large-scale adulteration of a community asset, there are people on both sides of the spectrum screaming that the other side is wrong, insane and uneducated. Since I'm not a doctor, and my understanding of chemistry and biology is pretty much limited to knowing that 1 cup of alcohol and 1 cup of water do not equal 2 cups of liquid by volume; and that the inside of a dead frog is gross, I'm not particularly well equipped to deal with the appropriateness or not, of adding fluoride to my water.

I do know that it is a naturally occurring substance, and that it can be found in natural water supplies. I also know that there are multiple studies proving it has lowered the overall rate of caries (that means 'cavities') in the population, and that I have spent most of life having it in the water, my toothpaste and directly applied to my teeth by my dentists.

On balance, I think it is probably an acceptable thing to have fluoride in our water — odds are that it isn't going to be present at levels that are high enough to cause death or even illness. Certainly, it can be abused, as most things in this world can be, and if done to excess can cause death. Even the basics of life — oxygen and water — can be overdone and kill a person.

I'm not so concerned with the fact that the city is beginning to put something in the water, as I am that the city, by way of the City Council, seems to me to be encroaching more and more each year into my personal life and being less and less concerned with the real work they were elected for — to run the city in a fiscally responsible manner and with an eye for the future.

I see a lot of activity around issues that I think we should be dealing with personally, not as a society. What I mean is that issues such as the No Smoking in the Parks and Public areas ordinances; this latest fluoride debate, are all well and good, but honestly, I'd like to see the council focus on issues that are more substantive. When I worked in the restaurant world, we used to see salesmen come in and they gave a great pitch, and afterwards, we'd always say that we liked the sizzle, but where's the steak?

To me, issues like the fluoride in the water, No Smoking ordinances, homeless

being banned from sleeping in the parks, the city suing itself over interpretations, all seem to be political grandstanding. It's a lot of sizzle, and not much steak.

I say this because of events like getting a very nicely done, glossy brochure in the mail from the city explaining to me that the water is going to have fluoride in it. I want to know what that marketing piece cost to produce and distribute because, frankly, it strikes me that it really is nothing more than a puff piece of non-campaign literature from the council "proving" they actually did something of value.

I don't get brochures on most of the other things that City Council decides to implement. We don't get an annual round-up of the new laws that Council has enacted. When I asked where I could get a copy of the municipal code, I was told that the city doesn't make those available, but if I wanted to order a special copy they'd be happy to provide it, for a reasonable "convenience fee" of \$325 dollars.

Thanks, but no thanks.

We did receive a nice glossy announcement about the No Butt's About It campaign, but I have yet to receive any kind of notice about the latest developments in the Second and Fourth streets deforestation act, with only Kevin McKeown as the lone voice trying to save at least the healthy trees.

So much for the rest of the council and their "green" credentials. Talk about posers!

It doesn't take much to find a high-profile example, read this from the www.bobbyshriver.com Web site (as of 10/1/07): "We all have our Santa Monica stories. I still find mine hard to believe: Last year, the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, I and many others received criminal infraction notices that our hedges were too high. The City had decided to enforce a 1948 ordinance and gave many residents throughout Santa Monica until the following Monday to cut their hedges. I was able to get the City to withdraw those charges, but in April we all received civil compliance orders, giving us a month to cut our hedges or pay a \$25,000 per day fine.

Since then, I've been looking closely at other city issues. I've realized that the hedge "crackdown" is merely a symptom of a pervasive problem: a city government that has lost sight of the reason it exists — to serve its people. That's why I decided to run for Santa Monica City Council. It's not about my hedges."

I guess it's not about the trees either.

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Going back to school on teen driving issue

THE EARLY MORNING CAR CRASH ON Union Bridge Street in Duxbury, Mass., left a late model station wagon wrapped around a tree and sent three teens — two critically injured — to area hospitals. One would die soon thereafter — a grim, and eerily poignant, reminder that fall's not all about reading, writing and arithmetic.

There's a fourth "R" that's just as important: Road safety.

With 88 percent of teens reporting that driving to school is their primary reason for being behind the wheel (an average of 16.4 hours per week), there's plenty to worry, and talk, about.

Indeed, the results of a teen driving study by SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and Liberty Mutual (one of the nation's largest automobile insurers) tells the troubling truth.

■ **Speeding:** Sixty-four (64) percent of teen drivers say they speed.

■ **Distracted Driving:** Sixty-two (62) percent of teen drivers say they use a cell phone while driving, 64 percent say they drive with more than three people in the car, and more than one in five admits to text messaging while behind the wheel.

■ **Impaired Driving:** Nineteen (19) percent (nearly one in five) of teen drivers say they have driven after drinking alcohol; 15 percent say they have done so after using marijuana; and 7 percent report the same regarding other drugs.

■ **Seat Belts:** Thirty-three (33) percent of teen drivers say they don't wear their safety belts.

It's no wonder that teens have the highest crash risk of any age group or that such crashes remain the leading cause of death for young people ages 15-20. Nevertheless, nine out of 10 teens (89 percent) consider themselves to be "safe" drivers.

Maybe more disturbing is the fact that many teens apparently don't consider risky driving behaviors to be dangerous at all. For example, more than one in four teens say they believe speeding, talking on a cell phone while driving and not wearing a safety belt are safe. Back to school we go.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, on average, more than 300,000 teens are injured in car crashes each year, nearly 8,000 are involved in fatal crashes and more than 3,500 are killed.

Sobering statistics for sure.

So how can we reverse this trend? Research suggests five action steps that

young people and their parents can take to improve road safety during this busy back-to-school season — and all year long.

1. Debunk the myth of invincibility.

As much as they might think they are indestructible, teens need constant reminders of the responsibilities and risks associated with driving.

MAYBE MORE DISTURBING IS THE FACT THAT MANY TEENS APPARENTLY DON'T CONSIDER RISKY DRIVING BEHAVIORS TO BE DANGEROUS AT ALL.

2. Empower teens to take the lead.

Teen drivers may be more inclined to heed the warnings of their peers than of adults.

3. Set a good example.

According to teens themselves, their parents are their number-one influence when it comes to driving behaviors.

4. Establish family driving rules.

Clear expectations — for teen and adult drivers — can go a long way toward preventing crashes.

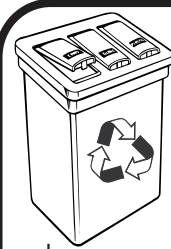
5. Enforce consequences.

Parents who set and enforce driving rules are less likely to have teen drivers who operate a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, or who speed, talk on a cell phone, eat or drink while driving.

Sadly, the Duxbury tragedy is not an isolated event. It is part of an alarming trend of dangerous and distracted driving on the part of young people inexperienced behind the wheel and unfamiliar with the road.

With the hustle and bustle of the new school year comes renewed focus on academics, athletics and extracurricular activities. Let's add driving safety to the list ... and, certainly, neither last nor least.

STEPHEN WALLACE is the national chairman of SADD, Inc. (Students Against Destructive Decisions). Teen driving research can be found at www.sadd.org.



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

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

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The Q-Line

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Clearing the air (and water)

Heal the Bay's annual end-of-summer beach report card has recently been released and apparently has labeled the water surrounding the pier as overly polluted.

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Some parents are looking for less treats

BY MELISSA RAYWORTH
Associated Press Writer

Kim Weir's family used to hide on Halloween night. She and her husband felt the holiday conflicted with their Christian beliefs, so they tried pretending it wasn't happening.

"We would turn out all the lights and pretend we weren't home, hide in the back of the house and watch a movie," says Weir, founder of Engaging Women Ministries and a mother of three, who lives in Texas.

The trouble was, in a country where Halloween-related spending is projected to top \$5 billion this year according to the National Retail Federation, it's nearly impossible to hide from this festival of candy and costumes. "As our kids got older," Weir says, "they would be like, 'why don't we celebrate?'"

Rabbi Irwin Kula, co-president of The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, faced the same question from his children. The frenzy surrounding Halloween was more than they could ignore.

"When you have \$5 billion being spent and millions of kids in the streets, there is a lot of cultural, psychic and spiritual energy," Kula says. "Anybody who gets up Halloween morning knows it. By 2 p.m., you're walking in the street and there's an energy in the street that's not there the day before."

For parents who don't want to participate in Halloween — whether because of religious concerns, objection to its intense commercialization, or simply because they were raised in countries that don't celebrate it — Oct. 31 can be a complicated day. Especially



Photo courtesy Matt Gillis

HOT TOPIC: Not everybody is warm to the idea of Halloween these days. A view of the undersea aquarium at last year's The Great Jack O' Lantern Blaze at Van Cortlandt Manor in Hudson Valley, NY.

if their kids don't like being the only ones in class not participating.

Mark Young, who lives in New York City, was raised in a Jewish family that celebrated Halloween. But he remembers growing up with friends "who felt like they were left out" because they weren't permitted to trick-or-treat.

So what's a parent to do if they don't want their family to celebrate Halloween in the standard ghosts-and-goblins way? Here are

some strategies for those struggling with this much-hyped holiday:

— Discuss your objections with your kids and share your experiences with them.

If you were raised in a home where Halloween was considered offensive, explain how you handled that growing up. "Age appropriate conversation is critical," Kula says. "The older their age, the more you have to be articulate about your own values."

It may help to take a fresh look at the sub-

ject, even if you're fairly sure of your opinion. Research may reinforce your objections or minimize them.

"Parents really need to ask themselves why they're choosing to say 'no' here. Because the choice of when we say 'no' to our kids and when we say 'yes' often has more to do with us than with our kids," Kula says.

■ Consider co-opting typical Halloween imagery to teach your kids some positive lessons.

On a recent Halloween night, Weir and her husband invited their kids and a several other teenagers to a local cemetery.

"We had a scavenger hunt in the cemetery — find the tombstone with the longest name, the tombstone with the person who died the youngest or oldest. Then we all gathered around one, gave prizes, and we talked about dash in the middle of the tombstone. We said, 'We know this person was born in this year, the person died in this year, but what about the dash?'"

Weir then spoke about how best to live one's life, turning a spooky party in a cemetery into an opportunity to share her views with a group of teens.

• If you object to Halloween's rampant commercialization, put the focus on giving rather than getting.

"When we're at our doors and people knock, we can turn it into a giving holiday," Kula says. Instead of going trick-or-treating, tell your children, "You pick out the candy you'd like to give, and you take five pieces for yourself. And then when people come to the door, you be the one to give," he says. Another option is telling kids they can trick-or-treat, but they need to share.



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Parents steamed over hot ticket

BY KRISTIN M. HALL
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. Forget The Police, Justin Timberlake or Bruce Springsteen. The undisputed hottest concert ticket of the year is for 14-year-old pop star Miley Cyrus, star of the Disney Channel's "Hannah Montana" TV show.

Fans are so desperate for seats to her 54-date tour, kicking off later this month, that venues have sold out in as little as four minutes and scalpers are getting four to five times the face value — creating a torrent of complaints from frustrated parents.

Billy Ray Cyrus, plays high school student Miley Stewart, who lives a secret double life as a famous pop star, Hannah Montana. Her show reaches 5 million viewers a week.

The sold-out "Best of Both Worlds Tour," which begins Oct. 18, follows the release of her double album, "Hannah Montana 2/Meet Miley Cyrus," which has already sold more than 1 million copies since its release in June. The first album, released late last year, sold more than 2 million copies.

Paige Nace, 35, hoped to take her daughter to see

ing the show, Nace said.

"I think that's it's pretty cool she is coming here," Arianna said. "I want to get up on stage and sing with her. Most likely every girl I know likes Hannah."

But in 4 minutes, tickets to the November show were gone.

Nace said tickets were being resold for inflated prices on Internet sites like Craigslist and eBay Inc.'s ticket-reselling subsidiary StubHub.

"All the ticket brokers and scalpers are trying to sell them for \$100-200 a piece," Nace said. "If they would have been face value, I would have gladly gotten them."

The tour promoter capped prices

at \$65 and put a four-ticket maximum on each transaction.

However, the average ticket for the Hannah

Montana tour was being resold for \$214. That beats the average resale price for Timberlake (\$182), Beyonce (\$193), or The Police (\$209).

The Police tour has been StubHub's best-selling tour in the company's history, but Hannah Montana has sold 35 percent more tickets in the same amount of time, and is out-selling The Police by 25 percent based on dollar volume.

Understandably that's riling a lot of fans.

"It's always been a problem and it getting worse and worse," said Rathwell, who says her company is doing all it can to reduce scalping. But with every show selling out immediately, there are few options for parents.

"Hannah Montana has essentially exposed a lot of frustration the average, uninformed ticket buyer has," said Sean Pate, a spokesman for the San Francisco-based StubHub. "There is so much demand that ticket sellers are pricing on the high side. It's almost unreasonable."

As technology changes and more venues start selling tickets online, scalpers are no longer those shady looking guys holding up tickets outside the arena. Most states have no restrictions on reselling tickets, even for a big profit.

Ray Waddell, Billboard's touring writer, says scalpers use automated computer programs that buy tickets quickly or tie up ticket phone lines with repeated calls. "It's really getting out of control," Waddell said. "The industry is kind of fed up."

Pate encourages Hannah Montana fans to sit tight and wait for prices to go down.

PARENTS NEED TO SET A PRICE THAT THEY ARE COMFORTABLE WITH AND WATCH THE MARKET ON A DAILY BASIS."

Sean Pate, Spokesman for the San Francisco-based StubHub

"We knew it was hot, but we had no idea it was this crazy," said Debra Rathwell, senior vice president of AEG Live, which is handling her tour. "It's like the Beatles."

About 12,000 seats for the Memphis show were gone in 8 minutes. It took 15 minutes in Columbus, Ohio, and swift sellouts have been reported across the country — Nashville, Miami, Lexington, Ky. The Kansas City Council is investigating the matter.

One ticket for the show in Charlotte, N.C., sold for \$2,565.

Miley, daughter of country music singer

Miley at the Arena at Gwinnett Center outside of Atlanta. Nine-year-old Arianna had been begging to see her live ever since she started watch-



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Sustainable programs give SM a big edge

FROM GREEN PAGE 1

Dean Kubani, the environmental programs division manager for City Hall, said Santa Monica officials collaborate frequently on sustainability projects with many of the cities mentioned in the top 10 list.

Santa Monica has been at the forefront of environmentalism since City Hall launched its sustainability program in 1994, one of the first municipalities in the country to organize such an undertaking. Since then, the changes have been evident — approximately 75 percent of the public works fleet has been converted to run on alternative fuel; the amount of greenhouse gas emissions has been reduced; and a number of public and private facilities have been LEED certified.

The city was also recognized for its four farmers' markets, community gardens and Big Blue Bus.

"Buying food produced locally ... reduces a lot of greenhouse gas emissions that is used to ship food from half-way around the world here," Kubani said. "There is a much lower embodied energy in the food."

But the city government has faced criticism during the past few months for what some residents have called an un-environmentally friendly project — a plan to uproot more than 50 ficus trees from Second and

Fourth streets as part of a streetscape improvement program.

Kubani said he doesn't see the controversy with the tree removal as damaging to Santa Monica's image as being a green leader, adding that more than half of the trees will be transplanted and every empty plot will be replaced with two ginkgo biloba trees.

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Dean Kubani, Environmental Programs Division Manager, Santa Monica City Hall

"I'm seeing that the project is going to expand the size of the community forest and ultimately is going to be a good thing," he said.

Perhaps the biggest impact City Hall's sustainability initiatives have had is a trickle-down effect on its residents and businesses, which too have adopted the green mindset.

Sustainable Works, a Santa Monica-based nonprofit organization, launched a green

business certification program in October 2006, giving eligible businesses the chance to show their customers that they can exercise sustainable practices.

Businesses must first fulfill a minimum number of measures to demonstrate their sustainability, after which point they receive a decal to display in their window. The program, which ranges in cost from \$175 to

business greening program. "Marketing wise, there is a cost benefit (for businesses)."

Sustainable Works experts also work for free with businesses for a year through its greening program, conducting free environmental audits and offering recommendations on how to make the operations a bit more ecologically friendly. About 20 businesses participate in the program every year.

Residents and Santa Monica College students are also responding to the green movement, participating in the organization's residential and student greening programs, which are six and nine-week workshops, respectively. There are about 300 students expected to graduate from the program this semester.

Many of the students take the workshop to receive extra credit and come into the program with very little enthusiasm for environmental initiatives, said Genevieve Bertone, the executive director of Sustainable Works. The students undergo a complete transformation by the end of the program.

"They come out really empowered with solutions," Bertone said.

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THE FLAVOR OF HERITAGE

A dancer performs a Spanish Jota dance Friday during the 30th Anniversary Fiesta hosted by the California Heritage Museum.

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Aging drivers beware

By the Associated Press

CITYWIDE Down the road, getting a California driver's license could get a lot tougher.

The state is considering using more extensive tests to evaluate a driver's memory, reflexes and vision to identify people who shouldn't be behind the wheel. While the Department of Motor Vehicles insists that older drivers are not the targets, incidents like the Farmers' Market crash in 2003 — when 86-year-old Russell Weller plowed through the marketplace, killing 10 people — have thrust concerns about elderly drivers into the public consciousness.

The proposed program comes at a time when more aging baby boomers are on California's congested roads, although the Department of Motor Vehicles insists that older drivers are not the targets.

"What we can do is try to identify drivers who probably can't drive safely," said David Hennessy, a research program specialist who recently retired from the DMV.

"This is something we're especially sensitive to because of the aging of the baby boomers. We're looking to accommodate and acknowledge that fact," Hennessy said.

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



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Most homeowners have the misconception that the wisest method to accelerate the pay-off of their home is to simply pay extra principal payments on their mortgages. Other homeowners are lured into thinking that bi-weekly mortgage payment plans are the answer. Still other homeowners utilize a 15-year mortgage rather than a 30-year mortgage. In actuality, none of these methods usually prove to be the wisest method to accomplish a "free and clear" home.

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Third, you will be able to maintain control of your home equity, increase its rate of return, and keep the equity portable. For example, most homeowners relocate every seven years, and if you need to relocate during a soft real estate market, your home will likely sell faster and for a higher amount if you have a high mortgage balance rather than a

low mortgage balance. To understand how to accelerate the pay-off of your home mortgage wisely, Chatham Street Mortgage Services is conducting an educational seminar entitled "Missed Fortune: True Wealth Transformation."

It will be taught on Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2007, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at The Olympic Collection, State Room, located at 11301 Olympic Blvd., West Los Angeles, CA, 90064. There is easy access from the 405 and 10 freeways with plenty of lighted parking.

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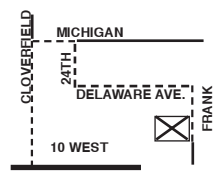
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FEELING FUNKY IN VENICE

(From right to left clockwise) Willie Chambers from the Chambers Brothers performs on the Brooks stage during Sunday's Abbot Kinney Festival. Street performers show their stuff during the eclectic event. A festival-goer sorts through Indian wraps at one of the many crafts booths. With the sunny weather complementing the festival on Sunday, hats were prevalent. People browse the many crafts and food booths that helped make the event a rousing success.

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know that we had many laughs and fun and will miss seeing many of you on a regular basis. Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth, Tom and all of the staff of Room with a View."

The store was featured on "Oprah" in 2004 as part of Winfrey's "favorite things" series. Winfrey purchased a hand-painted, Vietri water garden tea set made of white clay from the Veneto region in northern Italy, according to the show's Web site. Jane Walker of the Montana Avenue Merchants Association and manager of Three Bags Full, which specializes in women's sweaters, said several people



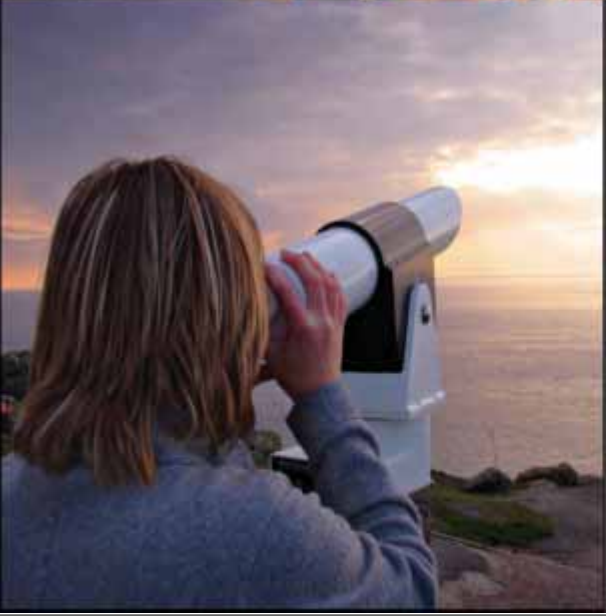
ALL I CAN SAY IS WE'VE HAD A FEW COMPLAINTS, BUT MANY INQUIRIES SO WE BELIEVE THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE OUT THERE."

Paula Rockenstein, Attorney with City Hall's Consumer Protection Unit

who shopped at Room with a View have come to her seeking answers. She has been telling them to hire an attorney or contact City Hall. Customers aren't the only ones who have been left hanging. Dave Oh at Nick's Dry Cleaners at Montana and Ninth Street said Alesio owes him roughly \$6,000 for dry cleaning. "I've hired somebody to try to find him," Oh said Monday. "I believe he's living in the Pacific

Palisades, but he may have moved somewhere ... The last six months (they were open) he didn't pay his tab. I'm really disappointed because he was a good customer." Oh believes he isn't the only one to get stiffed. "I heard there were some supply companies that haven't gotten paid either," he said.

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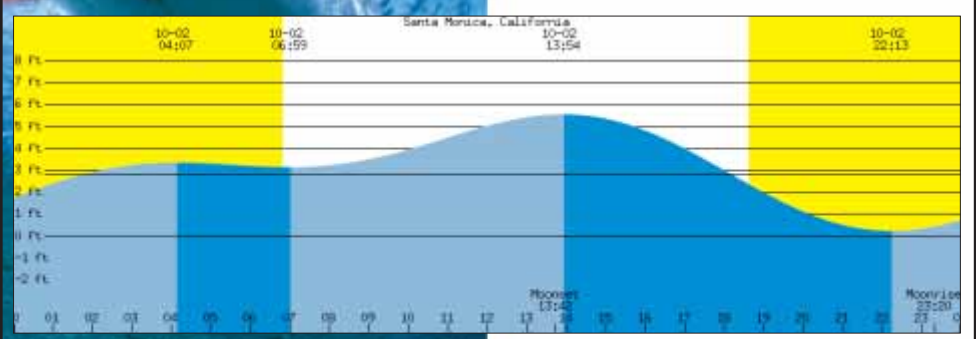
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth (Paseo del Mar)	A	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Las Alitas creeks	A+	A+
Escalante Canyon at El Morado State Beach	A+	A+
Bread Beach at Trabancas Creek mouth	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach	A+	A+
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
Selkirk Canyon at San Joaquin County Beach	F	D
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+
Maine Canyon storm drain at Picoa Beach, at 24572 Melillo Rd.	F	A+
Serfider Beach at Melillo Canyon (near)	A	A+
Serfider Beach (beach location)- daily	A+	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	A+
Carlin Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zone)	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH (point zone)	F	A+
Pine Creek at Las Flores County Beach	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A+	B
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	B	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A	A+

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

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After long courtship, mayors back Clinton

BY SCOTT LINDLAW
Associated Press Writer

OAKLAND Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton won the endorsement Monday of Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums, a widely admired black leader who had anguished for months over whether to back Sen. Barack Obama, Clinton's leading Democratic presidential rival.

The endorsement came as Clinton and Dellums toured a vocational classroom at Laney College in Oakland, where Clinton announced that Dellums will head her campaign's Urban Policy Committee.

The Clinton campaign spent months assiduously courting Dellums, a former U.S. Marine who served 27 years in Congress and once headed the powerful House Armed Services Committee. Dellums told associates he was excited by the energy of Obama's campaign, but he withheld his endorsement longer than many other black leaders.

Clinton's willingness to embrace his recommendations on how to improve urban America, and her credentials on foreign and military affairs, won Dellums over.

"Oakland alone lacks the resources to enact this great vision of Oakland as a model city," Dellums told hundreds of students. "We needed strong leadership at the federal level, we needed partners at the federal level, we needed a federal urban agenda."

Clinton, he said, "has stepped forward to fashion a coherent, cogent, value-oriented, principled agenda for this country that she calls 'leave no city behind.' Isn't that incredible?" Dellums said.

Clinton promised: "Ron, I want you to know, that come January 2009, you will have a partner in the White House." She pledged as president to put more police officers on the streets, battle crime and enact sweeping health care reform.

Dellums and Clinton also have long-standing political ties. Dellums took over the chairmanship of the House Armed Services Committee when former President Bill Clinton tapped Les Aspin to be his defense secretary. As president, Bill Clinton visited California often and helped deliver money and other government aid for such projects as an expansion of the Port of Oakland.

Several veterans of Bill Clinton's White House staff now work for Dellums in the mayor's office, including chief of staff David Chai.

The two also talked about Dellums' work leading a group that last year examined the impact of U.S. policies on men of black, Hispanic, Asian and American Indian descent.

The Dellums Commission found that flawed government policies and negative stereotyping of minority men have limited their economic opportunities.

U.S. cocaine supply drops amid crackdown in Mexico

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO Mexico's crackdown on drug traffickers has helped cut supplies of cocaine in 37 U.S. cities and led to higher prices, the White House drug czar said Monday.

The disclosure came as the Bush administration prepares to present Congress with an aid package costing hundreds of millions of dollars to assist Mexico in fighting drugs, John Walters, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, told The Associated Press.

Walters declined to elaborate on the aid measures. The first part of the package is expected to be announced within days, he said.

"There has never been a better time" for such an aid package to Mexico, said Walters, who plans to tout the figures Tuesday at a meeting with federal, state and local authorities in San Diego.

A gram of pure cocaine cost \$118.70 from April to June, up 24 percent from the \$95.89 reported for the previous three months, Walters said, citing figures from the Drug Enforcement Administration.

That's the highest price since the DEA began tracking data in the spring of 2005, when a gram fetched \$93.63.

More recent figures were unavailable, but Walters believes prices kept rising through September.

Meanwhile, fewer workers tested positive for cocaine and fewer users turned up in emergency rooms, Walters said.

Quest Diagnostics Inc. performed more than 4.4 million workplace drug tests during the first six months of the year, reporting

that 0.58 percent showed cocaine use, down from 0.69 percent in both 2005 and 2006.

Quest, the nation's largest workplace drug testing company, said the most recent results were the lowest since it began collecting data a decade ago.

Dr. Steven Karch, a forensics expert in Berkeley, Calif., said he had not seen the figures but was skeptical about the decline in supply.

"I hope they're right," Karch said. "Every time we hear this, it turns out to be business as usual."

Enforcement by U.S. and Colombian authorities partially explained the cut in supplies, but the government of Mexican President Felipe Calderon was the "most dramatic" change in recent months, Walters said.

About 90 percent of cocaine in the U.S. enters the country through Mexico, with much of it originating in Colombia.

"The big weight added in the last six months is Mexico," Walters said. "Mexico has been doing things they've never done before."

Calderon has deployed more than 20,000 soldiers and federal police agents in regions plagued by drug violence since he took office last year and extradited several high-level traffickers to the U.S.

U.S. law enforcement agencies first noted cocaine declines in the Northeast around March. Prices have nearly doubled in some Northeast and Midwestern cities, Walters said.

The 37 cities showing drops in cocaine supplies include Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles and New York, according to law enforcement intelligence reports cited by Walters.

Tough decisionSpears ordered to give kids to Federline

BRITNEY SPEARS' continuing downward spiral took a devastating turn on Monday when she was ordered to relinquish custody of her children by a judge who had cited a troubling lifestyle fueled

by drugs and alcohol. Superior Court Judge Scott M. Gordon ruled that ex-husband Kevin Federline will take custody of Sean Preston, 2, and Jayden James, 1, beginning Wednesday "until further

order of the court." The order stemmed from an unspecified oral motion made by Federline's attorneys and was handled in a closed-door hearing. The judge's order didn't state the rea-

son for the change in custody and all transcripts of the proceedings were ordered sealed. Phone messages left for representatives of Spears and Federline were not immediately returned

Monday. Last month, Gordon said Spears engaged in "habitual, frequent and continuous use of controlled substances and alcohol."

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STALLONE SAW IT ALL

SYLVESTER STALLONE says he and his "Rambo" sequel movie crew recently witnessed the human toll of unspeakable atrocities while filming along the Myanmar border. "I witnessed the aftermath – survivors with legs cut off and all kinds of land-mine injuries, maggot-infested wounds and ears cut off," Stallone told The Associated Press in a phone interview Monday. "We hear about Vietnam and Cambodia and this was more horrific." The 61-year-old actor-director returned to the U.S. eight days ago from shooting "John Rambo," the fourth movie in the action series.

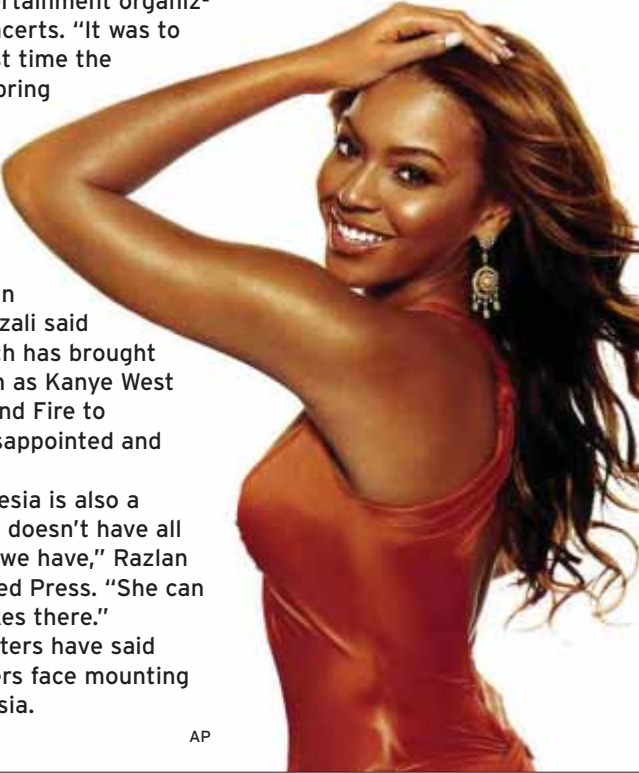
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Beyonce cancels show in Asia

BEYONCE KNOWLES has scrapped plans to stage her first concert in Malaysia and will instead perform in neighboring Indonesia, which has less stringent rules about how performers should dress and behave. The announcement followed recent speculation that Knowles – who is famous for her sexy image and skimpy outfits – was reluctant to fulfill the Malaysian government's demand for female performers to cover up from the top of their chests to their knees, including their shoulders. International Creative Management, her Los Angeles-based talent agency, said Knowles' Nov. 1 date in Kuala Lumpur was canceled "due to a scheduling conflict." "It is with regret that we announce the cancellation of The Beyonce Experience World Tour in Kuala Lumpur," said the statement, which was made available Monday

by Malaysian entertainment organizers Pineapple Concerts. "It was to mark the very first time the performer would bring her show to Malaysia." Knowles, 26, will perform in Jakarta on Nov. 1. Pineapple Concerts Chairman Razlan Ahmad Razali said his company, which has brought Western acts such as Kanye West and Earth, Wind and Fire to Malaysia, was "disappointed and frustrated." "Though Indonesia is also a Muslim country, it doesn't have all these issues that we have," Razlan told The Associated Press. "She can perform as she likes there." Concert promoters have said Western performers face mounting pressure in Malaysia.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★ Dynamic ★★★★★ Positive ★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult

Happy Birthday, Cynthia V.

Happy Birthday!

This year, your mind often rotates, sorting and receiving new information or accepting facts as they are and moving ahead. You demonstrate a need to process and break into new mental frontiers. Your leadership qualities will emerge when dealing with events, people and work this year. Be willing to allow the world to know who you are. If you are single, you will meet someone while traveling or in your world of work.



Born Today

TV co-host Kelly Ripa (1970)
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Don't let anyone or anything pressure you. Take needed time to come up with a sound decision. Keep personal priorities in mind while not selling yourself short. You will be much happier as a result. Plans might need an adjustment. Tonight: Mosey on home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Speak your mind, and others will respond. Someone might decide to play devil's advocate. Appreciate the cynicism and use comments to tighten up a project. Keep communication flowing. Tonight: Hang out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Use the morning for key ventures. By the afternoon, your energy might be lessened, and you could be rethinking a money decision. Make it OK to head in a new direction. Put off a purchase for now. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might be slow to start, but a powerhouse by the end of the day. Solid thinking and processing might be more instrumental than you realize. You will be more confident knowing that you are standing on rock and not fluff. Tonight: On top of your game.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Read Gemini for a suggestion. You also might consider calling it an early day. In the p.m., covert matters and adventures could become more dominant. You can keep the lid on a special project, can't you? Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Accept responsibility rather than run away from it. You might have a way of helping others see where a problem lies and determining the root of the issue. Get down to basics and the bottom of issues. Tonight: Find your friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Return calls in the morning while exploring options or gaining important knowledge. By the afternoon, you might have stronger feelings about the direction in which you need to go. Review a situation with care. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ A partner wants to and will dominate in the morning, especially regarding a financial decision. Don't give up, because new information and a different perspective become more likely than before. Tonight: Opt for different.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ By saying what you think and taking a stand, you could cause yourself a problem. Remain sure of yourself in a situation if you really feel that strongly. Plan on spending the afternoon with a key person or associate. Tonight: Sort through suggestions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Do as much as you can in the morning, when you have less interference. Listen to what others say with an open mind. You have energy and a strong sense of direction. Discussions are animated. Tonight: You decide who, when and where.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your imagination takes you in a new direction. Focus on getting a project completed in the afternoon. You will feel much better once you clear out some of the must-dos in your life. Know that you can do what you need to. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Consider what is happening with a family member before going on the warpath. You can resolve an issue as long as you stay cool. Add more fun and creativity into the afternoon. Tonight: Others witness your spunk!

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Game Plan, The (PG)
1:15, 4:05, 7:00, 9:45
Kingdom, The (R)
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Resident Evil: Extinction (R)
DLP-Digital Projection
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Sydney White (PG-13)
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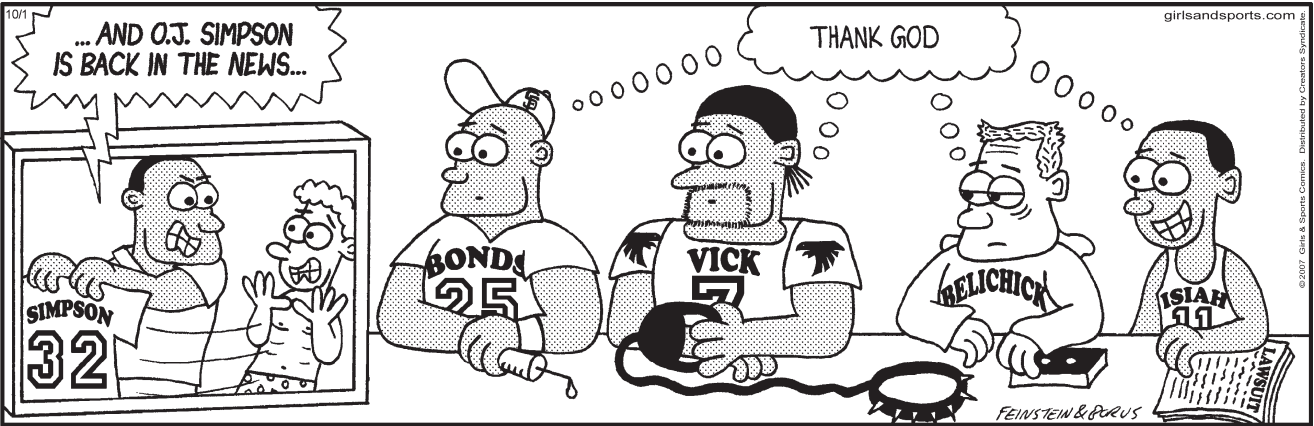
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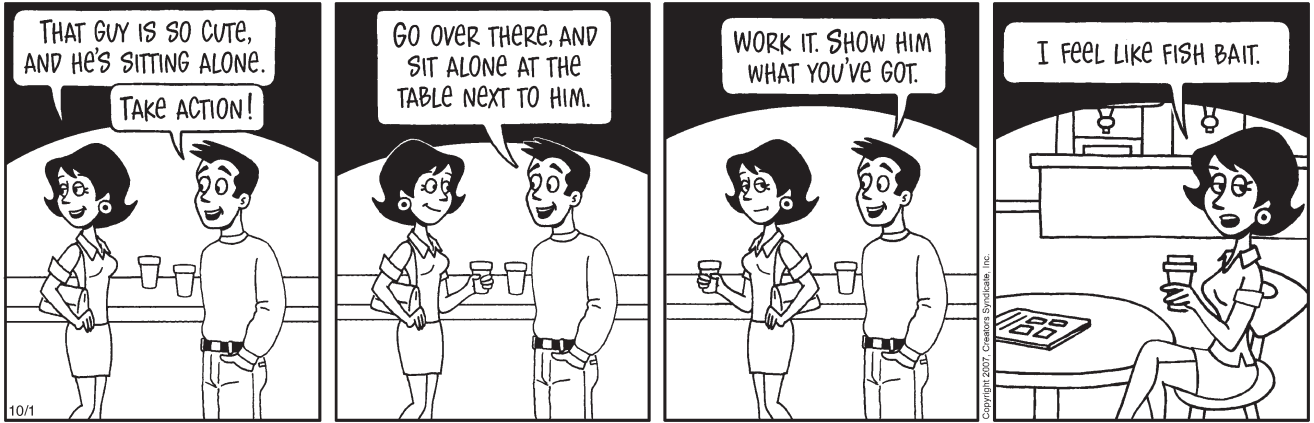
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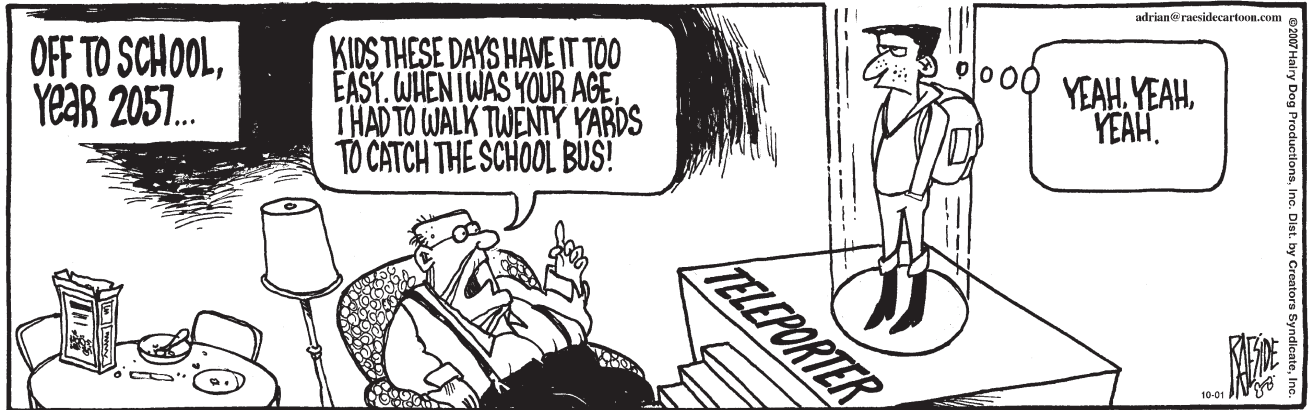
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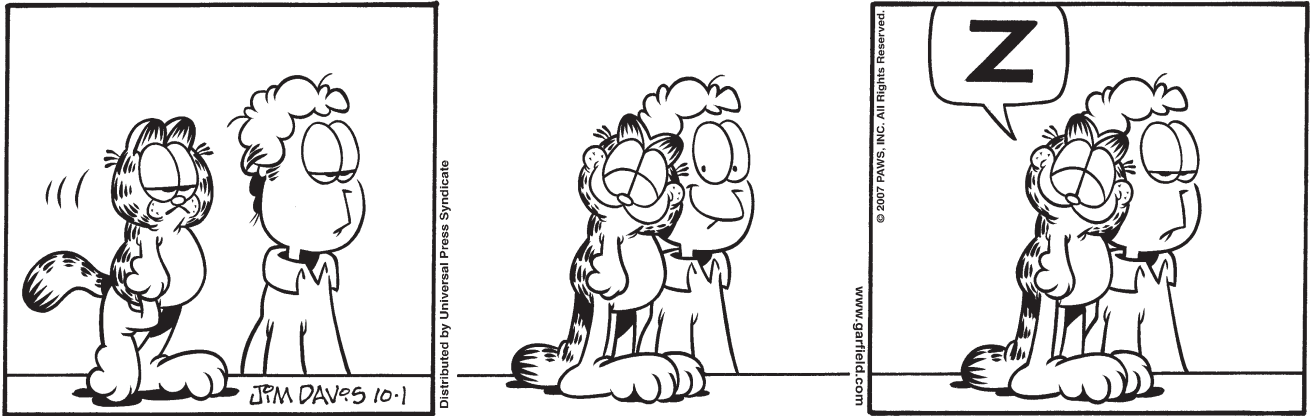
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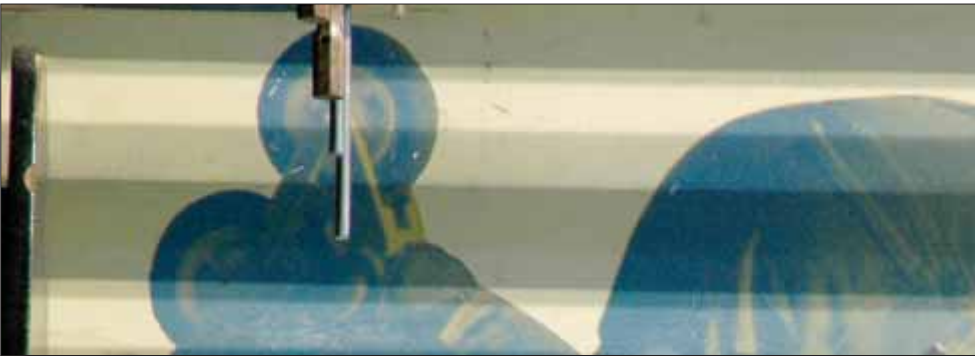


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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Arrested recently for murder and awaiting trial: Earl Wayne Reynolds (Spotsylvania County, Va., August); Donald Wayne Booth (Austin, Texas, August); Dustin Wayne Nall (Arlington, Texas, August); Christopher Wayne Hudson (Melbourne, Australia, June); Earl Wayne Flowers (Taylorsville, N.C., April); Randall Wayne Mays (Payne Springs, Texas, May). Suspected by police of murder but still on the loose at press time: David Wayne French (Portland, Ore., May). Convicted of murder: Randy Wayne Seal (Florahome, Fla., May). Sentenced for murder: Patrick Wayne Schroeder (Pawnee City, Neb., August).
■ The periodic Christian Nudist Convocation took place in July at the Cherokee Lodge nudist camp in Tennessee, and according to a dispatch in Nashville Scene, the group evokes skepticism not only from most Christians (who dislike the flaunting of naked bodies, even if innocently done) but from most Cherokee Lodge members, who see them as too intense for naturism's laid-back attitude. One CNC attendee acknowledged that many Christians would not approve of Cherokee Lodge, but to him "(I)t's Jerusalem." Another compared his work at nudist camps to missionary work: "(S)ome people get sent to Africa, some people get sent to South America and the Lord was like, 'I want you to go to nudist resorts.' And I'm like, 'Wow, what an assignment.'"

TODAY IN HISTORY

1187 Siege of Jerusalem: Saladin captures Jerusalem after 88 years of Crusader rule.
1263 The battle of Largs fought between Norwegians and Scots.
1535 Jacques Cartier discovers Montreal, Quebec.
1552 Conquest of Kazan by Ivan the Terrible.
1789 George Washington transmits the proposed Constitutional amendments (the so-called "Bill of Rights") to the States for ratification.
1835 The Texas Revolution begins with the Battle of Gonzales: Mexican soldiers attempt to disarm the people of Gonzales, Texas, but encounter stiff resistance from a hastily assembled militia.
1864 American Civil War: Battle of Saltville - Union forces attack Saltville, Virginia, but are defeated by Confederate troops.
1919 US President Woodrow Wilson suffers a massive stroke, leaving him partially paralyzed.

WORD UP!

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NBA

Bryant shows up, says he's ready to play for Lakers

BY JOHN NADEL | AP Sports Writer

EL SEGUNDO Where's Kobe?

There was some uncertainty regarding Kobe Bryant's presence at media day Monday, and it increased after the entire Los Angeles Lakers' roster except Bryant hit the floor for preseason promos and interviews shortly after the scheduled 10 a.m. start.

As it turned out, there was no mystery.

"He's running late. He had a doctor's appointment this morning," said Bryant's spokeswoman, Catherine Sebring, who lent a bit of intrigue last week by declining comment when asked about Bryant's plans.

Sure enough, with all eyes on the training room door, Bryant emerged at 10:34, and all was right in the Lakers' world — at least for the time being.

Bryant hadn't said much about the Lakers since late May after calling the team's front office a mess and requesting a trade.

The two-time defending NBA scoring champion said he decided to keep a low profile after that, and the team did the same.

"We purposely didn't say anything because we wanted to keep things to ourselves," he said. "There was just too much going on — things get misconstrued. We don't need that. We don't need any distractions for the season. There was never a doubt I was coming to camp. They knew that, I knew that."

"I was frustrated, so I blew up. Now, it's about taking this team that we have and take it to new heights. I think the important thing for everybody to understand is I want to bring a title back to L.A."

"I'm ready to play. I'm in shape, guys look good. I'm ready to go. My job is to come out here on the floor, help us win ballgames."

The Lakers left later Monday for Honolulu, where they'll begin training camp Tuesday and play their first two exhibition games before returning home Oct. 12.

Bryant pushed for an upgraded roster after the Lakers were eliminated by Phoenix in the first round of the playoffs for the second straight year.

It hasn't happened, but four months after blowing up, Bryant said all the right things.

"I'm a soldier. It's not my decision to say whether or not we should fight the war," he said. "My focus and my mind has to be on this team. We have an uphill battle. I'm going to do all I can to help us win."

I'M READY TO PLAY. I'M IN SHAPE, GUYS LOOK GOOD. I'M READY TO GO. MY JOB IS TO COME OUT HERE ON THE FLOOR, HELP US WIN BALLGAMES."

Kobe Bryant, Lakers star

Unrestricted free agents Luke Walton and Chris Mihm were re-signed, and Derek Fisher, a former Laker was added, which should improve the backcourt. But an attempt to land Kevin Garnett from Minnesota was unsuccessful, and nothing developed regarding Indiana's Jermaine O'Neal.

"I know they tried," Bryant said. "It wasn't a lack of effort. That means a lot to me."

The Lakers won three championships and reached the NBA finals four times in five years before Shaquille O'Neal was traded to Miami in July 2004. They haven't won a play-off series since O'Neal left.

Bryant apologized to general manager Mitch Kupchak early in the summer for criticizing him and bemoaning the fact that Andrew Bynum wasn't traded in a video recorded by three fans last spring and sold on the Internet.

Bryant said he text-messed an apology to Bynum, but the 19-year-old center said the two hadn't talked.

"I thought it was kind of messed up," Bynum said. "The only thing it really did was make me work harder."

NCAA FOOTBALL

Trojans get a dose of harsh reality

BY GREGG BELL
 AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE Southern California's narrow escape at Washington provided the Trojans a sobering dose of reality.

"We can't play like that the rest of the season, or else we'll lose like a normal team," USC coach Pete Carroll said after the sloppy 27-24 victory over the Huskies on Saturday night.

USC (4-0, 2-0 Pac-10) outgained (460-190) Washington in front of a loud and packed house at Husky Stadium, but three turnovers, a blocked punt and 16 penalties for 161 yards let the home team hang around.

The Trojans paid for the mistakes in The Associated Press poll, which they'll surely take over a loss.

LSU moved past the Trojans in the AP Top 25, though USC is still ranked first in the coaches and Harris polls.

"I have no idea how the points work and how it all adds up," Carroll said Sunday night.

"It has no bearing on anything for us. It didn't before and it doesn't now."

"The reason it happened is the way we played, I guess."

Carroll said USC's latest victory reminded him of the Trojans' loss at Oregon State last season.



Photo courtesy John Pyle/Icon SM

TOUGH LESSON: John David Booty has his work cut out for him this week.

"It felt like Groundhog Day," he said.

"We were just giving them opportunities to keep this a close game, similar to how Oregon State was," said quarterback John David Booty, who threw two interceptions against Washington and had a third overturned by replay review.

The Trojans recovered from that Oregon State stunner to win eight of their next nine games.

"I think this is a character builder,"

defensive end Lawrence Jackson said.

That character construction could get a boost by going home to play Stanford. USC has won five consecutive games over the Cardinal by an average of 26 points, including last season by 42-0.

What made USC's night in Seattle puzzling for Carroll was that he said last week he thought Booty — who completed 20 of 37 passes for 236 yards Saturday — and his offense were "really ready to roll."

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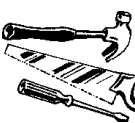
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