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THE TAKING NAMES ISSUE

## Day laborer faces major time

### Teen in rape charged with nine felonies

BY KEVIN HERRERA  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**LAX COURTHOUSE** A 17-year-old day laborer accused of breaking into a Santa Monica condo and raping the owner when she returned home was charged as an adult Tuesday with nine felonies.

Luis Mario Lopez was scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday afternoon at the Airport Branch Courthouse on charges including

forcible rape, residential burglary and unlawfully taking the woman's 2003 Mercedes-Benz SL 500 convertible. That arraignment was postponed until Oct. 9, the District Attorney's Office said.

Lopez is being held on \$7 million bail at the Twin Towers Correctional Facility in Downtown Los Angeles.

Lopez was arrested Friday in his hometown of Oxnard while driving the victim's vehicle, according to Santa

Monica police. Evidence linking him to the crime was recovered from the car and his home. Lopez also used the victim's ATM card.

The woman was confronted and tied up around 10 p.m. Thursday when she came home and found the house had been ransacked, police said.

The woman was repeatedly attacked over a four-hour period and suffered injuries, including a broken nose.

Evidence indicates that the teen entered the victim's home through a doggy door some time Thursday morning, and then

attacked her when she returned home that evening, police said.

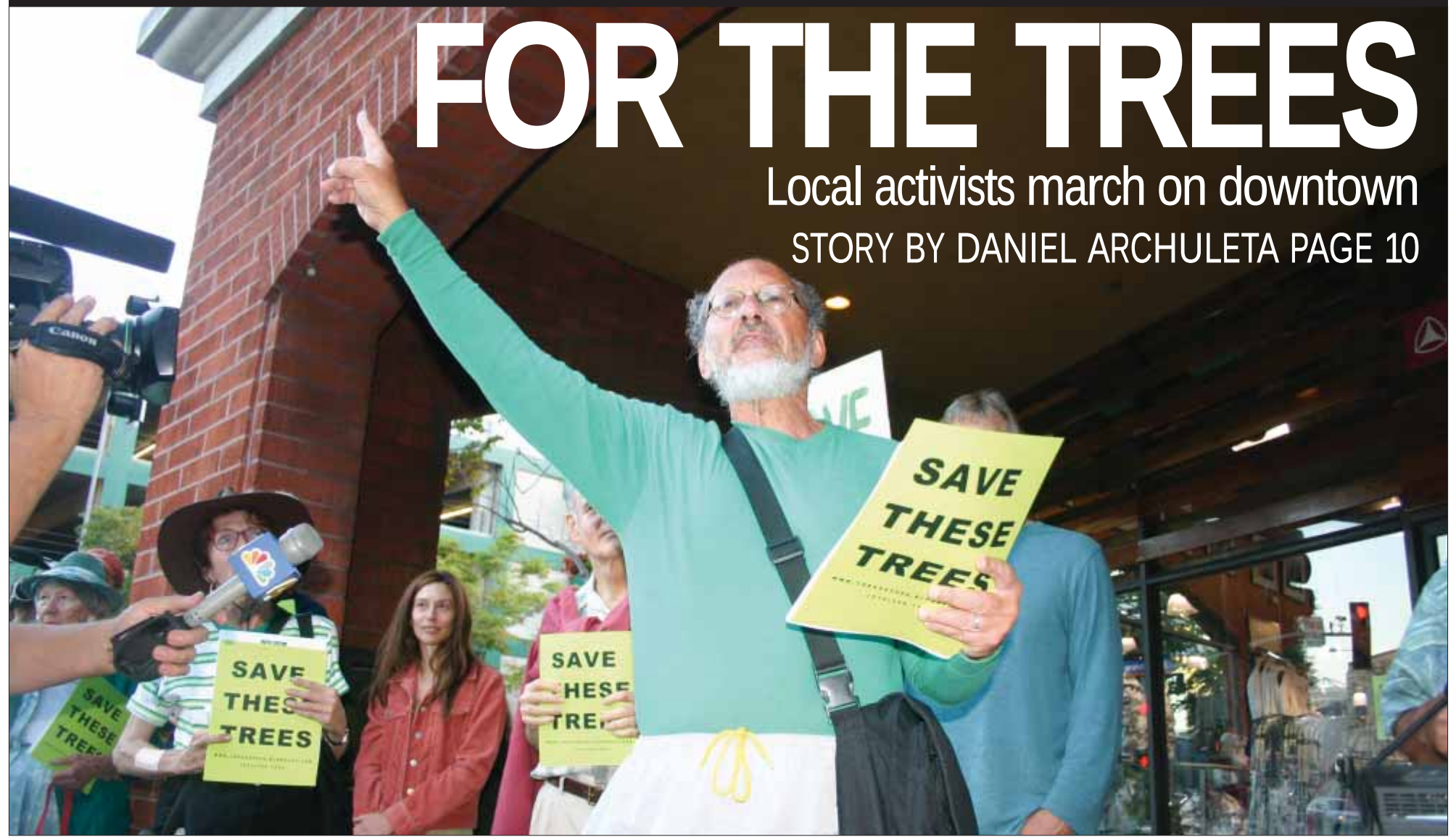
The teen had previously worked for the 42-year-old victim at her home in the 1100 block of Princeton Avenue, police said.

At a news conference last week, SMPD Chief Tim Jackman called the crime "vicious and brutal" and said authorities believe the woman was "specifically targeted."

If convicted, Lopez faces multiple life prison terms and would be required to submit to HIV-AIDS testing, according to the criminal complaint.

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#### ENVIRONMENT



## FOR THE TREES

Local activists march on downtown

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**LEADING THE CHARGE:** Activist Jerry Rubin leads a group of protesters Tuesday evening in their fight against the City Council decision to remove more than 50 ficus trees from downtown.



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### Dance Diaspora

3631 Hayden Ave., Culver City, check for times  
The 3rd Annual Debbie Allen AfricaDance Conference will feature master dance and drum workshops from countries including Ghana, Cuba, Brazil, Nigeria and Congo, to name a few. Tickets are \$15. For more information, visit [www.debbiealldanceacademy.com](http://www.debbiealldanceacademy.com).

### 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](http://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.

## Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007

### Screening of 'The Queen'

1704 Montana Ave., 3 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.  
Join us for Helen Mirren's Oscar-winning performance as Queen Elizabeth II. The movie is free and open to the public. Popcorn and beverages will be served.

### 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.

### Yappy Hour @ Tails of Santa Monica

2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.  
A social gathering for dogs and their people. There will be light refreshments, dog snacks and play time. For more information call (310) 392-4300.

### 'Bathroom Talk'

1404 Third Street Promenade, 7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.  
The Promenade Playhouse presents "Bathroom Talk," an improv sketch comedy about the unusual things that occur in the ladies room at a nightclub. Tickets are \$12 at the door. For more information, call Laura at (310) 430-8828.

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# O.J. Simpson ordered to surrender Rolex watch

BY JOHN ROGERS

Associated Press Writer

**SM COURTHOUSE** O.J. Simpson must hand over a Rolex watch and other assets to satisfy a civil judgment that found him liable for the deaths of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman, a judge ruled here on Tuesday.

Any future royalties from a sports video game featuring Simpson also must be delivered to Goldman's father, Fred Goldman, Superior Court Judge Gerald Rosenberg ruled.

Simpson must also surrender any of the disputed memorabilia items recently seized by Las Vegas authorities that are found to be legally his.

The items would then be auctioned by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the money they bring in given to Goldman. His attorney David Cook estimated the watch's value between \$5,000 and more than \$20,000.

Simpson attorney Ronald Slates said his client had already handed the watch over to him and he planned to give it to Goldman's lawyers Tuesday afternoon. He questioned, however, whether it's a real Rolex.

"Know any Rolex watches that sell for 125 bucks?" he asked, adding that's what Simpson told him he paid for it. The lawyer acknowledged, however, that if it is fake, "it's a pretty good copy."

The court order specifies a "Submariner Rolex Watch" that was identified in a photograph.

Slates said Simpson can't hand over the memorabilia that Las Vegas police seized when they arrested him on robbery, kidnapping and other charges last month because those items aren't in his possession.

Cook agreed that was true, but said the judge's order requires that if Simpson ever does acquire the items he says are his he must turn them over.

They include footballs, jerseys and other things the former football star says were stolen from him.

Slates said he doesn't represent the company that was paid for marketing the video game Simpson appears in.



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**A CLOSER LOOK:** Larry Sacco of the city's risk management division takes a look at his new Honda fuel-cell powered car on Tuesday.

## Hydrogen is the bomb

### Fuel-cell powered vehicles increase city's already green profile

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

**DOWNTOWN** The city has added some mean green machines to its fleet of maintenance vehicles, filling the air with "oohs" and "aahs" instead of emissions.

In addition to purchasing four electric "mini Hummers" for the Third Street Promenade maintenance staff, City Hall has also received a compact car from Honda that produces zero emissions by using hydrogen and fuel cell technology; its only byproduct is water.

The light blue Honda FCX is a prototype that Honda has lent City Hall as part of a demonstration project with the car company, the city and the South Coast Air Quality

Management District (AQMD). City staff will drive the experimental ride around town to collect data on how the vehicle handles, as well as increasing use of the city's new hydrogen station at the City Yards.

The station is one of just 26 in the entire state and was built with money from the AQMD as part of the agency's Five City Project, which included converting the internal combustion engines of City Hall's five Toyota Priuses to run on hydrogen gas, said Rick Sikes, who oversees the city's fleet of vehicles.

"Honda really wanted to get this out on the streets to see how it works," Sikes said. "The one issue we've found with it is the car is so quiet. Drivers really have to be careful sneaking up on people."

Larry Sacco of the Risk Management Division has been driving the Honda around town and to Palm Desert. It's proven to be a whirlwind love affair with the car of the future.

"It feels and sounds just like a 'Star Wars' hovercraft without the hover," Sacco said. "It's a great ride ... I hope we can keep it."

The demonstration project is expected to end in February. The cost of the Honda wasn't released, however, Sikes said the car company leases the prototypes to a handful of private individuals, including actress Q'orianka Kilcher ("The New World") for roughly \$500 a month. The fuel cell cars are not available for purchase on the open market.

The vehicles are the latest additions to Santa Monica's eco-friendly fleet — one of the greenest collections of vehicles of any municipality, with 81 percent of the 524 vehicles running on alternative fuels, including natural gas, biodiesel, electric, propane and hydrogen. The fleet includes compact cars like the Honda and Priuses, as well as garbage trucks and street-cleaning machines.

While the Honda received most of the attention from passersby Tuesday, when city staff parked the vehicles on the Third Street Promenade for the media, the "mini Hummers," which cost around \$25,000 each,

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Columnist sheds little light on subject Editor:

Had (Bill) Bauer expended a fraction of the energy on fact-checking as he did on name-calling ("Activists lead the ficus fiasco," Oct. 1), he would have encountered the following facts:

1. The treesavers.blogspot.com Web site is not spreading misinformation and innuendo, as Mr. Bauer implies. To the contrary, the site is chock-full of information: Hard facts, university studies, interviews with Santa Monica's urban forester and newspaper articles from Santa Monica and around the world; all of them providing solid backup to the blog's arguments in favor of preserving the healthy ficus trees downtown.

2. The Web site – and tree supporters – are clear on the need to remove those trees that have proven to be a hazard; what we are seeking is the preservation in place of 31 healthy, large, mature shade-giving trees, and any other trees that may be destroyed for "design" reasons, as the city calls them; we believe that, contrary to the Chief Arborist's claim, it is not so easy to transplant large mature urban trees successfully, and rather than endangering them needlessly by massive uprooting and transplantation, it is best to let these trees stay in place: providing shade to humans, and sustenance to animals as they have for many years;

3. It is inaccurate to say that city staff has "bent over backwards to appease residents and save as many trees as possible." It's actually very easy to save as many trees as possible: Just don't yank out 31 healthy, mature trees needlessly. Leave them there and save us all a lot of money.

I'm sure Mr. Bauer would agree that spending hundreds of thousands of dollars blocking traffic, digging exploratory root-exploration holes, pruning the canopies and roots of these trees and then yanking them out – only to replant them down the block (or by the airport) – is not the best use of our tax dollars. Shouldn't we just simply plant additional trees where they're needed, and leave these wonderful ficus in peace?

Should Mr. Bauer wish to join our tree-saving (and tax-money-saving) efforts, rest assured he would be welcomed with warmth and friendship, by both tree lovers and nudnicks alike.

**Dan Jansenson**

Santa Monica

### Sylvia is a first-ballot Hall of Famer Editor:

The article by Melody Hanatani about my mother Sylvia Levin ("She's a superstar registrar," Sept. 18) and her volunteer effort to expand democracy by her 34-year relentless campaign to register voters is most appreciated. She is honored to have the opportunity to pursue this community service. All of us can contribute to reviving the health of our political system if we embrace our Constitutional right to vote in all local, state and national elections.

The first step is for all eligible citizens to register to vote. The negative consequences of voter apathy – a 20-year-epidemic – are all too apparent. We must reverse that trend and it is everyone's responsibility to recognize that citizen participation and involvement is the key to restoring our community and our country.

Your vote is one that counts. In 2008, there will be a presidential primary in February, the state primary in June, the general election in November. In a democracy, voting is a right, a privilege and a responsibility. On every issue or crisis, education, traffic, health care, peace, environment, debt, justice, global warming, prosperity, budget priorities, safety, political integrity, sustainability, infrastructure, the direction and promise of our future is better and brighter when we are engaged and when we participate.

Register to vote. Vote.

**Chuck Levin**

Los Angeles

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**Hey, Mikey**

Michael J. Tittinger

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# Avoiding creative impulse is a waste

THERE'S A LITTLE BOOK HERE ON MY home office shelf entitled "How to Avoid Making Art" that I pull from time to time ... typically when I'm looking to avoid making art. It's wedged in there between "The Alchemist" and "A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius." So every time I need a reprieve from feeling the guilt of not seeking out my Personal Legend or documenting my great American memoir, I thumb through the 60-odd illustrated pages instructing me to "Take seriously every negative thing someone says," "Tell yourself you need to relax rather than create, that you'll write later," and "Talk about it so you don't have to do it" — all with a caustic tongue planted firmly in cheek.

Such was the case in recent weeks when I convinced myself I'd resume writing a regular column. I'd previously written for the Daily Press under the banner "Tittinger's Take" — which, of course, my loyal readers would hold up in comparison some four years later. Add the pressure of having since become the editor of said paper, and the pressure to perform mounted.

Best to consult my book. Page 48: "Read all the forwarded e-mails from your friends until there isn't time to write your novel." Sound advice.

Eventually, I settled on the ideal avoidance — picking a new name for my column.

"Tittinger's Take" had its run. Back then, my column was the time-sucking vortex that quite successfully prohibited me from completing the screenplays I moved to California to throw down on an unsuspecting world. It proved brilliant. Having quit my paying jobs to write at home full time, I could widdle away at least one weary day per week waxing philosophic on my persistent eyebrow twitch, the homeless guy sleeping in my carport and other non sequiturs that shouldn't have precluded me from finishing the second act of "Three Dicks and a Chick."

How about "Yo, Guy," a nod to my Philadelphia roots? An inside joke that more likely would have been misinterpreted as a rainbow-friendly answer to "Sex and the City;" I could have placed a 'the' in front, perhaps. But "The Yo Guy" makes me sound like I should be sitting Lotus-style, smacking of patchouli oil and channeling my inner Kierkegaard. Balboa, not so much.

"From the Back Office." It alludes to my geographic place in the newsroom, as well as being editor, yet it rings a little dirty for some reason. I could hear Jim Morrison in my head:

*"Oh, yeah, I'm a back office man.*

*The reporters don't know,*

*But the little interns understand."*

Wrong, wrong, wrong.

How am I gonna write a column when I can't even decide on a freakin' title?

"Hey, Mikey"

Thank you, sweet diversion. It's Tessa, our production manager, on the intercom.

"There's some girl on the phone ... says she wants to be your new intern."

I better take this ... and hopefully a few more calls after that. Page 33 of "How to Avoid Making Art" suggests "answering the phone every time it rings."

As with most things, the phone calls too did pass. All right, what does an editor do? They muss their hair and scribble madly with red pens. "In the red." Punchy, double-meaning, works on a lot of levels. I could even have red editorial markings circling and scratching out letters in the title. It's perfect ... or does it sound like I'm shilling for Bobby Shriver and Bono or something? And it's negative. Who the hell wants to be in the red? What about "In the read" (as in past tense of read ... OK, if I'm explaining the title in parenthesis here, that's not a good sign.) "800 words." "Writer's Block." "Edit this." I'm struggling here.

## BACK THEN, MY COLUMN WAS THE TIME-SUCKING VORTEX THAT QUITE SUCCESSFULLY PROHIBITED ME FROM COMPLETING THE SCREENPLAYS I MOVED TO CALIFORNIA TO WRITE.

"Hey, Mikey." It's Connie, our operations manager, on the intercom. Bless her interruptive soul. "There's a woman on the phone who wants to pitch a story about a bakery for dogs. Do you want to take the call?"

Umm, yeah. I want to hear everything she has to say ... twice. Alas, nothing can last forever. I'm still alone at my desk, and I've reached the end of my book. The last page tells me to "Hide from the crazymakers in your life instead of setting boundaries. Hiding makes it tough to do your art."

Enough already. Ultimately, the title isn't going to make or break this column, and I won't be requiring the perfect lighting and noise level in order to hammer it out. What's a column anyway if not a running conversation with readers? The title should be approachable, something that speaks to such an exchange. It should be unavoidable.

"Hey, Mikey."

It's another call ... but I think it's time to set some boundaries with the crazymakers.

I got my title, and it came from you.

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## Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack

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# What Britney needs is dark and lovely

**I BLAME MYSELF. SHE'S THE REASON** I came to L.A., but I never told her. I figured if she saw me at enough places around Santa Monica and Malibu, eventually she'd say hello. My sense of humor, natural charm and rugged good looks would do the rest.

We'd go out, she'd see me dance and that would be it. Then I'd spend the rest of my life taking care of her and giving her the unconditional love for which she's been longing. I'm a hopeless romantic, I know, but that's good because as someone who loves her and only wants the best for her, she really needs me right now.

Of course, I'm talking about the Westside's favorite headline-generating baby mama — Miss Britney Jean Spears.

We all have weaknesses, and my Britney is no different. She likes attention and she likes cute guys who can dance. Who doesn't? It was these weaknesses that caused her to make the worst mistakes of her life: Cheating on Justin Timberlake (the only guy I would have stepped aside for) with a choreographer, and marrying a back-up dancer from Fresno (a walking, talking identity crisis) less than six months after meeting him.

Her Federline period was chaotic, but it gave us Small Fry and Tater Tot. I was surprised the career that was going to be put on hold while they were growing up was Britney's, not Kevin's. And now, with Fresno's finest teaming up with the pride of Kentwood, La., to raise the boys in the Valley, I can't keep my silence any longer. Say what you will about parenting skills, at least she had them in the 310 area code.

Britney, people bought 75 million of your albums because you sing like the love child of Aretha Franklin and Rick Astley, and because your body was so hot you made white girls with athletic hips and thighs love their booties. These are only two of the reasons I love you and because I love you, I'm telling you: You need a man in your life. A good-looking man who can dance. A good-looking black man who can dance, care for a your needs, keep you focused and make you happy. And if you look at the top left of this page, there's one smiling back at you.

Our first move as Team Britney will be to stop giving the paparazzi free images of you; we control your image. Your mantra is "My image pays. I control my image. I control who my image pays." I promise it will make

them want you more and help get the boys back.

Next, we respect your body. Nothing goes in it or on it without my approval (don't worry, I think you look hot in everything except fast food restaurants). For six months, you eat four small meals (nothing after 8 p.m.) and do 75 minutes of dance, stairs, treadmill, kickboxing or cardio-striptease every day, and we will get your sexy back.

Your next album will reflect your womanhood when you do a tribute to Billie Holiday and Sarah Vaughn. Your new body will be draped in Valentino, Gucci and Versace when you premiere the album with three shows in Las Vegas. Then watch how the music industry falls back in love with you and begs you to make another pop album.

This plan works for me, too. I've got 11 nieces and nephews, so don't worry about the boys, I've got the child care thing covered. Getting them up and dressed and dropped off at school is no big thing, either. That leaves me time to go to the gym, hit Robertson or Main street for lunch, and do some writing before I have to get them to soccer practice, make dinner, read to them and tuck 'em in. I'll make sure that, in the little bit of time you'll have with us (between album tours and rehearsing and performing your annual Vegas and Radio City Music Hall shows), you'll have three healthy, well-adjusted guys happy to have you home. When you want to see them while you're working, I'll bring them anywhere in the world at a moment's notice.

And if you're worried about not having a social life when you're back home, I got you. A couple of nights a week, someone will sit with the boys after they fall asleep and I'll hit up Hyde or Les Deux or wherever and stay up on what clubs are hot — so you won't feel like you're missing anything while you're away on tour. On top of knowing your boys have a man around who will kill for them, making more money than you ever dreamed, and being back on top of the music business, the best part is it will drive Christina, Justin and Kevin crazy.

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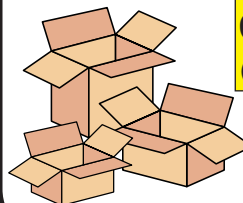
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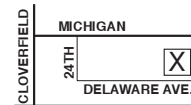
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# Let's look global, think local for a minute

**LET'S TAKE A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE ON** this whole real estate "bubble" thing and zoom in on the Santa Monica and Brentwood neighborhoods.

A couple times a month a client of mine, from either another U.S. city or another country will exclaim, "Wow, I can't believe how affordable it is here!" Almost every week, I will hear a different client say, "My brother (or sister or parents) have a 3,000-square-foot home in North Carolina (or Idaho, or Texas etc.) on a half acre of land for \$300,000." I then tell them that if that same property was here it would be worth around \$6 million, mainly for the lot value. For a second they are a bit bummed out and then they go ahead and buy a 1,100-square-foot two bedroom condominium for \$700,000. Location is what we sell when we sell real estate, this is what real estate is by its very essence.

Real estate values from Seoul, South Korea, San Francisco, New York City (Manhattan) all the way to London, England make the price of housing in Los Angeles look like a bargain. From 2004-2005 the English real estate market looked like it was slowing down for good. Since 2006 the housing market in London, is currently experiencing a second upward swing, achieving dizzying new heights of remarkable house prices.

Researchers David Miles and Vladimir



## Simon Says

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Pillonca of Morgan Stanley did a study of housing markets in Europe and America. What they wanted to do was to take into account the superficial factors such as speculation based on optimism about future property values or media based frenzy — which lead to non-durable increases (or decreases) in value. They then compare the appreciation to durable factors such as rising real incomes, population growth and declining interest rates. The percentage of value that increased due to non-durable factors subtracted by the percentage of durable factors, will effectively give one a good idea of where a country's real estate market may be headed. What many people may be surprised to find is that while in Belgium, Denmark, Britain, Greece, Spain and Sweden prices have risen disproportionately compared to the durable factors, America's rise has been mostly due to durable factors. There are parts of the United States where values are not as durable or downright vulnerable, but overall it's been a pretty even-keeled ascent.

Now, I'm just a guy without an MBA and

without reams of data. What I do is sell real estate for a living, and I have been doing so for the past seven years specifically in the Santa Monica and Brentwood area. I have unfortunately lost some first-time home buyers due to the new mortgage market. I have lost some buyers to the idea that prices will be coming down hard sometime during the next six months — I have been losing the same amount of people to this sort of thinking my entire career, so it's nothing new. The sad thing is that for most of them, sooner or later, they get priced out of the market for good. All of these people end up renting instead of buying. If you don't own, you have to rent. With more people renting we have seen increases in rental values in the better parts of the city, far out-pacing the increases in home values.

At the same time, I have the same amount of real, genuine home-buyers as I have always had. They are more pensive than ever and there is nothing wrong with that. They hear a lot of reasons to be fearful but they want to live here. They don't want to rent. The prices of rentals, after the tax advantages of owning are pretty much neck and neck with condominium and town-house properties.

In the more desirable Westside neighborhoods, you'll probably pay 15 to 20 percent more to own than to rent after taxes. With a modest increase in values and a five year

hold, a homeowner will effectively pay less to own than to rent. This would be what the two guys at Morgan Stanley would call a durable factor.

While the ratio of renting versus owning doesn't apply to the single family homes in North Santa Monica and Brentwood, there are 9 million people in L.A. and the majority of them would be thrilled to live in one of these neighborhoods. There is a strong demand from people of means who make their fortunes in this city, and they aren't worried about the cost of renting compared to the cost of their \$4 million home. In fact, sales of properties \$3 million and higher have been one of the hottest segments of the market all year.

Perception brought on by the media and the ill informed can influence things in the short term, but the true influence on any market are the durable factors governed by the laws of supply and demand. Despite all of the people out there who are convinced they know, no one can tell you exactly what the future of our local real estate market will be. For our little beautiful part of the world it seems we have some friendly durable factors on our side, and that makes me happy.

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# Real estate bust

## The Foreclosure boom comes home to an Arizona neighborhood

BY ADAM GELLER  
AP National Writer

QUEEN CREEK, Ariz. Out on Phoenix's suburban fringes, where cement mixers are fast colonizing what's left of the hay and cotton fields, the day is winding to a close. The home hour has arrived.

But sundown gives away a troubling secret: Behind dark windows and many unanswered doors, it's clear nobody is coming home.

The ranch home on Via del Palo where the newspaper in the driveway has been sitting unclaimed since April. The house at the corner of 223rd Court with faded fliers stuck in the door. The two-story on Via del Rancho with the phone book on the step.

They're all empty, left behind by a rising tide of foreclosures.

This neighborhood has a still-unfolding story to tell, and it is not always a comfortable one to hear.

Not long ago, builders were raising home prices here thousands of dollars week after week. Families pitched tents in front of sales offices and waited for Saturday morning lotteries to win the right to buy. Buyers — including more than a few speculators — gambled with loans whose risks were obscured by euphoria.

This is the tale of how America's real estate boom came to a seemingly ordinary subdivision called the Villages at Queen Creek, where the whipsaw of easy credit has led to some extraordinary times.

They were the best of times, for a while. The empty homes, though, raise serious doubts about what comes next.

As the nation confronts skyrocketing foreclosures, and policymakers try to contain a symptomatic credit crunch, what is happening here and in scores of similar neighborhoods is worth considering.

Because while the pressures at work in Queen Creek were extreme, the choices people made — and the consequences of those decisions — are not so different from those faced by thousands of other homeowners

and their neighbors.

"Honestly," says Joy Kessler, a mother of three boys standing on the doorstep of the house she and her husband are surrendering to foreclosure, "if you were in this situation, what would you do?"

In June of 2004, Dave Gustafson took time off from his job as a supermarket produce manager, and the family headed to Arizona to visit relatives.

The buzz of construction — and word of low home prices — convinced them to have a look around.

Dave and his wife Maryann liked what they saw.

Back in California, they had contented themselves with less than 1,100 square feet. But salesmen here showed them floor plans that would give them 2½ times the space for half the price.

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Dave Gustafson  
Homeowner

The place they liked the best was a subdivision called the Villages, a crescent-shaped warren of streets cradling a golf course, quickly filling with sand-colored stucco homes. The local schools had a good reputation. It was affordable. There was an extra-big lot on a cul-de-sac, with enough room in back for a pool.

"The sales person was saying that they (homes) were going up \$1,000 a week," Dave Gustafson recalls. "So when we came to look, we signed right away."

Builders made it easy. A downpayment of \$2,000 to \$5,000 was all it took to get started. Buyers could borrow at low teaser rates, requiring payments of nothing more than interest.





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# Fighting the 'idiot box'

REI chief believes the challenge is to keep the public excited

By the Associated Press

MISSOULA, Mont. The president of national outdoor equipment retailer REI says the company's major competition doesn't come from other outdoor stores, it's with the video screen.

American children spend much more time in front of a screen of some sort — watching TV, surfing the internet or playing video games — than they spend outside.

"That's our competition. That's what we're up against," said Sally Jewell, president and chief executive officer of REI. She was at the University of

Montana on Monday to talk about sustainable business at the Harold and Priscilla Gilkey Lecture Series.

If you sell outdoor gear, you need people to go outside.

"We need to find a way to bring people to a connection with the outdoors, a way to breed an ethic in regards to nature," Jewell said.

That, she said, is good not just for business but for communities and countries.

"As a society, we need a way to bridge the disconnect between people and nature, between children and nature," she said.

In the past year, Recreational Equipment Inc. has given back 3 percent of its operating income in grants — a total of \$4 million — in 91 communities where it does business, for outdoor recreation and conservation projects.

"We're really trying to create healthy communities," Jewell said.

It's not just money. REI also had 169,000 people involved in volunteer projects, doing more than 570,000 hours of service.

REI is also working to reduce the amount of resources and energy the company uses.



## Real Estate 101

Mike Heayn

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# Real estate quiz time

MANY PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW ANSWERS TO REAL estate questions when purchasing a home. Below are a few of the most commonly asked real estate questions:

## Q. WHAT DOES LTV STAND FOR AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

A. LTV stands for Loan to Value. A loan to value represents the ratio or loan amount to the value of the property. For example, if you have a \$1 million purchase and a lender tells you they will lend a 90 percent LTV based on purchase price or appraised value, they are saying they will give you a \$900,000 loan if you qualify.

## Q. WHAT IS A DEBT TO INCOME RATIO AND HOW DO I KNOW WHAT MINE IS?

A. A debt to income ratio tells a lender how much of your gross income can be used to pay the mortgage. If you had a 50 percent debt to income ratio, all of your debts including a mortgage payment would be totaled. That percentage plus a mortgage would have to total 50 percent or less giving you a 50 percent debt to income ratio.

## Q. WHAT IS A FICO SCORE AND WHAT IS A CREDIT REPORT?

A. FICO is actually the generic name for a credit score. There are three credit Bureaus — Experian, Equifax and Trans Union. They gather financial data on you and use a series of mathematical equations to generate a credit score. Scores range from 400-850, with the higher scores representing better credit.

## Q. WHAT IS ESCROW AND WHY DO I NEED TO USE ESCROW?

A. Escrow is a neutral third party. When you are dealing with a large amount of money, you want to make sure there is someone who has no interest in either side of the deal. Escrow handles real estate transactions. Most states require an escrow for a real estate transaction.

## Q. WHAT IS TITLE INSURANCE AND WHY IS IT NEEDED?

A. Title insurance protects you from the past. It makes sure that no makes a claim against your property and if they do the title company is responsible. Lenders require it so they are protected.

## Q. WHAT IS PMI AND HOW DO I AVOID IT?

A. Private mortgage insurance is primarily for lenders protecting them from a default. It is needed in most states if less than 20 percent is put down on a property.

## Q. WHAT DOES IT MEAN WHEN SOMEONE SAYS PITI?

A. This means principal, interest, taxes and insurance. On the residential side, most lenders want all four of these paid monthly at the same time. However, lenders stayed away from this philosophy recently with the advent of interest only loans for homeowners.

If you have a question, make sure you ask your real estate agent or loan officer. People working on a real estate transaction are there to help you. Make sure you get clear answers before signing any documents.

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**NEXT ON THE HORIZON:** A Santa Monica College student leaves a recruitment fair on campus Tuesday with transfer materials in hand. More than 80 colleges and universities sent representatives to SMC to lure students to their campuses.

# Looking ahead at SMC

## Transfer fair one of the state's largest

BY MELODY HANATANI  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**SANTA MONICA COLLEGE** Jeanine Saldana stood in the middle of the campus courtyard Tuesday juggling a pile of textbooks. Surveying the scene before her — a swarm of students pouring over college catalogues and drilling university representatives with questions — she let out a sigh.

For a student used to small college transfer fairs that typically drew about 10 universities, the much larger SMC iteration — with more than 80 colleges and universities on hand — was a lot to take in.

"Wow," Saldana said. "That's a lot of schools."

Lying on top of Saldana's books were pamphlets from her wish list — San Francisco State University, UCLA and UC Irvine — institutions with solid business programs.

"I was leaning toward San Francisco, but I'm leaning toward UCLA now," Saldana said.

Each year, Santa Monica College — the number one feeder school to the University of California and University of Southern California — holds one of the largest college fairs in the state, attracting both local institutions, such as Loyola Marymount University, and distant schools like Cornell.

The 25-year-old event draws anywhere from 2,000 to 3,000 students during a 2.5-hour period.

"It really starts to put a face to an actual goal that they might have," said Dan Nannini, the transfer center coordinator.

The SMC fairs have helped schools like Loyola Marymount University increase its transfer student population.

Loyola Marymount has been trying to encourage more transfer enrollment in recent years, working with community colleges to create a plan outlining the courses that junior college students would need to take in order to make a smooth transition to the four-year Catholic university. The school has an enrollment of about 5,700 undergraduate students.

"(College fairs) have been very helpful in getting the word out," said Christina Parra, the assistant director of admission. "It gives you face-to-face contact with prospective students."

On Tuesday, many of the students

University, a Los Angeles school specializing in traditional Chinese medicine.

Emperor's College, an acupuncture school on Wilshire Boulevard and 18th Street, has participated in the fair almost every year since its inception in 1983. The small Santa Monica school has an enrollment of about 2,500 students, approximately 10 percent of which are SMC transfers.

The acupuncture school visits various college fairs throughout the year, but SMC's is the busiest by far, according to Mary Good, the director of outreach and admissions. Anywhere from 50 to 100 students usually drop by the booth at SMC.

It seemed as though every major school in California was represented in the fair, but Drew Jeffries, a freshman,

## IT REALLY STARTS TO PUT A FACE TO AN ACTUAL GOAL THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE."

Dan Nannini, Transfer Center Coordinator at SMC

seemed to flock toward the local universities, crowds forming at tables represented by UCLA, USC and Long Beach State.

Khalid Namtoos, a freshman, started gathering catalogues for UCLA, Berkeley, Cornell and UCSD. While UCLA is his first choice, Namtoos said he learned from the representative at USC that he would be able to transfer in as a sophomore, and is now considering becoming a Trojan. UCLA only accepts junior transfer students.

"(The fair) is pretty helpful," he said. "It shows what majors there are, how competitive certain schools are."

The fair included an eclectic mix of schools, from big names, like Columbia, to the lesser known, like Yo San

had trouble locating the school of his choice — Stanford University.

Wandering around the courtyard for close to 20 minutes, he came back with only packets from Drew University and Cal State LA.

Though he seems set on attending Stanford, Jeffries said he's still open to other possibilities.

"I'm wondering which one is the best college, if the teachers are good or are just trying to make money," Jeffries said. "I want a school that has a good name, but also has a good program."

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# A time to talk it out

City's Planning Commission to hear Treesavers' argument at tonight's scheduled meeting



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**UNITED THEY STAND:** Protesters gather at the corner of Fourth Street and Broadway to begin an emergency march to raise awareness regarding the city's plans to remove trees in the downtown area.

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA

Daily Press Staff Writer

**DOWNTOWN** There they were, with their green "Save These Trees" signs held proudly, united in their support for saving the ficus trees along Second and Fourth streets.

But this time, something was different.

As the self-appointed advocates for the city's endangered tree population gathered at the corner of Broadway and Fourth Street Tuesday to begin their emergency march to try and save 50-plus mature trees in downtown, there was a surprise guest among their ranks.

Jay P. Johnson, one of the city's planning commissioners, had news that was music to the ears of the hundred or so protesters gathered for the event. The city's Planning Commission has added an item to their agenda for tonight's meeting that would give the public yet another opportunity to voice their opinion on the city's plan to uproot the trees as part of a district beautification project.

"It would be unlike Santa Monica to not have adequate dialogue," Johnson said, just as the marchers began their trek north on Fourth Street toward Wilshire Boulevard. "A lot of people are upset over this issue. It is in the community's interest to increase the awareness of what is going on down here."

"There are many people who really care about this."

The Santa Monica Police Department was out in force to help guide the protesters along their approved route. While the crowd was relatively peaceful, there were disruptions, namely, a group of would-be bus riders being blocked from the stop at the busy intersection. Busses were opting to pass by the throngs before officers stepped in, flagging down the buses along Fourth Street.

Otherwise, the crowd was courteous, earning more than a few honks in support by passing cars. Drivers and passengers alike were leaning out of their windows, hooting and hollering in support of the Treesavers.

Jerry Rubin, the leader of the Treesavers, was rallying the troops in his typically upbeat manner.

"It's a really good turnout," Rubin said just as the march was about to begin. "I know we're going to succeed. I hope it can be

a win-win for Santa Monica."

He wasn't alone in that sentiment. Johnson piggy-backed on the theme of a win-win situation potentially solving the apparent standoff between city leaders and community activists. Johnson feels that the tree canopy could perhaps be thinned in such a way as to allow light through the dense leaves and branches — as was the nexus of the original complaint made by a few business owners along the effected streets. He cited a similar situation along 11th Street. The canopy was thinned along that street to allow for more light to shine through, which Johnson feels could be done



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One of the city's planning commissioners

along Second and Fourth streets.

Following the march, the Treesavers were to meet at Santa Monica Place's community meeting room to further the discussion.

The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet tonight at City Hall at 7 p.m., during which time the public will be invited to add their voice to the rancor erupting from the controversial decision to remove the aged trees.

The city could begin removing the trees along Second and Fourth streets as early as Monday. There is no word on the exact date. Critics of the project have ratcheted-up their efforts in recent weeks. The Treesavers' next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. at Santa Monica Place.

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**PROUD DRIVER:** (Top) The city's Robert Dorsey, a crew leader of the promenade maintenance team, shows off his new ride Tuesday. (Above) Honda's experimental fuel cell vehicle.

# New fuel cell vehicles help city's reputation

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will surely log the most miles as they will be called on to operate two times a day, seven days a week.

The "mini Hummers," which are made by e-ride Industries in Palmdale, will eventually replace older electric vehicles currently used by maintenance staff to haul garbage out of the parking structures or carry cleaning supplies. The vehicles are definitely a step up, offering staff more torque, more range and a more comfortable ride as they are equipped with doors, windows and cushy leather seats.

"When I ride (in the older vehicles), I feel like I'm Danny DeVito in 'Taxi,'" said Eddie Greenberg, promenade maintenance supervisor. "Now I feel like Donald Trump."

In addition to style, the electric utility vehicles have tilt steering, more towing capacity, a bigger bed, and holds a charge much longer than older electric vehicles.

"Going up the structures with a full load can take a lot of juice, but with these guys, it's so easy," said Jay Aguilar, an equipment operator. "It's got good pickup and it's roomy."

IT FEELS AND  
SOUNDS JUST  
LIKE A 'STAR WARS'  
HOVER CRAFT WITHOUT  
THE HOVER."

Larry Sacco  
City risk management division

Those interested in checking out the maintenance vehicles and the Honda FCX will have their chance later this month at the Alternative Car Expo at Barker Hanger. The second annual expo will be held on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19-20. The event is free and will feature 100 exhibitors of alternative fuels, mass transit, cycling and urban planning.

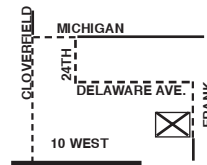
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# Touchy issue

## Elton John removes photo collection from art gallery

A British gallery that turned over a photo of two naked girls to police amid child pornography concerns has closed the exhibition at the request of **ELTON JOHN**, who owns the collection.

The **BALTIC** Center for Contemporary Art, in Gateshead,

northeastern England, said it closed "Thanksgiving," an installation of 149 pictures by American photographer Nan Goldin, at John's request.

"After the removal of one image from the series it was no longer possible for **BALTIC** to exhibit the

collection of works as the artist intended," the gallery said in a statement. "Therefore **BALTIC** is sympathetic to Sir Elton John's request and supportive of the decision."

The gallery alerted police Sept. 20, and authorities are investigat-

ing whether the photo violates child pornography laws, The Telegraph reported. Police confirmed they were looking at the picture to assess whether an offense had been committed, but have refused further comment.

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### KEITH URBAN CRASHES HIS BIKE



**KEITH URBAN** was uninjured Monday when he crashed his motorcycle near his home in Sydney, Australia.

In a statement issued by his publicist, Paul Freundlich, Urban said he was "out riding to an

AA meeting, a time when my privacy is especially important to me, (when) I felt myself being pursued" by a photographer on another motorcycle.

"I sped up, and in an effort to elude an oncoming car which was making an illegal U-turn, saw no choice but to drop my bike," the 39-year-old country singer said.

"In actual fact, my pursuer came to my assistance, without taking photos, and helped me from the road," Urban said. "I returned home, got my car, and continued on my way."

Urban said the incident was the result of "one person's desire to do his job and my desire to maintain my privacy."

The New Zealand-born Urban, who grew up in Australia, completed a three-month stint in rehab for alcohol abuse earlier this year.

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## Nelson Mandela plans AIDS benefit

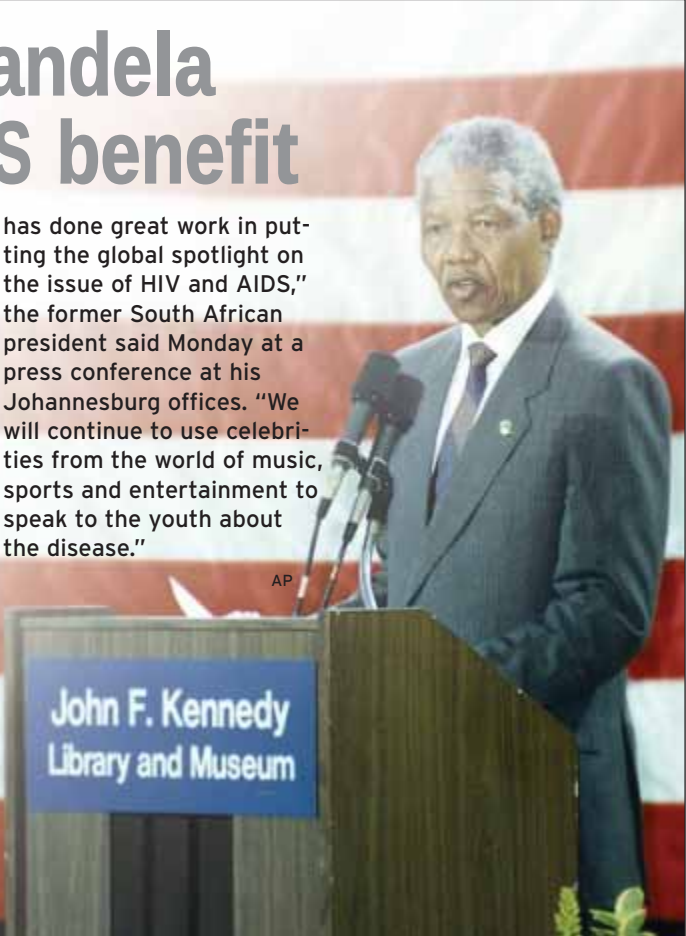
The fifth in a series of international concerts that **NELSON MANDELA** has used to raise awareness about AIDS will be held Dec. 1 in Johannesburg.

"I am very delighted that we are engaging the youth in schools, communities and through the media breaking the silence and stigmas around HIV and AIDS and making them realize that the power to beat the pandemic lies in their own hands," said Mandela, 89, wearing a sweat shirt emblazoned with 46664, the number apartheid prison authorities gave him and which he has used in his campaigning on social issues since.

"The 46664 campaign

has done great work in putting the global spotlight on the issue of HIV and AIDS," the former South African president said Monday at a press conference at his Johannesburg offices. "We will continue to use celebrities from the world of music, sports and entertainment to speak to the youth about the disease."

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

## Please yourself, Pisces

### Happy Birthday!

This year you might want to make waves or change much in your life. Pressure builds professionally, encouraging you to take a bigger role in your community, work and/or immediate circle. Be willing to stand up and be counted. Be open to radical change and new technology. If you are single, unless you are vested in going down the path of life alone, you easily could meet someone with whom you could be very comfortable.



### Born Today

Singer **Gwen Stefani** (1969)

Pop star Kaci (1987)

Author Gore Vidal (1925)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>  
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#### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Pressure will build if you continue to judge yourself. Let go and relax. Don't bounce into the world too soon this morning. Midday, you recycle and are ready to deal with others. Make it a point not to trigger or react. Tonight: Fun and games.

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Keep asking questions, or at least think about what is going on. If you have a tendency to be empathetic, walk in another's shoes. You'll get answers through understanding. Tonight: Home is where your heart is.

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Expenses easily can get out of whack. All you need to do is forget an expenditure or have an unexpected repair. Don't be so hard on yourself. The unexpected occurs with a boss. Tonight: Extravagance seems inevitable.

#### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Even if you hit flak, you can move through it. Your ideas, energy and abilities intertwine, achieving more of your goals. Be willing to put yourself on the line. Answers will head in your direction if you stay open. Tonight: Work with surprise.

#### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Back up carefully. You don't want to mess up anything you have done, but you might encounter a problem if you continue on the same course. Your creativity becomes stimulated through relaxing and talking. Tonight: Keep your own counsel.

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Zoom in and nail what you want. How you see someone could transform because of how he or she is changing. Every so often, you need to clear your mind and see people and situations with new eyes. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

#### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Tension builds because of everything that you see you must do. Understand that you create tension within yourself. You also could decide that you will handle everything as best as you can and not feel like Chicken Little! Tonight: A must appearance.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Often, when others are in a tizzy, you develop a sense of control by backing off and trying to look at the big picture. Expenses might be mounting, yet a purchase or gift delights you and the receiver. Tonight: Let your mind wander and your body follow.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Deal with others directly. What you might hear could have a profound impact. You suddenly find that your caring could be increased now that you understand someone better. An unexpected development opens up a personal situation. Tonight: Say yes.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Others might feel like they are in the position to wheel and deal. They might think whatever they want, but if they choose to go up against you, the only way they will get their desired results will be the result of you allowing them to. Tonight: Take a mid-week break.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You often become exhausted as you try to compress so much into one day. Perhaps asking a friend or an associate to pitch in could be just what the doctor ordered. Tonight: Relax in your style.

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Sometimes you have to just let go and let the romantic, creative person within you out. Laugh and relax with others. A positive attitude and smile can only help. Make it a point to act on your feelings. Tonight: Please yourself.

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Kingdom, The (R)

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1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55

King of California (PG-13)

3:10, 7:50

Raising Flagg (PG-13)

1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:45

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Good Luck Chuck (R)

12:00, 2:20, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50

Shoot 'Em Up (R)

12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40

Superbad (R)

1:10, 4:15, 7:10, 10:10

Janric Classic Sudoku

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

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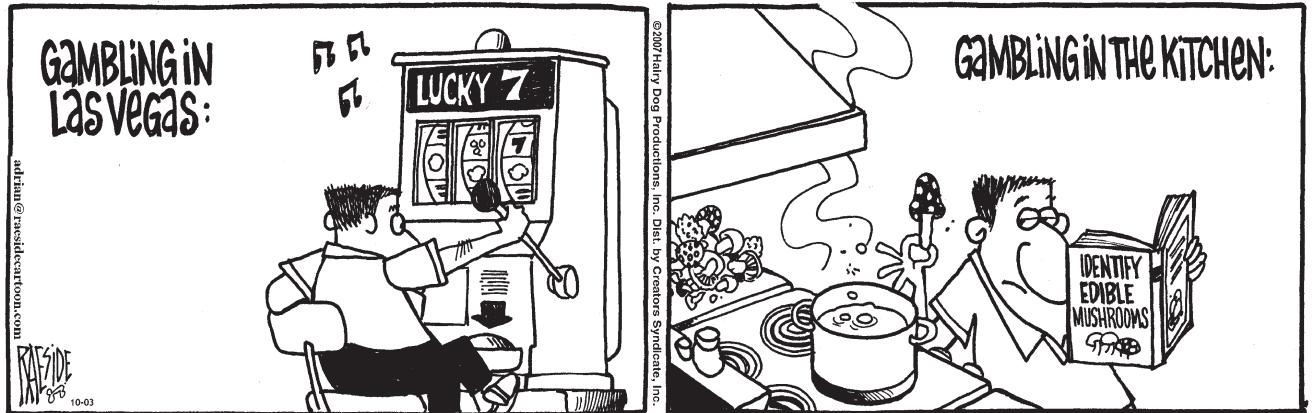
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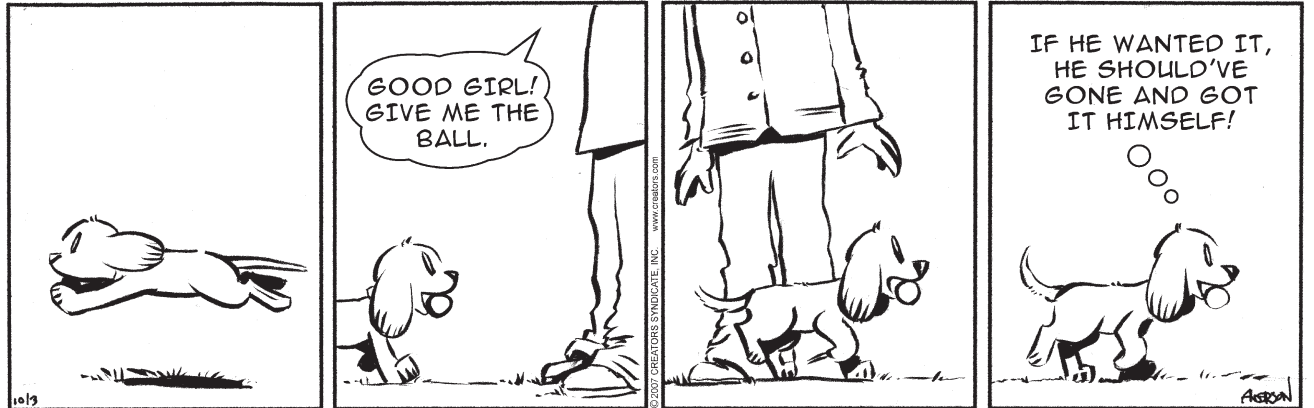
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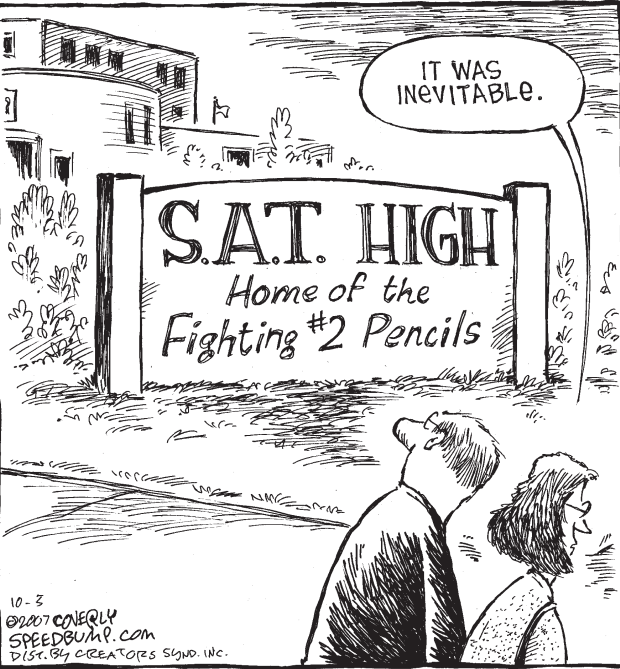
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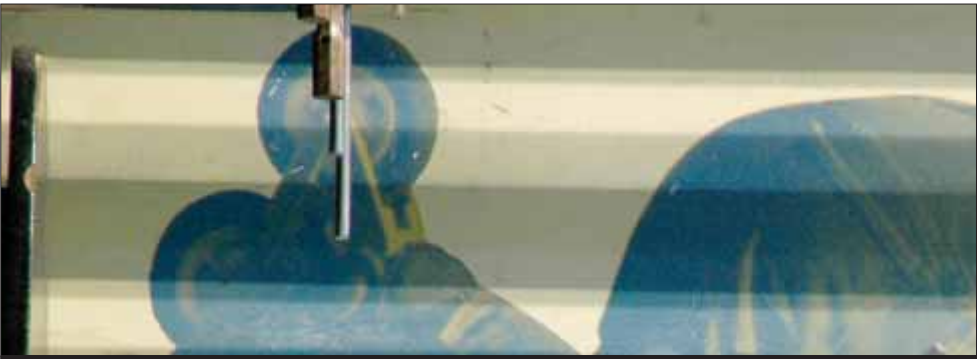


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- 5 Appear unexpectedly
- 11 Egg outline
- 12 Thin layer
- 13 Map dot
- 14 Book worker
- 15 Exalted verse
- 16 Pace
- 17 "Keen!"
- 19 Sulky state
- 22 Lethal
- 24 Parasol purpose
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Yesterday's answer

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- 21 New driver, often
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■ News that Sounds Like a Joke: (1) In July, National Hockey League player Derek Boogaard, an "enforcer" known for his willingness to brawl, opened the Derek and Aaron Boogaard Fighting Camp in Regina, Saskatchewan, to train teenage hockey players in that highly essential skill. (2) Iran's state-sponsored news agency IRNA announced in July that its agents had broken up a Western countries' "spy ring" that employed more than a dozen squirrels trying to bring "spy gear" of foreign agencies into the country. ■ Modernizations: (1) Congregants of Rev. Tom Ambrose, of St. Mary and St. Michael Church in Trumpington, England, met in September to complain of several things about their vicar, most notably that he delivered the Christmas sermon last year (and several since then) using Microsoft PowerPoint. (2) George Zokos is a professional shepherd in Tyrnavos, Greece, but due to health problems three years ago (according to an August Agence France-Presse dispatch), he now herds the sheep from his car.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1283 Dafydd ap Gruffydd, prince of Gwynedd in Wales, becomes the first person executed by being hanged, drawn and quartered.  
1574 The Siege of Leiden is lifted by the Watergeuzen.  
1712 The Duke of Montrose issues a warrant for the arrest of Rob Roy MacGregor  
1739 The Treaty of Nissa is signed by the Ottoman Empire and Russia at the end of the Russian-Turkish War, 1736-1739.  
1778 British Captain James Cook anchors in Alaska.  
1789 George Washington proclaims the first Thanksgiving Day.  
1795 General Napoleon Bonaparte first rises to national prominence being named to defend the French National Convention against armed counter-revolutionary rioters threatening the three year old revolutionary government.  
1849 American author Edgar Allan Poe is found delirious in a gutter in Baltimore, Maryland under mysterious circumstances; it is the last time he is seen in public before his death.  
1863 Thanksgiving Day declared as the fourth Thursday in November by President Abraham Lincoln.

WORD UP!

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COUNTER HELP needed. Cafe near 3rd St. Promenade 215 Broadway. Must be experienced. Immediate openings. Apply afternoons in person. (310) 396-9898.

Counter Help  
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DRIVERS: EARN as you learn career! England Transport now offers on the job CDL training. No credit check. No co-signers. No down payment. Toll free 1-866-619-6081, AD#3110

GIVE OF YOURSELF volunteers wanted at the discovery shop. Help us contribute to the American cancer society by spending 4 hours per week assisting in our resale shop in Santa Monica. Contact Terry or Shaunna at (310)458-4490

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1BDRM/1BATH 12610 Caswell Blvd. \$1175/mo stove, fridge, blinds, granite countertops, ceiling fan, laundry, parking, no pets. (310)578-7512 [www.jkwproperties.com](http://www.jkwproperties.com)

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Notices

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DAVID VICHÍ AKA METIN GUNDUZ AKA DARA PASORI CASE NO. BP106809

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of DAVID VICHÍ AKA METIN GUNDUZ AKA DARA PASORI.

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

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

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 11/19/07 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

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

Attorney for Petitioner DAVID ROTH, ESQ. HOCHMAN SALKIN RETTIG TOSCHER & PEREZ, P.C. 9150 WILSHIRE BLVD., #300 BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212 10/3, 10/4, 10/10/07

CNS-1206442# SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS

TS # CA-07-86665-DD Loan # 0017714809 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 8/30/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): RAPHAEL BEN ABU, A SINGLE MAN Recorded: 09/13/2006 as Instrument No. 06-2037214 in book XXX, page XXX of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Los Angeles County, California; Date of Sale: 10/9/2007 at 11:30 AM Place of Sale: At the front entrance to the Pomona Superior Courts Building, 350 West Mission Blvd., Pomona, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$442,864.46 The purported property address is: 2721 2ND STREET SANTA MONICA, CA 90405 Assessors Parcel No. 4287-023-045 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: 9/16/2007 Quality Loan Service Corp. 2141 5th Avenue San Diego, CA 92101 (619) 645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sales Line: (714) 573-1965 or logon to www.priorityposting.com Reinstatement Line: (619) 645-7711 ext 3704 Nancy Weik, If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holder's rights against the real property only. This notice is sent for the purpose of collecting a debt. This firm is attempting to collect a debt on behalf of the holder and owner of the note. Any information obtained by or provided to this firm or the creditor will be used for that purpose. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. P316169 9/19, 9/26, 10/03/2007

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TSG No.: 3376402 TS No.: 20079017902494 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DE-FUALT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/25/06. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROP-ERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On October 23, 2007 at 11:30 AM, First American LoanStar Trustee Services, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 07/31/06, as Instrument No. 06 1681673, in book , page , of Official Records in the Office of the County Re-corder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California. Executed by: PATRICIA E.A.

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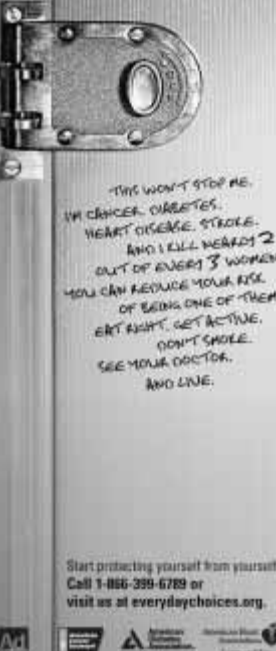
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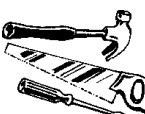
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