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"A Piece of My Heart" tells the true Vietnam War story of six women — four nurses, a Red Cross volunteer and a USO entertainer — and their struggle to make sense of the war that changed both them and the nation that shunned them. Tickets for this Morgan-Wixson play are \$18 for general admission; \$15 for seniors and students, with group discounts available; and may be purchased by calling the theater box office at (310) 828-7519.

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Fifth Avenue and Ocean Park Boulevard, 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.

This year's SMASH School fundraiser will include a rummage sale, pumpkin sale and car wash featuring gently used clothing, appliances, books, toys, furniture and collectibles. The rummage sale and car wash will end at 1 p.m. Admission is free. For more information call (310) 396-2640.

It's still summer at Bergamot

2525 Michigan Ave., 5 p.m. — 7 p.m.

The Bergamot Station hosts an artist reception tonight in their Schomburg Gallery for Marlena Chumo's exhibit, "Indian Summer." The exhibition may be viewed at www.SchomburgGallery.com. For more information, call (310) 453-5757 or e-mail info@schomburggallery.com.

Special used books sale

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. — 2 p.m.

A sale of 100 special books, donated to the Santa Monica Public Library, will take place in the Friends of the Library Used Bookstore, located in the Main Library. The sale includes books which have special interest or value such as signed copies, special photography books, and first editions.

'If You Give a Mouse a Cookie'

2627 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m. — 12:15 p.m.

Based on the book by Laura Joffe Numeroff, this children's play is about a clever mouse who starts off wanting a nibble off a cookie, but ends up wanting a lot more. Tickets are \$5 for children and \$7 for adults. For more information or to make reservations, call (310) 828-7519 or visit www.morgan-wixson.org.

Powdered wig not required

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

Local artists will perform chamber music in Martin Luther King Jr.'s Auditorium. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, visit www.smpl.org.

Kathryn Keats to speak at Antioch's Clothesline Project

400 Corporate Pte., Culver City, 1 p.m. — 6 p.m.

Recording Artist Kathryn Keats will keynote speak and share music from her CD "After the Silence" at Antioch University's Clothesline Project. The Clothesline Project aims to bring awareness to the issue of physical, sexual, and psychological violence against women and the victims of domestic/partner abuse. For more information visit www.college.antioch.edu.

Sunday, Oct. 14, 2007

Jewish Literature Book Discussion

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.

Santa Monica Public Library presents the third discussion in their five-part "Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature series." Local scholar Barbara Bilson will lead a discussion of S.Y. Agnon's "A Simple Story."

Fergal Gaynor and Trevor Joyce

681 Venice Blvd., Venice, 7:30 p.m.

Beyond Baroque hosts Fergal Gaynor and Trevor Joyce for a night of lyrical discussion. Admission is \$7; students/seniors pay \$5; members get in for free. For more information, visit www.beyondbaroque.org.

One Key Away party

3321 Pico Blvd., 6 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

Santa Monica Bar and Grille hosts a social networking night for professionals looking for love in all the wrong places. With the help of a computerized key, which analyzes personalities, suits can find their matching skirt. Entrance fee is \$25 online or \$30 at the door. For more information, visit www.onekeyaway.com.

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.



Westside Chronicle can't deliver

Local weekly paper is missing in action

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The local newspaper business just got a little smaller.

The Westside Chronicle, a local weekly newspaper that covered the Santa Monica area for the past year and a half, apparently published its final edition Sept. 2. According to various sources, the newspaper's owner and publisher, Vipin Sahgal, had assured colleagues, readers and advertisers alike that the newspaper was undergoing some changes and would resume printing within weeks, but weeks have passed and the paper, which distributed to communities throughout the Westside, has yet to resurface.

At least one of the paper's Santa Monica-based advertisers was given the bad news directly.

"We wanted to run another ad with them, but we were told that the paper had suspended operation," said Liz Gerds, manager of Farthingales L.A., a local shop specializing in corsets. "We got some people coming into the store from it (the ad), but not a huge amount. Then again, we haven't gotten too much business from any of the ads we have run over the years in any newspaper."

Calls to the Westside Chronicle's Wilshire Boulevard office revealed that the number had been disconnected and was no longer in service. The paper's Web site, which was online as recently as Thursday, has been taken off-line, thus erasing any tangible trace that the paper ever existed. Those developments would seem to dispel the notion that the paper is undergoing just a temporary break from publication and hint at the paper staying dark for the foreseeable future.

The Daily Press made various attempts to reach Sahgal and other employees via e-mail with no success.

Jim Lynch, the Chronicle's publisher before becoming president of the Santa

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TASTE OF SUGAR

Morgan Genser news@smdp.com

Heidi Huebner (right), director of development for the Bark Avenue Foundation, gives some sugar to 'Garbo' on Friday at the Police Activities League gym. The pair were taking part in the K9 program connection graduation. The program allows at-risk children to train dogs and set goals for themselves.

Getting off the streets

BY JARED MORGAN

Special to the Daily Press

NORTH OF WILSHIRE Mario Sanders stood near the doorway of the Fairmont Miramar Hotel's Starlight Ballroom wearing a sharp, black suit and squinting through a pair of spectacles.

Few would ever guess that Sanders was once homeless. A successful businessman, maybe, but not homeless.

He began living on the street in 1986 after his wife committed suicide during

an argument in their home.

"She said that if I didn't come into the kitchen, she'd take all my sleeping pills. She did," Sanders said Friday. "I felt guilty and depressed for a long time after ... I was pretty messed up."

Following 18 years of homelessness, Sanders, now 52, finally sought help with Step Up on Second, a Santa Monica-based organization that helps assimilate the mentally ill back into society by providing housing, employment and self-empowerment programs to boost morale and confidence.

Sanders was one of many people being honored at a breakfast sponsored by the Westside Shelter & Hunger Coalition Friday morning for their successful climb from out of homelessness and into the working world.

Another honoree, Veronica Sanchez, 25, attributed her success to Culver City's Didi Hirsch Mental Health Center.

"When I was a kid, I experienced homelessness with my mom. In 2005, my

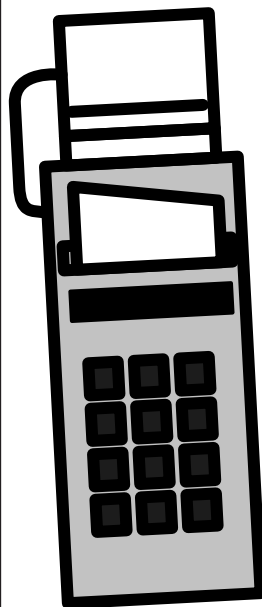
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A 20-year renter has had enough

Editor: After 20 years, an old-school rent-controlled apartment will be vacated in Santa Monica. The rent for this one bedroom a block south of Wilshire will double. Whoever moves in will have the opportunity to complain about the handful of truly rent-controlled apartments that remain. Is this gratifying for anyone?

Originally built as a motel in the 1940s and '50s, this complex has changed much over the 20 years I've lived here. The new Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center has been chronically under construction, across the street, for the past seven years, with no end in sight. In addition, the main entrance has recently been moved to about 40 yards from our front door and the new ER is now about 75 yards away. Sirens on ambulances go zipping past construction trucks and people pour across the street into our courtyard to make it their smoking zone. At some point, the existing hospital will be demolished, piece by piece, while people try to live here.

Cracks in the walls tell stories of past earthquakes. Possibly noxious fumes seep from behind our kitchen sink while we only get rudimentary fixes. We close the kitchen door trying to keep the fumes from our toddler. Neighbors dump garbage in their own courtyard. People use our carport as a bathroom and tag the alley behind our complex. We see this every day and night when we go to the car.

I could go on, but that's enough complaining for one letter. If you don't believe me, visit sometime. Maybe you can live here if you hurry.

We stayed here all these years because we enjoyed the beautiful location and wonderful community. All in all, this apartment is worth just about what I've paid for it all these years. The shady gray fringes of rent control leave renters bickering among themselves. The only true gratification goes to the landlords, such as AIMCO of Denver (SMDP, Oct. 5) when their finance-packed long-term strategies finally pay off. I know one local landlord who now gets to double the rent for this tired old apartment.

Finally, let's not forget the impending day when they decide to go Ellis and quit business here. They'll sell the land for development, and put long-term Santa Monicans on the street.

Niels Hansen
Mid-City

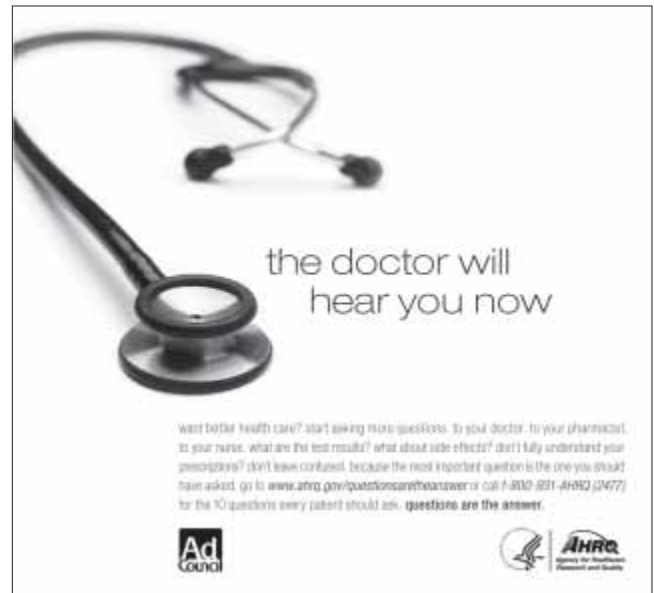
Columnist is racing to point fingers

Editor: Don't you think (the Daily Press) needs to require (columnist) Kenny Mack to provide actual proof of racism before allowing him to publish such an inane article? ("Who the hell is ABC calling a caveman?" Oct. 10)

The article only further proves how sensitive some black people are to every perceived slight. Kenny (Mack) is part of the problem. By complaining about every perceived slight, he only further alienates non-blacks.

Just because someone has black skin does not make them an authority on racism. Kenny really needs to lighten up and save his rants for actual racism. Racism means nothing to me any longer because of people like Kenny.

Steve Smith
Santa Monica



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My (almost) night with Bill Clinton

A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, I HEARD ABOUT an interesting gimmick on Hillary Clinton's Web site. They were holding a lottery in which the winner would get to watch a Democratic presidential debate with Bill Clinton. Obviously, the hope was that once you were on the Web site, you'd decide to make a donation. However, you didn't have to make a donation to enter the lottery. So, I entered without donating any money, thus not compromising my position as a semi-journalist. I couldn't resist entering. I mean, who wouldn't want to sit with Bill Clinton in a room offstage, watching his wife and the other hopefuls duke it out?

I started to worry about what I was supposed to wear. Since I wasn't going to be on camera, why should I get dressed up? On the other hand, I was certain that Bill would be wearing a suit. And if I were dressed similarly, it would increase the chances of his saying to me, "Hey, Lloyd, why don't we grab a bite to eat after the debate?" And that was my main goal: To end up friends with Bill Clinton — for us to be buddies who'd call each other whenever we felt like hanging out. I made a mental note to get my one and only suit cleaned.

I fantasized about what Bill and I would say to each other when we met:

LLOYD: (with a firm handshake) It's an honor to meet you, Mr. President.

BILL: (shaking my hand with both of his) It's nice to meet you, too, Lloyd. I'm a huge fan of your column.

Hey, it's my fantasy.

Once the candidates were onstage, I could ask him the question about his wife millions of Americans would like to ask:

LLOYD: Another pantsuit? Is she ever going to wear a skirt or a dress during the campaign?

BILL: (smiling) Do you think someone wearing a 15-year-old suit should criticize what someone else is wearing? Besides, I guarantee that if she wins the election, she'll be wearing a dress at the Inaugural Ball.

LLOYD: I don't know about you, but I've lost track of how many of these debates they've already had. The major networks rarely cover them, sometimes they're on channels I've never heard of, and they've already used YouTube. What's next, are they going to use tin cans and string to talk to the few people who are really interested in these things? You must be bored out of your mind to hear the same stuff over and over again.

BILL: Huh? Did you say something? I must've dozed off.

LLOYD: If you don't mind my saying so, it feels like your wife is getting more and more cautious. It seems like instead of trying to win, now she's trying not to lose. Doesn't

she seem like a football team that's sitting on a big lead, and doesn't want to make a mistake?

BILL: I love football. The camaraderie of the fans, the excitement of the game. It's a great sport.

LLOYD: Nice avoidance, sir.

BILL: It was nothing. Just Politics 101.

After the debate is over, I ask President Clinton if he and the senator would like to join me for something to eat or drink.

BILL: I wish you had asked me sooner. We have plans. Let's do it another time. Just call me on my private line whenever you feel like it.

AND THAT WAS MY MAIN GOAL: TO END UP FRIENDS WITH BILL CLINTON – FOR US TO BE BUDDIES WHO'D CALL EACH OTHER WHENEVER WE FELT LIKE HANGING OUT. I MADE A MENTAL NOTE TO GET MY ONE AND ONLY SUIT CLEANED.

I couldn't believe Bill Clinton was telling me to call him on his private number. Then he started to leave.

LLOYD: Wait! I don't know the number.

BILL: No problem. I'm in the book.

And then he left. My new pal. My new buddy. My new ... Wait a minute. Who is he kidding? His number isn't in the book. I shook my head and smiled. Even after all this time, even in my fantasy, he's still pretty slick.

It probably won't shock you to learn that I didn't win the lottery. Somebody else will be going. I didn't even get a consolation prize, like a toaster oven or a potluck dinner at the Kucinich house. No, my evening with Bill Clinton was all in my head. But it did force me to think about the election, how politicians talk, why there are so many debates, and whether I need a new suit.

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“The reason I chose that sticker is because I am working on a screenplay in which anti-gravity plays a major role, and I fully expect there to be a world-wide anti-gravity event in December of 2012 (Mayan calendar and such), and that’s why I always carry rope and tent stakes in my car.”

— Ken Jones, a local screenwriter, on why he has a bumper sticker for the short-lived Sci-Fi TV show, “Firefly,” on his car

“And she’s endorsing Dunkin’ Donuts. It’s like endorsing crack for kids.”

— Anthony Bourdain, chef and host of the Discovery Channel show “No Reservations,” on fellow chef, Rachel Ray’s, ads for Dunkin’ Donuts

“We just want the Jews to be perfected. That’s what Christianity is.”

— Political pundit Ann Coulter, in an interview with Donny Deutsch on his CNBC talk show, “The Big Idea with Donny Deutsch.” Deutsch is Jewish

“I have accepted his decision with an open heart. But I do feel it was a mistake. I believe he did it too soon.”

— Anita Thompson, Hunter S. Thompson’s widow, on her husband’s suicide

“It’s not just the typical ‘queer’ or ‘homo’ slurs, but rather, the more subtle phrasing of ‘straight acting’ or ‘discreet’ that carries a hidden homophobia.”

— Santa Monica Daily Press columnist David Pisarra, referring to what he calls “linguistic homophobia” in Santa Monica

“This is not the best parenting I’ve ever seen, obviously, and she has to be held accountable for that.”

— Montgomery County District Attorney Bruce Castor Jr. referring to Michele Cossey, who bought guns for her 14-year-old son. The boy planned a Columbine-like attack on his high school

“Most places have to pay premium prices for each linear foot of shelf space, especially when you get to the frozen food, beverages, cigarette companies.”

— Gary Baum, owner of Cook’s Market in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, referring to the cause of a fight between a Coca-Cola employee and a Pepsi employee that resulted in a broken nose for the Coca-Cola employee

“I think protecting children is something that is more important than protecting a Capuchin monkey.”

— Patricia Hoffman, a Bayside board member, referring to attempts by animal advocates to ban the use of animals in performances on the promenade, yet there are no restrictions on the age of child performers or their performance hours

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Here are your responses:

"WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO THE Treesavers, I'm sure (the restraining order) is just a temporary reprieve. When City Hall gets fixated on something, you can be sure it's a done deal, like the horrendous mess of homeless, drug addicts, alcoholics and criminals that have invaded this city."

"I AM HERE AT THE SITE WHERE THE first tree was supposed to be cut down, and obviously, it's not being cut down today. I believe the Treesavers should continue with their efforts to save all of the trees. I do believe that the City Council will come around, they will sit down and find a win-win solution. Then Santa Monica would be saved embarrassment from the worldwide environmental community. Then we'll all be happier for it."

"IF COUNCIL DOES NOT LISTEN TO THE people now, we should carry our crusade to Election Day, voting only for people like (Councilman Kevin) McKeown, who listens to the people."

"MOST OF OUR CITY'S WOES ARE because the commies from Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, who rule us, don't believe in property rights. If we want a tree in front of our business or home, let us plant one. If we want a hedge or rose bush, or if we want to cut down a nuisance tree, let us pay for it. We don't need a high-paid arborist to tell us what to do. Please leave us property owners alone. The best government is the one that rules the least."

"I AM PROUD TO STATE THAT I AM ONE of the many save the ficus trees personages, and I am pleased to report that, at the present time, the trees have been given a stay of execution. The Treesavers should now spend their energy trying to pin down the frustrated lumberjacks who wish to practice and hone their wood-chopping skills at the expense of some lovely trees. The Treesavers should mention to the wood-choppers that it's time to move on to another subject; a subject that is not opposed by nearly every resident of Santa Monica."

"I THINK THE TREE ACTIVISTS WITH Treesavers can go very far with their crusade, and should go very far. They've been doing an excellent job and have a very reasonable position. They have a very environmental and pro-tree policy. They can, and I think they will, save all of the trees that are threatened. They could help formulate a more expansive debate on how Santa Monica could have a more complete tree-nurturing and tree maintenance policy. That's something that has sorely been neglected in our great city."

"I THINK THE TREES SHOULD CERTAINLY stay where they are and be happy and live the 150 years that's predicted for that type of tree. They've hardly reached 50 yet. They add a great deal to Santa Monica. For visitors coming here from other places, the trees are greatly admired."

"IT IS A SHAME WHAT'S GOING ON WITH the trees on Second and Fourth streets. I feel what's going on with the trees is like what's going on in the White House, where the will of the people is not being respected. The few

are deciding for the majority. The people of Santa Monica feel very strongly that these trees should be kept. I believe that there is a lot of political and power interests involved in this — \$600,000 contract to chop down these trees. Someone must be profiting from that. I'm very disappointed, especially Councilman Bobby Shriver. He ran on the premise that he didn't want his hedge to be cut down. Now he's supporting that healthy trees be chopped down. I don't understand."

"I KNOW THE TREESAVERS WILL SAVE our ficus trees. We have to get rid of our City Council. We have to get a new group of people who will save our trees."

"IF THE TREE'S SICK OR DEAD, THAT'S A good reason to chop it down, for firewood or whatever, but if the tree's healthy, there's no reason to remove it just because someone doesn't like it. That's not a valid reason. Of course, once politicians decide to do something, they don't care what the people say. It wouldn't surprise me if they head out in the middle of the night to cut those trees down."

"ALL THE YEARS WE'VE BEEN WORKING here, we've enjoyed the presence of the trees. We like the shade they give us, the oxygen. We'd like to keep them as they are. We don't want them cut down."

"I BELIEVE THE SPIRIT OF THE TREESAVERS will help eliminate global warming, and will allow the birds to continue to build their nests there, and will help protect all the senior citizens who rely on the trees to breathe from the gas fumes on Second and Fourth streets. I support the Treesavers. I do not want to see it happen and will do whatever I can do to protect them. Please save them."

"I'M VERY GLAD THE TREESAVERS — FOR now — have prevailed. For this stinking city to think they can do such a thing is positively outrageous. This is the city of 'Samolicious' — sometimes they do things that just don't make sense. I just can't imagine people wanting to take beautiful ficus trees that provide a lot of necessary shade for the populace here. I'm glad, for now, we have prevailed. I think we'll prevail for good."

"I'M REALLY WORRIED ABOUT THE trees on Second and Fourth. They want to chop them down? I think that's really terrible. Is there anything we can do about it?"

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DARKNESS DESCENDS: The ficus trees along Fourth Street continue to spark debate.

"NO, I DON'T THINK THE CITY COUNCIL is going to keep from cutting the ficus trees down. City Council seems to take their own counsel and not that of those who elected them. I think it's a great travesty because those trees help add to the small town-ness of the city. I'm very bereaved at the whole situation."

"HAVING LEARNED THE TREES WILL BE transplanted close to the airport, where the trees do not do well because of the pollution caused by the planes ... as a Treesaver, I believe we should do whatever it takes to save these trees from murder."

"IT ONLY MAKES SENSE TO SAVE THE trees that are already there and healthy. Mature trees filter out more pollution and have a bigger impact on the environment than saplings. It doesn't make any sense to replace trees that have been there for years with something that will have a negative environmental effect. I still can't believe the City Council still wants to do this. It just doesn't make any sense."

"YOU KNOW WHAT? THEY OUGHT TO find a happy medium. Take the diseased trees out, leave the other ones standing, destroy the diseased trees and fix the sidewalks."

"NOT 'ENOUGH WITH THE TREES ALREADY:' The trees need to be saved. It's the most sensible thing to do, all the way around — for beauty, for air quality, for practicality, for financial reasons. The trees need to be saved and not enough has been said until they are."

"THE TREESAVERS HAVE TO WIN THIS fight, because if they don't, it only proves that someone at City hall is getting their palms greased. To go against the will of the people — so many citizens adamantly opposed — makes one wonder what is going on."

"SOME OF THE PEOPLE LIVING IN SANTA Monica have marbles for brains, and sometimes they take them out and play with them. If they spent as much energy looking for senior housing as they have on these ficus trees, maybe Santa Monica would be a lot better off. Sure, the trees give shade. They also ruin the sidewalks and plumbing, people fall on them, the city is sued. They need to lay this ficus mess to rest and get on bigger issues than trees."

"I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE OUTCOME

will be, but this should be a wake-up call against routinely reelecting the same lifers on the City Council ... and perhaps even, someday, an accountable mayor, and the judgment of a forester who planted along Pico (Boulevard) those sad, dying London Plane trees — so inappropriate for this climate, can hardly be trusted."

"I AM THRILLED THAT THE TREE activists have gotten them to postpone taking down these trees without more investigation. I hope it's not just a temporary victory. I hope we're going to show this City Council and city planners that the city has some say in what goes on. Cutting down healthy trees is not on anyone's agenda that I know. It'll be 'enough with the trees already' when the city leaves them alone."

"I THINK THE TREE ACTIVISTS SHOULD continue with their crusade. They should go as far as they need to until the City Council sees the errors in their ways. While they may not respond to the environmental impacts in terms of urban deforestation, I think that they might rethink that they will not attract more shoppers to Second and Fourth streets by removing the shade. I think profits is what's behind their development plan, but with the public outcry, I'm hopeful the city will come around and give the people what they want — to leave the healthy trees in their place. They're old-growth 40-year-old trees, and it's not necessary to cut them down and transplant them. They're quite beautiful as they are."

"I THINK THOSE TREES ON SECOND AND Fourth streets should be cut down, sidewalks repaired and new beautiful trees — like on Broadway — replacing them. There's plenty of shade on Broadway after one of two years. Second and Fourth street are two of the ugliest streets in the downtown district because of those trees. They make it much too dark, much too dirty and the sidewalks are much too broken up."

"I BELIEVE THE TREE ACTIVISTS WILL prevail in their attempt to save these beautiful trees. They can go as far as they imagine with this. The word is out and people are joining forces in the thrust to do what is morally right."

"I THINK IT SHOULD GO UNTIL IT'S gonna be a full-fledged legal battle. The Council does not represent the people."

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Spears makes surprise visit to court

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Troubled pop princess Britney Spears made a surprise appearance in court Thursday and won a modification of visitation rules that will allow the two little boys she had with ex-husband Kevin Federline to spend one overnight a week with her accompanied by a court-appointed monitor.

Spears spent about an hour in a closed court session after a commissioner initially declined to rule on her emergency request to expand visitation. She then drove from the courthouse in a white Mercedes-Benz and was swarmed by news media at a stop light, escaping only after sheriff's deputies ran from the courthouse to aid her.

Neither Spears nor her attorneys spoke to reporters after the hearing.

Superior Court spokesman Allan Parachini announced that the visitation order had been modified to permit the children, who were recently placed in Federline's custody, to have one overnight visit a week with their mother.

Spears was previously allowed monitored visits with the children but no overnight stays.

Parachini said he could not say who the overnight monitor would be.

Spears testified during the hearing, he said. "Her voice was soft and respectful."

Federline agreed to the modification, his attorney, Mark Vincent Kaplan, said outside court.

"He agreed — didn't have to — but he

agreed that he would allow that additional time ... provided that there were additional assurances in place that made him feel the kids were protected," Kaplan said.

Spears' attorney had asked the court to consider her mother, Lynne Spears, as the monitor.

Kaplan would not say when the first overnight would occur or who the monitor would be, but he said he opposes use of family members as court-appointed monitors because of a conflict of interest.

Spears, 25, and Federline, 29, were married in October 2004 and divorced last July. They both must appear in court Oct. 26 for a status hearing.

Spears came to court a few hours after a hearing in which only lawyers for both sides appeared before Superior Court

Commissioner Scott Gordon in open court. He declined to rule on Spears' emergency motion but told the lawyers to meet outside court to discuss the issue, which led to the singer's appearance.

"I'm doing good," Spears said in response to a reporter's question as she headed into court dressed in blue jeans, a long black sweater and wearing aviator sunglasses. She sipped from a Coca-Cola can as she approached the courtroom. An attorney took it from her and placed it on a bench as she entered.

Spears played nervously with her jeans pocket as she stood to be sworn in.

Spears was asked her name and replied, "Britney."

"Britney Spears," she added when Gordon asked her to give her full name.

Foreclosure numbers continue to rise across the nation

BY ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES Foreclosure filings across the U.S. nearly doubled last month compared with September 2006, as financially strapped homeowners already behind on mortgage payments defaulted on their loans or came closer to losing their homes to foreclosure, a real estate information company said Thursday.

A total of 223,538 foreclosure filings were reported in September, up from 112,210 in the same month a year ago,

according to Irvine-based RealtyTrac Inc.

The number of filings in September was down 8 percent from August's 243,947, the firm said.

Despite the sequential decline, the September figure represents the second-highest total for filings in a single month since the company began tracking monthly filings two years ago.

"August was an extraordinarily high month for foreclosure activity, so some falloff was almost predictable," said Rick Sharga, RealtyTrac's vice president for marketing.

The filings include default notices, auction sale notices and bank repossessions. Some properties might have received more than one notice if the owners have multiple mortgages.

Typically, borrowers must be 60 to 90 days past due on their mortgage payments before their lender will consider them in default, the first stage of the foreclosure process. If a homeowner can't find a way to get current on payments, the home is then often put up for auction, and if it doesn't sell, it eventually goes back to the bank.

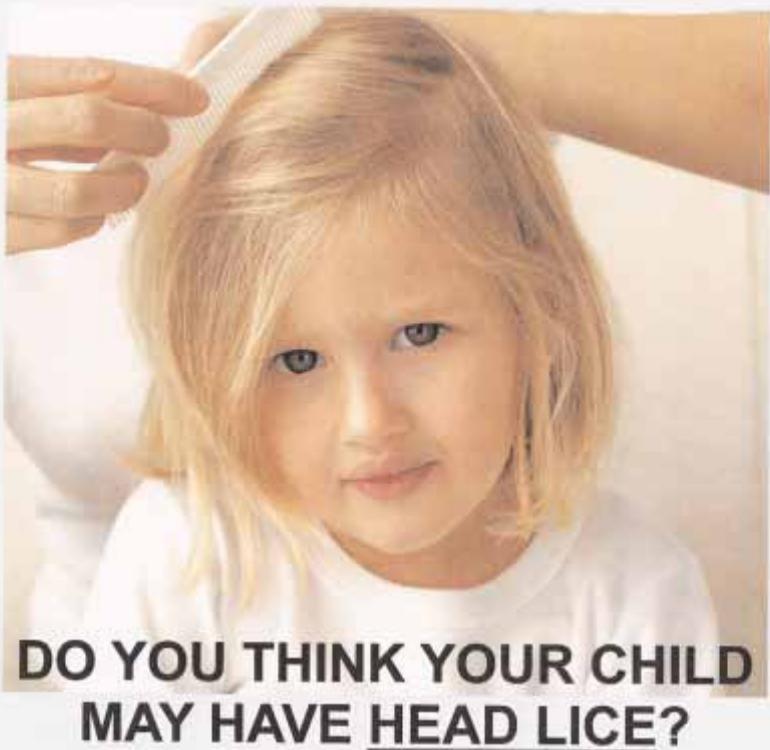
In all, 39 states saw a decline in foreclosure filings, the firm said.

Sharga noted that there was a spike in the number of bank repossessions in August that did not occur in September.

It's likely that the sequential decline in foreclosure activity between August and September was just a blip, not a bellwether of lessening foreclosure filings.

The foreclosure rate for the nation in September was one foreclosure filing for every 557 households, the firm said.

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Speaker has close ties to fundraiser

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
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Associated Press Writers

LOS ANGELES State Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez shares a luxury downtown penthouse with a prominent fundraiser who has collected nearly \$600,000 in fees and expenses from Nunez's political committees and the state Democratic Party since 2005.

State law places no restrictions on legislators living with friends or fundraisers, but some government watchdog groups say such arrangements can raise potential conflicts because of the proximity of political power and contributors' money.

Nunez, a Los Angeles Democrat and one of the state's most powerful dealmakers, pays \$1,000 of the \$4,325 rent to live part-time in the loft-style penthouse in his district, which has 20-foot ceilings and jetliner views.

He also owns a \$1.2 million ranch-style home in Sacramento with his wife, Maria Robles.

Nunez said in an interview that he sees no conflict living with his chief fundraiser, Dan Weitzman, a decade-long friend who began working as a fundraiser for him several years ago. He described his living expenses as above board and explained that he pays a share of the rent because he only uses one room and spends only two or three days there a week.

"Dan and I have been friends for years; we are good friends," Nunez said. "I brought him on to be my chief fundraiser because I needed someone who was going to work hard, and no one works harder

than Dan Weitzman."

Kathay Feng, executive director of the nonprofit watchdog group California Common Cause, said Nunez's living arrangement in Los Angeles is troubling because donors Weitzman solicits for money often seek an audience with Nunez because of his position as the second most powerful politician in California. A shared apartment could enable that access, she said.

Feng said the state Fair Political Practices Commission should expand its review of a complaint that was filed previously over Nunez's use of campaign funds and investigate his living arrangement with Weitzman.

"Whether that cozy relationship as roommates leads to inappropriate or even illegal campaign activities is what I think would merit additional investigation," she said.

Nunez spokesman Steve Maviglio said the speaker and Weitzman spend time together at the apartment only rarely. He said Weitzman also owns a home in Sacramento.

In a telephone interview, Weitzman said he and Nunez do not meet with or entertain donors at the building.

"It's not that kind of place. I have an office there, fax machine, computer, phone," he said.

Weitzman said his time at the apartment varies and that he typically is there a couple days each week. Asked about Feng's comment that the arrangement raises potential ethical issues, he said, "I just disagree."

Details of the speaker's Los Angeles lifestyle were gleaned from interviews and records reviewed by The Associated Press

and emerge at a time when Nunez has been under scrutiny for spending thousands of campaign dollars on lavish overseas trips, expensive dinners and fancy gifts. He has said there is nothing improper about those expenditures.

Nunez, 40, the son of an immigrant gardener, grew up in Tijuana and a San Diego neighborhood distinguished by junkyards and liquor stores. Today, his mortgage, rent and property tax bills combined total more than \$8,000 a month — an amount about equal to his entire take-home pay as one of the state's highest-paid lawmakers.

Nunez makes \$130,000 a year in the Legislature, plus \$170 for expenses each day the Assembly is in session. His wife also brings in a six-figure income through her political consulting business.

His glass, steel and concrete penthouse is a short walk from the Los Angeles Lakers' home court, the Staples Center, in a trendy neighborhood that is in the midst of a housing boom.

"I don't stay in a penthouse; it's a loft," Nunez said, referring to the two-story, top-floor apartment, which has hardwood floors and stainless steel furnishings. The building's owner describes the unit on its Web site as a penthouse.

In Sacramento, his green-shuttered home with a manicured front lawn is surrounded by evergreens. It sits on a sizable lot along the American River. The couple bought the three-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath home in an affluent neighborhood east of downtown Sacramento in summer 2006.

Last summer, Nunez sold a home he

owned in Sacramento for two years. His office said he made a profit of about \$90,000 on the sale, but county records indicate he lost about \$51,000 on the deal. A few months before the purchase, his wife also sold a home she owned for eight years in Claremont, a suburb east of Los Angeles, and made about \$415,000.

Those funds helped pay the \$300,000 down payment on their current home. To cover the remainder of the costs, they took out a \$950,000, 30-year fixed mortgage. The monthly mortgage on the Nunez property is about \$6,100, when last year's interest rates are factored in.

Nunez expressed dismay that his lifestyle and living costs have been portrayed in the media as opulent and excessive. The remarks were his first since he walked away from a television reporter days ago while being questioned about the expensive meals and purchases he made with campaign money, disclosures first reported by the Los Angeles Times.

"I am fully blessed that I've been able to live the American Dream. I've come from humble beginnings, and I'm never going to forget where I came from," Nunez told the AP. "To be a good advocate of the poor, you don't have to take a vow of poverty. I've lived that, and it's not good."

Nunez has been criticized this week by bloggers, newspaper columnists and even his allies in the labor movement for being out of touch, based on his spending habits: "There's not too big a difference between how I live and how most middle-class people live," Nunez told the Times.

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GONE DARK: Westside Chronicle's most recent edition.

Westside Chronicle suspends publication

FROM PAPER PAGE 3

Monica Chamber of Commerce in October 2006, said that he didn't even know that the paper had ceased publication and was puzzled by the paper's sudden interruption. Lynch said that he hadn't been in communication with anybody at the paper since leaving his post last year in a move to avoid any potential conflict of interest created by heading both organizations simultaneously.

Lynch and the chamber have since severed ties.

This latest drama for the Westside Chronicle should come as no surprise to local news readers. Saghal had been embroiled in a long-time dispute with the Beverly Hills Courier, a paper for which he had previously worked. The publisher of the Courier had accused Saghal of stealing trade secrets while employed by the company only to turn around and use that information to help launch his short-lived publication. Saghal vehemently denied the allegations and the two parties were involved

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in an ongoing legal battle when the paper ceased operation.

The Courier's publisher, Clifton Smith, Jr., who had been engaged with the Chronicle in a protracted legal fight, refused to comment on the matter.

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Coalition of Help honors success

FROM HONORS PAGE 3

fiancé and I lost our house in Riverside and both our jobs. It all seemed to happen at once," Sanchez said. "We found ourselves homeless with two kids."

The family lived in transient limbo, bouncing around from outreach program to outreach program, city to city, never getting the support that her and her family needed to self-sustain.

In one instance, Sanchez was told by Catholic Charities in Pomona that she and her family would receive lodging for somewhere close to 30 days. They were only put up for six.

Then, Sanchez learned that she was pregnant with a third child.

"That was the breaking point," she said.

Their relationship tested to the limit, she and her fiancé separated.

"He went to his mom's," said Sanchez. "I went to Upward Bound."

Upward Bound offers a number of programs, from education to transitional living.

"I don't think I would have made it if we didn't split up," she said.

Sanchez currently lives in Santa Monica courtesy of a section 8 voucher and is studying psychology at Santa Monica College.

"I'm pushing to get a woman support group on campus for depression and anxiety," she said.

The Westside Shelter & Hunger Coalition "is the largest

coalition, that I know of, in Los Angeles," said Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom. "That speaks volumes."

Bloom recently went on a ride along with H.L.P., or the homeless liaison program, a specialized team of police that act as a direct link between those living on the street and city social services organizations.

"I saw hope in the faces of these people," he said.

Officer Robert Martinez was assigned to H.L.P. seven years ago.

"This is non-traditional police work," said Martinez. "For instance, we drove a girl to a clinic to get pregnancy exams ... we knew her from the work we do on the streets. She opened up to us."

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This underdog has yet to attack

St. Monica's football team hopes to end losing streak

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

MEMORIAL PARK For a team that hasn't won a game since September 2005 and hasn't scored a single point in its last four, St. Monica's squad looked surprisingly upbeat at their practice here Friday afternoon.

Teammates were cracking jokes on one another as they milled around waiting for their coach to arrive. Others tossed around a football or talked about hip-hop, girls and the homecoming dance this Sunday. There wasn't a frown anywhere to be seen.

"We're all feeling pretty good right now," said Micky Bowe, 17, a co-captain for the varsity squad and a defensive tackle who has played all four years at the small Roman Catholic school located on Lincoln Boulevard, just north of Wilshire. "We've lost a lot of games and so it's hard to stay positive, but that's what this team's about. We go out and have fun and we just try to concentrate on that. No matter what the score is, I'm still playing football and still have the chance to knock somebody down."

The Mariners will be looking to snap a 24-game losing streak Saturday night when they take on the talented, and still undefeated Bishop's School. The Knights of La Jolla have beaten their opponents by an average of 51 points per game and are heavily favored to win, even by St. Monica's coach, Sean Ritter.

"We're just looking to be competitive and use this game as a tune-up before we start league play," said Ritter, a former offensive lineman for the University of Connecticut who took control of the Mariners over the summer. He's the third coach the team has had in the last three years.

"It's been a frustrating year so far," Ritter added. "Last year we didn't have much of a chance, but this year expectations were a little bit higher and we're not deliv-



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LINE 'EM UP: The St. Monica Mariners run through offensive drills during practice Thursday at Memorial Park.

ering right now. Out of the five games we've played, I think we've had four we should have competed in and maybe three we could have won. We really haven't competed in any of them."

THE WRONG KIND OF LEGACY

The reason for the string of defeats this season could very well be the team's performance last season. Having

not won a game in more than two seasons can take its toll on a team's morale and their desire to compete.

"Losing is definitely contagious," said Jack White, the assistant athletic director for St. Monica. "I think the problem is self-perpetuating. Once you're down, there's a stigma that goes along with that. The kids you would like to have involved, some of the better athletes, don't want to associate themselves with a particular program. They'd

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GATHERING THE TROOPS: Sean Ritter, head football coach for St. Monica's High School (0-5), runs over plays with the varsity team during practice Thursday. This week's opponent — Bishop's School — is beating its opponents by an average of 51 points this season.

rather play basketball or some other sport. When you're down, it's hard to pull kids into the program."

St. Monica does have it rough. Not only are they a small school with only 40 or so players on the squad, the football team does not have a practice field to call its own nor a nearby home field. Players must practice on a makeshift gridiron that they have to paint themselves and play their home games at St. Bernard High School in Playa Del Rey, making their homecoming anything but welcome.

On top of that, players have had to deal with three different coaches during the last three years, each one with different attitudes and philosophies.

The players have taken notice and are hoping that Ritter stays for awhile, helping to maintain some kind of consistency.

White has already noticed a difference. "He has really formalized the program," White said of Ritter, who served as an assistant coach last year. "We saw a lot of activity in the summer and early fall, just getting the kids ready. There's a lot more accountability for the kids this year. They are very involved and are working hard."

White and Ritter said more freshman have signed up for football this year and they hope to make that a trend.

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Another reason for the Mariner's losing ways could very well be scheduling. In years past, coaches have pit their teams against some powerhouses in Southern California. They have played against schools with more than 3,000 students and more than 100 players. St. Monica has roughly 40 players, with more than a handful being underclassman.

One of those tough teams was Santa Monica High School's Vikings. They were on the Mariners' schedule the last three years, an attempt to breed a cross-town rivalry. But that backfired as the Mariners were defeated handily in all contests, including last year's 52-0 drubbing.

Ritter said scheduling larger schools like Santa Monica was a mistake.

"The coach a few years back thought it would be good for the community to start a rivalry, but you can't have much of a rivalry between a nail and a hammer," Ritter said. "We were just not competing and it made no sense for one of our guys to get injured or one of their guys to get injured for a game that really wasn't competitive."

To make matters worse, the Mariners play in a league stacked with talent. Verbum Dei and La Salle, two of St. Monica's league rivals, played against one another for the

division championship last year.

"Our league is on a tremendous upswing right now," Ritter said.

To make it to the playoffs, St. Monica will have to finish in the top three. There are only four teams in the league.

IT'S HARD TO STAY POSITIVE, BUT THAT'S WHAT THIS TEAM'S ABOUT."

Micky Bowe, St. Monica co-captain

STAY FOCUSED

To advance to the playoffs, Ritter would like for his team to keep it simple and stick with the basics. His philosophy is to take care of the little things and then the big things will take care of themselves.

"This year our motto has kind of been to just forget it and drive on," Ritter said. "If you make a mistake, put it behind you and just go on to the next play. Obviously, we haven't followed that with a whole lot of success."

But that's fine, Ritter said, because no matter what happens, there are always lessons to be learned, even in losing.

"As a football coach, you learn more than just the game," Ritter said. "You are responsible for teaching life lessons as well, and that lesson here is that in life, you are not always going to succeed. Losing does build character. I think we've built plenty so far. We probably need to win."

Ritter believes that there is too much coddling in sports. He said there comes a time when not every athlete can get a medal or a trophy.

"Part of the problem in society today is that nobody wants kids to fail," Ritter said. "In this world 10 guys will run a race and all 10 will get ribbons. That's good for younger kids, but at some point they've got to learn failure because that will make them more able to handle it in the real world."

Injured quarterback Dana Soto-Campos knows this to be true. As he struggles with an injury he is still at practice encouraging his teammates to work hard, and have fun at the same time.

"It's not easy to sit out and watch the team losing, but life isn't easy either," Soto-Campos said. "All we can do is continue to work hard and never give up hope. We know that as long as we play hard, nothing else matters."

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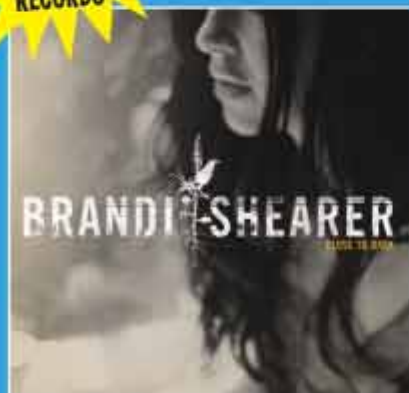
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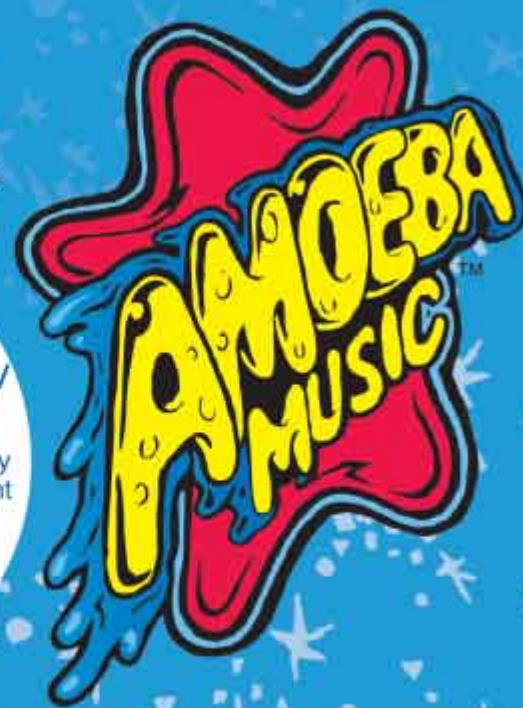
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Town's trash is another's treasure

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY YARDS From behind a long line of dump trucks that sat idling while their drivers waited to dispose of their loads, a homeless man with scraggly gray hair and a long beard appeared, pushing a broken baby stroller piled high with trash bags stuffed with recyclables.

The man, who said his name was “just James,” was on his way to the Santa Monica Recycling Center, where he was looking to cash in his load, hoping to secure enough money to buy some food and batteries for his radio.

“If I’m lucky, sometimes I can get 20 bucks (a day), sometimes 30, but that’s rare,” said James, who claims to have lived on the streets of Santa Monica and West Los Angeles for the last four years or more, a situation he blames on alcohol and depression.

“Most of the time, I make just enough to get me a meal and something to drink,” he said. “But it’s better than panhandling. No matter how bad it is, I just don’t want to do that.

“I’ve got my pride.”

Rather than standing on street corners with his hand out, James prefers to stroll through alleys late at night and dig into trash cans and recycling bins for plastic bottles, cans, paper and cardboard — all of which he can turn in for cash.

The only problem with his methods? Taking recyclables out of city-owned bins is illegal. In fact, taking anything from any trash bin is illegal, subjecting those caught to a \$500 fine as well as six months in jail, said Chief Deputy City Attorney Betty Haviland, who is in charge of the criminal division.

“We definitely get our fair share, (of violators),” Haviland said. “We may get five a week.”

Those numbers could rise as the prices paid for recyclables also rises, and it won’t just be the homeless who will be in court. More and more, law enforcement officers are arresting professional thieves who make a living stealing recyclables, mostly scrap metal and copper from old buildings or construction sites. There have been stories of people stealing guard rails, manhole covers and air conditioning units, with one report of a man electrocuted while trying to grab some copper wiring.

At the recycling center, Allan Co., which runs the operation on behalf of the city, recently put up a sign informing customers that they must show a valid California I.D. if they wish to bring in copper.

There, aluminum cans can fetch as much as \$1.55 a pound, while glass is worth \$1.02 a pound. Plastic bottles are 90 cents per pound, while cardboard is almost 6 cents a pound. Copper can go as high as \$2.92 per pound, depending on the type of copper.

“It’s definitely growing into a big problem, but here in Santa Monica, we don’t get many calls about it,” said Lt. Alex Padilla with the Santa Monica Police Department. “We always encourage residents to call us if they see something that’s not right, but we just aren’t getting as many calls as we did when the (recycling) program first started.”

At that time, Padilla said many more people were diving in dumpsters in search of valuable recyclables, but that subsided after officers began aggressively enforcing the law against such activity. Once word got out that there was a fine involved and jail time, the thefts became less frequent.

TRUE FEELINGS

Some Santa Monicans would find the reported dip in thefts hard to believe, especially those who are awakened early in the morning by the sound of shopping carts full of glass bottles and aluminum cans echoing down the alley. Many residents feel the practice of dumpster diving is still going on in large numbers and feel City Hall should be more aggressive in cutting off the illegal source of income, which is another magnet that attracts the homeless.

But just like the issue of homelessness itself, the theft of recyclables is just as divisive, virtually splitting the community in two — those who are opposed to it, and those who don’t see anything wrong with poor people trying to make a living by any means necessary.

Michael Scott isn’t in favor of allowing the illegal activity to continue. From his home office window in Mid-City, Scott said he sees a lot more than just the homeless rummaging through trash bins, throwing garbage onto the street in their rush to find papers and plastics. He also spots organized teams with trucks and vans driving through the alleys at all times of the day and making a mad dash for the blue bins.

One day, while Scott was taking his dog for a walk, he ran into a man he believed was homeless who was digging through a trash can, throwing garbage on the ground.



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IN THE DUMPS: A city ordinance prohibiting people from taking anything out of trash or recycling bins has done little to curb such thefts. A number of local homeless people squeak out a living by cashing in recyclables found in alley bins.

Scott said he asked the man to clean up after himself. The man told him to step off.

“I told him not to talk to me that way,” Scott said. “He kind of turned his back to me and then came around fast and lunged at my chest with a knife ... Luckily, he missed.”

From then on, Scott has been diligent about calling the police whenever he sees mischief, but he has noticed that sometimes, the officers let people off with a warning, something he believes only encourages thieves to continue.

“My issue is that Santa Monica spends so much money on services to help people and they either don’t take advantage of it or there isn’t enough advocates to help people, so the result is someone lunging at me with a knife in broad daylight,” Scott said. “My girlfriend has an 8-year-old daughter and there are other kids in this neighborhood.”

Aside from being woken up by the sound of people rummaging through the bins, Scott said he is concerned about the tax dollars spent on recycling programs and how much of that is wasted when people steal. Increased theft could equal higher rates for residents.

Santa Monica and other cities are required to divert at least 50 percent of their garbage from landfills. A lot of that comes from waste reduction programs, such as purchasing recycled paper and making double-sided copies at the office, but a considerable amount also comes from recycling. The city’s diversion rate went from 67 percent two years ago to 62 percent. City officials are not sure what was responsible for the drop, but an increase in thefts of recyclables could be to blame.

“We are investigating it and looking at what other entities are doing. It’s just hard to get a hold on it,” said Wes Thompson, City Hall’s solid waste supervisor. “It’s the finger in the dike. We can’t be everywhere at once. I’ve personally stopped people and then they show up two blocks away.”

Thompson said solid waste has looked at purchasing different types of bins, including those with gravity locks, but nothing is full proof.

“On one hand, we want to prevent people from getting into the bins, but we are also trying to make them as easily accessible as possible for residents,” Thompson said. “We can’t lock them up because everyone needs to have access to them.”

It is difficult to put numbers on the amount of recyclables taken from bins over the last year, Thompson said, but he is aware of the complaints from residents.

“We will continue to work closely with the police,” Thompson said. “I have gone out and given my number to people and told them to call me and we’ll send someone out right away.”

Thompson urges people not to make it easy for the recycling thieves. That means don’t bag your recyclables and set them on top or on the side of a bin.

“This only encourages them,” Thompson said.

As far as banning people who walk into the recycling center with shopping carts loaded with recyclables, Thompson said that can’t be done. The recycling center is supposed to be open to anyone and everyone, even those who are suspected of digging through the trash. That is why there is no fingerprinting of repeat customers or a requirement to have identification when dropping off bottles and cans and other common recyclables.

“Unless we see them actually taking things out of the bins, we can’t prevent them from coming,” Thompson said.

Representatives from Allan Co. declined to comment.

Advocates for the homeless said police should be focusing on the “big fish” and not be so concerned about homeless people who are trying to make some money without resorting to serious crimes, such as armed robbery or burglary. They believe laws such as those in Santa Monica that prevent people from sorting through garbage unfairly target those who are down and out and criminalize homelessness.

Michael Stoops, director of the National Coalition for the Homeless, which called Santa Monica one of the meanest cities when it comes to the homeless because of anti-camping and feeding laws, said that recyclables in blue bins should be off limits because that property belongs to the city, but anything else is fair game.

“These people are really doing a service for the community,” Stoops said. “They are going through the garbage picking out things that can be recycled, but people have just thrown away. They are preventing tons of recyclables from entering the landfills.”

Joselyn Sanders, whose bedroom window faces an alley on 18th Street, agrees with Stoops and believes it is hypocritical for Santa Monica to prosecute the homeless for recycling when the city promotes itself as environmentally friendly and offers so many services that attract the homeless.

“I really have no problem with it at all,” Sanders said of the illegal recyclers. “They’ve got to make a living too.”

As for James, he hopes he can continue to make some money and not get caught. He doesn’t see himself doing it for long, but for now, it keeps him moving from one day to the next.

“I’m not hurting anyone and I’m not out on the streets begging,” he said. “I think what I’m doing is fair. How many people are going to want to stick their heads in a trash can?”

“I wouldn’t if I didn’t have to.”

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SIGHT GAG: The characters in 'Cavemen' are funny to look at, but the show doesn't have enough humor to sustain it.

'Cavemen' is primitive

You might recall in my first Channel Surfing column, I waxed poetic (okay, I rambled incoherently) about the notion that television might be in a "golden period." I cited examples of gifted film talents moving to TV and quality programming such as "The Sopranos," "The Wire," "Mad Men," and "Rescue Me." Some readers wrote me noting that these were cable shows and that I had not paid enough attention to network fare. With that in mind, I recently visited the pilots of two ABC shows, "Cavemen," and "Carpoolers." After only one hour I think I better amend that whole "golden period" thing.

A frequent critique of a bad comedy is that it was a one joke script, meaning the one joke didn't sustain the story and wore thin over time. "Caveman" wore thin before the first commercial. "Cavemen" is perhaps the first ever commercial turned into a sitcom. Let's hope it's the last. The show is based on a GEICO Car Insurance commercial featuring cavemen living in a modern world. They dress, talk and act like everybody else, only they are Cro-Magnon's, and sensitive ones at that.

The GEICO commercials are a spoof on politically correct speech and attitudes. When the voice over tells the viewer, "GEICO is so easy even a caveman could get it," these cavemen, in suits and ties, or tennis clothes, are deeply offended. I may be one of the few, but I've always thought this series was quite clever. However, a commercial, no matter how witty, does not a TV show make. Certainly not in this case.

The pilot of "Caveman" took place in Atlanta but there was a firestorm of complaints about racial insensitivity. Sights directed at the cavemen characters were interpreted by some as slights against African-Americans. So the show was "relocated" to San Diego. It's a bit ironic, that a program designed to lampoon politically correct behavior winds up succumbing to it. Frankly, that should be "Cavemen's" worst sin.

Hard-working Joel (Bill English) lives with his slacker roommate Nick (Nick Kroll) and his brother Andy (Sam Huntington), who's pining for an ex-girlfriend who dumped him. Joel, meanwhile, is carrying on a torrid affair with a pretty blond Homo Sapien named Kate (Kaitlin Doubleday). Nick, the most militant of the cavemen, has advised against dating a "sape" and preaches "keep your penis in your genus," which believe it or not, are among the funnier lines.

"Cavemen" appears to be a show against all prejudice,

which is a noble thought but, as applied here, hardly edgy, and more importantly, hardly funny. "All in the Family" took on prejudice and provided groundbreaking humor 36 years ago. (It ran from 1971 to 1983.) Maybe that was the "golden age?"

Basically "Cavemen" is a sight gag masquerading as a sitcom. There isn't enough time to list the many things wrong with it. For example, how did the cavemen get this way? In a 30 second commercial a viewer doesn't stop to question it but in a half-hour show, it would be nice if they'd have answered it.

The acting and effort in "Caveman" is admirable. And the makeup is impressive. And yet, hesitant as I am to say this, I found myself not enjoying looking at the cavemen. It's an interesting look in a 30 second ad, but after 22 minutes, they're borderline repulsive. (Please, don't send e-mails accusing me of discrimination. Some of my best friends are cavemen.) "Cavemen" airs every Tuesday on ABC at 8 p.m. If you're going to watch, you better hurry because it may not last long. I've read that GEICO feels the show is so bad it's hurting their business.

Following "Cavemen" is "Carpoolers" a sitcom about four guys who carpool to the same office each morning. In the opening we meet the newest carpooler, Dougie (Tim Peper) who is warned by Aubrey (Jerry Minor) that Laird (Jerry O'Connell), a recently divorced dentist who lost everything but his exercise machine, is a bit grouchy. The fourth member, Gracen (Fred Goss) is a marriage counselor concerned his real estate agent wife is making more money than he is and that his lazy son will never get a job.

As the carpoolers speed along in the diamond lane next to a traffic jam, Aubrey sings to a song on the radio. He's very good and gets into it so much, the others join in. But inexplicably Aubrey begins to cry. He tells the group, "I lost my virginity to that song ... at least during the first verse."

"Carpoolers" isn't going to make anyone forget "Seinfeld" or "Cheers" or even "The Office" but it has potential. On the downside, it follows "Caveman" which is not much of a lead-in. "Carpoolers" airs Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m. on ABC.

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NEW RELEASES

REVIEW BY TAYLOR VAN ARSDALE

Just go, baby!

The first thing you notice about Ben Affleck's directorial debut, "Gone Baby Gone," is that the writing sizzles. There's a distinct rhythm and cadence to the Boston dialect and kudos to writing duo Aaron Stockard and Affleck for getting it right on the money. This duo makes one helluva team and I hope we'll see more projects from both in the near future.

"Gone Baby Gone" is an authentic, sharp, acerbic film completely capturing the essence of the crime-saturated Bostonian suburb of Dorchester in which it takes place. Story focuses on two young detectives, Kenzie (Casey Affleck) and Gennaro (Michelle Monaghan), who reluctantly take on the case of missing child Amanda McCready. That Amanda's mother, Helene (played with gritty realism by Amy Ryan) is a coke whore, more interested in her own sexual escapades than the safe return of her daughter, seems to be of no concern to the headstrong Kenzie, who would rather see by-the-book justice meted out, and the child found (if indeed alive) and returned to her rightful parent, regardless of the consequences or impact on the child.

The story itself is fairly predictable: Good guys chase bad guys, good guys kill bad guys, and just as you'd suspect, there's a crooked cop involved in the whole scheme. The plot has some nice twists and turns but if I have one complaint, and I do, it's that the film suffers from weak transitions and lighting problems. With its long, weary dips to black, rings of sunlight gratuitously reflected back into the camera lens, artsy shadows, and pointless and unnecessary voiceover, the film, at times, feels a bit like an incredibly expensive student film.

Technical issues aside, the performances are outstanding. Monaghan ("MI3" and "Kiss Kiss Bang Bang") is interesting to watch, as always, and with her upturned mouth and plucky attitude, she's the precise blend of femininity meets street-smart tough – a perfect compliment to her unyielding investigative partner/lover.



Photo courtesy Miramax Films

STAR TURN: Casey Affleck stars in 'Gone.'

Casey Affleck's intense portrayal of a character struggling to make the "right" choice is not only engaging it's award-worthy. He will blow you away. Ed Harris is also spectacular, but then, when isn't he?

"Gone Baby Gone" with its mix of appealing private eyes, reprehensible drug dealers and ex-cons, the backdrop of a nefarious Boston suburb, lots of guns, violence, and the possibility for endless character arcs; screams, "Spin-me-off!" It's got all the right ingredients for a compelling television or made-for-cable crime drama series.

Be forewarned; this is not a happy, feel-good movie. It's a contemplative, introspective piece, one in which you will leave the theater questioning the character's decisions; mulling over the moral gray zone they negotiate daily. It is worth seeing for its standout performances, phenomenal writing and provocative themes.

Don't blame me for the unhappy ending. Go, Baby Go!

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NEW DVD RELEASES

BY RANDY WILLIAMS

'Home Run Derby 3'

This timeless blast from the past serves up the third and final version of the game's greatest sluggers from the '50 and '60s facing off in a pure power hitting contest. Willie Mays and Mickey Mantle are among the legends stepping up to the plate in this edition. The single-elimination tournament was filmed at Wrigley Field ... in Los Angeles, not Chicago. (MGM)

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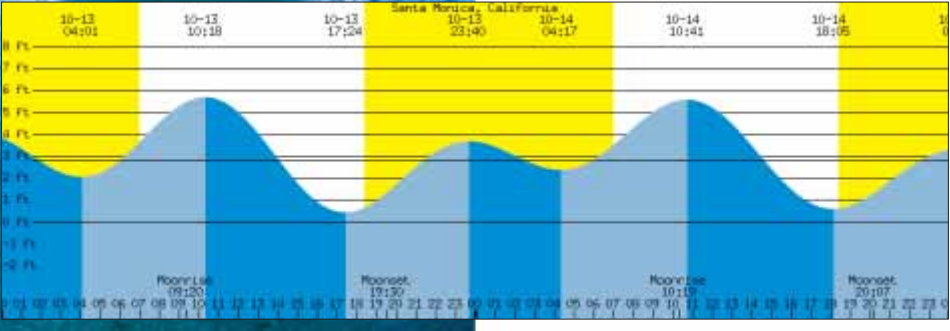
SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 60°

SWELL FORECAST (3-4 FT)
Saturday, we should see a light to moderate combo of NW and SW swells. The SW is from some New Zealand activity last week, and the NW from a weaker Gulf system. West facing breaks are looking at chest high surf, waist high for south facing spots. Sunday the 14th the SW should increase a tad as NW remains in play. Waist to chest high most everywhere seems like a reasonable call.

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 2

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0

Number of wet days -- 4

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 41 / 35

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 9

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

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Sanchez to make first career start

BY JOHN NADEL

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Quarterback Mark Sanchez will make his first career start for No. 10 Southern California on Saturday, replacing the injured John David Booty against Arizona.

USC coach Pete Carroll made official after practice Thursday what had been expected since the beginning of the week, when Booty was unable to throw because of the soreness and swelling in the broken middle finger on his throwing hand.

“We’re counting on him to play a heck of a game,” Carroll said of Sanchez, a 6-foot-3, 225-pound redshirt sophomore. “He had a great week. He’s been around this offense for years. I know how excited he is — I’ve got to calm him down.

“He’s ready for this. He’s waited for this. He’s been in games.”

Sanchez hasn’t started a game since 2004, when he was a senior at nearby Mission Viejo High. He took first-team snaps Thursday for the fourth straight day.

Sanchez has completed 2 of 3 passes for 23 yards with one interception this season

and is 5-of-10 for 86 yards and one touchdown with two interceptions in his career.

“I’m excited about the opportunity,” Sanchez said. “I’m approaching it the same way I have all week, with focus and preparation. The coaches have prepared me well for this.”

Booty, a fifth-year senior, was hurt in the second quarter of last Saturday’s shocking 24-23 loss to Stanford. He played the rest of the game and passed for 364 yards, but threw four interceptions after being injured when his hand hit a helmet.

“J.B. will be available to us,” Carroll said. “He can throw the football a little bit. We’d love for him to not have to play.”

Booty said his finger swelled up again after he threw about 50 passes on the side Tuesday. He has passed for 1,239 yards and 12 touchdowns with eight interceptions in five games this season after throwing for 3,349 yards and 29 TDs with nine interceptions in 13 games last year.

USC (4-1, 2-1 Pac-10) enters with a five-game winning streak against Arizona (2-4, 1-2) since the Wildcats won a 31-15 decision in 2000 — the year before Carroll became the Trojans’ coach.

NBA

Lakers owner says he’d trade Bryant for the right package

By the Associated Press

HONOLULU Jerry Buss has already shown that he’ll part with superstars. Yet upon hearing that the Los Angeles Lakers’ owner would consider trading Kobe Bryant, even Shaquille O’Neal was shocked.

“I guess it’s business before loyalty. But, wow. He said that?” O’Neal said Thursday in Miami after learning Buss told reporters he would trade Bryant under the right circumstances.

Buss indeed did, telling three Los Angeles-area beat writers covering training camp in Honolulu on Wednesday that he “would certainly listen” to trade offers for the two-time NBA scoring champion.

“At any time, I think you have to do that with anybody,” Buss said, discussing Bryant publicly for the first time since the often-frustrated Lakers’ star asked to be traded at the end of last season. “It’s just part of the game, to listen to somebody who has a dissatisfied player that you think is going to fit.

“You can’t keep too many loyalties. You’ve got to look at it as a business. He looks at it the same way I look at it.”

Buss made his comments to reporters from the Los Angeles Times, the Orange County Register and the Riverside Press-Enterprise.

The Lakers won three championships and reached the NBA finals four times in five years before O’Neal was traded to the Miami Heat in July 2004. They haven’t won a playoff series since O’Neal left, and O’Neal has since helped the Heat win the 2006 NBA title.

“Anyone can be traded, but mine was different because I walked into the office and demanded a trade,” O’Neal said. “I don’t take loyalty lightly. If you tell me you’re going to

do something, I expect you to do it. And then when you change your mind without telling me, that means you’re disloyal so we can’t be down anymore.”

Bryant has four years worth \$88.6 million left on the seven-year contract he signed a day after O’Neal was traded, but can terminate the deal in two years. That would leave \$47.8 million on the table.

“I tend not to think in basketball terms that many years down the road because things change so dramatically, but he could test the waters at that point,” Buss said. “If he still is in that frame of mind, then hopefully we can do a sign-and-trade and get some comparable talent. I would like to think that we win between now and then so it doesn’t come up.”

Following his trade request, Bryant kept a low profile regarding the Lakers until reporting with his teammates Oct. 1 on media day — before the team left for Hawaii. Bryant told reporters that frustration led to his blowup. Otherwise, he said the time had come to move forward.

Buss recalled an offseason meeting in Barcelona when he tried to talk Bryant out of the trade request.

“He listened very carefully for 30, 45 minutes,” Buss said. “I tried to explain to him how much the city of Los Angeles loved him, and that to leave 10 million sweethearts for unknown territory might not be the right thing to do. But when I was finished, he said he basically felt the same way. And I said, ‘OK. With that, I will proceed to see what’s available.’”

Buss didn’t elaborate other than saying he might have acted on a trade offer that was “within reason.”

“You have to get comparable value when you make a trade,” Buss said.

Pretty please

Hunter hopes to shoot her series in Oklahoma

HOLLY HUNTER hopes some of the scenes for the second season of her TNT series, "Saving Grace," can be filmed in Oklahoma City. "We love Oklahoma City," said Hunter, who plays hard-charging

Oklahoma City police Detective Grace Hanadarko on the show, which debuted in July. "We're here with the hope of being able to shoot our series here, in part, and kind of brand

Oklahoma City, expand the scope of the stories we want to tell and just include the city with the characters," the 49-year-old actress said Thursday. Keys to the city were presented to Hunter and

Oklahoma City native Nancy Miller, producer and writer for "Saving Grace." The presentation was made by Mayor Mick Cornett. Miller said TNT has ordered 15 episodes for a

second season, and she'd like to shoot scenes for some of those shows in Oklahoma City. The first season was filmed primarily at a studio in Los Angeles.

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FOXY BROWN REFUSES RIDE

FOXY BROWN, who is serving a one-year jail term, twice refused to get on a correction department bus Friday for a court appearance, the prosecutor's office said. The 28-year-old rapper was arrested in August and accused of striking Arlene Raymond, 25, after the pair got into a fight July 30 over Brown blasting her car stereo near her home in the New York City borough of Brooklyn. On Friday, Brown refused to be taken from Rikers Island prison to be arraigned in Brooklyn Supreme Court. She is now scheduled to appear in court Tuesday, the prosecutor's office said.

AP

Sanz concert is cancelled due to criticism of Chavez

Venezuela's government has blocked a popular Spanish singer from using a stadium because he criticized President Hugo Chavez three years ago. Higher Education Minister Luis Acuna said **ALEJANDRO SANZ** would not be allowed to hold his scheduled Nov. 1 concert at the Poliedro — a state-controlled stadium — because of his past criticism of the Chavez and his "Bolivarian Revolution," a political movement named after independence hero Simon Bolivar. Acuna said during a radio interview: "If an artist comes to Venezuela to rail against Chavez, against the Bolivarian project, how do you think the people of this country would respond if he were to be allowed to use" the stadium? Responding to questions about Chavez before a 2004 referendum on the president's rule, Sanz said: "I don't like your president. I don't like those from other places either." Sanz, a Latin Grammy winner who's immensely popular in Venezuela, could offer the concert in a privately owned venue, Acuna said. He did not explain why the government had initially agreed to the concert.

AP



Choose to relax, Gemini

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ARIES (March 1-April 19)

★★★★ You work best as a duo. You'll accomplish a lot because of who you are, but also as a result of this teamwork. Seeing a friend in the light of reality might not be possible right now. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Willful people surround you. Where all this stubbornness comes from might be difficult to determine, yet dissolving an issue demands a generosity of spirit. Allow others to reveal their true self. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ A hobby might demand a lot of focus. Invite a loved one or a friend to join in. Visiting under these circumstances adds a different and more easygoing interchange. The two of you add to the glue between you. Tonight: Choose to relax.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your creativity emerges with someone who often can be confusing. You might not be getting the big picture financially. Hesitate, slow down or opt not to make a decision. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Stay centered despite what might be whirling around you. Don't allow yourself to be coaxed or coerced into doing anything you don't want to. Check out an investment that might involve property and/or your domestic life. Tonight: Your lair is the center of the action.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Others have noticed how remarkably serious and grounded you are. Staying on top of communication and avoiding a misunderstanding will take talent for the next few weeks. Tonight: Hanging out might be just what you need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Use caution with your finances. No matter how good that lottery ticket looks, you want to make sure you don't bust your budget if you decide to buy 100. You might feel lucky, but the end result might not be. Tonight: How about a cheesesteak?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You are in the pink. Use the unexpected to add more excitement to a relationship. Enjoy and experience the many different people in your life. You know what you want. Getting there might take several tries. Tonight: Off on a romp.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Take your time. You might need a day to twiddle your thumbs and do nothing. Don't worry so much. An unexpected idea or decision might encourage you to stay home. Tonight: Play it easy, if possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Friends are full of surprises. Don't get stuck doing what you should. Defer only to what you want, adding a convivial tone to your day. Join friends for a late lunch. Go to the movies. Do be available. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ While others frolic and play, you find that you have way too much to do. An unexpected offer makes working much more pleasant. You might not be clear about what someone really expects from you. Tonight: Listen rather than judge.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Others can count on your sense of humor and intellect. You can spice up what many find most boring. No wonder so many invitations head in your direction. Tonight: Decide to do a first — be it a restaurant or happening.

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11:00am, 1:45, 4:35, 7:25, 10:10
Feel the Noise (PG-13)
11:20am, 1:25, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:00
Lars and the Read Girl (PG-13)
11:30am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45
Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married? (PG-13)
11:10am, 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20

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3:10 to Yuma (R)
1:50, 4:35, 7:25, 10:10
The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford (R)
11:05am, 3:00, 6:30, 9:55
The Brave One (R)
11:00am
Elizabeth: The Golden Age (PG-13)
11:30am, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:50
The Game Plan (PG)
11:15am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05
The Kingdom (R)
11:25am, 2:15, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35
We Own the Night (R)
11:10am, 1:00, 2:00, 3:55, 4:55, 6:50, 7:50, 9:40, 10:40

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Eastern Promises (R)
1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 9:45
Into the Wild (R)
11:45am, 3:15, 7:00, 10:15

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The Darjeeling Limited (R)
12:30, 1:30, 2:50, 3:50, 5:15, 7:40, 8:40, 10:00
The Jane Austen Book Club (PG-13)
1:15, 6:10
Lust, Caution (Se jie) (NC-17)
1:00, 4:30, 8:00
Sleuth (R)
12:30, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50

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1:10, 4:15, 7:10, 10:20
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Michael Clayton (R)
12:00, 1:30, 2:50, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30, 11:30
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Difficulty
GOLD

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8	5	1	7	3	2	6	4	9
2	6	9	8	4	5	7	1	3
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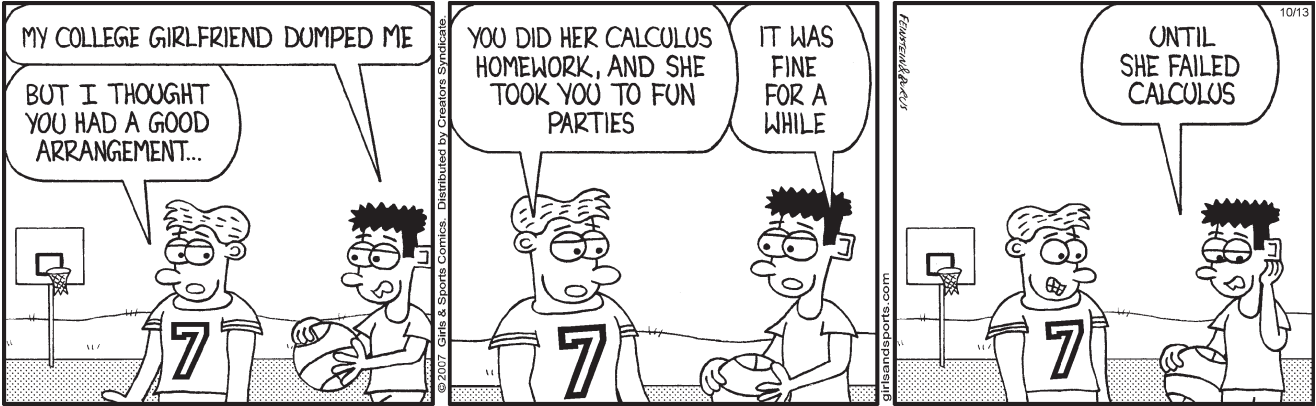
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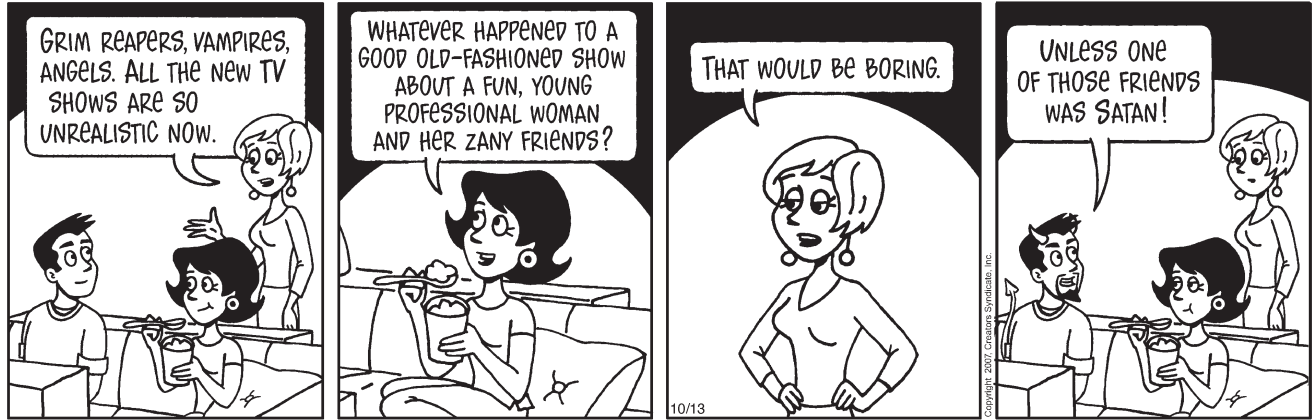
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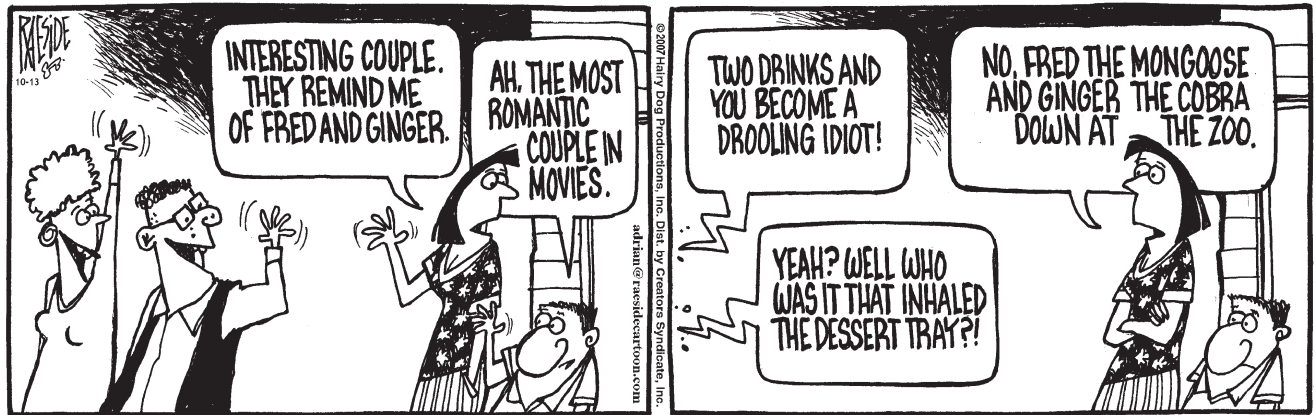
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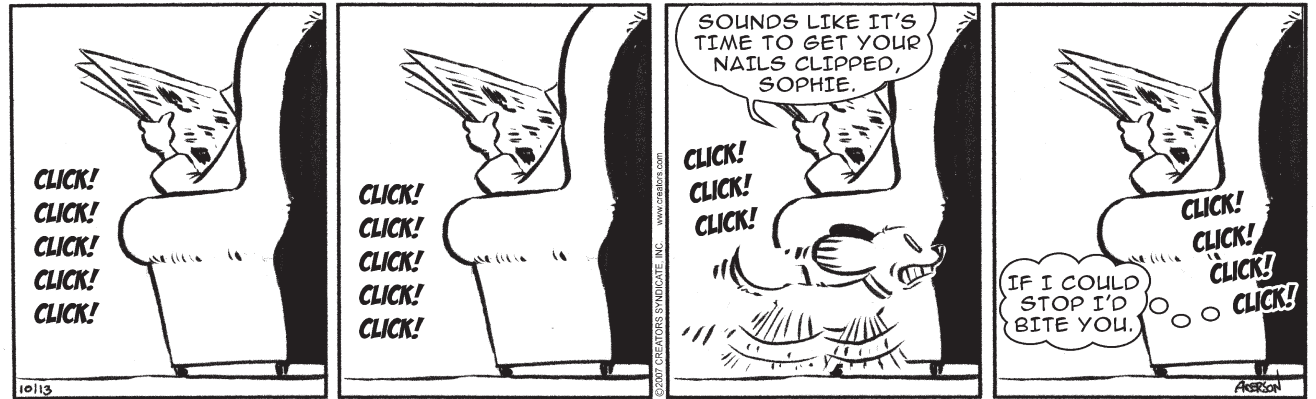
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Employment

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Construction Division, for the installation of signs and pavement markings under Project ID No. RDC0014635, Commuter Bikeway Signing Project Phase II, in the vicinities of South Gate, Lynwood, Santa Monica, Long Beach, and Temple City.

The bids must be submitted at the Cashier's Office, located on the Mezzanine level, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. The bids will then be publicly opened and read in Conference Room A or at the location posted in the main lobby.

The work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications on file and open for inspection at the County Board of Supervisors Executive Office and the Department of Public Works. The work is estimated to cost between \$70,000 and \$100,000 and shall be completed in 40 working days. The work requires a California Class A or C32 contractor's license. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications should be directed to Mr. Harry Cong at (626) 458-3111.

The bids must be submitted on the proposal forms included in the bidder's package of the contract documents, which may be purchased for \$15, if picked up at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or for \$19, if mailed, which includes postage and handling.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond payable to County of Los Angeles in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the bid to guarantee that the bidder will enter into the contract if it is so awarded.

All persons performing the work shall be paid not less than the General Prevailing Wage Determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are available at the Department of Public Works. Furthermore, minimum Davis-Bacon Act Wage Decisions for this Project as predetermined by the Secretary of Labor (Federal) are set forth in the Special Provisions.

If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and the applicable prevailing wage rates per the Director of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the contractor and its subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rate.

The rate of compensation for any classification not listed in the schedule, but which may be required to execute the contract, shall be commensurate and in accordance with the rates specified for similar or comparable classifications or for those performing similar or comparable duties.

Bidders are advised that, as required by Federal law, the State has established a statewide overall DBE goal. This Agency's Federal-aid contract is considered to be a part of the statewide overall DBE goal. The Agency is required to report to Caltrans on DBE participation for all Federal-aid contracts each year so that attainment efforts may be evaluated.

The County hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE EQUEMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EXECUTIVE ORDER 11246)

The goals for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, are as follows:

Notices

Goals for Minority Participation in Each Trade
28.3%

Goals for Female Participation in Each Trade
6.9%

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The contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR, Part 60-4, shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 41 CFR, Part 60-4.3(a), and its efforts to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade, and the contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and females evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from contractor to contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, the Executive Order, and the regulations in 41 CFR, Part 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

The contractor shall provide written notification to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs within ten working days of award of any construction subcontract in excess of \$10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor; employer identification number of the subcontractor; estimated dollar amount of the subcontract; estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and the geographical area in which the contract is to be performed. As used in this Notice, and in the Contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is the County of Los Angeles.

The bid must provide full disclosure of False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, and civil/criminal legal actions as provided for on the forms included as part of the proposal. Failure to complete these forms may result in a determination that the bidder is nonresponsive and/or not responsible.

The contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; however, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A responsible bidder is a bidder who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

The successful bidder will be required to fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for its employees and comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notice of Assignment and continue to maintain compliance throughout the duration of the contract. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of the contract or initiation of debarment proceedings.

The successful bidder will be required to submit a faithful performance bond, payment bond, worker's compensation insurance, and liability insurance with the contract.

As provided for in Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, the contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the Department of Public Works to ensure performance under the Contract or enter into an escrow agreement for payment of such monies to an escrow agent.

Each person by submitting a response to this Notice Inviting Bids certifies that such bidder and each County lobbyist and County lobbying firm, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the bidder, is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code.

Para mas informacion con relacion a esta noticia, por favor llame a este numero (626) 458-3118. Nuestras horas de oficina son de 7 a.m. a 5:30 p.m. de Lunes a Jueves.

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated October 9, 2007.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072041246 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as KOMFORT VALET SERVICES, INC. AI #/ON 3011604, 1541 OCEAN AVENUE, SANTA MONICA, CA. 90401. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : VICTOR H. KAMT, KOMFORT VALET SERVICE, INC. CA. 19916 W. HOLLY DR. SANTA CLARITA, CA. 91354 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein. /s/: KOMFORT VALET SERVICE, INC. OWNER, VICTOR H. KAMT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/31/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 9/29/2007, 10/6/2007, 10/13/2007, 10/20/2007

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072127312 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as ISHOUUEU.COM, 15900 CRENSHAW BLVD. #G281, GARDENA, CA. 90249. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : KIMBERLY L. CANNON, 18 CORTE RIVERA, LAKE ELSINORE, CA. 92532 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein. /s/: KIMBERLY CANNON
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 9/14/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 10/13/2007, 10/20/2007, 10/27/2007, 11/3/2007

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