

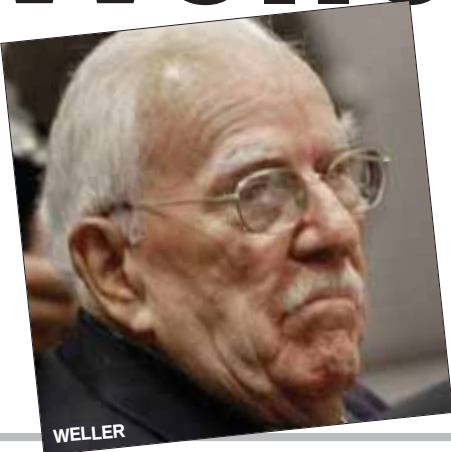
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THE DO YOU NOTICE ME? ISSUE

Weller will have his say



BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN George Russell Weller will finally break his silence.

The elderly man responsible for killing 10 people and injuring scores more when he drove his car through a crowded Farmers' Market more than four years ago will tell his side of the story when he gives a deposition in a civil suit involving him and City Hall.

Attorneys for the victims of the crash and

Weller confirmed Tuesday that the 90-year-old Santa Monican, who has so far refused to speak on the record, has been ordered to talk about what happened July 16, 2003, when he drove his 1992 Buick LeSabre through temporary plastic and wood barricades, and into shoppers at the open-air market at speeds up to 60 miles per hour.

The death toll from the 20-second drive was the largest number of pedestrian fatalities from a traffic incident in California history, according to the California Highway Patrol.

Weller was found guilty in October of last year of 10 counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence and sentenced to five years probation. During the four-week trial, Weller appeared in court just once and did not testify on his own behalf. Weller has since refused to give a deposition in the civil case out of fear that his statements may have been used against him in the criminal trial, and now, during his appeal.

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ENVIRONMENT

SPLISH SPLASH

Sewage spill puts Heal the Bay and city officials at odds

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Mike Tittinger miket@smdp.com

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601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

The Main Library kicks off its new book discussion group, built around "Grown Up Fairy Tales," with a discussion of Gregory Maguire's "Confessions of An Ugly Stepsister," a re-imagining of Cinderella. All ages welcome. Group will meet in the Second Floor Community Room.

Meet other patients in the pits

2200 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 8 p.m.

The Neuro-Endocrine Tumor Center's Pituitary Patient Support Group is held bi-monthly at the John Wayne Cancer Institute. Tonight's speaker will be Pejman Cohan on "Understanding the Pituitary Gland — Improving Your Health." For more information, visit www.neuro-endo.org or contact Sharmyn McGraw at (949) 515-9595.

Peer counseling training

2125 Arizona Ave., 1 p.m. — 4 p.m.

The Center for Healthy Aging seeks volunteers, age 55 and older, to provide individual counseling to older adults experiencing emotional difficulties at the Center or in their residence. Tonight is the first of 10 training sessions. For more information, call Sheila at (310) 576-2550, ext. 373.

YMCA pumpkin patch

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

Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007

Subway to the Sea

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) will conduct a meeting to obtain comment on the agency's Westside Transit Corridor Study, which will analyze various transit alternatives and environmental impacts for the possible extension of the Metro Red Line or Metro Purple Line to West Los Angeles. For more information, visit www.metro.net/westside or call (213) 922-6932.

The secret within 'The Secret'

1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Life and Leadership coach Laurie Hacking will discuss the law of attraction at the Montana Avenue Library.

Bang for your buck

1026 Wilshire Blvd., doors open at 7 p.m.

Hyper Crush and Mudluscious will perform tonight at Temple Bar. Cover fee is \$5. For more information, visit www.templebarlive.com.

E for All Expo

1201 South Figueroa St., L.A., 3 p.m. — 8 p.m.

"E for All Expo" is a video game event that will feature exhibits from interactive entertainment companies that will allow consumers to try and buy the latest video games and gadgets. Other event highlights include the Video Games Live concert, GDC Game Careers Seminar, Into the Pixel art exhibition and more. NBA players, and video game enthusiasts, Corey Maggette and Derek Fisher will participate in a video game competition on the 19th. For more information, visit www.eforallexpo.com.

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Trees are staying put — for now

Application process will hold up attempts to remove specimens

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN It looks like the ficus trees on Second and Fourth streets won't be going anywhere anytime soon.

The ad-hoc environmental activists group trying to thwart the city's plan to remove and relocate the trees in question — The Santa Monica Treesavers — have been successful in their attempt to have the city's Landmarks Commission consider designat-

ing the specimens along the two busy downtown corridors as historic landmarks.

The latest move may have bought the targeted ficus and palms another two months in their present downtown digs.

The group had secured an injunction against the removal of the trees earlier this month, but that expires on Oct. 26. At that time, the city will present its reasoning for removing the trees to a Superior Court judge in downtown Los Angeles.

The ficus as landmark represent a unique situation for the commission due to the fact so many individual trees are being considered, said Roxanne Tanemori, associate planner for the Landmarks Commission. She believes this particular set of applications — one for the trees along Second Street, the other for the specimens on Fourth

Street — will present some unique challenges to city staff.

"We need to review it first because the request to save multiple trees has never been accepted by the city to the best of my knowledge. This is simply a new question the we are facing," Tanemori said Tuesday. "Our landmarks ordinance specifies that no permits can be issued for work on these locations until a final decision can be made."

This latest development essentially stalls any work on the trees until the Landmarks Commission brings the matter up during one of its scheduled meetings anytime within the next 65 days. Tanemori guesses that the commission won't hear the matter until its December meeting. City staff will immediately begin to review the pair of applications, dispatch consultants and gather infor-

mation to gauge whether or not the trees fit any one of six criteria the city requires before a landmarks designation can be made.

Thomas Nitti, the Treesavers' attorney, said that he helped advise on the application process, but that the application was a "collaborative effort" between he and the rest of the group.

Jerry Rubin, the unofficial leader of the Treesavers, was ecstatic about Tuesday's development, but tempered his enthusiasm.

"We are still being very cautious. We aren't going to take anything for granted. We feel we have a very reasonable request and that we have the support of the community," Rubin said from Nitti's office Tuesday.

Rubin hopes this latest development will raise awareness regarding the city's

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Police unable to find drivers who survived

BY CHELSEA J. CARTER
Associated Press Writer

SANTA CLARITA Authorities scrambled to locate nine drivers believed to have escaped a deadly freeway inferno, hoping they can help provide answers to what caused the crash that shutdown the West Coast's main interstate over the weekend.

Meanwhile, a feared commuting nightmare never materialized Monday as officials reopened Interstate 5 and traffic flowed freely above the blackened tunnel where three people were killed in a fiery pileup Friday.

Thirty-one vehicles crashed in the curving, darkened tunnel, but the California Highway Patrol has accounted for only 23 people, including two men and a 6-year-old boy who died in the fire.

If all of them were at the wheel at the time of the crash, excluding the boy, that leaves nine unaccounted for drivers. The number could be higher if there were passengers.

Investigators are confident only three people died, but CHP Assistant Chief

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BUMP AND RUN

Priscillia Munoz (left), of Citrus College, pushes Santa Monica College's Daniella De Costa to the ground Tuesday after Da Costa fired off a shot during the Corsairs' 2-1 loss in a league match at Airport Park, the Corsairs' home field.

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We need to sustain human rights

Editor:

I'm formerly an urban planner by trade. I'll never have to sleep under a freeway or dumpster dive for a used, likely-carcinogenic, plastic Coke bottle to sell back to the city ("Cash in the can," Oct. 13-14). I went into planning because I'm passionate about getting to a 100-percent recycling, "closed-loop" resource economy, explained by Paul Hawken in his landmark books "The Ecology of Commerce" and "Natural Capitalism."

However, I don't work in the planning field anymore. I found that to get to sustainability, we need to concurrently struggle for human rights. That means ending poverty and prisons in North America and the world. Otherwise, the status quo of criminalizing poverty and environmental dissent – sending people to prison for economic "crimes" – will ensure that we remain a throw away society, generating desperate people looking in trash cans for their "wage."

We could easily hire millions of people at union wages to build hi-tech machines that will automatically recycle everything. But that requires a fundamental political redirection of mental and physical capital away from thinking that prisons are the solution for anything. These solutions will first guarantee everyone a livable income. Sixty percent of what is defined as contemporary "work" is harmful to people and the planet. And we need to reinvest the resources before people are forced to commit actions that land them in prison.

Nobody murders or even steals a pop bottle out of a genuine and rational choice. Nobody is born with a gene to thiefe and be violent.

The social messages that condition us to scapegoat the poor also keep us from getting to 100 percent recycling and dramatic resource-consumption reduction.

Larry Wartels

Los Angeles

Just make the city a promenade

Editor:

Bill Bauer's column ("City's priorities are backwards," Oct. 15) is barking up the wrong tree. The (City) Council's motives in this matter seem to have little to do with the public interest, and more about city employees, tourism, raising taxes, development and commercial interests.

I don't believe the so-called city "experts" are to be trusted, but that they support an agenda to get rid of as many trees as possible so the promenade can be expanded to include Second and Fourth streets. It is an outrageous exaggeration that 23 trees are rotted, split, off-balance or top-heavy and can't be saved. We already lost the ficus trees that used to shade Pico Boulevard. What trees will be next?

Instead of excluding the public from the decision-making process there should be a town hall meeting on the subject, and an interactive public forum on this topic should be added to the city Web site for those who can not attend.

Jon Mann

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Cartographer shrugged: Mid-City full of maybes

IT WAS THERE — SOMEWHERE BETWEEN

the Salton Sea and Copper River, Alaska — that it hit me, during a showing of "Into the Wild" at the doomed NuWilshire Theatre; each of us was watching a film about chasing isolation, sitting as far apart from one another as possible in the most indifferent spot in town.

Greetings from Mid-City: Stay and shrug awhile.

The NuWilshire just may be this 'hood's last vestige of community, of old-time commercial charm. Built in 1931, it features "a challenging mix of independent and foreign language films on its twin screens." Soon, it will be featuring a challenging mix of low-rise men's jeans and Flamestitch Cowl Sweaters.

With its Art Deco facade and neon marquee, the venerable old moviehouse is a beacon of cultural significance amid the failing cafes, temporal businesses and auto dealerships that define this uninspired stretch of the city by the sea. But, as with anything, retro reminiscences of bygone entertainment doesn't pay the bills. The theater's owner — Soundview Investment Partners — applied for a major remodel of the site a year ago, and jean outfitters Anchor Blue and Lucky Brand reportedly have their denim panties in a bunch trying to secure the site.

Yes, the NuWilshire is fading to black to make way for the 2008 denim premieres, and truth be told, no one seems to care all that much. Let's face it, no one lives in Mid-City for the vibe. The pulse of the neighborhood is the equivalent of Ben Stein on Benadryl. It's like Bono going solo — no Edge. There's more passion on a Mattel Toys assembly line.

It's the only Santa Monica neighborhood without a resident association to speak of ... because it's not really a neighborhood. It's basically everything else on the Santa Monica map, defined by precisely what it is not. It's not Downtown. It's not Pico Neighborhood. It's not North of Montana. It's not Ocean Park. It's not Sunset Park. It's not WilMont.

Greetings from Mid-City: Where cartographers shrug.

Images of the area bordered by Wilshire Boulevard to the north, the I-10 freeway to the south, Lincoln Boulevard to the west and Centinela Avenue to the east don't pop up on the postcard racks too often. If you have an artistic side, boasting you live in Mid-City doesn't carry much creative cache. It's hospitals and construction; it's preferential parking and locked-in rent-controlled lifers; it's eye contact avoidance and staggered rest homes. It's close to everything and central to nothing.

And for five-plus years, it's been home.

Each of the city's other six neighborhoods has a personality, or at least, a stereotype you can hang your hat on. Sunset Park is where you raise kids; Downtown is where you get things done; Ocean Park is where you live the beach town life; Pico is where you fight; Montana is where the rich lay low; and WilMont is where the cash-strapped eye those north of Montana.

If Monopoly ever released a Santa Monica edition, the Mid-City streets would be light blue, where you grab some properties because you could afford it, then see the Boardwalks and Park Places of the city and, ultimately, feel you might have done better had you held out and gone around the corner.

The Mid-City monopoly will be nice with a few little green houses, maybe even a red hotel someday. Invest in a couple of railroads and go for a third-place finish. You won't be languishing in jail, but you'll have to bank on hitting Free Parking pretty regularly to stay in the game with the real "players."

LET'S FACE IT, NO ONE LIVES IN MID-CITY FOR THE VIBE. THE PULSE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS THE EQUIVALENT OF BEN STEIN ON BENADRYL.

Greetings from Mid-City: The light blue of Santa Monica.

A professed movie lover and off-again screenwriter, it would seem having a Depression-era moviehouse around the corner from me would be ideal ... I've caught about six or seven flicks at the NuWilshire. I guess I don't really care that much either, well, not enough to try and bolster their financial status by sitting through every "Bread and Tulips" or "Wind that Shakes the Barley" that comes down the pike.

Mid-City isn't a destination, but a 'tween-er. We live here and we go out someplace else, not because it isn't safe, but because we seek inspiration in our lives.

Here's my marketing slogan pitch: "Maybe Mid-City."

The costs of indifference rarely hit all at once, they chip away here and they chip away there, until we're left with a vapid expanse devoid of character and definition.

Still, if you're reading into this that I want to chair a neighborhood pride group, you've got me all wrong.

This is Mid-City, baby.



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Word in Edgewise

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'Bubba' is stumped: Bill can't save Hillary

I LIKED BARACK OBAMA BEFORE, BUT I'm loving him now that he's finally going on offense. His campaign is still about the politics of hope, but he had to adapt his approach because the conditions on the ground in the first important state — Iowa — have changed. I'm talking about John Edwards' plans to accept federal matching funds — an admission that his campaign is dead in the water — and the fact that Hillary Clinton is now selling a two-for-one Hill & Bill package.

This weakness on the part of both campaigns means the time is right for Barack to ratchet up the rhetoric, and few things make me happier than Hillary Clinton being exposed as a fraud.

Clintons don't take positions, they position themselves. In the New Hampshire debate, Sen. Clinton was asked about her loyalty in a Cubs/Yankees World Series (she's from Chicago, but represents New York). She replied, "I would probably have to alternate sides." The next day, Barack spoke to a rally in New York City saying, "Even your senator of New York wasn't clear about the Yankees. Ah, I know who I'm rooting for, the White Sox. I know my team."

It was a sign of things to come.

In that debate, Clinton tried to distance herself from her husband. Asked if political family dynasties are healthy in a democracy, she said, "I'm running on my own. I'm going to the people on my own." Polling in Iowa, which had her tied with Obama and trailing Edwards by eight points in May, now has her leading Edwards by seven points. Did she take her message to the people of Iowa and win them over? Not so much. Instead, she trotted out her not-so-secret weapon (Bill) twice this summer, and he delivered a 15-point swing. I guess she's on her own unless she's losing, then she'll go back on her word in order to win. After all, she's a Clinton.

I don't think that motivated Barack to kick it up a notch because I don't think he's scared of her or her husband. He's raised more money than any candidate in history, and in 25 weeks, built a network of supporters bigger than the one the Clintons have been working on for the last 25 years. I think he was counting on the press to ask Sen. Clinton about her voting record, her position on Iraq and to explain the difference between the two. But the Clintons are now leveraging access to Bill

in exchange for favorable coverage of Hillary, like when they forced GQ editor Jim Nelson to choose between running an unflattering piece about Hillary's campaign and another GQ writer's seat on Bill's plane when he went to Africa in July. The story was killed.

So Barack is taking his anti-war message to Iowa Democrats himself because, after all, the Democrats are an anti-war party. Conveniently, Sen. Clinton just cast a vote which shows she's learned nothing over the last five years. In 2002, she voted to authorize the president to wage war in Iraq, but without reading the National Intelligence Estimate on the Iraq threat. Barack described that vote last week, saying, "She says that she wasn't really voting for war back in 2002, she was voting for more inspections, or she was voting for more diplomacy. But all of us know what was being debated in the Congress in the fall of 2002. We didn't need to authorize a war in order to have United Nations weapons inspections. No one thought Congress was debating whether or not to conduct diplomacy. The headlines on Oct. 12, 2002 did not read: 'Congress authorizes diplomacy with Iraq' — the headlines on Oct. 12, 2002 read 'Congress backs war.'"

A few weeks ago, Sen. Clinton voted for an amendment stating it should be the policy of the U.S. to use "military instruments" against Iran. Barack hit her on that, saying, "Why is this amendment so dangerous? Because George Bush and Dick Cheney could use this language to justify keeping our troops in Iraq as long as they can point to a threat from Iran. And because they could use this language to justify an attack on Iran as a part of the ongoing war in Iraq. I don't want to give this president any excuse, or any opening for war. Because, as we learned with the authorization of the Iraq War, when you give this president a blank check, you can't be surprised when he cashes it."

If Obama keeps up like this, the press will have to start asking Sen. Clinton those questions she knows she can't answer ... and even big, bad Bubba won't be able to save her bacon.

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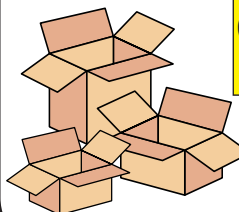
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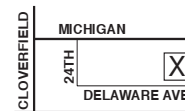
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Tattle tale

OJ Simpson cohort testimony in heist case could hurt or help him, experts say

BY LINDA DEUTSCH

AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES Prosecutors normally get a boost from suspects agreeing to testify against one another, but O.J. Simpson's attorneys may be able to use his co-defendants' past legal run-ins to undermine their credibility.

"It's a defense lawyer's dream to cross-examine these witnesses," said Laurie Levenson, a professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles and a former federal prosecutor. "You can put someone up before a firing squad and the squad members can start shooting at each other."

Two of Simpson's co-defendants, one a former friend, agreed to testify against him Monday in return for drastically reduced charges.

"It's always a prosecutor's strategy to go after the little fish to get to the big fish," said lawyer Edward Miley, who represents defendant Charles Cashmore. "In this, it seems to be that O.J. Simpson is the big fish."

A lawyer for Walter Alexander, a former golf buddy of Simpson's who plans to testify against him, said he hasn't been in trouble in a decade.

But he and Cashmore have legal trouble in their pasts.

Cashmore, 40, who said he will plead guilty to being an accessory to robbery, was charged with felony theft in a 1996 embezzlement case in Provo, Utah. He pleaded guilty and bargained the charge to a misde-

meanor and probation.

Alexander, 46, said he will plead guilty to conspiracy to commit robbery. He was arrested in Los Angeles in 1987 for kidnapping and assault with a deadly weapon, but the charges were dismissed because a witness refused to identify the culprit, court records show.

Simpson's attorneys will have to deal with his own past in presenting his defense.

His celebrity and the fact that many feel

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Edward Miley
Lawyer who represents
defendant Charles Cashmore

he was wrongly acquitted the 1994 murder of his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman, could weigh heavily against him and may emerge as the dominant theme in the case, especially considering that a civil court jury later found Simpson liable for the killings.

"All the others are getting a good deal and Simpson, the one without a conviction, doesn't? It's all about who he is," said Thomas Mesereau Jr., who represented acquitted defendants Michael Jackson and Robert Blake in cases that turned on witness credibility.

Mesereau said the move by co-defendants to plead out and testify to save themselves shows the prosecution's motive is to get Simpson on the charges.

New state agency to create water-based transit system

BY MICHELLE LOCKE

Associated Press Writer

ALAMEDA Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger visited the Alameda waterfront Monday to mark the creation of a new agency aimed at bolstering ferry service as a fallback if an earthquake or other disaster takes out area bridges and highways.

"This is going to be great for the bay area," Schwarzenegger said. "The bay area will be better prepared for an emergency and also the people of the bay area will be much safer."

The San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority, was created by a bill signed by Schwarzenegger on Friday. The agency is getting \$250 million from state infrastructure bonds passed last November to start work on building more boats and terminals.

The agency consolidates existing state-funded ferry systems under its control, including the Alameda/Oakland Ferry, the Vallejo Baylink Ferry and the Harbor Bay Ferry.

The Golden Gate Bridge Highway and

Transportation District ferry will not be under the jurisdiction of the new agency.

The idea for a better ferry system was prompted by the Hurricane Katrina disaster. After the chaos suffered by a flooded New Orleans, Sen. Don Perata, D-Oakland, asked the Bay Area Council, a business group, to make recommendations for emergency preparation in this region, where hurricanes aren't likely but earthquakes are.

"This clearly is a lesson learned from Katrina," said Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums, who was also at the waterfront news conference. "We live in a region when it's not a question of whether we will have to endure, it is only when," he said. "This piece of legislation provides us with a new instrument that is vitally important."

The new agency has faced opposition, including from Vallejo officials who are concerned about what the changes may mean for their service.

Schwarzenegger said details of the new system have yet to be worked out, but the new agency is intended to be a cooperative effort. "No one has been left behind here," he said.

STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Still no work on refurbishing shuttered jail

Work on reviving the shuttered Sybil Brand Institute hasn't begun 14 months after \$100 million was approved to renovate the old women's jailhouse.

Plans to refurbish the Sybil Brand facility, which once housed 2,000 inmates near east Los Angeles, has been delayed because the building fails to meet a number of state standards. The renovated jail is supposed to house 1,000.

Sheriff Lee Baca's department has been coping with a burgeoning jailhouse population leading to early inmate releases. He says he's disgusted with the delay.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors last year, the renovation has been complicated by the concerns of nearby residents who fear the jail will bring more crime and traffic.

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PASADENA

Tournament of Roses Queen is Arcadia student

The Rose Queen for Pasadena's 2008 Tournament of Roses parade is Arcadia High School student Dusty Gibbs.

The 17-year-old snagged the honor at a televised news conference Tuesday morning at Tournament House in Pasadena.

Gibbs is part of a seven-member royal court acting as ambassadors of the Tournament of Roses, leading up to the 119th Rose Parade on January 1.

Gibbs told KTLA-TV she thinks the honor is amazing.

Gibbs is active in her church, plays softball and hopes to attend a four-year university to study science and pursue a career as a physician's assistant.

AP

RIVERSIDE

Judge shortage forces dismissal of criminal cases

Criminal cases are being dismissed in Riverside County because there are no judges to hear them.

Two cases, one of them a felony, were dropped because of Superior Court congestion and at least seven more felony cases were in the pipeline for dismissal this week. Thirty-five judges on duty Monday were booked up with cases.

All available judges, including judges from outside the county and judges assigned to civil courts, have been hearing criminal cases in recent months.

There are nearly 1,300 criminal cases pending in Riverside County.

The felony assault case tossed Monday was immediately refiled by prosecutors and other felony cases will likely be refiled if judges are unavailable.

AP

VICTORVILLE

Kidnapper, rapist of Barstow girl gets eight life sentences

The convicted kidnapper and rapist of a little girl has been sentenced to nearly 300 years in prison.

Superior Court Judge Jules Fleuret first sentenced 45-year-old Robert Harrison to life in prison, bringing smiles to the girl's family in the Victorville courtroom on Monday. The judge then sentenced him to seven more life terms.

Jurors convicted Harrison in August of kidnapping and raping the young Barstow girl.

Deputy District Attorney Kay Neshat says Harrison is "too dangerous to be allowed to live in society." The prosecutor added, "We don't let monsters walk around. No child should have real monsters in their lives."

Defense lawyer Michael Duncan says he will appeal.

AP

ANAHEIM

Man run over by squad car getting \$2.5 million

A man run over by a police squad car while surrendering to officers on a sidewalk two years ago will get \$2.5 million from Anaheim to settle an excessive force lawsuit.

The City Council voted to settle the federal civil rights lawsuit filed by 23-year-old Jose Munoz, who is now a California prison inmate.

Munoz's suit claimed he had his hands in the air and was facing a police officer who approached him on foot when Officer Eddie Ruiz drove his squad car on the sidewalk and hit him from behind at 32 mph on June 14, 2005.

Munoz is currently serving his second prison term, 16 months, for being an accessory to a felony. He was on parole after serving a vehicle theft sentence when he was hit by the police car.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Judge dismisses church abuse lawsuit

A lawsuit accusing Mexico City Cardinal Norberto Rivera of conspiring with Roman Catholic officials in the United States to shelter a pedophile priest was dismissed Tuesday.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Elihu M. Berle found Rivera could not be held accountable in a U.S. court because the plaintiff didn't have enough evidence against him, said Mike Finnegan, the plaintiff's attorney.

"It was a legal technicality," he said. "It didn't reach any of the merits of the case and it didn't get to the key issues in the case, which is Cardinal Rivera's complicity in sending (the priest) to the United States as a child molester."

Steve Selsberg, an attorney representing the Mexican cardinal in Los Angeles, said the judge found no evidence of conspiracy after reviewing a year's worth of discovery collected by attorneys from both sides.

Plaintiff Joaquin Aguilar Mendez filed the lawsuit in Los Angeles Superior Court, alleging that Rivera, who was then a bishop in Puebla state, transferred a priest to Los Angeles in 1988 for nine months even though he knew abuse allegations had been lodged against him. The priest, Nicolas Aguilar Rivera, is no relation to the cardinal or the plaintiff.

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Bogus campaign irritates

Businesses in Hawaii not pleased by fake posters all over town

By the Associated Press

HONOLULU Posters announcing fake store openings, a fake loft apartment going for \$2.5 million, and a fake rally against a fake Middle East consortium have some Honolulu Chinatown residents concerned about a project that aims to get them thinking about the quaint district's future.

Two University of Hawaii graduate students, Jake Dunagan and Stuart Candy, have been orchestrating a series of activities in the

historic area that has changed in recent years, with art galleries and cafes joining the more-traditional Asian businesses.

The activities of the Chinatown Futures Project include plastering the community with posters declaring the opening of a new Starbucks, TGI Friday's and American Apparel outlets — none of which is actually planned.

The first phase of the project, dubbed McChinatown, also featured a rally against a fictitious Middle East consortium that supposedly was planning to gentrify the neighborhood and drive out small ethnic businesses.

The students, both doctoral candidates, are staging the Chinatown activities as an educational project, with support from a local gallery and a city Bright Ideas program. They say it is in line with a trend among futures scholars to find creative ways to help people better envision the future.

The idea is to get the community to seriously consider alternatives for the future, according to Dunagan and Candy.

But some local businesses have been irritated by the campaign or thought the plans were real.

Henry Eng, director of the city Department of Planning and Permitting, took it very seriously.

He contacted Jo Dee Hunt, owner of the Mendonca Building, where a sign was posted advertising \$2.5 million luxury lofts.

"I was concerned," said Eng, who asked Hunt why she was advertising lofts for the space without getting necessary permits.

Hunt said she was shocked to see the signs the students put up on her building.

The students declined to disclose plans for the final phase of their project, which they're calling "Dig Deeper."

Three other phases include an attempt last weekend to show what the community would be like if China becomes a green-friendly superpower, pushing environmental concerns. A drawing was released of a giant donated statue to Hawaii depicting Sun Yat-sen and Hawaii's Queen Liliuokalani holding hands aloft, Statue of Liberty style, at the entrance to Honolulu Harbor.

Another phase of the project starting this week depicts the aftermath of a flu pandemic, with more fake posters to be put up directing people where to get help.

After the negative reaction to some of the stunts, Dunagan and Candy said there should have been some disclaimers.

"The intention was not to sucker people and embarrass them," Candy said, but to make possible community changes less hypothetical.

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Economic fundamentals are about to be tested in the California real estate market. According to the California Association of Realtors or CAR, California will experience a 4-percent decline in median price to \$553,000, compared with a projected median of \$576,000.

Sure, this may be a bad time to buy a house or it may be the best time. As the old adage goes — buy when there is blood in the streets. Now, I am not suggesting going out and foolhardily purchasing a property, or several of them. What I am saying is if you are in the market for a property, make a reasonable offer and it may be accepted. As I



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said earlier, markets are driven by expectations. Right now, most sellers have unrealistic expectations, but those same sellers are beginning to realize that they may not be able to get the price they want. Therefore, it is up to buyers to make reasonable offers. Heck, why not make an unreasonable low offer — it does not cost you anything and you never know what the seller is willing to accept in these soon to be uncertain times.

With that said, it is important to remember the fundamentals behind a real estate market. It all breaks down to supply and demand. In California, we have a finite amount of real estate or supply. However,

the demand for real estate, especially homes, is great, which as seen over the last 10 years, has led to higher prices increasing year after year. Nevertheless, if the demand recedes and the supply of houses increases, prices will inversely decrease. The issue at hand today actually does not have to do with demand as many people still want to own a house, but are unable to based on a new dilemma — financing.

First time homeowners, today, are finding the barrier to entrance monumental. Gone are the days of easy money, where a first time homebuyer could purchase a home with 100 percent financing. Without low down payment loan options, many would be first-time homeowners are finding it impossible to purchase a home. Lenders are cracking the whip, offering loan programs that require 10 percent, 15 percent or even 20 percent down for first-time homeowners. Although it does not sound like much, the

difference between a 5-percent and 10-percent down payment on a \$500,000 house is \$25,000. And for many buyers, that \$25,000 is the difference between owning or not owning a home.

Ultimately, this means many would-be first time homeowners are stuck as renters until lenders come up with better loan options.

It is hard to say whether California will feel the effects of a declining real estate market for several months or several years. However, one thing is for sure — many Californians want a place to call their own. The demand for new homes is there once the financing becomes more buyer-friendly. In the end, if you are in the market for a home and the financing options work for you, now may be the best time to make that offer.

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Another Arizona initiative proposed on illegal hirings

BY PAUL DAVENPORT
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX Arizona voters may have a choice of employer sanctions measures on the 2008 general election ballot.

A new initiative was filed Tuesday by a campaign group with ties to business interests already mounting a legal challenge to a new law that suspends or revokes licenses of employers which knowingly hire illegal immigrants.

Supporters have until next July to file 153,365 voter signatures to qualify the so-called "Stop Illegal Hiring" initiative for the November 2008 ballot.

Critics of illegal immigration already are collecting voter signatures for an initiative that they filed in March. That measure is called "Support Legal Arizona Workers."

Arizona is both a major crossing-point and destination for illegal immigrants, and critics contend a state crackdown is needed to eliminate the attraction of jobs filled by illegal hirings.

Opponents of measures enacted or proposed so far contend they are heavy-handed toward employers and have the state improperly taking on a federal responsibility of immigration enforcement.

The new initiative would go somewhat easier on businesses that knowingly hire illegal immigrants than the statute enacted in June by the Legislature and be substantially more lenient than the first initiative proposal.

For example, the new proposal would delete companies' incorporation documents and sales-tax licenses from the sanctions, give new discretion to prosecutors on whether to investigate complaints of illegal hirings and require that complaints be written and signed.

The new proposal also would authorize civil suits by the state against hirers of day laborers on a cash-only basis and expand criminal laws against identity theft to cover people seeking employment.

Andrew Pacheco, a lawyer who is chairman of the Stop Illegal Hiring campaign, declined through a spokesman to comment Tuesday on the new proposal and the campaign.

However, both the spokesman and a campaign consultant for Stop Illegal Hiring also work a business coalition that is challenging the Legislature's sanctions law.

Pacheco said in a statement that he didn't want to be interviewed on the initiative because of a Sunday shooting of a Phoenix police officer whose life was apparently saved by his bulletproof vest when shot at by an illegal immigrant during a traffic stop.

"Now is not the right time to comment on campaign politics," said Pacheco, a former prosecutor who unsuccessfully ran for the Republican nomination for Maricopa County.

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A fecal matter

Sewage spill sparks environmental rift

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER A pumping station at Moss Avenue failed Sunday night, causing city officials to divert an estimated 25,000 to 55,000 gallons of raw sewage into a storm drain that empties in the vicinity of the bike path beneath the Santa Monica Pier.

City officials said the sewage did not make its way into the ocean and was cleaned up Monday morning.

That didn't stop Heal the Bay, an environmental watchdog based in Santa Monica, from issuing a statement Tuesday criticizing City Hall and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health for not closing the beach or notifying the public.

Exposure to high concentrations of fecal bacteria can cause swimmers to become sick, contracting diseases like typhoid fever or hepatitis A, or lesser side effects like diarrhea.

"We feel the beach should have been closed, just as a precautionary measure, until we could conduct tests to determine if the water was safe," said Mike Grimmer, an environmental data analyst with Heal the Bay,

who conducted tests Monday morning that found two pools of sewage to have high levels of enterococcus bacteria.

Grimmer, who happened to spot the pools while at the Heal the Bay Aquarium Monday morning, said the samples were taken at the high tide line, meaning some of the sewage could have made its way into the water.

"We aren't talking about a little spill here," Grimmer said. "This was 25,000 to 50,000 gallons."

Heal the Bay and other environmental groups have been fighting for better notification of the public when a sewage spill occurs. A state law was recently passed that requires cities or other agencies to report a spill "as soon as possible" to the health department, whereas in the past, agencies had 24 hours to spread the word.

Dean Kubani, who is in charge of City Hall's Environmental Programs, said county health officials were notified by 8 a.m. Monday, roughly nine hours after the pump failure occurred. The failure appears to have been caused by a temporary power outage at the pumping station. When power was restored, the pumps did not restart because of a problem with the computer system. Staff had to be called out to fix the problem.

The pumps were brought back online around 5:30 a.m., Kubani said.

"Heal the Bay is under the false impres-



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NOT A VERY PRETTY SITE TO BEHOLD: A sewage spill on Sunday night resulted in between 25,000 and 50,000 gallons of sewage being diverted to a storm drain beneath the Santa Monica Municipal Pier, but city officials contend it did not reach the Santa Monica Bay.

sion that the regional board was not notified, however, the city's water resources office sent a notification at 8 a.m. that morning to the California Office of Emergency Services, the Department of Public Health and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board," Kubani said.

"It was basically a mechanical failure and the crew out there did a great job averting a potentially larger problem," Kubani added. "They got it cleaned up quickly and it's fixed. The bike path is as far west as it got."

Kubani said there was no need to close the beach, as the sewage was vacuumed up and the area sanitized.

There have been 10 sewage spills since April, none of which resulted in any action because the discharge did not reach the ocean, according to the Department of Public Health.

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ONE OF THE USUAL SUSPECTS: This ficus tree on Fourth Street is one of the 50-plus that the city planned to remove or relocate. A local activist group has been successful in stalling those plans.

Ficus trees will be staying put for a bit

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handling of trees in general, and that it could change the way the city handles these types of situations.

"Don't take our trees. Let's not have an expanded tree-relocation policy. Let's have a new tree-planting and nursing policy," Rubin added.

While city staff is reviewing the landmarks applications, the Treesavers have a busy schedule ahead of them. Rubin said the group will meet this Saturday at 10 a.m. at 201 Broadway to rally support for saving the ficus trees of Second and Fourth streets. He said there is a particular tree located there that a private arborist said should not be removed. The city has marked it for removal because it is structurally unfit.

"We need to bring back tree-hugging by popular demand," Rubin said.

Among the many features Rubin believes makes the trees historically significant are the many carvings people have made in their trunks over the years. Rubin sees the etchings as a historical record of Santa Monica.

"You could see all those carvings on there — lovers and the many people that visited Santa Monica. I don't think it is good to carve on trees, but in some way, that history is what has been documented on these scores of ficus trees," Rubin said.

"I don't want to sue the city I love, but sometimes something just needs to be done to preserve our identity."

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Elderly driver gets to explain his story

FROM WELLER PAGE 1

Geoff Wells, an attorney representing victims in the civil case, wants Weller to tell him as much as he can remember about the incident in an effort to bolster his claim that City Hall and the Bayside District Corp. failed in protecting the public.

With Weller's health deteriorating, it remains to be seen how much he still remembers. The deposition will take place in Weller's home WilMont home and be limited to two hours, according to Wells. A second two-hour deposition could also take place if attorneys feel they need more information.

"We want to know what happened and why it was that he went into the market," said Wells, who has clients who have been struggling financially since the crash due to medical bills. Others have since died.

"We believe he mistook the brake for the gas and kept mistaking the brake for the gas," Wells said. "That is important for us because one of the defenses used by the city is that (they) couldn't have protected against somebody driving through the market at speeds that he drove through. That's not true.

"People will make mistakes when they drive, and if you had taken care of business at the beginning of that market, we wouldn't be here."

CITY HALL BACK ON THE HOOK

City Hall was recently brought back into the case after a panel of state appellate court judges threw out an earlier ruling granting City Hall design immunity.

At the heart of the decision was a piece of paper that allegedly served as the market's traffic management plan. A Santa Monica judge ruled that since a traffic management plan was in place and had been approved by a certified traffic engineer, City Hall could not be held liable under design immunity.

The rationale for design immunity is to prevent a jury from second-guessing the decision of a public entity that has gone through the required steps.

The appellate court said the traffic management plan, essentially a sheet of paper with a diagram of the market and writing stating where streets would be closed, did not include barricades that had been approved by the traffic engineer. The engineer also testified that he could not recall if the handwritten notations on the paper were on a plan shown to him by the market manager.

"Accordingly, the details surrounding

(the traffic management plan) are fraught with sufficient uncertainty to raise a reasonable inference that it might not be the plan approved ...," the appellate court ruled.

Attorneys for City Hall argued that the market was not in a dangerous condition on the day of the crash and that testimony from the traffic engineer clearly shows that the piece of paper in question was the approved traffic management plan.



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Geoff Wells
Attorney for victims of the Farmers'
Market crash

"The ruling was made purely on procedural grounds and doesn't say anything about the merits of the plaintiffs' lawsuit," said Chief Deputy City Attorney Jeanette Schachtner, who is in charge of civil liability. "This is a factual dispute about the approval of the plan that needs to be resolved in future court proceedings. The city will show that this is the plan that was approved, and once that issue is resolved, I believe the city is entitled to the design immunity."

Schachtner anticipates that the issue of design immunity will be resolved before the case goes to trial, which is set for February 2008.

"This (ruling) does bring the city back into the lawsuit, but only temporarily," she said.

As for Weller testifying, Schachtner said it is important for the community to hear from Weller about what happened that fateful day.

"He was the cause of this accident," she said.

Attorneys for Weller said in his criminal trial that the former food broker suffered from "pedal error," and accidentally mistook the gas for the brake. The jury in his criminal trial felt Weller may have made a mistake initially, but had plenty of opportunities to correct that mistake, which he chose not to take.

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Authorities want to locate drivers

FROM DRIVERS PAGE 3

Warren Stanley said it's a mystery what happened to the others who abandoned their vehicles to the flames.

"We have no idea," Stanley said. "We haven't identified all the vehicles, we haven't identified all the drivers."

As the highway reopened early Monday, investigators worked to identify vehicles, some of which were reduced to molten steel in the fire's intense heat. They were also trying to locate drivers, passengers and any witnesses to the accident to help determine what happened.

Authorities said 10 people were hospitalized with minor or moderate injuries from

the fiery crash Friday night. Another 10 people escaped the flaming tunnel unscathed.

As of Monday, the CHP had received no missing person reports connected to the crash. Stanley said investigators expanded their search, including contacting local agencies to find people involved.

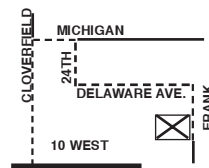
It is unclear where the drivers disappeared to as the tunnel sits under the interstate, nestled in mountain canyons.

Investigators haven't figured out what caused the pileup inside the 550-foot long tunnel three days after the crash.

State Transportation Department district director Doug Failing said officials were trying to determine the extent of the damage to the steel and concrete tunnel.

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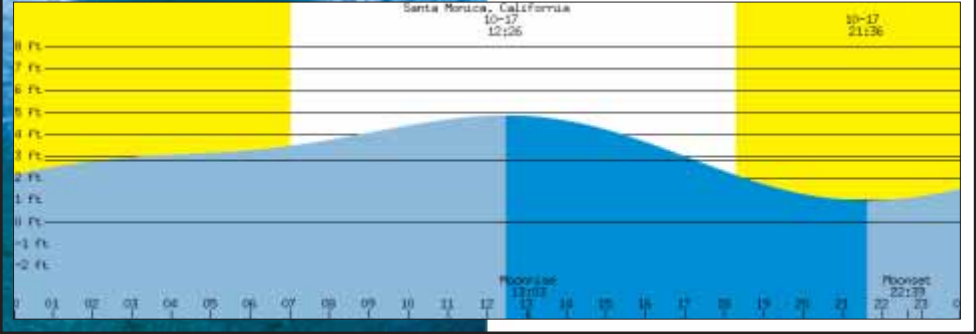
SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 60°

SWELL FORECAST (3-4 FT)
Today into Thursday the 18th we still have some NW swell due, but models have downgraded this system for SoCal, keeping its trajectory far to the north, making landfall north of Vancouver where just two days ago models thought it would hit Oregon. NCal will see some fairly big surf out of this, but SoCal won't.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
SW DUE THIS WEEKEND...
POSSIBLE HEFTY NW BY 21ST...

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 1

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

Number of wet days -- 5

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / 35

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 6 / 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
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto 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	B	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A	A+

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken



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NFL

Raiders given reality check

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA For two weeks the Oakland Raiders got to enjoy being in first place in the AFC West for a change and enjoy a two-game winning streak that made last year's failures seem like a distant memory.

Then reality hit as soon as they took the field against the San Diego Chargers. There was LaDanian Tomlinson running through the defense with ease, Shawne Merriman and Shaun Phillips hounding quarterback Daunte Culpepper and the offense playing a sloppy game filled with turnovers, penalties and other mistakes.

It looked like the same-old Oakland Raiders, who have lost 16 straight games in the AFC West following the 28-14 defeat in San Diego on Sunday. They get another chance to snap that division skid at home on Sunday against Kansas City.

"We're close to being a good team, but we just played like a bad team," offensive lineman Robert Gallery said. "You can overcome some things, but I think in all facets of the game, we killed ourselves."

Oakland (2-3) fell behind 14-0 after San Diego's first two possessions, turned the ball over three times, committed eight penalties and allowed LaDanian Tomlinson to run for 198 yards and four touchdowns. Despite all of that, if the Raiders had stopped Tomlinson on a third-and-3 with 2:48 to go, they could have gotten the ball back trailing only 21-14.

Instead, Tomlinson ran 41 yards for his fourth touchdown and the Raiders were dealt another division loss.

"We didn't deserve to win that game, and we didn't really deserve to be in that game,

the way that we played and the mistakes that we made," coach Lane Kiffin said.

Seven of Oakland's eight penalties came on offense, with the line being called for holding three times, false starts twice and one clipping. Coupled with the six sacks, that often put the Raiders in long-yardage situations where they were forced to pass.

On their 14 third down plays, the Raiders needed to make an average of nearly 9 yards to make a first down.

They converted only five of them, much worse than their 48 percent rate entering the game.

"We were way too sloppy on offense," center Jeremy Newberry said. "We had way too many penalties. We didn't stay on track as far as staying in manageable third-down situations. Why, I don't know. I haven't watched the film yet. But I know we had way too many penalties and way too many third-and-long situations. Way too many. And it's hard to keep a rhythm when you're doing that."

After coming into the game averaging a league-leading 194.3 yards per game rushing, the Raiders were held to just 53 on 23 rushing attempts against San Diego.

LaMont Jordan, playing despite a sore back, finished with 42 yards on 18 carries, Backup Justin Fargas, who had 172 yards in the second half of the previous game after Jordan got hurt, had only two carries for 10 yards.

"I don't think they figured anything out," Gallery said. "We got in some bad situations, were forced to throw it, and didn't execute when we did run it. We didn't stay on schedule. If we stay on schedule we're a good team. If we don't stay on schedule, we get in bad positions."

NCAA FOOTBALL

Dorrell hopes Cowan will start

BY KEN PETERS
AP Sports Writer

WESTWOOD If the UCLA Bruins are lucky this weekend, they'll be able to go with their backup quarterback.

Coach Karl Dorrell is optimistic that Patrick Cowan will be ready when the Bruins come off a bye week to face No. 9 California.

"We gave him the week off last week, and that was on purpose to give him a chance to continue his rehab and to strengthen his knee and get his conditioning back," Dorrell said Monday.

"We do anticipate him having a full week of practice and, if everything goes as planned, we will use him as the starter."

If Cowan doesn't look ready, the Bruins likely will have McLeod Bethel-Thompson — who isn't even on scholarship — calling the signals again on Saturday at the Rose Bowl.

UCLA's other options are freshman Chris Forcier, who has been on the scout team, or Osaar Rasshan, a former quarterback who had been shifted to wide receiver.

Bethel-Thompson, who had not thrown a

collegiate pass, was pressed into duty in the Bruins' last game when Ben Olson went out with a knee injury in the first quarter.

A walk-on who is a redshirt freshman, Bethel-Thompson struggled mightily. He threw four interceptions and lost a fumble that Notre Dame turned into a touchdown — and the Irish beat the Bruins 20-6 to win for the first time this season.

Olson had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee and will be sidelined for at least three more weeks.

Cowan, who started the last half of 2006 after Olson went out with an injury in the fifth game, missed the first three games of this season because of a torn hamstring. He returned and started against Washington on Sept. 22 because Olson had concussion-like symptoms, but Cowan tore a ligament in his right knee in that game (a 44-31 victory) and has been sidelined since then.

Dorrell said that, in addition to giving Cowan time off to fully recuperate, it gave the other quarterbacks time to work with the offense.

"We know what Pat can do," Dorrell said. "We just needed him to get some more time to rest."

Toot, toot

Former President Carter welcomes Thomas the Tank Engine to Georgia

FORMER PRESIDENT CARTER joined a group of young children Tuesday in welcoming Thomas the Tank Engine – the smiling, chubby-cheeked storybook locomotive – to south Georgia.

Carter said 10 trains a day passed his rural boyhood home and he often stood along the tracks and waved at the engineers “who were my heroes.” “I grew up surrounded by the sound of trains,” he

said, praising “the enormous benefits railroads brought to this country.” The Thomas replica pulled a nine-car train from a station at the Georgia Veterans State Park west of Cordele. It

crossed nearby Lake Blackshear before returning to the park. After the 25-minute ride, Carter read a train story to about 50 children, ages 4 to 6, from area schools. Later, few of the

children could remember Carter’s name, although they knew he was a former president. One child said the most memorable event for him was using the train’s restroom.

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FOX SAYING GOODBYE

JORJA FOX is waving goodbye to “CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.” Fox, 39, tells EW.com she has quit the Las Vegas-based forensics drama, saying she wants to explore other opportunities.

“There are all these things I want to do,” she said in a story posted Monday on the Web site. “Some are personal. Some are professional. And I really need to do some of them before I get too old.”

Fox has wrapped up filming on the hit CBS series, and will make her last appearance as Sara Sidle in an episode to air next month, according to the Web site.

CBS publicist Kate Fisher had no comment Tuesday.

AP

FOXY BROWN was singing a different tune Tuesday when she showed up in court four days after refusing to appear to face assault charges.

The 28-year-old rapper, who is serving a year at Rikers Island prison for violating probation, arrived at Brooklyn state Supreme Court wearing casual street clothing.

She pleaded not guilty to charges that she threw a cell phone at a neighbor who complained about the volume of her car radio. The plea was entered by her attorney, John Sampson, the district attorney’s office said.

Sampson didn’t immediately return a call for comment.

Last Friday, Brown twice refused to appear in court



for her arraignment. Prosecutors rescheduled her appearance for Tuesday, warning that if she refused to show up, the court would issue an order allowing correction

officers to put her in handcuffs and force her onto a bus.

Brown was arrested in the New York City borough of Brooklyn in August and accused of striking Arlene

AP

Foxy Brown pleads not guilty in court

MOVIEGUIDE

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Primo Levi's Journey (NR)
7:30

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Elizabeth: The Golden Age (PG-13)
1:45, 4:35, 7:25, 10:10
Lars and the Real Girl (PG-13)
2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45
Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married? (PG-13)
1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20

AMC 7 SANTA MONICA
1310 3rd Street
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3:10 to Yuma (R)
4:20, 7:15, 9:50
The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford, (R)
1:35, 5:00, 8:15
The Brave One (R)
1:40
Elizabeth: The Golden Age (PG-13)
1:15, 4:00, 6:50, 9:30
The Game Plan (PG)
1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:35
The Kingdom (R)
1:30, 4:25, 7:10, 9:45
We Own the Night (R)
1:20, 2:20, 4:10, 5:10, 6:55, 7:55, 9:40

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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

LAEMMLE'S MONICA
FOURPLEX
1332 2nd Street
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Darjeeling Limited, The (R)
12:30, 2:50, 3:50, 5:15, 7:40, 8:45, 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

MANN'S CRITERION THEATRE
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Across the Universe (PG-13)
1:10, 4:15, 7:10, 10:20
The Heartbreak Kid (R)
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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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Born Today
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Daredevil motorcyclist Evel Knievel (1938)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Take charge and understand what makes you tick. Tempers flare when you least expect it, yours included. Communication offers a partner’s ideas as well as his or her frustration. Give this person more consideration. Tonight: Out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Your ability to read between the lines might separate you from others. Creativity might help you come up with solutions, but you might not feel that you are flowing. A little aggravation goes far in opening up your ingenuity. Tonight: Take an overview.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Work as a team. Deal with someone directly. Creativity emerges when dealing with your high energy and a key person’s ideas. Curb spending, and honor your feelings. Make that extra effort toward a partner. Tonight: Togetherness works.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Others pull the strings, and once more you go along for the ride. You might be quite irritable or uptight. A child or situation helps you detach and come up with answers. Let ideas bubble forth. Tonight: Say yes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ All work and no play proves to be a most unhealthy blend. The real issue is how to bypass this situation and return to your old ways. Recognize that our innate style is sometimes the best for us. Tonight: Indulge in a hot bath; soak away stress.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Revise your thinking once, twice, as many times as necessary. Being able to flow and not get locked into an idea could easily prove to be a strength, despite how a boss or associate views this unpredictability. Tonight: Time to enjoy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Stay close to basics – emotionally, intellectually and physically. Right now avant-garde behavior and thought won’t work. If you walk the conservative path, you will like the end results. In fact, praise will head your way. Tonight: Relax at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Your words have implications. Actually, what you say always does, but right now you see results more easily. Don’t fear to plunge ahead in order to find solutions and ideas. You could be quite stunned by news. Tonight: Hanging out is fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might want to rethink your ideas, especially if present activity is causing a hole in your wallet. You have what it takes to say no to this trend and turn it around. Responsibilities demand your attention. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Your high energy points to positive and dynamic changes. Perhaps you don’t realize the power and strength of your thoughts, especially if you detach. Open up to possibilities that, up till now, have not been an option. Tonight: Act like top dog.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ Knowing when to step back might be more important than taking action. If you observe more, you will notice a new trend building. Design an outlet for stress and frustration, if you don’t already have one. Tonight: Yours to decide.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Zero in on what you want and refuse to back down or settle for less. If you feel frustrated, push yourself to find solutions. You have imagination and intelligence on your team. Answers are forthcoming. Tonight: Where you are is where the happening is.

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Difficulty
GOLD

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		1		6			3	
7	5							6
	6				8	5	2	1

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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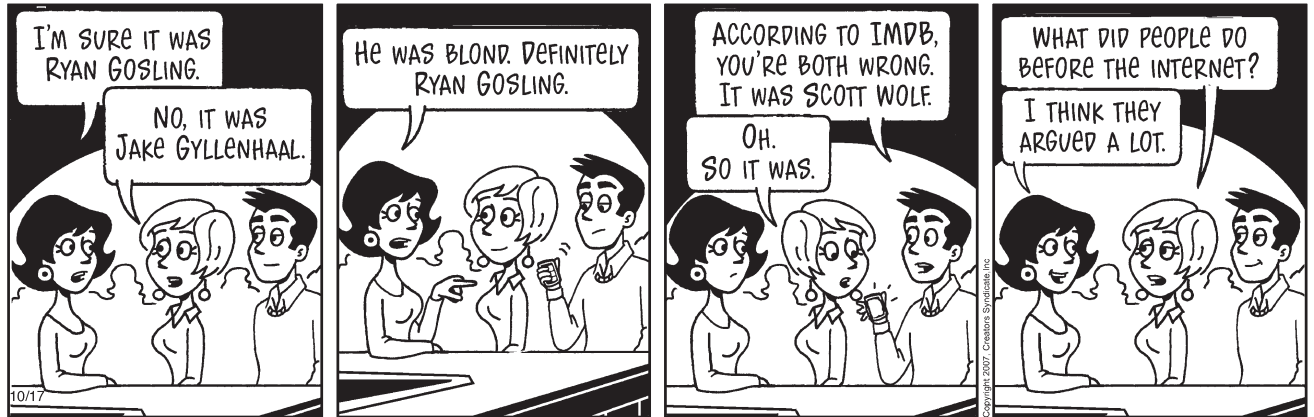
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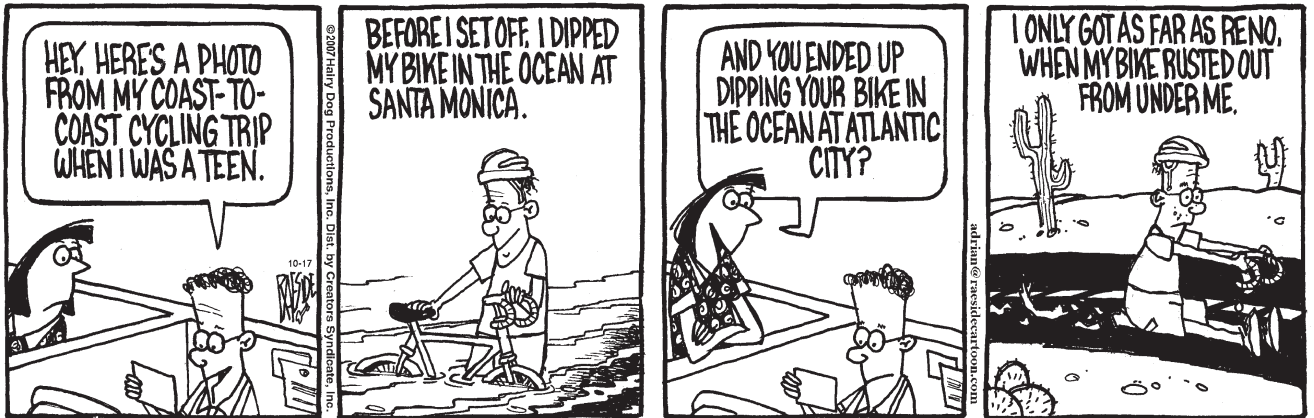
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TSG No.: 3376402 TS No.: 20079017902494 FHA/VA/PMI No.: YOU ARE IN DE-FALT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/25/06. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROP-ERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On October 23, 2007 at 11:30 AM, First American LoanStar Trustee Services, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 07/31/06, as Instrument No. 06 1681673, in book , page , of Official Records in the Office of the County Re-order of LOS ANGELES County, State of California. Executed by: PATRICIA E.A. SLATER, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN. WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASH-IER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE POMONA SUPERIOR COURTS BUILDING, 350 W. MISSION BLVD. POMONA, CA. All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DE-SCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 4270-010-045. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2417 34TH STREET. 16, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. The undersigned Trustee dis-claims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regard-ing title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the

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time of the initial publica-tion of the Notice of Sale is \$523,742.15. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. Date: 10/03/07, First American Title Insurance Company, First American Loan-Star Trustee Services, 3 First American Way, Santa Ana, CA 92707 Original document signed by Autho-rized Agent, Chet Sconyers -- FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 530-672-3033. First American Loanstar Trustee Services May be Acting as a Debt Collector Attempting to Collect a Debt. Any Information obtained will be used for that purpose. NPP0123582 10/03/07, 10/10/07, 10/17/07

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:

Goals for Minority Participation in Each Trade 28.3%

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These goals are applicable to all the contractor's construction work (whether or not it is Federal or Federally assisted) performed in the covered area.

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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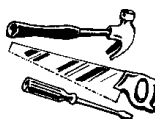
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