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THE RUN FOR COVER ISSUE

Made in the shade

Ficus trees spared for the time being

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The ficus trees in Downtown Santa Monica — the root of controversy pitting environmentalists against city officials — got a temporary reprieve on Monday night from possible destruction and trans-

plantation after the Landmarks Commission postponed a decision over whether to preserve the popular shade-providers.

The commission's decision came after a lengthy public hearing filled with testimonies from the Santa Monica Treesavers contingent, pleading that the commission continue the discussion item until the ad-hoc group had some more time to compile research in defense of the 153 ficus trees on Second and Fourth streets.

"Because this issue is unprecedented means (the commission) should give the issue more time," said Sal Greenberger, a

Treesaver and life-long Santa Monican.

The commission's inaction bodes well for the Treesavers, giving them more time to prepare their defense of the trees, which city staff members recommend not be landmarked because they hold neither cultural nor historical significance and do not meet any of the six criteria necessary for a landmark designation.

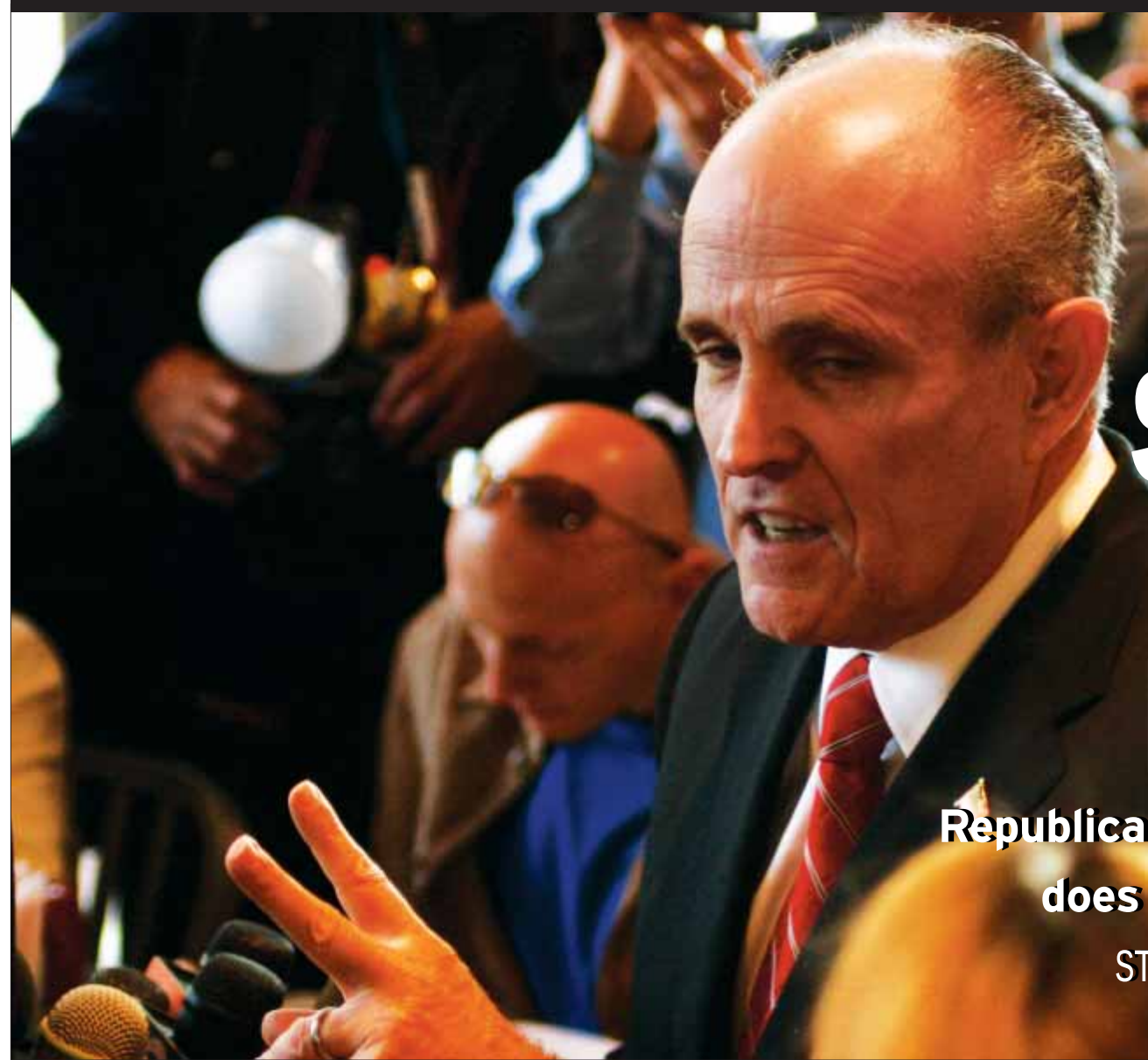
The trees are currently standing in limbo, unable to be touched while the whole issue navigates its way through the



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SAFE — FOR NOW: The ficus trees on Second and Fourth streets will stand a little longer.

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1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

The group will discuss Thomas Perry's "Vanishing Act."

Jewish story hour

1428 17th St., 3:15 p.m. — 4 p.m.

Story time at Chabad is for children ages 3 — 7. It is recommended that participants RSVP to this free event to ensure there are enough materials for all children. For questions or to RSVP, call (310) 393-7379 or e-mail srljs@juno.com.

Samohi's out for blood

601 Pico Blvd., 2:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

The Santa Monica chapter of the American Red Cross is conducting a blood drive at Santa Monica High School. The blood drive is open to the general public as well as Santa Monica/Malibu students, parents, staff and faculty. Any healthy person age 17 or older and weighing at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate blood. All eligible donors are asked to schedule an appointment by calling (800) GIVE-LIFE (448-3543) or visit www.GiveLife.org and enter sponsor code: SantaMonicaHigh. For Spanish, call (866) POR-VIDA (767-8432) or visit www.cruzrojaamericana.org.

'Get the Spirit' gospel chorus in concert

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1:30 p.m. — 3 p.m.

The Santa Monica College Emeritus Gospel Chorus will get you rockin' with lively traditional gospel music. This concert includes "Rockin' Jerusalem," "Oh Happy Day" and "O, Come All Ye Faithful." The group performs under the direction of classically trained William Bryant, II. Some of Mr. Bryant's credits include work with Marvin Gaye, Barry White, Robert Palmer and Patti LaBelle.

'Cool School' revisited

1611 Electric Ave., Venice, by appointment only

The "Cool School" exhibit, named for the film which features Ferus Gallery artists, will be on display through Jan. 11. A portion of the proceeds from sold paintings will go to the "Films for Schools" outreach program. For more information, visit www.VeniceTrust.com.

Thursday, Dec. 13, 2007

A 'Naked' book reading

8853 Santa Monica Blvd., W. Hollywood, 7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

"Naked in Paradise: The True Story of Three Men in Love," by Len Richmond, is a humorous tale of a trio of erotic neurotics — a hard-drinking, aging heartthrob; a frustrated academic with sex on the brain; and an obsessive-compulsive, Jewish comedy writer. Richmond will read from his book at A Different Light Bookstore tonight.

'Your Voice, New Vision'

Third Street Promenade, 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

"Your Voice, New Vision" is a national grassroots initiative to add patients' voices to health care policy discussions. "New Vision" will be at the promenade soliciting people's input via audio, video and written word. "New Vision" will be shared with policy makers and posted on a new interactive Web site — www.yourvoicenewvision.org. Gifts will be distributed to participants.

Santa Monica Laughter Club

717 Broadway, 11 a.m. — noon

The Laughter Club meets at Shakti's Elements for a Laughter Yoga class led by Kim Selbert. For more information, call Kim at (310) 471-5773. Donations are welcome.

What's New This Week

2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.

A free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories at home and abroad.

Santa Monica Nativity display

Palisades Park, open viewing

The annual Santa Monica Nativity scene, featuring 14 lit scenes with life-size figures, will be on display through the end of the year — continuing a community tradition that began in 1953.

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Controversial project gets green light

Construction approved despite considerable reluctance by residents

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A new two-story residential construction project — one of two ruffling feathers in the Third Street Historic District — got the official nod from the Landmarks Commission to move forward on Monday, despite a number of pleas by neighbors asking any action be postponed until the following month to hear the two projects together.

The commission awarded a certificate of appropriateness application to Mark Gorman and Beth Burns, allowing the couple to demolish the existing one-story duplex at 2642 Second St., in Ocean Park, in favoring of erecting a new home that some opposing neighbors have called “modernist.”

Residents asked the Landmarks Commission to abstain from making a decision until the January meeting, when a much more controversial project — at 2617 Third St., which includes moving the front house forward a few feet and building an addition in the back — is heard, noting that the two projects are part of a larger developmental issue threatening the survival of the Third Street Historic District.

Established in 1990, the historic district is bounded by Third Street to the east, Hill Street to the south, Second Street to the west and Ocean Park Boulevard to the north.

Though the existing building on the Gorman-Burns lot is not a contributing structure to the district, its demolition and any new construction still require support from the Landmarks Commission because it lies within the historic district.

“I do believe the future is at stake here,” said Karen Blechman, a 12-year resident of the district.

The property owners presented their project to the commission in October, during which time the commissioners, who seemed generally supportive of the project, sent the proposed designs back to

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Gabrielle Harradine news@smdp.com

DON'T STEP INTO LIQUID: A former plan to restore the Grand Canal in Venice was funded in 2002, but the project fell to the wayside when an environmental group sued the California Coastal Commission for issuing the permit illegally.

Extreme makeover

Venice's Grand Canal may get a serious upgrade — or two

BY GABRIELLE HARRADINE
Special to the Daily Press

VENICE CANALS Another attempt is being made to restore the historic canal system that flows here between Washington Boulevard and Ballona Lagoon.

Los Angeles officials on Wednesday put forth their latest proposal to clean the waterway that dates back to Venice's formative years, with the goal of restoring the natural habitat of the canal's water and lands, and improving public access.

Two plans have been put forth, the first of which was recommended by PSOMAS, the consulting engineering firm that created the design, at the District 11 Westchester Field Office on Wednesday.

The differences between the two plans in dollars is about \$1.5 million. Both would build a bridge at Driftwood Street, thereby connecting to Gateway Park and

allowing easier access to both sides of the canal. Other shared aspects include defined walking paths with fencing to protect the habitat, interpretive signs to point out native species and adding a runoff-water treatment system.

The more expensive of the two plans includes an entire park — Hurricane Park — devoted to cleaning up the runoff water. The park would contain a constructed wetland area — with trails, seating and signs — that could also work to capture and treat the stormwater via a low

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Is there enough water for all?

Editor:

On page five of Friday's paper (Public Hearing Notice, Nov. 16) you have a notice of a plan for development on The Village Trailer Park site – about 250 apartments and condos, plus retail and studios.

I have one question: Where is the water coming from? We don't have enough water for the people now. How can Santa Monica and the rest of California allow new development without new water supplies? Please think about it.

Don't forget our supplies will be cut short from the north and the river water is also low because of development in the rest of the West.

Alan Rosenblum

Santa Monica

Carlos, Rita, Mohammed

Editor:

(Re: "God, please have a sense of humor," opinion, Dec. 4)

Regarding children naming their teddy bears "Mohammed": Did anyone ever think, perhaps, that little tikes were under the impression it was an honor to carry the name of Mohammed?

So name your favorite teddy bear Mohammed.

Shirley Stumley

Santa Monica

A letter on a letter

Editor:

(Re: "Letter writers should stay on point," Dec. 5)

(Eric Cooper) felt that Ron Lowe's letters did not address any issue printed in the paper, but are just "Bush bashing rants." Is Mr. Cooper now trying to dictate what and what should not be published on the opinion/commentary page? According to him, letters should only address articles printed in the paper. We're still a free country, with places to write one's opinion, last time I looked (in spite of the Bush administration).

As far as that goes, Mr. Cooper's own letter did not address any article I saw in any edition – it was also just a rant, to which he, like Mr. Lowe, is entitled.

Marilyn Brennan

Santa Monica

Driving woes

Editor:

(Re: "Fatal accidents on the rise," Dec. 7)

It's amusing and amazing, to say the least, that the police don't seem to realize or admit to a very good reason. 1) Where are they when young and old are making dangerous spur-of-the-moment U-turns in the middle of the street or anywhere else they wish? 2) Cutting in so closely – it's breathtaking, and not getting creamed by the grace of God! 3) Weaving in and out, going through stop signs, not giving an inch to anyone.

Civility and courtesy are dead and so, heaven help us, that we also are not dead! Oh, yes, I forgot – honking at me when I stop for a pedestrian!

Robin Massey

Santa Monica



Hey, Mikey

Michael J. Tittinger

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Be a man, channel your inner Kringle

Spoiler alert: This column calls into question the true identity of one Kris Kringle, aka Santa Claus.

FINDING JUST THE RIGHT WORD TO describe the feeling one gets watching excited children and patient parents line up on the Third Street Promenade Tuesday to hoist the little cherubs up and onto Santa's lap can be difficult donkeywork.

But I'll take a shot: Creepy.

The scene isn't solely disturbing because of the promenade hedge dinosaur heads seemingly engaging in battle just over the perch of Santa's makeshift headquarters, nor the 5-foot menorah planted in St. Nick's immediate sight line, though they surely add some non-sensical nuance to the mise en scène.

No, within the tent, cloaked in the crushed red velvet and furry white trim of Christianity, Father Christmas sits on his Teflon throne. No matter his vices, parents will undoubtedly run off the resident sugarplums and fill their offspring's minds with heroic tales of the jolly one who plants himself in the middle of a mall for 10 hours at a time, inviting scared little children everywhere to find respite on his chubby little leg.

It's surprising how many parents still urge their children to take a knee, given that the identity of the man donning the big red suit remains a mystery. Maybe that's half the fun. In light of all the recent abuse scandals, they probably wouldn't do the same with their neighborhood priest, a vocation which used to enjoy the complete trust of parents. But a rent-a-Santa at the mall? Sure, go for it, Billy.

It's the familiarity of Santa Claus from when we were kids, from when we raced to the Christmas tree in the morning to see what he left us, that makes everything OK, no matter that the dude in a rental suit from Robinson Beautilities is a down-on-his-luck actor or an obese slacker we might ignore the other 11 months of the year.

Ask yourself if the guy pulling the 10-hour shift in the mall without bathroom breaks is the type of guy you would normally thrust your child upon in the first place? That Christmas magic makes us do some funny things.

Two weeks ago, actor Peter Graves joined the Santa Monica College Chorale and First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir singers for their annual

holiday performance at the Wil-Mont church, interspersing readings that spoke to the true spirit of Christmas. One described how we are yearning to celebrate Christmas as we always did, keeping traditions we would discard at any other time of year, was our own inner child's attempt to hold onto that holiday magic we seem to write and sing and reminisce about like we were a bunch of lame-ass Longfellows.

Actually, our collective freezing of Santa in time is what makes him a pretty cool figure in today's politically correct, treat-everyone-with-kid-gloves, anal-retentive, afraid-to-say-anything off-color times. St. Nick is impervious to everything that changes around him, and therefore, is a man's man if ever there was one.

Look at the man we're putting up on a temporary cardboard pedestal — he smokes, he eats too much, he breaks into homes, he puts kids on his lap by the millions, he flies in restricted airspace, he defies sweatshop labor laws, he doesn't pay taxes, he surrounds himself with groupies (ahem, elves) and puts Don Imus to shame by talking 'bout "Hos" like they're on every street corner. Hold the eggnog and bring on the gin & juice.

Santa Claus basically thumbs his nose at every societal dictum, every governmental agency and every cultural taboo he can grasp with his frozen sausage fingers. He's outrageous and flamboyant and peacocks around the ladies in a bright red suit that takes some serious snowballs to pull off. His confidence is admirable and defiance downright rebellious. The guy is his own nation, his own post office ... his own man. In a sense, he is the epitome of the modern man — classic and unbending for anyone. Sure, he's got a wife to whom he's faithful, but he basically dresses her as he pleases and keeps her at home cooking and keeping house for him and his buddies. The guy should be pitching on a friggin' Old Spice commercial, for goodness sake.

"Political correctness? I'll stick that in my pipe and smoke it," he seemingly sneers, before letting out another raucous, uninhibited belly laugh. God love 'em!

No wonder mommy was making out with him when the kids were fast asleep.

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Give Bush a crown and call it a term

AS THE NEW YEAR APPROACHES AND we head for the home stretch of his administration, I've been trying to decide if George W. Bush is a bad guy. I've always believed that you can find something good about anyone if you look hard enough. If you judge him by how he treats his wife and his children, he scores well (he quit drinking for Laura and didn't get mad when Jenna called him from the set of the "Ellen" show). Since I don't know him like that, I have to judge him by how he treats me. That's where we run into problems. I don't insist that he respect me, I just hate that he treats me like I'm stupid. So he may not be a bad guy, he's just a really lousy president.

Last week's statements about Iran are the perfect example of why I say that.

As a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Iran has every right to civilian nuclear energy. For four years, the UN and the IAEA has been trying to get Iran to come clean about how much progress they've made; the idea being to find out whether or not Iran was working on developing a weapon. Luckily, the U.S. has its own intelligence professionals working to answer the same questions. The conclusion they came to in the National Intelligence Estimate was that Iran stopped working on a nuclear weapon in 2003.

In October, the president was asked if he believed Iran wants to build a nuclear weapon. Part of his response was, "yeah, I believe they want to have the capacity, the knowledge, in order to make a nuclear weapon ... I've told people that if you're interested in avoiding World War III, it seems like you ought to be interested in preventing them from having the knowledge necessary to make a nuclear weapon."

There are two big problems with this response. First, I saw a movie about nuclear holocaust called "The Day After" when I was in 6th grade and it scarred me for life. Second, under the NNPT, Iran has every right to the knowledge of nuclear power that President Bush is willing to threaten nuclear war to prevent it from acquiring.

Did the president know that the NIE had concluded Iran stopped its nuclear weapons program when he used the words "World War III"? His answer was, "I was made aware of the NIE last week. In August, I think it was Mike McConnell came in and

said we have some new information. He didn't tell me what the information was; he did tell me it was going to take a while to analyze ... it wasn't until last week that I was briefed on the NIE that is now public."

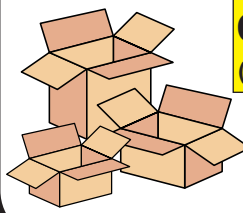
The president's official story is that the Director of National Intelligence mentioned in passing that he had new information on the nuclear threat posed by Iran (the last country standing in Michael Gerson's infamous "Axis of Evil"), but that he, the president, didn't ask any follow-up questions over the course of the next three months. Then, six months after it was finished, the Commander-in-Chief was finally briefed on the NIE right after Thanksgiving. I wouldn't believe this excuse if it came from my teenage nephew, yet the president expects me to believe what he says — as though I'm stupid.

It makes me wonder if we need to hear from him at all over the course of the next 12 months. What is there left for him to do? We know he's not pulling any troops out of Iraq, we know he's not putting any back into Afghanistan, we know he's not going to get personally involved in brokering an Israeli/Palestinian peace deal, and we know he's not signing any bills into law if it might help the Democrats. Essentially, we know he's not going to do any of the things we need a president and Commander-in-Chief to do.

So let's make him a deal. If he'll agree not to bomb Iran and just retire to Crawford, Texas, we agree to let him be king until the end of his term. It's what he really wants, anyway. We'll get him one of those Burger King heads with the crown and the "Three Musketeers" goatee, and he can wear it with his suit and tie or his pilot's jumpsuit or whatever. The people that love him will believe anything he says, and the ones who don't wouldn't believe him if he said water is wet; so it won't matter that the king doesn't speak. With Press Secretary Dana Perino as the prettiest mouthpiece to ever spin his lies, King W. can spend the next year doing what he does best: Serving up "Whoppers" with a big, fake smile.

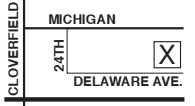
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Making a list ...

The year has seen some highs ('No Country For Old Men') and has seen some lows ('Fred Claus').

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

What was the most memorable film of the year. Be candid and just for fun throw in your pick for least memorable movie as well.

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Caffeine study could lead to new warning

BY SAMANTHA YOUNG | Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO A state advisory board on Monday called for a study to determine if sodas and energy drinks containing caffeine pose a risk to pregnant women.

The review could lead to warning labels on the drinks under Proposition 65, a 1986 ballot measure that requires the state to identify chemicals that could cause cancer or birth defects.

"If I were a pregnant woman or a woman thinking about being pregnant, I would want to know, should I be avoiding caffeine?" said Renee Sharp, a senior analyst with the Environmental Working Group, an environmental research organization that's based in Washington D.C. "It's a really important question, and I think people are looking for answers."

The advisory panel, the Science Advisory Board Developmental and Reproductive Toxicant Identification Committee, also requested an immediate review of Bisphenol-A, which could lead to warning labels on plastic baby bottles, water bottles and reusable food containers. The chemical Bisphenol-A has been shown to affect hormonal levels.

It was unclear Monday whether the state would follow the board's advice.

"This is a nonbinding regulation; however, we will give it heavy weight because this is panel of scientific experts," said Sam Delson, spokesman at the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment.

If the office agrees to conduct the reviews, it would hold public hearings and do a more extensive review of existing research over the next year, Delson said. The board would then decide whether to require warning labels on caffeine

and Bisphenol-A products similar to labels now used on potato chips and alcohol.

The board's 4-3 vote calling for the caffeine study was part of a two-year review of 286 chemicals that state officials said might warrant speedy review under proposition 65. Caffeine and Bisphenol-A were among eight chemicals selected for the board's consideration.

In arguing for the caffeine review, board member Hillary Klonoff-Cohen said dozens of scientific studies have linked the stimulant to miscarriages, premature births and low birth weight. The evidence is more prevalent in animal studies.

The label requirement would not cover coffee and tea, which have much higher caffeine levels, because the stimulant occurs naturally in those beverages. Proposition 65 only applies to chemicals that are added to foods or products.

The distinction drew criticism from the American Beverage Association, which said the coffee exemption would confuse consumers and unfairly penalize the soft drink industry.

"To provide a Proposition 65 warning on soft drinks would communicate to women that moderate amounts of caffeine is not safe," said Gary Roberts, a Los Angeles attorney representing the beverage association.

A University of Southern California study that was commissioned by the American Beverage Association concluded that warning labels on soft drinks led women to falsely believe there is more caffeine in soda than coffee.

The College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the March of Dimes, the Mayo Clinic and other health organizations have said that moderate amounts of caffeine — about two cups of coffee a day or seven soft drinks a day — are safe for pregnant women.

The solar system isn't symmetrical

BY ALICIA CHANG | AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES New observations from NASA's long-running Voyager 2 spacecraft show the solar system is asymmetrical, likely from disturbances in the interstellar magnetic field, scientists reported Monday.

The discovery came after the 30-year-old unmanned probe sailed near the edge of the solar system this past summer following its twin, Voyager 1, which reached that part of space in 2004.

Researchers have long suspected the solar system was bent, but never had direct evidence until now, said Voyager mission scientist Edward Stone of the California Institute of Technology.

Voyager 2 crossed a barrier in the solar system known as the termination shock in August, some 10 billion miles from the site where Voyager 1 passed through. The termination shock is the region where charged particles from the sun collide with other particles and a magnetic field in interstellar space and abruptly slow down.

Voyager 2 passed the termination shock five times and determined the boundary in the southern hemisphere was about a billion miles closer to the sun than the spot where Voyager 1 crossed in the northern hemisphere, Stone said at a meeting of the American Geophysical Union in San Francisco.

Scientists believe the unevenness is caused by the interstellar magnetic field that is pitched at an angle to the plane of the Milky Way.

"The magnetic field is disturbing an otherwise spherical surface," Stone said.

Although Voyager 2 was the second probe to zip past the termination shock, scientists were nonetheless excited about the milestone. Unlike its twin, Voyager 2 had a working instrument that made the first direct measurements of the speed and temperature of the solar wind.

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ALHAMBRA
Arson defendant denies setting three fires

A 26-year-old man has pleaded not guilty to three small arson fires in Alhambra, but investigators say he's been linked to more than a dozen other blazes in the San Gabriel Valley.

Marcin Swiacki was charged Monday with three arson counts and was jailed with bail set at \$150,000. He allegedly touched off blazes in trash bins, trash cans and vegetation.

Pasadena, South Pasadena and Alhambra arson investigators arrested Swiacki at his South Pasadena home on Friday.

Alhambra Fire Marshal John Kabala says Swiacki admitted setting at least 14 fires, including eight restroom blazes at Pasadena City College in 2003.

The three-year statute of limitation prevents prosecution for those blazes.

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RIVERSIDE
Ex-newspaper employee gets 16 months for threat

An ex-newspaper employee is going to prison for 16 months for threatening Riverside County District Attorney Rod Pacheco.

Chandler William Cardwell was upset with the district attorney's initiative to crack down on a Riverside gang. The 33-year-old Perris man's brother-in-law was a member of the gang.

Cardwell, who worked in the classified advertising department of The Press-Enterprise, placed an ad for a "Big Blowout, Going Out of Business" yard sale with proceeds to benefit the "Rod Pacheco memorial fund." It listed the district attorney's home address and phone number.

Cardwell pleaded guilty last month to making a criminal threat and he was sentenced Monday.

AP

TORRANCE
Coach banned from school for allegedly tying up girls

A West High School coach arrested for allegedly handcuffing and tying up teen girls at his home and on campus has been banned from the school.

Michael Anthony Smith was arrested last week for allegedly tying up four 13- to 17-year-old girls on separate occasions during the past 18 months. There was no indication sex acts occurred.

Torrance police Detective Dave Crespino says the 51-year-old Smith put tape over the girls' mouths, taped up their hands and feet and handcuffed them.

Smith, described as a walk-on coach at West High, was released on \$50,000 bail after he was booked into jail Friday for investigation of false imprisonment, annoying children and sexual battery.

School district officials barred him from returning to the campus.

AP

LOS ANGELES
LAPD says parolee admits killing, dismembering man

A parolee living in a group home has been arrested on suspicion of stabbing a man to death, dismembering his body and dumping it in two trash bins.

Los Angeles police said Frank Ruiz was booked for investigation of killing the 47-year-old man.

Deputy Chief Ken Garner said there were "signs of some kind of butchery" when they searched an east Hollywood group home for mentally ill adults and parolees. A maid called police after seeing blood and signs of a struggle in Ruiz's room.

Garner says Ruiz, who was arrested Sunday, admitted stabbing the victim in the throat and cutting up the body to try to hide the crime.

AP

VANDERBERG AIR FORCE BASE
Closure of Point Sal State Beach angers hikers

Hikers and outdoor enthusiasts are angry over the military's yearlong closure of the road leading to Point Sal State Beach.

Vandenberg Air Force Base shut down Point Sal Road, the only public road leading to the beach, because of security concerns.

Since January, at least 15 hikers trying to reach the beach have been cited for trespassing on the base.

County-owned Point Sal Road crosses the northernmost tip of Vandenberg, an area dotted with underground missile silos.

Vandenberg didn't inform Santa Barbara County, the state parks department or the California Coastal Commission of its decision to close the road for months.

AP

SANTA BARBARA
Montecito motorist pleads in hit-and-run death of psychiatrist

A Montecito woman has pleaded no contest to the hit-and-run death of a psychiatrist.

Heather Lea Hulsey entered the plea Monday to manslaughter without gross negligence while driving under the influence of alcohol.

The 21-year-old woman also pleaded no contest to a special allegation of fleeing the scene.

Seventy-one-year-old Dr. Ronald Shlensky was walking his dog in July 2006 when he was struck by Hulsey's vehicle. The California Highway Patrol says the woman was reaching for her cell phone, which had dropped to the floor.

Santa Barbara County Deputy District Attorney Arnis Tolks says Hulsey could face up to nine years in prison when she's sentenced Feb. 11.

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Facing an uncertain future

Films could stutter and stammer if strike lingers for months

BY DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES Indiana Jones, Capt. James T. Kirk and other movie heroes may have to toss off more ad-libbed wisecracks next year. By 2009, they could be positively tongue-tied if a strike by Hollywood writers drags on for months.

Unlike television, which felt an immediate impact as some programs shut down when writers halted work in November, big-screen movies have a longer lead time and can ride out the strike with scripts already in hand, at least for now.

Talks between the guild and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers broke down bitterly last week, diminishing any hope that a quick resolution would limit the impact on movie production to small ripples.

Shooting on a few big films — among them Johnny Depp's drama "Shantaram" and Tom Hanks and Ron Howard's "Angels & Demons," a prequel to "The Da Vinci Code" — has been postponed, with studio executives deciding it was wiser to wait than risk a script impasse without a writer on set to polish up a scene.

Other films due out in 2008 largely have forged ahead as planned, producers taking extra pains as the strike deadline approached to have screenplays as close to letter-perfect as possible, so filming could proceed in the writer's absence.

"I just thank God that I'm not involved with anything in production, because it would be agony to have to stand there and know you could fix something and not fix it," said Akiva Goldsman, who wrote "The Da Vinci Code" and "Angels & Demons" screenplays and won an Academy Award for the script of Howard's "A Beautiful Mind."

"But that's what a lot of my brothers and sisters are doing right now. That's tough, because you spend years getting to a movie, and it's like, melodramatically, it's like watching someone you love wander out into traffic."

The key issue for writers, who say they have been shortchanged on DVD revenues, is compensation for programming on the Internet and other new distribution forms. If the strike lingers as long as the one in 1988, when writers walked off the job for five months, it could cause chaos for filming schedules, desperately needed reshoots for scenes that don't work and planning for films further down the road.

"For 2008, the studios are all fine. If anything, they've had too much product in release, so even if they're down a few projects as 2008 unfolds, they'll give themselves a little more breathing room at the box office," said Anne Thompson, deputy editor of Hollywood trade paper

Variety. "It's 2009 that starts becoming the issue, especially big tentpole projects."

Studios might be left dusting off scripts that have languished on the shelves for years to keep the production pipeline flowing, and the quality of the finished product would inevitably suffer.

"I would expect that as last time, you will see some forgettable movies coming to theaters," said Kim Masters, an entertainment correspondent for National Public Radio. "I can't see how studio executives can feel really comfortable going forward with a script where rewrites may be needed, as they so often are."

Steven Spielberg's "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull," reuniting him with Harrison Ford and producer George Lucas for next summer's blockbuster sequel, has finished shooting, so presumably it won't be affected.

Yet even filmmakers of Spielberg and Lucas' caliber may want the luxury of last-minute reshoots to improve something that does not work in the editing room. If they needed to bring the cast back to reshoot something, they would be stuck with the words in the screenplay or letting the actors improvise.

In normal times, writers work with actors, directors and others to continually tweak dialogue and action.

"You want the original writer doing that," said Barry Josephson, producer of the current hit "Enchanted." "That voice is what compelled you to move forward with the project,

that voice is what brought the director to the movie and the stars. So you want that writer."

Ad-libbing on set is common in Hollywood, particularly in comedy. But directors, especially those who are Writers Guild members, have to be very careful to avoid any coaching of actors that could be characterized as writing.

Hundreds of screenwriters, including directors such as Judd Apatow ("Knocked Up") and Bill Condon ("Dreamgirls"), have attached their names to a pledge on the Writers Guild Web site in which they vow to not write a single word "until all writers get a fair and reasonable deal."

The second name on that alphabetical list is J.J. Abrams, creator of "Lost" and the director of the new "Star Trek" flick, with a fresh cast playing Kirk, Spock and the other characters from the original 1960s sci-fi series.

Due out on Christmas Day, the "Trek" film began shooting in November and continues through March, without the on-set assistance of screenwriters Alex Kurtzman and Robert Orci.

Abrams is no slouch at writing himself, yet his hands are tied if he runs across something that sounded good on the page but not in front of the camera.

"J.J. Abrams, how does he not write?" Masters said. "I don't understand how a WGA writer can turn off the writing part of his brain. You've got people wedged between not wanting to have their work turn out bad and not wanting to undermine their cause."




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Liquidity is coming back

IF YOU HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO THE news the last few weeks you must have heard about the lack of liquidity in the marketplace and the current credit crunch. Many economists use these terms, but does the average person know what they really mean? I will try to shed some light on these abstract terms.

Liquidity is defined as the ability to convert assets to cash quickly. Real estate, excluding the last five years in Southern California, is an illiquid asset, meaning it takes time to convert into cash — and for good reason. Real estate involves two or more parties, has legal consequences and involves a great deal of cash.

Some of the wealthiest Americans have high net worth in the billions, but what they usually do not have is easy access to billions of dollars in liquidity. A person's net worth is determined by adding all of their assets together and subtracting their liabilities — usually debt. The lower the total value of lia-



Real Estate 101

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bilities and the higher the value of assets, the higher the individual's net worth. However, net worth is paper wealth. With changing markets come changing asset values. For example, if a real estate investor owns 10 properties, each worth \$1 million with \$500,000 of loans on each property, the investor's net worth would be \$5 million. However, if the same investor's property values dropped by 25 percent, or \$250,000 a property, the investor's net worth would drop to \$2.5 million.

The concern with liquidity in the real estate market has to do with availability. If real estate owners cannot convert assets into liquidity, they have to borrow or have credit

extended to them. Most individuals who invest in real estate attain some sort of financing, meaning some part of the purchase price is borrowed. Financing usually involves a loan, which is to be paid back at a specific rate, over a specific time, with other terms and restrictions. One of the reasons this country has grown and become prosperous is because of financing. Borrowed money has been used for productive causes such as the construction of new schools, libraries, etc. A win/win situation is provided with financing — a borrower attains money for a cause which can be paid back over time, while the lender achieves a return on the lent monies.

The main cause of the credit crunch is due to subprime loans. These were loans given to people who would not be able to pay the loans back once the rates adjusted. As a result, banks make it harder for borrowers to get loans, which prices potential real estate buyers out of the market. The effect of the

subprime mess leaves borrowers who cannot refinance their home (due to a reduction in value) forced to pay a higher payment (due to an interest rate adjustment increase) or have their home go into foreclosure. On the other hand, a person who can afford the new higher adjustable rate has capital going toward the payment, which restricts their ability to spend that money on other items. Capital needs to be directed back into the economy or the economy does not grow.

The availability of credit seems unimportant until the larger picture is viewed. With time, the credit crunch will pass and liquidity will return to the market place. Hopefully lessons will be learned and lenders and borrowers will be more prudent moving forward.

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Stock prices plummet after Federal Reserve cuts interest rates

BY JOE BEL BRUNO | AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Wall Street plunged Tuesday after the Federal Reserve lowered interest rates by a quarter point, disappointing investors who hoped the central bank would move more aggressively to help the economy overcome the credit and mortgage crisis. The Dow Jones industrial average skidded more than 290 points.

Investors had been expecting policymakers would lower rates for a third straight time, though there was debate over the size of the cut. Most economists anticipated a quarter-point reduction in the benchmark federal funds rate to 4.25 percent, but some investors were hoping for a half-point cut from the Fed's final meeting this year and their disappointment took the market sharply lower.

Wall Street had barreled higher the past two weeks, pro-

pellling the Dow up 640 points partly on rising optimism that the Fed would do all it could to prevent the economy from slipping into recession. While the Fed indicated Tuesday it was doing exactly that, the market's expectations had run well ahead of the central bank's view of the economy and what it needed.

The Fed also lowered its discount rate, the interest it charges banks for loans, by a quarter point to 4.75 percent.

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PRESSING PALMS: Presidential candidate Rudy Giuliani stopped into the popular eatery The Counter to meet with potential voters Tuesday afternoon. He spoke about his future plans and his abilities to put the country back on track if he's elected.



Counter-attack with fries

Presidential hopeful Giuliani gets his burger on at popular eatery

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK The Counter on Ocean Park Boulevard is typically packed during the lunch hour rush, but on Tuesday, the popular burger joint was even more crowded than normal as diners were treated to a short visit from former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and a dozen or more of his supporters.

Giuliani, 63, came for some burgers

and fries and to shake hands with voters, continuing his efforts to shore up support in California, which his campaign believes is crucial to his chances of winning the Republican nomination.

It was Giuliani's 12th trip to California during this campaign season, where the most recent poll, conducted Nov. 30-Dec. 2 by SurveyUSA, gave him a 32 percent-18 percent lead over Arizona Sen. John McCain.

Former Mass. Gov. Mitt Romney and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee each had 14 percent, followed by former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson with 13 percent.

Still, Giuliani is trailing in polls in Iowa and New Hampshire, the first two states to select the national convention delegates who

will determine the party nominee, and is in a statistical dead heat in South Carolina, the first southern state to hold a primary.

Nationally, Giuliani is in a dead heat with Huckabee, according to a New York Times/CBS News poll released Tuesday.

The Giuliani campaign has long pinned its strategy on winning in the large states that will hold their primaries on Feb. 5, including California.

"Mayor Giuliani has shown a commitment to campaigning in California that no other Republican has shown," said Jarrod Agen, a Giuliani regional communications director. "Rudy has maintained consistent and solid support from Republicans throughout California and we are well organized to win in the state."

Some questioned why Giuliani would pick a restaurant like The Counter and a city like Santa Monica to have a meet-and-greet, given that the city is known for being fairly liberal with an overwhelming number of registered Democrats.

One fan of the former mayor said he did not want to be interviewed by the press "because there are a lot of liberals out here and I don't want my name in the paper."

Giuliani's supporters said he is a moderate Republican who appeals to many different segments of the population.

"I think it's a good move," said Dianne Lenning, former chair of the Republican Education Caucus, who drove up from her home in Orange County to get her picture taken with the candidate. "It's important to reach out to people from both the major parties so that we can work together as one country and that is what Rudy plans to do."

Employees at The Counter said the Giuliani camp called the restaurant and asked to come and visit.

While his supporters were all smiles, customers at The Counter didn't seem thrilled with the throng of reporters and Giuliani followers that made their way into the cramped restaurant.

"This is ridiculous," said one man who came in for lunch. "This place is crowded enough already."

Another woman could be overheard contemplating whether she should stay or go.

"The burgers are so yummy, but this is just too long of a wait," she said.

Giuliani spent most of the 15 minutes at

The Counter shaking hands, hugging supporters and signing autographs. He thanked volunteers for working on his campaign and took a few questions from reporters, most focusing on what Giuliani would do differently than President Bush if elected.

Giuliani's two-day trip to California began yesterday with a stop in San Francisco, where he told reporters that "the most important thing we could do is reinforce the dollar" and "build the economy," adding that he would cut the corporate income tax rate from 35 percent to 25 percent.

"That would leave money in your pocket, ultimately," Giuliani said. "What it would do is bring more jobs to the United States, it would keep more jobs in the United States. It would reverse the flow of outsourcing."

Giuliani volunteer Elise Cooper, of Glendale, said he was a Democrat who voted for former Vice President Al Gore, but since 9/11, has changed her political position, favoring Giuliani for his stance on national defense. Cooper also likes his stance on social issues.

"He's a moderate on social issues, so why wouldn't he come to Santa Monica?" Copper asked. "He's one of the few candidates who can actually think. He's intelligent."

He also likes burgers. As he walked out of the front door of The Counter smiling and waving, a security guard was seen running out the side door with two large paper bags in each hand filled with food.

Apparently, when you run for president, eating on the run comes with the territory. The question remains, can Giuliani make California and the Westside his territory?

Giuliani marks the sixth presidential candidate in Southern California over the past three days, and the first Republican.

On Monday, Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton, Barack Obama and Christopher Dodd conducted fundraisers, while New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson gave the keynote speech at the GreenXchange Global marketplace Conference in Century City and conducted a fundraiser.

On Sunday, Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, concluded a two-day campaign swing through the Los Angeles area Sunday by attending fundraisers in Mount Washington and Santa Monica and the Peace Expo at the Los Angeles Baha'i Center in Baldwin Hills.

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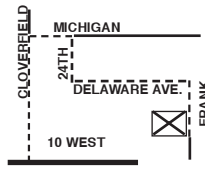
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Commission puts vote on hold

FROM TREES PAGE 1

landmark application process. Meanwhile, construction for the \$8.2 million streetscape improvement project — of which the tree removal is a part — kicked off in October. The temporary hold-up could have a detrimental financial impact on the downtown project, according to Assistant City Manager Gordon Anderson who requested the commission take up the designation that night.

"It's not (up to) this commission to make an economic decision, but our reason does land squarely on economic reasons," Anderson said at the meeting.

But the Treesavers maintain that pushing the issue off until January should have no effect on the financing of the project because construction halts in the Downtown district anyway during the holidays in order to accommodate the merchants.

Several of the commissioners supported postponing action once they learned from the Treesavers of a possible culturally significant fact attached to the planting of the ficus trees. Susan Hartley, one of the founders of the activist group, mentioned a woman by the name of Jacqueline Girion, who formed a women's committee to work with the Chamber of Commerce and the City Council during the 1960s to beautify the Downtown area

by planting trees.

"This was the embarkment of the environmental era and I think Santa Monica likes to tout itself as the environmental Mecca," Hartley told the commissioners. "We have the beginnings of the environmental movement and we have women coming and leading that movement."

**BECAUSE THIS ISSUE IS
UNPRECEDENTED MEANS
(THE COMMISSION) SHOULD GIVE
THE ISSUE MORE TIME."**

Sal Greenberger
Treesaver

The Treesavers argued that while city staff and consultants have historical resources at their disposal in compiling their reports, the environmentalists lack that same accessibility and should be granted more time to conduct their research. They added that the Historical Society archives are not available because of their impending move to the Santa Monica Public Library and

an independent arborist the group contracted is currently suffering from a serious illness, keeping his services on hold.

While the majority of people who spoke at the meeting did so in favor of the trees, at least one person seemed to shock the largely Treesaver-friendly audience when he steered his comments in the other direction.

Bradley Cooper came to the meeting for an unrelated item and said he didn't intend to speak on the trees, unaware of the issue until he saw a newspaper article about the controversy at a car wash.

Some members of the audience appeared under the impression that Cooper was speaking in favor of the trees, gasping when Cooper went on to say that the trees were overgrown and filthy.

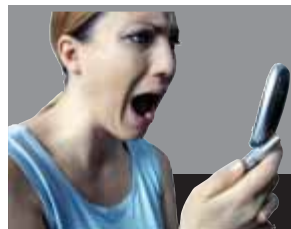
"I imagine the majority of residents in the city would look at something like this and wonder why (the Treesavers are spending) so much time and so much effort on something that's probably not worth it," Cooper said.

The commission is expected to hear the matter at its meeting on Jan. 14.

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Decision upsets neighbors

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the couple, asking revisions be made in order for the new home to fit in better with the historic district.

Gorman and Burns came back to the commission with a new design that included the removal of a stair tower that some commissioners found problematic, and a reduction in floor area by 235 square feet. The home was designed to borrow architectural elements from some of the historic homes in the district, which includes turn-of-the-century bungalows, beach cottages and Victorians.

Tony Haig, who owns a Victorian house under construction around the corner on Beach Street, presented a photo slide show of historic homes in the district, attempting to make the case that the proposed project is a departure from the contributing structures and does not necessarily incorporate their architectural features. The slide show included photos of the newer apartment buildings in the district constructed in the past 40 years, arguing that the proposed project is more aligned with the modernist and boxy feel of those buildings.

While some residents agreed the design



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BUILDING UP: The Landmarks Commission approved Monday of a couple's plans to demolish this existing one-story duplex at 2642 Second St., in Ocean Park, to allow them to construct a new home that some opposing neighbors have called 'modernist.'

of the proposed house is beautiful, they said it doesn't belong in the historic district.

The timing of the Gorman-Burns project coincides with a much more controversial proposal just up the block on Third

Street, where resident Mark Woollen is planning to move his house forward, bringing it in line with the setback of the adjacent homes in order to make more room in the back for an addition to an

existing building. Neighbors have spoken out against the project, arguing against the scale of the back addition to an existing non-contributing structure where the homeowner currently resides. The front bungalow is uninhabitable because it doesn't have a kitchen or a bathroom. The project includes the planting of ginkgo biloba and evergreen trees in the backyard, essentially shielding the back home from street view, Woollen's architect, Michael Polonis, has stated in the past.

The owners of the Second Street house said they made a good faith effort to include the neighbors in the project, soliciting their input and incorporating those concerns into the revisions.

"I guess you can't please everyone, but then, we don't expect to," Burns said at the meeting.

The commission approved the project with a contingency — the color of the house should be changed from bright white to a softer color.

"I just think this is something that will work very well in this community," said Commissioner John Berley.

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Venice canals may get upgrade

FROM VENICE PAGE 3

flow bioswale.

Residents who attended the meeting voiced support for the restoration plans, however many seemed worried about the proposed idea to eliminate parking on Strongs Drive. Additionally, a peninsula resident wasn't too happy about the plan to make it a one-way street. In actuality, the plan actually creates more parking spaces than it eliminates, although the new spots on Via Dolce may be little consolation for those who want to park closer to the beach.

Another concern voiced was the effect the proposed project might have on the other canals.

"I'm concerned that (the report) is not looking at how it's affecting the canals north of Washington," said Darryl DuFay, a resident of the canals. DuFay would like to see the project improve the water quality of all of the canals, not just the Grand Canal.

The major factor of the water quality problem in the

Venice canals has to do with the tidal gates and how they work. Currently, the tidal gates are being opened and closed by two different groups, which makes it difficult to coordinate tidal flushing. Without enough water movement — old water out and new water in — the marine biosystem becomes a safe haven for bacteria. A solution of computerizing the gates was mentioned, but only time will tell if all the parties involved will agree to this.

The project has yet to obtain any permits and has no city funding, although a similar plan for the Grand Canal was funded in 2002. That project fell to the wayside when an environmental group showed up just as the water bypass lines were laid and sued the California Coastal Commission for issuing the permit illegally.

This time around, restorers worked hard to avoid environmental issues that might lead to the same disaster, said Susan Shu, the consultant team's project manager.

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'Into the Wild' a critics' favorite

Awards ceremony to take place at the Civic in January

By the Associated Press

SANTA MONICA Sean Penn's "Into the Wild" received a leading seven nominations for the Critics' Choice Awards, announced Tuesday by the Broadcast Film Critics Association.

"Juno" got six nominations, while "Atonement," "Michael Clayton," "No Country for Old Men," "Sweeney Todd" and "Hairspray" tied with five each.

The 13th annual awards will be staged at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium and presented during a live VH1 broadcast Jan. 7, with D.L. Hughley as host.

The Broadcast Film Critics Association is the largest film critics' organization, comprising more than 200 North American members representing TV, radio and online critics.

The complete list of nominees:
Picture: "American Gangster," "Atonement," "The

Diving Bell and the Butterfly," "Into the Wild," "Juno," "The Kite Runner," "Michael Clayton," "No Country for Old Men," "Sweeney Todd," "There Will Be Blood."

Actor: George Clooney, "Michael Clayton"; Daniel Day-Lewis, "There Will Be Blood"; Johnny Depp, "Sweeney Todd"; Ryan Gosling, "Lars and the Real Girl"; Emile Hirsch, "Into the Wild"; Viggo Mortensen, "Eastern Promises."

Actress: Amy Adams, "Enchanted"; Cate Blanchett, "Elizabeth: The Golden Age"; Julie Christie, "Away From Her"; Marion Cotillard, "La Vie en Rose"; Angelina Jolie, "A Mighty Heart"; Ellen Page, "Juno."

Supporting Actor: Casey Affleck, "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford"; Javier Bardem, "No Country for Old Men"; Philip Seymour Hoffman, "Charlie Wilson's War"; Hal Holbrook, "Into the Wild"; Tom Wilkinson, "Michael Clayton."

Supporting Actress: Cate Blanchett, "I'm Not There"; Catherine Keener, "Into the Wild"; Vanessa Redgrave, "Atonement"; Amy Ryan, "Gone Baby Gone"; Tilda Swinton, "Michael Clayton."

Acting Ensemble: "Hairspray," "Juno," "No Country for Old Men," "Sweeney Todd," "Gone Baby Gone."

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SWELL FORECAST (2-2 FT)
Today will likely be flat at times as very little swell will be in the water. West facing breaks will fair best with waist high waves now and again. NNE winds could still be an issue in some spots. The tide will be very high midmorning, which could shut things down further.

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Number of sewage spills -- 1
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Number of wet days -- 4
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 19
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 10 / 14

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth (beacarrillo)	A+	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	A+	Will Rogers State Beach at Palms Canyon storm drain	A	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Las Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A	A+
Escalante Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauque)	F	F
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	F	D
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	C
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	D
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Pica/Kewler storm drain	C	F
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurant)	A+	F
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A	A+	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	C
Selkirk Canyon at San Blasco County Beach	A+	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rite Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	F	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24672 Malibu Rd.	A	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	F	ns
Sunbider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	A+	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	C
Sunbider Beach (beach location) - daily	A	F	Venice Beach- projection of Tapered St.	A+	C
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	A	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	F
Carlin Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Duckweiler State Beach at Bellona Creek mouth	A	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zone)	A+	ns	Duckweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 18948 PCH stairs	F	A+	North Westchester Storm Drain at Duckweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pine Creek at Las Flores County Beach	A+	ns	Duckweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	A	A+	Duckweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	A+	Duckweiler Beach- opposite Hypocrite Treatment Plant	A+	A+
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	F	Duckweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	C			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A+			

LEGEND
DRY -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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NFL
Raiders brought back to reality

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA Back-to-back wins against division rivals generated talk that the Oakland Raiders had turned things around under first-year coach Lane Kiffin. A blowout loss in the cold of Green Bay quickly put that talk on hold, forcing the Raiders to regroup for a difficult season-ending three-game stretch. "It's frustrating because we had come off two games, and we were riding high, and the team was feeling good," quarterback Josh McCown said Monday. "To have that happen the way it did was a bummer. So we have to get retooled and get back going." The Raiders (4-9) had beaten Kansas City and Denver the previous two weeks, ending a 17-game losing streak against AFC West foes and putting together their best back-to-back games in years. Then came the 38-7 loss in Green Bay, Oakland's most lopsided loss in three years and the first game this season that the Raiders had no chance to win in the fourth quarter. Even during a six-game losing streak earlier this season, Oakland was almost always competitive. Their largest margin of defeat during that stretch was a 28-14 loss at San Diego. But even in that game, Oakland was

down only seven points late in the fourth quarter. Against the Packers, the Raiders fell behind 31-7 in the third quarter and never threatened after that. "Most teams around the league have one or two of those, and unfortunately we had one," Kiffin said. "Now we have to deal with it. The whole key is going to be for it not to beat us next week." It doesn't figure to get much easier in the final three weeks of the season for the Raiders (4-9), who finish the year with three probable AFC playoff teams. Oakland hosts Indianapolis (11-2) on Sunday, before traveling to Jacksonville (9-4) and hosting San Diego (8-5). To have any chance against those three AFC powerhouses, Oakland will have to do much better than it did against Green Bay. The Raiders committed nine penalties for 62 yards, had three turnovers, managed only 10 first downs and had their second worst offensive output of the season with 233 total yards. "It was just the situations that we put ourselves in during the game with penalties and things like that setting ourselves back," running back Justin Fargas said. "We couldn't get in a rhythm where we could consistently stick to running the ball."

NCAA FOOTBALL
Heisman winner Tebow named an All-American

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK When it comes to being an All-American, Darren McFadden doesn't have to settle for second. The Arkansas running back and two-time Heisman Trophy runner-up was one of four players voted to The Associated Press All-American team for the second consecutive season. Michigan offensive tackle Jake Long, LSU defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey and Ohio State linebacker James Laurinaitis were the other two-time first-team AP All-Americans on the team released Tuesday. Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow joins McFadden in the backfield along with Central Florida's Kevin Smith, who leads the nation with 2,448 yards and 30 touchdowns. Smith is the first All-American from UCF, which began playing major college football in 1996. Missouri quarterback Chase Daniel, who finished fourth in the Heisman voting, was voted to the second team. Hawaii's Colt Brennan, third in the Heisman voting, was the third-team quarterback. McFadden set school records with 1,725 yards rushing and 2,172 all-purpose yards, breaking the marks he set last year. He scored 16 touchdowns and threw four TD passes, working as a quarterback out of Arkansas' shotgun Wild Hog formation. The junior has said he'll decide whether

to return to school for his senior season after the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 1 against Daniel and Missouri, though he may have given a hint as to which was he was leaning after the Heisman ceremony when he said, "I think my quarterbacking days are about to come to a halt." Kansas State receiver Jordy Nelson went from walk-on to All-American. Nelson didn't get a scholarship after playing at Riley County High School, 20 miles from Kansas State's Manhattan campus. He redshirted in 2003 and was a defensive back in 2004, again not seeing any game time. He moved to receiver in 2005 and started all 11 games, catching 45 passes for 669 yards. In 2006, he battled injuries and caught 39 passes for 547 yards. This season, Nelson became a star. He ranked second in the country in both receptions (122) and receiving yards (1,606) behind fellow All-American Michael Crabtree of Texas Tech. "I couldn't envision this going into my senior year," Nelson said. "Week after week the numbers kept coming. I have to give a lot of credit to the coaches." "It surprises me what's happened." Crabtree set NCAA freshman records with 125 receptions for 1,861 yards and 21 touchdowns. Fellow redshirt freshmen Jeremy Maclin from Missouri (all-purpose player) and Arizona State kicker Thomas Weber also made the first team.

Big trouble

Brosnan being sued by photog for an alleged scuffle in Malibu

PIERCE BROSNAN is being sued for assault, battery and negligence by a photographer who claims the actor shoved him during a scuffle in a Malibu parking lot. Robert Rosen said he

was taking photos of Brosnan on Oct. 26 when "suddenly and without warning," the 54-year-old actor struck him in the chest, causing "severe physical and emotional pain and

injuries, including bruised ribs." Calls to Brosnan's attorney weren't immediately returned Tuesday. The lawsuit, filed Monday in Los Angeles Superior Court, claims

Rosen wasn't chasing the ex-James Bond and former "Remington Steele" star and didn't invade his privacy. It also claimed the attack was "designed to inflict pain and injury."

The freelance photographer is suing for unspecified general and punitive damages, the cost of medical and psychological treatment, and lost earnings.

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WELLES' SCRIPT SOLD

ORSON WELLES' personal working script of "Citizen Kane" sold for almost \$100,000 Tuesday, but his Oscar for the 1941 film was withdrawn after bidding failed to rise above the seller's minimum price. Sotheby's auction house said it immediately received inquiries about the Oscar and may consider selling it privately. The Academy Award for best screenplay had been estimated to fetch \$800,000 to \$1.2 million. The Oscar for "Citizen Kane," considered one of the greatest movies of all time, was believed to have been lost by Welles himself. It resurfaced in 1994.

AP

A lock of **JOHN LENNON'S** hair is being put up for sale. Lennon gave Betty Glasow, the Beatles' hairdresser, the lock of hair in a copy of his book "A Spaniard in the Works." In the dedication he wrote, "To Betty, Lots of Love and Hair, John Lennon." On Wednesday, fans will have the chance to bid on the hair and other autographed photos and Beatles memorabilia when they go up for auction in Worthing, in southern England. The book – with the hair still inside – could fetch as much as \$6,200, said Nick Muston, director of Gorringes auction house. Glasow, who kept the



JOHN LENNON

Beatles' moptops trimmed on the set of the films "A Hard Day's Night" and "Help!" decided to sell the items

because she wanted fans to have them, Muston said. "She feels that rather than these things being stuck in a drawer with nobody enjoying them, real enthusiasts (could) get their hands on these things," Muston said. Other items in the sale include signed photographs of the Beatles dedicated to Glasow, including one where George Harrison signed the photo George

"Dandruff" Harrison. Another lot includes a program, ticket and screw from one of the seats at a 1965 Beatles Christmas Concert at Hammersmith Apollo in London, where fans ripped out seats so they could dance in the aisles. Glasow has also worked with a number of actors. Her collection includes a photo album of signed photos and personal messages from Michael Caine, from "Educating Rita"; Peter Ustinov, from "Death on the Nile"; Steve McQueen, from "The War Lover"; Harrison Ford, from "Patriot Games"; and the cast of the Harry Potter films.

AP

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Lars and the Real Girl (PG-13)
2:10, 4:50, 7:25, 10:00
The Perfect Holiday (PG)
1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:45
Revolver (NR)
1:55, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15

AMC 7 SANTA MONICA
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American Gangster (R)
2:00, 6:00, 9:30
Beowulf: Digital 3D (PG-13)
1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 9:50
Enchanted (PG)
1:05, 2:20, 3:40, 5:00, 6:20, 7:40, 9:05, 10:05
The Golden Compass (PG-13)
1:00, 1:30, 3:35, 4:15, 6:15, 7:00, 9:00, 9:45
Hitman (R)
2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00

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Before the Devil Knows You're Dead (R)
1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
I'm Not There (R)
1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:15
No Country for Old Men (R)
1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
The Savages (R)
1:40, 4:30, 7:25, 10:10

MANN'S CRITERION
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Across the Universe (PG-13)
10:00
August Rush (PG)
11:30am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 10:10
Awake (PG)
12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:20, 9:50
Bee Movie (PG)
1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30
Lions for Lambs (R)
7:00, 9:40
Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium (G)
12:00, 2:30, 4:40
Strength and Honor (R)
12:10, 2:40, 5:30, 7:50, 10:30
This Christmas (PG-13)
11:40am, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★ Dynamic ★★★★★ Positive ★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult

Happy Birthday!

You might try something very different or offbeat this year. As a result, as you are the one behind this action or idea, you will also have to carry it to the finish line. If you are single, you will meet a very charming person but will he or she be free? If you are attached, take off for special times alone as a couple. Your bond grows with this nurturing. Be careful when dealing with finances. CAPRICORN encourages you to spend.



Born Today

Singer Dionne Warwick (1940)
Host Bob Barker (1923)
Tennis player Tracy Austin (1962)

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Add in more joy, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Make a statement and trust yourself. Though you might not get an immediate response or might need to revisit this present mind-set again, don't worry. Someone finds your style very appealing, be it professional or personal. Tonight: A must show.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Sometimes you might not think through decisions. Trust what you know, but at the same time give yourself the opportunity to check in and hear other opinions. Don't tame your creativity. Tonight: Anything different or exciting.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You might want to defer to a key person or associate in your life. Though you understand this person, your trust and nurturing style will enhance the bonds that link you together. Sometimes you might not be as direct as necessary. Tonight: Happy at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Others offer a lot, though you might want to try something very different. Investigate a feeling or phone call with care. You might not intend to, but you could make someone feel unsure or insecure. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Emphasize your daily life, habits and routine. If you're wanting to revitalize a part of your life, it could happen faster than you think. Tonight: Add in more joy or a touch of something you love.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might want to rethink your choices with an eye to better communication. You might feel as if you are making inroads, but expect to repeat what you have begun. A fun exchange only adds to the merriment of the day. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You have an impact in a manner you thought was impossible. Sometimes you don't give yourself enough credit, especially lately. Kiss negativity goodbye and smile as you bring in happiness. Anything is possible. Tonight: In your favorite chair.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You are far more driven than you realize. You also might be under-estimating your impact on the many people who surround you. Instantaneously, you make people relax or freeze up with a look. Tonight: Don't abuse your powers!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ If you are listening well, you will discover that someone might be trying to compliment you, even with a stern expression. Keep that thought in mind, and you will be very happy in how you deal with this situation. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Finally, you are nearly in touch with what you have wanted for a long time. An important connection, source or friend will help you realize a key goal, though you might have to discuss this issue again with this person. Tonight: Weaving in and out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Sometimes we all make strong decisions, for better or worse. How you deal with someone could change as you gain more insight into this friend. Someone really likes what you do, even if this person doesn't say it to you. Tonight: In a whirlwind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You are playful and direct. Others get a strong sense of who you are on many levels. Listen to your inner voice, and you'll get the results you desire. You have a lot to be happy about. Give up a need to control. Tonight: Look to the high road.

Janric Classic Sudoku

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

Difficulty
GOLD

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

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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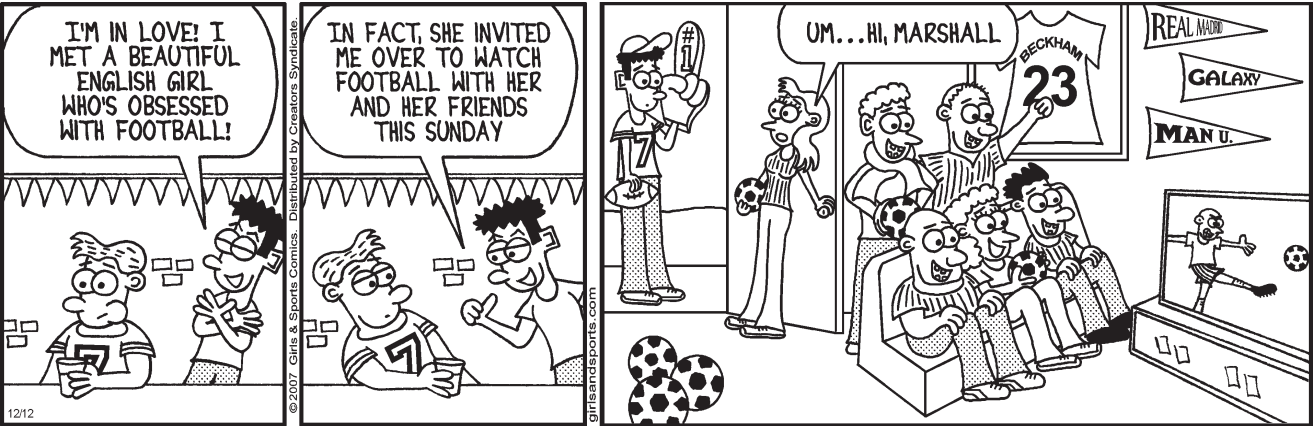


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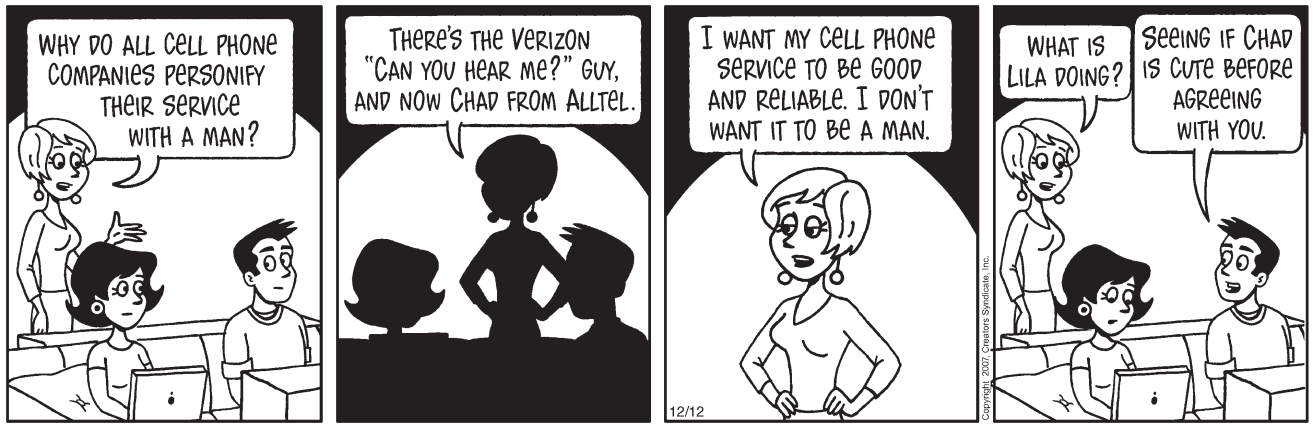
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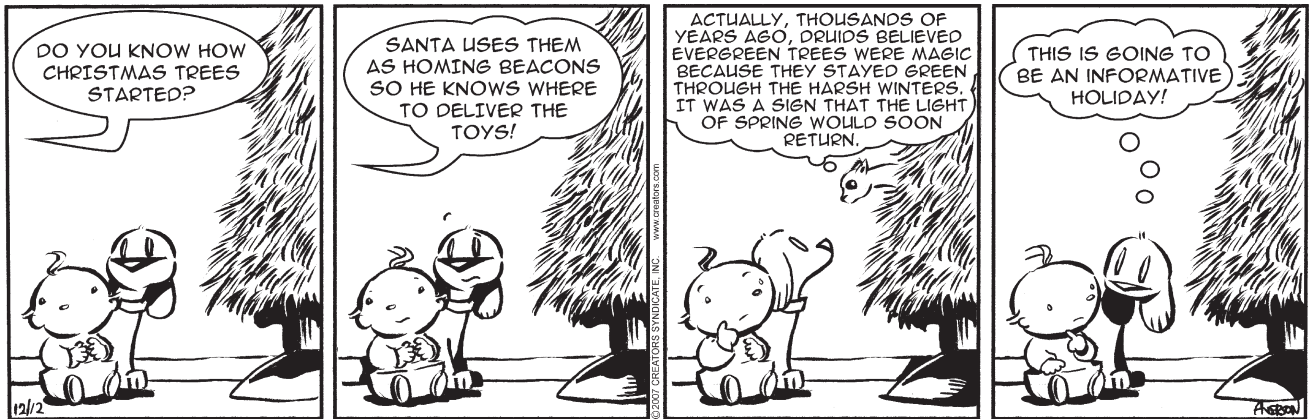
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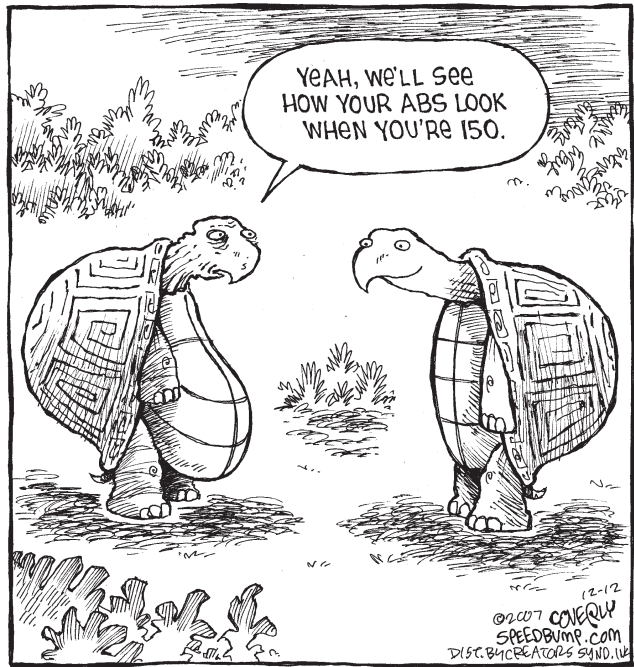
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Matt Vannucci is the winner of the latest Mystery Photo contest, being the first to identify that this shot was captured on the facade of Monsoon on the Third Street Promenade. Vannucci wins a prize from the Daily Press. Look for a new Mystery Photo in Thursday's edition.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Set upon
- 7 "Lohen-grin" lady
- 11 Tidy up
- 12 Mark as deleted
- 13 Feed like a duck
- 14 Sound
- 15 Busy
- 17 With skill
- 20 Surprised sounds
- 23 In addition
- 24 "Absolutely!"
- 26 Court
- 27 "Norma —"
- 28 Congre-gant's seat
- 29 Short socks
- 31 Course area
- 32 Stop-watch button
- 33 Investor's buy
- 34 Sneaker feature
- 37 Fourth-down play
- 39 Totaled
- 43 Opposed to
- 44 Comfor-table
- 45 Awl or ax
- 46 Admits

DOWN

- 1 In addition
- 2 Caffeine source
- 3 Bar bill
- 4 In check
- 5 High-lander
- 6 Realized
- 7 Crowd-scene group
- 8 Respects
- 9 Nearest star
- 10 Had chow
- 16 Story meanies
- 17 Fighting
- 18 Kentucky hero
- 19 Investi-gates

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Yesterday's answer

- 21 Hog the mirror
- 22 Stitched
- 24 Stews
- 25 Feed-bag bit
- 30 Soup veggie
- 33 "John Brown's Body" poet
- 35 Exam type
- 36 Overdue
- 37 Trite
- 38 Half of dos
- 40 Empty talk
- 41 Gl-enter-taining org.
- 42 Corral

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Providence (R.I.) Journal, reporting on a campaign by the area's legal immigrants this summer to apply for citizenship, selected Juan Garcia, 54, as typical of the community. Garcia said he decided to apply after being encouraged by this year's immigration-reform debate, adding that he had been in the United States legally since 1978, with permanent-resident status since 1985. According to the Journal, however, Garcia explained all of that "through a translator."

■ Ticketed for DWEC (Driving While Eating Cereal): Four people were injured in Houston in October when a driver failed to stop for a red light while eating a bowl of oatmeal and collided with a transit bus. (Three passengers were hurt, in addition to the motorist, and witnesses said oatmeal was found all over the inside of the car, and also inside the bus and on the ground, according to a KPRC-TV report.) Two weeks earlier, in London, Ontario, a driver accidentally lost control of his car while eating cereal, drove through a grassy median, and hit two oncoming cars (but no serious injuries resulted).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1787 Pennsylvania became the second state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

1870 Joseph H. Rainey of South Carolina became the first black lawmaker sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives.

1897 "The Katzenjammer Kids," the pioneering comic strip created by Rudolph Dirks, made its debut in the New York Journal.

1906 President Roosevelt nominated Oscar Straus to be secretary of commerce and labor; Straus became the first Jewish Cabinet member.

1913 Authorities in Florence, Italy, announced that the "Mona Lisa," stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris in 1911, had been recovered.

1925 The first motel — the Motel Inn — opened in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

1937 Japanese aircraft sank the U.S. gunboat Panay on China's Yangtze River. (Japan apologized, and paid \$2.2 million in reparations.)

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1985 248 American soldiers and eight crew members were killed when an Arrow Air charter crashed after takeoff from Gander, Newfoundland.

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SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS 12/12/07

NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is given that on December 24, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. or as soon after that time as the matter may be heard, petitioner will move for an order adjudicating the Santa Monica Daily Press as a newspaper of general circulation for the City of Santa Monica, County of Los Angeles. The hearing will be held in Department 20 of the Los Angeles Superior Court, 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

The Petition sets forth the following:
1. Petitioner, Ross Furukawa, is publisher of the newspaper known as Santa Monica Daily Press, which is seeking adjudication under Government Code §6008 as a newspaper of general circulation for the City of Santa Monica.
2. Santa Monica Daily Press is published for the dissemination of local or telegraphic news and intelligence of a general character in the City of Santa Monica, California. The business address is 410 Broadway, Suite B, Santa Monica, CA 90401.
3. Santa Monica Daily Press has a bona fide subscription list of paying subscribers, and substantial paid distribution.
4. For more than three years preceding the filing of the petition, the petitioning newspaper has been established under the name of Santa Monica Daily Press, and has been so established and published, that is, issued and sold or distributed regularly each weekday in the City of Santa Monica.
5. During each of the three-year period preceding the filing of this petition, the newspaper has maintained a minimum coverage of local news and intelligence of a general character of not less than twenty-five percent of its total inches; it has a principal office of publication located in the City of Santa Monica, County of Los Angeles.

DATED: December 10, 2007
Lisa Grace-Kellogg
Attorney for Petitioner
Santa Monica Daily Press
12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 Dec 2007

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20072533208 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PRETTY PRINCESS PARTY, PRETTY PRINCESS, YOUR PRETTY PRINCESS PARTY, 4381 VENTURA CANYON AVE. #5, SHERMAN OAKS, CA. 91423. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: NIKKI IANIRO, 4381 VENTURA CANYON AVE. #5, SHERMAN OAKS, CA. 91423 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/ NIKKI IANIRO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/13/2007. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq. Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/12/2007, 12/19/2007, 12/26/2007, 1/2/2008

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