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Bayside officials want to change the rules performers abide by

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Important issues go to school

Venice Arts is bringing social empowerment to students

BY MELODY HANATANI | Daily Press Staff Writer

VENICE Following a three-week visit to Africa where photographers captured the world of AIDS orphans through a camera lens, Venice Arts and USC have joined

forces to create an institute that promotes social empowerment through photography.

Launched last week, the Institute for Photographic Empowerment is a partnership between the Annenberg School for Communications and Venice Arts, a non-profit organization that brings professional artists together with low income children.

The first institute of its kind in the world, the IPE will facilitate annual conferences, produce academic courses and sponsor photographic and film projects pertaining

to the topic of photographic social empowerment.

"It brings together the resources of an academic institution that is devoted to the understanding of communication and its role in society with practitioners who are dedicated to putting the possibilities of visual communication, photography in particular, to work in the service of human needs," said Larry Gross, the director of the school of communication.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Catch the Art Train at Bergamot Station

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.

The Senior Arts Foundation presents an active dialogue on Bergamot Station. The participants will include many panelists, such as William Turner of Turner Gallery, Asuka Hisa from the Santa Monica Museum of Art, Jeff O'Connell from Santa Monica College's Art Faculty and more. This free event will be held in the Martin Luther King Auditorium of the Main Library.

Mystery book group

1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m.

Montana Branch is holding their first meeting to discuss Alan Furst's "The Foreign Correspondent."

inCYST program

4720 Lincoln Blvd., Marina del Rey, 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

A monthly series of classes discussing aspects of polycystic ovary syndrome and infertility that can be managed with lifestyle changes. October's theme is "Stress Management and Emotional Eating." Cost is \$15 if registered in advance: \$20 the night of the meeting. RSVP requested.

Kultural Columbus

1700 Ocean Park Blvd., 11 a.m. — 7 p.m.

"Columbus" is split between Kultural's two locations — on Fourth Street and Ocean Park Boulevard. The Fourth Street display exhibits two large and striking panels of pastel on paper, while the Ocean Park location exhibits the smaller oil on wood panels.

YMCA pumpkin patch

Sunset Boulevard and Temescal Canyon, Pacific Palisades, 3 p.m. — 7 p.m. Pick a pumpkin, play on hay bales and hide-n-seek in the spooky woods at the Palisades-Malibu YMCA's pumpkin patch at Simon Meadow. For more information, call (310) 454-5591.

Thursday, Oct. 11, 2007

For The Arts art auction

2525 Michigan Ave., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.

More than 75 works of art by local artists will be on display for this art auction. For The Arts works toward maintaining arts education in Santa Monica-Malibu public schools through the creation of a permanent endowment fund. To view artwork or for more information, visit www.buyartnow.org. Call (310) 396-4557 to make a reservation.

Words of peace

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.

Introductory event for international speaker Prem Rawat, regarding peace and inner happiness. Group will meet in the MLK Jr. Auditorium of the Main Library.

McC Campbell and Mendez play Tag

2903 Santa Monica Blvd., check for times

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

Viva Villa

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

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

Yappy Hour @ Tails of Santa Monica

2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.

A social gathering for dogs and their people. There will be light refreshments, dog snacks and play time. For more information, call (310) 392-4300.

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.





USING HER HEAD

Santa Monica College's Lydia Perez (left) is grabbed by L.A. Valley College goalkeeper Rita Ramirez as she tries to head the ball into the net on Tuesday during the Corsairs' 4-1 win over Valley College in a Western State Conference showdown.

Morgan Genser news@smdp.com

Take that to the bank

First Federal moves away from SM digs

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

NORTH OF WILSHIRE The lack of affordable housing is partly responsible for another business moving out of town.

First Federal Bank of California, the fourth largest Los Angeles-based financial institution, has announced that it will be relocating its corporate headquarters and bank office operations early next year to a facility near the Playa Vista development.

The flagship branch at 401 Wilshire Boulevard will remain and continue to serve the financial needs of Santa Monicans, said Babette Heimbuch, chairwoman and CEO of First Federal, which has been based in Santa Monica since its inception in 1929.

"The new location will make recruiting new employees easier because of more affordable housing in the surrounding communities than is available in Santa Monica and the surrounding Westside," Heimbuch said. "This back office relocation allows us to consolidate our lending operations that are currently in Los Angeles with our back offices, including our call center and banking operations unit. This translates into increased efficiency and significant cost savings for the bank."

In addition to the Wilshire offices, which will continue to be home to the bank's wealth management and trust division, First Federal will continue with "business as usual" at the Santa Monica, Main Street, Montana and Sunset Park branch offices, and the bank vows to continue to be an active participant in the many Santa Monica and Westside charitable and civic projects it currently supports. Those organizations include the Boys & Girls clubs, YWCA and Wise Senior Services.

The bank is planning to relocate in the Spring of 2008.

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A 'frightened savage' sounds off

Editor:
I found Thomas Bowden's op-ed in Monday's SMDP ("West is indebted to Chris Columbus," Oct. 8) to be a ridiculous oversimplification. Columbus does not deserve credit for all of the accomplishments of Western scientists and thinkers subsequent to his discoveries. Columbus' legacy must be based on his actions alone. He was an accomplished explorer and made some significant discoveries.

A critical mind, however, must also ask whether Columbus' true legacy was the religious and imperialistic genocide which he began in the Caribbean that claimed the lives of innumerable indigenous people. Some of us cannot overlook this aspect of Columbus' legacy and, therefore, choose not to celebrate him, despite our respect for other accomplishments of Western culture.

Does that make me a "frightened savage" too?

Ryan Williams
Santa Monica

Cut the trees already

Editor:
Public funds are well spent on trimming the trees on Fourth Street. It doesn't feel like you're driving through a tunnel anymore.

Who knew there were stores under that canopy? Added bonus.

Sam Woolsey
Santa Monica

If it ain't broke, don't enhance it

Editor:
As soon as (City Manager Lamont Ewell) arrived, he gassed the squirrels. Now, he's raised the city's hatchet against the trees we love. What, or whom, else is on his hit list? All this in the interest of enhancing our shopping experience.

We didn't ask for having our experience enhanced by (Ewell) or the legions of consultants that that infest City Hall. We asked for less traffic, and we are asking for the Santa Monica we know and love, not the one City Hall keeps trying to sell us.

Steven Keats
Santa Monica

Brace for more ficus felling, fella

Editor:
Thank God I live all the way over on Fifth Street — the beautiful, shade-providing ficus trees along my street will be spared ... for now! Of course, these trees have probably been infected with "Ficusitis" too, which means the city, in the name of safety, will want to remove them, too!

But since this disease seems to be spreading outward from the Third Street Promenade, the trees along Ocean Avenue are probably diseased as well. What fun the city will have removing all the trees from Palisades Park, and perhaps the other green stuff growing out of the ground. Perhaps they will asphalt the whole park and turn it into a huge parking lot to relieve downtown parking, or even sell it to developers to build (tree-free) condos.

After all, they'll soon have their own park across from City Hall to relax and sip lattes. Besides, everyone knows the homeless hang out in Palisades Park, so why keep it? It's only a nice place to enjoy, not a profit center for the city!

Ken McCrae
Santa Monica



Hey, Mikey

Michael J. Tittinger

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We aren't just talking about trees anymore

NEVER HUGGED A TREE. I'M NOT worried about catching any STDs, it's just not really my thing.

In fact, one of my epic childhood quests was to convince my dad to cut down the pear tree that flourished smack in the middle of our backyard, effectively dividing our Wiffle Ball field in two. When I think about the ones that got away, I mull over some of those majestic shots that, instead of fluttering down neatly on the opposite side of the chain-link fence, stopped dead amid a cluster of branches and rotten fruit.

Of course, spending every Saturday afternoon picking up bee-covered pears before cutting the lawn, and grinding the missed ones into a palpable sweet-n-sour mist of decay, wasn't a favorite pastime either.

I cannot tell a lie. I did not chop down that tree ... but I would've if I could've.

No matter your leanings regarding the ongoing ficus flak, this mounting battle between fervent environmentalists and a development-minded city government is not only high theater, but it raises a number of important questions. It also embodies the dichotomy of a progressive city with a cozy beach town past.

It seems the line in the sand between environmentalists and city officials is being drawn with a tattered ficus branch across the cracked sidewalk of Fourth Street.

Few stories have generated such continuing interest here in the DP newsroom as the city's plan to remove more than 50 mature ficus trees from downtown stretches of Second and Fourth streets, the uprooting and replanting being part of a larger \$8 million beautification effort. Really, no story has sparked such an engaged response from all sides of the spectrum since I've been at the big desk.

The unending public conversation — both in these pages and elsewhere — should be enough to give the City Council pause as they continue to march forward. It warrants a second look. Any politician can attest to the importance of appearances, and right now, it appears the City Council isn't listening to a pretty big swath of its constituents.

All of which begs the fundamental question: Do we elect representatives to decide what's best for us, or do we want them to respond when we're banging on their doors saying, "No, no, no."

Parallels can be drawn to much broader, more daunting issues facing our nation, where an increasing movement is calling on its government to respond to their wants, even if they approved a different course of action years ago. But an

obstinate administration continues along with its stated path, irregardless, and a country's collective frustration mounts.

Maybe these are some of the reasons why the fate of some trees — a silly debate to most, for sure — still resonates with many Santa Monicans so profoundly. They see a perceived commercially-driven injustice that will result in a death toll and think that they just might be able to do something about it. In altering the predetermined outcome, frustrated residents just might taste some semblance of victory for all the haranguing they've lobbed at their elected officials — local, state and national alike.

THE ONGOING FICUS FLAK ... EMBODIES THE DICHOTOMY OF A PROGRESSIVE CITY WITH A COZY BEACH TOWN PAST.

Here, at least, a diplomatic solution would be tangible. It could be savored with every hugging of a tree, filling just a minuscule portion of that collective hole in the hearts of so many disaffected Americans today.

The fate of 50-odd ficus trees is a story that typifies everything that is Santa Monica — activism, environmentalism, tourism, development, representative government, free speech, progress, forward-thinking, commerce and debate. This story's got everything and everybody is having their say, and thanks to last Friday's emergency restraining order that kept the axes in the woodshed, there's three more weeks to say it.

A silly tree story? There's more to it between the lines.

And if they chop 'em down, we may be left with less to hug, but just might gain a pretty sweet Wiffle Ball field.

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Kenny Mack

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Who the hell is ABC calling a caveman?

THE NEW FALL LINEUP IS IN FULL SWING and there is one show which stands out for me — “Cavemen.” It’s on ABC, and it is easily the most racist show in TV history.

I never thought any network would touch NBC’s insultingly unrealistic portrayal of 10 people living and working in New York City who don’t know a single black person socially (on “Seinfeld” and “Friends”), but ABC has done it.

Regardless of what the network says, the cavemen are really black guys with hairy faces — and that’s how they’re written. I can’t imagine why ABC president Steve McPherson green-lighted this steaming pile of crap, but just like the show’s writers (Joe Lawson, Josh Gordon, and Will Speck), I’m sending him a copy of this column. And when I see any of them, it’s on (metaphorically speaking, of course). This show about three token black guys living in San Diego (written, ironically, by three token white guys living in L.A.) would only be slightly less racist and offensive if they put the guys in blackface.

As a writer and comedian, I give Joe Lawson credit for a funny premise — in a 30-second ad. But what writer can’t be funny for 30 seconds? The joke in the commercials wasn’t the fact that the cavemen were the punchline, it was the fact that they existed at all.

So the comedy came from their righteous indignation at having to justify their existence — which ran the gamut from the angry caveman boom operator who storms off a set after being insulted by an anchorman to the mama’s boy caveman having an “existential meltdown” in his psychiatrist’s office. But as a black man, their execution makes me want to go Sprewell on ‘em.

Before you say, “Come on, Kenny, it’s not that bad. Maybe they’re supposed to be a generic minority,” let me assure you these are not your mother’s Geico cavemen. Look at some of the dialogue Joe, Josh and Will gave us when the cavemen were talking about dating “Sapes,” or Homo Sapiens (their pathetic metaphor for interracial couples): “Stick to your kind, crave the cave.” “Keep your penis in your genus.” And my personal favorite, “She’s not ashamed of you, she’s ashamed of herself ... her yearnings, her desires. Sapien women see us as the forbidden fruit. They think that we’ll take them to a place, sexually, that

they’ve never been before ... you gave her a little taste of something that she ain’t gettin’ nowhere else. And afterwards, they feel naked, utterly transformed. Walking down the street they think to themselves, ‘everyone can tell, everyone knows what I’ve done.’ So they have to drive their impulses underground.”

I’m not making this up.

What on earth made Steve McPherson think that Joe Lawson, a copywriter from an ad agency in Virginia, could write a compelling sitcom? What made him think these three white guys could back up their pitch (“a send-up of race the way ‘3rd Rock from the Sun’ is an analysis of human nature”) and actually write black people? ABC knew something was wrong because the show was “retooled” and “recast,” and the original pilot (which, God willing, nobody will see) had to be “reshot” after somebody at the network (rightly) thought there may be a problem with the cavemen’s original character traits: Athleticism, sexual prowess and laziness.

Again — I’m not making this up.

In other words, the show that Joey, Joshie and Willie actually wrote wasn’t good enough, but ABC was already committed, so they’re trying to make it work. Steve McPherson should do himself a favor and stop trying. It’s not getting any better. It’s the wrong show, by the wrong guys, at the wrong time.

It’s not like there aren’t enough actual minority groups to write about — ABC didn’t have to invent a new one in order to put another “fish-out-of-water” sitcom on the air.

The fish-out-of-water isn’t funny anymore, and the premise is flawed in the first place. We don’t live in an America where white is the “norm” and everything else is “other,” despite what three white writers may think.

But if that’s what the networks want, I’ve got a pitch of my own: It’s a show about a black advice columnist in Santa Monica who dates out-of-control or over-the-hill starlets and turns their lives and careers around. I call it “Advice & Consent” — and it can’t possibly be worse than “Cavemen.”

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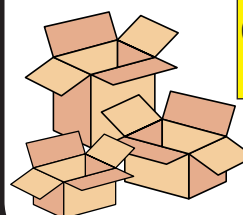
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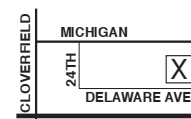
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Enough with the trees already

Local activists the Treesavers have been successful in their bid to delay the city’s plan to remove over 50 ficus trees from the downtown area. They are still short of their ultimate goal of saving the trees for good, but this development bodes well for their cause.

So this week’s Q-Line question asks:

How far do you believe the tree activists can go with this fight? Do you think the city is going to give the trees a reprieve or is this just a temporary victory?

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A young girl is fascinated by a giant iPhone on the Third Street Promenade Monday evening.



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Taking advantage of various strategies for your nest egg

WHILE TAX TIME SEEMS FAR AWAY AT THIS POINT, it's never too early to start planning for that inevitable annual ritual. And even though the tax laws for 2007 seem relatively unchanged from a year ago, smart investors will see that many changes from the far-reaching tax legislation of 2001 are starting to come into play this year and next.

In addition to the basic annual deadlines associated with taxes and investments, there are several specific things investors need to watch out for in both 2007 and 2008. Following are some tax-saving tips you may be able to take advantage of.

THE 'KIDDIE TAX' IS GROWING

For those with dependent children, or with children or grandchildren nearing college age, it's important to be aware that Congress is expanding the reach of the so-called "kiddie tax" rules. For 2007, these rules state that any unearned income in excess of \$1,700 for a child who has not reached age 18 (increased in 2006 from age 14) and has at least one living parent at the end of the tax year is taxed at the child's rate or parents' top marginal rate, whichever is higher. Effective with the 2008 tax year, the kiddie tax rules will apply until the child turns age 19, and if the child continues to be a full-time student, the rules will generally apply until he or she reaches age 24. While this is all rapidly approaching, the fact that these additional rules do not come into play until 2008 means there are plenty of planning opportunities available for 2007.

GIFTING APPRECIATED ASSETS

Because of the zero percent federal tax rate on eligible dividends and long-term capital gains for taxpayers in the 10

percent and 15 percent tax brackets from 2008 through 2010, investors should think about gifting appreciated securities to adult children or grandchildren. During those years, that child or grandchild could sell the securities and potentially incur no capital gains tax. But remember key facts: when you gift appreciated securities, the recipient takes on both your cost basis and holding period; also, pay particular attention to changing kiddie tax rules noted above.

ROLL QUALIFIED PLAN ASSETS DIRECTLY INTO A ROTH IRA

If you would like to move money from an employer-sponsored plan, such as a 401(k), to a Roth IRA, there's good news for you in 2008. If you qualify, you will have the opportunity to move such funds directly to a Roth IRA without first rolling them into a traditional IRA and then converting that IRA to a Roth (the process currently in place for 2007).

IRA CONTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND DEDUCTIBILITY

In past years, it was easy to put IRA contributions on "auto pilot," so to speak, knowing how much you could contribute each year, the amount that was deductible and whether you were eligible to contribute to a Roth IRA. But beginning in 2008, these limits will be inflation adjusted — perhaps even annually — so you'll need to review your individual IRA situation at least annually to keep up with the most current contribution limits and eligibility provisions.

These are just a few of the things that investors need to keep an eye out for when it comes to tax planning.

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Banks fill major role in economy

BANKS ARE THE CORNERSTONE OF THE U.S. economy. First formed in 1775 by Ben Franklin, they are an essential part of the economy because with them businesses can flourish, employ people, lend money for mortgages and build communities. Banks can be saviors or hindrances, but they are always the place we go when we want money.

What you have to first realize about banks is that they are in the business of selling money. Well, that is not entirely true; banks are in the business of selling interest rates on money. Car dealers sell cars, clothing stores sell clothes and banks sell interest rates. Not a bad business to be in, since money is the sole commodity that fuels any modern economy. A bank will sell you money at a predetermined rate known as an interest rate. They will lend you a principal amount and then expect you to pay them back a predetermined amount over a set period of time. But how do banks get money to lend for mortgages?

Banks are the only institution in the world that can take the commodity they are borrowing and lend it out five, six, or seven times over. Could you imagine a car dealer borrower a car from someone, cutting it up into 6 pieces and selling it for more then the original car? Of course not, but banks can do this with money and time.

Banks have the miraculous ability to borrow from their deposits and the governing bank known as the Federal Reserve, known as The Fed, then turn around and sell the money for a profit. But how can

they do this? It is not how, but why they do this that matters. Banks can borrow money and lend it out based on risk. For example, if they lend out the money to a business, that business will employ people, and those people will be able to place that money back into the economy.

Where does the profit come from if a bank is borrowing money? If a bank is borrowing money from their deposits — such as certified deposits, or CD's — that are giving a return to the deposit holder of 4.25 percent and lending it out at 6.25 percent, then they are making a profit of 2 percent. Obviously there are other costs involved, but if you were to take that example and multiply it by 10,000, you would begin to see how profitable lending out money can be.

Without banks, the nation's economy or any capitalistic economy could not survive. Our economy is based on one "I owe you" to another. For example, if you were purchasing a house, you would borrow money from a bank, which in turn could borrow money from the Fed. Of course everyone is making a little more on everyone else, but in the end you get a house, the bank makes money on the money and so does the Fed. In theory it is an incredible system that is essential for our economy to thrive.

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'Game Plan' dominates

BY DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES There's something about a reunion of Ben Stiller and the Farrelly brothers that audiences didn't want to see.

Stiller and the Farrellys' "The Heartbreak Kid" pulled in a modest \$14 million over opening weekend, coming in at No. 2 behind "The Game Plan," which remained the top flick for the second-straight weekend with \$16.3 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Paramount and DreamWorks had expected more from "The Heartbreak Kid," which reteamed Stiller with Peter and Bobby Farrelly. The trio collaborated on 1998's smash "There's Something About Mary."

The studios had gotten positive reaction from audiences at advance screenings, but reviews for "The Heartbreak Kid" came in much harsher than expected, said DreamWorks spokesman Chip Sullivan.

"We were surprised," Sullivan said. "The reviews hurt us. We love the movie. We've seen it play great. But I think reviews do matter on an R-rated movie."

An update of the 1972 comedy written by Neil Simon and directed by Elaine May, "The Heartbreak Kid" stars Stiller as a man who marries an incompatible bride, then meets the perfect woman on his honeymoon.

"The Heartbreak Kid" did manage to

come in slightly ahead of the \$13.7 million first weekend of "There's Something About Mary," which lingered in theaters for months and became one of 1998's top hits at \$176.5 million.

Movies hung around longer then, but today's films tend to live or die based on their opening weekends, analysts said. That bodes ill for "The Heartbreak Kid," which would need to hold strongly in coming weeks to make good on its \$60-million-plus production budget.

"The shelf life of films is so much shorter today than it was 10 years ago," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Media By Numbers. "You have to make your mark early to sustain yourself in today's marketplace."

"The Heartbreak Kid" also played much wider — 3,229 theaters, about 1,000 more than "There's Something About Mary," which still managed to pack in far more viewers. Based on today's higher ticket prices, "There's Something About Mary" pulled in nearly 3 million people over opening weekend, compared to just over 2 million for "The Heartbreak Kid."

In limited release, George Clooney's acclaimed legal drama "Michael Clayton" opened strongly with \$704,000 in 11 theaters, a promising lead-in for the film's nationwide rollout Friday.



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P. Lamont Ewell, City Manager

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements for activities undertaken by the City of Santa Monica

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 25, 2007 the City of Santa Monica will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), as amended, to be used for a project known as Upward Bound House, Emergency Family Shelter, for the purpose of acquisition and rehabilitation of real property for a proposed regional shelter for families with children located at 12841 West Washington Boulevard, Culver City, California

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Santa Monica has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request, at 2121 Cloverfield Blvd., Suite 100, Santa Monica, CA 90404 between the hours of 8am and 5pm, closed alternating Fridays. The City of Santa Monica has also determined that there are no historical properties that may be affected by this undertaking. No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted, prior to the request for release of funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments for consideration by the City of Santa Monica to the office of the undersigned. All such written comments so received at the above specified address on or before October 25, 2007 will be considered by the City of Santa Monica prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Santa Monica is certifying to HUD that P. Lamont Ewell, in his official capacity as City Manager, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Santa Monica to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Santa Monica's certification received by November 12, 2007, or a period of fifteen (15) days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of Santa Monica approved by HUD; (b) the City of Santa Monica's has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (CFR 24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD at: Office of Community Planning and Development, 611 W. 6th Street, Suite 800, Los Angeles, California 90017. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



Photo courtesy of Institute for Photographic Empowerment

TALKING IT OUT: Neal Baer (left), executive producer of 'Law & Order,' and Jim Hubbard, creative director of Venice Arts and a USC professor, lead a discussion during the launch of the Institute for Photographic Empowerment last week. The first of its kind in the world, the project aims to bring professional artists together with low-income children.

USC joins forces with Venice Arts

FROM ARTS PAGE 1

The inception of the institution follows a trip in August when several photographers with Venice Arts visited Mozambique and worked with AIDS and HIV orphans, teaching the children how to use professional-caliber cameras. During the trip, the photographers handed the cameras to the orphans, asking them to document their world. The photos will be compiled for a traveling exhibit that is expected to kick off in January.

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Lynn Warshafsky
Co-founder Venice Arts

Last year, a group of Venice Arts photographers made a similar trek to Cape Town, working with HIV and AIDS mothers.

The origins of the IPE can be traced to a similar effort to launch a national conference on social empowerment. That idea came from Venice Arts co-founder Lynn Warshafsky, who proposed the national conference to Dr. Neal Baer last year. Baer is one of the sponsors of the Cape Town and Mozambique projects.

From there, the concept flourished, eventually resulting into what would be the first institution of photographic social empowerment in the world.

“We see our primary role as bringing

people together — both in real time and the real world as well via the Internet,” Warshafsky said. “We see ourselves as providing a portal ... for people to interact, communicate and engage in policy discussions, sharing projects and making educational resources available.”

The institute will be housed in the Center on Communication Leadership at USC.

The USC Center of Public Diplomacy will also have a stake in the institution. Researchers will look to develop foreign policy that would help different cultures better understand one another through photography, said center Director Joshua Fouts.

“Photography skills will provide a window to your soul and provide a window into your culture,” he said. “It can facilitate better cultural understanding.”

Starting in the spring semester, a course on visual communication for social change will be offered through the Annenberg school.

The course will be taught by Jim Hubbard, the creative director at Venice Arts who was one of the pioneers in the field of photographic empowerment.

Hubbard is most recognized for a project called “Shooting Back,” which documented homeless children in Washington D.C. in the 1980s. With a meager budget, Hubbard gave homeless children cameras, asking them to document their daily struggles.

“It adds another layer to the journalistic view of what struggles and what issues and what lives are like after the media leaves the issue,” said Hubbard, a former photojournalist. “I tried to come up with a way in which to influence the public and lawmakers through images.”

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A change in performance

Bayside District officials want to change the rules performers follow

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

THIRD STREET PROMENADE Concerned about the well-being of children who sing, dance or play instruments on the Third Street Promenade, those in charge of managing and marketing downtown are considering an age requirement for street performers.

Kathleen Rawson, executive director of the Bayside District Corp., brought up the idea Tuesday during a meeting of the management company's Land and Asset Committee as part of a discussion about the street performer's ordinance, which

she said is in need of some adjustments.

In addition to the age requirement, Rawson also asked members of the committee to consider moving performers farther away from the entrances of businesses and outdoor dining areas, making it easier for people to move in and out of the stores while creating a more pleasant environment to enjoy a meal.

"When school lets out ... you can see kids [performing] until 8, 9, 10 and sometimes 11 at night," Rawson said. "We are considering not allowing children under the age of 16 to perform on the promenade, but before we go down that road I wanted to get kind of your 'knee-jerk reaction' to it."

What she heard was nothing but support from local business owners who make up the majority of the committee.

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Parties are pessimistic about fate of water plans

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Democratic and Republican lawmakers on Monday said they are considering placing dueling, multibillion dollar water bonds on the November 2008 ballot if a special session on water policy fails this week.

Whether the state should build more reservoirs is the key point of contention.

The state Senate is scheduled to vote Tuesday on a \$6.8 billion Democratic plan to repair deteriorating river levees, increase water storage and restore the troubled Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, which funnels drinking and irrigation water to much of California.

Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata said he did not think Republicans would provide the two votes needed to send his bill to the Assembly. He added \$1 billion Monday to his borrowing plan, with the new money going to programs that would recycle storm water and sewage.

Republicans favor a competing \$9 billion plan proposed by Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger that includes money to build two dams and raise a third. Perata's plan does not call for specific new reservoirs but would allow communities to apply for state grants to build their own dams.

Perata, D-Oakland, said he will launch a ballot campaign to bypass the Legislature if his bill fails Tuesday, as he expects.

He said he did not expect a compromise bill to pass the Senate and the Assembly by Oct. 16, the deadline set by the secretary of state for placing a measure on the Feb. 5 presidential primary ballot.

"I will not let all this work go to waste,"

he said during a news conference before his bill was advanced to the full Senate by a Democrat-controlled committee.

Lawmakers are debating the future of California's water systems as the state deals with the effects of a burgeoning drought and court-ordered limits on the amount of water that can be pumped from the delta.

The environmentally fragile delta funnels Northern California water to crop land and 25 million Californians. The limitation on water pumping has severely crimped supplies to some cities and led to water restrictions in some areas.

Schwarzenegger called lawmakers into special session last month to consider ways to upgrade the state's decades-old water storage and delivery system, as well as another thorny issue — health care reform. Little consensus as emerged on either.

Sen. Dave Cogdill of Modesto, the Republicans' lead negotiator on water issues, said Republicans are likely to reject Perata's plan when it comes to a vote on the Senate floor. Instead, they are considering their own 2008 ballot measure, which would include money for dams.

Mindy McIntyre, a water specialist with the nonprofit Planning and Conservation League, said the Legislature placing competing water bonds on a ballot next year would confuse voters.

"It risks that both will die and there won't be any money for water projects for the next several years," she said.

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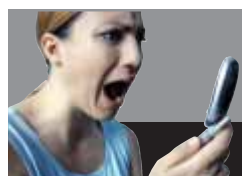
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Changing the rules for performers

FROM PERFORMERS PAGE 9

They said the street performing ordinance should be looked at and every effort should be taken to strike a fair balance that respects the contributions from the performers and businesses located in the popular shopping district.

"It is really important that we keep the street performers there," said Johannes Van Tilburg, an architect and Bayside board member who works in the downtown area. "They are crucial to the ambiance of the promenade."

Patricia Hoffman, also a board member and a former member of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, said that children need to be protected from exploitation, but said she was open to making the age requirement 14 instead of 16 since state law does allow children to work a maximum of three hours per day, 18 hours a week during the school year and 8 hours a day, 40 hours a week during the summer, according to the state labor code.

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Patricia Hoffman, Bayside District Corp. board member

"This is something I would have liked to have seen from the beginning," Hoffman said of the possible age restriction. "I really feel the exploitation of children is something that we need to look at. For families to allow their children to support them through street performances, that puts parents in a situation where they are not looking out for their child's best interests."

"I think protecting children is something that is more important than protecting a Capuchin monkey," Hoffman said, referring to attempts by animal advocates to ban the use of animals in performances on the promenade.

As far as the space restrictions, Hoffman expressed concerns about taking away public space for private companies. She said she would like to see a detailed map of the promenade showing where performers and vendors are allowed to set up and see how added space restrictions would impact them.



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CAREFUL: Misha Kalinin performs a balancing act with his 12-year-old son Ivan on the Venice Beach Boardwalk in January. The pair also performs on the Third Street Promenade.

"I would like to see a map to see what the effect will be so that we can be reassured that there will still be plenty of room for the free exercise of talent, or the lack thereof," Hoffman said.

Street performers were not pleased to learn of the possible changes to the ordinance, which they believe is already strict enough, forcing them to set up only in certain spots and to move every two hours.

There are also fines issued for being too loud, something which City Hall should consider enforcing more regularly instead of pushing performers into a small area that will undoubtedly cause conflicts.

Performers also said they were against instituting an age requirement, pointing to several youngsters who have come to the promenade and performed the right way.

"We have to find the right balance," said Ned Landin, a musician who has been performing at the promenade for the last 11 years and had a hand in developing the current law. "You need to have enough access to actually have an artistic community. If you severely limit the amount of space available, what you will do is push out the best performers, who won't want to put up with the hassle, and what you will be left with is all the crappy ones."

Landin said he is concerned that major retail chains are trying to take over the promenade, which is still a public street. He believes high-end retailers are used to being inside a mall environment where nothing blocks their storefront window displays. That's not the case on a public street.

Rawson said Bayside is not concerned about businesses complaining about window displays being blocked. It is all about mobility and making sure people are able to walk into a store or restaurant without being blocked by a large crowd.

In the end, it all comes down to enforcement, Landin said. If the Santa Monica Police Department and Bayside would work more closely together in enforcing the current law, which was developed after much collaboration, then the repeat offenders would be easy to spot and run out of town.

As for the age limit, Landin believes Bayside could take a more active role in talking with the performers to find out what their situation is. If they feel the kids are working too much or are too young to be doing the performances they are doing, they could call child advocates and welfare agencies to come out and investigate.

"This really should be done on a case by case basis," Landin said.

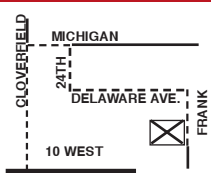
Before any changes are made, Rawson said she will work with street performers to come up with the best possible solution. The City Council would then be responsible for holding a public hearing and then approve any changes.

There is no set schedule for when the changes, if any, would go before the council.

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Yoko Ono to mark Lennon's birthday with unveiling of tower near Reykjavik

YOKO ONO urged the world to give peace a chance with the unveiling Tuesday of the Imagine Peace Tower on Videy island on what would have been husband John Lennon's 67th birthday.

The former Beatle was shot dead outside their New York apartment building Dec. 8, 1980, by deranged fan Mark David Chapman.

Ono was to be joined at the ceremony by the couple's son, Sean Lennon; Beatles drummer Ringo Starr; and bandmate George Harrison's widow, Olivia. Paul McCartney also was invited, but it wasn't



YOKO ONO

known whether he would attend.

The tower is a stories-tall beam of light that will radiate from a wishing well bearing the words "imagine peace" in 24 languages. The plan is for the tower to be lit each year between Oct. 9 and Dec. 8.

Ono, 74, has said that she came up with the concept for the light tower in 1965, and that Lennon was interested.

"This is the biggest birthday present I gave to John," she told The Associated Press last month. "He's very, very happy about it, I know."

Ono said she chose Iceland, the world's northernmost country, because it is a very eco-friendly country that relies on geothermal energy.

"It's so beautiful," she said. "There's a certain strangeness to it. I would like to say it's magical."

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Black Eyed Peas miss day of work

San Salvador concert canceled after Fergie tells crowd she's ill

THE BLACK EYED PEAS canceled a concert in San Salvador after Fergie fell ill.

The daily newspaper La Prensa Grafica reported that some 10,000 people were at the concert Friday when the 32-year-old singer suddenly told the crowd she was sick. The show was canceled minutes later.

The band was in Mexico and Central America as part of their "Monkey Business" tour.

Two Show, the concert's organizer, said in a statement Monday that it plans to reschedule the concert sometime within the next three months. It also offered refunds to dissatisfied fans.

The statement didn't say why the show was canceled, and Two Show didn't return calls seeking comment.

AP

IT'S A GIRL FOR NICK NOLTE AND HIS LONGTIME COMPANION

It's a baby girl for **NICK NOLTE** and his longtime partner, Clytie Lane.

The baby, who hasn't been named yet, was born Oct. 3 in Los Angeles. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, the actor's spokesman, Paul Bloch, said Tuesday in a statement.

Mother and daughter were doing well, he said.

Nolte, 66, has a son, Brawley, from a previous marriage. The baby is Lane's first child.

Nolte has received Oscar nominations for his roles in "The Prince of Tides" and "Affliction." He will next appear in the Paramount Pictures film "The Spiderwick Chronicles," and is working on DreamWorks' "Tropic Thunder."

AP

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★★★★★ Others support the overture or opening that you have been considering. Finally, you move in a new direction and follow through on something you have wanted. There are no guarantees as to how others will act, but you will be happier. Tonight: Fun and games.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Emphasize basics. You might want to try something very different and need to enlist a client's or associate's support. You discover that the power of one is not as great as the power of many. You have what it takes. Tonight: Happy relaxing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You speak your mind but with such a creative flourish that others respond. No one can nix humor and charm. Fortunately, you have plenty of just that. Be positive about a creative or romantic offer. A child could play a role. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your intuition takes you where you have not thought of yet. You know the role of security in your life, but might not have thought of the best way to create that safety net. Someone wants to brainstorm. Tonight: Anchor in and have a cozy dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You smile, and others light up. The ability to feed others' energy emerges, adding to your popularity and a general loving of the moment. Tonight: Hang out with a favorite pal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Treat yourself well and make a decision that works ultimately. Emphasize your gifts, both material and emotional. Use your innate talents, and you'll find answers. Creativity surges on an emotional plane. Tonight: A special treat doesn't have to cost an arm and a leg.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Do what's necessary to make a situation work. With your efforts and another's support, you'll surge forward. Zero in on what you want. You might be close to unstoppable, especially if you're focused. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Events reintroduce you to your power and strength. You don't need to make a public announcement; your sixth sense will guide you. Consider picking up a lottery ticket or two if you feel lucky. Tonight: You don't have to explain your ear-to-ear smile.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You have a lot going for you. Use what the planets offer with your own buoyant personality. Think in terms of "the Force is with you today." With this attitude, you cannot help but succeed. Eye your friendships with care. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Be willing to stand up for what you believe. You might have information that others do not. In this case, your decision might seem serendipitous to many people, but really is not. Claim your power through action. Tonight: Out late, or on the phone a lot.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might want to reach out to someone at a distance. Your sense of direction might be different from many who could be questioning your decisions and consequent actions. Stay centered and in touch with your needs. Tonight: Keep smiling.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Understanding will develop if you allow a partner or close associate to reveal his or her true colors. How you see a situation could change dramatically if you stay open to this person's feedback. Tonight: Dinner for two.

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The Kingdom (R)
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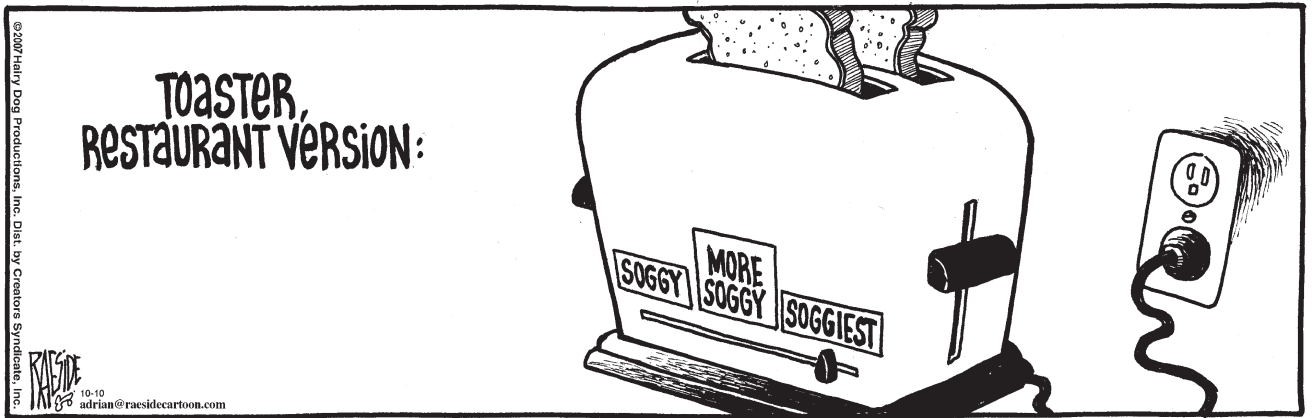
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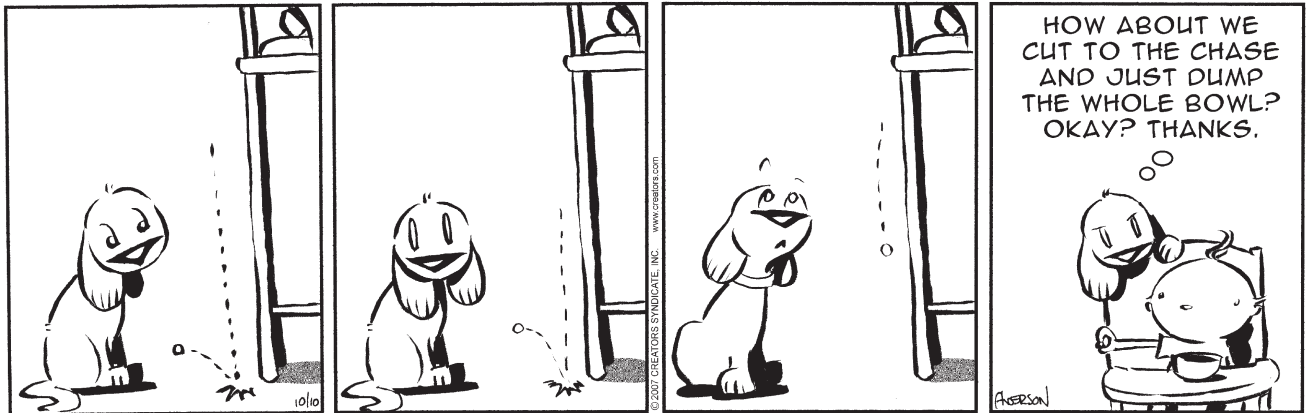
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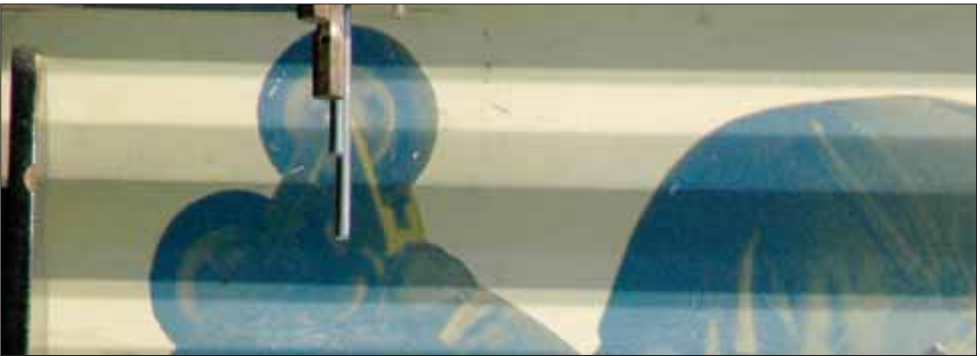


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- 1 Lily variety
- 5 Eats
- 9 Refrain snippet
- 11 Game place
- 12 Less common
- 13 "— With Love"
- 14 Apply
- 15 "Smarten up!"
- 17 "Move it!"
- 19 Uno doubled
- 20 Paper piece
- 21 Farm female
- 22 Maxim
- 24 Tennis star
- 26 Gang territories
- 29 Cunning
- 30 "In your dreams!"
- 32 "Scram!"
- 34 Tall tale
- 35 Saucer user
- 36 Minnea-polis suburb
- 38 Analyze sentences

39 Crazy talks

40 Lambs' moms

41 Optimum

DOWN

- 1 Gymnast
- 2 Clears
- 3 King
- 4 Bullfight cry
- 5 Expand
- 6 Dwell
- 7 Together-ness
- 8 Disrobes
- 10 Debated
- 11 ABA member

- 16 Fancy homes
- 18 Roof support
- 21 Frau's spouse
- 23 Bowling alley
- 24 Would-be lawyer's major

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- 28 New Orleans team
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BY CHUCK SHEPARD

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1780 The Great Hurricane of 1780 kills 20,000-30,000 in the Caribbean.
1913 U.S. President Woodrow Wilson triggers the explosion of the Gamboa Dike thus ending construction on the Panama Canal.
1954 The Communist Party of Honduras is founded.
1963 France cedes control of the Bizerte naval base to Tunisia
1967 The Outer Space Treaty, signed on January 27 by more than sixty nations, enters into force.
1970 Fiji becomes independent.
1971 Sold, dismantled and moved to the United States, the London Bridge reopens in Lake Havasu City, Arizona.
1979 The Pac-Man arcade game is released to the Japanese market by Namco.
1987 Eric B. and Rakim release 'Paid in Full,' their debut album.
1995 South African President Nelson Mandela attends Genadendal.

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Case No. SP007279

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

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

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Nov. 9, 2007 at 9:15 AM in Dept. No. R located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.

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

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

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Attorney for Petitioner ROBERT A. BROWN, ESQ. LAW OFFICES OF ROBERT A. BROWN 1125 E BROADWAY #116 GLENDALE CA 91205 10/9, 10/10, 10/16/07 CNS-1208604# SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TSG No.: 3376402 TS No.: 20079017902494 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DE-FULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/25/06. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On October 23, 2007 at 11:30 AM, First American LoanStar Trustee Services, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 07/31/06, as Instrument No. 06 1681673, in book , page , of Official Records in the Office of the County Re-corder of LOS ANGELES County, State of California. Executed by: PATRICIA E.A. SLATER, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN. WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASH-IER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE POMONA SUPERIOR COURTS BUILDING, 350 W. MISSION BLVD. POMONA, CA. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DE-SCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 4270-010-045. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2417 34TH STREET. 16, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. The undersigned Trustee dis-claims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regard-ing title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$523,742.15. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. Date: 10/03/07, First American Title Insurance Company, First American LoanStar Trustee Services, 3 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707 Original document signed by Autho-rized Agent, Chet Sconyers -- FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 530-672-3033. First American Loanstar Trustee Services May be Acting as a Debt Collector Attempting to Collect a Debt. Any Information obtained will be used for that purpose. NPP0123582 10/03/07, 10/10/07, 10/17/07

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LORNA S. CABAONG CASE NO. BP106665

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of LORNA S. CABAONG.

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

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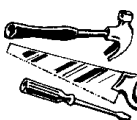
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- Remove cobwebs
- Dust/vacuum furniture
- Vacuum floors, carpets
- Vacuum stairs
- Vacuum under beds
- Change linens, make beds
- Empty trash

BATHROOMS

- Clean sinks, counters; change towels
- Clean, disinfect toilets, tubs, showers
- Hand wash, disinfect floors

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- Clean entry windows &
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- Clean window over kitchen sink



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