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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Dead candidates continued to enjoy electoral success, with at least four winning hard-fought races in November. Katherine Dunton tied in an Alaska school board race but, though dead, won the coin toss and was elected. Glenda Dawson won her Texas state House seat, thanks in part to a colorful campaign mailer that went out a month after her death, touting her achievements (but making no campaign promises). And Sam Duncan won a seat on a North Carolina county soil and conservation board, which was such a low-key race that even some of his backers were surprised to learn after the election that he had died in September.

■ Among the indigenous rituals that survive today in Madagascar is the quinquennial (or so) “turning of the bones,” when families dig up their ancestors’ remains, polish them, show them around the village (so the departed can see how things have changed), and re-dress and re-inter them. Not to partake is to show disrespect, bring bad luck, and risk one’s own unsatisfactory afterlife, according to an October Wall Street Journal dispatch from Antananarivo.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 339th day of 2006.
There are 26 days left in the year.

1933

National Prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment.

WORD UP!

skulk \SKUHLK/, *intransitive verb*: To hide, or get out of the way, in a sneaking manner; to lurk.

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Museum site takes a page out of history

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN LIBRARY — And the rest is history.

The Santa Monica Historical Society Museum has a new home — a 5,000 square-foot facility here that will house the museum’s extensive collection of roughly 500,000 photographs, newspapers and city documents for at least the next couple of decades.

With the stroke of a pen Monday, the society entered into a 20-year-lease with City Hall that has the museum paying just \$1 a year for the space. Currently, the museum is located in a temporary facility at 1539 Euclid Street, which is only about 3,000 square feet, according to Louise Gabriel, president and CEO of the society.

“We are going to have more space, which will allow us to display more of our collection — something we haven’t been able to do before,” said Gabriel. “We are going to have something for everyone. It’s going to be a very exciting museum.”

The museum’s shell was completed with the construction of the Main Library, however, the society is still raising funds to complete the inside, which will feature several interactive exhibits and an expanded research library.

There will be areas specifically dedicated to recreation and the arts, as well as the Outlook newspaper and Donald Douglas Aircraft Company, which was located at the site of Santa Monica Airport during the 1920s.

The grand opening is scheduled for sometime in the summer of 2007.

A NEW VISION

Museum staff has embarked on a \$5 million capital campaign. Roughly \$1.5 million will help pay for the completion, while the remainder will go towards creating an endowment, bolster programming, historical preservation and day-to-day operations, Gabriel said. “Murphy Brown” star Joe

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A Venetian treat

FIGHTING: Evicted Lincoln Place tenants get court date

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM COURTHOUSE — A handful of aging and disabled tenants from the Lincoln Place apartments will have a chance to challenge the legality of a mass eviction from the post-World War II affordable-housing complex

in Venice.

The buildings are currently slated for demolition to make way for market rate housing.

Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Patricia Collins on Monday sided with the tenants by denying a request by the property owners — Denver-based Apartment Investment

Management Co. (AIMCO) — to have the challenge dismissed.

A trial date has been set for Jan. 8. “I feel, finally, that justice is being served,” said Barbara Sternberg, a former Lincoln Place tenant who was evicted in October. “I feel now

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Hanging fire

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One of two CL-415 “SuperScoopers” drops a trail of water into the Santa Monica Bay, just off the pier, on Monday as part of a demonstration before the leased firefighting aircrafts are returned to Service Aerien Gouvernemental de Quebec in Canada. For the past 11 years, the LA County Fire Department has leased two SuperScoopers to fight wildfires.

Let the cleaning commence

Clean beaches measure passes

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — A ballot measure aimed at cleaning area beaches that proved too close to call immediately

following last month’s election appears as though it has garnered enough votes to pass.

Measure V, a clean beaches and ocean parcel tax initiative that would raise \$40 million over the next 10 years to fund the city’s Watershed Management Plan, passed in last month’s election, according to unofficial final results by the Los Angeles County Clerk.

The results will be certified by the LA County Board of Supervisors today before heading to the California Secretary of State.

With almost 70 percent of votes cast supporting the clean beaches initiative, Measure V received more than the necessary two-thirds (or 67 percent) vote requirement for passage.

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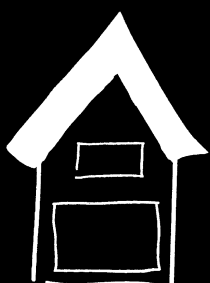
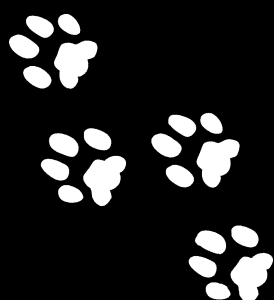
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Winterlit Best Gift Ever gift drive
Third Street Promenade, 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.

Famed Groundlings Theatre Hosts Non-Profit Benefit Event
The Groundlings Theatre, 8 p.m. — 11 p.m.

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Santa Monica, 7 a.m. — 8 a.m.

Winterlit Best Gift Ever gift drive
Third Street Promenade, 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.

Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre
Santa Monica Playhouse, 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.

Kiwanis Club Weekly Meeting
Santa Monica YMCA, 12 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.

Santa Monica Fitness Group for Women
Santa Monica Fitness Group For Women, 6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Dianetics and Scientology
Church of Scientology Santa Monica, 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.



CORRECTION: The identification of a Mystery Photo winner in the Dec. 4 edition was incorrect. Phil Horowitz identified that the photo was taken at Edgemar on Main Street, not at the Crossroads School, as was attributed.

CONSENT AGENDA

City braces for some wasteful spending

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. Consent items are routinely passed by the council, having been part of public discussion in the past.

BY AMY KAUFMAN

Special to the Daily Press

CITY HALL — Santa Monica garbage may soon be whisked away in style, that is if the City Council approves the purchase of four new refuse trucks as part of a \$1.4 million spending plan tonight.

The new haulers — used for collecting trash, recyclables and landscape waste — would quickly become the most heavily used vehicles in the city's fleet, according to a city staff report.

The costs associated with the trucks purchase is \$884,497.

TAKING ON THE HOMELESSNESS ISSUE

Efforts to reduce the impact of homelessness in Santa Monica should continue, city staff recommends, with the council being advised to continue engaging services that help stimulate regional action on the issue.

During the past year, the homelessness initiative has been largely fueled by Edmund D. Edelman, who helped select the new Executive Director of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, as well as to create the Santa Monica Homeless Community Court with \$500,000 in new LA County funding.

Edelman's contract, which began in 2005, consisted of a budget of \$200,000. The second year modification will pay him the same amount.

TEMP JANITORS WILL KEEP THE PIER CLEAN

Efforts to keep the Santa Monica Pier shipshape will be made tonight if City Hall approves an increase on the agenda for uninterrupted janitorial services.

L.A. Cha has been providing the cleaning services for several years. However, because the company could not provide the services under the contract at the stated prices and comply with Living Wage requirements in July 2006, their contract was not renewed. However, L.A. Cha has agreed to provide the janitorial services on an interim basis, until a

See CONSENT, page 6



Deep in concentration

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Xiao Wang pretends to operate on Wei Wang during a mock 'procedure' at Palisades Park on Sunday. The protest by a local Falun Gong group (an ancient form of qigong — the practice of refining the body and mind through special exercises and meditation) alleges that China has secret concentration camps where thousands of innocent people have their organs harvested and resold for profit.

Move over, Styrofoam

City Council is set to again debate banning non-recyclable plastics used by restaurants

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — The City Council tonight is expected to again consider banning Styrofoam and other non-recyclable plastic food containers in efforts to protect the environment and make the city more sustainable.

Citing numerous studies documenting the prevalence of expanded polystyrene and other non-recyclables landing in storm drains and on beaches — causing residents to pay thousands in clean-up costs — the council, with a unanimous vote, directed

staff in June to draft a law banning the products heavily used by restaurants, delicatessens, grocery stores and various other groups serving prepared food.

The proposed law would also force City Hall to serve food only in containers made from biodegradable materials. It is estimated that implementing the ban will cost roughly \$31,000 a year.

The measure was put on hold last month due to some technicalities in the writing of the proposed ban.

City staff was considering imposing a fee or tax on plastic shopping bags, and possibly

a mandatory recycling program, but recent legislation signed into law in September prohibited local agencies from enforcing such a law until the year 2013.

If the council approves the Styrofoam ban, it will join elected bodies in more than 100 other cities across the country that have passed similar laws.

When the ban on non-recyclable plastics 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, which they contend have been found to not perform as well as Styrofoam and other plastics.

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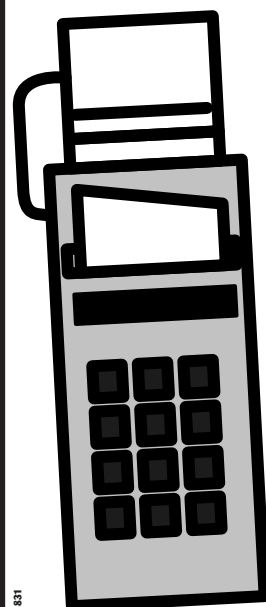
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Smoking ban proves problematic Editor:

Use of irrational fear for political gain isn't the sole province of conservative politicians.

Case in point is the city of Santa Monica's recent ban on public smoking in outdoor areas. Starting on Nov. 23, Santa Monica Municipal Code 4.44.020(a) went into effect which prohibits smoking at public parks; public beaches; the Santa Monica Pier (except designated areas); outdoor dining and bar areas; within 20 feet of any entrance, exit or open window to a public building; the Third Street Promenade; waiting areas (bus stops, ATMs, kiosks, movie lines, etc.); and Farmers' Markets.

Particularly problematic is the prohibition on smoking within 20 feet of any entrance, exit or open window to a public building, with 'public building' being defined as "every indoor place except private residences." This will effectively prevent smoking outdoors in non-residential areas.

The purpose of the new ban, according the city of Santa Monica (http://www.smgov.net/news/citybusiness/smoking_regulations.htm), is to protect the public from second-hand smoke. However, there is absolutely no evidence whatsoever that exposure to second-hand smoke, or environmental tobacco smoke (ETS), in an outdoor environment poses any health risk to those not actually doing the smoking.

There is a legal right to smoke in the United States – as there is to do anything that is not illegal. Smoking is not a privilege granted by the government, like driving, nor is it illegal in and of itself. Therefore, until and unless smoking itself is made illegal, smoking is a right under every American's general constitutional right to liberty and privacy. Granted, smoking in public places is another issue, but the city makes no distinction – which is likely why it seems to have given so little consideration to the notion of individual freedom.

Next, the so-called 'second-hand smoke facts' cited by the city are suspect, misleading and not germane to the issue of outdoor second-hand smoke. The U.S. Surgeon General has not determined an unsafe exposure level for second-hand smoke. Most importantly, no one, other than alarmists, laypersons and the City of Santa Monica, suggests that outdoor secondhand smoke poses any type of health risk. Even the National Cancer Institute states, "the only way to fully protect nonsmokers from second-hand smoke exposure is to eliminate smoking in indoor spaces."

I don't smoke. However, I am not unbiased because I have friends in the restaurant business that will be hurt by the city's ban. Notwithstanding, my primary reason for opposing the ban is that I have a problem with a government that: 1) Feels it's appropriate to infringe on the rights of others for anything other than the most dire and compelling reasons; and 2) believes its dubious ends are justified by its misleading and deceptive means. Misinformation, and mis-applied information, should not be the basis for any law.

I strongly urge anyone who finds the City of Santa Monica ban on outdoor smoking as ridiculous and offensive as I do to let your opinion be known:

City Council, 1685 Main Street, Room 209, Santa Monica, CA, 90401; (310) 458-8201; Fax: (310) 458-1621; and e-mail: council@smgov.net.

James Whitemyer
Santa Monica

Growth can be good, but streets need love



WHAT'S THE POINT? BY DAVID PISARRA

The continued growth in this city is amazing. There are new condominium complexes going up at what seems to be an ever-increasing rate. The downtown area is being built up ever more densely, and more and more mixed-use buildings are being erected.

Historically, growth is good for an economy. The more buildings that are built, the more tradesmen who have jobs to pay for their children's food and education, and that keeps money flowing throughout the economy so that everyone can prosper. I am generally in favor of allowing owners to develop their property up to the maximum use of the land so that they have incentive to purchase the land and build more appropriate structures on it.

As times change, the needs of the society will change. There was a time in our history when we needed to have hitching posts for the horses, those gave way to parking slots for cars, which have given way to larger purpose-built structures.

Sixty years ago, this particular burg had lots of light industrial manufacturing facilities, large structures that were used by workers to build the tools and machines that helped fend off the fascism of the time. Those workers earned a wage that allowed them to live relatively close to the factories they worked in. It was not uncommon for people to walk to work, or take public transportation, or even "the company shuttle." This was also the day when people could work in a factory and still afford to live in Santa Monica. Can you imagine such a thing today?

When the war ended, the economy shifted. Not drastically at first, the factories just retooled for the new toys, gizmos and gadgets that a postwar America needed. But it shifted nonetheless, away from manufacturing and towards more peacetime activities. Over the decades, the factories of the past have been replaced by office buildings used by knowledge workers. These workers are people who don't manufacture tangible products like teapots, but ideas and knowledge.

As a class, they are more likely to be higher educated and higher paid. Not enough, mind you, that most of them could afford a home in this city, so they must commute. This is progress on a social scale, but it comes at a cost; one that has been obscured

for too long.

The knowledge worker is generally someone who has earned their way up in the world by education, and therefore, wants the trappings that come with social standing. In particular, they want cars and homes — homes that they cannot afford here, so they must have cars to get from their homes to work. The cars, they park in a structure all day, then drive home to park in a garage all night.

The problem with it is this: As the city has become more dense with offices versus factories, with workers who can afford cars versus those who cannot, we have not built our infrastructure to accommodate this increase in traffic.

As anyone who has been on the freeway coming from downtown can attest, in the mornings the backup at Cloverfield Boulevard is horrendous, and then at night, trying to get out of this city is the definition of a nightmare. The 10 freeway is a crawl from the McClure tunnel to the 405. There needs to be another off-ramp on the 10 East, between Cloverfield and Lincoln boulevards, and another on-ramp in the same general area.

The streets are packed with cars and people, thanks to stoplights that are not synchronized, streets that are not wide enough to handle the capacity and, frankly, too dense a city center. This is just going to get worse as the residency of downtown increases due to the completion of the mixed-use facilities that are scheduled to be completed next year. There is some good news in all this, at least these facilities have lots of underground parking which will help alleviate parking at least.

There is a new parking monitoring system in place, and this one is actually designed to help the public, as opposed to increasing the fines. There is now a Web site that allows you to check on the parking structures status downtown to determine how full the lots are. The Web site (<http://parkingspacenow.smgov.net/>) is a satellite photo with parking lot space availability overlaid on it in real time. This is a definite help, though there is much to be done to improve the overall flow of traffic and congestion in our city.

Hopefully, the new city council will continue to update the systems. Perhaps someone can get the state to add another set of ramps for the freeway to reduce pressure on the Cloverfield and Lincoln interchanges and surrounding streets.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY MICHAEL SILVERSTEIN

Santa and Mrs. Claus are a little too whack

People say I'm a Grinch ... that I'm a Scrooge with a bad attitude when it comes to Christmas. And maybe they're right. Or maybe, just maybe, I've thought things through a bit more carefully than other people and come up with some very disturbing suspicions about this holiday.

Many of these revolve around that ever-popular holiday totem — Santa Claus. He is invariably portrayed as a jolly, generous and hirsute old guy who brings good cheer and gifts to young and old alike.

That's the image. What's the reality?

Check out these song lyrics that are often used to describe Claus' preparations for his seasonal visitations. "He knows when you've been sleeping. He knows when you're awake ..."

Who, I ask, knows when others are sleeping and when they are awake? Who does this kind of snooping? If you got a telephone call tonight from a stranger who said, "I know when you're sleeping. I know when you're awake," would you be happy for the attention, or would you go out and purchase a Glock and a rottweiler?

And supposing this kind of curiosity is primarily directed at children, which seems the point of much contemporary Santa admiration. You find out some old guy with a beard is looking through the fence of your child's school, checking out whether he or she is "naughty or nice." And you might wonder: Naughty or nice in exactly what sort of ways? I don't know about other people, but I'd watch endless reruns of "Survivor" before I'd let a kid of mine sit on this guy's lap.

We've heard from many sources that Santa runs some kind of "toy workshop" at the North Pole. A charming image, that. Happy elves merrily making toys for tots in a

warm cabin set amid endless tufts of pure white snow.

Well, try peddling that image to Alexandr Solzhenitsyn. He was employed for a number of years in an Arctic labor setting. His chronicles of the experience did not make it seem all that jolly.

But they're only elves, you say. Yes, they're only elves. That's how it starts. Only elves. Then dwarves. Then a few orcs thrown in as part of a well-intentioned rehabilitation program. We've all seen this one before, haven't we?

Mrs. Claus? God forbid you should even consider someone like her as a nanny. Even if you could get away with not paying the Social Security. This is a woman who is penned up for 365 days a year, without even one night out on a sleigh, in a poorly ventilated cabin with an overweight pervert, a herd of stinking reindeer, and dozens of hyper-active little creatures wearing modified dunce caps and pointy shoes.

One hesitates to pass judgment without a face-to-face encounter and appropriate psychological testing. But if this old girl were headed in my direction, and she was carrying a set of knitting needles, I would exit the area with considerable haste.

Let me make something very clear. I have nothing against the religious aspects of the Christmas holiday, and I certainly respect the way it encourages excess spending on intrinsically useless objects in ways that impoverish consumers while boosting the profits of credit card issuing banks. My beef is with the fetish-folk who have somehow gotten themselves conflated with this holiday.

Yes, Christmas is worth saving. But Santa and company have got to go!

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Christmas on the comeback trail ...
This year, Wal-mart switched policy from the generic, PC friendly, all-encompassing "Happy Holidays" greeting back to "Merry Christmas." Meanwhile, the makeshift Christmas trees on the Third Street Promenade and the traditional nativity scenes set up along Ocean Avenue promote a traditional, Christian version of Christmas across the city.
This week's Q-Line question asks:
Should businesses and communities try to encompass all religious beliefs by using generic slogans like "Happy Holidays" or is it fine to appeal to the majority with tidings of "Merry Christmas?" Is there a way to make all religions feel accepted while maintaining tradition?
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that there is some fairness in the law.

"I've found a new place to live, but I'm paying \$600 more a month," Sternberg added. "Aside from the money, I miss the real sense of community we had there. I miss those casual conversations around the mailbox ... and the laundry room."

Attorneys for AIMCO declined to comment on Monday's ruling.

Cynthia Eichner, vice president of corporate communications for AIMCO, said, "We are confident the (final) ruling will be satisfactory for both the residents and our company."

AIMCO claims 13 households still living in the complex on Lake Street — just off Lincoln Boulevard, near the Santa Monica border — are doing so illegally after the company ordered them to vacate the premises by Aug. 31. AIMCO filed its motion for summary judgment on the grounds that one of the declarations submitted by the tenants should have been excluded because it contained evidence that is inadmissible.

Tenants are challenging an unlawful detainer filed by AIMCO, accusing the company of not acting in good faith after applying for demolition under the Ellis Act, a state law passed in 1986 which says that landlords have the unconditional right to evict tenants to get out of the rental business.

For an Ellis eviction, the landlord must



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COMPLEX SITUATION: Just 13 households remain occupied at the Lincoln Place apartments, which once offered 795 units half a century ago.

remove all of the units in the building from the rental market. When a landlord invokes the Ellis Act, the apartments can not be re-rented, except at the same rent the evicted tenant was paying, for five years following the evictions.

Many use the Ellis Act to convert rental units to condominiums, which was the plan filed by the original owner of the property. When AIMCO purchased it, there was a belief amongst residents that the condo idea would be scrapped and they would be allowed to stay.

Legal advocates for the tenants contend AIMCO — a corporate landlord that owns 50 apartment complexes in California — is not going out of the rental business. Therefore, they argue, AIMCO is forfeit from exercising the Ellis Act.

AIMCO, which has refused to accept rent from tenants, has plans to replace all buildings on the 33-acre property with contemporary housing, complete with affordable units for low-income residents, AIMCO officials said.

Most of the tenants have already left, accepting relocation packages that included thousands of dollars to help pay for moving expenses.

Those who did not accept AIMCO's offer were evicted this past December, with some forming a "tent city" nearby to stage protests.

Under an agreement reached during a series of mediations, 40 households comprised of elderly tenants and those with disabilities were allowed to remain at the site until demolition commenced.

However, AIMCO ordered those tenants to vacate the property Aug. 31. Many have left, however, 13 households still remain.

In the past, officials with AIMCO said they offered in October 2005 and in April of 2006 to allow existing tenants to remain at Lincoln Place at their current rents for life.

Those offers were rejected by the tenants' association, who said they could not trust AIMCO to fulfill their promise.

For the past two years, AIMCO officials

said they have offered "generous monetary relocation packages" far in excess of what state and local law requires.

Tenants said even if they accepted money, it would not be enough for tenants on fixed incomes who would see their wealth quickly evaporate because of rapidly rising market rents.

Lincoln Place, a garden-style campus of 52 buildings built in 1951, was originally backed by the Federal Housing Authority to support World War II veterans and their families. However, it always has been privately owned.

Once offering 795 affordable apartments, the site has been largely abandoned in the face of an ongoing legal battle that began shortly after 1993, when the property owner proposed a redevelopment plan that called for 850 units to be built on the site, most of which would be market-rate condominiums.

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CONSENT AGENDA

City Yards landfill needs its gases capped

CONSENT, from page 3

new provider can be secured, a city staff report noted.

Since July, L.A. Cha has been paid \$82,400, and an additional \$125,600 is being requested by city staff to maintain the upkeep.

LANDFILL NEEDS ATTENTION

Portions of the City Yard and Stewart Street Park lie over an inactive landfill. In order to eliminate potential hazards posed by gases generated by the decomposition of the landfill, the city has installed and is operating a landfill gas extraction and treatment system. The system, which has been in existence since July 1998, collects and treats landfill

gases generated from the former landfill.

The extraction system requires periodic monitoring and adjustment to maintain maximum gas extraction, treatment effectiveness and regulatory compliance, according to a city staff report. A consultant experienced in landfill gas projects is essential to this system. ICF Consulting Services, LLC, specializes in the issue and has been working on the area for many years. Staff is asking that ICF receive \$60,000 until a formal bid is submitted.

It is expected that the system will need to be in operation at the site for an additional 10 to 12 years.

A SMOOTH FLOW FOR LOCAL SEWERS

Things will go more smoothly for city

sewers if changes to the Colorado/Ocean Sewer Relief Project allow an easement to occur on local property, city staff suggests.

An existing sewer main on Colorado Avenue handles two-thirds of all wastewater flows in the city. The sewer line was damaged during the Northridge earthquake in 1994 and as a result, rehabilitation is needed. Rehabilitation of the existing line can only be done during a shut-down of the line, according to a city staff report, so a relief sewer must first be constructed.

In 2004, the city began planning for the Colorado/Ocean Sewer Relief Project. The project was to address the need to increase the capacity of the sewer system to accommodate current and anticipated future flows,

while also providing an additional line in this important section of the sewer system.

An adjustment to initial plans is now requiring an easement, which will allow the right to access, service or make emergency repairs to pipes running under someone's property. The easement will run under the parking lot of the property at 120 Colorado Avenue, just east of the Holiday Inn hotel building, and will be 25 feet wide and 85 feet long.

Funds for the upgrade have been allotted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which has been in existence since the 1994 quake. The project is expected to cost \$171,000.

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COMMITMENT: Museum President Louise Gabriel (seated) signs a 20-year lease with the city for the Santa Monica Historical Society Museum's new space inside the Main Library. Gabriel is flanked by, among others, Mayor Bob Holbrook (far right) and City Councilman Kevin McKeown (center).

'Preserving the past'

HISTORICAL SOCIETY, from page 1

Regalbuto, a long-time Santa Monica resident, is the honorary spokesperson for the campaign.

Gabriel said the museum's collection has grown along with its popularity, creating the need for a larger space and staff.

Those who donate \$500 or more will receive special recognition on the "Wall of Legacy," a permanent fixture in the new museum. To contribute, the public is urged to call (310) 395-2290, or visit www.santamonicahistory.org.

The museum will, in many ways, be an extension of the Main Library, said Greg Mullen, the city's head librarian.

"The library vision statement includes 'preserving the past' as a key element," Mullen said. "This makes the Santa Monica Historical Society Museum a logical partner to share space in the new Main Library campus. We look forward to many opportunities

to collaborate with the museum on programs and resource development in the years ahead."

Mullen said the first opportunity for collaboration will be the cross-promotion of each other's collection of images, which will be digitized to allow for greater access.

Those who accompanied Gabriel and Mullen for the lease signing included Mayor Bob Holbrook and City Council members Kevin McKeown and Pam O'Connor, City Manager Lamont Ewell, and Barbara Stinchfield, director of community and cultural services.

"This is going to be a real showcase museum," said McKeown. "I like the idea of having our history exhibited in a center such as this, where people who are visiting the library may wander in and discover why Santa Monica has such a strong identity ... Santa Monica has been a happening place for more than a century."

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Beaches, ocean get a clean bill of health

MEASURE V, from page 1

The measure would manage urban runoff and help prevent pollution to protect Santa Monica Bay, as well as the beaches and ocean. The measure is necessary in order for the city to fulfill federal and state pollution and water quality management requirements, according to supporters.

"It was pretty much a foregone conclusion when they [proponents] spent \$125,000 to push this measure through," said Don Gray, who opposed the measure along with BaySmart.org, a grass-roots organization aimed at protecting the bay through "smart legislation," as stated on its Web site. "That's [money] what buys elections."

Those on the other side were more than happy with the news, saying the city has a responsibility to clean its own watersheds and create a safe environment for residents and children.

"The bay is an immense resource," said Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Shriver. "People want to be able to swim and let their kids swim

without getting sick."

The tax initiative will help implement the most critical portions of the watershed plan, said Mark Gold, who is the executive director of Heal the Bay. The plan will manage flood control and ground water supply, and reduce storm water pollution.

Gold worked closely with the City of Santa Monica to put the measure together. He said the city was pretty limited in what it could do to alleviate the beach pollution problem, especially in the area near the pier, where the water quality is considered one of the worst in the state.

"We now have adequate resources to upgrade the storm drain system and ensure diversion is working properly so we don't have pollution problem at the beach," Gold said.

Opponents call the measure a sham, saying that parcel taxes will not increase by \$7 a month, as advertised, because of all the hidden fees that property owners will see in their water and trash bills. The parcel tax will come in the form of surcharges, said Peter

Tigler, a member of BaySmart.org.

"There is a number of things the city is guilty of," Tigler said on Monday. "They did not disclose the real cost of this measure."

Opponents also criticize city officials for campaigning for the measure by using the city's Web site to promote the issue. The city's involvement in campaigning was illegal, according to Gray.

The alleged dishonesty on behalf of city officials, and their involvement in campaigning, are some of the reasons why BaySmart.org was against the measure.

Opponents said it was interesting that the same people who criticized the Edward Thomas Management Company, which owns Shutters on the Beach and Casa del Mar hotels, are the same people who worked closely with the hotel group to help Measure V pass. The Edward Thomas Management Company paid about \$400,000 to Santa Monicans for Sensible Priorities, which endorsed Mayor Holbrook and Terry O'Day for City Council. The company also funded

numerous commercials attacking Councilman Kevin McKeown, who ran for and won reelection last month. McKeown was a candidate running under the Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights slate.

But the company also donated more than \$45,000 to the Friends of Safe and Clean Santa Monica Beaches, which included SMRR Co-Chairman Denny Zane among its consultants.

"It's the same guy [Zane] yelling at hotels for all the money spent against Kevin," Tigler said. "He and the other people involved in SMRR were outraged over outsider big business money."

Zane said he and Edward Thomas Management Company officials were able to put their differences aside to help promote a cause to save the beaches and the bay.

"It was a good coalition," Zane said on Monday. "Edward Thomas played a vital role in the passage of Measure V and I think they deserve a great deal of credit for their effort."

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Foam party is over

STYROFOAM, from page 3

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

Elected officials and other supporters said the environmental costs associated with non-

recyclable plastics far outweigh the costs businesses may incur, considering that even when Styrofoam 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, resulting in reduced appetite and nutrient absorption, even 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.

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.

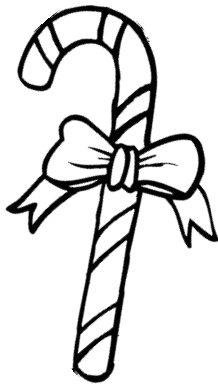
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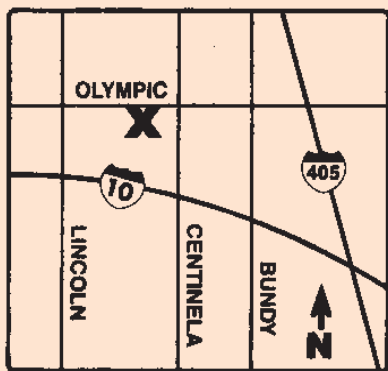
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New faces and a fatter checkbook

Lawmakers begin 2007 session with leftovers on their plate

BY STEVE LAWRENCE
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — State lawmakers began their 2007 session Monday with dozens of new faces in their ranks, more money in their paychecks and plenty of leftover issues on their agendas.

There will be 34 rookies, as lawmakers take their oaths and begin introducing legislation that will be considered next year. Also taking office will be five former legislators who are returning for new stints at the Capitol.

Returnees include Charles Calderon, a Whittier Democrat who won an Assembly race on Nov. 7, eight years after he last held a legislative seat. He'll succeed his brother Ron, who was elected to the Senate.

At least one other pair of brothers has served together in the California Legislature, Clayton and Ralph Dills in the 1940s.

The 2007 Legislature will be better paid than the 2006 version. A 2 percent pay raise that will boost the annual salaries of rank-and-file lawmakers from \$110,880 to \$113,097 kicks in this month.

The Legislature's top leaders, Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, D-Los Angeles, and Senate President Don Perata, D-Oakland, will make \$130,062 with the latest pay hike, which was approved in June by the voter-created Citizens Compensation Commission.

But the partisan lineups will be exactly the same as they were this year — 48 Democrats and 32 Republicans in the Assembly and 25 Democrats and 15 Republicans in the Senate.

And many of the bills lawmakers will introduce over the next three months will be carry-overs from previous years, including measures to recognize gay marriages, take the power to draw legislative and congressional districts away from lawmakers and set up a universal health care system

covering all Californians.

Lawmakers also face a budget deficit — a projected \$5.5 billion gap between projected revenue and anticipated expenses. It can be narrowed by using \$3.1 billion in surplus funds from the current fiscal year, according to the Legislature's budget analyst.

Despite the state's continuing budget woes, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger plans to make reducing the number of Californians without health coverage one of his priorities for the new year.

Sen. Sheila Kuehl, D-Santa Monica, plans to reintroduce the universal health care bill that Schwarzenegger vetoed this year, and Nunez said Assembly Democrats also will propose a universal coverage plan.

The Legislature will have to grapple again with state's prison problems, which include overcrowding and poor medical services for inmates.

Schwarzenegger is expected to ask lawmakers to consider a variation of the \$6 billion prison building program that foundered in the special legislative session he called this summer. Meanwhile, a federal court-appointed receiver is threatening to order construction of new inmate medical and mental health clinics if lawmakers don't act.

Nunez said lawmakers will search for ways to fix California's poorly performing schools. A review requested by Schwarzenegger and legislative leaders is due out early next year and is expected to recommend sweeping changes in school funding, teacher training and school governance.

Assemblyman Mark Leno, D-San Francisco, will reintroduce his gay marriage bill on Monday, a measure that would define marriage as a civil contract between two people instead of a man and a woman.

Schwarzenegger vetoed a nearly identical bill in 2005, but Leno says he is hopeful the Republican governor will reconsider if, as Leno expects, lawmakers approve the measure

again next year.

“To his credit, he has shown he is not afraid to take new positions after having learned more about an issue,” Leno said. “We are confident — with the opportunity to hopefully introduce him to some of the families, the children, the senior citizens who are suffering due to the current inequality in the law — that he will give serious consideration to signing the bill.”

Sen. Alan Lowenthal, D-Long Beach, plans to bring back his constitutional amendment that would take away lawmakers' power to draw legislative and congressional districts and give it to a commission.

The measure passed the Senate in the last days of the 2006 session but never made it out of the Assembly. Schwarzenegger and the Legislature's leaders say they want to end what critics see as the conflict of interest created by allowing lawmakers to draw their own districts.

It's a power that some legislators are reluctant to give up, but it's a change that could be eased by linking it, at least informally, to a measure to liberalize lawmakers' term limits.

Democrat Jenny Oropeza, an assemblywoman from Carson who won a seat in the Senate on Nov. 7, said she will revive attempts to ban smoking at state parks and state beaches and in cars carrying children.

At least one of the Legislature's top leaders will be new in 2007. Two days after the election, Assembly Republicans dumped their leader of only about seven months, George Plescia of La Jolla, and replaced him with Mike Villines of Clovis.

The change signaled that the overwhelmingly conservative caucus plans to take a tougher stance in negotiations with Democrats and Schwarzenegger on the state budget and other bills that need GOP votes to pass.

“I think our folks are saying we want to do a better job of being unified,” Villines said. “That gives us a lot more strength on all the other issues.”

Associated Press Writers **Don Thompson** and **Juliet Williams** contributed to this report.

Wildfire destroys five homes, threatens others in Ventura County

BY JEFF WILSON
Associated Press Writer

MOORPARK — A 4,100-acre brush fire driven by powerful Santa Ana winds destroyed five homes and threatened hundreds of others Sunday in the canyons and hills surrounding this Ventura County community.

The 6-square-mile fire razed a storage building and five other homes, said Ventura County Fire Capt. Barry Parker. Fire officials called for evacuations as hundreds of residents packed up valuables while dozens of trailers used to transport livestock were lined up on a road.

“The sheriff's (deputies) said if you see flames, leave,” said Dave Hare, who was at a home on the site of a recycling business he owns. Although Hare's friend soaked his roof with water, “I told him just forget it and get out of there,” he said.

Some residents, however, stayed put and said they saw flames as high as 35 feet. In one neighborhood, the fire came within 100 yards of homes.

“I'm kinda nervous,” said Arturo Huerta, 88, who got on top of the family's home with hose in hand and watched for burning embers.

Across the street, homeowner Tony Hewitt, 53, said the same area burned in 2003 when 16 homes were destroyed by a 97,000-acre wildfire in nearby Simi Valley. Hewitt said the vegetation had come back.

Sunday's blaze began around 2:30 a.m. on the northwest edge of Moorpark, a one-time farm town about 29 miles northwest of Los Angeles that housing development has transformed into a bedroom community in recent years.

The fire quickly burned through heavy brush in hills dotted with horse ranches, tract homes, and eucalyptus, avocado and citrus groves on the city's outskirts.

Flames sprung up again around 7 a.m. near Moorpark, but fire officials later classified both fires as a single blaze known as the Shekell incident, although they were a couple of miles apart. A third fire burned south of Camarillo and was expected to be contained at 30 acres, authorities said.

Winds of 70 mph hampered several hundred firefighters as water-dropping helicopters ran sorties over the Shekell fire.

“We are in a structure protection mode,” Parker said. “It's smoky, it's dusty and it's hard to breathe.”

Parker added residents were told, “It's time that you leave.”

A massive packaging plant was engulfed in flames and burnt for hours, occasionally letting off small explosions. Firefighters stood watch at a nearby estate to ensure a shift in wind wouldn't send flames toward the home.

“With winds like these, you can only protect other structures around it,” said John Wilson, a paramedic who stood nearby.

There was no containment figures and no injuries were reported. A fire engine belonging to the state fire department tipped over during the initial response, but three firefighters aboard were uninjured. The accident occurred when the engine's driver apparently got too close to the edge of a road to let cars pass, officials said.

In Riverside County, firefighters gained control of a wildfire that burned 100 acres of hillside brush. The fire, which began late Saturday near a high school in Norco, was fanned by strong winds and caused one minor injury to a firefighter.

The cause of all the fires was under investigation.

Associated Press Writer **Christina Almeida** contributed to this report from Moorpark, Calif.

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Carjacking suspect dies in custody

A carjacking suspect accused of dragging his victim to death at Ontario International Airport has died in custody while awaiting trial.

Jose Luis Chichipa, 43, of Mira Loma succumbed to a terminal illness about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton, the San Bernardino County coroner's office said.

Chichipa had suffered from a terminal liver disorder since his arrest. The condition, hepatic encephalopathy, left his body unable to filter toxins from his blood. The only cure was a transplant, which Chichipa had little chance of receiving.

He was charged with murder in connection with the March 2003 death of Seok Rhee, 55, of Walnut. Rhee, the owner of a Pomona liquor store, was carjacked as he dropped off his daughter at the airport.

Rhee became entangled in the seat belt of his Chevy Tahoe and was dragged to death as the vehicle sped away.

The trial was scheduled to begin earlier this month, but Judge Ingrid Uhler suspended criminal proceedings when it appeared Chichipa's illness worsened.

Authorities said they will look into Chichipa's death even though foul play is not suspected.

REDLANDS

Teen thieves pushed it too far

A shoving match between Redlands High School students helped police make an arrest in a string of middle school burglaries of computer equipment.

Campus school resource officers responded to the scrum Tuesday and learned that the two students involved were arguing about the stolen computers, officials said.

Michael Hernandez, 18, had participated in at least two burglaries last summer at Clement Middle School, and sold numerous laptops to friends at up to \$200 apiece, Redlands police spokesman Carl Baker alleged.

Hernandez was arrested on suspicion of burglary and possession of stolen property. Police believe Hernandez and two juveniles broke classroom windows to enter the school and took at least three Apple iBook laptops, a desk-top, a projector and computer charger, valued together at \$9,000.

Twenty more laptops taken from the school are still missing, Baker said, and authorities believe Hernandez and the other two suspects may have sold those as well.

Although numerous laptops had been taken, the teens who had purchased the computers had been passing one computer charger among them, Baker said.

When someone lost that charger, the fight broke out. Police didn't name the teens involved in the fight.

Ask.com answers the bell

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Business Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Ask.com's search engine is sharpening its focus on local results in an attempt to make a bigger splash on the World Wide Web.

The long-overshadowed company is hoping to finally outshine much-larger rivals Google Inc., Yahoo Inc. and Microsoft Corp. with a new service meant to become a one-stop destination for information about neighborhood events, movies, restaurants and other businesses. The service, dubbed "AskCity," is scheduled to debut Monday.

Providing a search channel that digs up phone numbers, addresses and businesses isn't new. All the Internet's major search engines, including Ask, have been offering variations on that theme for two years or more.

But Oakland-based Ask believes it is breaking away from the pack with its City service. Executives say results will have more information in a single panel, including richer maps, more lists of nearby attractions and related businesses.

The service draws upon information from 20 Web sites outside the IAC family, including Fandango for buying movie tickets and OpenTable for making restaurant reservations.

"We are synthesizing the business content from multiple locations so you won't have to pogo-stick around the Web," said Jim Lanzzone, who runs Ask for InterActiveCorp.

Ask also provides tools to mark up the maps appearing alongside the written information so a user might be able to pinpoint a designated meeting spot with a friend. Up to 10 maps can be saved at a time for future use.

Most of Ask's database comes from Citysearch and five other Web sites owned by InterActiveCorp, an e-commerce conglomerate that bought Ask for \$2.3 billion last year.

"It's still not an absolutely perfect poker hand, but this is a good first step toward fusion," Barry Diller, InterActiveCorp's chief executive officer, said in an interview.

Although an analyst said the upgraded service is at least as good as Yahoo's and better than Google's, it's unlikely to dethrone Ask's much larger rivals.

"It's a very strong product that immediately puts them in the top tier of local search information," said industry analyst Greg Sterling. "But this is not going to change the balance of power in the general search market."

Ask started two years before Google launched in 1998, but it's never been able to mount a serious challenge to the Internet search leader.

Google ended October with a 45 percent share of the U.S. search market, well ahead of Yahoo at 28 percent, Microsoft at 12 percent and Ask at 6 percent, according to comScore Media Metrix. While Google has added 6 percentage points

to its market share over the past year, its closest competitors have slipped, according to Media Metrix.

Many e-commerce companies are jockeying to dominate the local search niche, which is increasingly lucrative. Small businesses are shifting advertising online, away from traditional outlets such as Yellow Pages and newspapers.

Combined, Yellow Page ads and classified ads in newspapers pull in more than \$30 billion annually. Much of that money appears bound for the Internet, particularly as the search engines develop software that lets consumers surf the Web on mobile phones.

Google's market value of about \$150 billion may indicate that investors already concluded the Web's overall search leader will devour the local market. But Diller isn't ready to concede.

"Everyone is always asking me, 'How are you going to compete against Google and its thousands of Einstein-like engineers?'" Diller said. "All I can say is that when I look at our product and I look at theirs, ours is better."



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
December 14, 2006

A public hearing will be conducted at the regular Santa Monica Rent Control Board meeting on Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chamber, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401.

1. Consideration and possible adoption of a proposed amendments to Santa Monica Rent Control Board Regulations 12053(a)(3), 12053(c)(3), 12055(b)(3), 12055(b)(4)(a) and 12055(b)(4)(b).

All interested persons are invited to present their views at this hearing. Copies of the staff report and proposed amendments will be available prior to the hearing in the Board's office in Room 202 of Santa Monica City Hall or on the Rent Control WEB page: www.santa-monica.org/rentcontrol.

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Dorie Meek

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Dear Frightened,

As you've experienced, there are mixed opinions (most of them strong) on whether or not a walking toddler should wear shoes. I defer to the majority, which encourage the natural

route. That is, let your toddler walk barefoot whenever possible.

This means at home or when the environment is safe for bare feet, let him be. In other scenarios, parks for example, try a leather bootie that allows the foot to follow a similar natural pattern. Restrictive shoes don't necessarily help the foot develop any more efficiently and, as your toddler can't tell you if his feet hurt, can be counter-productive. I've seen many a toddler just sit when the shoes didn't feel right.

Above all, follow your toddler's signals. He'll tell you more with his actions than I can with words. Good luck.

Dorie

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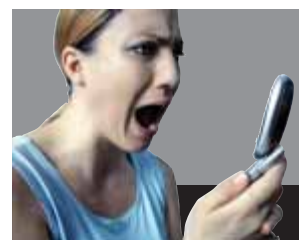
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3:30 & 4:30 p.m. - Sleigh on down to see a funny puppet show and hear stories celebrating the season. FREE! No tickets required. Ocean Park Library, 2601 Main St., 310-395-3804.

SAT., DEC. 9 - HOLIDAY WONDERS - 1:00 & 4:00 p.m.
Annual family concert with the LA Master Chorale Voices and Children's Chorus performing holiday favorites and sing-alongs. \$19 - \$55. Walt Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Ave, LA, 800-787-5262.

SAT. & SUN., DEC. 9 & 10 - ALT CAR EXPO - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
A family expo featuring alternative vehicles. Look, ride and drive all the latest including electric skateboards, electric bicycles and Segways. You can also check out small-scale, super mileage cars. FREE! Barker Hangar, 3021 Airport Ave., Santa Monica, 310-390-2930.

ALL ABOUT SANTA at the SANTA MONICA PLAYHOUSE
Saturdays & Sundays at 12:30 & 3:00 p.m. Dec. 2-17th, also Tues., Dec. 19 & Thurs., Dec. 21 at 2:00 p.m. \$12.50 adults, \$10.50 kids ages 12 & under. 394-9779 for reservations, www.santamonicaplayhouse.com.
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NOW THRU JAN. 1 - REINDEER ROMP at the LA ZOO
Santa's reindeer are in town for a special visit! Get your picture made with them, and make antlers and other holiday crafts. Free with general admission: \$10 adults, \$5 children. 5333 Zoo Dr., Griffith Park, LA, 323-644-4200.

NOW THRU JAN. 16 - OUTDOOR ICE SKATING at PERSHING SQUARE
Take a trip downtown to enjoy this annual attraction. Skate under the sun and stars and enjoy free concerts on weekends and Wednesdays. Mon. - Thurs., noon - 9:00 p.m., Fri. - Sun., 10:00 a.m.- 10:00 p.m. \$6 per session plus skate rentals. 532 S. Olive St., LA, 213-847-4970.

NOW THRU DEC. 29 - HOLIDAY LIGHT FESTIVAL at GRIFFITH PARK
5:00 - 10:00 p.m. daily. Enjoy this holiday tradition at you drive through or walk a mile-long stretch of lighted displays and seasonal messages. FREE! Crystal Springs Dr., Griffith Park, LA, 888-527-2757.

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
Main Library - 601 Santa Monica Blvd. - 458-8621
Baby Time - 10:15 & 10:45 a.m., babies up to 2 years, session thru Dec. 5.
Fairview Branch Library - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 450-0443.
Toddler Story Time in Spanish - 10:00 a.m., ages 2-3.
Baby Time - 11:00 a.m., babies to age 2, session thru Dec. 5
Twilight Story Time 7pm - an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.
Montana Avenue Branch Library - 1704 Montana Ave - 829-7081.
Family Story Time - 7:00 p.m., all ages.
Ocean Park Branch Library - 2601 Main St. - 392-8304.
Story Time for Twos - 10:00 and 10:30 a.m., session thru Dec. 12.
Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis
For ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com
Barnes and Noble at the Grove
Storytime for ages 2 - 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Classes
YWCA - A Place for Parents -Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. - 12 to 36 months; Infant & Me Class - 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., 0 - 12 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES - 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.
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Yoga & Exercise
Exhale Center for Sacred Movement, 245 S. Main St., Venice. Pre/Post Natal - 11:25 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. 450-7676, exhalespa.com. Single class \$17, package of ten \$135.
Yoga Works - 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal - 12:30 - 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me - 1:45 - 3:00 p.m.
Mommy Care - at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)
Stroller Strides Fitness Class - 9:30 a.m. Mon. - Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.
YoMama Yoga - 1404 3rd St. Promenade, St. 201. Parent & Me - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Yoga for parents with kids ages 6 wks - 6 years. Kids interact with each other and toys. \$15 single class, \$65 for five classes, \$120 for ten classes.
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Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups - 4:30 p.m.- separate groups for children born in 2000 and 2001. Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling and Library Programs
The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge - 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4 at this neighborhood coffee shop.
Fairview Branch Library - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-450-0443.
Story Time for Twos - 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time - 10:30 a.m.; ages 3-5, session thru Dec. 6.
Montana Avenue Branch Library - 1704 Montana Ave - 310-829-7081.
Baby Time - 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2, session thru Dec. 13
Ocean Park Branch Library - 2601 Main St. -392-8304.
Preschool Twilight Story Time - 7:00 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion - 2 pm - ages 2-5 - 310-475-4144
Border's, Westwood - 11a.m. - 310-475-3444.

Classes
YWCA - A Place for Parents -Toddler & Me Class - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., 5 to 36 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise
YoMama Yoga - 1404 3rd St. Promenade, St. 201. Parent & Me - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Yoga for parents with kids ages 6 wks - 6 years. Kids interact

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The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981, drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Other
Puppetolio - 1:00 p.m., 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

THURSDAY
MOMS Club of SM South Playgroup - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. for children born 1/02 - 2/03; 3:30 p.m., for children born 3/03 - 12/03, Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling and Library Programs
Main Library - 601 Santa Monica Blvd. - 458-8621
Story Time for Twos - 10:15 & 10:45 a.m., session thru Dec. 14.
Preschool Story Time - 11:20 a.m, ages 3 - 5, session thru Dec. 14.
Fairview Branch Library - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-450-0443.
La Hora Del Cuento - 7:00 p.m. Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.
Montana Avenue Branch Library - 1704 Montana Ave - 310-829-7081.
Story Time for Twos - 10:15 a.m., session thru Dec. 14.
Preschool Story Time - 11:15 a.m.; ages 3-5. Ongoing.
Ocean Park Branch Library - 2601 Main St. - 310-392-3804.
Baby Time - 9:20 & 10:20 a.m. Babies to 2 years. Session thru Dec. 7.
Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

Classes
YWCA - A Place for Parents -Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m and 10:45 - 11:45 a.m., 12 to 36 months; Parent Support Group - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., age 3 - 5 years; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
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Prenatal Yoga - 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. \$18 single class, \$85 for five classes.
Yoga Works - 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal - 12:30 - 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me - 1:45 - 3:00 p.m.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class - 9:30 a.m. Mon. - Fri., call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Groups
La Leche League of LA/Mar Vista - meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Westchester Municipal Bldg., 7166 W. Manchester Ave., corner of Lincoln and Manchester. Call 310-390-2529 for info.
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups - 11:00 a.m. - playgroup for children born 10/04 - 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.
Parent's Night Out at Child's Play, 2299 Westwood Blvd., 6:00 - 11:00 p.m.
Kids get a night of supervised fun with pizza, games and more while parents go out. Ages 3-10, \$9 per hour, \$7 siblings, 3 hour minimum. Reservations required, 470-4997. ww.childsplayonline.net

Classes
YWCA - A Place for Parents -Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. - 12 - 36 mos.; Playtime/Parent Support - 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881 for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise
Kid's Yoga Circle Class at Exhale Spa - 3:30 p.m., for ages 5 - 11, 1422 2nd St., 260-2736 or

yogaforkids@hotmail.com.
Yoga Works - 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal - 12:30 - 1:55 p.m., \$15.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class - 9:30 a.m. Mon. - Fri., call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

SATURDAY

Storytelling
Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade - Kid's Story Time - 10am, 310-260-9110
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., 310-559-800K.
Village Books, 1049 SwarthmoreAve, Pacific Palisades - 10:30 a.m., 454-4063.
826LA, 685 Venice Blvd, 2nd Floor, Venice - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., ages 3-6, RSVP to info @826LA.com or 310-314-6418. (826LA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write).

Classes
YWCA - Toddler & Me - 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.; Parent Enrichment once per month , 11:00 a.m. - noon, call Barbara Olinger at 452-3881 for rates and dates.

Yoga & Exercise
Santa Monica Yoga - Pre- & Post-Natal Yoga, Saturdays - 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. 1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santamonicayoga.com
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 workout at the end)
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The Bridge Cinema Deluxe - Enjoy a G-rated movie for kids every Sat. and Sun.
Tickets are \$3.50. 6081 Center Drive, LA, 310-568-3375.
Puppetolio - 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
Magicopolis - 2 and 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 for evening, \$15 for matinee. Call 310-451-2241 for info.
Precious Prints - Ceramic Heirlooms for a Lifetime Second Saturday every month at The Pump Station, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Contact Kristan Ritchie at 310-802-8013 or visit www.preciousprintsstudios.com for more info.
Lakeshore Learning Stores "Free Crafts for Kids" - Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., 8888 Venice Blvd., 559-9630.
"A Faery Hunt" - 10:30 a.m., every Saturday at Franklin Canyon Park. An interactive children's show, searching for fairies and other enchanted creatures in the magical canyon and finding them! \$10, call for reservations - 818-324-6802. www.faeryhunt.com. Meet in the parking lot of the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Dr., Beverly Hills.
Artful Weekends at the Getty Villa - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Sat. & Sun. Create your own works of art inspired by objects in the collection. Free admission; timed tickets required. 17985 PCH, Pacific Palisades.

SUNDAY

ALL ABOUT SANTA at the SANTA MONICA PLAYHOUSE
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Magicopolis - 2 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$15. Call 310-451-2241 for info.
NexGen Family Sundays at LA County Museum of Art - 12:30 - 3:15 p.m. - Hands-on, artist-led activities for families. FREE! 5905 Wilshire Blvd., LA, 323-857-4737, www.lacma.org.
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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
Itsy Bitsy Yoga Series - Tots - 10:30 - 11: 15 a.m., Babies - 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.;
Classes at Fundamentals of Music and Movement, 11700 National Blvd., LA. Check session dates and reserve space at www.musicandmovement.net.
Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

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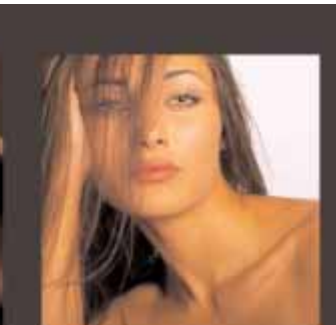
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Winter storm rains havoc

Midwest death toll reaches 19; power still out

BY BETSY TAYLOR
Associated Press Writer

ST. LOUIS — Tawana Jean Cooper and her family escaped their frigid suburban home for the warmth of an urban Red Cross center after roads were cleared of ice, downed power lines and broken tree limbs left by a devastating Midwest ice and snow storm.

Joining her were three young grandchildren. “They know this is not home. They know this is a disaster,” Cooper said Sunday as she cradled her sleeping 5-month-old granddaughter in her arms.

Four more deaths in Missouri pushed the death toll to 19 on Sunday as hundreds of thousands waited another day for electricity to be restored. Missouri National Guardsmen knocked on doors to make sure people were safe.

Temperatures across much of the region were predicted to hover in the teens and 20s on Monday while wind chills should make it feel even colder, slowing down cleanup efforts, according to the National Weather Service.

The storm spread ice and deep snow from Texas to Michigan and then blew through the Northeast late Friday and early Saturday. Thousands of travelers were stranded by canceled flights, highways clogged by abandoned vehicles and stalled trains.

The storm disrupted Amtrak train service between Chicago and St. Louis, but most of

those lines were expected to be up and running on Monday, the company said in a release.

At the peak of the outages Friday, 510,000 customers of St. Louis-based Ameren Corp. had no electricity in a roughly 300-mile swath from Jackson, Mo., northeast to Pontiac, Ill., paralleling the track of the storm. Spokeswoman Susan Gallagher said that about 200,000 customers in Missouri and about 150,000 in central and southern Illinois were still without power Sunday afternoon.

Trees throughout the region were glazed with a thick coat of ice that reflected the sunlight and also snapped tree limbs, bringing power lines down with them.

“It’s slow,” said repairman Bernie Kutz, after completing a job in south St. Louis. “The tools are freezing somewhat, and nothing wants to work right.”

The latest deaths were two men, ages 37 and 35, who died after they tried to burn coal in a cooking wok to stay warm. Fire officials found deadly levels of carbon monoxide in their home. A 56-year-old man may have suffered hypothermia, and an 81-year-old man was found dead at the bottom of his home’s stairs.

“This is not over. As long as the power is still out, there are still people at risk,” St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay said.

The bitter temperatures and continued lack of power didn’t stop some 230 First Baptist Church congregants in Belleville, Ill., from worshipping in a nearby restaurant

that lent them the space.

“A lot of people associate a church with a building, but times like this make it clear it’s the people,” associate pastor Richard Weaver said after a 90-minute service that was punctuated by the smell of fresh fried chicken. “Whether you meet in a church or under a tree it’s not important as long as you have the right spirit and purpose.”

In East St. Louis, Ill., about 500 members of the Illinois National Guard knocked on 2,000 doors to check on residents who spent their third day without power.

Guardsmen have already canvassed 750 miles of highway searching for stranded vehicles. They found 35, including semitrailers and one wayward snowplow, said Lt. Col. Tim Franklin. All were empty.

In Peoria, Ill., fire officials urged homeowners to check their roofs after a nursing home ceiling collapsed, injuring four residents. Authorities temporarily closed a Wal-Mart as a precaution Saturday night because of heavy ice and snow on its roof.

At his Ridge Road Tree Farm just south of Urbana, Ill., Dave Shoemaker found Sunday’s demand for his Christmas trees back to normal, even though the firs still hadn’t thawed. A day earlier, the trees were coated with so much ice they glistened like they’d been sprayed with clear acrylic.

“The cold and the snow scared away a few,” Shoemaker said.

Associated Press writers **Ashley M. Heher** in Chicago and **Jim Suhr** in St. Louis contributed to this report.

INTERNATIONAL Bold Chavez to continue stirring it up

BY CHRISTOPHER TOOTHAKER
Associated Press Writer

CARACAS, Venezuela — Emboldened by a resounding re-election, President Hugo Chavez pledged to shake up Venezuela with a more radical version of socialism and forge a wider front against the United States in Latin America.

Opposition contender Manuel Rosales accepted defeat Sunday night, but promised to continue countering a leader whom he accuses of becoming increasingly authoritarian.

Touting his victory in a speech to thousands, Chavez said Venezuelans should expect an “expansion of the revolution” aimed at redistributing the country’s oil wealth among the poor.

“Long live the revolution!” Chavez shouted from the balcony of the presidential palace. “Venezuela is demonstrating that a new and better world is possible, and we are building it.”

With 78 percent of voting stations reporting, Chavez had 61 percent of the vote, to 38 percent for Rosales.

Chavez has won a loyal following among the poor through multibillion-dollar social programs including subsidized food, free university education and cash benefits for single mothers.

Chavez, who says he sees Fidel Castro as a father, dedicated his victory to the ailing 80-year-old Cuban leader, and called it a blow against President Bush.

“It’s another defeat for the devil, who tries to dominate the world,” Chavez told the crowd of red-shirted supporters, who listened to him under pouring rain. “Down with imperialism. We need a new world.”

Even before polls closed, Chavez supporters celebrated in the streets, setting off fireworks and cruising Caracas honking horns and shouting “Chavez isn’t going anywhere!”

Since he first won office in 1998, Chavez has increasingly dominated all branches of government, and his allies now control congress, state offices and the judiciary. Current law prevents him from running again in 2012.

Lawmakers mull over new congressional map

BY BROCK VERGAKIS
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah lawmakers gathered in a special session Monday to consider a map that creates a fourth congressional seat and would require new elections in all districts if Congress agrees to expand the size of the House.

The new district would be part of a compromise that would also grant the District of Columbia a voting member in the House. Nothing will happen, however, unless Congress passes a bill and President Bush

makes it law.

Utah’s new district would run along the western edge of the state and include Tooele, Juab, Millard, Beaver, Iron and Washington counties.

The 2nd District would be mostly urban and include Salt Lake City, the home of U.S. Rep. Jim Matheson, a Democrat. The 1st and 3rd districts would also look different while still being friendly for Republicans.

But some lawmakers said they want to change the map that emerged from a House-Senate committee last week. A recess was called shortly before noon for private talks.

Sen. Michael Waddoups, R-Taylorsville, said he wants everyone in his city to be in the proposed 4th District instead of putting some residents in the 2nd.

Rep. Ben Ferry, R-Corrine, said he would like to see a better mix of rural and urban residents in each district.

Under the committee’s map, three districts each would have 558,292 residents and another would have an additional person.

Some opponents pledged to vote against any map, saying a deal that puts the District of Columbia on par with the states violates the U.S. Constitution.

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BASEBALL

Grumpy, Happy expected as teams wheel and deal

BY RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Barry and Manny figure to be mentioned prominently alongside Grumpy and Goofy when baseball’s winter meetings open Monday at Disney World.

Barry Bonds and Barry Zito are among the most notable of the unsigned free agents heading into the four-day session of signings and swaps, and Manny Ramirez once again is being dangled in trade discussions by the Boston Red Sox.

Thus far, some general managers have spend nearly as wildly as they did in the great bull market following the 2000 season, when Alex Rodriguez got his record \$252 million deal with Texas and Ramirez agreed to a \$160 million contract with the Boston Red Sox. In the past two weeks, Alfonso Soriano got a \$136 million agreement from the Chicago Cubs and Carlos Lee was guaranteed \$100 million by the Houston Astros.

Some teams have shied away from big-name free agents, preferring to concentrate on lower-priced players and trade talks

“We’re going to sign them to the value we think is right, not what the market is dictating,” St. Louis Cardinals general manager Walt Jocketty said. “The market right now is kind of silly, and it may continue to be silly.”

Bonds’ agent, Jeff Borris, was angry that the Giants didn’t offer salary arbitration to the 42-year-old left fielder, coming off a \$90 million, five-year contract with San Francisco, and he might step up his efforts with other teams. Zito, who spent his first seven seasons with the Oakland Athletics, is the top available free-agent pitcher in a market desperately seeking arms. Scott Boras, known for pushing for high prices, represents Zito.

“The market has definitely spiked. There’s no doubt about it,” Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein said. “It’s clear that there’s a lot of available money to be spent, probably more holes on teams than players to fill them.”

Boston bid \$51,111,111 just for the right to negotiate with ace pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka under baseball’s posting system with the Japanese Leagues, and the New York Yankees offered \$26,000,194 for Kei Igawa, projected as a No. 4 of five starter. The con-

tracts for those two likely won’t be resolved until later in the month.

Zito and Jason Schmidt, another free-agent pitcher, are expected to command big bucks and be a focus of the winter meetings.

“You would wonder when the pitching is going to order itself,” San Francisco Giants general manager Brian Sabean said. “There have been some signings but they have not been sequential.”

All the money committed thus far has caught the attention of commissioner Bud Selig, who repeatedly has warned teams about making lengthy big-money deals. Soriano’s contract is for eight years.

Some players regarded as less-than-top-line stars have gotten huge contracts, a group that includes outfielders Gary Matthews Jr. (\$50 million over five years from Los Angeles Angels) and Juan Pierre (\$44 million over five years from Cubs). After opting out of the final three years and \$33 million of guaranteed money from the Los Angeles Dodgers, J.D. Drew is in the final stages of completing a \$70 million, five-year agreement with the Red Sox.

Selig isn’t ready to draw any conclusions on whether teams have gone back to rash financial practices.

“I want to let this whole thing play out, then I’ll make a judgment. It’s a little too early yet,” Selig said. “I want another month or two to go by. I’ll be able to give you an answer in January.”

Boston hasn’t commented on its talks involving Ramirez. The Red Sox explored trades following the 2004 and 2005 seasons without finding any deals they liked.

Ramirez is owed \$18 million next year and \$20 million in 2008, of which \$4 million annually is deferred, but his contract contains a pair of \$20 million team options, and he might ask that they be guaranteed in exchange for waiving his no-trade rights.

In this market, that might be considered value by some teams.

“I don’t think anyone anticipated this spike a year ago. Otherwise they would have locked up all their players,” Epstein said. “There are a lot of clubs with holes to fill so it should be an exciting meeting.”

AP Sports Writers **R.B. Fallstrom, Jimmy Golen and Janie McCauley** contributed to this report.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Inspired big game effort probably won’t be enough to save Stanford coach’s job

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

BERKELEY — Walt Harris could find out as soon as Monday whether he will be back for a third season as Stanford’s football coach.

After finishing the worst season for the Cardinal in more than four decades with a 26-17 loss to rival California on Saturday, Harris is scheduled to meet with athletic director Bob Bowlsby on Monday morning to discuss the future of the program.

“What the powers that be decide to do, that’s up to them,” Harris said. “They have to evaluate what they see on the field and what we do in all areas. We didn’t go down overnight and we won’t come back overnight.”

Bowlsby, who is in his first year at Stanford and did not hire Harris, was unavailable for

comment after Saturday’s game.

One sign that could bode well for Harris is that when Bowlsby was at Iowa, he stuck with coach Kirk Ferentz, who won only four games his first two seasons. Ferentz then set a school record with 38 wins the next four seasons, validating the confidence that Bowlsby showed in him.

Harris, who is 6-17 two years into his five-year contract, also got off to a slow start in his previous job at Pittsburgh. He went 13-21 in his first three seasons before going to bowl games his final five years, including a Bowl Championship Series performance in 2003.

Stanford hasn’t had a winning season since 2001.

“We have to just stay the course and hang in there and understand that losing is hard,” Harris said. “When you lose, someone is always looking to point the finger.”



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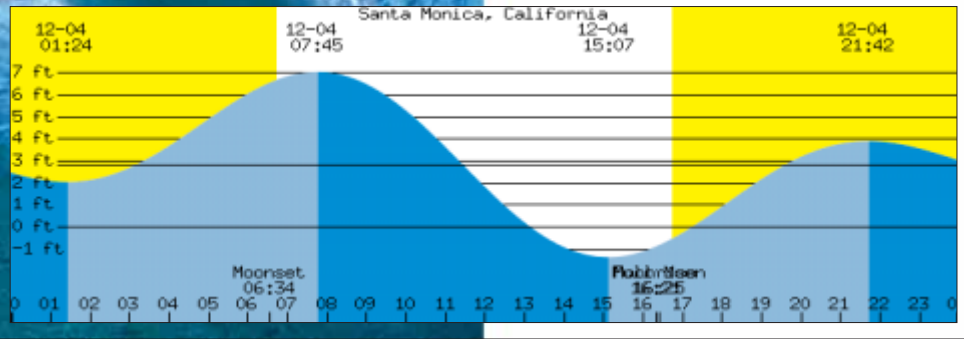
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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	no
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	no	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	F
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	no	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chouzaquas)	F	no
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Marinista Ave. drain	F	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	D	D
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A	no	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	no
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	F	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	no
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach	A+	no	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A	A+
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A	F	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	no
Selkirk Canyon at San Blas County Beach	A	no	Venice City Beach, at the Reno Ave. storm drain	A+	no
Puente State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	A+
Marin Canyon storm drain at Puente Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	no	Venice Beach at Winward Ave. drain	A	no
Serfider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	A+	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	A+
Serfider Beach (beach location)- daily	A	no	Venice Beach- projection of Topsoil St.	A+	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	A+	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	B	no
Carlson Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	no	Deckweiler State Beach at Bellona Creek mouth	A	no
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	no	Deckweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	no
Big Rock Beach at 19348 PCH stairs	F	A+	North Westchester Storm Drain at Deckweiler State Beach	A+	no
Pena Creek at Las Tamas County Beach	A+	no	Deckweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	no	no	Deckweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	no
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	no	Deckweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	no	Deckweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	no			
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LEGEND

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

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ You might be filled with energy and vivaciousness. Much spins around you. Your perkiness makes it easy to take a mental stretch or leap. Just don't risk wildly. A child has a lot to share. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Your expenses could be out of whack, at best. You might find that you have to rethink your domestic or personal costs. A tighter budget might make you more comfortable. A partner might not have the same idea as you. Tonight: Talk out a problem.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You have a lot of energy, but will need every drop of it to get through what you must. News or information comes out that makes sense but might not feel good. A partner or associate could become more testy. Tonight: Smile, and someone decides to come around to your point of view.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★ Trust that you might need some time off. You could be tired and withdrawn. Try something different and more dynamic. You will make others think twice without having to say one word. Setting an example works better than words. Tonight: Do something just for yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Saturn goes retrograde in your sign today. You have felt very restricted. Now you can finally start to clear the air and get a problem resolved. Your creativity surges simultaneously. Friends finally support you. Tonight: Decide if a risk is worth it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You might finally understand where someone is coming from. Perhaps you have been assuming too much responsibility for this person or the relationship. Relax and allow others to seek you out. Tonight: Time for some holiday decorating.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You will need to reconcile yourself to a friendship that might be testy but important. Also, this person could be older than you. In any case, curb any sharp words you might have. Take a walk or go to the gym instead. Tonight: Get physical.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Work with someone closely. You might be uncomfortable with a partner. Information comes out. Responsibilities have been demanding, but now you see a reward heading your way. Spending easily goes overboard. Tonight: Enjoy a close friendship or bond.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Mars enters your sign, and you'll have more than enough energy for the next few months. If you aren't careful, you could turn combative or bossy if you don't funnel this newfound energy. Tonight: Listen to the other side of a story.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ A financial matter that might have chilled a bond opens up. This person now shares what he or she is feeling. Know that this person has a hard time expressing his or her feelings. Curb a tendency to feel hurt or to overreact. Tonight: Run errands.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Finally, people you care about make a stronger effort and want to be with you. Of late, you might have noticed a boundary or a distancing. You might have taken this behavior personally. Tonight: Hang with favorite people.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Stay centered, even though you might not feel comfortable with a boss or someone you look up to. This person might become even more bellicose. Finally, you feel that you are far more in control of your schedule. Tonight: Happy at home.

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‘Blinding’ justice Doherty eludes jail time for crack

PETE DOHERTY smiled and hugged fans outside court after a judge ruled he will not serve jail time for possession of drugs including heroin and crack cocaine.

District Judge Jane McIvor ordered the 27-year-old Babysambles singer Monday to pay \$1,525 in fines and court costs and ordered him not to drive for four months.

"I feel relieved," Doherty

told reporters outside Thames Magistrates' Court in London.

The singer was arrested in April for possession of less than 2 grams each of heroin, cannabis and cocaine, just three hours after he was sentenced to two years of community service for previous drug offenses. The drugs were found in the vehicle he was in and at his home.

Doherty was arrested again Aug. 7 with a crack pipe and a

small amount of crack cocaine, and pleaded guilty Aug. 18 to all five counts.

In September, McIvor told Doherty he wouldn't serve jail time for the charges if he continued rehabilitation, stayed employed and didn't commit any other offenses. She also complimented him for his song "The Blinding." Doherty didn't break any of the imposed restrictions, McIvor said.

"Hitting your pocket is the way of punishing you in this case," McIvor said Monday.

Doherty's lawyer, Sean Curran, said there had been a "breakdown" in Doherty's rehabilitation. Curran gave no details, but said he hoped Doherty would continue to make an effort to break his drug habit.

In November, Doherty, the on-off boyfriend of supermodel Kate Moss, was fined \$1,485

for assaulting British Broadcasting Corp. reporter Trudi Barber outside the same court.

His drug habit gained international attention after a British tabloid printed pictures last year of Moss allegedly using cocaine at a music studio where Doherty and his band were recording. Moss wasn't charged.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spacek sings the praises of women

Academy Award-winning actress Sissy Spacek celebrated strong and independent women during a speech at a conference on women's health issues.

"I love women – they're strong, they're independent," Spacek said Saturday at the conference, sponsored by the Princeton HealthCare System.

"I think I've always been drawn to ordinary women with

ordinary strengths and frailties, just stumbling into enlightenment," the 56-year-old actress was quoted as saying by The Times of Trenton for Sunday's editions.

Spacek won the best-actress Oscar for her role as country music singer Loretta Lynn in 1980's "Coal Miner's Daughter." She has been nominated for Oscars for her roles in "Carrie," "Missing," "The

River," "Crimes of the Heart" and "In the Bedroom."

Spacek said a schoolyard friend in Texas told her she would magically turn into a boy if she were to plant a peck on her funny bone.

"All my life I spent trying to prove that girls can do anything boys can do – and then I had a baby," Spacek said. "I stopped trying to kiss my elbows after that."

AP

Spacek said she has a happy life living with her husband and two daughters on a Virginia horse farm.

"I always felt that if you want to play real people in movies and be convincing, you've got to live real life and have real experiences," she said. "No matter how far we come, we're all still just looking for 'normal.'"

AP

Actress gets leg up on the competition

Bollywood actress Priyanka Chopra said she would rather use the downtime between films to brush up on her dance steps than act in mediocre movies.

Chopra had two hits this

year – "Krrish" and "Don" – and has said she plans to take a break before shooting another two movies next year.

Indian actors usually juggle some four to six movies a year, but Chopra said that's not her style.

"I'd much rather work on myself. I want to do Latin, contemporary, salsa, jazz, whatever," she told the Mumbai Mirror. "That excites me. Any new skill would be an asset to me as an actress."

A former Miss World,

AP

Chopra said the movie scripts she had seen recently didn't grab her attention. "Better hone my skills than do bad films," she said. "I don't want to rush into anything."

AP

Feeling 'Flushed': SKG leads the pack

DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc. led the pack in the ANNIE AWARDS nominations for film, television and home video animation, garnering 17 nominations for "Flushed Away" and "Over the Hedge."

The Disney-Pixar film "Cars," a nostalgic nod to the country's forgotten back roads, tied "Flushed Away" for the most nominations with nine, the International Animated Film Society said Monday.

The society will present the

34th annual awards for achievement in animation Feb. 11 in Glendale.

"Flushed Away," a co-production with British filmmaker Aardman Animation, received nine nominations, including directing, writing and voice acting for Ian McKellen, who gave a Shakespearean croak to the evil character of Toad.

"Over the Hedge," the animated version of the popular comic strip, earned eight nominations, including best animated feature and voice acting

for Wanda Sykes, who voiced a skunk named Stella.

Nominations for "Cars," from Pixar Animation Studios and The Walt Disney Co., included best animated feature and best director for John Lasseter, director of the landmark Pixar film "Toy Story."

Composer Randy Newman received a nomination for the film's soundtrack.

Other nominees for top animated feature were "Happy Feet," from Warner Bros., a division of Time Warner Inc.;

"Monster House," from Sony Pictures, a division of Sony Corp.; and "Open Season," also from Sony Pictures.

The winner of the Annie Awards has gone on to claim the Oscar for animated feature every year since the Academy Award for animation was created.

Nominated for best animated television production were "Charlie and Lola," "Foster's Home for Imaginary Friends," "King of the Hill," "The Fairly OddParents" and "Wow! Wow! Wubbzy!"

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Wednesday
The Hi-Lo Country, Dirty

Pretty Things
7:30
Thursday

Home of the Brave
7:30

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1441 3rd Street
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Babel (R)
3:30, 7:00, 10:00
For Your Consideration (PG-13)
3:10, 5:25, 7:35, 9:50
The Fountain (PG-13)
2:45, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
The Nativity Story (PG)
2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15

AMC 7 SANTA MONICA
1310 3rd Street
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Deck the Halls (PG)
12:15, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 9:35
Deja Vu (PG-13)
1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45
The Departed (R)
12:30, 3:45, 7:10, 10:25
Flushed Away (PG)
1:15, 3:25, 5:30, 7:30, 9:55
Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13)
12:00, 2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:40
Tenacious D in the Pick of
Destiny (R)
12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05

LANDMARK NUWILSHIRE
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Bobby (R)
1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55
The Last King of Scotland (R)
12:45, 3:40, 7:00, 10:00

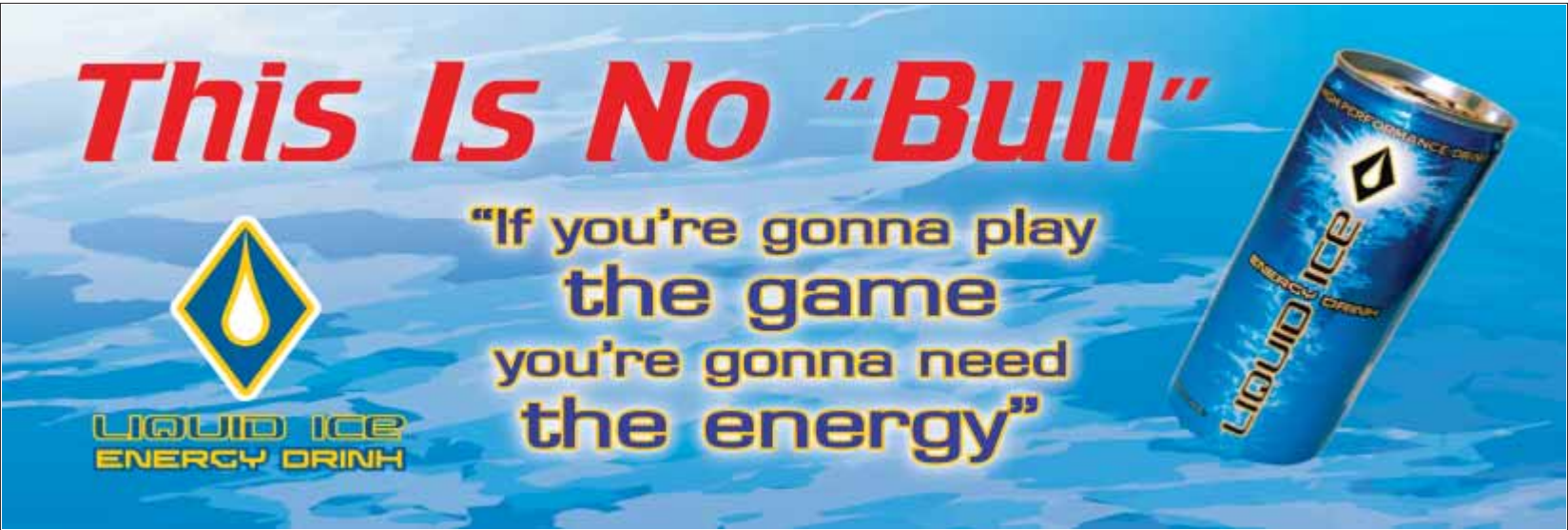
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Captive (Cautiva) (NR)
1:40, 7:30
Fast Food Nation (R)
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The History Boys (R)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Little Children (R)
1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15
The Queen (PG-13)
1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40

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Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan (R)
12:00, 2:10, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40
Casino Royale (PG-13)
11:40am, 3:00, 6:30, 7:20, 10:00, 10:30
Happy Feet (PG)
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National Lampoon's Van Wilder: The Rise of Taj (R)
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Turistas Go Home (R)
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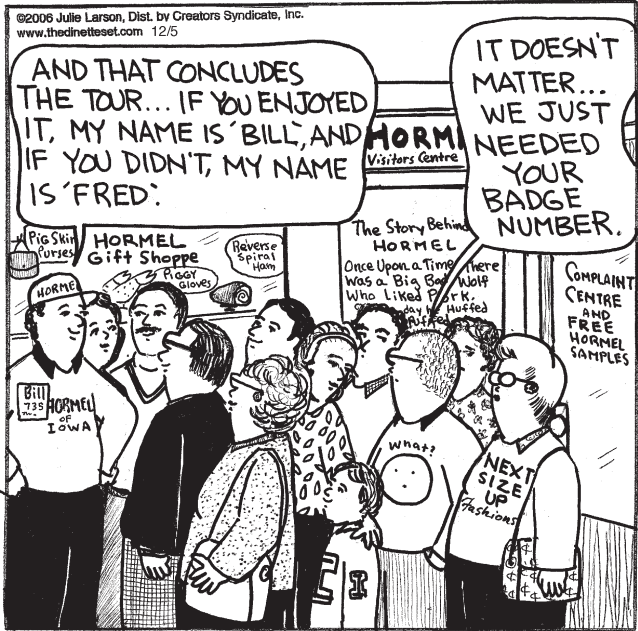
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- 24 Mine material
- 25 Hotel fixture
- 26 Cravat
- 27 Evening meal, in slang
- 29 Contemptible
- 30 Full range
- 31 Drink up
- 32 Copycat's cry
- 34 Congress setting
- 40 Norse god
- 41 Illinois city
- 42 Taboo act
- 43 Fed the fire

DOWN

- 1 Game caller
- 2 Tavern quaff
- 3 Disen-cumber
- 4 Puts forth
- 5 Fathers
- 6 Golf bunker
- 7 Alter ego of fiction
- 8 Yves' yes
- 9 Maximum amount
- 10 — Aviv
- 14 Beau's dad
- 16 Opera's Callas
- 17 Deal maker
- 19 Like bar beer
- 20 Poker ploy
- 21 Grassy clump
- 22 Clucker
- 23 Spot
- 25 "Carmen" composer
- 28 Spotted tile

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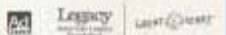


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CASE NO. BP101710
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THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Valerie Williams be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION request the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The Will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed actions.)
The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 3, 2007 at 8:30 A.M. in Dept. 11 located at: 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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Petitioner: Valerie Williams
James M. Cox, SB# 117005

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MATILDA BUCK in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MATILDA BUCK be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)
The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 12/20/06 at 8:30AM in Dept. 5 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code Section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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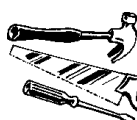
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