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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

FAMILY VALUES: Republican U.S. Rep. Don Sherwood of Pennsylvania was trailing in his race for re-election, owing in large part to the lawsuit filed two years ago by his 29-year-old mistress, alleging that the supposedly happily married Sherwood beat and strangled her. (Sherwood settled the lawsuit and acknowledged the affair but denied any abuse.) And Ohio Democrats had to scramble in September to find a replacement to run for a U.S. House seat after their original nominee, Stephanie Studebaker, was jailed along with her husband after the couple brawled at their home in Dayton.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 318th day of 2006.
There are 47 days left in the year.

- 1889 Inspired by Jules Verne, New York World reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) set out to travel around the world in less than 80 days. (She made the trip in 72 days.)
- 1906 100 years ago, actress and dancer Louise Brooks was born in Cherryvale, Kan.
- 1922 The British Broadcasting Corporation began its domestic radio service.
- 1935 President Roosevelt proclaimed the Philippine Islands a free commonwealth.
- 1969 Apollo 12 blasted off for the moon.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The happiest women, like the happiest nations, have no history."

GEORGE ELIOT
ENGLISH AUTHOR (1819-1880)

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Walking the planks

Crew members from John S. Meek Company, Inc. lay down a series of 22-foot-long 'stringers' onto the deck of the Santa Monica Pier on Monday, as restoration work continues at the city's venerable landmark.

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WONDERFUL TONIGHT:
New York City's Statue of Liberty is among the finalists for the new seven wonders of the world.

Trial and errors

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN, LA — Attorneys for George Russell Weller on Monday were barred from having any further contact with the jurors who convicted the 89-year-old of manslaughter for killing 10 people when he drove his car through a crowded Farmers' Market more than three years ago.



GEORGE RUSSEL WELLER

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Michael Johnson punished the defense for failing to contact him before reaching out to jurors, three of whom said they had been harassed repeatedly in the last month by an "aggressive" private investigator hired by the defense to find evidence of juror misconduct.

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World has wonder lust

BY ELIANE ENGELER AND ALEXANDER G. HIGGINS
Associated Press Writers

GENEVA, Switzerland — A global competition to name the new seven wonders of the world is attracting widespread interest, with more than 20 million people voting so far, organizers say.

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Council declares war on 'foam'

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Elected officials are looking to put the squeeze on Styrofoam.

Restaurants may have to consider cutting back on their take-out menus as City Hall mulls a sweeping ban of non-recyclable plastic food containers in an effort to protect the environment.

Citing numerous studies documenting the prevalence of expanded polystyrene and other non-recyclables landing in storm drains and on beaches, costing thousands in clean-up costs, the council directed staff in June to draft a law banning the products heavily used by restaurants, delis, grocery stores and other groups serving prepared food.

The law being considered tonight also forces City Hall to serve food only in containers made from biodegradable materials.

City staff was also considering imposing a fee or tax on plastic shopping bags, and possibly a mandatory recycling program for bag providers, but legislation signed into law in September by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger prohibited local agencies from enforcing such a law until 2013.

If the council approves the ban on

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PIT SQUEAK: Styrofoam waste might be getting squeezed out by City Council.



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 Santa Monica, 7 a.m. — 8 a.m.
 Latin-style aerobics is the newest craze in fitness. This will include pilates, stretch and yoga, cardio and muscle training and core training.

Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre
 Santa Monica Playhouse, 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
 An entertaining, enriching, and educational 90-minute weekday Mommy (or Daddy) and Me theatre experience for kids ages 3 to 5 and their parents, with story-telling, sing-a-longs, handicrafts and enactment of a fairy tale.

Free Basic Bike Maintenance Class at REI
 REI Santa Monica, 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
 The Basic Bicycle Maintenance Class is an informative class that will teach participants how to lube a chain, fix a flat tire in record time and make other minor adjustments to your bicycle.

SM YMCA Canned Fitness Food Drive
 Santa Monica Family YMCA, all day
 Community members are invited to bring in 10 cans of food per visit from Nov. 13 through Nov. 21, and then can participate in any one of their fitness classes, fitness center and lap swim for free. The Santa Monica Family YMCA will donate the canned food in time for Thanksgiving to Sojourn, a local SM facility for disadvantaged families.

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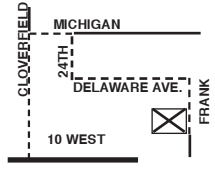
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STATE

All signals point to go

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Recent adjustments to some of the city's busiest intersections' traffic signals will save motorists hours each year, officials said.

Improvements at 33 intersections across the city are saving commuters about 22 seconds every time they pass by each one, officials said this week.

Over a year, those seconds can add up to two hours for each improved crossing a motorist enters daily during the worst traffic, officials said. The traffic light adjustments are part of a campaign to reduce traffic snarls that also includes deploying more traffic officers, adding dedicated turn lanes, and other improvement.

As many as 65 more clogged intersections are awaiting additional work.

CRIME

Cops seeking shooters

By Daily Press Staff

PICO NEIGHBORHOOD — Santa Monica Police are searching for suspects following a possible drive-by shooting here Sunday that left one man in critical condition with gunshot wounds to the stomach and forearm.

The shooting occurred in broad daylight, around 2 p.m., in the 1800 block of 11th Street, near Michigan Avenue, said SMPD Capt. Alex Padilla.

Officers on routine patrol responded after receiving a call about shots being fired in the area. Once on the scene, the officers discovered evidence of a possible shooting and immediately canvassed the area for victims, but found none, Padilla said.

A short time later, a 25-year-old male gunshot victim surfaced at a local hospital. A preliminary investigation revealed that the victim and a friend were standing on 11th Street when they heard gunshots. Officers said one man was hit and transported to the hospital before officers arrived.

Witnesses said they saw a brown vehicle leaving the area shortly after reporting gunshots. There was no further description of the suspects or the vehicle, police said.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the SMPD robbery/homicide unit at (310) 458-8451 or the watch commander at (310) 458-8427.



Different points of view

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Vocalist Tehila Lauder (left) and Yuval Ron, playing the middle-eastern Oud, from the 'Yuval Ron Ensemble,' perform Israeli folk songs recently during the Muslim-Jewish dialogue 'Coming Together Through Music' at Santa Monica College. The group aims to mesh the sacred musical traditions of Judaism, Sufism and the Armenian church into an unusual mystical and inspiring musical celebration.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council expected to shell out cash to clean pier pond

(Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Such items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public.)

BY AMY KAUFMAN
Special to the Daily Press

CITY HALL — A pond of tainted runoff water that has been collecting beneath the Santa Monica Pier will likely receive some attention tonight, with City Council expected to approve a \$20,000 analysis of the environmental hazard.

The additional expenditure is part of a larger research program aimed at cleaning the bacteria-ridden waters in and around the pier. City staff recently identified the ponding water was related to the pier's storm drain, which officials believe is causing high levels of bacteria in the surf line.

Sand accumulation under the pier has put the storm drain at a lower elevation than the sand in some other parts of the beach, allowing ponding to occur in any runoff that flows down the storm drain during months with dry weather.

The problem was identified while the Santa Monica Urban Runoff Reclamation Facility (SMURRF) was working with an engineering consulting company, as well as a diversion pump system at the Pico Kenter storm drain, to locate issues that needed improvements, a city staff report said.

The high bacteria levels not only pose a potential public health hazard, but also put the city at risk from the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, which could impose fines for non-compliance with new urban runoff regulations.

Currently, consulting company Psomas is assessing the problem. City Hall will be asked to approve the additional \$20,000 allowing the expansion of the project (not to exceed \$73,730 total), which includes a

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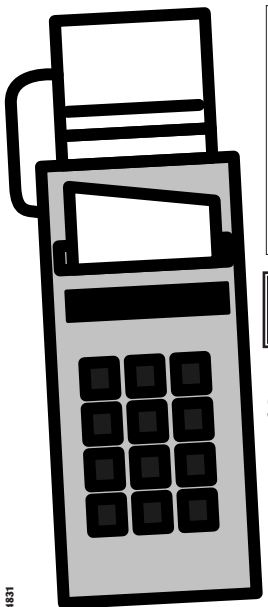
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hatred of homeless starts in mirror

Editor:

Regarding Peter Shopay's recent letter in which he wants the homeless banned from the Third Street mall, parks, and no doubt — in his best of all possible worlds — from the face of the earth.

As a homeless Vietnam era veteran, fifth-generation Californian and third-generation Santa Monican, I want to ban chicken hawk, cold-hearted, prejudice, ignorant, quality of life destroying transplants from other states, which I would bet my life Mr. Shopay is one. The following is directed to people, who unlike Mr. Shopay, actually think.

The homeless mainly consist of active or recovering alcoholics or drug addicts, ex-convicts (almost always for drug offenses), veterans, mentally disabled (such as myself with OCD), physically disabled, young people who think they are smart by working the system when in reality they are throwing their lives away, nice people with problems, mean people and the working poor.

As for children being endangered by the homeless in parks, etc., I have yet to read in the papers of this happening. I have, however, read of children being endangered by priests, teachers, neighbors and other seemingly upstanding employed citizens.

Ninety percent of the homeless are docile and just want to be left alone. It is against the law for the homeless to sleep in the desert, the forest, the city, on the beach, in parks, allies and other public places where they are harassed by "well brought up" young men like Mr. Shopay.

Aggressive panhandling is against the law, but if one is asked for money, all a person has to do is smile and say, "I'm sorry, but have a good day." That way, you don't make the person feel sub-human and, 99 percent of the time, they will smile back because you have treated them like a human being, which is more important to them than money.

Not all homeless look homeless, there are homeless people walking among you, who you never in a million years would have thought of as being homeless.

Granted the visual homeless are unattractive, sometimes smell bad, sometimes cause customers to shop elsewhere, and one way or another, consume tax dollars. But these things don't account for the visceral, almost psychotic hatred people have for us. I think the hatred comes from a deeply buried fear within these people, that it could happen to them. I guarantee it can.

Peter Brinckman
Santa Monica

Drop the ads and knock on doors

Editor:

Bill Clinton called the other night, for the second time in two weeks. Rudy Giuliani phoned too. And Herb Katz and Bobby Shriver and Denny Zane and a couple of state legislators whose name I can never remember. That Heal the Bay dude called too. And a bunch of other people pimping a bunch of other ballot propositions.

Of course, these were recordings from robo-phone computers. What a horrible invention.

My household is on the federal "Do not call" list for telemarketers. Why doesn't that apply to politicians?

Moreover, we filled a recycling bin with election fliers, mailers and hand-outs, all from politicians who said they care about the environment. Obviously, they don't care about trees. The local cable TV candidate forums that ran 24/7 were more helpful than all the ads put together. But for crying out loud, next election can they get the audio in sync with the video? They all sounded like old mattress commercials.

But do you know what would have helped more than any of that? What would have cut through all the chatter, promises and lies? Council candidates to actually walk through our neighborhood, knock on doors, introduce themselves to us ... and listen.

Nobody bothered to come around. Nobody bothered to listen to us — the voters, the residents, the families in my area with real concerns, who day in and day out, deal with the problems this council has created through its ignorance, arrogance or neglect. I don't need to read or hear half-baked promises or retread ideas from some extreme social philosophy. I want candidates to listen, especially at the local level, even if its only once every four years.

Mark Shepherd
Santa Monica

Rash of celebrity divorces expose new world reality



WHAT'S THE POINT?

BY DAVID PISARRA

Whitney is divorcing Bobby, Britney is dumping K-Fed, and the honeymoon is definitely over for Nick and Jessica.

No one can say for certain what causes a marriage to fall apart. Certainly, the glare of public life must put the strongest of marriages under immense stress, that, coupled with the dynamics of two people who each want to become superstars in their own right seems like a recipe for disaster.

I have my own feelings on why certain marriages break up. One look at "Being Bobby Brown" or "Newlyweds" and any sane person begins to question why they married in the first place. But this is where the ancient Latin saying, "De gustibus non est disputandum" — there's no accounting for taste — comes into stark relief.

We like what we like. Some people like apples, some don't.

The thing about celebrity marriages (and who really doesn't like to gossip about the lives of the rich and famous?) is that they are excellent examples of the trends in law and life. More and more women are working and rising through the corporate ladders or building their own businesses, becoming more successful than their husbands.

Certainly in the rarified world of female celebrities, Whitney is a step above most celebrities. She is that rare combination of chanteuse, actress and model. Her earning power is significantly higher than her soon to be ex-husband's.

Jessica Simpson, too, certainly earned more in the last year of their marriage than her husband. Her movie deals, personal appearances and endorsements reportedly earned the couple more than \$30 million. Half of that (after agents, managers, and the tax man) would be Lachey's.

The value of a pre-nuptial in marriages like these is best evidenced in the Britney/K-Fed divorce. Allegedly, the pre-nuptial called for annual increases in his payout based on the years the two were married. By timing her divorce filing just before she re-launches a career, and likely within the grace period of her two-year anniversary, she limits the amount of spousal support that she will have to pay her ex.

This kind of strategizing is nothing new in divorces. It was said that the reason that Tom Cruise filed for his divorce so close to the 10-year mark in his marriage to Nicole Kidman was that he wanted to avoid having a marriage of long duration, which is pegged at 10 years in California. That would have meant the court could have kept jurisdiction over the amount of spousal support Tom paid to Nicole, theoretically, for life. Certainly, with his career and historical income levels, he wanted to cap his liability to Nicole.

The rule for everyone — celebrity or not

— is that a married person has a right to be maintained in the custom to which they have become accustomed to living, even after they are no longer married. This translates into one thing — spousal support.

Spousal support and child support are based on guidelines, which can be overcome by agreement, but in general, the guidelines are a starting place. The state guidelines are determined by a complex formula which requires a computer program to determine the amounts. The purpose of spousal support is to help the party receiving it get back on their feet and start taking care of themselves.

These days, that means more and more women are paying spousal rather than receiving it. That change in our societal mores is due to several factors, not the least of which is that women are earning more, and men are fighting to take an active role in the parenting of their children.

Being a father is the most permanent relationship a man will ever have. Fathers are now recognizing that they need to be, and more importantly, want to be, more than a checkbook to their children. Fathers want to have an active role in how their children are raised, and that means they are spending less time at work and are beginning to see a leveling off of their income, as they dedicate more time to their children.

The balancing of the sexes is being played out in the ways in which spousal support is being re-configured. The old presumption that the man always pays and the woman always receives, is no longer the case.

The reason that couples like Britney and Kevin have pre-nuptials is because the stigma of spousal support being a woman's right is no longer appropriate. The world continues to change rapidly. It used to be that only a man who was willing to be seen as weak would even accept spousal support. That is no longer the case.

Where historically a marriage was about the division of labor between bread-winner and homemaker, today, marriages are more about joint acquisition of assets. That combined effort results in greater assets, but it also means that a man has more of a vested interest in his wife's income. When a couple works together to create a public persona, such as Nick and Jessica, he is certainly entitled to a percentage of the income that it derives. The same rule applies when a woman builds a career or a business, and the man provides emotional, spiritual and financial help.

The days in which a man's ego would prevent him from taking money from his ex-wife have begun to fall by the wayside, as gender equality is reaching further and further into society. Though I am sure that some men still decline the money, and that some women will bristle at the thought of having to pay their ex spousal support, it's a new world, and to have it otherwise would be to create a double standard. We are trying to get away from those.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY TIBOR MACHAN

Teaching intelligent design poses a serious problem

Whenever a controversy arises in government-funded and -administered educational institutions, no one in the mainstream media mentions the real source of the problem. Whether the controversy is over making the study of sex, environment or currently, intelligent design, mandatory, the real issue is systematically avoided — whether there ought to be government education in a free society at all.

It is widely recognized that there should not be a government newspaper to which everyone must subscribe and which must be read by all. For good reason. The press must be free from entanglement with the government, with an agency that has as its sole job in a free country to protect individual rights.

So in a free society there are likely to be a wide variety of approaches to news coverage, not to mention to editorializing. Government must adhere to the rule of law, which is supposed to be the same for all. It is naturally a one-size-fits-all undertaking.

Sadly, the fact that education should be in exactly the same position as the press within a human community simply hasn't gotten recognized, probably because once some profession has gained the government's support, it isn't likely to give it up, no matter how many problems arise.

Public elementary and high school education administrators and teachers are no different. They have a government-protected monopoly, have jobs with tenure possibilities, and are in no danger of falling prey to the volatilities of free markets. Sure, millions of people are not finding work in these government-run institutions because those who are there have managed to achieve job security. Sure, many subjects do not receive any attention from the teachers because giving them attention would reveal the malpractice perpetrated. History courses are virtually all taught with blatant bias, as are public finance courses, those in civics, and so forth. But never mind, the faculty has a guaranteed position and hardly any elementary and high school (or even state college or univer-

sity) ever goes out of business the way private businesses routinely do. And what cannot be seen, isn't missed much.

Now we have this hoopla about intelligent design — whether public schools should or should not teach it, make mention of it in biology courses, and all the rest. A case is pending in Kansas, and if the judge rules in favor of public schools having to include mention of it, the issue may end up in the highest court.

In a free country, however, there would be no such problem. Within a given school, college or university, the matter could surface, just as it could now at various private schools, colleges and universities. But the matter would be decided by their administrators and faculty independently of government, just as is the content of newspapers. It could not become a national political issue.

It is because governments run schools that these matters become so politicized and must be dealt with by legislatures and courts. Even the private entertainment sector may be faced with government intervention — legislators in Washington are threatening to regulate cable and dish television content!

Surely, if the press, which may exert some influence upon an adult for less than one hour per day, is not to be government run, then schools where our children may be immersed for seven hours per day for 12 of their most impressionable years should not be controlled by the government.

Having what for most practical purposes amounts to a monopoly in education only serves to heighten tensions over what the public school curriculum teaches. Intelligent design and other controversial issues would be much less contentious if government was not effectively the sole provider of a one-size-fits-all K-through-12 educational system in California.

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The Q-Line

For the past 27 years, residents of Santa Monica have lived with their city being jokingly referred to as "The People's Republic of Santa Monica," a name bestowed on our hometown by opponents of Rent Control legislation pushed through in the late 1970s. The name stuck, literally, via a popular bumper sticker, and gained national notoriety when Ronald Reagan took his conservative views all the way from nearby Pacific Palisades to the White House.

But many feel the moniker is outdated.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:

Given the state and direction of Santa Monica today, what would be a fitting nickname for the city, worthy of a bumper sticker? Explain.

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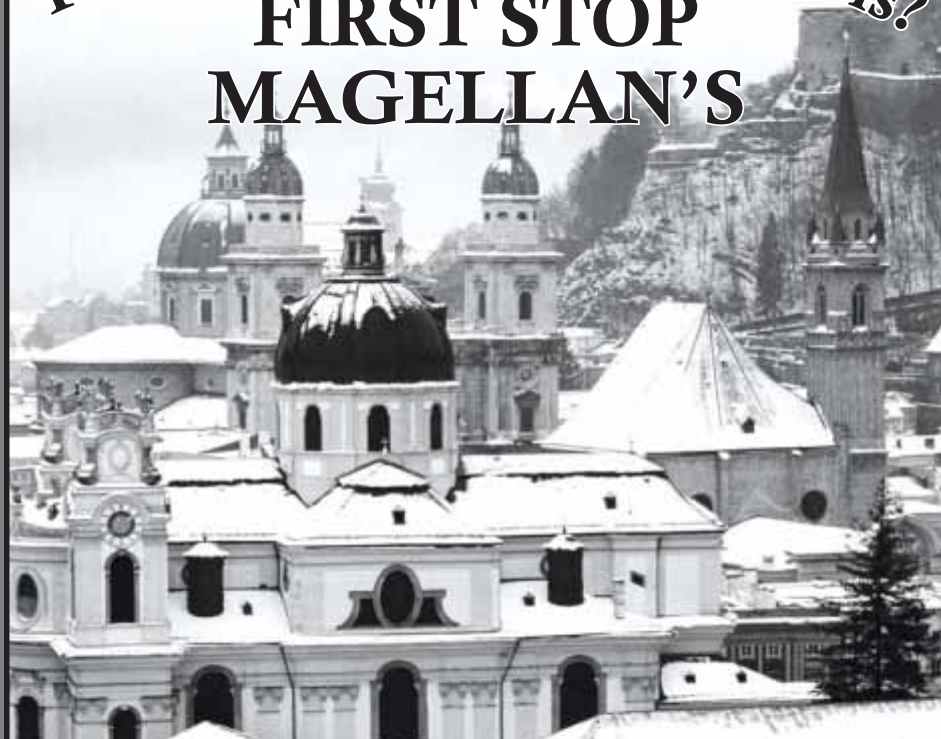
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The foam party appears over for restaurants

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non-recyclable plastic food containers, they will join elected bodies in more than 100 other cities across the country that have passed a similar law.

When the ban was first proposed, restaurant owners, backed by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and the California Restaurant Association (CRA), argued against it, claiming it would hurt them financially because of the added costs associated with more environmentally friendly materials that they say have been found to not perform as well as Styrofoam and other plastics.

"Cost is not so much of an issue as having alternatives that work," said Jordan Traverso, a spokesperson for the CRA, which represents more than 22,000 food-service businesses statewide. "Other products don't insulate. They don't keep the hot in or the cold. A very good example are the paper cups at Starbucks. Without a jacket the heat escapes rather quickly."

Supporters of the ban said alternatives do exist that can insulate just as well and are becoming cheaper given the increase in costs for plastic products, which are made from petroleum, a non-renewable resource.

Despite that, Alfonso Alvarez, manager of Café Crepe on the Third Street Promenade, said he was concerned about a drop off in customers, especially now that the council has banned smoking in all outdoor dining areas and the promenade.

"I'm all for protecting the environment, but we need to find alternatives that work and that won't hurt our bottom line," Alvarez said. "It really is all about cost. Restaurants operate with a very thin profit margin. You start messing with that and you could force some out of business."

Elected officials and other supporters said the environmental costs associated with non-recyclable plastics far outweigh costs businesses may incur considering Styrofoam, even when it is disposed of properly, can break into thousands of smaller pieces that are so light they float on water

and are easily carried by the wind. Marine animals and birds have been found to consume the plastic foam which results in reduced appetite and nutrient absorption, even possible starvation.

The ban would apply to plates, bowls, cups, trays and hinged or lidded containers, often called "turtle shell" containers. The ban does not include single-use disposable items such as straws, cup lids or plastic utensils.

To help businesses comply, the ordinance being proposed allows for a one year renewable, economic-hardship exemption, which would include evidence of no reasonably feasible alternatives available.

The decision to provide exemptions will be made by the director of environmental and public works management or his or her designee and will be based on an exemption application that includes documentation showing factual support for the claimed exemption.

For the first violation, a written notice will be issued. The penalty for subsequent violations will be a fine in increasing

amounts from \$100 to \$500, depending on the number of times the food provider has previously violated the law. Enforcement will be primarily conducted on a complaint basis and will be carried out by existing inspectors with public works.

The ban will go into effect one year after council adoption, during which time city staff will conduct workshops and other outreach to assist food providers in identifying alternatives to plastic foam and other non-recyclables. It is estimated that implementing the ban will cost roughly \$31,000 a year.

If the ban is approved, Jim Lynch, president of the chamber, said he would like to see City Hall expand recycling programs so that recyclable items do not end up in the Santa Monica Bay.

"This is about litter, getting rid of it properly," said Lynch, who has agreed to work with City Hall in informing chamber members about the ban. "This will do nothing if we can't get more people to recycle."

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Defense gets an earful after ‘harassing’ jurors

WELLER, from page 1

Following a brief tongue-lashing in which he characterized the investigator's actions as "very inappropriate, very offensive and very disrespectful," Judge Johnson also emphatically rejected the defense's request for a new trial because of juror misconduct, calling the motion nothing more than "a fishing expedition."

"These jurors worked hard and behaved admirably ... one of the best juries I've ever had, and that says a lot," Judge Johnson said. "I'm not going to permit (jurors) to be harassed any further by an overly aggressive private investigator ... who tracked them down and treated them like felons running from a warrant."

By denying the request for a new trial, the judge opened the door for Weller to be sentenced as scheduled on Monday, Nov. 20.

Weller, who was present for only the first few hours of the month-long trial, is suffering from hydrocephalus, or fluid on the brain, which has resulted in memory loss and the loss of use of his arms and legs, according to his physician.

Judge Johnson has excused Weller from attending his sentencing. Weller, who remains free on bail, faces a maximum of 18 years in prison.

Deputy District Attorney Sam Dordulian said one juror complained of being contacted three times in succession by a defense investigator. Twice the juror told the investigator she did not wish to speak, but the investigator continued contacting the juror until she told the investigator to "stop harassing me," Dordulian said.

"The court has inherent powers to protect jurors' safety and privacy," Dordulian said. "The defense went behind the court's back."

Defense attorney Mark Overland insisted the defense was not trying to harass jurors, but was intent on finding out the truth as to whether or not misconduct occurred during deliberations. Overland said several jurors participated in a press conference immediately following the verdict, and therefore, disclosed their own identities to the public.

"I fail to see where anything wrong was done," Overland argued. "We were just trying to do everything we could to protect Mr. Weller's right to a fair trial by an impartial jury."

In court papers filed last week, Overland said there were three instances of juror misconduct. In one case, Overland claimed one juror consulted his minister during the trial. In another instance, Overland said jurors conducted an unofficial experiment during a recess when they walked down a courthouse hallway, counting off 240 feet, the distance Weller traveled in his 1992 Buck LaSabre before entering the market.

Judge Johnson said he found no evidence of misconduct, adding that he also went to church for spiritual guidance during the trial.

"This is a whole lot of nothing," Judge Johnson said.

During the trial, which featured more than 50 eyewitnesses and accident-recreation specialists, Weller's defense contended the senior became confused after he was involved in a fender bender at Arizona Avenue and Fourth Street, hit the accelerator instead of the brake, and then panicked and could not reverse his deadly collision course with the bustling marketplace.

However, jurors sided with the prosecution, which argued that Weller had plenty of time to stop his car or steer clear of the market, but instead chose not to.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Davies Estate ready for close-up; residents shedding light on issue

CONSENT, from page 3

review of the configuration of the existing pier storm drain system, ponding issues and how to correct and eliminate the problem.

OUT WITH THE MOLD, IN WITH THE NEW

A local building may soon get a facelift.

The City of Santa Monica is responsible for the California owned site at 415 Pacific Coast Highway. Under an agreement with the state, Santa Monica must complete all site improvements, maintenance and operations.

The location has a building with paint containing lead, as well as asbestos. Portions of the building will need to be demolished to allow for reuse and rehabilitation of the property, a city staff report said.

Midwest Environmental Control, Inc., a company which specializes in the abatement of hazardous materials, has been contracted to complete the task using a \$747,046 grant formerly given to the city.

LET THERE BE LIGHT

Some local residents will be under the spotlight if city officials agree to install new street lights on a slew of Santa Monica streets.

The streetlights are proposed to be placed on 30th Street, from Pico Boulevard to Pearl Street, as well as Georgina Avenue, from

Fourth Street to Seventh Street. The style of the lights was voted upon by residents of the neighborhoods. Property owners will welcome ornamental post-top style lights, with Georgina Avenue homeowners selecting an Aegean concrete pole for the bottom of their structures.

The project is estimated to cost \$231,000, with \$115,500 coming from the city and the other half from property owner assessments. Grants have been allocated for those residents from low- to moderate-income households.

MONEY IS HOMEWARD BOUND

City Hall will be asked to continue addressing the homeless problem by accepting a grant from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) for \$381,941.

The grant will be used to pay for coordinated case management at five agencies in the city's homeless care continuum, a city staff report noted. The funding will also help to pay for costs associated with ClientTrack, the system which manages data and tracks unduplicated clients, their demographics and outcomes across the city-funded programs.

The network consultant, Chris Fonner, will receive an additional \$4,080 from the city to address direct project costs such as travel and computer hardware. His total contract will amount to \$52,800 annually through October 2007.



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South of Wilshire	= \$ 1,061,444	\$ 671,208
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A bird scopes out the scene below from the Santa Monica sky.

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STATE

Three billionaires to battle over control of L.A. Times

BY GARY GENTILE

AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Like a train wreck or a car accident, when rich people do battle, everybody stops to watch.

Billionaires Ronald Burkle, Eli Broad and David Geffen haven't taken off the gloves but all signs point to them fighting for ownership of their troubled hometown newspaper, the Los Angeles Times. The fortunes of the Times, the nation's fourth-largest daily newspaper, are being watched closely by a newspaper industry beset by sales, staffing cutbacks and circulation drops.

Last week Burkle and Broad teamed up to bid for Chicago-based Tribune Co., which acquired the paper in 2000 when it bought Times Mirror Co. Details were not disclosed. It's believed that if they succeed they would sell off Tribune's other newspapers, TV stations and its baseball team — the Chicago Cubs — and keep just the Times.

Geffen, who has feuded with Broad for years, has not submitted a bid but is known to be extremely interested in the Times and could seek financing for the estimated \$15 billion or more it might take to purchase Tribune Co. to get it.

The Tribune's ownership of the Times has been rocky. Disputes between the paper's leaders and its corporate owners over costs and profits has led to the dismissal of two Times publishers and two editors. The latest to leave was editor Dean Baquet, who quit last week.

Tribune signaled its willingness to sell all or part of the company in September after being pressured by several large shareholders — among them the Chandler family that sold the Times to Tribune for \$6.5 billion — angered by its lagging stock price and sagging circulation.

Many in Los Angeles would like to see the Times returned to local ownership. However, there is some trepidation about whether an owner like Geffen, Broad or Burkle — none of whom returned calls seeking comment — could check their egos and not interfere in news coverage, particularly when that coverage focuses on them or their holdings.

"Whoever buys it has to put aside all ego and do this as a public trust," said Steven J. Soboroff, a civic leader who in September signed a letter urging Tribune management not to make further staff or budget cuts at the Times. "If the local buyer is unable to do that, we will be wishing for many years the Tribune never sold them."

Former Times editor John Carroll, who left last year, said he would be happy if any of the three contenders bought the paper.

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JOHN CARROLL
FORMER TIMES EDITOR

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Adding to the intrigue is the adversarial relationship between Geffen and Broad, which dates to their roles in the ultimately successful effort to secure the 2000 Democratic National Convention for Los Angeles, according to a profile of Broad in "Vanity Fair" magazine.

Still, Geffen, Broad and Burkle have much in common. Each rose from modest circumstances to great wealth. Each is a philanthropist. And each actively supports the Democratic Party.

Of the three potential owners, Burkle is the only one who has made previous attempts to buy newspapers. In February, through his Yucaipa Cos. investment firm, Burkle joined forces with union workers at nine Knight Ridder Inc. newspapers in an effort to buy the chain.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The world comes to SMC

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College will celebrate International Education Week with a festival of food, music and dances from throughout the world.

The festival will be at 11:15 a.m. today at the campus Clocktower, 1900 Pico Blvd.

Dancers from the student troupe Folklórico de SMC will perform pieces from around the globe. The festival will also feature international contemporary music favorites and edible treats from all corners of the planet.

SMC officials say that having one of the largest international student enrollments of any community college in the nation, the campus atmosphere is decidedly global.

“Developing different perspectives from events like International Education Week is a critical component of the higher education experience,” says Darryl-Keith Ogata, SMC director of international programs.

For information, call (310) 434-4126.

Free flu shots on tap

By Daily Press staff

Try to avoid that pesky flu bug before it bites with a free flu shot.

The Santa Monica Chapter of the American Red Cross will be hosting one of the Los Angeles County Public Health free flu shot clinics again this year.

Flu shots will be given out from 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Santa Monica Red Cross chapter, 1450 11th St. If you are over 50-years of age and/or have a chronic condition such as asthma, heart disease, kidney disorder or diabetes, you are eligible for the free flu shot. If you are allergic to eggs or have any other serious illness, consult with your doctor before obtaining any flu shots.

The free flu shots are made possible through Los Angeles County Public Health.

For additional information, call (310) 394-3773 or visit www.redcrossofsantamonica.org.

Leaders showing renewed interest in redrawing the political boundaries

BY JULIET WILLIAMS

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is signaling that he will push strongly for redistricting reform next year to change California's gerrymandered election process, relying on the same bipartisan course he steered successfully this year.

Voters rejected the governor's redistricting ballot initiative in last year's special election. Legislative leaders were unable to work out a deal in time for this November's vote, but there appears to be renewed interest from both parties to fix a flawed system.

On a trade mission in Mexico this week, Schwarzenegger said he would like to put a redistricting initiative before voters in 2008.

“Every one of the (legislative) leaders said to me that we've got to continue working on that. Every one of them mentioned to me, let's get going again in January about redistricting,” Schwarzenegger told reporters Thursday in Mexico City.

“We will start now from scratch again, I'm sure, because what we had the last time didn't pass.”

Most of the state's legislative and congressional seats stayed comfortably in the same party's hands during Tuesday's midterm election. That is just as they were intended to under a 2001 plan drawn up in the California Legislature, which secured 33 House seats that are typically safe for Democrats and 20 that are considered safe Republican.

One notable exception this year was in the 11th Congressional District, where political newcomer Jerry McNerney, a Democrat, unseated incumbent Republican Richard Pombo. In a neighboring district, an 18-point Republican registration advantage helped Republican Rep. John Doolittle of Rocklin ward off an unexpectedly close Democratic challenge.

But in an interview with The Associated Press on Friday,

Doolittle disagreed that his district is among the gerrymandered areas in need of reform. He said it would be nearly impossible to achieve a truly nonpartisan plan for California.

“There's no nobility when it comes to redistricting. Either the Democrats are trying to do it for Democrats or Republicans are trying to do it for Republicans,” he said.

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JOHN DOOLITTLE
REPUBLICAN REP.

Doolittle rejected any approach that would involve retired judges, such as Schwarzenegger's failed initiative from a year ago, Proposition 77. Under that plan, a panel of three retired judges would draw new districts.

Other proposed schemes involve commissions of voters chosen at random by the secretary of state's office or panels comprised of partisans and independents.

All those ideas are up for discussion in the next legislative session, said David Leshner, head of the New America Foundation's California program, which has lobbied for reforms. But he said even with the most nonpartisan deal, it's likely that only 10 to 15 percent of California's legislative and congressional seats would be competitive.



Get the facts about Santa Monica's New Outdoor Smoking Law

The Santa Monica City Attorney's office, in conjunction with the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, will be sponsoring a public meeting to explain the new smoking law and answer questions. The purpose of this meeting is to make sure that local businesses and residents understand the new law. We want to make the transition as smooth as possible. The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2006 at 1:00p.m. The location of the meeting is at:

Main Library - Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium
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Dear Dorie

Dorie Meek

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Dear Dorie,

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Disliking Disarray

Dear Disliking,

Three-year-olds have the most amazing ability to enjoy chaos. They love to explore and see no clear-cut reason why toys and books must "live" neatly on the shelves. This is a good thing for their development, but most parents, on the other hand, need some semblance of order to relax. I'm going to assume you're looking for the happy medium here.

You are exactly right in pursuing your son's assistance. At 3 years of age, he can certainly help mommy clean up when he's finished with an activity. Where we run into trouble is the expectation that he will return the items to their place of origin. It is better to simplify the clean-up process at first, in order to set him up for success in helping you. I chose the "bin" approach.

Put a small plastic laundry bin in each room (99 cents stores carry all different colors). Allow your son ample time to explore, create, play ... aka destroy ... as long as he's not hurting himself or the physical surroundings. Once or twice a day, start clean-up time. Both of you simply pick up each item on the floor and place it in the bin. He feels good because he's helping you clean up and you feel good because the room is organized.

There is the famous clean-up song to go with it: "Clean up, clean up, everybody everywhere, clean up, clean up, everybody do their share." Feel free to call me to get the tune or make up your own.

If you make the process simple and fun, you might be promoted from street sweeper to bin keeper. Good luck.

Dorie

Dorie Meek is director of the Infant & Family Support Program. Submit your questions to meek@smmusd.org.

GUEST COMMENTARY BY LINDA MILO

Power to the parents

There's no need to be a buddy with the child you're raising

An empowered parent is a parent who is both kind and firm. A strong parent has courage and usually knows when to say "yes" or "no" to their child's demands. A strong parent understands that their child benefits by having a parent who has strength of character, who doesn't seem to struggle with endless childhood challenges, and who acts in charge even when their child says, "everyone is doing it."

A strong parent takes the time to communicate and pay attention daily to their child — to be informed about what their child is doing each day and also understands what's in their child's heart.

An empowered parent teaches their child values, morals, and how to be loving by demonstrating their own good behavior each day. If all you do is punish, yell, ignore or blame your child, you're putting up barriers to connecting. If you decide to encourage, validate, teach, negotiate and snuggle with your child, you are building a relationship based on healthy emotions.

A strong parent provides a home that is violence-free (no violence between brothers and sisters, parents or TV/computer programs). A strong parent doesn't allow their child's reply of "no" to trigger a power struggle. Instead, a parent can re-state the "no" with "it seems like you would like to continue watching the video, but it's time to go wash up." Then, you are offering understanding and opening up dialogue.

A strong parent helps their child develop compassion by practicing empathy, and thereby, strengthening emotional bonds. A strong parent is an empowered parent, who truly knows that the decisions they make for their child's welfare is the best decision. If a parent doesn't really know what is the best solution, they have the strength to tell their child, "I'm gong to have to think this over, and after thinking this through, I'll let you know my decision."

A strong parent respects, loves, trusts and accepts their child and their behavior. You can still have deep affection for your child while displaying authority. Healthy parenting is both control and love. It's creating an emotional bond with

your child that permits both of you to feel a connection that can withstand a wide array of emotions. A child benefits by knowing there is a "grown up" in charge who takes care of them. That parent acts "in charge."

A strong parent provides a home that encourages and helps to make possible an active learning environment. Books, magazines, trips to the library and family discussions should always be available to your child. A strong parent gives each child age-appropriate chores each day, so that their child can learn the word "responsible." A strong parent has the inner belief that their child will do well, will succeed, will accomplish and will become a very decent human being with feelings of love and generosity.

I have always thought that it is much more important to be close with my child than it is to always be right. I understand that by building a connection with my child, I am building a comfortable relationship that will last us a lifetime. I also know how important it is to remind my child that he is intelligent, strong, giving and loving. I also remind my child that the most important things in life are being joyful, having inner happiness and peace, and that he should have praise and feelings of gratitude for everything he has and experiences.

Most of all, an empowered parent feels confident that when they expect the best from their child, the best will shine through. Expect your child to be good and you may be amazed that your expectation will materialize. Parenting is a step-by-step process. No person has been primed for being a parent, so don't be hard on yourself. Just try to remember to be loving and fair in all your decisions, and you will find yourself able to face the tough issues as they come. Also remember that you are not your child's friend, companion, buddy or pal. You are the parent. Be an empowered one.

Linda Milo is "The Parent-Child Connection Coach." For more information, visit: <http://www.empoweringparentsnow.com>. To book a free parent coaching session, write linda@empoweringparentsnow.com.

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SUN., NOV. 19
KATHERINE DINES at McCABE’S – 11:00 a.m.
Enjoy tunes from the Grammy-nominated songwriter, \$8. 3101 Pico Blvd., 310-828-4497.

TRASH to TREASURE KIDS’ FAIR – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Arts and crafts, relay races and a recycled art contest, as well as entertainment by stunt performer Chad Pelletier and children’s musical group Sunflower. FREE! STAR Eco Station, 10101 W. Jefferson Blvd., 310-842-8040.

TUESDAY

Movies for Moms! 11:00 a.m., Loews Cineplex Broadway Theatre, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. Visit www.enjoytheshow.com/reelmoms for details.

Storytelling and Library Programs
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Baby Time – 11:00 a.m., babies to age 2, session thru Dec. 5
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Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

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MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups
11:00 a.m. - playgroup for children born 11/04 – 5/05; 12:30 p.m. – playgroup for babies born since March 2006. Call or e-mail Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info.
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Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30am – ages 2-5, 310-475-4144.
Children's Book World, 10580 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA - 10:30 a.m., every other Sat., 310-559-BOOK.
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Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.(babies welcome, includes baby massage and work-out at the end)
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Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
12/11 – Marvelous Mondays – 3:30 p.m. Crafts and other activities for 3rd – 5th graders.
Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Toddler Story Time – 10am – 310-260-9110

Classes
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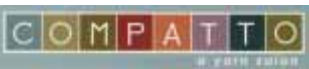
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Scientists fear climate change will feed fires

BY ALICIA CHANG

AP Science Writer

SAN DIEGO — Some scientists fear global warming could stoke ferocious wildland fires in parts of the world, disrupting fragile ecosystems and hampering efforts to protect communities.

Recent studies have tied rising temperatures to an upswing in widespread forest fires, particularly in the Western United States, which has experienced an unusually high number of severe wildfires in recent decades.

"There's really no happy side to this," said Thomas Swetnam, who heads the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research at the University of Arizona.

Battling wildfires is an arduous and expensive task that has been complicated by thick forest undergrowth and the increasing encroachment of people near forest land.

"You add on climate change and it's going to make things that much worse," Swetnam said.

Scientists are already seeing a change in wildfire behavior due to rising temperatures. Fire seasons have grown longer or more

severe in parts of the Western U.S., Siberian taiga and Canadian Rockies. If the trend continues, some predict frequent wildfire outbreaks that will be harder to put out.

"We are facing a new reality," said Robin Wills, the president of the Oakland-based Association of Fire Ecology, a professional group.

Thousands of scientists and forestry officials who gathered in San Diego for an international wildfire meeting that began Monday and lasts through the week urged policymakers to consider the effects of global warming when managing wildfires.

Future fires, they warned, could drastically alter the land and convert vegetation from one type to another. That, in turn, could put native animals and plants at risk of extinction. Increased wildfires could also adversely affect the environment. When fires burn, they emit tons of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere, contributing to planet-warming greenhouse gases.

"There's a lot of concern," said Melanie Miller, the meeting's chairwoman and a fire ecologist at the Rocky Mountain Research Station in Missoula, Mont.

Scientists' suggest, among other things, that regions most at risk be pinpointed and that dead wood be reduced through increased controlled burn programs.

This past wildfire season in the U.S. was

the most severe — and expensive — on record with more than 89,000 fires scorching 9.5 million acres, according to the National Interagency Fire Center. The U.S. Forest Service spent a whopping \$1.5 billion for fiscal year 2006 fighting wildfires — about \$100 million over budget.

Wildfire season typically peaks in late summer and early fall, depending on the part of the country. Climate change is already being blamed for a longer fire season and some even predict the possibility of a year-round fire season.

"We may need to go to a more permanent work force to manage fires," said Timothy Ingalsbee, executive director of the nonprofit Firefighters United for Safety, Ethics and Ecology.

The Forest Service has used a number of fuel management techniques since the 1960s to lower the risk of wildfires. One of the most common is prescribed burns that involves intentionally setting fires before and after peak fire season under controlled conditions to reduce undergrowth.

Scientists say an explosion of wildfires will increase fire costs and old techniques may have little effect in controlling fires.

"With the types of fires that we're going to be seeing, it's not going to be humanly possible to put all of them out," said Ingalsbee.

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First black San Francisco police chief writes about racial killings in 1970s

BY KIM CURTIS

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Terror gripped the streets of San Francisco in late 1973 and early 1974.

Black men affiliated with the Nation of Islam were shooting white people, at random and out in the open. In less than six months, 15 people were killed and seven were injured, including a future mayor of San Francisco.

At the time, Prentice Earl Sanders was one of two black homicide inspectors in a department already fractured internally over race. Suddenly, because of the so-called "Zebra murders," police officials found themselves needing black officers they didn't have.

"The same thing that sparked the killing was getting in the way of solving it," Sanders writes in his recently published memoir, "The Zebra Murders: A Season of Killing, Racial Madness, and Civil Rights."

"As hateful as the killers were, it was racism that lit the fire that burned inside them," he says. "And it was racism that kept the department so white we didn't have enough black officers to infiltrate a group like the one we were after."

In a distinguished, nearly 40-year career, Sanders later became the city's first black police chief. But he chose to write his first book about this episode in his career because the havoc the killers unleashed on the city seemed to symbolize the social instability of the time.

Watergate, the Hearst kidnapping, the Weathermen and other groups' calls for armed rebellion left citizens grasping for security — something police were supposed to provide. Even within the San Francisco Police Department, a group of black officers had sued alleging racial discrimination, adding to the tumult.

"A lot of things were going on in the early '70s all at once. Guys at war with the police

department. Unrest in the police department," Sanders said in an interview at his daughter's home in San Bruno, just south of San Francisco.

Sanders, 69, was born in 1937 in Nacogdoches, Texas. His mother moved the family to Los Angeles when he was 10. After she died, he went to live with an uncle in San Francisco.

Sanders went to college, joined the U.S. Army Reserves and considered a career in the military. But after attending Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga., he changed his mind.

"My mother fought too hard to get me out of the Jim Crow South for me to want to put myself back in it," he writes. "Racism in San Francisco wasn't like down South. There wasn't some scowling cracker on the other end of a whip. In San Francisco, racism came at you with a smile."

His brother-in-law wanted to become a police officer, so Sanders helped him study. Then he took the test himself and scored third out of 800 applicants.

That was in 1964, and Sanders was one of a handful of black police officers in the predominantly Irish-American department. He says they faced daily prejudices in the form of fewer promotions and less desirable assignments.

When the Zebra shootings began in October 1973, they appeared to be random and seemed to target regular people going about their regular business.

"It wasn't just whites who were frozen by fear," writes Sanders' co-author, Bennett Cohen, who acts as narrator and quotes Sanders extensively throughout the book. "Nonwhites felt it, too, especially blacks, who worried that revenge attacks by whites might come next, causing the terror to spiral even further out of control."

A profile of the shooters began to emerge. All were black men who used .32-caliber handguns and appeared to be connected to the Nation of Islam.

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Lame-duck Congress reconvenes in wake of Democratic landslide

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Congress returns this week with triumphant Democrats and vanquished Republicans focusing more on the upcoming change in power than on President Bush's wish list for the final few months of GOP rule.

The main order of House business planned for Monday was consideration of a free-trade bill with Vietnam, ahead of Bush's scheduled visit there Friday. Also planned are orientation meetings for more than 50 incoming House freshmen.

The real action will be off the floor as the speaker-to-be, Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., prepares to take the reins of the House and Harry Reid, D-Nev., does the same in the Senate. Jockeying in several House leadership races has exposed divisions among Democratic and GOP factions.

On the Democratic side, politicking is under way for party leadership elections scheduled for Thursday. Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., a Marine Corps veteran and hawk on military issues who became the darling of the anti-war movement after calling for a U.S. pullout from Iraq, is running against Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer of Maryland to be majority leader.

Pelosi is unchallenged to become speaker. On Sunday, she backed longtime ally Murtha in the majority leader race. Hoyer is an old Pelosi rival dating back to a bitter 2001 leadership race.

House Republicans also have leadership fights. Three lawmakers hope to succeed Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., as the GOP leader. Hastert said last week that he doesn't want to be minority leader.

Majority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, now No. 2 to Hastert, is favored to get the job, but he faces challenges from Mike Pence, an ambitious conservative from Indiana, and from Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Joe Barton, a 12-term Texan mounting a long-shot bid.

The atmosphere for the postelection session will be reminiscent of 1994, when Congress briefly returned after the GOP landslide to ratify a trade bill. Then, there were dozens of the "living dead" — Democratic lawmakers who lost reelection bids — who came back to Washington still smarting over their losses. There are more than 20 defeated Republican incumbents in that situation this year.

The 1994 session was mercifully brief. This year's promises to be longer as Congress deals with unfinished business: nine spending bills; extending already-expired tax breaks; approving trade pacts with Vietnam and Peru; bioterrorism legislation; and a measure giving doctors a reprieve from a

scheduled cut in Medicare payments.

This week, the only must-pass item for the House and Senate is a stopgap bill to fund the government. The Senate is likely to pass a measure funding veterans' programs and perhaps some other spending legislation for the budget year that has already begun.

After a two-week break for Thanksgiving, Congress returns the week of Dec. 4 for a session in which the desire of lawmakers to simply go home could threaten the ambitious agenda set by Bush and departing Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn. Dread and unhappiness promise to permeate the mood on the GOP side.

"It's just uncomfortable everywhere, in every way," said David Hoppe, former chief of staff to ex-Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. "And I don't think anybody's really sort of thought about that part yet."

Bush aides said Sunday that the president will stand firm in his defense of John Bolton, his nominee for U.N. ambassador, despite unwavering opposition from Democrats who view Bolton as too combative for international diplomacy.

"We're putting him up for confirmation," White House chief of staff Josh Bolten said on ABC's "This Week." "I think if he actually was able to get a vote in the full Senate, he would succeed."

The Senate's top Democrat said lawmakers have more pressing matters to deal with this week. "I think we should go to things that we can work together on," Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Democrats would like to complete the spending bills this year, rather than having them on their early agenda in 2007.

That would require assembling one \$450 billion-plus bill loaded with special-interest "pork-barrel" projects. Apparently dead for the year is legislation approving Bush's domestic wiretapping of suspected terrorists' phone calls and e-mails from abroad without court warrants.

Two House freshmen — Democrat Albio Sires of New Jersey and Republican Shelley Sekula-Gibbs of Texas — will be sworn into office Monday evening to fill vacant seats.

Sekula-Gibbs' tenure will be brief. She won a special election to fill the Texas seat of former Majority Leader Tom DeLay, who resigned earlier this year. She lost a write-in campaign in the general election to Democrat Nick Lampson, who will take over the seat in January.

In the Senate, a 10-person freshman class of eight Democrats, one Republican and Democratic-leaning Independent Bernard Sanders of Vermont will take part in an orientation program.

More moose on the loose in Northwest

By The Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — There are so many moose on the loose in far eastern Washington and northern Idaho that some are appearing in such unlikely habitats as Palouse wheat pastures, wildlife biologists report.

Around Mount Spokane and Mica Peak, research by the Washington state Department of Fish and Wildlife indicates there are now one or more moose per square kilometer, or nearly three per square mile — in a few areas eclipsing the number of deer.

"Many people who have lived in Spokane a long time don't realize we have moose around here," said David P. Volsen, a game biologist with the agency.

Volsen and other experts say moose populations in the region have been on the rise for decades as shrubs and young trees on which the moose feed fill forest land stripped of

trees by clearcut logging.

Over time, as the trees grow bigger and shrubs are crowded out, the moose population will likely decline, Volsen said.

Idaho's moose count is estimated at 15,000 to 20,000 animals with the biggest population near the Canadian border, up from fewer than 1,000 half a century ago, said Dale E. Toweill, a program coordinator in the Idaho Fish and Game Department.

"Populations have just exploded," Toweill said.

Wandering alone rather than in herds, moose sometimes seek romance with horses in the early fall, the start of the breeding season, Toweill said.

"Horses are terrified of moose," he added.

Moose have expanded their range to the Snake River plain, some have crossed the river at Hells Canyon and Oregon state biologists believe about 30, including eight bulls, have established themselves in northeastern Oregon.

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Five years after Taliban's fall, insurgent activity is on the rise

BY JASON STRAZIUSO

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KABUL, Afghanistan — A new report released five years after Kabul's citizens celebrated the fall of the fundamentalist Taliban regime paints a bleak picture of the rising insurgent violence that has claimed 3,700 lives across Afghanistan in 2006.

Militants launch more than 600 attacks a month, a fourfold increase from the monthly average of 130 last year, according to the report by the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Board, a body with Afghan and international representatives, including from the United Nations. It was issued on

the eve of Monday's anniversary of the Islamist militia's ouster.

The rising drug trade in Afghanistan has "significantly helped fuel" the insurgency in four volatile southern provinces, and the slow pace of development is contributing to popular disaffection and impeding efforts to curb the opium production, the report said.

The insurgency "threatens to reverse some of the gains made in the recent past, with development activities being especially hard hit in several areas, resulting in partial or total withdrawal of international agencies in a number of the worst-affected provinces," it said.

Five years ago, on Nov. 13, 2001, Taliban

fighters retreated from Kabul ahead of an advancing Northern Alliance force, heralding the fall of its fundamentalist regime, and prompting street celebrations by Afghans who openly played music and shaved off the long beards that had been mandated by the hard-line regime.

A U.S.-led coalition began its invasion of Afghanistan in October 2001 to oust the Taliban regime for hosting Osama bin Laden.

Afghanistan enjoyed a relative period of calm in the years after the invasion, but insurgents have this year launched a record number of roadside bombs and suicide attacks, and there have been heavy clashes all year between insurgents and Afghan and NATO security forces, particularly in the southern and eastern provinces near the border with Pakistan.

The 3,700 deaths the new report attributes to insurgent-related violence is comparable to the number of deaths — about 3,500 — tallied by The Associated Press this year based on reports from the U.S. military, NATO and Afghan officials.

More than 20 Taliban militants were killed during clashes near the frontier in Paktika province, officials said Sunday.

Gen. Murad Ali, the deputy Afghan army commander for Paktika, said 20 bodies were recovered from fighting in Barmal district the last several days. In addition, he said, two trucks carrying Taliban fighters were destroyed by airstrikes or artillery fire, and

officials estimated 40 fighters were killed in those strikes.

Four NATO soldiers and three Afghan soldiers were injured, he said, though a NATO spokesman said he wasn't aware of any serious injuries among NATO troops. Barmal is home to a military base that hosts both Afghan and U.S. soldiers.

Spokesman Maj. Luke Knittig said the operations in Barmal were part of an ongoing Afghan-NATO mission to root out Taliban militants before winter settles in. He said the estimate of 60 dead fighters sounded "about right" but didn't have an independent estimate of the number killed. "We are not into the numbers game here lately," he said.

Death tolls in remote areas of Afghanistan are almost impossible to verify and often vary widely.

Abdul Baqi Nuristani, the provincial police chief, said only 25 militants have been killed in Barmal over the last couple of days. He said three Afghan and three NATO soldiers were injured in "a very big battle."

Ali said tribal elders took the bodies of eight Pakistani fighters back over the border to be buried.

Afghan officials have repeatedly accused Pakistan of not doing enough to prevent Pakistani or other foreign fighters from crossing the border to launch attacks. Pakistan says it does all it can, though border attacks have increased since a September agreement led the Pakistani military to pull out of its lawless tribal region.




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Roman Catholic bishops are sending message to lost flock

BY RACHEL ZOLL

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BALTIMORE — America's Roman Catholic bishops are focusing on the many Catholics who misunderstand or disregard church teaching, instructing them on beliefs about homosexuality, marriage, contraception and Holy Communion.

In a national meeting to start Monday in Baltimore, the bishops were to consider new guidelines on ministry to gay parishioners, explaining the theological underpinnings of the Catholic mandate that marriage must be limited to one man and one woman.

The prelates were also to take up documents on worthiness for receiving Communion and on the church's widely ignored ban on artificial contraception. Surveys have found that only about 4 percent of Catholic married couples of child-bearing age use natural birth control, according to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The attention to core teachings comes as the 64 million-member American church faces a shortage of priests, low rates of Mass attendance and a massive influx of Hispanic immigrants.

Diocesan budgets are stretched thin. Bishops nationwide have been closing older parishes that are too expensive to maintain, while trying to cover rising costs for operat-

ing their schools. And several dioceses are still negotiating settlements in the millions of dollars over claims of clergy sex abuse. The cases of three of the four dioceses that have sought bankruptcy protection from molestation claims remain unresolved.

To adjust these pressures, the bishops this week will consider restructuring the conference's Washington headquarters. Under the proposal, American dioceses would send less money to the conference, which would in turn cut jobs and committees.

Bishops have complained for years that the funds they turn over for conference work are badly needed in their home dioceses. Others consider the large conference staff unnecessary, a hangover from its heyday in the early 1980s when revered Chicago Cardinal Joseph Bernardin was guiding conference work and the prelates undertook such ambitious projects as the pastoral letter on nuclear war called "The Challenge of Peace."

The bishops have proposed a new set of priorities for their streamlined conference through 2011, including an initiative supporting marriage, increasing the number of candidates for the priesthood and improving education for Catholics on church teaching.

The meeting runs through Thursday, but the bishops have decided to conduct more business than usual behind closed doors.

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Cardinal relish erasing zero from win column

BY TIM BOOTH
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SEATTLE — After a year of frustration, disappointment and, at times, ineptitude, Stanford's locker room was again a place of joy and excitement, where shouts and cheers could be heard by the opposition across the hall.

Coach Walt Harris and his sore back, plopped in a chair in the middle of the hallway late Saturday afternoon, beamed with pride and satisfaction as the longest Cardinal losing streak in nearly 50 years was broken.

Stanford snapped the nation's second-longest losing streak on Saturday with a thorough 20-3 win over Washington. The 11-game skid matched the longest in school history and trailed only Duke's current 18-game streak nationally.

Stanford lost its last game in 1959 and all 10 in 1960. Harris was thrilled with knowing the Cardinal won't be listed anymore among those on losing streaks.

"We're going to be out of that," Harris said. "I'm happy because we have too great a school to be in that group.

"It feels great. I don't want to feel that long a drought ever again if possible."

The win was surprising by its domination. None of Stanford's play in recent weeks indicated such an effort was in the offerings, especially against a Washington team that nearly upset USC and California during its own five-game losing streak.

Stanford hadn't scored an offensive touchdown since Oct. 7 at Notre Dame. The Cardinal were outscored 162-20 in their previous five games and had kept only one team under 30 points all season.

It won't be considered one of the more efficient or overly impressive wins in school history. Stanford's offense only had seven first downs, rushed for only 20 yards and had just 6 yards of total offense until its last

drive of the first half.

Those numbers mattered little afterward. The Cardinal took advantage of what appeared to be their most winnable game down the stretch with remaining contests against Oregon State (6-4) and rival California (8-2).

"We've been battling ourselves the whole season," quarterback T.C. Ostrander said. "We've been getting better and better every week, but this was really the opportunity we had to play as a team."

Stanford's maligned defense, ranked 113th in the country overall, kept Washington's stumbling offense in check. The Huskies managed just 39 yards rushing against a unit that was last in the nation, allowing 239.1 yards entering the weekend. Stanford intercepted three passes — two by safety Bo McNally, who returned the second pick 49 yards for a TD in the third quarter, giving Stanford its first lead since Sept. 9 against San Jose State.

McNally, a sophomore, didn't know he was starting until two days before the game.

"I was nervous and excited at the same time," McNally said. "I was really looking forward to trying to make my mark."

McNally wasn't the only unknown Cardinal commodity to make big plays. Freshman wide receiver Richard Sherman posted the best receiving day for Stanford in more than a year, catching six passes for 177 yards and a 74-yard touchdown early in the fourth quarter that cinched the victory.

The 74-yard catch and run on a wide receiver screen, was the longest play this season — of any type — and provided a sweet capper.

"It's really easy to go through the adversity those guys have gone through and not put your best foot forward," Harris said. "But all year long our guys have worked hard and worked to become a better football team, and finally it showed.

Trojans impressive in first game of stretch drive for a title berth

BY JOHN NADEL
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LOS ANGELES — Pete Carroll must have had a vision.

Southern California's 33-31 loss at Oregon State two weeks ago appeared to have eliminated the Trojans from national championship contention, but afterward, Carroll said it was too early to make such a declaration.

Apparently the USC coach knew what he was talking about, because a glut of upsets have thrust the Trojans back into the thick of the race

"We have a great opportunity to do something special," Carroll said after the Trojans celebrated homecoming by beating then-No. 21 Oregon 35-10 Saturday night for their 31st straight victory at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

"These last few games really do feel like playoff games to us," Carroll said. "We want to see if we can put it together."

Ranked ninth after its loss, USC is now No. 4, trailing unbeaten Ohio State and Michigan and once-beaten Florida. Five teams ahead of the Trojans two weeks ago have lost since that time, and Florida barely avoided being upset Saturday, getting a blocked field goal in the final seconds to pre-

serve a 17-16 victory over South Carolina.

Ohio State and Michigan meet next Saturday, with the winner assured of finishing first in the final BCS standings. The Trojans hope to finish second, and that could be a reachable goal with three more wins.

USC (8-1, 6-1 Pac-10) faces No. 17 California (8-2, 6-1) next Saturday night at the Coliseum, with the winner clinching the conference championship. A date with No. 6 Notre Dame follows, also at the Coliseum, before the Trojans finish against crosstown rival UCLA at the Rose Bowl.

"This is our playoff run right now," said USC defensive end Lawrence Jackson, who had three of the Trojans' four sacks against the Ducks — his first three of the season.

"It was no secret that this game and the following three are a big test, not only for the defense, but for the whole team," Jackson said. "This is our first victory, and we have Cal next."

Chauncey Washington rushed for a career-high 119 yards and three touchdowns, and John David Booty passed for 176 yards and another score against Oregon. But the big story was the USC defense, which limited the Ducks to their lowest point total of the season.



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Pyramids are last of the original wonders

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The Egyptian pyramids are the only surviving structures from the original list of seven architectural marvels. Long gone are the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the Statue of Zeus at Olympia, the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus, the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, the Colossus of Rhodes and the Pharos lighthouse off Alexandria. Those seven were deemed wonders in ancient times by observers of the Mediterranean and Middle East.

Candidates for the new list have been narrowed down to 21, including the Eiffel Tower, Statue of Liberty, Taj Mahal and Peru's Machu Picchu. The public can vote until July 6, 2007, by Internet or phone. The seven winners will be announced July 7 in Lisbon, Portugal.

Choosing world wonders has been a continuing fascination over the centuries. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, or UNESCO, keeps updating its list of World Heritage Sites, which now totals 830 places.

The "New 7 Wonders of the World" campaign was begun in 1999 by Swiss adventurer Bernard Weber, with almost 200 nominations coming in from around the world.

Weber "felt it is time for something new to bring the world together" and to "symbolize a common pride in the

global cultural heritage," said Tia B. Vierung, spokeswoman for the campaign.

Weber's Switzerland-based foundation aims to promote cultural diversity by supporting, preserving and restoring monuments. It relies on private donations and revenue from selling broadcasting rights.

Nominations were whittled down by public votes to 77 last year. Then a panel of architectural experts, chaired by former UNESCO chief Federico Mayor, shortened the list to 21. Interest has grown as Weber and his 10-member team visit the 21 sites. Their final visit will be March 6 to New York's Statue of Liberty.

In addition to the Statue of Liberty, Pyramids, Eiffel Tower, Taj Mahal and Machu Picchu, the finalists are the Acropolis; Turkey's Hagia Sophia; the Kremlin and St. Basil's Cathedral; the Colosseum; Germany's Neuschwanstein Castle; Stonehenge; Spain's Alhambra; the Great Wall; Japan's Kiyomizu Temple; the Sydney Opera House; Cambodia's Angkor; Timbuktu; Petra, Jordan; Brazil's Statue of Christ Redeemer; Easter Island; and Chichen Itza, Mexico.

To vote, go to <http://www.new7wonders.com> or call (011) 372-541-11738 or (011) 423-663-900299. (International phone rates apply.)

AMONG THE CONTENDERS

ACROPOLIS, GREECE: A million people come here each year to see the marble temples, including the Parthenon ruins.

CHRIST REDEEMER STATUE, BRAZIL: The 125-foot statue overlooks Rio de Janeiro from atop Mount Corcovado. A railway carried it up the 2,343-foot mountain for the 1931 inauguration.

COLOSSEUM, ITALY: The 50,000-seat amphitheater in Rome was where thousands of gladiators dueled to the death. The arena has influenced the design of modern stadiums.

IEFFEL TOWER, FRANCE: The 985-foot tower, built in 1889 for the International Exposition, symbolizes Paris. Made almost entirely of open-lattice wrought iron and erected in only two years.

GREAT WALL OF CHINA: The 4,160-mile barricade running from east to west is the world's longest man-made structure. The fortification was built to protect various dynasties from invasion.

KREMLIN AND ST. BASIL'S CATHEDRAL, RUSSIA: Onion domes with golden cupolas surrounded by red brick walls are at the heart of Moscow's Kremlin, a Medieval fortress converted into the center of Russian government.

MACHU PICCHU, PERU: Built by the Incan Empire in the 15th century, Machu Picchu's walls, palaces, temples and dwellings are perched in the clouds at 8,000 feet above sea level in the Andes.

PYRAMID AT CHICHEN ITZA, MEXICO: This step pyramid surmounted by a temple was part of a sacred site in an important Mayan center on Mexico's Yucatan peninsula.

STATUE OF LIBERTY, NEW YORK: The 305-foot statue in New York Harbor has welcomed immigrants and symbolized freedom since 1886, when it was dedicated as a gift by the French.

STONEHENGE, BRITAIN: How and why this circular monument of massive rocks was created between 3,000 and 1,600 B.C. is unknown, but some experts say the stones were aligned as part of a sun-worshipping culture or astronomical calendar.

SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE, AUSTRALIA: Situated on Bennelong Point reaching into Sydney's harbor, its roof resembles a ship in full sail and is covered by over 1 million white tiles.

TAJ MAHAL, INDIA: The white marble-domed mausoleum in Agra was built by a 17th century Mogul emperor for his favorite wife.

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★★★★ Dynamic
★★★ Average

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★★ So-So

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ If you feel as if you are spinning your wheels, you might not be far from wrong. You have a lot to do, and quite quickly at that. The unexpected occurs, mainly because of your perspective. Loosen up and shake away rigidity. Tonight: Happy to end a busy day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your creativity opens up some shocking elements and possibilities. You might not be ready for what is coming down your path. Inspiration and excitement come from groups rather than you right now. Tonight: Have fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might have to honor so many considerations that you could be tired and worn out. Knowing when to stop could be significant. Events are forcing you past negativity. Tonight: Easy does it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You certainly can be inventive and dynamic, if you so choose. Don't get locked into negative or desperate thinking. Let events fire up your life rather than slow you down. Whether you know it or not, someone's efforts are heartfelt. Tonight: Hang out with a fun loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to slow down and think through a situation carefully. Sometimes you could feel overwhelmed or like you cannot get a situation under control. Your finances could swing one way or another. You need to stay disciplined. Tonight: A serious approach works.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You are on a roll and easily could be unstoppable. Think positively about what you can do. Don't allow a shake-up to throw you off. You might want to think about what goes down. However, you probably are on the right course. Tonight: Go for what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Take your time, whether you want to or not. Think rather than react. You are in a slow phase and not ready to jump to any conclusions. Whether you know it or not, you are way ahead of the game. You just might not feel like it. Tonight: Easy does it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Emphasize your creativity and your magnetism. A meeting can color your thinking but also could help you get where you want to be. Listen to feedback and gain from it. Know that you might not have all the answers. Tonight: Where people are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Pressure builds on the home front. You know when you have had enough. Listen more often to a particular family member, especially if this person rings your chimes. It feels right; go with it right now. Tonight: Easy does it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might not be sure which way to go with a confidential matter. Make it OK to gather information. Yes, someone could be creating a lot of uproar. Trust your instincts with news from a distance. Tonight: Find a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Listen to your instincts with someone you care about. Still, don't give away anything you don't have to. Review a personal matter. You might be a bit stunned by what goes down with a child or loved one. Tonight: Allow someone else to dominate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You have a way about you that draws many. You also can be unpredictable. Review what needs to happen. Others will react — promise. Realize what you are triggering. You might not like it! Tonight: Go along with another's plans

Born Today

British royal Prince Charles (1948)
Artist Claude Monet (1840)
Writer P.J. O'Rourke (1947)



Happy Birthday

You accomplish a lot this year. You discover that an innovative and creative approach will help achieve important goals and heartfelt wishes. Plug in what you do and choose. Emphasize what you want and where you are going. Network and broaden your horizons. You might be surprised by what you come across this year. Adventure and excitement follow in your wake. If you are single, you will make a big difference in others' lives.

Cruise in ruins

Actor lands in Rome amid marriage rumors

TOM CRUISE flew into a Rome airport on a private jet, airport officials said, setting off a frenzy among media and fans anticipating the star's high-profile wedding to Katie Holmes.

Cruise arrived at Rome's small Ciampino airport from Los Angeles on Monday with about 10 people, including his mother and his three children, airport officials said.

The 44-year-old actor and Holmes, 27, are set to marry at an undisclosed Italian location Saturday. Speculation on the location has focused on Odescalchi Castle on Lake Bracciano, near the capital. The romantic, 15th-century castle, with its halls and gardens, can host up to 1,400 guests.

Local officials and residents remain tight-lipped, and

Bracciano's mayor has only acknowledged that authorities received a request to clear the square in front of the castle.

Some 100 fans mingled with photographers and camera crews in front of the Hassler, the luxury Rome hotel on top of the Spanish Steps where Cruise was said by airport officials to be staying. An employee at the hotel's front desk, who refused

to give her name, denied that Cruise was staying there.

Traffic police managed the crowd at the Hassler and bodyguards stood at the ready next to limousines parked in front of the hotel.

Holmes and Cruise became engaged in June 2005. Their daughter, Suri, was born April 18.

Cruise, has two children, 13-

year-old Isabella, and 11-year-old Connor, from his marriage to Nicole Kidman. Kidman and Tom Cruise divorced in 2001 after 10 years of marriage.

Holmes, who starred in TV's "Dawson's Creek," had been engaged to Chris Klein. Cruise was also previously married to Mimi Rogers, and had a high-profile romance with Penelope Cruz.

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Malawi court undecided on Madonna

Malawi's High Court said it will rule next week on whether a coalition of human rights and child advocacy groups should help decide whether MADONNA is fit to adopt a 13-month-old boy.

Justice Andrew Nyirenda said Monday he will rule Nov. 20 on whether to admit the 67-member coalition, which includes the state-run Malawi Human Rights Commission, as a party in the adoption proceedings. The coalition maintains the proceedings have been irregular.

Madonna says she has met all the country's requirements for adopting the toddler, and David's father, Yohane Banda, has said the human rights group's lawsuit threatens his son's future.

The 48-year-old pop singer and her husband, British filmmaker Guy Ritchie, were granted interim custody of David Banda by a High Court judge on Oct. 12.

Malawi regulations stipulate an 18- to 24-month assessment period be spent in Malawi, but the couple were allowed to take David to their London home.

"Basically what we are asking the court is that we want to be joined as a party to the assessment because we have a lot of legal issues we want to raise," Justin Dzonzi, chairman of the coalition known as the Human Rights Consultative Committee, told journalists after a 90-minute closed hearing Monday.

Dzonzi has said his coalition wasn't trying to block the

adoption, but wanted to be a party to the process to make sure Malawian laws were respected.

"Over 1,000 Malawian children are being adopted illegally every year and yet the laws say international adoption are not permissible," Dzonzi, who is a lawyer, said Monday. "There is no system to monitor how these adopted children are being treated, wherever they are."

"We want to use the Madonna case to make sure that the rights of children in Malawi are effectively protected."

On the eve of the hearing, Yohane Banda reiterated his appeal for the human rights activists "to back off and leave my son alone."

"As David's father I consent-

ed. I see no reason why I should change my mind now," said the 32-year-old peasant, who ekes a living from a modest onion and tomato garden.

Madonna's Malawian lawyer, Alan Chinula, told journalists that as far as the singer is concerned, all Malawian adoption laws have been followed.

Chinula said Madonna and Ritchie, 38, were also complying with Britain's adoption laws.

Malawi's Department of Gender and Child Welfare Development said a team of child welfare officers would fly to London to make the first assessment in May 2007 and one more assessment would be done by December 2007 before a report is filed on the couple's suitability as adoptive parents.

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'Purple Rain' lands on the Vegas Strip

PRINCE unveiled a low-production but high-energy show as he debuted a new weekly casino gig, while giving no indication that he plans to become the next Wayne Newton.

Prince will perform shows for the next several Friday and Saturday nights in the 3121 club at The Rio casino-hotel just off the Las Vegas Strip.

The show Friday included an even mix of classics and

new material, guitar solos, soulful ballads and funk. His racy hits, such as "Cream" and "Kiss," were a contrast to the tamer songs released since the star became a Jehovah's Witness.

"You don't have to be dirty to be sexy," Prince advised the audience, before launching into a sweet love song. "Let me show you."

The move to Las Vegas sur-

prised fans who have dubbed the star _ now more than 20 years past his megahit album and movie "Purple Rain" _ a pop, funk and soul innovator. Las Vegas, a place once known for showcasing stars in the twilight of their careers, wasn't expected.

But organizers and bandmates say the man who once changed his name to a soundless symbol is simply taking his

own tack again.

"I think he wants to bring a new element to Vegas; that's the whole point, to bring a new, fresh vibe," said Maya McClean, a Prince spokeswoman and half of the back-up group performing with the star, The Twinz.

The shows are expected to run "a couple of months" before the group goes on tour, McLean said.

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MOVIE GUIDE

AERO THEATRE
1328 Montana Avenue
(310) 395-4990

Wednesday
Some Like it Hot
7:30
Thursday
Stranger than Fiction
7:30

AMC LOEWS BROADWAY 4
1441 3rd Street
(310) 458-6232

Babel (R)
1:15, 3:45, 4:30, 7:00, 7:45, 10:15
A Good Year (PG-13)
1:30, 4:25, 7:30, 10:30
The Return (PG-13)
2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30

AMC 7 SANTA MONICA
1310 3rd Street
(310) 289-4262

The Departed (R)
12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:20
Flags of Our Fathers (R)
1:15, 4:15, 7:25, 10:30
Flushed Away (PG)
12:40, 3:10, 5:20, 7:35, 9:50
Marie Antoinette (PG-13)
1:35, 4:20, 7:15, 10:15
The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause (G)
1:45, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30
Saw III (R)
2:30, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13)
2:00, 4:45, 7:50, 10:45

LANDMARK NUWILSHIRE
1314 Wilshire Blvd
(310) 281-8228

Harsh Times (R)
1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00
The Last King of Scotland (R)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55

LAEMMLE'S MONICA FOURPLEX
1332 2nd Street
(310) 394-9741

Copying Beethoven (PG-13)
1:55, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00
Fur: An Imaginary Portrait of Diane Arbus (R)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
Little Children (R)
1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15
The Queen (PG-13)
1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55

MANN'S CRITERION THEATRE
1313 3rd Street
(310) 395-1599

Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan (R)
11:30am, 12:50, 2:00, 3:10, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 7:50, 9:20, 10:10
Man of the Year (PG-13)
4:10, 7:10
Night of the Living Dead 3D (R)
12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
The Prestige (PG-13)
1:00, 4:00, 7:20, 10:30
Running With Scissors (R)
1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 10:20
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Difficulty
SILVER

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

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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 LAST PUZZLE

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

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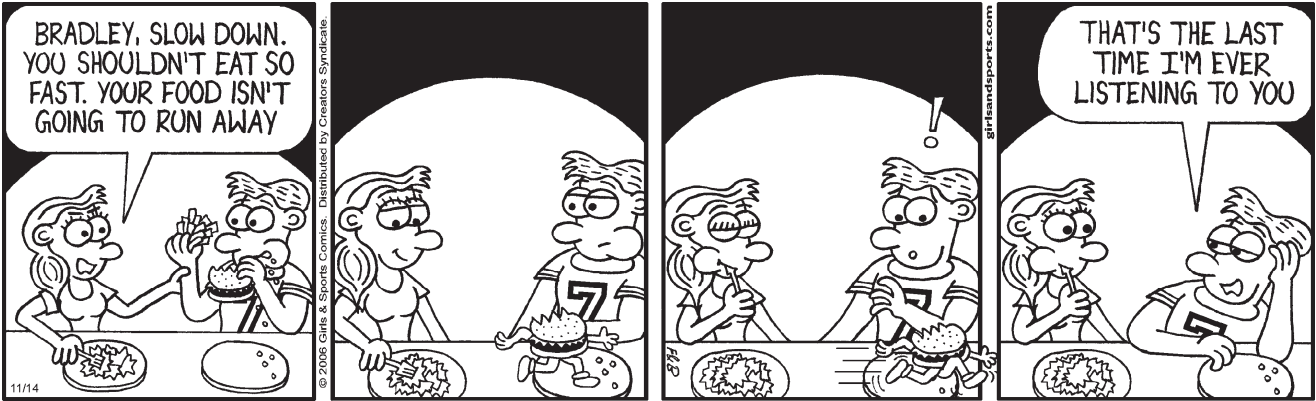
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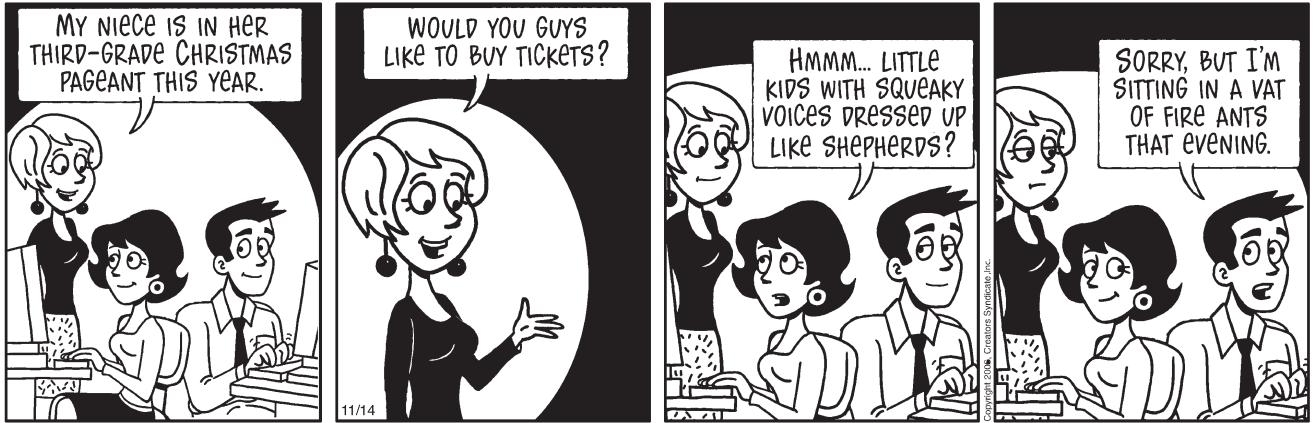
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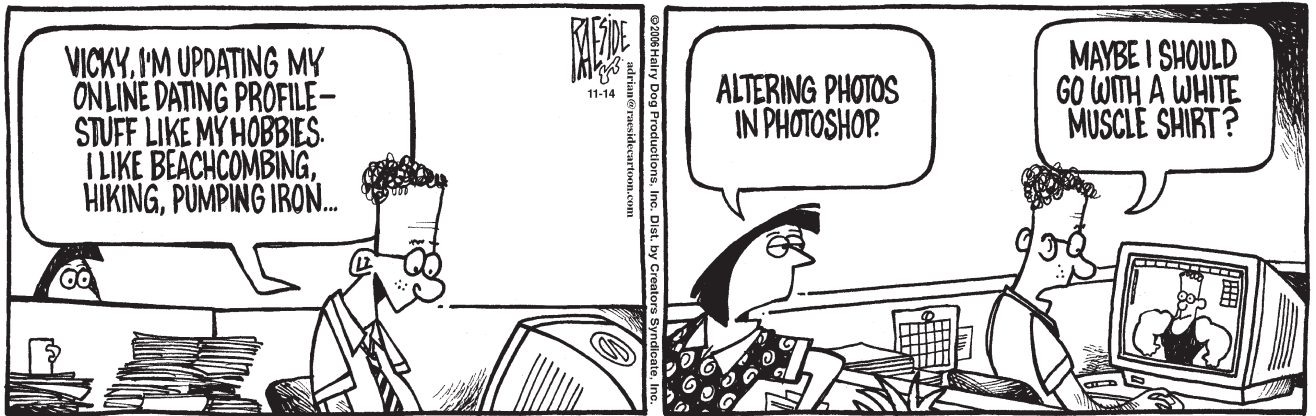
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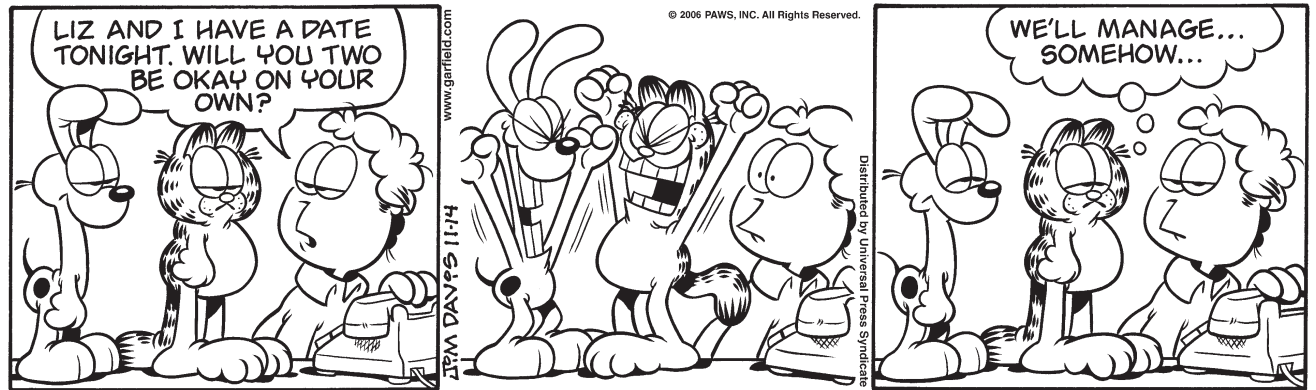
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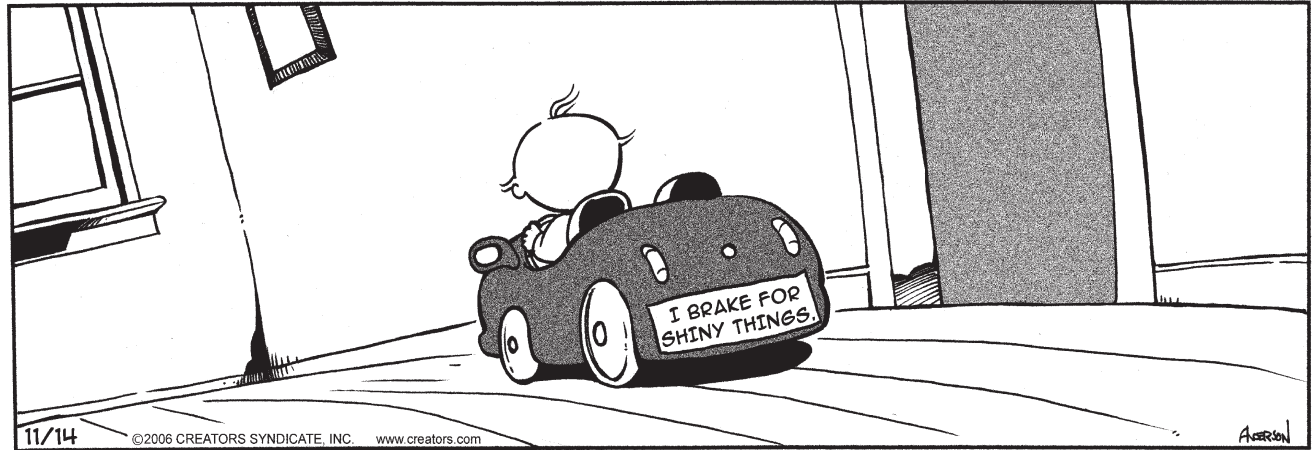
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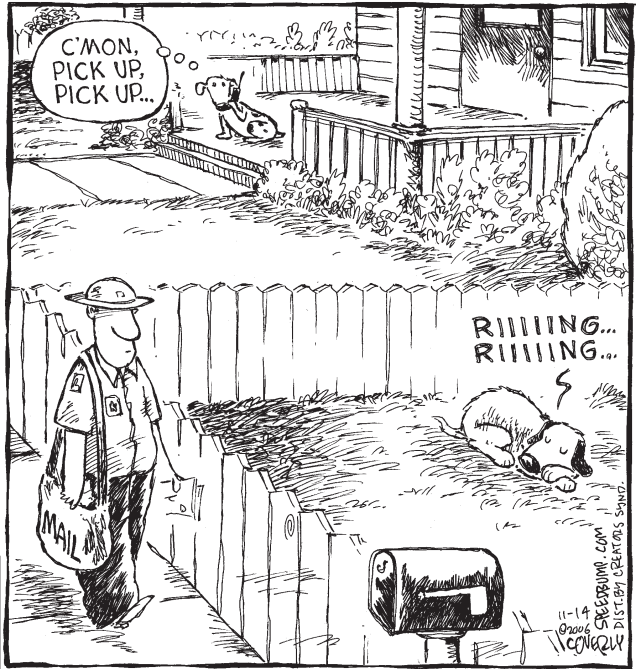
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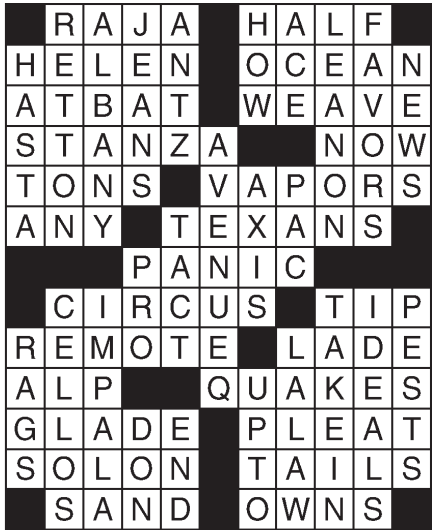
ACROSS

- 1 Atmosphere makeup
- 6 Coffee bar order
- 11 Accent type
- 12 Relative by marriage
- 13 Hedge against inflation
- 15 Harden
- 16 Evergreen tree
- 17 Nourished
- 18 Evergreen tree
- 20 Custom
- 23 Wanderer
- 27 Neighbor of Turkey
- 28 Singer Suzanne
- 29 Prepare for surgery
- 31 Invader of England
- 32 Joke
- 34 Cash dispenser
- 37 Will Smith biopic
- 38 Drops on the lawn
- 41 Movie technique
- 44 Supermarket section
- 45 Works the land
- 46 Fiddle bow application
- 47 Worry excessively

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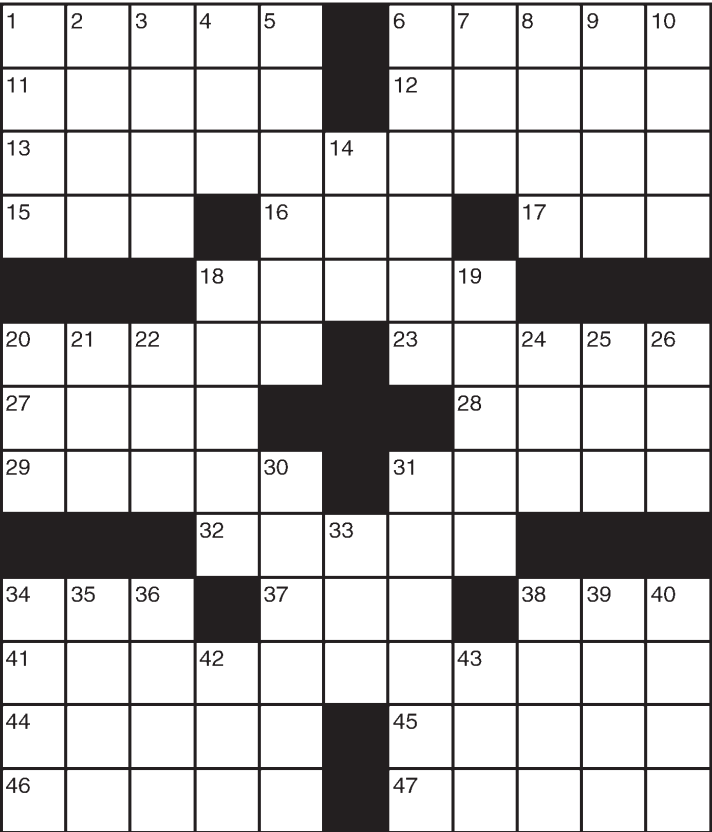
- 1 Openings
- 2 Lot unit
- 3 Hearts or clubs
- 4 Catchall abbr.
- 5 Consider appropriate
- 6 Bathroom fixture
- 7 Early hour
- 8 Staff symbol
- 9 Visibility lessener
- 10 Impressed greatly
- 14 Shark feature
- 18 Locker art
- 19 Kim of "Vertigo"
- 20 Towel word

- 21 Ellipse bit
- 22 Gold unit
- 24 Plague
- 25 Sense of self
- 26 Presided over
- 30 Shameless
- 31 Shows disdain
- 33 Frothy brew
- 34 From a distance
- 35 Jazz combo
- 36 Clutter
- 38 Be bold
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- 42 Yale student
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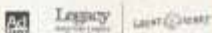


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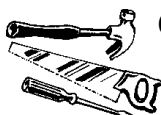
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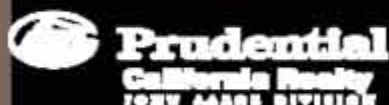
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