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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

A civic group in Vienna, Austria, gathered 157,000 signatures on petitions in May and presented them to city officials to encourage a government program toward cleaner streets. Under the proposal, the government would assign the populace the task of counting and mapping dog droppings as a first step to greater penalties for owners who fail to clean up after their mutts. Critics were pessimistic that citizens wanted to count and map dog droppings.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 320th day of 2006.
There are 45 days left in the year.

1806 Moses Cleaveland, the land surveyor for whom the city of Cleveland is named, died in Canterbury, Conn., at age 52.

1966 Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard was acquitted in his second trial of charges he'd murdered his pregnant wife, Marilyn, in 1954.

1973 Skylab 4, carrying a crew of three astronauts, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on an 84-day mission.

1973 President Nixon signed the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act.

1981 Actor William Holden was found dead in his apartment in Santa Monica, Calif.; he was 63.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Men are more apt to be mistaken in their generalizations than in their particular observations."

NICCOLO MACHIAVELLI
ITALIAN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHER (1469-1527).

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Weller defense wants mercy

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN LA — Supporters of the 89-year-old man convicted of killing 10 people three years ago when he drove his car through a crowded Farmers' Market are asking that he be sentenced to probation, given his rapidly deteriorating health and strong feelings of guilt and remorse.

In court papers released Tuesday, defense attorneys and the daughter of George Russell Weller joined with a half-dozen friends of the longtime Santa Monica resident in urging a judge to grant probation, insisting Weller would "pose absolutely no risk" and has "repeatedly acknowledged fault and expressed sorrow and concern for the victims."

"A grant of probation to Mr.

Weller would not pose even a 'minimal risk' to society; It would pose absolutely no risk," Weller's attorneys wrote. "Mr. Weller has lived an exemplary life for a period longer than most of us may live and his present physical condition necessarily confines him to his home."

In an Oct. 26 declaration, Weller's primary care physician, Dr. Eileen McGrath, wrote that a recent CAT

scan of the 89-year-old appears to disclose a condition involving a form of fluid on the brain. She noted that Weller had been to a hospital emergency room at least three times within a 10-day period and "has undergone a noticeable decline in physical function," including losing his ability to walk.

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Don Ralphs Special to the Daily Press

MAKING THEIR PITCH: Santa Monica Rugby Club youth players, competing here against a team from San Luis Obispo, are looking to take the sport to new heights.

For Jews, it's have eruv — will travel

BY MAYA MEINERT

Special to the Daily Press

VENICE — Members of the Pacific Jewish Center are ready to walk the line, and their support is growing.

A new, rewritten California Coastal Commission staff report recommends the approval, with conditions, of the Pacific Jewish Center's request to install an eruv along the beach from Santa Monica to Marina del Rey.

An eruv creates a symbolic area that can be considered part of an Orthodox Jew's home. Within an eruv, Orthodox Jews may carry their



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DRAWING THE LINE: An eruv should allow Center members to roam free.

keys and push their children in strollers while walking to synagogue on the Sabbath. Without such a symbolic area, their ability to function outside their homes is limited.

Today, a Coastal Commission hearing will be held to formally determine the fate of the eruv. If the

See **VENICE ERUV**, page 10

Fear not a factor

Youth rugby players tackle unexpected

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

PENMAR PARK, VENICE — Determination, endurance and, most importantly, the ability to mask that look of fear.

To 13-year-old Nkechi K. Ampah, of Los Angeles, they're the keys for a successful rugby player, necessary to help her thrive in one of the most physically and mentally brutal contact sports in the world.

"Let your inhibitions go. You can't be scared in the game," said Ampah, a freshman at View Park Preparatory High School.

A rugby player of four years, she has begun practicing with the Santa

Monica Rugby Club, where she hopes to build on her skills as a competitive player in order to some day land on a collegiate women's team.

Since its inception in 1972, the Santa Monica Rugby Club, composed of men's, women's and youth teams, has gained national recognition as one of the country's best, with the men's team notching an undefeated record in its first year and winning back-to-back national titles in 2005 and 2006.

Today, the club has more than 150 players.

Rugby is a relatively uncommon sport in the United States, where

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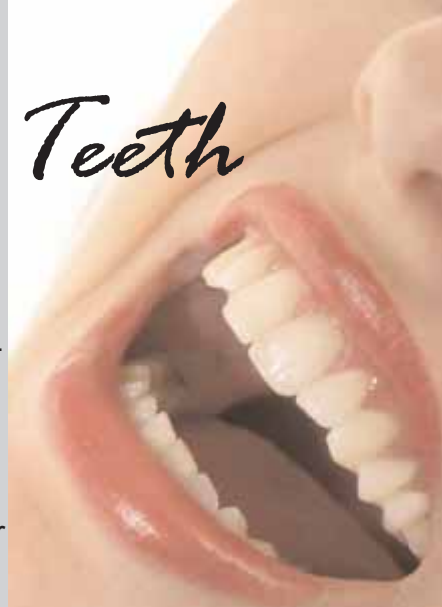
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WESTSIDE TODAY

A GUIDE TO ALL THINGS HAPPENING IN YOUR AREA

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Latin-style aerobics includes pilates, stretch and yoga, cardio and muscle training and core training.

Weekly LeTip Business Networking Group
El Cholo Restaurant, 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Weekly networking over lunch to provide additional lead and referrals to your line of work. Only one person per profession may join.

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 storytelling, sing-a-longs, handicrafts and enactment of a fairy tale.

"A Designer Evening"
SemiPrecious, 5 p.m. — 7 p.m.
On Montana Avenue, the boutique SemiPrecious presents the second annual event in an ongoing series featuring local emerging designers and artists. This year SemiPrecious presents, "A Designer Evening" featuring H. Palleiko Designs and Rebecca Cullen Jewelry Design.

Yappy Hour @ Tails of Santa Monica
Tails of Santa Monica, 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
A social gathering for dogs and their people. Come enjoy light refreshments, doggie snacks and play time on Main Street.

Salvation Army Youth Night
The Salvation Army, 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Youth Night is an event for kids ages 5-12. Activities include games, crafts and Bible lessons.

DivorceGare
Vineyard Christian Fellowship Westside, 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Divorce recovery and support group that meets weekly on Thursdays at the Vineyard Christian Fellowship Westside.

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 through Nov. 21, and then can participate in any one of our 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.

Creating a Journey You Love — Adventures, Dreams and Tranquillity
Santa Monica, 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Discover the power and practice of inner knowing and how it shifts your life to one where you are really living.

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COOKED: Hot dog vendor Nico Viakou is fighting to remain on the Third Street Promenade, asking customers to sign a petition to sway management.

NATIONAL
Witness claims she gave 'Aviator' a ride
BY PAUL FOY
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — A woman who says she picked up a hitchhiking Howard Hughes in the Nevada desert in 1970 has come forward with her story, saying it supports a similar account from a Utah man suing for a piece of the late billionaire's fortune.
Marian Bowe, now a 56-year-old Las Vegas resident, says a man she recognized later as Hughes flagged her down for a ride near Death Valley, paid \$500 for repairs when her car broke down and then disappeared.
Bowe told her story to The Associated Press after reading recent news accounts about Melvin Dummar, whose own story about Hughes became a highly-publicized court case in 1978 and a Hollywood movie.
Dummar insists he rescued Hughes from

See **HUGHES**, page 14

Not relishing a move
Third Street management wants vendor out
BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

THIRD STREET PROMENADE — No one likes a hot dog, or at least the managers of vending operations here seem to have had their fill.
Provenzano Resources Inc., which manages cart vendors on Third Street, and other outdoor shopping destinations like The Grove in Los Angeles and Irvine Spectrum Center, say they've had enough of one hot-headed hot dog-selling tenant, and want him gone by the end of the week.
Meanwhile, Promenade Dog, which has been selling its steamy wieners at center court of the promenade for almost a year, is promising a fight to stay put, collecting signatures from loyal customers on Wednesday.
Provenzano is currently in the process of agreeing to terms with LA County Department of Health Services to implement a food cart program on the promenade. The manager gave Promenade Dog,

which is already licensed by the county, the green light to operate on the promenade temporarily after learning that a future tenant had purchased their food products too early and were in danger of losing money.
The permission to Promenade Dog to operate on the promenade was intended to serve two purposes — help the future tenant sell their products through Promenade Dog's cart and help curb the presence of homelessness and loitering teenagers from center court, said Debbie Lahti, representative of Provenzano Resources.
Over the past few months, the other tenant eventually sold all of her products and left the cart operation, leaving Nico Viakou, the owner of Promenade Dog, to his own devices. It was then that Viakou, according to Lahti, began violating the contract by attaching an umbrella to his cart and selling items that were not listed in the temporary agreement.

See **HOT DOGS**, page 13

City's future takes shape
BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — The future of Santa Monica became clearer this week when the City Council approved a set of overarching goals that will drive development and the use of open space for the next 25 years.
Still, there were few surprises.
In a series of community meetings, surveys and forums held over the past couple of years, roughly 5,000 Santa Monicans reaffirmed their preferences for a city that maintains its current scale and density, with a focus on creating more environmentally-sensitive modes of transportation that limit traffic congestion.
There was also a call for more housing that can cater to an economically-diverse community and link residents to goods and services. The preservation of historic structures, and maintaining the local identity by properly managing regional pressures were also identified.
Apparently, Santa Monicans want it all. The only problems is they can't have it.
Compromises will have to be made as city staff moves forward with the reshaping of the city, something which has not been done on such a grand scale in 20 years, said Eileen Fogarty, City Hall's planning director.
"There is a consensus about creating a pattern of development in the city where there is a range of transportation choices, housing choices — workforce housing, transitional housing, special needs housing — a diverse economy with goods and services, a retention of local businesses and opportunities to serve all income levels, and a community that has a mixture of ages, incomes ..." Fogarty told the City Council on Tuesday.
"But there must be some understanding that you can fit all of those things in some of the corridors, or some of those things in all of the corridors, but you can't do it all."
Now that the wish list identified by community members has been adopted, city staff can move to the next phase of the project,

See **LAND USE**, page 14

PLASTIC GETS A REPRIEVE
The City Council on Tuesday withdrew the first reading and introduction of a law that would ban Styrofoam and other non-recyclable plastics used by restaurants and food service providers. The item is expected to return at a later date to be determined.

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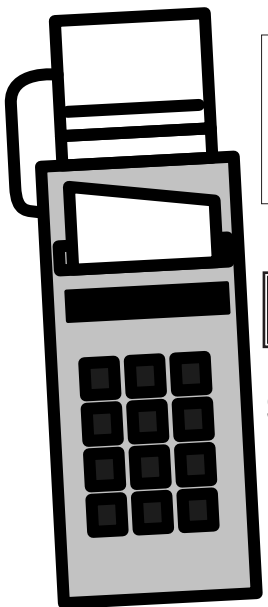
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Politicians should try talking

Editor:

I wanted to thank you for printing Mark Shepherd's letter on Tuesday, Nov. 14 (SMDP, page 4).

I cannot echo his outrage and concerns enough. I've had it with all the phone calls from every political crackpot in Santa Monica and California.

Do these people actually think these robo-calls work? Pissing people off is no way to get their vote. I've gotten so many of these annoying calls that I've made it a practice not to vote for anyone who calls me.

And so much for environment-friendly Santa Monica politicians. They must have cut down a whole forest endorsing McKeown, Davis, Katz and other leading "environmentalists." It made me sick to see the amount of wasted paper in my mailbox for the whole month leading up to election day ... yet another indicator for me who not to vote for.

I can only hope that local politicians will take Mr. Shepherd's suggestion in the future by going out, knocking on doors, and talking to the people instead of inundating them with recorded phone calls and junk mail. At least then they won't be able to hide their poor performance behind shallow campaign slogans, and I can give them a piece of my mind face to face.

Steven Jankowski
Santa Monica

Time to ring in a new era

Editor:

If the new Santa Monica City Council wants to make friends, the number-one law should be no more telephone campaigns. We received so many calls that we no longer answer the phone. If I did not vote by mail a few weeks ago, I would not vote. It is a pain in the rear.

Alan A. Rosenblum
Santa Monica

Daily Press shed some light

Editor:

Thank you so much for publishing my letter of dismay over the Edward Thomas Companies' nasty smear campaign discrediting Kevin McKeown. I sent the same letter to Tim Dubois, nominal president and signatory of one of the letters I received, at the Los Angeles address on his letter. The letter was returned to me on election day, unopened and "unable to forward." Who are these invisible creeps?

Thanks for your wonderful coverage.

Paula Goldman
Santa Monica

Such a house should not stand

Editor:

I wish to thank your newspaper for printing the excellent article by Kevin Herrera ("House divided: Step Up turned down," Nov. 9, page 1). It was accurate and descriptive. As a board member, mother of an adult mentally ill son, and Chairperson of the Step Up Housing Committee, I think that a whole lot of positive growth occurred in the community.

Public education plus early intervention in the treatment of mental illness is just as important for the patient as it is in the treatment of physical illness. Competent physician care, comfortable neighborhood surroundings and a loving family give the best chance for recovery. What a privilege it is for all of us to be a part of the process for our own and everyone's children.

Sybil Jaffy
Santa Monica



GUEST COMMENTARY BY DANNY GALLAGHER

What a 'dumbocracy'!

We might come from different economic backgrounds. We might hold opposing political and social philosophies. We might start knife fights over the whole "Tastes great, less filling" debate.

Regardless of where we stand or who we are, we all are allowed participate in the political process. The very idea makes my brain bleed.

But that was the Founding Fathers' intention. They wanted to create a system of government that let the people rule the government, not the other way around. They came from an oppressive system where the government ruled over their people the way an overburdened mother who hadn't yet discovered oxycotin rules over her kids.

This was a time when they did not have any freedoms to take for granted. The Founding Fathers didn't know what was in store. They just handed us the keys to a rental car and told us we could do whatever we wanted to it as long as we returned it with a full tank of gas. We never got that full tank of gas. One of the bumpers is also missing and the dashboard is sticky and there's a smell coming from the trunk, but no one has the guts, the curiosity or the keys to see what's causing it.

If the Founding Fathers had gazed into their crystal balls (and yes, they had crystal balls because they were the Founding Freakin' Fathers, don't question my patriotism) and seen the people they were granting these rights to, I'm not saying they would immediately pull out of the war effort, rescind their troops and fall back under the oppressive powers of the British monarchy. The Revolutionary War wasn't just fought to ensure the right to vote. It was also fought for the right to speak freely, worship the God of our choice and party!

But, if I were them, I am saying I might have tweaked it a little. Here's some of the people who, thanks to the laws of time and space, were this close to losing their right to vote.

People who submit fake names for write-in candidates. These are the jokers who write in names like "Donald Duck," "Howard Stern" and "Ivana Tinkle" on the write-in candidate line of their ballots. I know you're disenfranchised by the system, tired of the endless, meaningless debates that only breed apathy or just really high, but this kind of

stuff wastes the time of the people who were willing to volunteer to help with the voting process. At least try to come up with better names like "Stu Pidass" or "Felipe D. Bird."

People who base their vote on coin flips, rock-papers-scissors or any random chance method — voting means you not only have the right to pick who you want to serve you in your government, but you also have the right to choose who you want based on the thoughts, beliefs and philosophies that you agree with. People who vote by playing "Hot Potato" or "My mother and your mother were out hanging clothes when my mother punched your mother right in the nose" either can't think for themselves or don't believe in evolution because it hasn't happened to them yet.

People who ask themselves in the voting booth: "What Would Jesus Do?" First of all, Jesus wouldn't be voting. If he truly loves all of God's children, then that means he loves them equally and wouldn't show favorites by voting for one of them. If he did try to vote for all of them, that means he voted more than once and committed a felony. Then God will have to come down and bail his boy out of jail, taking him away from his daily duties of protecting the planet, which is right when an asteroid strikes the earth, kills off half the world population, starts another ice age and turns the world into a cold, barren, icy wasteland. That's right, these people turned the earth into Canada.

Ann Coulter. This has nothing to do with her political beliefs or strong conservative ideals. This has nothing to do with the direction she believes the country should be headed or the opinions she holds. This doesn't even have anything to do with the fact that she's nuts. According to the Associated Press, she's been accused of voting in the wrong district, which technically is voter fraud. She screwed up a concept as simple as voting. She's also nuttier than a Payday bar.

People who voted for "Dancing with the Stars" and "American Idol." These people would rather pay to vote for overrated celebrities on overrated reality shows than not pay anything to vote for their next president. These people put the "dumb" in freedom.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS



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The pier aquarium is open again following a two-month renovation for roof construction.

Aquarium is getting along swimmingly

By Daily Press staff

Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium will celebrate the completion of a new roof with reopening festivities. The festivities will be from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the aquarium beneath the pier, 1600 Ocean Front Walk.

The day will include special feedings at the Aquarium's two largest tanks, the Kelp Forest and Pier tanks, naturalist presentations, arts and crafts, interactive education presentations and hands-on activities. Professional story teller/performance artist Diane Michelle will spin tales accompanied by music and puppetry throughout the day.

The Aquarium has been closed for two months during the roof construction, needed after years of water leaks during the rainy season and debris falling year-long from the eastern deck of the Santa Monica Pier above.

Winter Aquarium hours will be Tuesday through Friday: 2 to 5 p.m.; closed Mondays; weekends: 12:30 to 5 p.m. Children 12 and under admitted free with an adult; for all others there is a \$5 suggested donation with a \$2 required admission. Admission for groups of 10 or more is \$2 per person. For more information please call (310) 393-6149.

Drill to show SMFD's skills

By Daily Press staff

The City of Santa Monica will host a multi-agency disaster response drill on Friday, Nov. 17. The drill will include participants from the City of Santa Monica, the Los Angeles County sheriff's department, Culver City police and fire departments, Beverly Hills police and fire departments, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other public safety agencies in Los Angeles County.

The WMD drill will highlight SMFD's Hazardous Material Response Vehicle Command Center. The drill will take place at 1681 26th St. (corner of 26th St. and Olympic Blvd.), site of the former PaperMate building, from 9 a.m. until noon.

For information, call (310) 458 2201 ext. 5159.

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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SUBJECT: Ordinance for Introduction and First Reading to Add Chapter 9.72 to Article 9 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to Establish a Child Care Linkage Fee Program.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following proposed ordinance:

Ordinance for introduction and first reading and addition of Chapter 9.72 to the Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) to require a child care linkage fee on all new retail, commercial and hotel development of 7,500 square feet or greater in size, and all additional multi-family residential units.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, November 28, 2006 AT 6:45 PM

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: Child Care Linkage Fee
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401



MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project, please contact Sarah Lejeune, AICP, Senior Planner at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at sarah.lejeune@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

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Federal panel begins hearings on curbing tide of prison rapes

BY DON THOMPSON

Associated Press Writer

FOLSOM, Calif. — Thomas Clinton says he and six of the other 10 homosexuals in his cell block were raped in prison.

National prison officials and experts on Tuesday said they have no idea if the 36-year-old Los Angeles man's experience is typical. They are only now beginning studies to see how widespread sexual assault and consensual sex are behind bars.

Spurred by a 2003 federal law, the U.S. Department of Justice's new Review Panel on Prison Rape began two days of hearings Tuesday at California's Folsom Prison to learn what the country's largest state prison system is doing about the problem.

It is the start of a monthslong national effort to find how many prison inmates are victims of sexual assault and how to deter the attacks.

"We don't know to what extent the problem exists," the federal rape panel's chairman, Steve McFarland, said in an interview.

Reports of assaults "may be just the tip of the iceberg. We haven't a clue," said McFarland, who also directs the Justice Department's Task Force for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

Congress, in passing the federal rape law, cited estimates that 13 percent of inmates are assaulted nationwide. The federal Bureau of Justice Statistics, in a 1997 survey, put the incidence at less than 1 percent.

California legislative researchers found 4.4 percent of California inmates reported assaults in 2000, compared to 4 percent in Florida, 2.5 percent in Texas, 2.3 percent in New York and 1.7 percent in federal penitentiaries. But reporting methods vary so widely that the figures are useless, McFarland said.

For Clinton, the assaults began soon after

he was sent to prison in California on a drug charge in October 2003.

"I was stabbed and cut because a skin-head wanted me to 'service' a lifer (inmate serving a life sentence) for some cigarettes," Clinton said in an interview before testifying under oath Tuesday.

He said he was attacked with a knife after he refused to perform the sex act.

Clinton said he was later raped by another inmate in a shower at an inmate firefighters' camp near Susanville in November 2004.

"Maybe you deserve to be raped because you choose to be homosexual in prison." I was told that many times by guards," said Clinton, who has since been released and is suing the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in federal court in Sacramento over his treatment.

But McFarland said California is at the national forefront of prison rape prevention efforts. A 2005 state law requires a statistical study of sexual coercion, along with training programs, posters, brochures and videos to raise awareness of the problem.

The federal Bureau of Justice Statistics is starting its own scientific sampling of inmates nationwide in state and federal prisons, county and city jails and juvenile facilities.

The goal of the federal survey is to identify, by July, the best and worst facilities as far as the number of rapes, as well as consensual sex among inmates and between inmates and employees.

The federal review panel will then examine what the prisons and jails are doing right and wrong to prevent rapes and discourage consensual sex, and make recommendations to an eight-member National Prison Rape Elimination Act Commission, said McFarland.

The commission will then recommend rape prevention policies to prisons nationwide.

Greens sue the Bush administration over lackluster global warming report

BY TERENCE CHEA

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Environmentalists sued the Bush administration Tuesday for failing to produce a report on global warming's impact on the country's environment, economy and public health.

The lawsuit seeks to compel the U.S. Climate Change Science Program to issue the national assessment, which should contain the most recent scientific data on global warming and projections for its future impacts. The plaintiffs claim the government must complete such a report every four years under the Global Change Research Act of 1990.

"Global warming is one of the most serious threats facing humanity today," according to the complaint. Without the report, decision makers and the public "are without one of the most important tools to grapple with this complex, potentially overwhelming and yet all important issue."

The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, which was named in the lawsuit, had not received the complaint Tuesday and could not comment on it, said spokesman Ben Fallon.

But Fallon defended the administration's record on combating global warming, pointing to increased funding for alternative energy research and partnerships with other

countries.

"We feel very positive about our record on climate change," Fallon said. "The president has been focused on results-driven research and looking for practical ways to address climate change in ways that aren't damaging to the economy."

Officials at the Climate Change Science Program, also named in the complaint, did not immediately respond to calls seeking comment. The lawsuit was filed in federal court in San Francisco by the Center for Biological Diversity, Friends of the Earth and Greenpeace.

The assessment, which plaintiffs allege was due in November 2004, is the "first step in crafting solutions to the devastating consequences of climate change if we don't act now," said Julie Teel, an attorney for the plaintiffs.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., who has also been calling on the administration to issue the assessment, expressed support for the lawsuit.

"It's the right time to push Washington to grapple with this issue," Kerry said in a statement. "For too many years, action on global climate change has been stopped dead in its tracks by government foot-dragging, hiding information and smothering science."

Environmentalists have accused the administration of trying to suppress dissemination of the previous assessment, issued in 2000.

Americans aren't sold Dems, Bush can bond

BY JIM KUHNHENN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Amid new talk of bipartisanship on Capitol Hill and at the White House, Americans are divided on whether the new Democratic-controlled Congress and President Bush can work together on their top priorities.

The latest Associated Press-Ipsos poll shows Americans in the aftermath of last week's power-shifting election remain divided over the country's direction and on their hopes for bipartisan cooperation.

The poll indicates that after a year of dismal public approval ratings, Americans have higher expectations for Congress and that many are upbeat about Democrats holding the reins of power in the House and the Senate.

Of those surveyed, 47 percent said they were confident the president and congressional Democrats could work together to address national problems; 51 percent said they were not confident. For every 10 adults polled, four said the country will be better off, three said it would not make much difference and two said the country will be worse off. Most Democrats shared that optimism. Republicans tended to be pessimistic or anticipated no discernible change.

The poll of 1,002 adults was conducted Nov. 10-12 and has a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

In the wake of the election, Democrats as well as the president and his Republican allies have emphasized the need for bipartisanship on the war in Iraq and on a number of other legislative fronts.

Both sides also have made it clear that there will be limits to cooperation. On Tuesday, Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada placed the burden on Bush.

"I've met with the president. He said he wanted to work with us," Reid said. "He said that two years ago and it didn't work. I told him that. I want to work with the president of the United States. I want to work with the Republican leader of the Senate, Republican leader of the House."

In the poll, more Americans ranked Iraq as the top priority of the new Democratic-controlled Congress, but nearly three out of five say the party has no plan to deal with the war.

While voters in Election Day surveys said corruption and scandal in Congress were among the most important factors in their vote, the postelection poll indicated 37 percent of all adults said the war in Iraq should be at the top of the congressional agenda during the next two years. Nevertheless, 57 percent of all adults in the AP-Ipsos poll said Democrats do not have a plan for Iraq; 29 percent said they do.

That finding strikes at the heart of a Democratic dilemma. The party has been of one voice in criticizing President Bush's strategy for the war but has been more equivocal on how to move in a different direction.

Democrats such as Sen. John Kerry of

Massachusetts and Rep. John Murtha of Pennsylvania want a fixed deadline to pull all troops out of the country. Other Democrats, including some party leaders, have voiced support for a staggered withdrawal that demands greater responsibility from the Iraqis.

The public's perception was reinforced during the campaign, when President Bush repeatedly told voters that the Democrats had little to offer on the war.

"Everyone agrees that we're going to have to begin redeployment," Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., said of the Democratic position. Skelton, in line to become chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, has proposed withdrawing a U.S. brigade for every three Iraqi combat brigades rated fully capable. Skelton opposes setting a timetable for withdrawal but said at least one U.S. battalion or brigade should pull out promptly.

"It should send a clear message to the Iraqi government, the Iraqi people and the American people that we're not there to stay," he said.

No doubt the election results have put Democrats in something of a box, said Stephen Biddle, a defense policy expert at the Council of Foreign Relations.

"It's a very, very awkward thing to run a war from the Congress," he said. "The public wants them to do something. And they don't want to go into 2008 and be accused of being the do-nothing 110th Congress."

In separate interviews, some voters appeared sympathetic.

John Rodon, a retiree from Green Bay, Wis., said the situation in Iraq is "a big mistake" and voted for a Democrat for Congress. He doubted, however, that the Democrats would solve the war.

"I don't think anybody has an answer for this," he said.

Francis Curran, a 43-year-old carpenter from Jupiter, Fla., said he thinks Democrats would approach Iraq with a better lens.

"You can't solve that problem without involving the other players in the region. I think Democrats might be more willing to at least not call (Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad) the Axis of Evil," Curran said. "I don't know if the president would go with this, but this administration has to involve other nations in that region."

For now, Democrats appear willing to wait for the recommendations of a bipartisan Iraq study group led by former Secretary of State James A. Baker III and former Democratic Rep. Lee Hamilton. The group's findings are expected within the next few weeks.

Reid also wants a bipartisan congressional summit to debate Iraq.

"Iraq has to be done on a bipartisan basis," he said. "This is not a time for threatening the president with anything. We're going to see how we can work with him to change course in Iraq."

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Investing for experts: Let's start with the fundamentals



MARKET MATTERS
 BY BRIAN HEPP

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

As is typically the case with many aspects of our lives, things don't always work out the way we planned. But you can still plan ahead to help prepare for the unexpected. If you haven't already done so, you should make sure to set up an emergency fund to cover any unexpected cash needs. You can build a "rainy day" nest egg by stashing away a little bit from each paycheck, or even by collecting your pocket change each month. Having cash reserves on hand will help you avoid using expensive credit during emergencies.

These are some basic ideas to help keep your savings strategies on track. Remember to stick to the fundamentals when it comes to your investments, no matter how advanced you may think you have become.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Basham joins GNA

By Daily Press staff

Galdstein, Neandross & Associates have announced that Alan Basham has joined the firm as executive vice president. Basham has worked in the field of alternative fuels and vehicles for the past 15 years. He has worked in project management, marketing, general management and operations management, with special emphasis on natural gas vehicles (CNG and LNG).

Phelps adds four

By Daily Press staff

The Phelps Group, one of the nation's leading integrated marketing communications agencies, recently added four new associates to support the agency's growth in interactive services. The new hires are John See, David Yoon, Jason Wade and Danielle Corey. All are interactive specialists.

John See, formerly a web and Flash designer with eBay, Warner Bros. Online, Aquent and Yahoo! now works on interactive and web design for Panasonic, World Shoe Association, DirecTV, Robert Tall & Associates and Dunn-Edwards at The Phelps Group.

David Yoon works on interactive design development for DirecTV and Panasonic. He began designing interactive projects 10 years ago and has worked for Gifts.com, Houghton Mifflin, Entertainment.com and others.

Jason Wade brings seven years of user-centered design experience to The Phelps Group. He specializes in information architecture and interaction design and serves the ongoing needs and strategic initiatives of Panasonic and World Shoe Association.

Danielle Corey previously worked on DVD and interactive television design for Warner Home Video, Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment Group, MGM Home Entertainment, Universal Music Group and several others. At The Phelps Group, she will work on Panasonic as an information architect/ interactive producer.

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No matter how well-versed you are on the subject of investing, it's important to remember the fundamentals. They help you stay grounded, and keep you from getting too far ahead of yourself. Today, we offer a few cornerstone ideas of basic investing that will help you remember the rules that got you to where you are.

Even the most sophisticated of investors can benefit from a review of these simple strategies.

DIVERSIFY

Regardless of the individual investments you choose, one of the biggest keys to a successful portfolio is to make sure it is properly diversified. This time-tested strategy for portfolio management helps you balance risk while working toward your investment objectives. Because it's nearly impossible to know for sure which investments will do well in the future, diversifying your portfolio across different asset classes allows you to make up for any underperformers with hopefully a selection of investments that are keeping pace with — or even outperforming — the market.

Of course, diversification does not guarantee a profit, or protect against loss in a declining market.

CONTROL AND REDUCE DEBT

If you want to make progress toward your financial goals, you have to have your whole house in order, so to speak. If you're carrying a heavy load of debt, especially high-interest credit card debt, you won't be able to make any real progress if you're constantly trying to dig yourself out of a hole.

Compare what you spend with what you need. Quite possibly one of the most basic investing strategies, this simple step, can help you to see exactly where you may be having trouble, and also identify areas where you could make additional progress. One very interesting analysis you can perform on your own is to add up how much you spend on little luxury items, and see if you can't save even more than what you currently put away. For example, a \$3.50 latte twice a week adds up to more than \$360 a year. While that may not seem like much, think about how many other similar expenses you could change over to savings instead, and you'll see they can add up quickly.

Charting your actual expenditures can give you a clearer picture of what you need to be doing.

MONITOR YOUR SAVINGS PROGRESS

Rather than just putting a plan in place and letting it go on autopilot, it's not a bad idea to make time to regularly review your progress. An annual assessment at year-end, when you should be doing your tax planning, or at tax-filing time, when you have all your financial documents handy, would give you the perfect opportunity to see where you stand with your savings. Take a close look to see if your original investment strategy is still on track, and if not, figure out what you can do to put things back in order.

New commission is good for what ales Washington

BY SHANNON DININNY

Associated Press Writer

YAKIMA, Wash. — In Washington state, where the brewpub craze was launched two decades ago, craft brewers have created a new state-sanctioned commission to better market their ales to consumers.

The group will represent licensed breweries that produce less than 100,000 barrels annually per location. With 84 microbreweries, Washington trails just California and Colorado.

The commission may be the first state-sanctioned promotional group for craft brewers, according to Paul Gatz, director of the Brewers Association in Boulder, Colo. The group counts 905 craft breweries as members, producing seven million barrels of beer in 2005.

"That it's part of the state government system, that it's recognized as a pretty important agricultural product to the state, makes it exciting," he said. "When you're dealing with an alcoholic beverage industry, it's hard to get the state to get anywhere near it except to regulate it. But to promote the quality of the state's beers is just a wonderful direction."

Beer is big business in the Pacific Northwest. In the early 1980s, the late beer pioneer Bert Grant laid claim to what was believed to be the first American brewpub since Prohibition in central Washington's agricultural Yakima Valley.

Three-fourths of the nation's hops — providing much of the flavor and aroma of beers and ales — also come from Yakima Valley.

Sales of craft beers continue to escalate. For the first six months of 2006, microbreweries saw increased sales of 11 percent nationally, Gatz said.

"It's going to be a banner year," he said. "What's even more interesting in Washington, because there is so much strength of the industry there, even though some of them are very small, is that this should get a pretty nice pool of resources to market with."

The Washington commission will collect

a 10-cent per barrel assessment on a maximum of 10,000 barrels per brewer, as well as revenue from commission-sponsored festivals, to pay for promotional activities.

State lawmakers approved the commission during the last legislative session. Valoria Loveland, director of the state Department of Agriculture, announced its inaugural members Monday.

"Most people are working at capacity or near capacity to try to keep up with demand, which is great. I love it," said newly appointed commissioner Jeff Smiley of Baron Brewing Co. in Seattle, which produces Germany-style beers. "It's the perfect time to be getting out and talking about our products."

Members are hoping to replicate the success of the Washington Wine Commission, which promotes Washington wines domestically and internationally. Washington is the nation's second-leading producer or premium wine behind California.

"Some of the best beers in America are made in Washington state, and like Washington wine was 10, 20 years ago, really not recognized around the nation, we hope to change that," said George Hancock, commission member and founder of Pyramid Breweries Inc. "For the most part, those guys are small businesses too, and are a great model for beer and small brewers."

First order of business, though, will be to promote Washington beers to Washington consumers, Hancock said. He estimated as much as 99 percent of all beer consumed in Washington is brewed outside the state, despite tremendous growth in production among the state's breweries.

Anacortes Brewery, which opened in 1994, has experienced up to 12 percent growth each year since 2000. The brewery makes 30 beers and buys most of its ingredients from Washington farmers.

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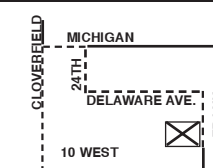
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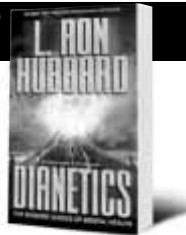
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Defense claims Weller, 89, needs 24-hour home care

WELLER, from page 1

“Mr. Weller now has 24-hour home care and I anticipate the need for round-the-clock nursing assistance for the foreseeable future,” McGrath states.

Weller also suffers from prostate cancer and a heart block, according to court papers.

Weller, who was 86 at the time of the crash, was convicted Oct. 20 of 10 counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence and is set to be sentenced Monday.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Michael Johnson has the option of sending Weller to prison for up to 18 years.

Prosecutors Ann Ambrose and Sam Dordulian said they felt it was appropriate to send Weller to prison if no extraordinary circumstances were found. They called for an independent medical and psychological assessment of Weller in order to determine his exact medical conditions and physical abilities.

“The defendant killed 10 innocent people and injured as many as 68 additional victims,” Ambrose and Dordulian wrote. “All of the expert witnesses agreed that, in all of their experience and research, this was the worst single car traffic incident any of them had ever heard of. The defendant left behind a trail of carnage so extreme that numerous trial witnesses wept when describing the incident three years later.”

The prosecutors have also demanded that Weller pay restitution to the victims and their families. So far, victims have received

\$28,200, according to court papers.

Each felony conviction in relation to the July 16, 2003 crash carries a mandatory fine between \$200 and \$10,000, and “given the circumstances of this crime, the court should impose the maximum,” prosecutors argued.

Weller’s conviction has sparked a debate amongst legal experts and residents as to whether or not a prison sentence should be issued for a man who is in the last stages of his life. Some have called the prosecution overly aggressive while others have called for Weller to be punished given the severity of the crime.

In a letter to the court, Weller’s daughter, Meredith Edens, called on Judge Johnson to allow her father to spend his remaining days at home with his wife of 67 years, Harriet, a 90-year-old who has suffered from a series of small strokes.

“Before the accident, he was energetic, lively and interested in the world,” Edens wrote. “Now he is isolated, stays at home, almost never leaves the house and is completely immobile ... My father is about to turn 90 years old and is truly worn out. He has given up and is only holding it together because of my mother. In fact, he told me that if anything happened to Harriet, he would not live much longer.

“He is dying before our eyes,” Edens added. “We have reassured him that it was an accident, but he simply cannot forgive himself.”

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Eruv would allow more room to roam on Sabbath

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commission’s report is any indication, the request will gain approval.

The eruv will be created using fishing line attached to 20-foot-high metal pole extenders to Los Angeles County information signs located along the beach. The line will start in Santa Monica at Seaside Way and run between existing street lights to Catamaran Street in Venice. The line will then run between the pole extenders on Ocean Front Walk, from Catamaran Street to Topsail Street in Venice, then between existing light poles to Via Marina in Venice. The line will connect to existing fences and walls at both ends, completing the enclosure.

The conditions placed on the installation of the eruv by the California Coastal Commission report include attaching streamers to the fishing line between Hurricane Street and Via Marina in Venice — the nesting area of the least tern, an endangered species of bird. The streamers are supposed to make the line more visible for the birds so that they do not hurt themselves by flying into it. The Pacific Jewish Center must also paint the metal poles to minimize their visibility; monitor and replace any fallen lines or poles within 24 hours; provide a 24-hour contact number to city, county and coastal staffs; and post the number on Los Angeles County information signs.

The recommendation for approval of the project is limited to three years, but the Jewish Center may ask for a subsequent extension.

Also, it is stipulated that if the California

Department of Fish and Game determines that the line is harming birds, the Jewish Center must remove the installation.

Similar eruvim are already located throughout Southern California, including one that encompasses much of the Westside.

The Coastal Commission staff had initially rejected the request to install an eruv because of the potential impact on public access and public views of the beach. The new report states that the Jewish Center “presented persuasive evidence that impacts on public access and public views can be reduced to a level of insignificance such that the project should not be inconsistent with the Coastal Act policies protecting these resources.”

Craig Perkins, director of Environmental and Public Works Management for Santa Monica, walked the eruv route in Santa Monica and saw no hurdles to overcome regarding the installation. According to the commission’s report, the City of Santa Monica, in a letter of non-opposition, the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors have all given the project a green light.

“The rewritten staff recommendation for approval with conditions is very fair,” said Rabbi Benjamin Geiger of the Pacific Jewish Center. “(The Coastal Commission) worked with us to find solutions for all their concerns.”

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Less injuries in rugby, despite lack of pads

YOUTH RUGBY, from page 1

football, basketball, hockey and baseball dominate ESPN and Fox Sports television coverage. Ampah took an interest in rugby because there was no powderpuff football at her school, but there was a men's rugby team.

Ampah and her friend were able to convince the school to start a women's rugby team, and the sport has since taken over their lives.

"I'm into contact sports, so rugby fit right in," Ampah said proudly during a SMRC practice on Tuesday night. "I'm a very physical person."

A relative of American football and soccer, rugby is a game where two teams of 15 players each, or sometimes less depending on the region, attempt to score as many points as possible by passing, carrying or kicking a ball through their opponent's goal line.

Many believe the sport originated in 1823, when William Webb Ellis, a student at the Rugby School in England, ran with a ball in his arms, breaking the rules of soccer.

Though similar in appearance to football and soccer, the unique rules dictating rugby make it a sport in its own right. For example, in rugby, a player is allowed to use their hands to run with the ball, something that is outlawed in soccer where the ball can only come in contact with the foot, leg or head. In rugby, the forward pass is illegal, unlike in football, where the practice is commonly used by quarterbacks.

The game is played on a 100 meter-long field called a "pitch," with a football-shaped leather ball. The game depends on tackling and scrums — a huddle, or web-like formation, made up of members from both teams. The scrum is used after infractions, such as when the ball is improperly passed forward. A ball is rolled in the center of the scrum, allowing both teams to try and gain possession.

Rugby stands out from other sports, SMRC players contend, because of its focus on team play.

"You have to rely on the rest of your teammates," said 16-year-old Daniel Stinson, a junior at Amino Venice Charter High School.

The team concept is more apparent in the game of rugby where players that possess different skills have to depend on each other to play a successful game, said Dominic Riebli,

head coach of SMRC.

SMRC players say they also enjoy rugby because the amount of athleticism required. The sport demands from its players endurance, stamina and ambidexterity, Riebli said. The game also requires a lot of courage, since unlike in football, players wear very little protective padding.

"Most parents are scared off by the lack of protective equipment of the game of rugby," Riebli said. "Studies show that the possibility of major injury is less because there is no blocking."

"Rugby tends to be more bruises and cuts, whereas in football, the possibility of an injury, like a torn ACL, is much higher."

Stinson, a SMRC member, has not suffered an injury from the sport in the two years he's played. He said he's not afraid of getting hurt either.

RUGBY RECRUITMENT

In a sport that is more popular in England, New Zealand and Australia, Stinson hopes to be one of the first famous black rugby players in the United States.

Stinson originally wanted to play high school football, but Amino Venice doesn't have a high school football team, only a rugby team.

Since he never played organized football, Stinson needed to undergo a lot of conditioning in order to keep up with other rugby players who had years of experience. Though he can't say whether rugby is better than football, Stinson knows rugby is certainly exciting enough to continue.

It's also exciting enough to try and convert some of his football friends to rugby.

"I just let them know it's tight and they should play," Stinson said.

Riebli believes rugby is about 10 to 20 years behind where soccer currently is in terms of popularity. The sport will eventually catch on more at the collegiate level since rugby is considerably less expensive than football, where protective gear and helmets can rack up a high price tag.

The Santa Monica Rugby Club has recruited players from all over Southern California.

The upcoming season will show Nadav Djiji, a freshman at Calabasas High School, whether rugby in the United

States can hold a candle to rugby in his native New Zealand, where he played for four years.

"I've been told it's not as hard here because most kids haven't played for very long," said Djiji, who moved to the United States two months ago.

P.J. Canterbury started playing rugby during his sophomore year at St. Francis High School in La Cañada, 30 minutes northeast of Santa Monica. Now a student at Santa Monica College, Canterbury, who has ambitions of playing the sport professionally, joined the team at SMRC because of its national prestige.

The former football offensive lineman was looking to play a sport in the football off-season. After playing some rugby, where the season starts in January, Canterbury was hooked.

"Everyone gets the ball and it's more social," Canterbury said. "It's also more physical."

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Vendor is steamed about getting boot

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Management company officials said they originally wanted Viakou to come on board the food cart program. Unfortunately, due to the increasing number of violations, that invitation will no longer be extended, Lahti said.

With Christmas decorations appearing on center court this week, Provenzano Resources officials told Viakou he had to move his cart to the 1400 block of Third Street, and has to shut his operation down by Friday.

"If he really had a strong feeling he wanted to stay, he should've talked to us about it," Lahti said.

Viakou has collected close to 150 signatures in three days from customers who say they want to see Promenade Dog stay remain on Third Street. It is unclear whether those signatures will have any weight on the management company's decision.

"It's going to kill my business and kill myself," Viakou said on Wednesday. "It's going to kill myself because I will be out of work."

Viakou accuses the management company of failing to state a valid reason why it wants the hot dog vendor to leave.

The hot dog stand has built a strong customer base over the past year, according to Viakou, attracting loyal patrons from Morgan Stanley on the promenade, and a nearby advertising firm. The vendor is currently in the process of applying for a permit to open a hot dog stand in front of the post office on Fifth Street.



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TAKING NAMES: Hot dog vendor Niko Viakou enlists client Bobby Porch's support on Wednesday to stay on the promenade via a petition.

Customers are drawn to the hot dog stand because of the personable customer service, said John Zahrai, who mans the cart every day.

"For all of these youngsters who work in these stores, the cart is much faster for them," Zahrai said, motioning to the nearby shops along the promenade. "I have some customers who come every day."

Andrea Gastelum visits the cart from her office on Second Street several times a week to indulge in a sauerkraut-topped hot dog. On Wednesday, she stopped by the cart to sign the petition and briefly chat with Zahrai.

"I want him to stay," Gastelum said. "There's a lot of traffic here and it's nice to have a variety of food."

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Residents will be asked to make tough land decisions

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and one of the more difficult, which is to explain to the public specific trade-offs that must be made when enacting new zoning policies.

Residents and business owners will have to decide what type of growth they want, where to concentrate it and how to create it, all while maintaining the distinct, small beach-town ambience of Santa Monica. Among the choices they will be forced to choose between are more bus lanes or wider sidewalks and bike lanes; more open space or more housing; better job opportunities or less commercial growth; or even something as specific as putting a median in a major street.

"People love mixed use ... but what is the issue?" Fogarty posed. "It's how do we transition. What do we need to do to have enough activity to support it? How much housing do we need to create the right level of activity?"

GOING WITH THE FLOW

With development and concerns about traffic flow dominating the recent City Council election, there could be many roadblocks ahead. Already there is disagreement as to what type of growth Santa Monicans want. Some would prefer no growth, others like slow growth.

Then there's the balanced approach, which is development that serves the community, the economy and the environment. But where does balanced growth fit in with a city that is already suffering from an inadequate supply of workforce housing, forcing thousands to drive in and out of Santa Monica during daily commutes?

Jacob Samuel, a resident of Ocean Park, said his neighborhood is prime real estate

for developers looking to create more condominiums and commercial spaces, and he is concerned about what effect this may have on the city's aging infrastructure.

"It is important that Santa Monica not become a developer's playground," said Samuel. "Mixed-use can be a sanitized term for full built-out."

Fogarty said the definition of balanced growth would ultimately be decided "by the community, the (planning) commission and the council."

"I've worked on a dozen plans ... and all of them were successfully implemented and the key ingredient in all of them is the commitment of the community," Fogarty said, reassuring the council that aggressive outreach will continue as the process moves forward. "When the community is involved and committed, the plans become reality ... The debate is not around really basic issues, but more refined and much less contentious. It really is an opportunity for different interest groups to find avenues of agreement."

The completion date for the plan is Fall of 2008, however, Fogarty said she would like it to be sooner. That all depends on the confidence the community has in the way in which City Hall measures traffic flow and other variables.

The process has already been delayed because of a change in leadership in the planning department and there is a sense that the community and the council would like to move forward without haste.

"We need to take the time to get through the process, but my concern is it is consuming your resources and the community hasn't been able to move forward until this is completed," said Councilman Richard Bloom.

"It's time to get into the nitty gritty."

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NATIONAL

Hitch in the Hughes saga

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the same area near Death Valley decades ago and that Hughes returned the favor by leaving him \$156 million in a handwritten will of uncertain authenticity.

Dummar, a 61-year-old frozen-meat delivery man, is renewing his legal battle for a share of the Hughes fortune. He has a compelling new witness: a pilot who says he flew Hughes to a rural Nevada brothel, then lost track of him about the same time in 1967 that Dummar claims to have come across Hughes in a nearby ditch.

The truck driver's new legal team alleges that former operatives of the Hughes empire conspired to make his story appear implausible before a Las Vegas jury that rejected his claims in 1978. Witnesses said Hughes never left the Desert Inn between 1966 and 1970.

A federal judge in Salt Lake City is deciding whether Dummar can pursue his new fraud claims. The decision is expected within weeks.

Together, the accounts from Bowe and Dummar add to the profile of an intensely private man known for caring about only two things in life — aviation and women. He may also have been a desert wanderer.

Others with knowledge of Hughes' lifestyle, including retired FBI agent and author Gary Magnesen, say he had a habit of taking off secretly on his own.

Bowe says she was a 21-year-old woman

taking a road trip through Nevada when a bare-chested Hughes, sweating profusely and waving a shirt in one hand, appeared at the side of a road "in the middle of nowhere." She offered the stranger a ride, though she acknowledges she's always been embarrassed by that.

"I don't hope to gain anything from this," Bowe told the AP, which verified her identity and was able to confirm some of the circumstances of her story.

Bowe, a paralegal-in-training and receptionist for a Las Vegas insurance brokerage, says she's told her story sparingly over the years because nobody ever believed her.

And even she wasn't certain. It wasn't until after Hughes' death in 1976 that Bowe says she recognized him from pictures as the same hitchhiker she picked up in the summer of 1970.

Bowe cannot pinpoint the location where she says she ran across Hughes. She said she had taken a wrong turn en route from Idaho to her parents' house in southern California's Apple Valley and was on a gravel road when Hughes appeared, somewhere near Death Valley.

When Bowe's car started breaking down from engine trouble, she says the polite man "directed me to this tiny, hole-in-the-wall town" where mechanics could fix her car. He disappeared as Bowe waited hours for her car to be fixed, then learned the bill had already been paid.

BASEBALL

Athletics have sights set on Silicon Valley

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The Oakland Athletics unveiled grand plans this week to move south and build a long-awaited, state-of-the-art stadium they hope will soon transform the small-market club into a big spender.

Not to mention elevate the A's to a new status level comparable to the rival Giants across San Francisco Bay — and perhaps even tap into a Silicon Valley fan base that has largely belonged to San Francisco.

“This is, I say a dream because those who have followed sports for a long time know this has always been an issue,” said A's general manager Billy Beane, whose team was swept in the AL championship series last month by Detroit. “It never seemed like a reality.”

The A's, in partnership with Cisco Systems, Inc., agreed to purchase 143 acres of land from Cisco in suburban Fremont, about 30 miles south of the current stadium. The team intends to break ground in the coming years on a new ballpark — to be called Cisco Field — that could open in time for the 2011 season.

“We're not moving to Timbuktu, we're going down the road in our mind,” A's owner Lew Wolff said. “We're doing the best we can.”

And all Wolff will say now regarding his team's new name is that there will be something in front of the phrase “Athletics of Fremont.” There was quite a dispute when the Angels recently shifted their name from the Anaheim Angels to the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

“We know it's on everybody's mind,” Wolff said. “It's a decision we will make in two or three years.”

The stadium — with a price tag of around \$500 million that will primarily come from private funds — will seat between 30,000 and 34,000 fans, an intimate venue with an impressive range of technological capabilities and surrounding features outside the fences.

“This will be a showcase in the world of sports,” said Cisco President and CEO John Chambers.

Commissioner Bud Selig was in attendance for the announcement after stressing for years that the A's couldn't survive for the long haul playing in the run-down Oakland Coliseum they currently share with the NFL's Oakland Raiders.

“Nobody loves old stadiums like I do ... but if you're playing in a stadium that can't produce the revenue streams you need, you're rendering the franchise uncompetitive,” Selig said. “This is a classic situation of

a team that needs to take control of its own destiny, and they've done it and done it very, very well. ... They did what they had to do. It isn't like they had an alternative. They had no alternative.”

The A's had been trying unsuccessfully for years to find a suitable site in Oakland for a new stadium. This, Wolff said, was the only option to keep the A's in the Bay Area and not force the franchise to move out of California.

“There's no blame to place here unless it's on me,” Wolff said. “I need to have a ballpark for my organization that works for everybody. Our only option other than this is to move outside the state of California. We made a great try (with the city of Oakland).”

Sharing stadiums is just no longer a feasible option, Wolff said. It used to be a common thing as professional teams tried to cut down on costs by being co-tenants.

“It's a new generation of parks. It's not the Raiders' fault,” Wolff said.

The A's have watched several star free agents leave town for big-spending teams elsewhere in recent years — and this move is expected to change that. A new ballpark would bring higher-priced tickets — the A's hope a greater demand with fewer seats available — and increased revenue. Yet Wolff is committed to keeping A's games affordable for families and the blue-collar folks who make up a large percentage of the team's fan base.

“I can't wait to start cashing those checks to start signing some of those players,” Beane said.

For example, if the A's were already in their new stadium, Beane thinks the team would have re-signed star left-hander Barry Zito during the season. The 2002 AL Cy Young Award winner, a curveball specialist and Oakland's lone All-Star in 2006, is one of the top pitchers on the free-agent market this winter after playing his first seven seasons for the A's.

Some devoted A's fans hate to see the team leaving town. Wolff received an e-mail earlier Tuesday from someone in Oakland that read, “Just tell us what you need.”

It's too late, though. Wolff promised to have a strategic plan in place for the franchise's future by the end of the 2006 season, and that's just what he did.

“I think we've been very transparent about it,” Wolff said. “We have very loyal fans. We don't have a lot of them, but we have loyal fans.”

There are many details still to be worked out, such as transportation issues along the already clogged Interstate 880 and city permits that must be approved.

“We're going to make this work,” Wolff said. “It's a right, positive thing to do.”

WOMEN'S SOCCER

SMC gains another playoff berth

BY RHONDA HYATT
Special to the Daily Press

SANTA MONICA — Under the leadership of coach Aaron Benditson, the Santa Monica College Women's Soccer team will advanced to the postseason for the second consecutive year.

The Corsairs will take on the L. A. Pierce Brahmas in the first round of the southern regional playoffs. SMC finished the season with a 9-5-8 overall record, placing second in the Western State Conference and 12th in the South

Region. LA Pierce finished the season at 15-4-3, finishing atop the Western State Conference and seventh in the Southern Region.

The two teams have met twice this season, with mixed results; early in the season, SMC held LAP scoreless at home, winning 1-0. Later in the season, LAP defeated SMC, 6-0, at Pierce College. The match will be hosted by LA Pierce at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18.

Rhonda Hyatt is the director of athletics for Santa Monica College.



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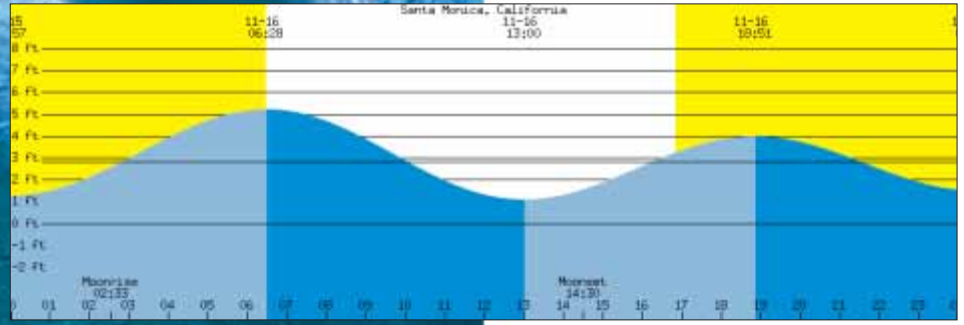
SURF CONDITIONS

SWELL FORECAST (3-4 FT)
The NW should back off temporarily and a slight burst of southern hemi south swell is due from Easter Island. The south is steep, about 180 degrees. Still, most all south facing breaks should see some waist to chest high surf while west facing breaks see waist high + NW energy.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
NW DUE FRIDAY...
NEXT NW'ER POSSIBLE NEXT WEEK...

WATER TEMP: 63°

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



BEACH REPORT CARD



NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **November 7, 2006**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 0
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 0
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 32 / ns
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 13 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by a grant from 

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Camillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasse and Las Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Emick Canyon at El Metador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildfire Rd. (private)	A	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Salvador Canyon at Deer Blucker County Beach	A	ns
Puente State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puente Beach, at 24572 Mobile Rd.	F	ns
Surfside Beach at Malibu Calvary fence	A	ns
Surfside Beach (beach location)- daily	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zone)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	D	ns
Pena Creek at Las Torres County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	D	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken



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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Del Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chatsaugay)	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montano Ave. drain	D	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	E	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurant)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice State Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Tappan St.	D	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- Hagar tower	D	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Bolinas Creek mouth	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DAW jetty)	D	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A	ns

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card™ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A-F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. This report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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Togetherness counts, Aries

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★ Dynamic ★★★★★ Positive
★★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Listen more carefully, even if you don't feel comfortable with what you are hearing. Sometimes it might be difficult to see all sides of an issue. Someone might test your creativity and ability to think through problems. Tonight: Say yes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Easy does it. You might want to rethink a decision more carefully. Realize what needs to happen with an associate. You get a lot done, and quite quickly at that. You might see life from a different perspective than a roommate or loved one. Tonight: Put your feet up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Your creativity is limitless. Think through a decision more carefully that involves a child or loved one. You might not understand what is happening. Consider alternatives, and let this person have more say. Tonight: Already in the weekend spirit?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Basics count when dealing with family, real estate or property. Understand that others might not be pleased — for good reason — if you pull the rug right out from under their feet. Actually, they might have an excellent point. Tonight: Indulge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Talk rather than retreat. You could be way too tired or exhausted for your own good. Fumbles and mistakes are likely to happen in this scenario. Someone might test your patience. If you need to, close your door or retreat. Tonight: Some private time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Expenses earmark your decisions. You could be put out by someone, more than you realize. Focus on your finances and your budget. Don't allow yourself to be lured into something you would prefer not to be involved in. Tonight: Vanish. You need time.

Born Today

Actress Lisa Bonet (1967)
Computer scientist Gene Amdahl (1922)
Actor Burgess Meredith (1907)



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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You are on top of demands, but just the same, you could be overwhelmed or tired. You have pushed beyond your normal limits. Know when to kick back and say you have had enough. Take another person seriously. Tonight: Easy does it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★ Sit back and do what you absolutely need to. Consider your options carefully, especially if they surround a professional matter. You might not be in the mood to let the cat out of the bag just yet. Think before you leap. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Though you might be goal-oriented, others could be difficult to connect to. Understand when to say you have had enough. Backing down might be uncomfortable, but absolutely necessary under the circumstances. Tonight: Where the gang is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Many look up to you. You might be in the process of closing a deal or coming to an understanding. You might be exhausted by a key associate's negativity, which could be infiltrating your life. Tonight: Slow down, please.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Take an overview. You might see through someone's ruse. You'll do very well if you relax and work with a situation. Someone might be infringing on your limits and wanting more than you can give. Tonight: Easy does it. Give others space.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You certainly need to back off, no matter how right-on you think you are. Others might not be in the mood to deal with many problems, but then neither are you. You could be tired or withdrawn. Take a break. Tonight: Play it low-key.

Happy Birthday

You have get-up-and-go this year. Often, you will need to back off for your own sake. Know when to say you have had enough. Others might not be easy to work with. For that reason, you might decide to forge your own path, going where you want or need to go. In many ways, you will decide to keep your own counsel. If you are single, check out someone very carefully before you get involved. You also might want to spend more time alone with this new person.

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Runway wrongs Model Campbell called ‘super-bigot’

NAOMI CAMPBELL returned to court again as her lawyer and a Manhattan prosecutor tried unsuccessfully to cut a deal on charges that she threw a cell phone at her maid over a pair of missing jeans.

“We’re still in the process of working out a possible disposition,” said Assistant District Attorney Shanda Strain at a short hearing Wednesday for the 36-year-old supermodel. Campbell is due back in court Jan. 16.

Her lawyer, David Breitbart,

said he was considering a plea offer from the Manhattan district attorney’s office but declined to provide details. Campbell, who didn’t speak with reporters after the hearing, showed up for court in a form-fitting dark gray dress and a black cloth jacket, with 3-inch heels on black suede pumps.

Breitbart told reporters Campbell hoped to reach an agreement that would only require community service. The British catwalker could face up to seven years in prison and

deportation if convicted on the assault charge.

The defense attorney also said he didn’t want Campbell in a situation like ‘80s pop star Boy George, who was followed by reporters when he did community service for the Sanitation Department earlier this year. He pleaded guilty in March to falsely reporting a burglary at his lower Manhattan apartment.

Campbell was accused of hitting Ana Scolavino in the back of the head with a cell phone in

the model’s Manhattan apartment. Scolavino was treated for a head injury after the incident.

On Tuesday, Campbell was sued by another former maid who says the model assaulted her while calling her a dumb Romanian. The lawsuit by Gaby Gibson calls Campbell a “violent super-bigot.”

Gibson, who worked for Campbell from November 2005 through January 2006, says Campbell hit her, called her names and threatened to charge her with theft after being

unable to find a pair of designer jeans.

“I’m so frustrated that a lawyer would use terms like that,” Breitbart said about the bigot remark. “I thought we learned in law school not to call people names.”

Gibson’s lawsuit says “Campbell either kicked or punched the back of Gibson’s head ... while yelling discriminatory comments” as the maid searched the closet for the jeans.

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U2 dismantles case of the sleight-of-hand stylist

Irish rock band U2 has emerged victorious in a court battle with a former stylist it claimed had taken important memorabilia without permission nearly two decades ago.

Lola Cashman had told Dublin’s High Court that U2 frontman Bono had given her several items as gifts during

U2’s Joshua Tree tour in 1987.

An iconic Stetson hat, a pair of metal earrings, a green sweat shirt and a pair of black trousers — all worn by Bono — were among the disputed items Cashman claimed she had been given.

But after a protracted legal dispute that saw Bono take the witness box, judge Michael

Peart ruled Wednesday that on the balance of probability, the items had not been given to Cashman as she had claimed.

The band’s lawyer, Paul Sreenan, said U2 would not pursue costs against Cashman for the appeal or for an earlier circuit court action she lost last year.

Neither U2 nor Cashman

were in court for the ruling.

A lower Irish District Court ruling last year rejected Cashman’s defense and ordered her to return all the items to the band.

U2 filed the lawsuit after Cashman tried to sell the clothes and photos at a London auction house in 2002. She also angered the band with her 2004

book, “Inside the Zoo With U2: My Life With the World’s Biggest Rock Band.”

During her 2005 testimony, Cashman claimed Bono had handed over the Stetson and other items while dancing about in his underwear backstage following a concert in Phoenix.

AP

Fat lady sings for head of Berlin’s opera houses

The head of a foundation set up to oversee debt-laden Berlin’s three opera houses will step down, the city government said, amid tensions with the capital’s mayor

MICHAEL SCHINDHELM was appointed in late 2004 as the first general director of the foundation, created in an effort to enhance coordination, cut costs and keep open all three opera houses — the Staatsoper, Deutsche Oper and Komische Oper.

Mayor Klaus Wowereit described Schindhelm’s decision to leave as “a personal decision” and did not elaborate on his reasons for quitting.

However, Schindhelm, a former director of Switzerland’s Basel Theater, has had an uneasy relationship with Wowereit. The mayor won a new five-year term in September and now plans to take direct responsibility for cultural issues.

Schindhelm agreed to stay

until April 1, rather than departing immediately, and to help develop plans for the future, the city government said Wednesday.

“It is increasingly clear that the creation of the opera foundation so far has not contributed sufficiently to solving the fundamental problems,” Wowereit said in a statement Wednesday.

“It is now time to shape calmly and thoroughly the future of the opera landscape,” he

said. “It is the city government’s stated aim to maintain all three opera houses.”

The Berliner Zeitung newspaper reported that Schindhelm, in his resignation letter, charged that Wowereit had “called into question the foundation and me personally.”

Wowereit has been pressing for the federal government to take over responsibility for the Staatsoper, led by Daniel Barenboim, because it repre-

sents the whole country. That, he argues, would allow Berlin to dedicate more funding to the other two houses.

Funding for the arts and other projects in Berlin has been a problem since German reunification in 1990 brought together facilities in the east and west, including the three operas. The city has long agonized over how to avoid closing or merging opera houses.

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A Good Year (PG-13)
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The Return (PG-13)
2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30

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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

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Harsh Times (R)
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The Last King of Scotland (R)
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Little Children (R)
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The Queen (PG-13)
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Man of the Year (PG-13)
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Night of the Living Dead 3D (R)
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The Prestige (PG-13)
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1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 10:20
Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas in Disney Digital 3D (PG)
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty
GOLD

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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

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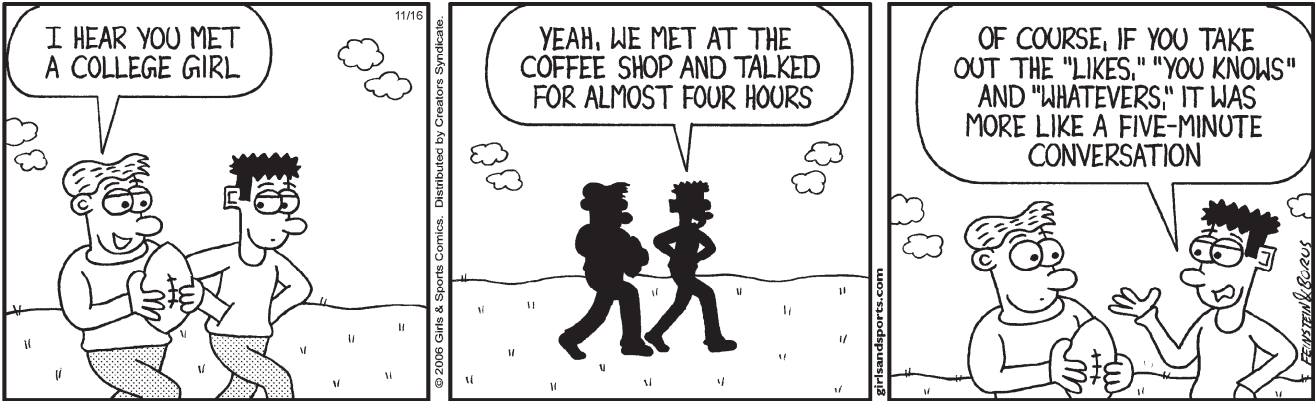
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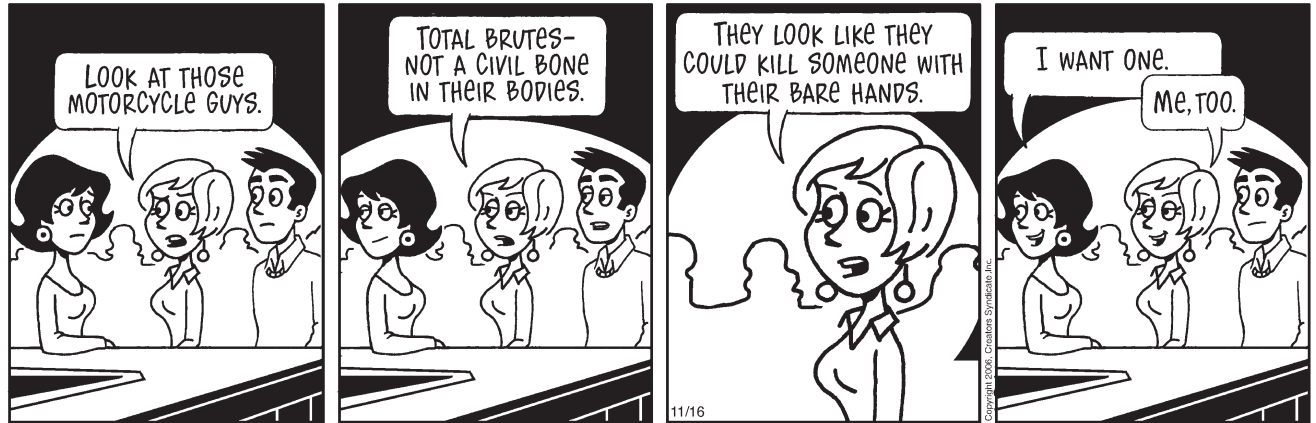
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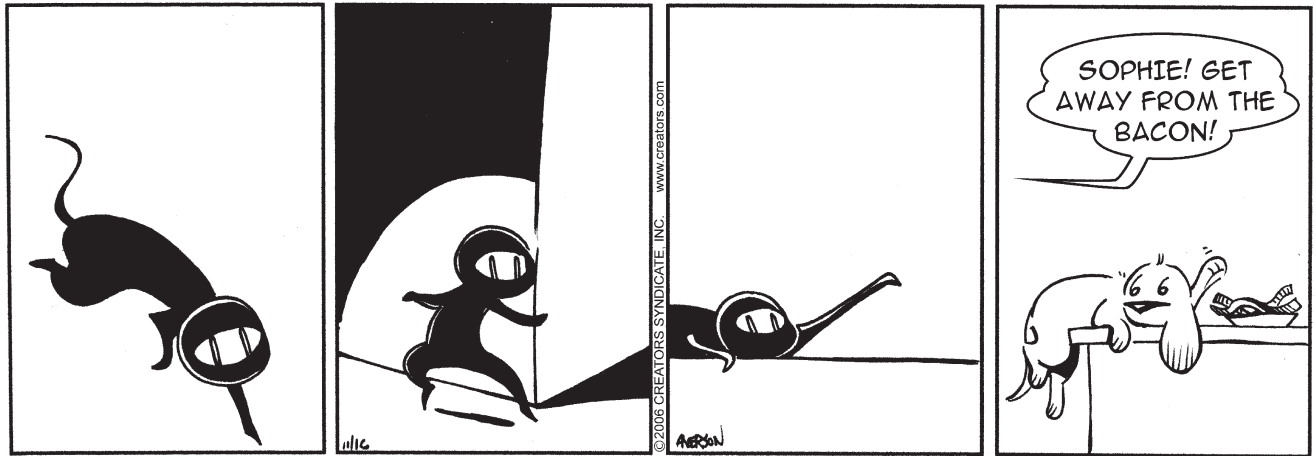
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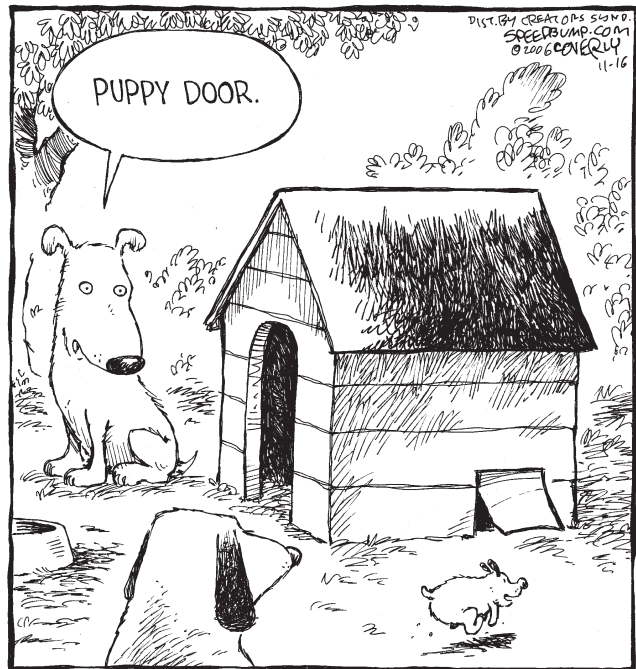
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28 Heir, at times
29 Fight memento
31 "— longa, vita brevis"
32 Available for emergencies
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40 So far
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44 Was furious
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46 Head honcho

DOWN

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4 Apiece
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7 Nome native
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9 Degree
11 Part of a baseball count
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24 Predict
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28 Healthy lunches

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42 Rat's home

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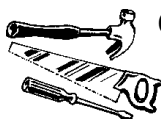
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