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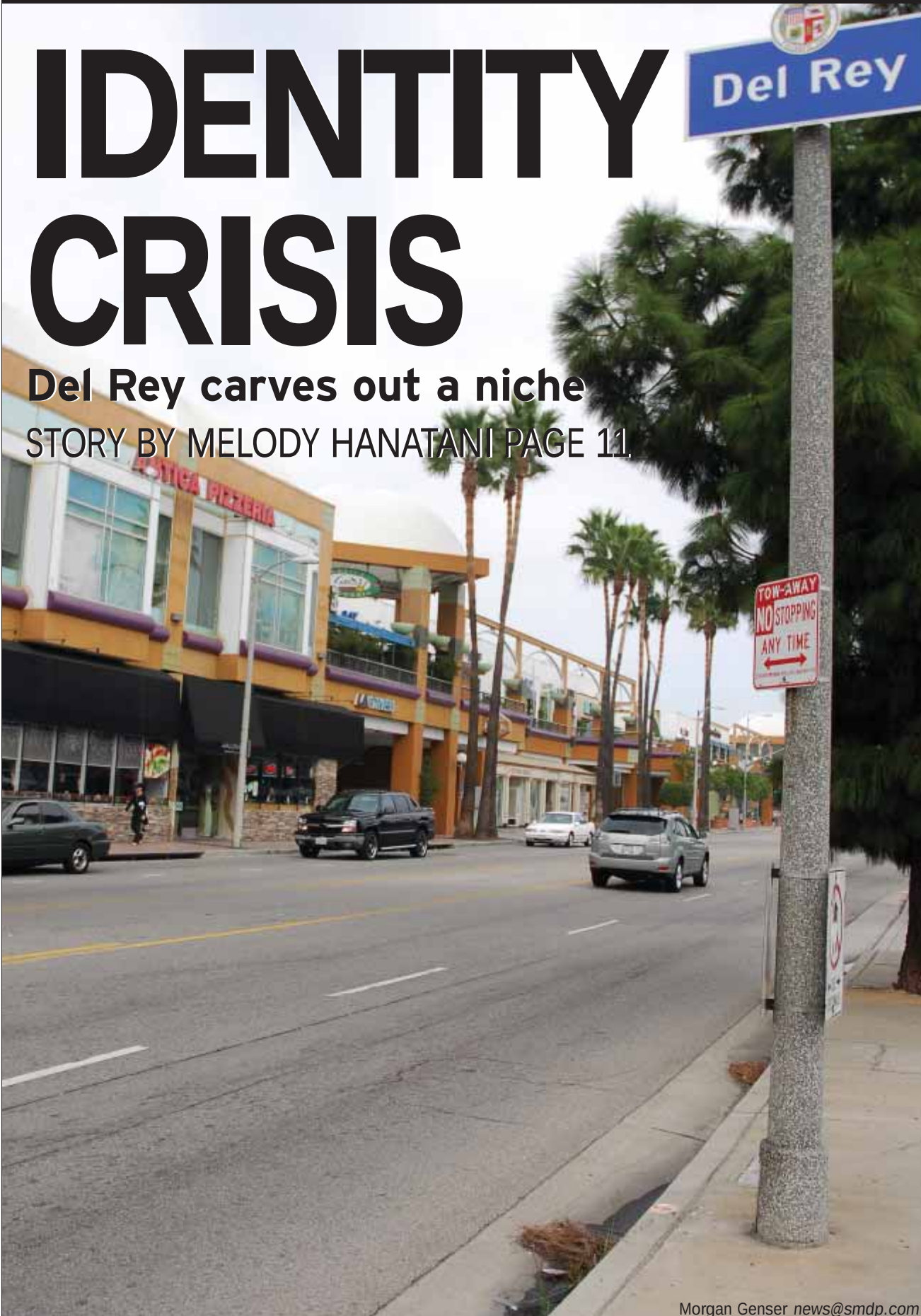
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TRACKING THE PROGRESS: Dreams of the Expo Light Rail reaching Santa Monica may have hit a considerable snag, with the first phase of the project — spanning Downtown LA to Culver City — already battling a \$145 million shortfall.

Price tag for Expo blows up

Project experiences a setback as leaders scramble for funds

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN LA The long-awaited dream to bring a transit rail system to Santa Monica hit another snag.

Officials with the Exposition Construction Authority announced last week that the first phase of the light rail project, which will take the public transit system from Downtown Los Angeles to Culver City, is battling a \$145 million shortfall, raising questions as to when the electrically-powered train would reach Santa Monica.

Construction for the first portion of the project began in August and the second phase, which would bring the light rail from Culver City to the terminal at Fourth Street and Colorado Avenue in Santa Monica, is currently undergoing planning.

The first leg of the Expo Light Rail was originally slated to cost \$640 million when initial cost estimates was done in 2004 and 2005. That projection only accounted for a 3.5 percent inflation rate, standard for the construction industry three years ago.

How times have changed.

A sizable chunk of the multi-million dollar deficit — approximately \$80 to \$100 million — is attributed to inflation, which actually increased in the neighborhood of 11 to 20 percent a year. The remainder of the price hike is due to

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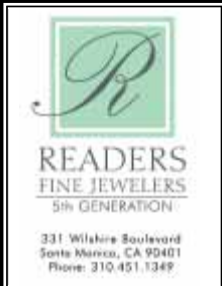
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Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2007

Screening of '90404 Changing'

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

A screening of the docudrama “90404 Changing” about Santa Monica’s Pico Neighborhood will be followed by a Q&A with director Michael Barnard at the Fairview Branch Library.

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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.





COLD LEFTOVERS

Suzanne Tihrani gives daughter Laila, 4, torn bits of bread to feed the ducks at Douglas Park on Monday. The chillier temperatures and cloudy skies left the city's parks less crowded through much of the day. The National Weather Service forecasts more of the same for the next few days.

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Vikings continue season

Undefeated Pee Wees storm into quarterfinals

BY JARED MORGAN
Special to the Daily Press

SAMOHI Three of five teams in the Santa Monica Youth Football program have advanced to the Pacific Coast Conference quarterfinals — coach Rick Regalado's Mitey Mites, the youngest players in the program; coach Allen Hankel's Jr. Pee Wees and Michael Ehrlich's undefeated Pee Wees.

The Santa Monica Youth Football program features players ranging in age from 7 to 14 years old, with the youngest starting out on the Mighty Mites, and then as they get older, progressing through the ranks of Jr. Pee Wee, Jr. Midget, Pee Wee and, ultimately, the Midget squad.

On Saturday, the Pee Wees (8-0) will square off against the Gardena Mohicans on

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Celebrities support striking writers in their plight

BY RAQUEL MARIA DILLON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Some famous supporters stopped by picket lines Monday to show their support for Hollywood writers.

Late-night host Jay Leno rode his motorcycle to NBC in Burbank, where he passed out doughnuts and visited strikers.

Julia Louis-Dreyfus marched with picketers at Warner Bros. in Burbank as they chanted, "Hey, hey, pencils down. Hollywood's a union town."

Wearing a cap, sunglasses and Screen Actors Guild T-shirt, she protested just a few yards from a giant billboard advertising her CBS show, "The New Adventures of Old Christine."

"How this is resolved will directly affect our union, too," she said, referring to the actors union contract that expires next year.

In New York, Tina Fey of "30 Rock" joined strikers outside Rockefeller Center, the headquarters of NBC.

Ellen DeGeneres wasn't spotted on the picket lines, but her publicist Kelly Bush said she took the day off in support of the writers on her daytime talk show.

Even Democratic presidential hopeful

Barack Obama weighed in, urging producers to work with writers to end the strike.



HOW THIS IS RESOLVED WILL DIRECTLY AFFECT OUR UNION, TOO."

Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Actress referring to the actors union contract that expires next year

Noise and other disruptions caused by a picket line interfered with filming at a loca-

tion being used for the CBS show "Cane." About 20 writers chanted, screamed and used a bullhorn outside a cafe near the CBS lot in Studio City, causing the production to move back onto the nearby CBS lot.

Tom Hogan, a location manager for the show, said filming began hours before the picketers arrived and involved a script that

was finished several weeks ago.

directors and location managers. Picketers near Universal Studios marched across a bridge over the Hollywood Freeway and waved signs at passing motorists. Outside the landmark gate of Paramount Pictures on Melrose Avenue, drivers honked their horns in solidarity with strikers.

Despite the support, the financial reality of a work stoppage loomed large for many striking writers.

Michelle Mulroney, 40, and her husband both write feature films.

"I'm fortunate. I can strike for a while," she said. "But most people I know will feel the crunch today."

Zoe Green, 26, certainly will. She sold her first pilot, but the strike is preventing her from writing the script.

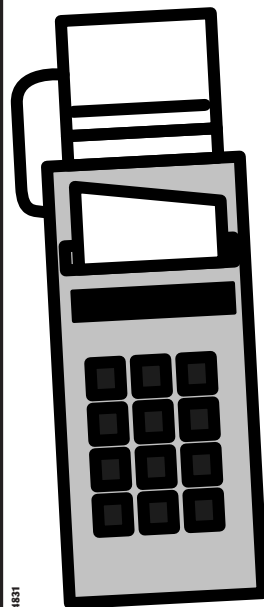
"It's the worst thing ever," she said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Life's a beach for underemployed Editor:

Why do poor people deserve to live near the beach? Community Corporation of Santa Monica (CCSM) could use their money to buy less expensive land and build more affordable units in less expensive neighborhoods, like the Pico Neighborhood. The Pico Neighborhood needs the investment more than Ocean Park anyway.

So CCSM chose to add density to one of the most dense parts of SM rather than making the only remaining depressed part of SM better by investing its money in the Pico Neighborhood. Meanwhile, there is no longer an incentive for the people living in this new building to ever achieve beyond subsidized housing. They live two blocks from the beach and pay half the rent that other people pay next door. Why would any of these people want to earn more money? They might have to move to the Pico Neighborhood if they did.

Bradley Meyers

Santa Monica

Quit making Bush a scapegoat

Editor:

In his letter to the editor ("Oh, can you hear the pipes calling?" Oct. 5) Ron Lowe asks why the Democrats keep playing into the hands of the "Bush and Republican war machine," as if the Dems are too stupid to make their own decisions. Mr. Lowe correctly states that there is a Democratic Party majority in both houses of Congress and if that majority wants to cut the funding to the war, they have the power to do so.

Blaming everything you don't like on Bush and the Republicans is getting very tiresome and I, for one, am sick of hearing it.

Barry Barker

Santa Monica

The prose and cons of ficus trees

Editor:

(Re: The downtown ficus trees)
Chop them down,
chop them down now.
They are thugs and gangsters.
It's shameful how they hang out
on the street day and night.
You can't even go downtown
without seeing them everywhere.
A lot of them have tattoos
The birds sit in their branches
just waiting to poop, on the
heads of citizens and visitors.
It is high time the city cleared
out this major blight.

Laura Hemmer

Santa Monica



Your column here

John Wood

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Thank Hu: A Special way to hug the world

(Editor's note: John Wood is a former staff writer for the Santa Monica Daily Press currently living in China.)

IT'S NOT EASY BEING DIFFERENT IN CHINA.

In a country where the Communist Party is the sole political power, where education is based on repetition and mimicry, and where citizens are encouraged to conform and follow the group, being different is difficult, even dangerous.

Remarkable, then, to see President Hu Jintao's warm embrace of people with intellectual disabilities at the Special Olympics World Summer Games held in Shanghai last month.

It wasn't Hu's stiff-wristed wave from the VIP stands that turned heads. Rather, it was a short video aired during the star-studded opening ceremonies. Hu smiled and laughed freely, embraced people with intellectual disabilities and seemed to genuinely have a good time.

This video and much of the Special Olympics World Summer Games was broadcast around the world and, importantly, across rural and developed China, where programming is heavily controlled, from Oct. 2 to Oct. 11.

Viewers around the world tuned in because the event was seen as a bellwether for the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Chinese viewers tuned in because the games were on home turf and attracted more than 7,500 athletes from 164 nations. The intense national pride of the Chinese, even among the growing disgruntled masses, is difficult to overestimate.

Critics will say China hosted the Special Olympics in a flimsy effort to apply makeup to its battered public image — that of the rising dragon — and to take focus away from an immense trade imbalance with the United States, away from ongoing human rights abuses and unending concerns over the "Made in China" tag. These critics will say the video of Hu enjoying the company of disabled people was forced, that Hu is press savvy and little more. Yet even conceding these conservative assessments, the immediate impact of the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games has been palpable in China. The average citizen, for the first time, now knows something about the Special Olympics. What's more, the Chinese nation collectively watched as its leader literally reached out and embraced people with intellectual disabilities. This can only serve the interests of a disabled population in China that traditionally has been shunned, denied proper care and often kept out of sight.

Hu did not act alone. Among the long list of prominent figures helping draw global attention to the Special Olympics were basketball star Yao Ming, musician Yo-Yo Ma, actors Jackie Chan and Colin Farrell, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Santa Monica's own City Councilman Bobby Shriver, eldest son of Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Special Olympics founder.

Tens of thousands of volunteers cheered from the sidelines. They joined what Special Olympics Chairman Tim Shriver calls "the Special Olympics movement" because the



Photo courtesy of John Wood

IN THE RED: China's hosting of the 2007 Special Olympics brought out the best in both athletes and the nation's leadership.

Special Olympics brings joy to the athletes who compete, but also because the Special Olympics draws out the best in everyone involved. The athletes celebrated exemplify genuine kindness, incredible determination and real courage in the face of true adversity. Rarely does a spectator leave a Special Olympics event untouched. As one devout Catholic at the Shanghai games remarked, "It's better than church."

Sure, China made some missteps which organizers hope won't be repeated at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Dozens of international visitors and sponsors were delayed access to key events while police bureaus conducted background checks. Rumors circulated about

local volunteers being strong-armed to serve. Sports venues served athletes fast-food lunches of Kentucky Fried Chicken and Coca-Cola.

No, things were not perfect. Nor will they be made perfect anytime soon in developing China. Life will remain difficult for

the millions of Chinese people who live with intellectual disabilities. Acceptance will be rare. Still, for people of all walks of life who stand out as different in China — the intellectually disabled, gays and lesbians, even just the average foreigner — Hu's embrace was more than a mere cameo, and China's hosting of the Special Olympics much more than a dress rehearsal.

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What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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The straight poop on loving your pet

HAVING A DOG IN YOUR LIFE IS A wonderful thing, not just because they keep the floors relatively food free, warm you at night, and are always glad to see you come home, but because of what they force you to do. A dog needs to be walked — mine goes out about four times a day with me, not including the trips to check the perimeter of our backyard for invading badgers.

Walking a dog keeps you humble because, honestly, having to stoop down to pick up poop is something that will keep your ego in check. It is just not possible to be too full of yourself as you walk down your street holding a bag of poo.

The other great thing about having to walk your dog is that it forces you to get to know your neighborhood. By walking four times a day, I invariably will meet people. The conversations frequently start off with the usual light banter of neighbors about the weather and such, but soon become more intimate, and you learn about your city that way. You learn who your neighbors are, what they like, what they hate, how politically involved, or not, they are.

I have a couple of guys on my block who have been involved in local politics for years and it is always interesting to hear their take on the latest development out of the City Council. It's amazing to me to see how some people really understand the politics of a small city, and others just don't get it.

There's always the angry one who thinks that everyone is on the take, and that the developers must have paid off the City Council in order to get their latest project approved. And in other cases, there are those who think that there is just gross indifference to all that happens.

My block is a very diverse block. We have homeowners, renters, condo-owners and a semi-permanent selection of the homeless. We have white people, black people, Asians, Hispanics, Persians, and both mentally and physically handicapped people. There are people who have lived here for decades, and others, like me, who just moved in.

I like my neighborhood a great deal. I like the diversity of happily married couples, newly formed and just dating couples. I'm a single gay man who lives next door to a couple that have been married for more than a decade, and I have friends on this block who

are still living the dream of bachelor life.

This neighborhood has newborns and those who are close to being on their way out the door. We have people, like me, who are educated well beyond my intelligence level, and others who have trouble making change for a one dollar bill.

Like all neighborhoods, we have feuds, we have alliances, we have the silent folks. We have the developers who are buying up all that they can so that they can pack in more condominiums and reduce the green spaces.

I'm lucky that I can work from home easily and often; many of my neighbors do the same. We have artists and small business owners, musicians and hairstylists in this isle of creativity.

The point of all this is that I was walking my dog last week, and this young man in a hoodie passes me, and then recognizes me from that picture at the top of this column. He stops me and says that he really enjoys my column and that he likes the fact that I am positive about my neighborhood. He likes that I don't focus on the bad parts — the gang shootings, the traffic problems, the graffiti.

He was a very polite young man, kept calling me "Sir," which I liked on the one hand, and on the other, made me feel so much older than him, which I probably am. I asked him his name, but he wouldn't give it to me. He seemed slightly shy, but he had dreams, and we talked about those dreams for a bit. I hope that he one day gets to realize his dreams.

That's the nice part about walking a dog. You get to meet your neighbors and find out their dreams. In most cases, their dreams are your dreams: A nice home, a solid happy life, some sense of connection to your community.

My dog is important to me, and not just for what he does directly for me. But if he didn't have to be walked often, I'd probably not know my neighbors, or their hopes, dreams and fears.

Thanks to him, I know, and love, my neighborhood more than if he wasn't making poop on a regular basis.

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The Q-Line

It ain't easy being green

Sure, Santa Monica thumps its chest claiming to be as green a city as they come. Yet, pollution at the airport, notoriously dirty water off the coast, plans to remove healthy trees and a certain disdain for a bike riders group seems to prove the contrary.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you think Santa Monica is truly green or is it all just a bunch of propaganda?

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Rub-a-dub-dub, wash with suds

Clean hands put kids into the healthy club for good

BY MEGAN K. SCOTT
Associated Press Writer

Hand washing is one of the best defenses against winter colds and flu. But it's not always at top of kids' to-do lists.

Here's some advice to get them to soap up:

■ Be a good role model: "Wash your hands when you expect them to wash their hands," says Terri Khonsari, an industrial psychologist and author of "Raising a Superstar." "Children learn from what they see more than what they are told."

■ Make hand washing your mantra. Stacey Kannenberg,

author of the "Let's Get Ready Series," children's books that prepare kids for kindergarten and first grade, tells her daughters, 6 and 8, to wash their hands over and over again in a sing songy voice.

■ Make it fun. Sing with your children while they wash their hands. Use fun soap, such as SquidSoap which stamps a child's hand with vegetable dye and doesn't come off until 20 seconds of washing. Tell them to teach hand washing to their dolls, says Khonsari.

■ Tell them why it's important to wash their hands. Make it a topic at the dinner table. Mary Jo Finley, a mother of two in San Diego, tells her children "that there are bugs you can't see and you need to wash them off so you don't get sick."

■ Buy step stools for the sinks. Kids like the idea of stepping up on something.

And here are the keys to hand washing that will work, according to Dr. Marian Michaels, an infectious disease specialist at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh:

■ Do wash for 20 seconds — or longer. A good guideline for children is the time it takes for them to sing their ABCs.

■ Don't use really hot water. Hot water can chap hands, which can increase risk for infections.

■ Don't worry about using an anti-bacterial soap unless you are at an increased risk for a skin infection.

■ Keep nails clean and short. Use a nail brush to clean under the nail.

■ Hand sanitizer is a great alternative. But if there are particles of dirt on your hands, it's better to use soap and water.

When kids divorce, many parents stay close to the ex

BY MELISSA KOSSLER DUTTON
Associated Press Writer

When Gloria Campbell Gallagher and her husband, Dan, moved from Florida to Texas, they enlisted the help of their daughter's ex-husband, Travis Denson.

When Denson needed money for school, he asked the Gallaghers. They gave him the money and don't expect him to pay it back.

"I consider him my son and so does my husband," said Gallagher, 60. "If I didn't have so many other children, I'd probably leave him something in my will."

With divorce common and people living longer, parents now are carving out new -

sometimes close - relationships with their children's exes. Friendly "ex-laws" say they stay that way because of strong bonds, continued common interests and a desire to keep children connected with family.

Such friendships can be healthy, according to relationship experts, as long as parents tread lightly and try not to alienate or upset their own child.

Embracing ex-laws has made for recent tabloid fodder. Gossip columns have reported that Britney Spears is fuming over ex-husband Kevin Federline's friendship with her mother. Over the summer, paparazzi snapped photos of a visit between Brad Pitt's mother, Jane, and his ex-wife, Jennifer

Aniston. A family spokesperson said Pitt's parents remain friends with Aniston.

"People expect that you're divorcing the whole family and that's not necessary," said Lillian Carson, a psychotherapist and author of "The Essential Grandparent's Guide to Divorce" (Health Communications Inc., 1999).

With about 3.7 divorces for every 1,000 people in the United States in 2004, many people are searching for ways to relate to former in-laws.

"You have to be open to accepting a new configuration of family," Carson said from her office in Santa Barbara, Calif. "There is going to be a strain. It will be changed. But

it's possible to weather that and still have nice family events."

Gallagher, who also maintains a good relationship with her ex-husband, said she and Denson, her former son-in-law, have similar tastes in music and movies.

"It takes too much energy to be mad at someone - especially if they didn't do anything to you," said Gallagher, who lives in New Braunfels, Texas.

At first, Gallagher's daughter, Allison Sutton, was annoyed when Denson helped her mother hang Christmas lights, fix her computer and paint her walls.

"We're not married anymore," she said she felt like saying.

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A group of kid rockers from the Santa Monica branch of the Paul Green School of Rock strutted their stuff at Crash Mansion in downtown Los Angeles late last month. The pint-sized rock stars seem to have a penchant for classic rock.

Don't panic

Take these steps to protect your children from various cooties

BY MEGAN SCOTT

Associated Press Writer

With reports of an antibiotic-resistant staph infection on the rise, many a parent is sending a child off to school with careful instructions these days. While there is no need to panic — the infection is rarely seen in schools even though overall incidents are increasing — families can easily take some basic precautions that make good health sense.

Here's a guide to what you need to know:

WHAT IS STAPH?

■ Staph bacteria are commonly behind minor skin infections that show up as pimples or boils. Those infections can usually be treated with medication.

■ Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, called MRSA or "the superbug," does not always respond to medication, although it can also be treatable. It is mostly frequently transmitted by skin-to-skin contact, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

■ You should call a doctor if a sore is enlarging and has increasing drainage, says Dr. Jeffrey A. Jahre, chairman of the department of medicine at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, Pa. Also call a doctor if the sore is associated with symptoms such as fever, chills, or rash.

WHO IS MOST AT RISK?

■ People with an open wound who come in contact with the staph bacteria are at highest risk to contract the infection, Jahre says.

■ People who play contact sports such as wrestling and football and people who live in close quarters, such as prisons, barracks and college dorms, need to exercise special care, says Dr. Richard P. Wenzel, president of the International Society for Infectious Diseases.

■ "Another risk factor is the popular use of this cosmetic body shaving where people cut all the hair off them," he says, "and things such as sharing common whirlpools, bar soap and towels."

■ But it's important to remember that most staph infections are contracted in hospital settings by people who have existing health-care problems.

■ Many healthy people who are infected heal on their own or with treatment, says the Health Department in New York City, where a 12-year-old boy died last month.

■ For example, the health department estimates there were 600 laboratory-confirmed cases of the MRSA infection among New York City 5- to 18-year-olds last year.

WHAT TO TELL A PRE-SCHOOLER

■ No need to go into details about staph infections, says Dr. Hana Solomon, a pediatrician at Solomon Family Medical Clinic in Columbia, Mo. Rather, continue to emphasize the importance of hand washing and good hygiene.

■ Wenzel, also chair of the department of internal medicine at Virginia Commonwealth, recommends flu vaccines for the entire family, including pre-schoolers, because contracting the flu means bacteria can enter the body more easily.

WHAT TO TELL AN ELEMENTARY CHILD

■ Considering the spate of reports of staph infections in elementary school students, it can be scary for children in this age group.

■ Parents need to emphasize that the risk of contracting antibiotic-resistant staph is slim, says Solomon, but also use this as an opportunity to reinforce good hygiene practices, such as not sharing drinking glasses, tissues, and combs and of course, the importance of hand washing.

■ She warns against going overboard. "You don't want them to be compulsive. You want them to understand and be compliant," Wenzel adds that parents should tell children to report any wounds to the skin immediately, so they can be cleaned and covered.



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Demand soars for joint health miracle

Special report brings national attention to an amazing molecule now reproduced in breakthrough joint pill available in U.S. drugstores

By G. W. NAPIER

UNIVERSAL MEDIA SYNDICATE

So, what would it be like getting older but feeling good?

Believe it or not there are people living this way and a major network news crew found them.

They live in a small village called Yuzurihara and seem to defy the laws of aging with their active lifestyle.

Doctors and scientists have discovered that their secret to an active lifestyle is a diet that increases their body's production of an amazing molecule called *Hyaluronate*.

Nobody can put it in a pill to make people live longer. But, scientists at PatentHEALTH, an innovative U.S. health care company, have successfully added this amazing molecule to a 'feel good' joint pill called Trigosamine®.

This remarkable oral tablet is so impressive because it contains *Hyaluronate* which has the ability to retain fluid up to 1000 times its own weight. It has the potential to increase lubrication in the joints allowing them to move with ease.*

"Using Trigosamine is like taking a can of oil and applying it directly to your joints," said Dr. Joseph Dietz, Director of Health Science, Research and Development for PatentHEALTH.†*

And thanks to the luck-of-the-draw, readers of this newspaper are among those who can get it right now. That's because this area has already been assigned a toll-free Regional Health Hotline. But the catch is the hotline is set to close in just 72 hours.

"We recommend that those living in this area call now to get their share," said Valerie Moore, Director of the Regional Health Hotline.

"Right now, we're shipping out everything we have on a first-come-first-served basis. We may not be able to meet everyone's demands as word continues to spread across the country," she said.

Trigosamine's key ingredient is present in 'human joint oil', which is medically known as synovial fluid.

This fluid reduces friction in the joints allowing for effortless motion. It not only lubricates the joints but it also acts as a comfortable shock absorber.

"Synovial fluid is part of what allows young people to be highly active without having sore joints. But, as the body ages the production of synovial fluid declines which can force the joints to grind together resulting in nagging discomfort," Dr. Dietz said.

The Trigosamine supplement (pronounced *Tri-go-sa-mean*) combines *Hyaluronate* with the essential blend of glucosamine and chondroitin. This blend is available without a prescrip-



■ **STILL ACTIVE AT 86 YEARS OLD:** Yuda Miya, 86, who lives in the region near the village of Yuzurihara, just loves to garden and she does it everyday. Researchers believe a special diet increases the body's production of a molecule called *Hyaluronate* to keep people in Yuzurihara active. Although no pill can promise a longer lifespan, an over-the-counter joint supplement has developed a proprietary formula featuring *Hyaluronate*. This pill, called Trigosamine, will be available in many U.S. drugstores.

tion in once daily tablets.

It has been clinically shown that this essential dose of glucosamine and chondroitin helps to build healthy cartilage in the joints and allows for increased flexibility and range of motion.*

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to alleviate uncomfortable joint dysfunction by promoting elasticity, allowing joints to move freely and with greater flexibility.*

A clinical study conducted by the United States government found that glucosamine and chondroitin, similar to those present in Trigosamine, had

a remarkable 79.2% effective rate for those with moderate to severe joint discomfort.†*

It was also announced at an American College of Rheumatology meeting that the combination of glucosamine and chondroitin showed promise among persons with moderate to

discovered in Japan's 'feel good village'

severe discomfort.²

"Even though there is no pill that can make you live longer, the clinical trials have been consistent. The essential blend like the one present in Trigosamine has been proven safe and is extremely effective for joint health," said Dr. Dietz.³

The tough part now is how to get it. "Everybody wants it," said Moore.

"The first drugstores to get this formula couldn't keep it on the shelves," she said.

That's why CVS/pharmacy stockpiled the first available shipments. All the other drugstores may not get their shipments until later this year.

That makes the next 72 hours so critical for everyone living in the local area. Those who get through to the Regional Health Hotline before the deadline will get the Trigosamine supplement sent directly to their homes.

Otherwise, those who miss the deadline and everybody else living in other parts of the country may be hard pressed to get it.

So, even with the clock ticking local readers still have the advantage of being among those who can get their hands on this medical breakthrough. ■

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Here's how to get it

Until all pharmacies are fully stocked this national distribution of Trigosamine is being conducted on a state-by-state-basis. Those living in the states listed below with a star ★ next to it are authorized to have it sent directly to their home by calling The Regional Health Hotline now.

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■ **ALMOST GONE:** Demand in U.S. drugstores is soaring for the joint pill called Trigosamine. PatentHEALTH officials predict pharmacies will have to scramble to keep shelves fully stocked as shown in this photo reproduction. A special toll-free Regional Hotline has been set up for those unable to find it at their pharmacy. All consumers have to do is call 1-800-924-2109 to get Trigosamine shipped directly to their homes.

1. Dr. Joseph C. Dietz, PhD currently conducts full-time joint care and nutraceutical research on Trigosamine for PatentHEALTH, LLC.

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Expo's first leg may cost \$808 million

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additional insurance, bonds needed when construction prices increase and an extra contingency fee, which is calculated in proportion to the overall project cost, said Samantha Bricker, the chief operating officer for the Exposition Construction Authority.

Expo officials plan to meet with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority board at the end of this month to request the additional funding.

"We think the board will want to finish the project and do it correctly," Bricker said on Monday. "We have a lot of support for the project on this board and hopefully they will approve the increase."

The original estimate was done before the preliminary designs had been completed and lacked several unanticipated costs, including \$6 million to relocate a major sewer line.

"Once you have the design for the proj-

ect, you see where the utility locations are, you see where the structures are, you see more things about shoring and grouting and ducting and all engineering terms that don't turn up on design or drawing," Bricker said.

The first phase of the project is now estimated to cost \$808 million.



THE KEY IS TO KEEP THE PROJECT MOVING FORWARD AND TO CONTINUE PLANNING."

Pam O'Connor, Chairwoman, MTA Board of Directors

The escalation in the cost of construction materials and labor is felt in all sectors, according to Pam O'Connor, the chairwoman of the MTA board, adding that CalTrans is also feeling the pinch in its highway construction projects.

There are several options available to keep Expo going, including breaking the

project up into smaller segments and to find other financial sources, said O'Connor, who is also a Santa Monica City Councilmember.

"The key is to keep the project moving forward and to continue planning," O'Connor said on Monday. "The reality is this will have cost a lot less to build 10 years

in 2010 and the second phase could be completed by 2015.

Up to three stations are planned for Santa Monica — one at Bergamot Station, a second at an undetermined location in the Mid-City and a terminal at the Sears auto lot in the downtown area.

The Exposition light rail will begin at 7th Street at the Metro Center station in Downtown Los Angeles, traveling south and then west alongside the 10 Freeway until it hits Culver City, a trip estimated to take less than 30 minutes.

In coming up with an estimate for phase two, Expo officials will take into consideration a higher construction inflation rate than used for phase one, and will incorporate the high cost of real estate on the Westside.

"We're trying to be more realistic," Bricker said.

ago, and it will cost more to build 10 years from now, so we need to work to build this as soon as possible."

The underestimation of phase one could be a lesson well learned for the planning of phase two, as well as all MTA projects, Bricker said.

The first stretch of expo is slated to open

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GETTING READY FOR BATTLE: The Santa Monica Vikings Mitey Mites, a youth football league with players between the ages of 7 and 9, run through practice at Marine Park in this September photograph. The team is one of three Santa Monica squads to reach the quarterfinals.

Vikings prepare to continue strong push during postseason

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their turf at Redondo High School.

The last time the Vikings faced the Mohicans was during their yearly August scrimmage.

"We were very evenly matched ... (Gardena) is a formidable opponent. They're well-coached, good guys," said Coach Ehrlich.

As testament to the Pee Wees' power, the mercy rule has been invoked in seven of their eight games, allowing their counterparts to save a little face. A team is mercied when the

other gains a 30-point advantage.

"The only team that has given us any trouble was Palos Verdes, but we beat them 18-6," said Ehrlich.

The winner of next Saturday's game advances to play Downey the following weekend in the quarterfinals.

Last Saturday, the Pee Wee Vikings played the Torrance Maroon Panthers — a few turnovers slowed the first quarter, but the Vikings opened up the second half to secure a 32-point lead and "dominated in the third and fourth quarters," said Ehrlich.

"Our defense is awesome this season ... we've held our

opponents to 18 points in eight games, the boys played well," said Ehrlich.

Because of a rule placed by the Pacific Coast Conference that requires teams to use each individual player in at least six plays during each game, Ehrlich uses his most skilled players in the third and fourth quarters for a strong finish.

Attempts to reach coaches for the Jr. Pee Wees and Mighty Mites proved unsuccessful Monday.

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SIGN OF THINGS TO COME: One of several new signs announcing the boundaries of Del Rey is located on Maxella Avenue, across the street from The Villa Marina Marketplace. Residents are attempting to carve out an identity for the relatively unknown West Los Angeles neighborhood.

Fit for a king

Del Rey is a hood in search of an identity in West Los Angeles

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DEL REY Don't call us the Marina, or even Playa.

That's the message of more than 40,000 residents of this relatively unknown neighborhood, a small West Los Angeles community that for decades has been trying to carve its identity out of the mold known as Marina del Rey and Culver City adjacent.

Their wishes came true last month when LA City Councilman Bill Rosendahl unveiled the new "Del Rey" community designation signs, located at six different spots within the neighborhood.

The sign, though insignificant in terms of the chunk it took out of the Los Angeles city budget, holds a strong significance to the people that have fought for more attention from their elected officials for generations, seeing the signs as a badge of honor.

"Del Rey is a community that doesn't have the most distinct identity," said Chris Nevil, the president of the Del Rey Homeowners and Neighbors Association. "Every time I say I live in Del Rey, people (think) Marina del Rey or Playa del Rey."

The community is bounded by Lincoln Boulevard to the west, Sawtelle Boulevard to the east, Washington Boulevard to the north and Jefferson Boulevard to the south.

To the homeowners association, the distinction allows the community to have their voices heard louder with their city government, and also gives them a better edge in marketing the homes in the neighborhood, selling them as properties in "Del Rey" rather than "Marina del Rey" adjacent.

"We're really trying to create our own real estate identity too," Nevil said. "When you know (someone) bought a house in Del Rey, you know it's a good start."

The community is often mistaken for Marina del Rey, Mar Vista and even Venice because of its proximity to all three better known communities. Splashes of the three communities can be seen in Del Rey — in a small working-class enclave in the heart of the Del Rey neighborhood is the Marina del

Rey Middle School and its next-door neighbor, the Venice Japanese Community Center. A stone's throw away is the Mar Vista Gardens, a residential community.

'A GOLD NUGGET'

At 104 years old, the community actually predates both Marina del Rey and Playa del Rey. Part of the reason why the community is obscured behind the shadow of some of the more well-known West LA districts is because it covers three different zip codes — one shared with Culver City and two with Marina del Rey, according to Mark Redick, the president of the neighborhood council.

Redick believes the new community designation signs will help enhance civic pride.

"In a sense, when you have civic pride, then people have a sense of civic ownership," Redick said.

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Chris Nevil
President of the Del Rey Homeowners and Neighbors Association

Approximately 40 percent of the Del Rey population is Hispanic while 33 percent is Caucasian. About 14 percent is Asian, the majority of which are Japanese-American.

In fact, the Japanese-American community is what makes Del Rey unique among its West LA neighbors.

The community is mainly residential with splashes of businesses here and there.

Rosendahl, who lives in Mar Vista, didn't discover the Del Rey neighborhood until a few years ago when he met a member of the neighborhood council.

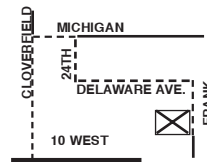
When Rosendahl was elected into office, he hired a field deputy to represent the Del Rey neighborhood, acting as a liaison for the neighborhood council. Along with the installation of the signs, Rosendahl said he is looking into more projects for Del Rey, including adding more green space developed in the neighborhood.

"It's really a gold nugget," he said. "It's just a fantastic hidden jewel on the Westside."

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Trial set to begin in missing mom trial

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press Writer

OAKLAND On a late summer day, Nina Reiser shopped for groceries, dropped her two children off at her estranged husband's house in a quiet section of the Oakland hills, and vanished.

Prosecutors say there's no great mystery about what happened; they believe they can prove she was murdered by Hans Reiser even though her body hasn't been found. But the defense has maintained it's not proven Nina Reiser is dead, let alone murdered, and she may very well be secretly living in her native Russia.

The case, scheduled to move forward with opening statements Monday, is unusual since most homicide investigations start with the finding of a body. But it is not unheard of, say criminal defense attorneys.

"You have to look at the totality of the circumstances," said Brian Getz, a past president of the Northern California Criminal Trial Lawyers Association. "Is it obvious that this person's been murdered? And No. 2, Who did it? I don't think that having the body is really prerequisite."

The challenge facing prosecutors is to build a convincing case out of the DNA and circumstantial evidence, said defense attor-

ney Ivan Golde, who briefly discussed joining in Reiser's defense but ultimately did not get involved.

"You just start adding up block after block," he said. "At the end of the day, will it be strong enough? You never know how it will play out."

The case began over the Labor Day weekend last year when Nina Reiser went missing after dropping off her children. Her minivan was found six days later, purse and groceries still inside.

Nina, 31, a trained doctor, and Hans, a 43-year-old software engineer well known in programming circles, had met in Russia and married in 1999. They were separated by

2004 but had never divorced. They were fighting over custody of the children.

Seven-year-old Rory Reiser would later tell police he never saw his mother leave the house. But during a pretrial hearing, the boy testified that he saw his mother drive away. Jurors aren't likely to hear either story since both the boy and his sister are now in Russia with their maternal grandmother, who has begun custody proceedings.

Investigators say they found small amounts of blood matching Nina's DNA at Hans' home. They also reported finding her blood in his car, which was missing the front passenger seat and had a floorboard soaked with water when police found it.

Massive pileup on freeway kills two, injures dozens

BY GARANCE BURKE | Associated Press Writer

FRESNO Micky Padilla of Porterville and his family were about 20 minutes away from reaching a baptism when they heard the sound of metal screeching. His wife struggled to make out what was ahead of them through the fog, and Padilla quickly hit the brakes when a trailer hauling turkeys swerved in front of them, sending feathers across her windshield.

As Padilla yelled at his sons to put their heads down, they rear-ended a Nissan Maxima and the car stopped next to the center divide.

Padilla ran out into the fog to see what had happened, and found a man bleeding in a white pickup on the other side of the trailer. He was still breathing minutes later when firefighters reached the wreck, but later died on the highway, Padilla said.



... SOMETHING OUT OF A MOVIE, WALKING UP AND SEEING ALL THE CARS MANGLED AND CRUSHED."

Paul Solorzano Jr., CHP Officer

Two people were killed and dozens more injured in a massive morning pileup on Saturday that involved more than 100 cars and trucks, the California Highway Patrol said. Officials identified one of the victims as Travis Rogers, 26, and a 5-year-old boy, who were traveling in separate vehicles when the chain-reaction collisions occurred.

CHP Officer Paul Solorzano Jr. described the scene as "something out of a movie, walking up and seeing all the cars mangled and crushed."

While officials arrested 61-year-old Morris Taylor of San Antonio on misdemeanor drunken driving charges, the cause of the wreck is under investigation and may take months to determine, said CHP Officer Kirk Arnold.

"He has not been said to have been the cause of (the crash), he is just a person who was involved in the collision who was taken in for DUI," Arnold said.

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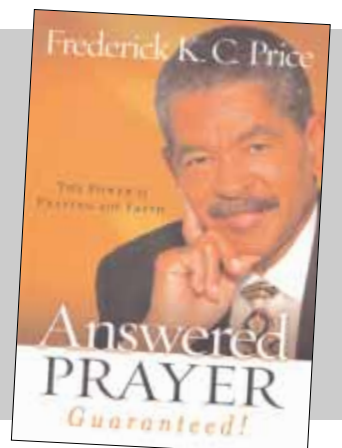
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Long term

Feds allege sheriff corruption began with past election

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press Writer

SANTA ANA They were close friends, so close that when one of their threesome was elected as Orange County sheriff, they called themselves "Team Forever." It was a nickname that wouldn't last.

Michael S. Carona was the new sheriff in town, and he surrounded himself with his two good friends, Donald Haidl and George Jaramillo. In time, two women — Carona's wife and alleged mistress — would join the club as well, federal prosecutors now say.

Those prosecutors unsealed a sweeping indictment last week that lays out a step-by-step theory of how Carona and his friends methodically gamed the system and pocketed nearly \$700,000 in bribes and kickbacks. Carona, who sat through a court hearing in handcuffs last week, has denied the charges and says he will be vindicated in his trial.

For Carona, 52, it was a nine-year ride from newly elected hero and political darling to suspect in a federal conspiracy case, shackled to a court bench. Carona will be arraigned Monday on charges of conspiracy, mail fraud and witness tampering. He could face up to 105 years in prison if convicted on all counts.

According to the indictment, here's how it happened:

In the spring of 1998, Carona rose from relative obscurity as county marshal to run for sheriff in the nation's fifth-largest department. He represented a fresh face and an outsider's perspective in a county of 3 million, tucked between Los Angeles and San Diego.

He quickly became a favorite, too, of local GOP activists who saw in him a perfect candidate for higher office. The handsome, tough-on-crime bodybuilder was a devout

Christian and was so media savvy that CNN's Larry King once dubbed him "America's Sheriff."

As the election approached, Haidl, a wealthy businessman, solicited others for contributions to Carona's campaign and then reimbursed them to cover the money trail.

The day before the election, Haidl made a \$110,000 loan to Jaramillo and Carona's alleged lover, Debra Victoria Hoffman, who ran a law office together. After Carona won, Haidl sent the Caronas and the Jaramillos on an expense-paid trip to Lake Tahoe.

Carona rewarded Haidl handsomely for his generosity, according to authorities. Within months of his election, he had successfully lobbied to change departmental rules so Haidl could become an assistant sheriff.

Haidl was put in charge of a new reserve deputy program and began handing out sheriff's badges and concealed weapons permits to friends and family in what authorities have called a pay-to-play scheme.

In one alleged instance, a businessman identified only as E.G. received a permit for a concealed weapons permit even though he had prior conviction for a concealed weapons offense.

The businessman, however, had treated Jaramillo to a \$6,000 vacation in Mexico, \$2,500 in tailored suits and shirts and provided him with \$12,000 when his mother became ill, according to court papers.

Around that same time, the threesome's alleged plotting expanded to include a fourth person, an attorney named Joe Cavallo who would later represent Haidl's son, Gregory, in a gang rape case. Cavallo, who recently pleaded guilty in state court to running an unrelated bail bonds kickback scheme, is identified only as J.G.C. in the indictment and is not charged.

Carona, Haidl and Jaramillo allegedly conspired to send cases to Cavallo in return for a share of the legal fees. They hoped to use the money to repay the \$110,000 loan that Haidl had made to Carona's girlfriend for her law firm, prosecutors say.

By 2002, the kickback scheme had paid off.



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STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

District charging for use of school facilities

Facing lean financial times, the nation's second-largest school district will now charge for the use of campus facilities and athletic fields.

Hundreds of nonprofit youth groups and others will have to pay the Los Angeles Unified School District starting in March. The district had been one of the few school districts that didn't charge for use of its facilities.

Superintendent David Brewer III says the three-tiered fee structure will offset facilities costs of \$3.8 million a year.

Some groups will be exempt, but most will fall into two pay categories — \$10 an hour or \$25.50 an hour, depending on whether they can show they serve Los Angeles students.

There's also a \$5 daily charge and a \$77.10 permit valid for four months.

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PASO ROBLES

Youth prison used stronger gas to quell violence

Guards at the Paso Robles youth correctional facility mistakenly used a potent type of tear gas on 41 offenders to quell violence.

The Central Coast youth prison got the 40 canisters of CS gas from San Jose-based LC Action instead of the less potent CN gas more than three months ago and only recently noticed the mistake.

Spokeswoman Josie Slonski says no one was hurt by the stronger gas.

The youth facility is part of the state Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations Division of Juvenile Justice.

CS, or o-chlorobenzylidene malononitrile, and CN, or chloroacetophenone, are used as riot-control agents and are not lethal.

Can we talk?

Continuing last year's discussion with City Manager P. Lamont Ewell about community priorities

Attend one of these neighborhood meetings to get an update on how the city has responded to the community's concerns, and discuss Santa Monica's needs and priorities as the 2008-09 budget planning cycle begins.

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 6, 2007
Montana Avenue Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

Monday, November 12, 2007
Virginia Ave. Park, Thelma Terry Center, 2200 Virginia Ave.

Monday, November 19, 2007
Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St.

Tuesday, November 20, 2007
Grant Elementary School Auditorium, 2368 Pearl St.

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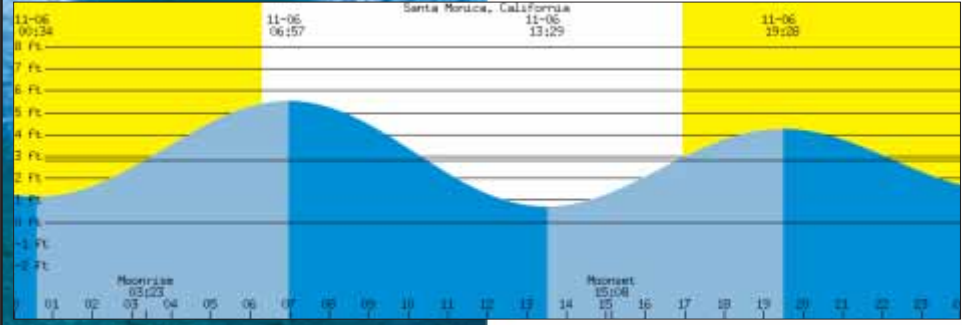
SWELL FORECAST (5-8 FT)

Today initial swell from 190-200 degrees will be filling in with 18- 20-second periods. This will likely be spotty with many sets running only chest to head high, but with max set waves at standout south facing breaks pushing 1-3 feet overhead. There could even be some long, quiet lulls between sets as this swell's forerunners fill in.

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 3

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

Number of wet days -- 5

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 33

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 10 / 12

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sepul Creek mouth (Jencanilla)	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Las Alitas creeks	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+
Dread Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wilshire Rd. (private)	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	F
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A+	A+
Laguna Canyon Creek mouth	A	A
Selkirk Canyon at San Blas County Beach	A+	A
Pierzo State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pierce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	A+
Sunridge Beach at Malibu Calvary fence	A+	A+
Sunridge Beach (beach location)- daily	A	A
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	C	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint zone)	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 15948 PCH stairs	F	F
Pine Creek at Los Tunes County Beach	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Tepanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	A
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17280 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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MLB

Dodgers introduce Torre as manager

BY JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Standing on a center-field stage at Dodger Stadium, Joe Torre pulled on his new cap and jersey for the first time Monday as the sun peeked through an over-cast sky. "I hope it stays out," Torre said with a smile, presumably speaking figuratively as well as literally.

Only minutes earlier, the ballpark was shrouded in fog, similar to the past 19 seasons for one of baseball's most storied franchises. Los Angeles has one playoff victory since winning the 1988 World Series, but its new manager hopes to change that.

"The expectations are high here," said Torre, who rejected a one-year offer to stay with the New York Yankees last month. "I think we're going to make everybody proud of the product we put on the field."

Flanked by Hall of Fame manager Tom Lasorda and broadcasting great Vin Scully, Torre received a lavish welcome to the Dodgers' family and immediately paid tribute to their winning tradition.

"I didn't sleep all night," he said. "It's just a great feeling to be here. This is one of a handful of organizations you automatically say yes to."

But he also pointed out he'll have a lot to learn in his new job.

"I don't know my team, obviously," said Torre, who replaces Grady Little in the Dodgers' dugout. "I've been in the American League the last 12 years."

The 67-year-old Torre won big in New York, guiding the Yankees to four World Series championships, six AL pennants and

playoff appearances in all 12 years as their manager. He becomes the second person to manage the Yankees and Dodgers, joining Casey Stengel.

Torre grew up in Brooklyn when it was home to the Dodgers. But he rooted for the rival New York Giants, a fact he apologized for right away Monday.

THIS IS ONE OF A HANDFUL OF ORGANIZATIONS YOU AUTOMATICALLY SAY YES TO."

Joe Torre
Dodgers manager

"You look at this uniform, I remember when it was Brooklyn," Torre said while looking down at his No. 6, the same number he wore in New York. "These things are very vivid to me. Carl Furillo wore No. 6. There was a certain pride factor that I associated with this organization."

Torre said Don Mattingly and Larry Bowa will accompany him from New York as two members of his coaching staff in Los Angeles. Mattingly lost out to Joe Girardi for the Yankees' managerial job.

Little quit as manager of the Dodgers last week. Now, Torre takes over an underachieving team that finished fourth in the NL West this season with an 82-80 record.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Cal finally snaps losing skid

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

BERKELEY When California faced almost no opposition in its latest March to Victory, linebacker Zack Follett realized the Golden Bears couldn't count on anybody to help end their three-game losing streak — not even their fans.

Thousands of Cal boosters and students usually surround the team during its pregame walk into Memorial Stadium, but Follett estimated only about 200 die-hards showed up in Strawberry Canyon to cheer on the Bears before they faced Washington State on Saturday night.

"We saw how fair-weather it was," Follett said after leading No. 24 Cal's strong defensive game in a 20-17 victory over the Cougars, moving back into the Top 25 after a one-week absence.

"When we had Tennessee out here, you almost couldn't walk through the fans in the March to Victory," Follett said.

"Some people jumped off the bandwagon, but we can't control who sticks with us. There's nothing we can do except keep playing."

Follett's return to top form after a six-week struggle with a neck injury was just one factor in an ugly win for the Bears (6-3, 3-3 Pac-10). Quarterback Nate Longshore

and the Cal offense are still struggling, but a deceptively simple defensive game plan shut down the Cougars with a series of tough-to-beat zone schemes.

Even with an empty bandwagon, Cal stopped its skid just in time for Saturday's visit from No. 12 USC, the repeat conference champion. Their meeting seemed likely to be one of college football's biggest games — but now it's for third place in the Pac-10, with the loser headed for a minor bowl game and a long offseason of self-doubt.

"We'll start thinking about that as soon as we get home," said receiver Lavelle Hawkins, who had nine catches for 78 yards. "After this, it's all about the Trojans."

After ruining a 5-0 start and wasting a No. 2 ranking with consecutive losses to Oregon State, UCLA and Arizona State, Cal's season is bound to be considered disappointing even with a perfect finish.

The Bears offense still showed a hangover from that collapse Saturday night, struggling to score on a much-criticized Washington State defense between Forsett's opening-drive touchdown run and a 44-yard TD scamper with 2:42 left.

"We finally got that one in, and we just had to keep the faith that we were going to get it done," said Forsett, whose final run pushed him over 1,000 yards rushing.

Baby bonus

NANCY GRACE is now the mother of twins, after doctors induced labor two months before her due date.

Grace, host of legal affairs talk show "Nancy Grace" on CNN Headline

News, gave birth to a boy, John David, and a girl, Lucy Elizabeth, on Sunday, said CNN spokeswoman Janine Iamunno.

John David weighed 5 pounds, 1 ounce, and Lucy

Elizabeth weighed 2 pounds, 15 ounces at birth.

Grace, 48, had developed pulmonary edema – fluid in the lungs – and doctors told her it would be better for her health,

and that of the children, if labor was induced, CNN said.

Iamunno said Monday that Grace and the children are doing well.

Grace, a former prosecutor with the Fulton County

District Attorney's office, plans to return to hosting her CNN show as soon as possible, Iamunno said.

Grace's husband, David Linch, is an Atlanta investment banker.

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SILVERSTONE MAKES HOUSE CALLS

ALICIA SILVERSTONE is encouraging Americans to get fresh with their senators.

The 31-year-old actress has recorded a voicemail message urging voters to call their representatives and ask them to support the FRESH amendment, which senators are set to consider this week.



AP

"A good amendment to the Farm Bill, called the FRESH Act, will cut subsidies for unhealthy foods," Silverstone says in the minute-long message, adding, "Our kids need help."

Silverstone recorded the message for the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine.

Some 3,000 people got the "Clueless" star's call Friday and "several thousand" more were to be contacted Monday, a committee spokeswoman said.

A vegan and animal activist, Silverstone has also appeared in advertisements for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Aguilera confirms pregnancy – finally

CHRISTINA AGUILERA says she's expecting a baby, finally confirming what has become obvious over the past few months.

The 26-year-old singer told Glamour's U.K. edition that her plans for New Year's Eve involve a new baby.

"That'll be about the time I enter into mommyhood so I'm hoping to have started a beautiful family with my husband!" Aguilera is quoted as saying in a story posted on the magazine's Web site.

E-mails to Aguilera's representatives seeking comment weren't immediately returned Monday.

Aguilera and music

executive Jordan Bratman were married in 2005.

"Oh, he's thrilled! He's just great," Aguilera said of Bratman. "He's so supportive and amazing through everything. He came with me on the last leg of the tour and he was my support system. ... I'm a lucky girl."

Aguilera, who recently wrapped up a world tour in support of her latest album, "Back to Basics," plans to be a working mom.

"I want it get it right, to balance (motherhood) well with my career," she says.

AP



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You will make a difference this year if you allow your friends to play a more active role in your life. They often feel that they know more than you about what will work. Let everyone play his or her hand. Time will ultimately reveal the whole story. Learn to work with others and give them their space. Often you might want some downtime for yourself. If you are single, you could meet someone with ease next year. If you are attached, start planning a special vacation together.



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Former NFL player Pat Tillman (1976)...

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ How you spin out of bed is quite different from how your day ends up. Have faith, and you will be happy. Be careful with your temper. You will see that someone could be highly reactive. Is this person jealous? Tonight: Just say yes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Getting the job done makes a difference. You might need to revamp your schedule accordingly. Pressure builds before you can contain a problem. Stop and relax. Know that if you relax, you might accomplish much more. Tonight: Soak away stress.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Your creativity forces someone to rethink his or her position. Don't overspend in order to make a point. In fact, holding yourself back might be extremely intelligent under the circumstances. Tonight: Let your hair down.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Once more, you are forced to mainly handle basics, whether you want to or not. Be careful of a tendency to be irritable or touchy. Readjust your schedule as needed. You won't feel so pressured. Tonight: Happy at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might want to rethink a conversation before you have it. The irony is that you will want to rethink it after you have it. There might be so many implications and innuendos that sorting reality from fiction will take talent. Tonight: Swap war stories with a pal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Use the daytime hours, when you'll feel more empowered than you have in a while. Relax with the moment and acknowledge how stubborn a roommate can be. Tonight: Treat yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Take your time as you move into a new dimension and see a situation a lot differently. You could be exhausted and drawn out. Give yourself some time, and you will recharge your batteries. Adjust your plans if need be. Tonight: It's your call.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Aim for more of what you want. Success will head in your direction if you focus and stay on target. Friends have strong ideas, but so do you. Realize when you need some distance to think. Tonight: Take some personal time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You might need to make an adjustment because of all the plans that surround you at the present moment. A parent or older relative has an expectation. If you want, you can probably fulfill it. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Take time to stop and look at the big picture. You might be disconcerted by what you see, and how you might be playing a stronger role in a mess than you realize. You can change this pattern now. Tonight: Check in on an older relative.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ A partner plays a stronger role in a situation than you might like. Open up to new possibilities. Perhaps being less dominant could be better for you ultimately. Tonight: Take in a movie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Others clearly want to be more dominant. Instead of fighting about what is going on, relax. Take this time as free time for your own projects. A partner might need a lot of attention. Listen to your instincts. Tonight: A partner has suggestions.

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7:30

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7:10, 9:50

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7:05, 9:45

Martian Child, The (PG)

7:20, 9:55

Saw IV (R)

7:00, 9:30

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5:05, 7:55, 10:40

American Gangster (R)

5:10, 7:00, 8:40, 10:30

Dan in Real Life (PG-13)

5:20, 7:50, 10:35

Gone Baby Gone (R)

5:25, 8:10, 10:55

Saw IV (R)

11:00

We Own the Night (R)

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7:20, 10:10

Bella (PG-13)

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Lust, Caution (Se jie) (NC-17)

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7:20, 10:20

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6:30, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00

Michael Clayton (R)

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Rendition (R)

7:10, 10:10

Tim Burton's The Nightmare

Before Christmas in Disney

Digital 3D (PG)

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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty
SILVER

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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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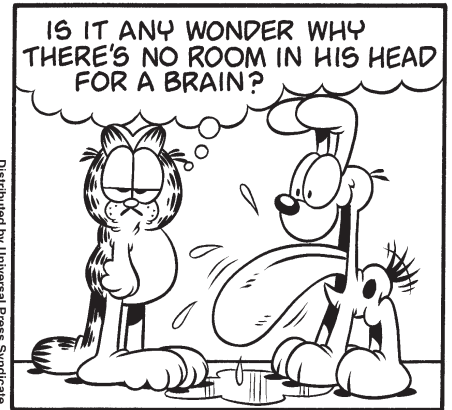
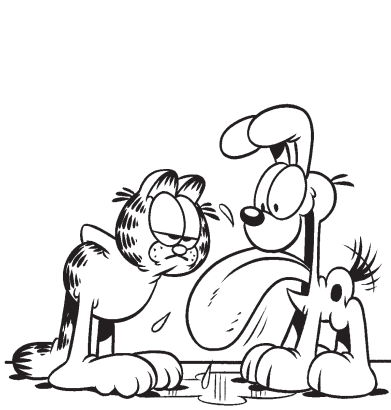
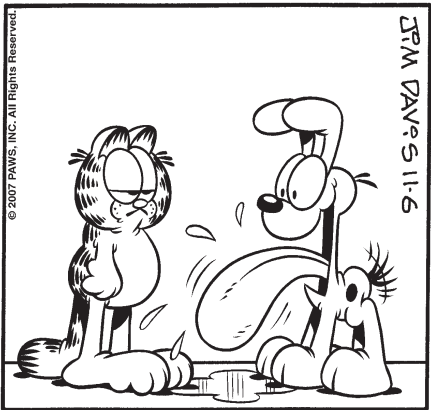
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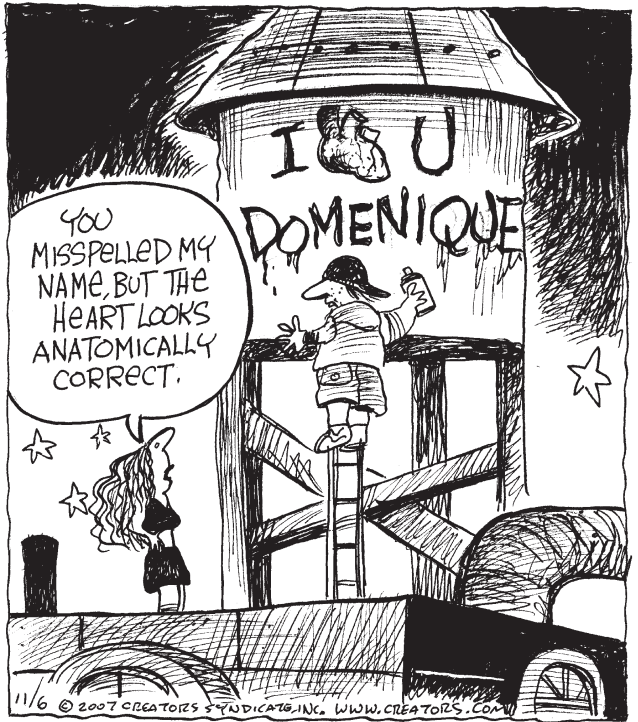
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- 20 Tales
- 21 Bread spread
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- 23 Court divider
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **God's Will Be Done:** (1) In August in Atlanta, televangelist Thomas Weeks was arrested for allegedly beating up and threatening to kill his estranged wife, televangelist Juanita Bynum, in a hotel parking lot before a bell-man rescued her. (Weeks blamed Satan for the incident.) (2) Pastor Walter Steen pleaded guilty in Detroit in August to tax fraud and was sentenced to 15 months in prison. He had started the God Will Provide Tax Service in 2005, but prosecutors said 1,573 out of the 1,578 returns he prepared for clients claimed tax refunds.

■ **People who decide to urinate in public** continue to find the practice dangerous, as News of the Weird has documented many times. A 40-year-old man, somewhat inebriated, attempting to urinate into the River Bulbourne in Hemel Hempstead, England, fell in and drowned (April). A 58-year-old man stood up in his boat to urinate while fishing and fell into a lake near Farmington, N.M., and drowned (August). A train driver in Berlin, Germany, apparently attempting to urinate out of a door at 70 mph, fell to his death (May).

■ **Questionable Menus:** (1) Puzzlingly, young adults in Japan seem particularly drawn toward mayonnaise, and thus Koji Nakamura might have a shot at success with his Mayonnaise Kitchen restaurant in a Tokyo suburb, according to an August Reuters story. Included in his fare are several mayonnaise-flavored cocktails, including the "Mayogarita." (2) Health officials in Rockland County, N.Y., issued two complaints against the Great China Buffet restaurant in September after an employee was seen preparing the day's garlic in back of the building by stomping a large bowl of it with his boots on.

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1861 Jefferson Davis was elected president of the Confederate States of America.

1869 The first intercollegiate soccer game took place (Rutgers 6, Princeton 4).

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