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Vending venture gone bad

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

STEWART STREET One of the largest energy drink makers whose slogan promises to give its consumers "wings" is being called upon to refund millions of dollars for a failed vending machine venture that allegedly left hundreds out in the cold.

Red Bull America, which is headquartered in Santa Monica, is the subject of criticism for its involvement in a now-defunct business deal that offered franchising opportunities for trademarked vending machines that were sold through a third party.

Those who bought into the program, which was operated in partnership with Red Bull and Creative Concepts of America (CCA), claim the business model failed because they didn't receive services that were promised in the agreement. Creative Concepts, which was based in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., has since gone bankrupt.

The Florida Attorney General's Office began investigating claims that CCA offered fraudulent business opportunities in July 2006. The probe has since been suspended and is now being handled by the U.S. Department of Justice, which has opened a criminal case against Creative Concepts. Officials with the department could not comment on the investigation.

The two companies entered into an agreement in 2005 that allowed Creative Concepts under limited circumstances to purchase vending machines bearing the Red Bull trademark from a third party and then re-sell them to customers who were interest-

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Samohi takes on Jordan in a clash of undefeated teams

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

LONG BEACH When two undefeated football teams clash, something has to give.

Santa Monica High School has sprinted to a 3-0 record on the strength of a running game that has somehow been able to remain dominate despite the loss of one of its two star running backs and minor injuries to the other.

Long Beach's Jordan High School has built a 3-0 on the legs of an elusive quarterback and a fullback that is a dominate Division I prospect.

"Santa Monica is the best team we've played so far," Jordan's head coach Scott Meyer said. "We're in for a tough battle."

Samohi's head coach Zach Cuda is in a similar boat. He feels that Jordan is the best team his Vikings have taken on all season and is planning on sticking to a game plan that has proven to be successful thus far.

"We don't expect to surprise anybody this year," Cuda said. "They are going to have to step up and be more physical to stop it."

The Vikings' running game has proven to be the focal point of the offense, with the team's offensive line leading the way. That approach has led, most recently, to a victory over Venice High School, one of Samohi's chief rivals.

The 28-0 victory last week was the first over Venice in Cuda's time with the team and gives the young coach reason to believe that

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HANGING AROUND

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Leigh Wiley, 31, (left) and Rebecca Shipe, 35, hang on aerial hammocks at Santa Monica Beach on Wednesday. Aerial hammocks are made from fabric that forms a cocoon around the performer's body creating beautiful shapes inside and fantastic tricks outside of the apparatus. The hammocks are commonly used as modern circus art and have captured the imaginations of audiences worldwide. High in the air, the performer wraps themselves into intricate knots to create an astounding array of breathtaking poses, drops, and slides.

Local pols miffed by vetoes

BY CHRISTINA WALKER
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN Santa Monica seniors who were once ineligible for Medi-cal, because their homes were too valuable, will find it easier to get coverage come January.

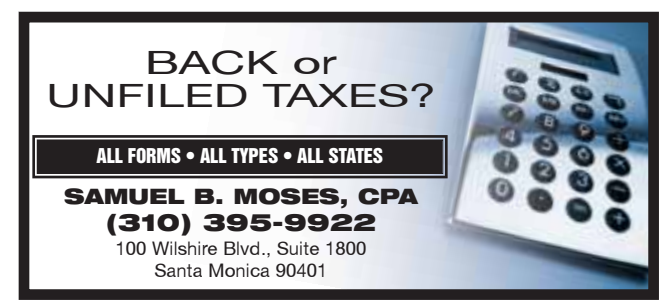
Under a new law authored by State Sen. Sheila Kuehl (D-Santa Monica), seniors whose homes are valued at under $750,000 can qualify for the public health insurance program, whereas before it was set at $500,00, leaving many without coverage.

This new state law is one of a half dozen bills that Santa Monica representatives saw signed by the governor this legislative season.

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Attending Mass
Santa Monica Pier, 6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Hit the streets of Santa Monica and ride with a group of riders that are dedicated to raising awareness of issues related to cycling. This monthly ride oftentimes veers into Venice. For more information, visit www.SantaMonicaCriticalMass.org.

Reading with Al
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1 p.m.
California Poet Laureate Al Young will read from and speak to his recent works of poetry and prose. For more information, call (310) 458-8640.

'Made Me Nuclear,' the Operetta
Santa Monica Playhouse, 8 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
They radiated him, but they couldn't silence him — Charlie Lustman, surviving cancer one song at a time. Blending humor and intimacy this is a show for anyone who has faced a challenge in life. It is written and performed by singer/songwriter Charlie Lustman, and directed by Chris DeCarlo. Tickets at www.MadeMeNuclear.com or (866) 468-3399.

Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008

Blessed are the animals
1008 11th St., 9 a.m.
The Blessing of the Animals takes place at First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica. The event features the blessing, a light breakfast and children's activities. Donations of new pet food, treats and toys will be collected for local shelters.

Dining etiquette
Virginia Avenue Park, 1 p.m.
Do you feel comfortable knowing the proper rules of dining? Due to demand, Social and Business Graces will be conducting a class in proper American-style dining etiquette. For more information, call (310) 210-6103.

Fresh roasted chilies
Virginia Avenue Park, 8 a.m. — 1 p.m.
The Chile Roaster is back at the Pico Farmers' Market. Enjoy New Mexico style roasted chilies fresh from the farmers every Saturday during the month of September. The market is located at Virginia Park at Pico and Cloverfield boulevards.

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.

ELECTION 2008

With 13 candidates running for four open seats on the City Council, it can be difficult for voters to determine who will represent them best. To make it easier, the Daily Press sent out questionnaires to each candidate, given them 1,000 words to explain their positions on a host of issues important to residents and business owners, as well as shed light on their personalities. Keep reading in the coming days as we continue to publish the responses from the rest of the pack.



John Blakely

- Age: 25.
- Occupation: Entrepreneur/actor/brewer.
- Marital status/children: Single.
- Your neighborhood? How long have you lived there? North of Wilshire/one year.
- Own or rent? Rent.

YOUR MODE OF TRANSPORTATION/MODEL, MAKE AND YEAR OF YOUR RIDE?
Puegeot bicycle, '96 Ford Explorer (It's the first and only car I've ever owned).

YOUR PASSION?
Brewing, traveling, and politics.

WHAT ARE YOU READING?
"A Confederacy of Dunces," by John Kennedy Toole.

THE WATER AROUND THE SANTA MONICA PIER IS SOME OF THE MOST POLLUTED IN THE STATE AND POSES A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH RISK TO SWIMMERS. HOW DO WE CLEAN UP THE BEACH? HOW WOULD YOU SPEND MEASURE V FUNDS?
The best way to clean up the beach is to follow through on the promises made in Measure V. Residents are paying $84 a year and are not seeing results. We need to make this a priority. As for spending the money already raised, the biggest concern is fixing the Pico-Kenter Storm Drain, which the city has been trying to do for over 20 years.

WHAT'S A HIDDEN GEM IN THE CITY?
The topaz I buried somewhere in Palisades Park and Santino's on Lincoln. I recommend Thursdays for delicious paella and live music.

HOMELESSNESS IS FAR AND AWAY OUR CITY'S MOST PRESSING ISSUE, ACCORDING TO DAILY PRESS READERS. WHAT NEW IDEAS DO YOU BRING TO THE TABLE? DO YOU BELIEVE CITY HALL IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK WITH ITS PLAN TO HOUSE THE MOST VULNERABLE WHILE STILL PROVIDING GRANTS TO SERVICE PROVIDERS?
I think the introduction of homeless hygiene centers would offer much needed services to the homeless and would be a benefit to all residents. The center would be a place where the people without homes could go to use the restroom, get a hot shower, brush their teeth,

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Richard Bloom

- Age: 55.
- Occupation: Mayor Pro Tem, family law attorney.
- Marital status/children: Married, two children.
- Your neighborhood? How long have you lived there? Beautiful Sunset Park, 27 years.
- Own or rent? Homeowner.

YOUR MODE OF TRANSPORTATION/MODEL, MAKE AND YEAR OF YOUR RIDE?
In addition to the Big Blue Bus, one bicycle, eight feet and, occasionally, a Segway, we are four drivers who share two vehicles: an '04 Toyota Prius and an '01 Toyota minivan.

YOUR PASSION?
My family, my community and chocolate.

WHAT ARE YOU READING?
"Good to Great" and (re-reading) Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath."

THE WATER AROUND THE SANTA MONICA PIER IS SOME OF THE MOST POLLUTED IN THE STATE AND POSES A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH RISK TO SWIMMERS. HOW DO WE CLEAN UP THE BEACH? HOW WOULD YOU SPEND MEASURE V FUNDS?
Our biggest problem: stormwater runoff that carries toxins through our storm drains and out to the beach and ocean. We must prioritize projects that reduce pollution from our storm drains, particularly after rainstorms. High priority projects include upgrading the Pier and Pico-Kenter storm drains and the SMURRF runoff facility. We need to fund green street projects that help stormwater percolate into earth to be cleansed naturally. We should maximize bond money with joint projects with the city of L.A. The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, a regional body that I chair, will also help.

My leadership on eliminating second hand-smoke led to banning smoking on our beaches. This helps reduce toxic litter at the beach. New local ordinances require landscaping that helps water soak into the ground. Every new park we build helps with this and I've championed many: Virginia Avenue Park, Airport Park, Beach Green. Next, I'll advocate advancing the huge Civic Center and Memorial Park open space projects.

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Herbert Silverstein

- Age: 77.
- Occupation: Retired stock broker.
- Marital status/children: Married.
- Your neighborhood? How long have you lived there? Ocean Avenue for two years.
- Own or rent? Rent.

YOUR MODE OF TRANSPORTATION/MODEL, MAKE AND YEAR OF YOUR RIDE?
2007 Chevy HHR.

YOUR PASSION?
Caring for animals.

WHAT ARE YOU READING?
Newspapers and magazines.

WHAT'S A HIDDEN GEM IN THE CITY?
The residents of Santa Monica.

HOMELESSNESS IS FAR AND AWAY OUR CITY'S MOST PRESSING ISSUE, ACCORDING TO DAILY PRESS READERS. WHAT NEW IDEAS DO YOU BRING TO THE TABLE? DO YOU BELIEVE CITY HALL IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK WITH ITS PLAN TO HOUSE THE MOST VULNERABLE WHILE STILL PROVIDING GRANTS TO SERVICE PROVIDERS?
Programs should be expanded and the unused space at the VA center should be utilized.

HOW DO YOU SPEND A DAY OFF IN SANTA MONICA?
Doing household chores.

DEVELOPMENT IS A TOPIC THAT HAS GAINED MORE ATTENTION IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, WITH MANY RESIDENTS COMPLAINING ABOUT THE INCREASE IN COMMERCIAL AND CONDO DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY IN DOWNTOWN. DO YOU BELIEVE THE NEW LAND USE AND CIRCULATION ELEMENT PROPERLY ADDRESSES CONCERNS? DOES IT GO FAR ENOUGH TO PROTECT NEIGHBORHOODS OR DOES IT ALLOW DENSE DEVELOPMENT WITH BUILDING HEIGHTS THAT ARE TOO INTRUSIVE? WHAT IS YOUR STANCE ON PROP. T? DO YOU BELIEVE IT IS A PROPER RESPONSE TO TRAFFIC WOES?
I believe that Prop. T is an answer for the present, but should be revisited within two years.

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What a waste

Editor:

As Santa Monica purports to be energy conscious why are the street lights between 14th Street and 11th Street burning day and night? A call to the electric department of Santa Monica brought no response. The lights have been burning for two weeks and going on three. Do we really need street lights on during the day?

B. A. Darling
Santa Monica

Palin represents real change

Editor:

Compared to all of the senators on the Republican and Democratic tickets, Gov. Sarah Palin has two more years of running a government, balancing a budget and managing a legislature than any of the other candidates running today.

The fact is, being a senator means you spend 50 percent of your time campaigning, 25 percent with your family and another 25 percent showing up to vote the party line 90 percent of the time. The fact is, senators don't even read the laws they are voting on anymore as Michael Moore proved.

So what experience does Obama, McCain or Biden really offer in regards to governing? Gov. Palin has worked a real job, ran her own company, been a real mom, a real mayor and a real governor. McCain does not know how to use a computer yet we are considering him for president?

Obama has not run a budget for anything and worst of all he is a lawyer. Biden is a 35-year-veteran of the U.S. Senate Democratic Party machinery and he represents change? If you want change,

Gov. Palin sounds more like change then the rest of the fools on both tickets. All of these senators have voted what they were told to vote on by their respective party over 90 percent of the time. Look at the records yourself. Not one of those senators has real leadership experience. They are high-paid order takers and not leaders.

David Alsabery
Santa Monica

Strange days

Editor:

I had a good chuckle when I read your article about Francie Rehwald, who, along with other Santa Monica residents and outside groups, [took] Friday off to plant herself in a lawn chair in a metered parking space to prevent automobiles from parking there ("Feeding the meter to park lawn chairs," page 1, Sept. 19).

From the reporting in your article, I understand that this activity is to advocate more open space and sustainability by taking back the streets, hoping to transform metered parking spaces into grassy retreats, or "linear parks," as one participant noted.

What made me laugh isn't necessarily the fact that Rehwald is financially well off and able to spend a week day sitting around in a lawn chair on Montana Avenue, sipping coffee and reading the newspaper. No.

The irony here is that she and her family has made a fortune selling luxury automobiles in Santa Monica for over 70 years, which allows her the luxury to lounge around in the street on Montana Avenue and condemn street parking for doing away with open space.

Oh, that's right, your article forgot to mention that Rehwald's family owned and operated the W.I. Simonson Mercedes-Benz dealership in Santa Monica for nearly 70 years.

I guess that after selling all of those luxury automobiles, Rehwald has come to the conclusion that automobiles are now bad, and parking spaces for the public should become parks for her.

This city just keeps getting stranger and stranger.

Saul Cohen
Santa Monica



Your column here

Tom Brennan — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Cool Hand Luke vs. Uncle Fester

I WANTED TO GET POST-DEBATE commentary the minute I woke up. I turned on the computer and learned first that Paul Newman died. This interrupted my news feed and made me think. Paul Newman was a true gentleman and a fighting spirit in real life, marching for civil rights in the early '60s, almost the first star to do so giving millions of dollars to deserving charities, and never living in desperate proximity to Hollywood, or the cult of empty vanity. He was a gentleman who utilized his stardom to contribute something lasting to our country.

Then I thought of the character that first made me love him as a screen persona. To a boy's imagination, seeing that epitome of composure under pressure named Cool Hand Luke was more than seeing an actor. It was being introduced to a brand of Americana. Cool Hand Luke is Paul Newman as the prisoner on a southern chain gang who transcends the brutal pressure of a warden and group of guards who hate him, and remains true to his American sense of dignity.

Know your American pop culture and you are a patriot, because it is that lore that is the valuable thing we share as Americans. American pop culture gives us a sense, that alone among citizens in this world, somewhere in our country someone will produce a movie that changes our life again, or produce a CD that contains a song that becomes our anthem again. We are at our best as citizens in that way. All of America's vital tribes, from various natives to various immigrants, weaved together like strong copper wires. Luke was a screen character of unquenchable spirit, whom all races, and all ages relate to. That character is the unquenchable American spirit itself.

Say what you will, but the truth is that particular American spirit was most certainly the spirit that Sen. Barack Obama embodied as he stood there looking across at the hectoring warden, played in "Cool Hand Luke" by the great character actor Strother Martin, and being played again on stage at Ole Miss Friday night by Sen. John McCain.

"What we got here is a failure to communicate," Strother Martin bellowed with derision to Paul Newman's Luke.

In real life, we had on stage a string of litanies aimed at Barack as derisive as anything Strother Martin said, but uttered in front of all Americans and in front of the entire world. Like Strother Martin, the new warden taunted " … he doesn't understand" … "what he fails to understand," " … and what he doesn't seem to understand," over and over. And then this candidate capped that string of words with this commentary on Obama's thinking, " … it's not naïve, it's dangerous." Showing disrespect for an American citizen who is a candidate for president.

Was that the intention of the Republican candidate in this debate? A candidate who brags about looking into Putin's eyes is at the same time somehow afraid or unable to look into Sen. Obama's eyes. I cannot really know, but showing blatant disrespect to Obama during a time when Americans are looking to the new president to be a stabilizing influence is a strange thing to do. In business, which I am in, and this candidate is not, looking a person in the eye is an American tradition. Period.

IN REAL LLIFE, WE HAD ON STAGE A STRING OF LITANIES AIMED AT BARACK AS DERISIVE AS ANYTHING STROTHER MARTIN SAID, BUT UTTERED IN FRONT OF ALL AMERICANS AND IN FRONT OF THE ENTIRE WORLD.

I would like to think well of the Republican candidate. But from his behavior, even if he isn't as mean as Strother Martin's warden all the time, we have to grant that there were other times during the debate when he snickered as zanily as Uncle Fester on the classic "Adams Family" TV show, when Fester would be running off to blow stuff up.

Now, I have nothing against Fester, we all have uncles, but Americans usually don't turn the machinery of governance over to Uncle Fester. We keep Fester in the family but Americans prefer the steadiness and grit of The Cool Hand Luke character. The steadiness and grit embodied by Obama.

We don't want to tune into the inaugural ceremony in January and see the president-elect with a lightbulb stuck in his mouth blinking on and off. That is not what is meant by passing the torch.

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Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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Alison flies with ease on the pier trapeze

AT SUNSET, I OFTEN WALK ON THE boardwalk by the beach. Sometimes I'm joined by my best friend, Alison McLea. She brings her dog, Stella McLea, a ridgeback mix, and I bring Oscar, my neighbor's golden retriever. Al and I are like an old married couple, except for the fact that she's young and has a boyfriend. Other than that, it's exactly like it.

Yesterday I was rambling on about the economic crisis, reminding Al about when John McCain's economic guru, Phil Graham, called this a "mental recession." Of course McCain said, "The fundamentals of the economy are sound" and then wanted to fire the head of the FEC. As Bill Maher joked, "When a 72-year-old makes wild statements like that, that's when the kids start calling the nursing homes (Maher said it, I didn't)."

Alison interrupted my rant, and said, "I'm going to join the circus."

I was startled. "You mean if McCain wins?"

"No, I mean I want to join the circus."

A stranger might be slightly taken aback by Alison's spontaneous ideas. But among her many charms, is her relentless drive. If Al says she's going to join the circus, I start picturing the cotton candy. She's already "practicing."

Guess what, gang? We have a trapeze school in Santa Monica. I didn't even know there was such a thing. It's the Trapeze School New York (TSNY) located on the pier, nestled between Pacific Park and the Playland Arcade. The open-air school allows passersby to watch the trapeze in action. I know because Al invited me to watch her "fly."

As a kid one of my favorite movies was "Trapeze," starring Burt Lancaster, Tony Curtis and Gina Lolobridgida. I always liked Tony Curtis, who was originally Bernie Schwartz from the Bronx. I didn't realize it, but Curtis died in 2006 at the age of 83. He'd been married six times and appeared in over 100 films. Both sound exhausting.

I don't recall much about "Trapeze" but somehow I still remember Gina. Alison reminded me a little of her as she climbed the ladder to the platform. Waiting there was Jonathon Conant, who co-founded TSNY with partners Anne and Dave Brown. Jonathon assisted Al, who grabbed the bar and began to swing back and forth. At the other end was a "catcher" swinging in time to Alison. I was mesmerized and I wasn't alone. On the pier were probably 100 people glued to the action.

Al swung back and forth, three times. Finally she let go of the bar and flew in the air. As she descended, at the last second, the catcher grabbed her wrists. Everybody applauded. Alison and the catcher went back and forth a few more times before she let go and landed safely into the huge net below.

Al admits she's addicted to "flying" (she's also addicted to carrot cake). She's 38 and giving herself 12 years, so that at 50 she'll be ready to join the circus. Jonathon is totally supportive. A native Californian, he has trapeze schools in five locations in New York, Boston, Baltimore and, since May, Santa Monica. His love of the trapeze is more a love of "opening people's minds to new possibilities." He gets great pleasure from seeing students conquer fear and take that confidence into other areas of their life. In that sense, it's like fire walking, only in the air.

Jonathon tried to get me on the trapeze but it's against my religion. I'm a devout coward. Actually, I'm a member of the Squeamish faith. The truth is I'm no George Plimpton. Plimpton was a Harvard educated journalist who participated in what he wrote about. He played a few pre-season downs at quarterback with the Detroit Lions, boxed a few rounds with light-heavyweight champ, Archie Moore, and trained with hockey's Boston Bruins. And he had the broken bones to prove it.

TSNY is totally safe, however. The student is securely tethered at all times but still gets the thrill of flying. Jonathon says, "The drama of flying for the first time is unbelievably uplifting."

Trapeze used to be just in the circus. Now it's a recreational sport like yoga and aerobics. It provides an intense cardio workout, promoting muscle toning and balancing (super-toned Alison is proof). The school offers classes for first time to advanced flyers, group classes and workshops. Their Web site is: www.trapezeschool.com.

On the way back from our walk, Alison said, "I wonder if I could make the circus in 10 years instead of 12?"

Knowing Al as I do, I bet she can.

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The Q Line

Popping questions

Some residents are concerned about development. Others are irked by homelessness. And seemingly everybody wants to know what can be done to ease traffic. The Daily Press is hosting a candidate's forum on Oct. 22 at the Main Library featuring both City Council and school board candidates. At the forum, dubbed Squirm Night, these topics will be discussed, among others.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

What questions would you ask the candidates and why?

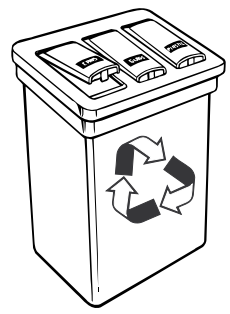
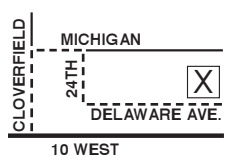
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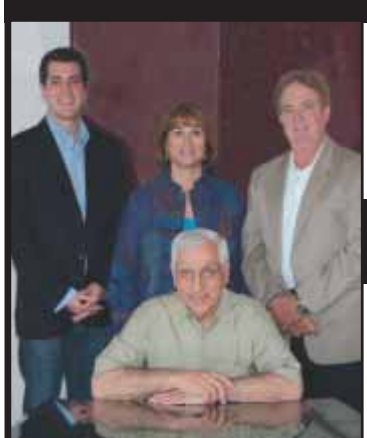
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Amendment to SMMC Section 9.04.02.030.825, Sub-Chapter 9.04.18, and Part 9.04.20.34 (Zoning Ordinance): Substantial Remodel Ordinance. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation on a Zoning Ordinance amendment to make permanent the provisions contained in Interim Ordinance 2202 (CCS), which will expire in January 2009. These provisions amend the definition of a "substantial remodel," which defines the threshold at which a structure is being changed enough to require upgrades to meet current Code requirements. The proposed amendment also outlines exceptional circumstances in which a structure receiving upgrades but without new floor area or a historic property remodeled according to specific criteria would not be required to conform to current Code requirements. It further provides two situations in which the Zoning Administrator may allow an adjustment to the substantial remodel requirements: 1) for non-conforming commercial or industrial buildings that add more than 50% of existing floor area; and, 2) when unforeseeable structural damage has been found on a property of sub-standard dimensions during construction, which renders the project a substantial remodel. [Planner: Elizabeth Bar-El, AICP; liz.bar-el@smgov.net] **APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica.**

APPEAL 08- 009, 1103 Berkeley Street. A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the appeal of the Architectural Review Board Technical Denial of ARB application 08ARB058, which requested modifications to the R1 development standards to allow construction of a single story, 291 square foot addition to an existing single family structure in the R1, North of Wilshire Boulevard Single Family Residential zone. The Architectural Review Board considered the following request: a cumulative side yard setback modification to allow a 291 square foot addition along the north side yard which results in cumulative sideyard setbacks of 16 feet or 23% of the parcel width where 21 feet or 30% is required. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.08.02.080(f)(3), the Architectural Review Board may grant modifications to the required cumulative side yard setback of 30 percent of the lot width, provided certain findings are made. [Planner: Chris Townes] **APPLICANTS/ APPELLANTS/ PROPERTY OWNERS: Roger and Barbara Hill**

Conditional Use Permit 08-008, 1733 Ocean Avenue. The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the on-site sale of beer, wine, and distilled spirits in conjunction with a new 250-seat restaurant (La Cachette) located in the CC (Civic Center) zoning district. The proposed restaurant will occupy 5,183 square feet with ground floor frontage along Ocean Avenue in an existing four-story mixed-use building. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.18.020, a CUP is required for the on-site sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. [Planner: Tony Kim] **APPLICANT: La Cachette Bistro, LLC. PROPERTY OWNER: 1733 Ocean Avenue Properties, LLC.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

City of Santa Monica

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about these projects, please contact the Project Planner at (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7, #8, #9 and the Tide Ride service the City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

Help Us Shape the Future! Be part of the effort to create new Land Use and Circulation Elements, and a new Zoning Ordinance. Help shape a twenty year vision and improve the way we get around Santa Monica.
http://www.shapethefuture2025.net (Land Use Element)
http://motion.santa-monica.org (Circulation Element)

MOTION by the ocean

CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Suspected murderer behind bars

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26, AT 1:30 A.M.,
Santa Monica police officers were notified by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department that they had a murder suspect in custody. When officers arrived at the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station, they took the suspect into custody and transported him to the Santa Monica Jail where he was booked for murder. The crime in question occurred around April 5, 2001. On that day officers responded to an abandoned structure in the 1500 block of Seventh Street after receiving a report from a construction crew that a dead body had been found. Officers did discover the body of a white woman, approximately 30 years old, in a building scheduled for demolition. Police believed at the time that the woman had been strangled. The suspect was identified as Edric Dashell Gross, 43, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $1 million.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27, AT 5:20 A.M.,
An officer on routine patrol in the 1800 block of Ninth Street observed a bicyclist riding eastbound on Pico Boulevard in the westbound lane, a violation. The officer stopped the cyclist to warn him about the violation. During the stop, the officer obtained consent to search the cyclist and found marijuana and methamphetamine. The officer placed the cyclist under arrest for possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance and two outstanding warrants. The suspect was identified as Nilo Edgardo Arrabal, 45, a transient. His bail was set at $11,500.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27, AT 4:20 P.M.,
An officer on routine patrol in the 300 block of Colorado Avenue noticed two people fighting outside of Sears. When the officer went to confront the two men, they stopped fighting. The officer spoke to both and learned that one of them was a security guard for Sears and he was struggling with a suspect who allegedly stole a jacket. The suspect had a restraining order preventing him from entering Sears after prior shoplifting convictions, police said. The suspect was taken into custody and booked for robbery, violation of probation and violation of a court order. He was identified as Frank Stephen Ashby, 45, a transient. His bail was set at $50,000.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27, AT 9:52 P.M.,
Officers on patrol in the 100 block of Marine Street noticed a man standing in the street about to snort cocaine from a small plastic baggy. Officers contacted the suspect and recovered the baggy along with additional bags of cocaine from the suspect's pockets. The suspect was placed under arrest and later booked for possession of a controlled substance. He was identified as Joseph Adam Stiteler, 28, of Culver City. His bail was set at $10,000.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26,
Officers placed Poohand Melgerei, 80, of Santa Monica, under arrest and booked for vehicular manslaughter without gross negligence resulting from a fatal car accident that occurred on May 15 in 1800 block of 10th Street. Police said Melgerei backed up and hit an 84-year-old woman, who was transported to a local hospital and later died. Melgerei was being held on $2,500 bail.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25, AT 3:10 P.M.,
Police responded to the 500 block of Olympic Boulevard – OPCC Access Center – regarding a report of an assault and battery that occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who said she was struck by the suspect, who attempted to cut in front of her in the food line. The suspect fled after the attack, but returned two hours later and was detained by officers. The victim positively identified the suspect, who was placed under arrest for assault and battery. The suspect also had an outstanding warrant. The suspect was identified as Genita Madora Williamson, 37, a transient. Her bail was set at $70,000.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25,
Officers took into custody a suspect wanted in connection with a grand theft investigation. Officers said the suspect stole a guitar valued at $3,100 from Tornavoz Music on 19th Street. Police said the store manager believed the guitar was stolen by a former employee on March 24. The manager looked up the employee's MySpace page on the Internet and allegedly saw a picture of the employee with the guitar. The former employee was booked for grand theft. He was identified as Andrew Todd Brandmeier, 26, of Marina del Rey. His bail was set at $20,000.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24, AT 1:30 A.M.,
A patrol supervisor in the 2000 block of Sixth Street observed a vehicle being driven down the street without license plates attached. The officer conducted a traffic stop and smelled marijuana. The officer searched the driver and the vehicle and found four grams of pot and 3.6 grams of psilocybin mushrooms. The suspect was placed under arrest for possession of narcotics and for violation of probation. The suspect was identified as Daniel Philip Reinhart, 19, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $20,000.

MONDAY, SEPT. 22, AT 10 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 300 block of Santa Monica Boulevard regarding a strong arm robbery that occurred. When officers arrived, they made contacted with the alleged victim who said she was slapped by her boyfriend, who stole her purse after she declined his marriage proposal. She followed her boyfriend until police arrived. He was taken into custody for robbery and domestic violence. The suspect was identified as Scott Justin Steffes, 38. Police said he refused to give his address. His bail was set at $50,000.

Editor in Chief KEVIN HERRERA compiled these reports. news@smdp.com

FROM **BLOOM** PAGE 3

WHAT'S A HIDDEN GEM IN THE CITY?
The historic band organ in the Carousel building. I found it at an auction in 2000 and made sure the city bought it.

HOMELESSNESS IS FAR AND AWAY OUR CITY'S MOST PRESSING ISSUE, ACCORDING TO DAILY PRESS READERS. WHAT NEW IDEAS DO YOU BRING TO THE TABLE? DO YOU BELIEVE CITY HALL IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK WITH ITS PLAN TO HOUSE THE MOST VULNERABLE WHILE STILL PROVIDING GRANTS TO SERVICE PROVIDERS?
This has been and will be my top priority. We continue to do new things to help end homelessness. The plan to house the most vulnerable is the most important. This concept has worked elsewhere. That is why I lobbied our outstanding staff to begin the program here. I also worked with L.A. city and county officials to begin a similar program on L.A.'s skid row. Santa Monica has, in a few months, housed about 30 of the 120 most vulnerable homeless individuals.

There isn't nearly enough specialized housing available to meet regional needs. So, one of our greatest challenges is to build more. This is my passion. I've taken a job with a homeless agency in order to further my goal that every community in the county do its fair share to end homelessness.

FAVORITE FILM AND RECORDING ARTIST?
Charlie Chaplin, Laurel & Hardy, Groucho Marx, Helen Mirren, Robert DeNiro, Jack Nicholson, Dennis Leary, Neil Young, Elvis Costello, Herbie Hancock, Bruce Springsteen, Joni Mitchell, Tom Waits, Ella Fitzgerald, Bob Dylan, Vladimir Horowitz, Sting, Mel Torme … somebody stop me.

HOW DO YOU SPEND A DAY OFF IN SANTA MONICA?
Shopping at the Farmers' Market, walking at the beach or a neighborhood, catching a meal at one of our many fantastic restaurants.

DEVELOPMENT IS A TOPIC THAT HAS GAINED MORE ATTENTION IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, WITH MANY RESIDENTS COMPLAINING ABOUT THE INCREASE IN COMMERCIAL AND CONDO DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY IN DOWNTOWN. DO YOU BELIEVE THE NEW LAND USE AND CIRCULATION ELEMENT PROPERLY ADDRESSES CONCERNS? DOES IT GO FAR ENOUGH TO PROTECT NEIGHBORHOODS OR DOES IT ALLOW DENSE DEVELOPMENT WITH BUILDINGS HEIGHTS THAT ARE TOO INTRUSIVE? WHAT IS YOUR STANCE ON PROP. T? DO YOU BELIEVE IT IS A PROPER RESPONSE TO TRAFFIC WOES?
The "LUCE" (Land Use & Circulation Element) and its critical component, the Traffic Management Plan, are the result of years of work and input from thousands of Santa Monica stakeholders. It represents the best thinking of the community and proposes cutting edge and realistic ways of reducing our traffic and cutting our carbon footprint. It focuses very limited development in logical places, like Downtown, on major boulevards and near transit. Prop. T is terrible and does none of this, least of all for traffic, but all the while cutting significant sums from city revenue that is used for important services like police, fire and education. I am adamantly opposed to T and support concluding the LUCE process after additional substantial public input.

IF YOU COULD HAVE LUNCH WITH ANY THREE PEOPLE IN HISTORY, WHO WOULD THEY BE?
Benjamin Franklin, Winston Churchill and Thurgood Marshall.

LOCAL BUSINESSES PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND REVENUES, YET SANTA MONICA HAS A REPUTATION FOR BEING A DIFFICULT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS. HOW WOULD YOU ENTICE MORE BUSINESSES, DIFFERENT BUSINESSES, TO OPEN UP SHOP?
Residing here is a privilege. Likewise, doing business here is also a privilege. And, just like finding and affording a place to live, it can be difficult to start and operate a business. We should not make it any more difficult than necessary. We should incentivize businesses like cafes, that add to the character of our city and businesses and those that help us foster sustainability. Businesses that thrive in our community should be expected and encouraged to give back. Most do and that is another thing that makes our town special.

WHAT'S THE BIGGEST THREAT FACING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SANTA MONICA?
Apathy.

IZZY'S CORN BEEF SANDWICH OR A TOFU TURKEY SANDWICH FROM CO-OPPORTUNITY?
Fernando's Burrito at Gilbert's El Indio.

DOES THE CITY NEED MORE PARKING SPACES, OR WILL THAT JUST ATTRACT MORE DRIVERS? WHAT INCENTIVES SHOULD THE CITY OFFER TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR CARS?
Additional parking must be carefully considered. Our strategic goal should be to minimize car trips. In Downtown, we should make it easy for people to "park once" then walk or take shuttle busses elsewhere. I am fighting for passage of the proposed Traffic Management Plan that is part of LUCE. This groundbreaking plan requires the city to provide mobility alternatives to offset new traffic. Using transit, better bicycle infrastructure and a host of other innovative strategies, we can reduce our carbon footprint and our traffic.

FREE FORM. WHAT'S PUTTING A BURR UNDER YOUR SADDLE?
My pet peeve: "billboard trucks" that drive around, polluting and adding to traffic, for no other purpose than to display their signage. We should ban them.

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU ARE QUALIFIED TO RUN FOR OFFICE?
I have a proven record. I know how to get things done. I have good people skills and relish working on tough and complex issues. I have good values and know how to bring together people who have differing points of view. Prior to becoming a council member, I'm proud that I was a "neighborhood organizer" (president of Friends of Sunset Park). There, I learned a lot about our city's issues and strengths. I love this town and the values it stands for.

WHAT ROLE SHOULD THE CITY COUNCIL PLAY IN PUBLIC EDUCATION? DID THE COUNCIL OVERSTEP ITS BOUNDARIES BY DEMANDING CHANGES TO SPECIAL EDUCATION BEFORE RELEASING ROUGHLY $500,00 TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT? IF ELECTED, WOULD YOU DEDICATE MORE FUNDS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR WOULD YOU REDUCE THE CONTRIBUTION? IF SO, BY HOW MUCH?
My two children are the product of Santa Monica public schools. So, I've seen, firsthand, the value added by city funding to our financially beleaguered district. I strongly support maximizing this funding and have been a central figure in negotiating the agreement that governs it. Public school funding, childcare resources, great recreation and other opportunities for our children are one of my highest priorities.
I am confident that the district is on course to correct the special education issues that prompted council action. I am hopeful that we will soon hear that the district has met the conditions that the council set for release of the funds.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

DATE/TIME: October 6, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- ❑ ARB 07-432, 943 Sixteenth Street: Multi-Residential
- ❑ ARB 08-184, 395 Santa Monica Place: Commercial
- ❑ ARB 08-249, 2419 Beverley Avenue: Multi-Residential
- ❑ ARB 08-273, 1430 Wilshire Boulevard: Commercial Bank
- ❑ ARB 08-294, 2021 Santa Monica Boulevard: Medical Office
- ❑ ARB 08-331, 3001 Wilshire Boulevard: Commercial
- ❑ ARB 08-358, 1460 Fourth Street: Commercial
- ❑ ARB 08-392, 1337 Twenty-Third Street: Multi-Residential
- ❑ ARB 08-404, 2435 Main Street: Commercial
- ❑ ARB 08-427, 1411 Seventh Street: Wireless Communications Facility

More information is available on-line at http://santa-monica.org/planning/planningcomm/arbagendas.htm or at 310/458-8341 en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail planning@santa-monica.org, or mail Santa Monica Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). Call 310-458-8341 or TTY 310-450-8896 for disability accommodation requests. Big Blue Bus lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 & 9, serve City Hall.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following applications:

2612 Third Street, LC-08CA-013, Zoning: OP2 (Ocean Park Low Multiple Family Residential) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conduct a public hearing to consider Certificate of Appropriateness Application 08CA-013, to request a modification to plans previously-approved by the Landmarks Commission on November 12, 2005 (04CA-006) for the demolition of a Contributing rear garage structure and construction of a new, two-car garage in the same location. The applicant has demolished the Contributing garage and seeks to modify the previously-approved project by proposing a garden in lieu of constructing the new garage. The property is designated as a contributor to the Third Street Neighborhood Historic District. The Landmarks Commission will determine whether the revised project is appropriate for this property and the District. ***(Continued from the September 8, 2008 Meeting).*** Applicant: Beatrice H. Nemlaha. Owner: Beatrice H. Nemlaha Trust.

227 Broadway, LC-08LM-007, Zoning: BSC-1 (Bayside Commercial) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 08LM-007, at 227 Broadway, to determine whether the commercial property, in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the property meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: Horowitz Family and Rosove Family Trusts.

When: **Monday, October 13, 2008 at 7:00 pm**

Where: City Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 213
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

Questions/Comments
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Roxanne Tanemori, AICP, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Ms. Tanemori by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at roxanne.tanemori@smgov.net.

More Information
The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation requests, please contact (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three days prior to the event. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Bus Lines 1, 2, 3 and 7 serve City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the Challenge may be limited only to those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

Espanol
Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para mas información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

FROM **BLAKELY** PAGE 3

and do laundry free of charge. This would also be a great opportunity to offer counseling and service referrals.

We need to continue to offer help to those who are willing to accept assistance. For those unwilling to accept help, we need to send the message that they are not welcome and that Santa Monica will no longer be a destination for the homeless.

FAVORITE FILM AND RECORDING ARTIST?
Film: "American Psycho." Artist: The Strokes

HOW DO YOU SPEND A DAY OFF IN SANTA MONICA?
Read at the beach or in Palisades Park. Happy hour. Jeopardy. Bicycle ride. Movie at home. All with my girlfriend.

DEVELOPMENT IS A TOPIC THAT HAS GAINED MORE ATTENTION IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, WITH MANY RESIDENTS COMPLAINING ABOUT THE INCREASE IN COMMERCIAL AND CONDO DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY IN DOWNTOWN. DO YOU BELIEVE THE NEW LAND USE AND CIRCULATION ELEMENT PROPERLY ADDRESSES CONCERNS? DOES IT GO FAR ENOUGH TO PROTECT NEIGHBORHOODS OR DOES IT ALLOW DENSE DEVELOPMENT WITH BUILDING HEIGHTS THAT ARE TOO INTRUSIVE? WHAT IS YOUR STANCE ON PROP. T? DO YOU BELIEVE IT IS A PROPER RESPONSE TO TRAFFIC WOES?
I believe that LUCE provides the proper guidelines for development in the city, however, this only works if there is a council in place whose views reflect those of the residents. LUCE explicitly lays out the performance based zoning regulations to prevent overdeveloping but leaves it up to the council to review specific projects. If I'm elected I would make sure unbridled development does not go unchecked.

Prop. T is extremely well intentioned. Traffic and over-development are two things that definitely bring down the quality of life in Santa Monica. But Prop. T is not the solution to our traffic dilemma. It is like giving a gunshot victim a bulletproof vest. Sure he's not going to get shot anymore, but it can't take away the gunshot wound already inflicted. Prop. T does aim to prevent the current traffic from worsening, but it does not address the current congestion.

IF YOU COULD HAVE LUNCH WITH ANY THREE PEOPLE IN HISTORY, WHO WOULD THEY BE?
Christian Bale, Ernest Hemingway, Ferdinand Magellan.

LOCAL BUSINESSES PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND REVENUES, YET SANTA MONICA HAS A REPUTATION FOR BEING A DIFFICULT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS. HOW WOULD YOU ENTICE MORE BUSINESSES, DIFFERENT BUSINESSES, TO OPEN UP SHOP?
Let's not bite the hand that feeds us. I am not suggesting we let businesses run amok or that they should be allowed to build without regulation, but it is counterproductive to make doing business in Santa Monica a hassle.

WHAT'S THE BIGGEST THREAT FACING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SANTA MONICA?
Losing our small town by the beach vibe. I really don't want us to become a Century City by the sea. We need to curtail the vertical development and show preference to developers who can offer a sustainable plan for building.

IZZY'S CORN BEEF SANDWICH OR A TOFU TURKEY SANDWICH FROM CO-OPPORTUNITY?
Izzy's.

DOES THE CITY NEED MORE PARKING SPACES, OR WILL THAT JUST ATTRACT MORE DRIVERS? WHAT INCENTIVES SHOULD THE CITY OFFER TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR CARS?
I think as the city continues to develop, the need for additional parking will be inevitable. I do not think parking operates like a field of dreams (if you build it they will come), but rather creates order where before there was chaos. I do believe that underground parking should be implemented wherever possible.

It's a sad world we live in when we need to offer incentives to people to do something for their own benefit. Incentives? How about less traffic and less pollution? How about a sense of self worth for doing something instead of just talking about doing something? Ride your bike or walk somewhere instead of driving. It's called exercise and I hear it's good for you.

FREE FORM. WHAT'S PUTTING A BURR UNDER YOUR SADDLE?
Lack of recycling trash cans around the city in places like the Third Street Promenade and Main Street. When there's an accident on the opposite side of the freeway, my side gets backed up. Gas stations using 9/10ths of cents. Wamu getting taken over by Chase (I've had some bad Chase experiences). That events taking place here get broadcast live on the east coast and tape delayed for us. Living with the uncertainty of getting new downstairs neighbors. GQ's recent proclivity to put half-naked girls on the cover. Nothing against scantily clad vixens, but it's a gentlemen's magazine. If that was my bag, I would be a Maxim subscriber. Perma lack of Emmy respect for "The Wire." That no one goes to my Web site rockflagandeagle.us.

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU ARE QUALIFIED TO RUN FOR OFFICE?
I know that I am qualified to run for office because I am a registered voter in Santa Monica who is over 18 and has collected ballot signatures from 100 other registered voters.

Now what makes me think I am qualified to hold office — delusions of grandeur? My great grandfather was mayor of Welch, W.Va. for 26 years, and we all know political prowess is passed down genetically (see Adams, Roosevelt, Kennedy — not so much Bush). I was a trivia partner of Austin, Texas' mayor Will Wynn (talk about a good political name). I have been involved in student governments, I take an unbiased pragmatic approach to decision making and am an independent thinker. Whenever a non-incumbent is elected there will be a period of learning, but I am a quick study.

WHAT ROLE SHOULD THE CITY COUNCIL PLAY IN PUBLIC EDUCATION? DID THE COUNCIL OVERSTEP ITS BOUNDARIES BY DEMANDING CHANGES TO SPECIAL EDUCATION BEFORE RELEASING ROUGHLY $500,000 TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT? IF ELECTED, WOULD YOU DEDICATE MORE FUNDS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR WOULD YOU REDUCE THE CONTRIBUTION? IF SO, BY HOW MUCH?
The City Council's involvement in public education is a good thing. I am adamantly pro education, having spent the majority of my life as a student, and my position while on the council would reflect this. I would definitely dedicate more funds to the school district and to the libraries (a personal favorite). I do feel that withholding of the $500,000 was warranted. As elected officials, we have a responsibility to the community to spend wisely, and giving half a million dollars to fund a program that is not working is a waste of taxpayer dollars and a disservice to the children.

Vikings looking to remain undefeated

FROM **SAMOHI** PAGE 1

his offensive schemes are working.

With running back Vince Lawrence out for the next six weeks with a fractured shoulder, and fellow feature back Christian Ross hobbled by injury, Cuda turned to senior fullback Cheyenne Jones during the Venice game to power the offense.

Jones helped amass 289 yards rushing against Venice. His 125 yards and two scores powered Samohi to victory. Even though Ross was beset by injury, he ran for 115 yards and a score.

"We've had some injury bugs in the backfield," Cuda said. "(The team) just keeps banging away and ripping off five yards a carry."

Cuda credits his offensive line for the Vikings prowess running the ball. He singled out Amar Pal as a prime reason his offensive front has dominated opponents at the line of scrimmage.

"(Pal's) our stud right tackle," Cuda said. "He's been very dominate in three games now. He's the leader on offense that we expected him to be coming into the season."

Jordan's Meyer, recognizing that the Vikings' have the ability to control the tempo on offense, said that he intends on keeping four defensive lineman at the point of attack to slow the Samohi running game.

"I think they are going to try to pound us," Meyer said. "They have a very physical offensive line. I think they are going to run it right at us."

Meyer will look to his own star running back and his fleet-footed quarterback when his team has the ball to take it at Samohi and hopefully lead the way to victory. Fullback Taniela Maka is the Panthers' primary playmaker, a fact that has Samohi's Cuda a bit concerned. Cuda also fears junior quarterback John Timu's ability to make plays.

> **"IT WILL BE NICE TO GET HOME FOR A CHANGE. WE'RE EXCITED TO SEE THE RENOVATIONS."**
>
> **Zach Cuda**
> Samohi's head football coach

"He's not the most accurate passer, but he's the most athletic [quarterback we've faced]," Cuda said. "He is really frightening as a scrambler."

The game will be Samohi's fourth straight road game to open the season. The team has been forced to take to the road while its home field, Corsair Field, underwent renovations. The work has been completed and the Vikings will return home after the Jordan game.

"It will be nice to get home for a change," Cuda said. "We're excited to see the renovations."

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IF YOU COULD HAVE LUNCH WITH ANY THREE PEOPLE IN HISTORY, WHO WOULD THEY BE?
Bill Gates, Al Gore, and Donald Trump.

LOCAL BUSINESSES PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND REVENUES, YET SANTA MONICA HAS A REPUTATION FOR BEING A DIFFICULT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS. HOW WOULD YOU ENTICE MORE BUSINESSES, DIFFERENT BUSINESSES, TO OPEN UP SHOP?
Start with lower taxes for new businesses and if they are successful, increase taxes pro rata.

WHAT'S THE BIGGEST THREAT FACING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SANTA MONICA?
Pollution and lack of water.

IZZY'S CORN BEEF SANDWICH OR A TOFU TURKEY SANDWICH FROM CO-OPPORTUNITY?
Tofu turkey.

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The City Council should leave education to the educators and not make it a political football. If elected, I would dedicate more funds to the school district, but on an annual basis.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 14, 2008**

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

SUBJECT OF HEARING:

Fence Height Modification 08FWHM-0003, 650 Copeland Court. The applicant is requesting approval of a fence height modification to construct a 5-foot 8-inch high fence within the required front yard area (5-foot chain link fence on top an 8-inch high brick curb). Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.02.080, fences, walls, or hedges cannot exceed the maximum height of 42-inches within the front yard, measured from the lower grade. Ordinance Number 2268 (CCS) permits a height modification above the 42-inch front yard area, subject to approval by the Zoning Administrator. [Planner: Lily Yegazu] **Applicant: Mario Fonda-Bonardi, AIA. Property Owner: Peter Baldwin.**

Hedge Height Modification 08FWHM-0004, 227 Bay Street. The applicant is requesting approval of a hedge height modification to allow a 62-inch high hedge along the front property line and a 15-.foot high hedge along the west side elevation. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.02.080, fences, walls, or hedges cannot exceed the maximum height of 12-feet in the side yard areas or 42-inches within the front yard, measured from the lower grade. Ordinance Number 2268 (CCS) permits a height modification above the 42-inch front yard area and 12-foot limit in the rear and side yard areas, subject to approval by the Zoning Administrator. [Planner: Gina Szilak] **Applicant/Property Owner: Anne Biege-Pearson.**

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. The meeting facility is accessible. If you have any disabilities related request, contact at (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, #4, #7 and #8 serve the City Hall.

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CONFLICT: **A venture to distribute Red Bull energy drinks via vending machines has led to tumult.**

Santa Monica company asked to refund millions to disgruntled investors

FROM **VENTURE** PAGE 1

ed in business opportunities. Red Bull terminated the relationship after seven months.

"Red Bull was not a party to any contracts between CCA and CCA's customers," Patrice Radden, spokeswoman for Red Bull America, said.

But those who say they were scammed into the business agreement argue otherwise, demanding Red Bull return the money that was invested into the machines, which in some cases cost more than $4,000 a piece. The energy drink maker did offer purchasing options on two different occasions.

While CCA was the agency that directly sold the machines to clients, Mallory Dillon, who lives in Vacaville, said she believes that Red Bull is responsible for refunding the hundreds of people who lost their money because of the previous partnership between the two companies.

Dillon, who purchased three machines in February 2006 just months before CCA went bankrupt, said she has yet to file a lawsuit but is in the process of contacting all of the individuals who bought machines.

Some of the buyers said they contacted Red Bull prior to purchasing franchising rights and were assured by a representative that the CCA deal was legitimate.

The grievances run the gamut, some complaining they received refurbished machines when they paid for new ones, others claiming Creative Concepts misled them into thinking the machines would earn its investors thousands of dollars a month. A number of people who bought into the deal said they were supposed to receive assistance in placing the machines in high-traffic areas, arguing services were never provided.

Michele Wallace, a Carlsbad resident who spent more than $12,000 on three machines, said there are approximately 900 people who spent a combined total of $20 million on the business venture.

The couple participated in the program with the hopes of building their daughters' college fund, ensured by CCA that the machines would be placed in safe, reputable and profitable locations. Wallace said the machines were placed in areas she felt were very questionable.

"After six months, the machines were making nothing," she said. "They were selling about two cans per week.

"We realized that we had made a bad decision."

The couple received a call from a CCA representative notifying of a buy-back program because Red Bull was upgrading their machines and wanted to pull the old ones from the market. Instead of upgrading, the couple agreed to sell their machines for $2,800 a piece.

CCA went bankrupt soon after and the couple contacted Red Bull, learning that they were not aware of such a program.

"They said there was nothing they could do," Wallace said. "In the end, we lost $15,000.

"It was basically stolen from us."

Some buyers claim they were given a location for their vending machines and later found out that another vendor already had a legal claim to the site.

Such was the case for the Bernhard family of Baton Rouge, La. who claim they lost money due to difficulty in placing the machines at high-profile locations.

Nic Bernhard purchased 10 machines for $37,000 through a loan from his parents, receiving them after three months instead of the three week shipping date that was promised.

"We got out and started placing them ourselves and we soon realized that Coca Cola and Pepsi had contracts with all these places of businesses where CCA was telling us we could place them," Nic Bernhard's mother, Sheryle, said. "We were not allowed to put Red Bull there."

Some buyers are still operating the machines they purchased.

Of the three machines Dillon bought, only one is in use, which is filled with Red Bull cans she purchased from Costco.

While she was promised the machine would earn her about $6,000 a month, she estimates the profits to be pennies per can.

Dillon added that she purchased insurance to cover theft and vandalism for the machines. One was stolen but never replaced by the company.

"The reason we're so angry is Red Bull backed it," Dillon said. "Red Bull said it was a legitimate business and Red Bull turned their backs on everyone."

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Local legislators putting in work

FROM **BILLS** PAGE 1

While Kuehl and Assemblywoman Julia Brownley (D-Santa Monica) had a number of their bills approved, both confessed to being disappointed with the results after Gov. Schwarzenegger finished signing bills Sept. 30.

"It's a blood bath for us," Kuehl said regarding the outcome.

Four out of 12 of Kuehl's bills were signed into law. In the past she said she averaged 11 to 12 bills per year. Earlier in the year, Gov. Schwarzenegger supported a health bill that was not passed through the Senate Health Committee that Kuehl chairs. Kuehl said the governor sought vindication by passing a low number of her bills. Kuehl's own universal health care act, SB 840, was vetoed by the governor for a second time.

"This is what you get with a vindictive governor. This was an unusually high amount [of bills vetoed]," Kuehl said.

Rachel Cameron, deputy press secretary for Schwarzenegger, refuted the statement that the governor acted vindictively in vetoing bills.

"The governor looks at and weighs each and every piece of legislation based on its own merit," Cameron said.

However, she did admit that the long state budget impasse — a spending plan was approved last week, 85 days after the start of the fiscal year — had an effect on the bill signing process this season.

"He had to look at all the bills in an 11-day time period whereas he normally has 30 days to review them," Cameron said.

The governor refused to sign any bills until a budget was approved.

In all, the governor signed 772 bills into law and vetoed 415.

Brownley, who represents Santa Monica in the 41st Assembly District, was extremely disappointed that some of her bills were not passed.

"I think when I look at my bills it's pretty consistent with what he did generally," Brownley said. "The ratio is about 50 percent. The bills he vetoed were very strong, well-vetted bills."

KUEHL'S BILLS

SB 129: Harassing telephone calls and electronic contact made with Intent to annoy.

• This bill expands current law to make it illegal to harass others through electronic communication such as cell phones, text messaging, and e-mail. Previously electronic forms of communication fell outside of the home/workplace requirement in the current penal code.

> **"THIS IS WHAT YOU GET WITH A VINDICTIVE GOVERNOR."**
>
> State Sen. Sheila Keuhl

SB 241: Minor's counsel in probate proceedings.

• Under the current law no entity is responsible for providing children with counsel when they are the subject of a guardianship case. The new bill would allow courts to appoint independent counsel to represent mothers and fathers under 18 in guardianship cases of their children.

SB 1184: Mandatory CD4 reporting.

• California will now require CD4 counts to be reported by labs within seven days of a test being completed. CD4 stands for CD + T-lymphocyte. Tests for the count are ordered for HIV patients to evaluate their immune system. A CD4 count lower than 200 signifies that a person has AIDS. The number of cases of HIV and AIDS reported determines the amount of federal funding the state will receive.

BROWNLEY BILLS

AB 2810: Human trafficking.

• As of Jan. 1 authorities will now have to screen victims of domestic violence, child abuse and prostitution to determine if they are victims of human trafficking.

AB 2901: Consumer protection enforcement tools.

• Technical changes will be made to the law enacted in 2006 that requires retailers to develop a plan to reuse, recycle, and properly dispose of used cellphones.

AB 3015: Foster care safe schools training.

• This bill was created in response to the case of Larry King, a 15-year-old foster child, who was murdered after repeated harassment stemming from his sexual orientation. The harassment ended in his murder earlier this year in Oxnard. The bill would require people who take care of foster children to be trained on existing laws that protect foster children, especially in the case of sexual orientation.

AB 3030: Local publicly owned water utility rate cases.

• Publicly owned water utilities will now have to give 30 day notice of rate changes. A multi-year rate schedule not to extend past five years.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance modifying Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.02.030.305 [Definition of Fence Height], Section 9.04.02.030.395 [Definition of Hedge], and Section 9.04.10.02.080 [Fence, Wall, Hedge, Flagpole].**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider text amendments that will clarify and make permanent the existing interim standards regulating fences, walls, and hedges including the height limits for fences, walls, and hedges and procedures for allowing height modifications. Specifically, the City Council will be reviewing the following:

Modification of the City of Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.02.030.305 [Definition of Fence Height], Section 9.04.02.030.395 [Definition of Hedge], and Section 9.04.10.02.080 [Fence, Wall, Hedge, Flagpole] to modify fence, wall, and hedge standards; to grandparent existing nonconforming fences, walls, and hedges that have been properly registered; to clarify/establish criteria for the repair and replacement of registered nonconforming fences, walls, and hedges; to establish administrative and discretionary height modification procedures; to require the maintenance of hedges; and to specify a self-help remedy for overhanging hedges.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008, AT 6:45 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT: The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: Fence, Wall, and Hedge Text Amendment
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project, please contact Tony Kim, Associate Planner at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at tony.kim@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 serve City Hall.

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Bringing up a super fashionable baby

I'VE BEEN THINKING A LOT ABOUT babies. It's not that I want to have one anytime soon. I don't. I can't possibly have a baby. I'm a selfish 28-year-old who will, in one month, be a selfish 29-year-old.

A couple of weeks ago, children's clothing store Harper Lane hosted an adults-only cocktail party to celebrate the launch of Love Is Organic Denim. While I'm a big fan of cocktails, I don't love cocktail parties. I'm just not a schmoozer.

(Great. Now I'm not only selfish, I'm also a misanthropic lush.)

Up until an hour before the party, I just figured I would go alone. I was only planning on staying 15 minute – long enough to chat with the store's owners and the denim-line's designers, but not so long that I found myself making small talk about the weather, the presidential election, or the dipping sauce for the nori maki.

When I asked my husband if he wanted to go to the party with me, I was merely following married-life protocol. I didn't expect him to say yes.

Harper Lane is located on Main Street. It's a high-end boutique filled with ACDC onesies, birthday crowns, KISS T-shirts for 4 year olds, and tiny tweed swing coats. Last season, when I went into Harper Lane for the first time, I was surprised that they carried $90 dresses made from vintage silk handkerchiefs. Who dresses their toddlers in silk?

This season, owners Stacy Harper Bernstein and Laney Rosin chose not to carry the silk dresses. Citing the economy, Bernstein says, "We want people to feel like they can give fun, character-filled gifts this holiday season, and not feel bound by the price tag."

At the party, I talked with the designers of Love Is Organic Denim about where their jeans are made (India), and if they use recycled fasteners (no). Though Love's denim is the softest I've ever felt, I could never justify spending $118 on jeans for a 9-month-old.

My husband mingled. It weirded me out, being around him and baby clothes at the same time.

I was equally weirded out when he brought "Baby Mama" home from Vidiots. My husband's movie preference usually involves lasers, or plotlines based on stories by Philip K. Dick.

Maybe the biggest reason I've been thinking so much about babies is because I always believed that someday I would be a mother, but I can't imagine trying to raise a child in Santa Monica.

"I could see us having one right now, but you're so stressed out all the time," my husband said when I brought up the subject.

"Where would we put it?" I asked.

"You don't have to worry about where to put it until they're, like, 5."



When my grandmother gave birth to my father, she didn't ask, "Where should we put it?" My grandparents didn't have room in their Waukegan, Ill. apartment for a crib, so my father slept in the bottom drawer of a dresser. Can you imagine someone now admitting to putting her baby in a drawer?

Not in Santa Monica. A Santa Monica baby is planned for using iCal. Mommy eats, not for two, but for one. She attends prenatal yoga, proudly displaying her baby bump over the waistband of her yoga pants. After an ultrasound confirms Baby's sex, Mommy and Daddy go out and buy pastel zero volatile organic compound paint for the nursery.

We have no nursery. I try to visualize a crib in our apartment. Where would we put it? In the kitchen? Babies don't belong next to the refrigerator.

Earlier this year, I learned of "pregnancy portraits." I thought these nude photographs were just something celebrities did for magazine covers. Am I supposed to want to do this? Do you hang this picture on the wall? Do portrait packages include wallet photos?

The Santa Monica Mommy researches birth hypnosis, midwives, doulas, lamaze, epidurals, electronic fetal monitoring, what to do if she goes into labor trapped alone in an elevator ....

In the 900 page tome, "The Encyclopedia of Country Living," Carla Emery explains, "Just pick up the baby and wind it out of the cord. (Practice now with a doll and a cord until it feels simple to free the neck.)"

I think I need a cocktail.

MARIEL HOWSEPIAN digs black coffee, fairy tales and a man in coveralls. She lives in Santa Monica and can be reached at Mariel_Rodriguez@antiochla.edu.

SHOWER STYLE

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BOOKREVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON



'The Empty Nest'

Edited By Karen Stabiner • Hyperion Books

It is coming. If you haven't experienced it yet, you will. It is that time in the life of each parent when the last child leaves for college and that extra room is vacant. You wonder how your life is going to go on after 18 years of caring for this child. But you will survive.

A part of you wants to let that person go and another part wants to hold on. You have struggled through adolescence with your child and have assumed you would feel relief when the child is out of the house and on his own. You are finding stress in the breaking of the bond you have built up. That is normal. If only there was someone who could hold your hand and reassure you that you did the right thing.

Now there is. This book is written by 31 parents as they tell you that there is life beyond the empty nest. They made it. You will, too. As Jon Carroll writes at the end of his essay, "This is why we do it. This is why we put up with disagreements and defeats and disappointments. This is why the work of the family is worth going through. There are moments of grace and satisfaction too deep for words, and we should all be so lucky."

One parent observed: "I learned the best secret, which is that 'Empty' is a temporary state, Whether it applies to family or to work, life fills up again."

Another parent observed, "Looking back, I think that this abrupt entry into a new stage was like a cage door swinging open for a zoo animal. I didn't immediately realize that I was free."

Harry Shearer in his essay concludes, "And so, as those kids stand smart and strong on the doorstep of their adulthoods, our nest, never yet having been full, won't be really empty."

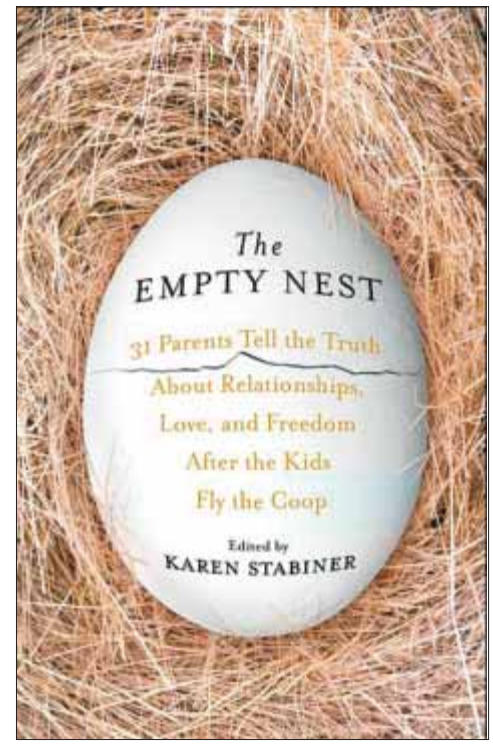
But empty nest isn't only because of a child going away to college. There is an essay here by Lee Smith called "Goodbye To The Sunset Man." She tells the story of her son who died during sleep of an enlarged heart.

"Brought about, in part, I believe, by all the weight he had gained while taking an antipsychotic drug. He was 33." The parents are taking a boat ride to dump the ashes. "Night falls on the schooner ride back to Key West. I clutch the bronze vial that held some of Josh's ashes, tracing its engraved design with my finger. The wind blows my hair. The young couple in front of us are making out."

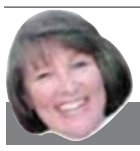
Not all empty nest experiences are that sad.

Editor Karen Stabiner does a great service by collecting these essays. Stabiner is a writer on the subject of contemporary culture and has appeared in the opinion section of the Los Angeles Times. Her work has also appeared in Gourmet, Vogue and in The Oprah Magazine. She released her daughter, Sarah, to college recently. Along with her husband they live in their empty nest in Santa Monica

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Play Time

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A shining 'City' on the hill

"THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY" IS COLORADO Springs, Colo., the headquarters of the outspoken Evangelical Christians of the religious and political right and home to more than 80 national religious organizations. So, before I continue, let me reveal where I'm coming from. I'm Jewish, and I strongly object to the current movement to subvert the Constitution and conjoin church and state in America. Moreover, my cosmopolitan daughter, who was born in Africa during our family's seven years on that continent, who spent her junior year in college at the Sorbonne, and enlisted as a six-month volunteer in the Israeli navy after she graduated, now teaches race, religion and gender Issues at — you guessed it — the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. Talk about not preaching to the choir!

So it was with some trepidation that I visited the Kirk Douglas Theatre in Culver City to view Steven Cosson and Jim Lewis' new production, "This Beautiful City," which has music and lyrics by Michael Friedman. The play, commissioned and developed by a group called The Civilians, with the assistance of the Sundance Institute, Colorado College, and Los Angeles' Center Theatre Group, had its world premiere at the 2008 Humana Festival of New American Plays in Louisville, where it was co-produced by The Studio Theatre of Washington, D.C. Here in L.A. it is co-produced with the Vineyard Theatre in New York. So it has some pretty serious credentials. The play also had "significant and ongoing support," according to the program notes, from Colorado Springs' New Life Church, The Mill, the Revolution House of Prayer, Vanguard Church, the Citizens Project, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Woodmen Valley Chapel, and Coloradoans for Fairness and Equality.

All that having been said, I have to note that the musical is a first-class production: bright music, relevant lyrics, talented players, and a particularly beautiful set design by Neil Patel which consists of a wall of blocks which continually varies its colors and patterns and is backed up by a huge background photo of Pike's Peak.

The six players in the production morph into a wide variety of Coloradoans, giving voice and presence to people they had interviewed individually and personally. The players include Emily Ackerman, Marsha Stephanie Blake, Brad Heberlee, Brandon Miller, Stephen Plunkett and Alison Weller. Their characters include an atheist who makes her living selling those metal Darwin fishes that mock the Jesus fishes that adorn the back of many Christians' cars. Three players become a band called the Colorado Wranglers, another depicts a Celtic Wiccan whose family sends him to a camp to be cured of being gay. There are players who disdain the powerful bullying tactics of the Reverend Dobson's Focus on the Family, and one who portrays Pastor "Ted" Haggard, the founder of the New Life Church who grew his ministry into a megachurch with a congregation of 14,000.

At one point a preacher describes Downtown Colorado Springs as "Satan's personal den of iniquity," filled with "hippies from Colorado College." Another minister urges the citizens to get to know God: to undergo the conversion experience and "let the selfish part of yourself die."

"If you learn to listen, God will speak to you," he says.

There is also a nod to the recent scandal at the Air Force Academy in which Mike Weinstein, the father of a Jewish cadet, charges the Academy administration with allowing Christian cadets to proselytize and evangelize their classmates. The practice is rampant throughout the military academies, he alleges, and is tolerated all the way to the Pentagon, or, as he calls it, "the Pentacostagon." There is a "hierarchy of demons," according to the members of the Revolution House of Prayer, and a "right to life" woman makes a case that "babies need the right to choose." There are powerfully delivered sermons, a musical number called "End Times" and another about "Demons and Angels." Some of the groups and individuals named in the show are apparently authentic; others I'm not sure about. But in a city with 510 churches for a population of 372,000, any church is possible. There's even one in the Springs called the Israelite Church of God in Christ.

"This Beautiful City" is an interesting production, but you can't really call it a "play." It's merely a series of statements and opinions, and even though it makes an attempt at fairness and irony and paradox, it is mostly a paean to that old time religion as practiced in Colorado Springs.

Kirk Douglas, for whom the theater was named, was sitting with his wife in the front row. I could only wonder what he, a dedicated and committed Jew, thought of the show.

"This Beautiful City" will continue at the Kirk Douglas Theatre Tuesdays through Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. through Oct. 26. The theater is located at 9820 Washington Blvd. in Culver City and tickets can be reserved by calling (213) 628-2772.

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 66°

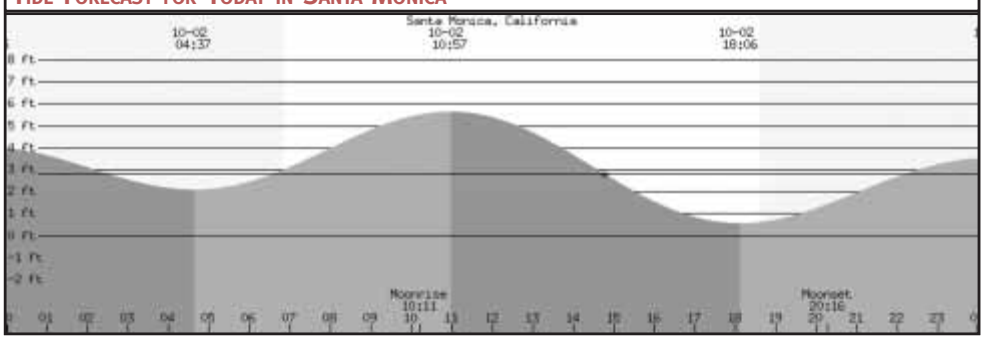
Swell Forecast (5-8 FT)

The WNW swell should build to chest to head high at west facing breaks. Standout west facing breaks could see some sets running a foot or so overhead.

Long Range Synopsis

Saturday the 4th the WNW swell should decline to chest high (max).

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **September 23, 2008**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by simplehuman, Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, Ford

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	D	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	D	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	B	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	D	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card© is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Unlikely leaders astound college football followers

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

A fifth-year senior in his first season as a starter. A back-up quarterback moonlighting at wide receiver. A running back who spent last season splitting carries. A 150-pound junior college transfer.

The players leading the country in passing, receptions and yards rushing and receiving after the first month of the season aren't the most hyped names in college football. But you should get to know them:

Like a teen hoping for a chance to get behind of the wheel of Dad's souped-up sports car, David Johnson has been patiently waiting for his turn to run Tulsa's supercharged offense.

Paul Smith was the Golden Hurricane's starter the past three seasons and he did such a good job (10,936 yards and 83 TD passes for his career) that Johnson was relegated to mostly holding a clipboard and mop-up snaps. Johnson threw 63 passes in his first three seasons, only eight last year.

The fifth-year senior finally has the keys to offensive coordinator Gus Malzahn's scoring machine and has shown he's well-prepared for the job. His nation-leading efficiency rating is 227.2, nearly 20 points higher than second-ranked Colt McCoy of Texas. Johnson's 1,505 passing yards have him tied for second in the nation and his 19 touchdown passes are tied for first.

Tulsa, which went 10-4 and played in the Conference USA title game last year under coach Todd Graham, is 4-0 heading into Saturday's game against Rice. With Johnson leading the way, the Golden Hurricane could be a dark horse to give C-USA its first BCS appearance.

Before the 2007 season, Kerry Meier and Todd Reesing competed to be the starting quarterback for Kansas.

Reesing won that competition, went on to become a Heisman Trophy contender and led the Jayhawks to 12-1 record and Orange Bowl victory.

As for Meier, he went from passer to pass catcher. Along with working as the back-up to Reesing, Meier made 26 catches for 274 yards and two scores last season.

This season, with the No. 16 Jayhawks (3-1) looking to replace NFL draft-pick Marcus Henry at receiver, Meier has become Reesing's go-to-guy through four games. He's caught 37 passes for 389 yards, an average of 9.3 catches per game that leads the nation. And Meier, who started at quarterback as a redshirt freshman in '06, is still Reesing's main back-up.

"It's really unbelievable what he does on the field, because of the amount of time he spends working with the wideouts isn't much at all," Reesing told The Hutchinson News. "His work at wideout is limited, so for him to go out there and make the plays he does, game after game, is unbelievable."

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Get out of town, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Reach out for someone else if the person you speak to does not respond adequately. You suddenly might discover that others are combative. Let go, understanding that everyone has the right to be who he or she is. Even you lose control sometimes. Tonight: Togetherness works.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You are full of energy and spirit. Know what needs to happen. Feel empowered, knowing what works. Your ability to zero in on what is important can define the end results. Investigate possibilities. Let others join in and express their opinions. Tonight: Say "yes."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You do a lot and very quickly. Focus on your job. Knowing what is necessary is important. You accomplish an excessive amount if you relax and stay focused. You have an inordinate amount of energy. Tonight: Wind down with a co-worker or pal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your creativity peaks, and you have idea after idea. Understand what needs to happen in order to make a situation work. Complete work, following an even pace. You could be tired and need some time off. Tonight: Do for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your creativity surges to unprecedented levels. You could focus this energy on making much-needed changes that make you feel better. Investigate what needs to happen within your immediate orb. Tonight: Let your hair down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision that could impact your personal and understanding. Talk is cheap, but actions will reveal someone's true intent. Do nothing halfway at present. Tonight: You will see a difference.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Feel free to state your case. You will get much-needed results, and quite quickly at that. Be sensitive to someone who might be ignored. Investigate possibilities with an eye to change and more dynamic events. You feel great with a pal; make plans together. Tonight: Out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could feel a change in energy. You might be keeping information to yourself and not sharing your feelings. Your temper could explode out of the blue. Be aware of spending and the end results. Tonight: Out on the town. It's Friday!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You feel in the pink now, but that is no guarantee for the future. Investigate possibilities more openly. You might think you have all the answers, yet when feeling out of control, you might need to question that reality. Tonight: Go for what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
HHH Spending some time thinking and relaxing could be just what the doctor ordered. You might need to rethink a situation or get to the bottom of it. You will come out of the gate a force to behold. Listen well. Tonight: Know that you can have a lot of fun if you let go.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Investigate what is happening by getting to the bottom of a situation. How you see a situation could change dramatically. Investigate possibilities more openly with a boss, even if he or she can be tough. Tonight: Find your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ A must appearance could be a bit tough and worn. If you see a situation differently, evaluate. Consider opportunities that head your way in the next few days that might be quite unique in themselves. Tonight: A must appearance.

Happy birthday

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

You are unusually direct this year, and you know precisely what you want. Sometimes, when you have a knee-jerk reaction, you discover that the circumstances were not what you thought. Your high energy and ability to lead emerge in a way you have rarely experienced. You might find that your spending is a little out of control this year, should you be spontaneous in your dating life. You discover that someone very different could enter your life. Romance blossoms in 2009. If you are attached, you could take a lot of risks emotionally, and how your partner reacts depends on your communication. SAGITTARIUS opens up to you.

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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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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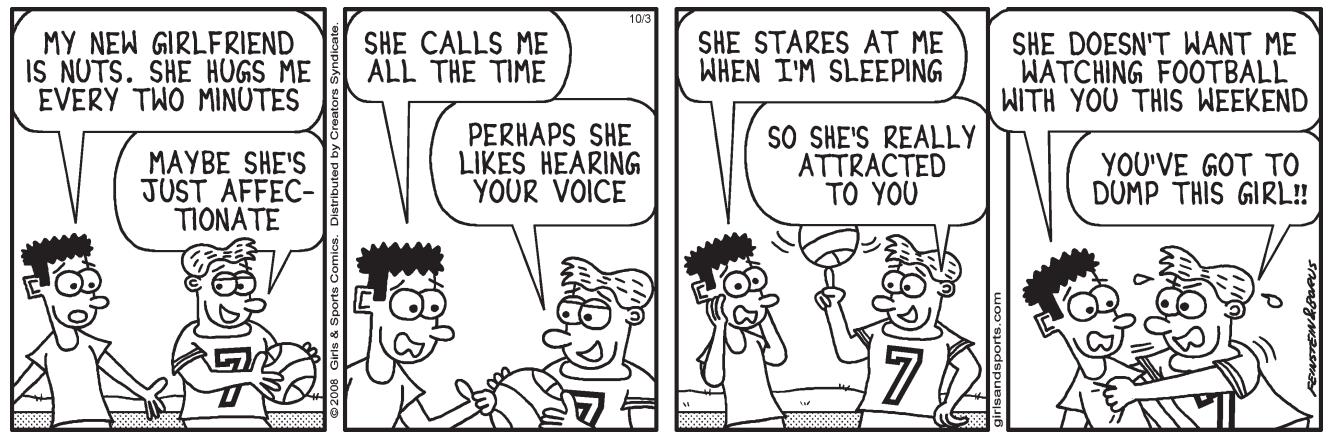
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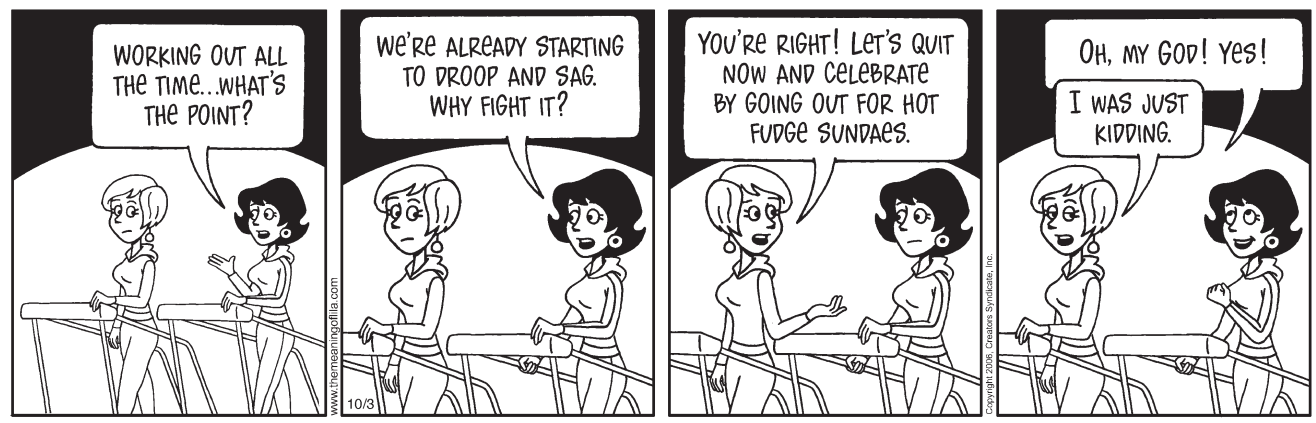
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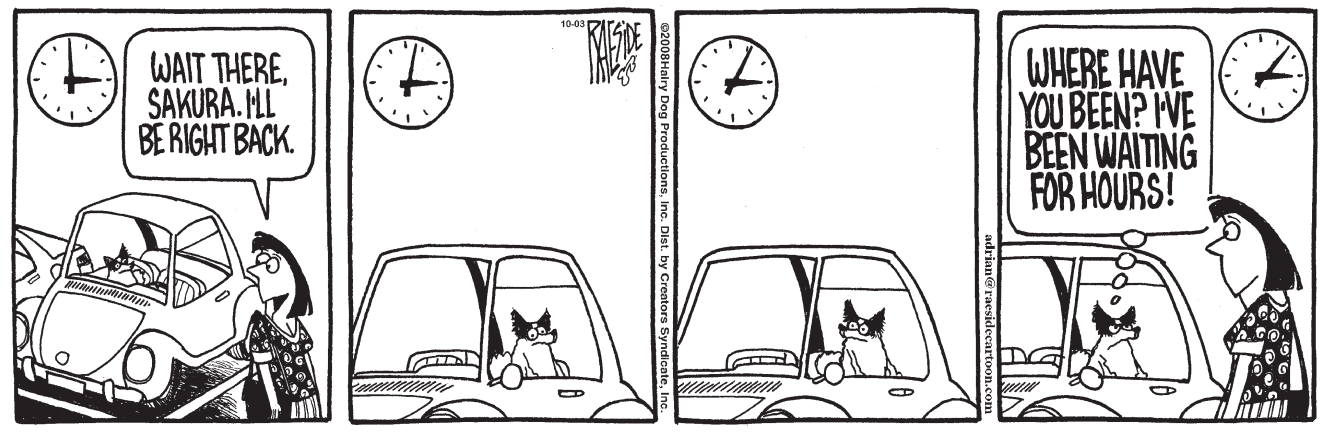
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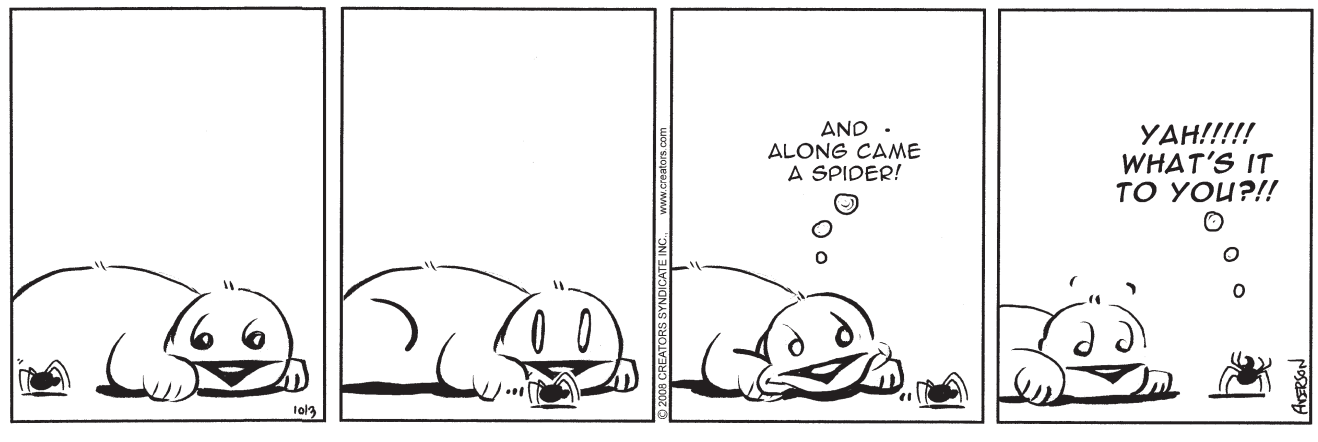
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Conform
6 Get excited
11 Ransack
12 Read into
13 Doles (out)
14 Home run, in slang
15 Diner offering
17 Eye part
18 Swallow, e.g.
20 "Believe" singer
22 Play a part
23 Laugh gleefully
26 India's first prime minister
28 Different
29 Welcomed
31 Juan Perón's wife
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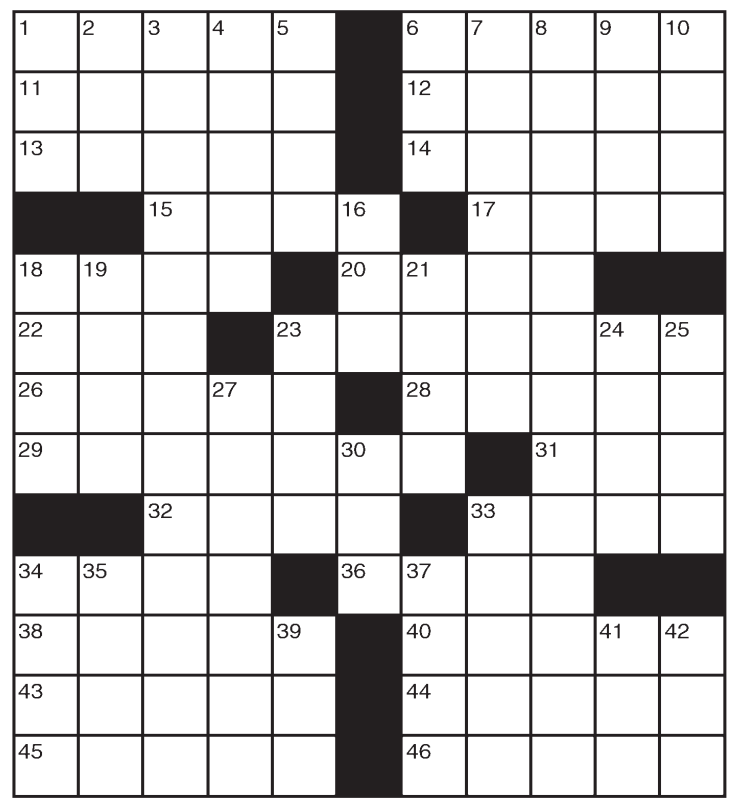
DOWN

1 Tattoo setting
2 Game piece
3 Marvin Gaye song
4 Beg
5 Lab event
6 "Va-moose!"
7 Ready for deploy-ment
8 Crosby, Stills & Nash song
9 Hammer part
10 Bungles
16 Univ., e.g.
18 Gun sound
19 Cham-pagne bucket
21 Parka part
23 Darling
24 Jacob's son
25 Historic times
27 Held power
30 Greek vowel
33 Prelude
34 Crockpot contents
35 Watch reading
37 Exploited
39 "You bet!"
41 Future fish
42 Golfer Ernie

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Mr. Angel Medina, 24, was found dead underneath a bridge in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in August, and in accordance with what his brother said were his longstanding wishes, he was embalmed in a standing position, in a corner of his mother's living room, for a three-day wake (wearing his Yankees cap and sunglasses).

■ As police cars in Minnetonka, Minn., chased suspected burglar Grayson Clevenger, 27, an officer who knew Clevenger's cell-phone number called to persuade him to give up. Clevenger picked up the phone and, according to officers, yelled, "Dude, I can't talk! I'm being chased by the police!" He was captured a short time later.

■ Angela Pusateri, 79, may be unconventional, but, according to Jenna, 13, "She really is a cool grandmother." The Hallandale Beach, Fla., woman is a rap-music singer with a new CD ("Who's Your Granny?") and occasional play-dates, where she shows up in hockey jersey, jewels, sunglasses and baseball cap. Sample rap: "I can bring the noise better than P-Diddy / I am older and wiser, I ain't a disguiser / I am condo commando in a high-riser, Who's your granny?" Also, "Move over, Trick-Daddy, 'cause this is my town / I gotta shuffleboard posse and we're known to get down." Actually, conceded Jenna to the South Florida Sun-Sentinel in September, "Sometimes it's embarrassing."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1780 British spy John Andre was hanged in Tappan, N.Y.

1835 the first battle of the Texas Revolution took place as American settlers fought Mexican soldiers near the Guadalupe River; the Mexicans ended up withdrawing.

1869 political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi was born in Porbandar, India.

1919 President Wilson suffered a stroke at the White House that left him partially paralyzed.

1941 during World War II, German armies began an all-out drive against Moscow.

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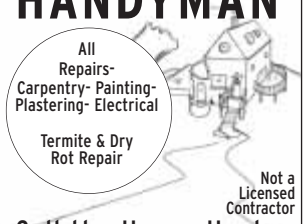
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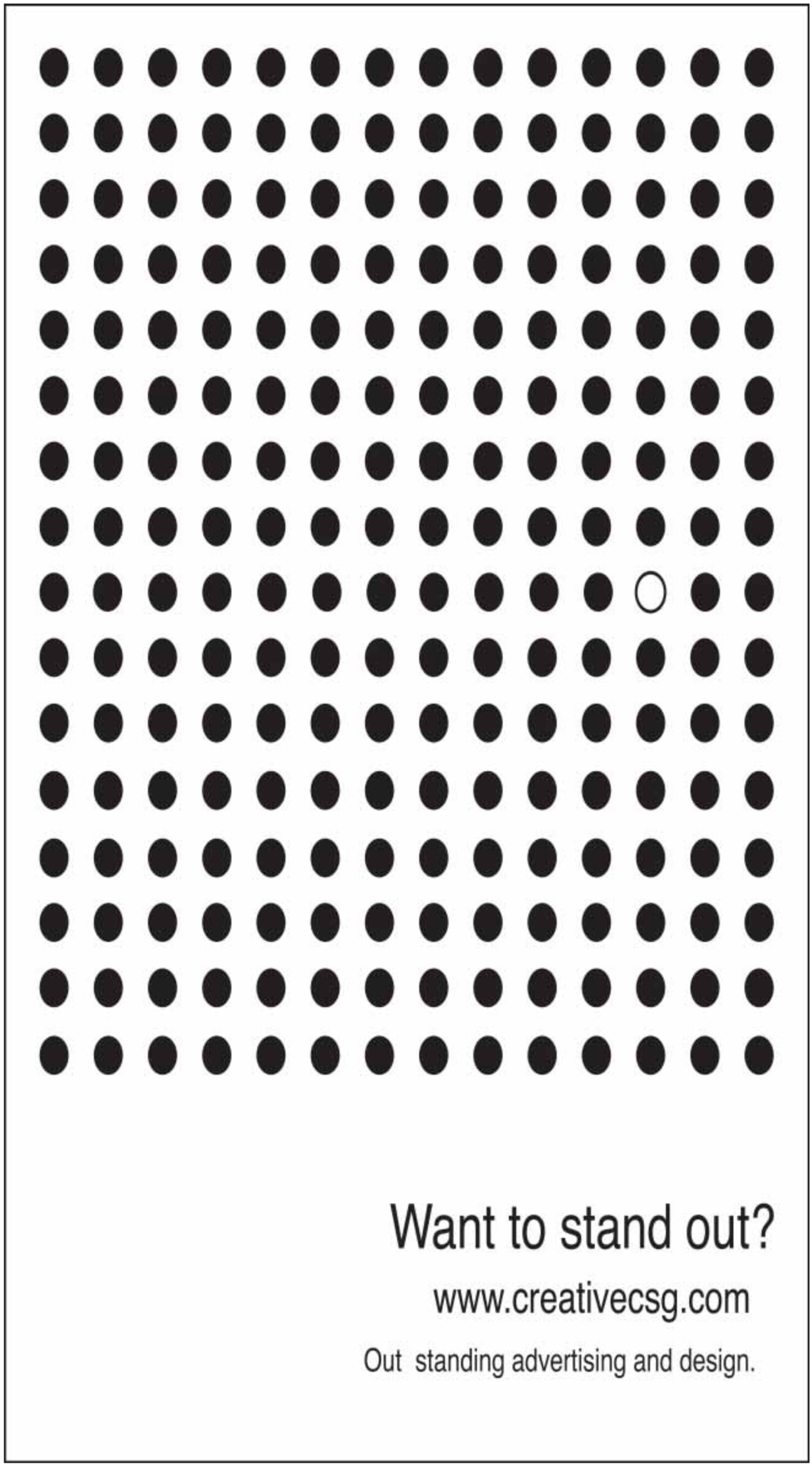
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