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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The North Carolina Court of Appeals overturned the cocaine-possession conviction of Timothy Stone in September, ruling that a search of his person was unconstitutional even though he had given police permission. The judges agreed with Stone that when he consented, he never expected that the search would include the officers holding out the waistband of his sweatpants and shining a flashlight on his genitals (which is where he happened to be hiding a small container of cocaine).

■ Ricardo Meana, 81, was charged with attempted murder in November in Sun City, Fla., when his 82-year-old wife, who has Alzheimer's, was found inside a van in a store's parking lot struggling with the plastic bag over her head. Police were called, but Meana seemed unconcerned and even nonchalantly resumed shopping, saying that he often put the bags on when his wife felt sick, so that she would not vomit on herself.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1831 Naturalist Charles Darwin set out on a round-the-world voyage aboard the HMS Beagle. (Darwin's discoveries during the almost five-year-long journey helped to form the basis of his theories on natural selection and evolution.)

1979 Soviet forces seized control of Afghanistan. President Hafizullah Amin, who was overthrown and executed, was replaced by Babrak Karmal.

WORD UP!

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Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com
DOGGONE IT: Santa Monica Police Department's Animal Control Officer F. Matsuoka, checks a Golden Retriever for his dog license on Sunday on Main Street. Having a dog in public with out a valid license is a misdemeanor.

New year means time to get Fido his doggie license

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN STREET — When he has the time, Jeff Tanner likes to take his chocolate Labrador Sam to the Pacific Street dog park and let him run without being tied to a leash.

"It's fun to just let him explore the different scents, play catch, wrestle around — the typical dog-owner type stuff," Tanner said. "It's rare that you can let your dog run free without a leash so I try to take him as much as I can."

Little does Tanner know that his excursions with Sam are illegal. That's because Sam is not registered with Santa Monica Animal Control, an offense that can cause dog lovers to pay hefty fines, some as high as \$200.

"I didn't know," Tanner said. "I got Sam from a friend of mine, had him get his shots, got him clipped down low and I thought that was it. I thought you only had to get a license if you were going to be entering your dog in shows and stuff. I didn't know you need one just to take him for a walk."

Santa Monica residents are required to license each of their dogs every year as part of a rabies containment program. First-time dog licenses must be obtained in person at the shelter. A valid rabies certificate, proof of sterility (if applicable), and proof of residency are required to complete licensing.

As of July 1, 2006, the dog license fee is \$15 for spayed or neutered dogs, and \$50 for unaltered dogs.

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Had enough yet?

Businesses get busy with bargain shoppers

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — The day after Christmas this year won't be documented as a "Black Tuesday" in the retail accounting books, but parts of the city were definitely swarming with shoppers eager to indulge themselves in winter sales and clearances.

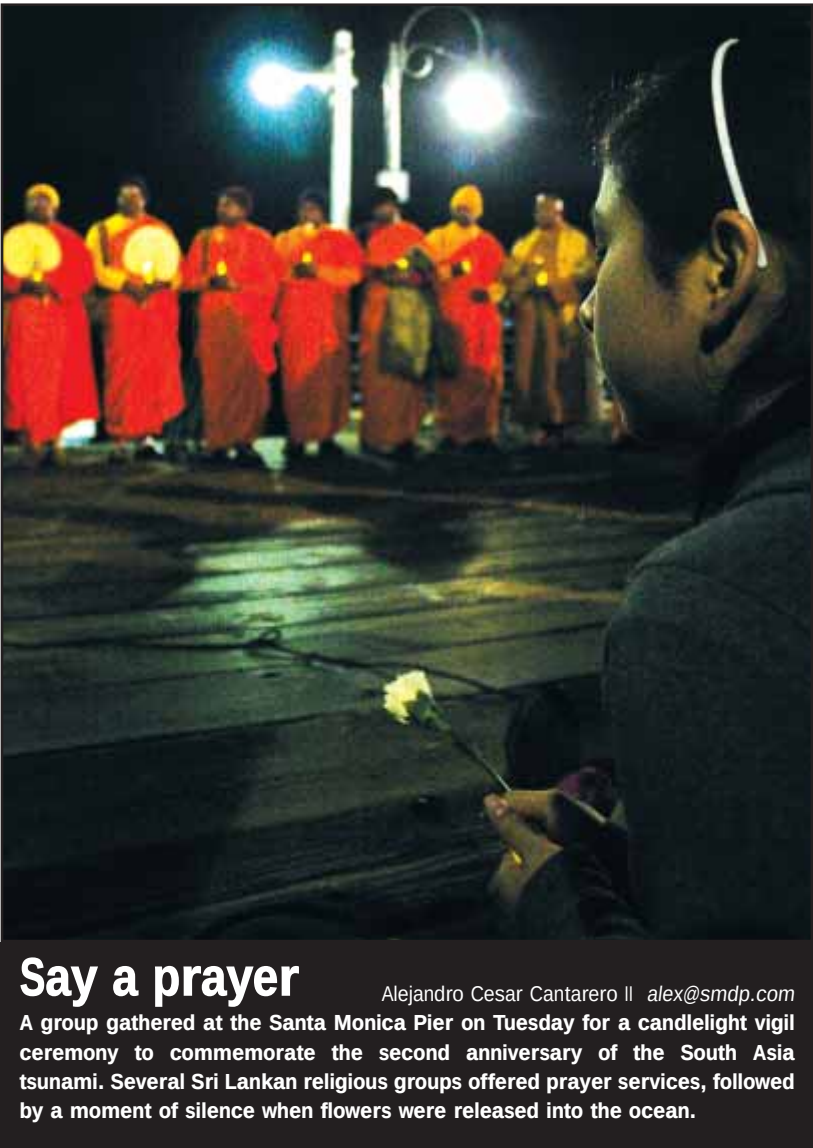
It's the time of year when people flock to the malls to cash in on gift cards, purchase Christmas cards and giftwrapping paper on clearance, and to exchange or return that oversized tacky sweater.

See SHOPPING, page 6



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GRAB BAG: Many shoppers were drawn to the Third Street Promenade on Tuesday due to the massive store sales and clearances. The post-holiday shoppers went out in droves to return unwanted holiday gifts or use gift cards.



Say a prayer

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A group gathered at the Santa Monica Pier on Tuesday for a candlelight vigil ceremony to commemorate the second anniversary of the South Asia tsunami. Several Sri Lankan religious groups offered prayer services, followed by a moment of silence when flowers were released into the ocean.

Gov. gets a bum leg for the holidays

By Daily Press Staff

LOS ANGELES — A Santa Monica orthopedic surgeon who performed hip surgery on former President Ronald Reagan will be in charge of helping another politico get well.

Dr. Kevin Ehrhart operated on Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger yesterday after the former action star broke his leg in a skiing accident over the weekend. The surgery, which lasted about an hour and a half, reportedly went well and the governor is recovering.

Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante assumed temporary control over the state during the operation, according to the governor's office.

Schwarzenegger was cleared to resume his duties as governor at approximately 10:45 a.m. and he is expected to have a full and speedy recovery.

"At 9:45 this morning our surgical team, consisting of myself, two assistant surgeons, an anesthesiologist and two nurses, completed a successful open reduction internal fixation on the

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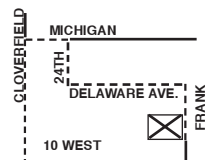
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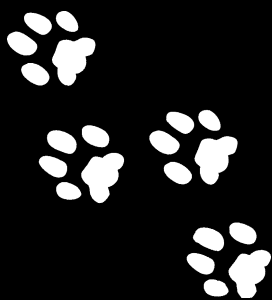
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2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.

A social gathering for dogs and their people. There will be light refreshments, doggie snacks and play time. For more information, call (310) 392-4300.

Salvation Army Youth Night

1533 Fourth St., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.

Event is open to kids, ages 5-12. Activities include games, crafts and Bible lessons. A meal is also included.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



STATE
Medi-Cal picks up the tab for over 100K births by undocumented

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — More than 100,000 undocumented women each year bear children in California with expenses paid by Medi-Cal, according to state reports.

Such births and related expenses account for more than \$400 million of the nearly \$1 billion that the program spends annually on health care for illegal immigrants in California, the Los Angeles Times reported, citing state reports.

California long has been one of the more generous states in offering such benefits to illegal immigrants, covering everything from pregnancy tests to postpartum checkups.

Many illegal immigrants who might otherwise shy away from government services view care associated with childbirth as safe to seek.

“I wasn’t afraid at all,” said Sandra Andrade, an illegal immigrant from Colombia who recently gave birth at a Los Angeles hospital. “I’d always heard that pregnant women are treated well here.”

Nationally, a debate is simmering about the costs of providing medical care to illegal immigrants.

Anti-illegal immigration groups argue that “birthright” U.S. citizenship for babies born in America is an incentive for illegal immigrants to have their children here.

“I think most Americans think that while they certainly don’t want to do anything to harm children you cannot have a policy that says anybody in the world come here and have a baby and we have a new American,” said Ira Mehlman, a spokesman for the Federation of American Immigration Reform, an immigration control group based in Washington, D.C.

Prenatal care is one of the most controversial aspects of providing health care to illegal immigrants.

While labor and delivery long have been considered emergencies, entitled to some federal reimbursement, federal officials have often balked at covering prenatal care. Generally, the state and federal governments share the cost of Medicaid programs, called Medi-Cal in California.

Advocates of such coverage say it’s cheaper to pay for prenatal care than risk compli-

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A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND: Eddie Guerboian of Readers Fine Jewelers on Wilshire Boulevard holds up a diamond ring. The release of the film ‘Blood Diamond’ has drawn public attention to the issue of conflict diamonds, and has local jewelers looking into the source of their stones.

Diamonds in the rough

No bad blood among local jewelers over recent ‘Diamond’ film

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — Blood or no blood, Santa Monica jewelers don’t believe the new Edward Zwick flick examining the scandalous diamond operations in Sierra Leone will harm business.

“Blood Diamond,” starring Leonardo Di Caprio and Jennifer Connelly, is about a South African mercenary and a Mende fisherman who join in a quest to recover a pink diamond. The movie is set in 1990s Sierra Leone when the West African nation was in the midst of a civil war.

The film, which was released on Dec. 8, touches the issue of conflict diamonds, diamonds that originate in war torn countries where proceeds from the sale of these precious stones are used to finance rebel military action against internationally recog-

nized and legitimate governments.

In 2000, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution condemning the conflict diamond, also known as blood diamonds, as a “contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts.”

“THE FILM BRINGS EXPOSURE TO THE DIAMOND INDUSTRY.”

Claude Joaillier
Jeweler

Much of the illegal activity occurs in Angola and Sierra Leone where the proceeds funds rebel groups, according to the United

Nations resolution. These rebel groups are known as the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola and the Revolutionary United Front.

In Santa Monica, jewelers say they have no worries about the potential backlash from the film.

“The film brings exposure to the diamond industry,” said Claude of Claude Joaillier on Montana Avenue. “The film is an adaptation of a writer’s viewpoint about what is going on in the diamond industry.”

“Any press is good press,” he added.

Sitting in his cozy jewelry store on a quiet Tuesday afternoon, Claude talked about how jewelers like himself are unaware of the origin of the diamonds in their store. The question of whether a diamond was used to fund rebel groups remains a secret to the jeweler,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

So are the days of our lives

Editor:

Once again we are stuck in that long period where nothing gets done. The week between Christmas and New Years. December is too long. We should change the calendar. Make December 27 days long. This would give everybody the traditional day after for shopping, then get right into New Year's eve, and the new year. The four days removed from December could be allocated somewhere else where we can use them, like between April 14th and April 15th.

Mike Kirwan
Venice

The real deal on making a difference

Editor:

I find it very laughable that new SMPD chief Timothy Jackman was recently quoted as saying he would be an advocate for the Pico Neighborhood. All it is, is the most recent in a long line of people singing the same old song. It's nothing but a smokescreen to garner good press and make it seem like things are actually getting done.

While PALS may very well be a successful program, it is no secret that PALS does not work with the youth who need guidance the most. The type of youth that other organizations in Santa Monica, such as the Pico Youth and Family Center, work with.

I was recently asked to work with some of these youth to help alleviate a recent outbreak of violence in my old gang-patrolled neighborhood in Los Angeles. In only my first day there, I was able to accomplish more than any law enforcement officer ever has. The youth respect me, and listen to me because they know I'm going to come at them with the type of respect they deserve. They could tell right off the bat that I'm real and that I truly do care about their future, unlike law enforcement. It raises a question that I've recently begun to ask myself, why is it that I can come in right away and make a difference in these kids lives, and law enforcement fails time and time again?

People like myself, and those who work at similar organizations, are truly helping our impoverished, minority youth. We're keeping them off the streets, those of us who have been through it before, not law enforcement. Maybe Jackman will help to change all of this, but I seriously doubt it. The SMPD will continue to receive accolades, while those of us who are actually making a difference, without law enforcement's help, will be silenced and our grievances swept under the rug as if we don't exist.

David Mendez-Yapkowitzz
Santa Monica

BY JOHN W. WHITEHEAD

Which is More Dangerous to Your Health — the Flu or the FDA?

The flu season is here once again. During the last flu season, doctors reportedly wrote more prescriptions for the drug Tamiflu than any other flu treatment. But after recent reports about the Food and Drug Administration's reluctance to issue a warning about certain possible dangers of using Tamiflu, one has to wonder which is more dangerous — the flu or the FDA?

First approved by the FDA in 1999, Tamiflu was touted as a drug that could significantly reduce the severity of influenza. These claims even prompted the U.S. government to purchase 20 million doses of Tamiflu — at a cost of \$2 billion — in the event that a bird flu pandemic occurred. The Pentagon followed, paying a whopping \$58 million in July 2005 for treatments of U.S. troops around the world.

However, problems with Tamiflu began to surface in 2004. It was thought that the drug, which has been used by over 30 million people worldwide, was causing some of its users to manifest very unusual behavior. For example, during the 2004 and 2005 flu seasons, two teenage boys committed suicide within hours of taking Tamiflu. The 17-year-old jumped in front of a large truck on a busy road after walking outside his house barefoot and in pajamas during a snowstorm. The 14-year-old jumped to his death from the balcony of a ninth-floor flat. Later, a teenage girl was narrowly prevented from jumping to her death from a window within days of starting a course of the flu drug. By November 2005, it had been reported that 12 Japanese children had died while on the drug and that others had experienced hallucinations, encephalitis and other symptoms.

Despite these alarming reports, the FDA voted not to issue a warning about the drug's potential for causing abnormal behavior. Instead, the FDA chose to warn of Tamiflu's potential for producing skin rashes. It wasn't until reports surfaced of more than 100 new cases of delirium, hallucinations and other abnormal behavior in children treated with Tamiflu that the FDA changed course and added a warning label in November 2006.

Over the years, the FDA has been accused of causing high drug prices, keeping life-saving

drugs off the market, allowing unsafe drugs on the market because of pressure from pharmaceutical companies and censoring health information about nutritional supplements and foods.

One such critic is Dr. David Graham, Associate Director for Science and Medicine and a senior drug safety researcher at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. In his estimation, the FDA is “responsible for 140,000 heart attacks and 60,000 dead Americans. That's as many people as were killed in the Vietnam War.” His words offer an insider's perspective on the fatal role he believes the FDA played in thousands of heart attacks and deaths caused by the pain medication Vioxx — a medication the FDA approved and initially failed to warn of its potential effects. Indeed, the Vioxx debacle was brought to America's attention when Congress was presented with evidence showing that among the estimated 20 million users of Vioxx, hundreds of thousands had died or suffered heart attacks as a result of taking the drug.

It should come as no surprise that the pharmaceutical companies have the federal government in their hip pocket. According to a 2005 report from the Center for Public Integrity, “The pharmaceutical and health products industry has spent more than \$800 million in federal lobbying and campaign donations at the federal and state levels in the past seven years.” In fact, no other industry has spent more money to sway public policy during that period. The report continues, “The drug industry's huge investments in Washington — though meager compared to the profits they make — have paid off handsomely, resulting in a series of favorable laws on Capitol Hill and tens of billions of dollars in additional profits.”

With an estimated 200,000-plus people dying every year from prescription drugs, Graham believes “Americans and Congress should be screaming bloody murder. They should be beating on the doors of the FDA demanding change.”

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EARTH TALK

BY THE EDITORS OF E MAGAZINE

DEAR EARTHTALK: I've heard the term "greenbelts" pertaining to the natural coastline barriers in India, Malaysia and Sri Lanka that protected some people from the worst of the Indian Ocean Tsunami. But what are greenbelts that exist in urban areas?

Helen

Via e-mail

The term "greenbelt" refers to any area of undeveloped natural land that has been set aside near urban or developed land to provide open space, offer light recreational opportunities or contain development. And yes, the natural greenbelts along areas of Southeast Asia's coastlines, including the region's mangrove forests, served as buffers and helped to prevent even greater loss of life from the December 2004 tsunami.

Greenbelts in and around urban areas have probably not saved any lives, but they are important nonetheless to the ecological health of any given region. The various plants and trees in greenbelts serve as organic sponges for various forms of pollution, and as storehouses of carbon dioxide to help offset global warming.

"Trees are an important part of the city infrastructure," says Gary Moll of American Forests. Because of the many benefits trees provide to cities, Moll likes to refer to them as the "ultimate urban multi-taskers."

Greenbelts are also important to help urban dwellers feel more connected to nature. Dr. S.C. Sharma of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research in India believes that all cities should "earmark certain areas for the development of greenbelts [to] bring life and color to the cement concrete jungle and [a] healthy environment to the urbanities."

Greenbelts are also important in efforts to limit sprawl, which is the tendency for cities to spread out and encroach on rural lands and wildlife habitat. Three U.S. states — Oregon, Washington and Tennessee — require their largest cities to establish so-called "urban growth boundaries" to limit sprawl through the establishment of planned greenbelts. Meanwhile, the cities of Minneapolis, Virginia Beach, Miami and Anchorage have created urban growth boundaries on their own. In California's Bay Area, the non-profit Greenbelt Alliance has successfully lobbied for the establishment of 21 urban growth boundaries across four



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CHILDREN OF NATURE: Greenbelts help urban dwellers feel more connected to nature, while also working to contain development and sprawl, and absorb the carbon dioxide that contributes to global warming.

counties surrounding the city of San Francisco.

The concept has also caught on in Canada, with the cities of Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver adopting similar mandates for the creation of greenbelts to combat sprawl. Urban greenbelts can also be found in and around larger cities in Australia, New Zealand, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

The green belt concept has even spread to rural areas, such as in East Africa. Womens' rights and environmental activist Wangari Maathai launched the Green Belt Movement in Kenya in 1977 as a grassroots tree-planting program to address the challenges of deforestation, soil erosion and lack of water there. To date, her organization has overseen the planting of 40 million trees across Africa. In 2004 Maathai was the first environmentalist to be awarded the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize. Why "peace?" "There can be no peace without equitable development and there can be no development without sustainable management of the environment in a democratic and peaceful space," said Maathai in her acceptance speech.

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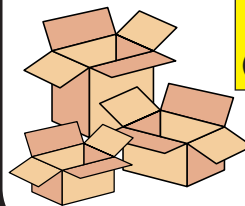
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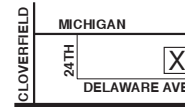
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The Q-Line

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Incidents of gang violence, parking attendants being held-up in city parking structures, school lockdowns, threatening transients, low-priority marijuana use ... with a new chief of police taking the reins last week, much will be made about his priorities for the SMPD. Despite crime statistics having dropped to a 50-year low during his predecessor's run as top cop, Chief Tim Jackman will have his hands full with resident requests. This week's Q-Line question asks:

What should Chief Jackman's priorities be in addressing crime in the City of Santa Monica. Where is more focus needed?

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Post-holiday shopping slower on Montana

SHOPPING, from page 1

Nationwide, retail sales the week following Christmas are expected to drop marginally from the same period last year when the holiday fell on a Sunday and the federal observance was on a Monday. Last year, the period of Dec. 25-31 accounted for 15.6 percent of total holiday sales, said Patrice Duker, spokeswoman for the International Council of Shopping Centers.

"The potential of how many customers versus last year may be down a bit, but it will go up during the rest of the week," Duker said on Tuesday.

With rain forecasted in Santa Monica on Tuesday night and Wednesday, bargain hunters took advantage of the dry and relatively warm weather, going in out of stores along the Third Street Promenade and exiting with more bags than when they entered.

Store windows were decked out in sale signs, screaming mark downs and clearances, from The Gap's "Really Big Sale" to United Colors of Benetton advertising sav-

ings of up to 30 percent off the entire inventory.

Clara Gama was visiting her family in Santa Monica from her hometown of Mexico City and decided to venture out to the promenade on Tuesday to find some post-Christmas bargains. She predicted that each member of her shopping clan will have spent about \$500 by the end of the day.

"It's much cheaper to come today [than during the rest of the year]," Gama said.

Shopping on Tuesday seemed to be a family event for many people.

Carol Chacon of Los Angeles spent the day at the promenade tagging along with her mother, a hardcore bargain hunter who had hit about 15 stores by 1 p.m. on Tuesday. Chacon on the other hand was low on energy after a busy Christmas and decided to sit on the benches outside with her two pugs — Pogi and Punum — while her mother was shopping away. The mother and daughter come out to the stores every year on Dec. 26 to exchange gifts and do some shopping of their own.

"If you wait [to return gifts], you'll never get to it and you'll eventually have to re-gift," Chacon said, sitting next to a pile of bags.

One of the main reasons why the malls are packed on Dec. 26 is because people are eager to return or exchange gifts.

What's the rush?

"Some fear they won't get the item in a different size or style and want to make sure the inventory is there for them," Duker said.

The promenade was a mad house compared to Montana Avenue and Main Street business districts where the mood was much more subdued and the locals were enjoying the quiet.

Harari on Montana Avenue kicked off its after Christmas sale, marking down selected items — many of which were winter apparel — at 50 percent off regular price.

Around noon on Tuesday, a few customers were scattered throughout the store, but the scene in the boutique was mild compared to some of the busier days before Christmas, said Manager Sasha Abrashkova. She expected business to pick up later in the day.

The malls receive the most shopping traffic on Dec. 26, a day that is more family-oriented, Abrashkova said. Though Montana Avenue is considered to be a pretty safe area,

it does not have the same level of security as a shopping mall where the stores aren't separated by a large street.

It was a similar story at Alexander Zar, a Montana Avenue boutique that specializes in designer label shoes. The entire store was on sale with items ranging from 30-70 percent off regular price. Owner Maryam Zar was planning to slash prices even more on select items for the post-Christmas shopping crowd.

"People are still spending time with family today," Zar said on Tuesday. "I expect to see more people in the next week."

The day was even longer for businesses in non-destination parts of the city.

The day after Christmas is sleepy at Brat, a novelty gift store on 14th Street across from Woodlawn Cemetery. Business tends to be slow this time of year at Brat where most of the customers are regulars from the area.

"A lot of people are out of town and recovering from the holiday," said Owner Nancy Kaufman. "We always hope that people come in after the holidays, but they do the major shopping at department stores."

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Jewelers say they aren't aware of diamond origins

CONFLICT DIAMONDS, from page 3

and sometimes even the vendor who sold the diamond to the store, Claude said.

The only case when a diamond's origin might be known is if the gem was large in carats, causing the government to document all transactions involving the diamond because it is of high value, Claude said. Otherwise, the information usually remains a mystery.

The key to ensuring that a diamond is clean is to be sure the vendor is also legitimate, said Robert Mulleneaus, manager of Kovan Jewelers on Montana Avenue. The jewelry business only uses a trusted select few vendors with whom they have worked closely in the past. Jewelers that constantly change their vendors are the ones who run into trouble, Mulleneaus said. The vendor for Kovan Jewelers purchases diamonds from Israel, India and Belgium.

"It hasn't been a huge topic of conversation here, which is good," he said of the movie.

Some store owners have taken steps to assure customers that their diamonds are conflict free.

Readers Fine Jewelers on Wilshire Boulevard will only purchase diamonds that are certified by strict international guidelines called the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme, which was created two years after the UN adopted the resolution on conflict diamonds.

"I don't deal with those kinds of people," said owner Eddie Guerboian in his store on Tuesday. "They are a lower class of vendors and they are not legitimate."



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TALK IT UP: The new film 'Blood Diamond' has local jewelers inquiring to the source of precious stones before buying from vendors.

Ever since Judi Firestone of JJ Design found out about the blood diamond operations, she and her husband have examined the origin of every diamond that enters their inventory.

Ensuring customers that the diamonds are not tainted is especially important in Santa Monica where the residents tend to be socially conscious, Firestone said.

"I'm very aware of what goes on there and it's terrible," Firestone said on Tuesday while sitting in her Montana Avenue store. "The people we deal with are very reputable."

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Fines can take a bite out of one's pocketbook

DOG LICENSES, from page 1

License renewals are due each January 1st and the deadline to avoid a late renewal penalty is March 31st, said Stan Hernacki, a senior officer with Animal Control.

"We send out notices every year for dog owners to renew their licenses," Hernacki said. "We are also out on the streets patrolling, looking for those who do not have a license. Most of the time we issue a citation, but a dog can be impounded."

Dogs not only have to be licensed and bear a license tag, they also must be properly secured to a leash when in public unless they are in an off-leash dog park. Dogs roaming stray, or with their owners but not on a leash, may be impounded and the

owner cited.

Over the weekend, Animal Control officers were out on Main Street checking to see if dog owners were following the law as part of a routine patrol. Hernacki said there are over 5,000 dog licenses issued in Santa Monica each year.

For those who are concerned about the cost of spaying or neutering their dogs, Animal Control can refer them to clinics that can perform the service for free or at a discount, Hernacki said.

"We urge people to follow the law," Hernacki said. "It's cheap, easy and it helps us keep track of dogs who may have run away or are on the loose."

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Second accident for governor in '06

BROKEN LEG, from page 1

upper part of Governor Schwarzenegger's thigh bone," Ehrhart said. "The surgery involved using cables and screws to wire the two main fragments of the Governor's broken femur bone back together. It lasted approximately an hour and a half, was without complication, and the post-operation X-rays look great.

"Following the surgery, the Governor was awake, alert and talking in the recovery room," Ehrhart added. "He is now fully coherent and I have cleared him to resume his duties as governor. The governor will remain in the hospital for three days, as is standard for this type of operation. Recovery will take approximately eight weeks and I expect the governor to fully recover. The governor is not in a cast and will use crutches to walk while his leg heals."

Schwarzenegger, 59, broke his femur, or thighbone, while skiing in Sun Valley, Idaho during a Christmas vacation with his wife, Maria Shriver, and their four children.

Schwarzenegger has a home at a resort in the Sawtooth Mountains in Idaho where one

of the expert runs — Arnold's Run — is named for him.

No one else was involved in the accident, which occurred while the governor was skiing with an old friend and former ski instructor, Adi Erber.

Schwarzenegger checked into a hospital in Los Angeles on Monday night. The name of the hospital was not disclosed for security reasons, the governor's office said.

"As is standard for this type of surgery, the governor will be held for observation for three days," Ehrhart said. "The governor will use crutches ... and recovery will take approximately eight weeks."

As a result, Schwarzenegger will be on crutches during his inauguration in Sacramento, which is set for Jan. 5.

In January, Schwarzenegger was riding his Harley-Davidson with 12-year-old son Patrick in the sidecar when he struck a car on a canyon road near his home in Brentwood, splitting his upper lip, which needed 15 stitches to close.

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Births, prenatal care are the biggest outlay

IMMIGRANT BIRTHS, from page 3

cations that could saddle the government with huge medical bills.

"Without prenatal care, there's a serious risk that a child will be born with severe disabilities," said Lucy Quacinella, a lobbyist for the Los Angeles-based social service nonprofit group Maternal and Child Health Access. "The cost of caring for that child over a lifetime is astronomical when you compare the cost of having provided the prenatal care."

Still, investing in pregnant illegal immigrants is costly.

Births and prenatal care are the biggest single outlay by Medi-Cal for illegal immi-

grants' health care, with the rest going for various other emergency treatments, limited breast and cervical cancer treatment, abortions and some nursing home care, according to the state.

In Los Angeles County's public and private hospitals, undocumented women accounted for 41,240 Medi-Cal births in 2004, roughly half the deliveries covered by the public program.

In the four county-run hospitals alone, undocumented women and their newborns will receive more than \$20 million in delivery, recovery, nursery and neonatal ICU services this year, according to a county estimate.

121: one to one ADN: any day now AFAIK: as far as I know AFK: away from keyboard A/S/L: age, sex, location B4: before B4N: bye for now BAK: back at the keyboard BBIAB: be back in a bit BBL: be back later BBN: bye bye now BBS: be back soon BEG: big evil grin BF: boyfriend BFN: bye for now BG: big grin BL: belly laughing BMTIPG: brilliant minds think in parallel gutters BRB: be right back BTA: but then again BTW: by the way BWL: bursting with laughter BWTHDIK: but what the heck do I know C&G: chuckle & grin CID: crying in disgrace CNP: continued (in my) next post CP: chat post CRBT: crying real big tears CSG: chuckle, snicker, grin CU: see you CUL: see you later CYO: see you online DBAU: doing business as usual DIKU: do I know you? DL: dead link DLTBBB: don't let the bed bugs bite DQMOT: don't quote me on this EG: evil grin EMFBI: excuse me for butting in EMSG: email message EOT: end of thread F2F: face to face FC: fingers crossed FISH: first in, still here FMTYEWTK: far more than you ever wanted to know FOMCL: falling off my chair laughing FTBOMH: from the bottom of my heart FUD: fear, uncertainty, and doubt FWIW: for what it's worth G2G: got to go G: grin GA: go ahead GAL: get a life GD&R: grinning, ducking, and running GF: girlfriend GFN: gone for now GIWIST: gee, I wish I'd said that GMBQ: giggling my butt off GMTA: great minds think alike GOL: giggling out loud GTRM: going to read mail GTSY: glad to see you H&K: hug and kiss HAGN: have a good night HDOP: help delete online predators HHIS: hanging head in shame HTH: hope this helps HUB: head up butt IAC: in any case IANAL: I am not a lawyer (but) IC: I see IDK: I don't know IHA: I hate acronyms IIRC: if I remember correctly ILU: I love you IM: instant message IMHO: in my humble opinion IMNSHO: in my not so humble opinion IMO: in my opinion IOW: in other words IPN: I'm posting naked IRL: in real life IWALU: I will always love you IYSWIM: if you see what I mean JIC: just in case JK: just kidding JMO: just my opinion JTLYK: just to let you know K: okay KIT: keep in touch KOC: kiss on cheek KOL: kiss on lips KOTC: kiss on the cheek KWIM: know what I mean? L8R: later LD: later, dude LDR: long distance relationship LLTA: lots and lots of thunderous applause LMIRL: let's meet in real life LMSO: laughing my socks off LOL: laughing out loud LSHMBB: laughing so hard my belly is bouncing LTM: laugh to myself LTNS: long time, no see LTR: long-term relationship LULAB: love you like a brother LULAS: love you like a sister LUWAMH: love you with all my heart LY: love you M/F: male or female MOSS: member of same sex MOTOS: member of the opposite sex MSG: message MTF: more to follow MUSM: miss you so much NADT: not a darn thing NIFOC: naked in front of computer NP: no problem NRN: no reply necessary OIC: oh I see OLL: online love OM: old man OTF: off the floor OTOH: on the other hand OTTOMH: off the top of my head P2P: peer to peer PDA: public display of affection PEBCAK: problem exists between chair and keyboard PLZ: please PM: private message PMFJIB: pardon me for jumping in but POAHF: put on a happy face POS: parent over shoulder PU: that stinks QT: cutie RL: real life ROTFL: rolling on the floor laughing RPG: role playing games RSN: real soon now S4L: spam for life SETE: smiling ear to ear SHCOON: shoot hot coffee out of nose SHID: slaps head in disgust SF: surfer friendly SNERT: snot nosed egotistical rude teenager SO: significant other SOMY: sick of me yet? SOT: short of time STW: search the web SWAK: sealed with a kiss SWL: screaming with laughter SYS: see you soon TA: thanks again TCOB: taking care of business TCOY: take care of yourself TIA: thanks in advance TILII: tell it like it is TMI: too much information TOY: thinking of you TTYL: talk to you later UW: you're welcome WB: welcome back WFM: works for me WIBNI: wouldn't it be nice if WTGP: want to go private? WTG: way to go WU: what's up WUF: where are you from? YBS: you'll be sorry YL: young lady YM: young man

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California expands greenhouse gas fight

BY STEVE LAWRENCE
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — California will expand its campaign against greenhouse gases and global warming when several landmark laws take effect with the new year.

It also will boost its minimum wage, implement a prescription drug discount program, give or restore rights to tenants, domestic partners and pets, and give many youngsters an early taste of one of life's little travails — a trip to the dentist.

Those are just some of the changes contained in hundreds of new state laws.

The biggest is legislation by Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, D-Los Angeles, that will make California the first state in the nation to limit greenhouse gas emissions from power plants, oil refineries and other industries.

The measure will require the state Air Resources Board by July 1 to begin implementing a program to reduce the emissions 25 percent by 2020. Nunez hopes the legislation will start a trend.

“We need to do something to stop global warming,” he said. “The fact that California took the initiative the way it did ... is a good indicator that it's time for the rest of the country to start to follow California's lead.”

Another law will prohibit the state's utilities from signing long-term contracts with electricity suppliers unless their power plants comply with greenhouse gas emission limits adopted by the California Energy Commission.

That legislation, by Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, D-Oakland, is intended to force coal-fired power plants in western states to install cleaner technologies if they want to sell power to California.

A third new statute, by Perata and Sen. Joe Simitian, D-Palo Alto, will require utilities to step up their efforts to replace fossil fuels with cleaner renewable sources such as solar, wind and geothermal. It will force utilities to get at least 20 percent of their power from renewables by 2010 instead of the old deadline of 2017.

Those new laws follow 2002 legislation that requires the Air Resources Board to limit greenhouse gases from autos. Enforcement of that measure is being held up by a lawsuit filed by a group of automakers and dealers. The air board also needs a waiver from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to implement it.

Representatives of the California Chamber of Commerce and California Manufacturers & Technology Association say they know of no plans to sue to try to block the Nunez legislation from taking effect.

“At this point, the manufacturers and trade associations are focused on the proper implementation of (the bill),” said Gino DiCaro, a spokesman for the Manufacturers & Technology Association. “That's going to take a long time to work out.”

California's roughly 1.4 million minimum wage earners will get their first raise in five years on Jan. 1.

The state's minimum wage, now \$6.75 an hour, will climb to \$7.50, tying California with Massachusetts for the fourth highest

minimum wage in the country behind those in Washington, Oregon and Connecticut.

A second increase boosting the wage to \$8 will take effect Jan. 1, 2008.

Lieber said the increases are significant and could have a ripple effect that results in pay hikes for higher-paid workers. But even when the wage hits \$8 in 2008, it still will leave many minimum wage families living below the federal poverty level, she added.

Her bill originally contained a provision that would have required automatic annual increases in the wage to keep up with inflation, starting in 2009. Washington and Oregon both have that requirement.

But Lieber dropped the automatic inflation adjustment to get a signature on the measure from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who had vetoed two earlier increases.

SoCal man acquitted on 9/11 perjury charges wants to reclaim life

BY ALLISON HOFFMAN
Associated Press Writer

LA MESA — Osama Awadallah never even had a parking ticket when he was detained by FBI agents in San Diego 10 days after hijacked jets destroyed the World Trade Center and struck the Pentagon.

One of hundreds of Muslim men picked up in a frenzied law enforcement dragnet that followed the attacks, Awadallah was a 21-year-old community college student from Jordan who had met two of the hijackers. He was whisked to New York to testify as a witness before a grand jury investigating the terrorist plot.

He was never accused of any involvement in terrorism, but after testifying twice before the grand jury he was charged with misleading the panel about how well he knew one of the hijackers, launching a five-year legal ordeal that ended with his acquittal by a New York federal jury just before Thanksgiving.

Now 26 and back in California, where he graduated with honors last spring from San Diego State University, Awadallah is looking for a computer technician job, studying for graduate school entrance exams, and moving ahead with plans to apply for U.S. citizenship.

“I want to move on from this, find my lucky girl and just be like every other American,” he said in an interview at a Denny's restaurant in suburban San Diego, just a half-mile from the apartment where he was arrested. He dressed casually and sports a chicly close-cropped beard, a large digital wristwatch and wire-rim glasses.

An observant Muslim, he politely declined to shake hands with a female reporter. He began the interview with brusque questions about motives for talking to him, but quickly relaxed in conversation.

“I watch what I say, who I'm talking to these days,” he apologized with a ready grin. “The real effect is in trusting people.”

Born in Caracas, Venezuela, where his father worked as a halal butcher, Awadallah grew up in Amman, Jordan, while his father and three older brothers moved to San Diego to start a courier business.

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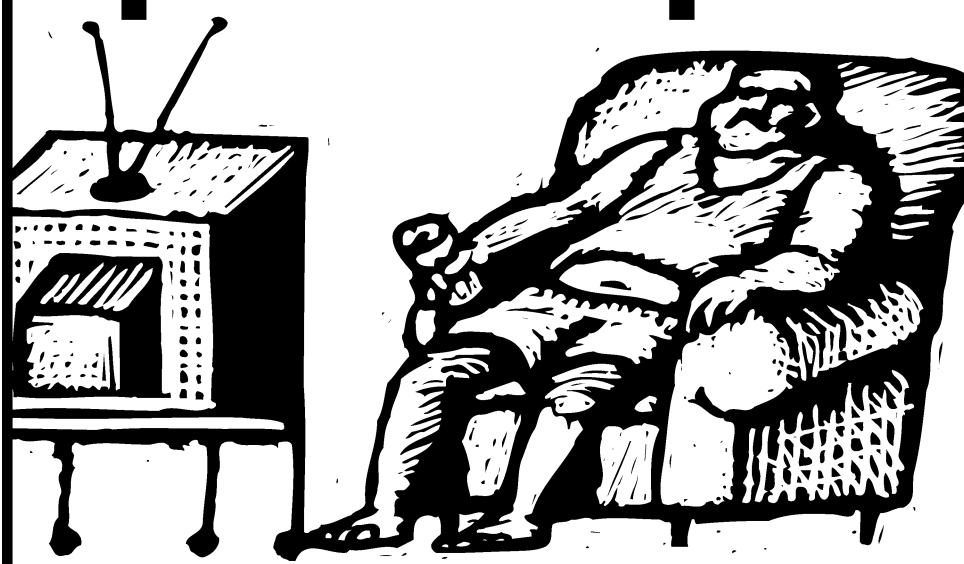



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Going green

Simple actions to help save the environment

BY DELLA DE LAFUENTE
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It's easy being green. Laurie David, who produced Al Gore's documentary about global warming, "An Inconvenient Truth," says saving the planet isn't about everyone doing everything.

"It's about everyone doing something," said David, who is also the author of "Stop Global Warming: The Solution is You" and founder of the StopGlobalWarming.org Web site. "The impact of small actions by millions of people will be huge."

Some scientists and climate models are predicting that unchecked human-caused global warming over the next century is expected to raise sea levels and cause extremes in temperatures.

"The public is finally starting to get that if you drive a car, or do many other things, you're a carbon emitter — and you're contributing to the problem," David said. "The upside is that there's something that we

can all do about it."

David helps get her point across by talking about the way everyday household products harm the environment. "When I talk about toilet paper and paper towels, which are made of virgin wood, people gasp," David said. "I tell them, when a 100-year-old tree is cut down ... so that we can have disposable paper products, is this acceptable? Should we still be using virgin trees for this?"

The green solution: "If every American household changed just one roll of paper made with virgin wood to one recyclable post-consumer roll, half a million trees would still be standing."

She's made the switch to post-consumer paper — products made of paper previously used by consumers, then recycled — in her own home despite initial complaints about the toilet tissue's not-so-squeezable texture from her husband, Larry David, creator of "Seinfeld," and his own HBO comedy series, "Curb Your Enthusiasm."

"My family is adapting," said David, noting that her kids recycle and take shorter showers. "Besides, they are making softer toilet paper now so I think we're O.K."

Here are 10 things you can do in the new year to do your part for the environment, including some "go green" tips from David's Web site, <http://www.StopGlobalWarming.org>.

■ Use compact fluorescent bulbs. Replace three frequently used light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs and save 300 pounds of carbon dioxide and about \$60 a year. The Council on the Environment and Jewish Life is organizing a campaign called "How Many Jews Does It Take To Change A Light Bulb?" to encourage synagogues and other Jewish groups to replace conventional bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs, which last four times longer but use 25 percent of the energy.

■ Save the water bottle. Sick of watching your recycle bin fill up with water bottles? Time to buy a reusable water bottle. REI, the outdoor equipment store, carries a 16-ounce Nalgene bottle, \$7.95, in five colors, made from polycarbonate plastic; it has a wide mouth and is easily washed. Eastern Mountain Sports

carries SIGG bottles from Switzerland, including an 0.6-liter lightweight stainless steel model that is a replica of a 1941 Swiss Army bottle, \$20, in blue or red.

■ Pull the plug on electronics and chargers. Mobile phones, BlackBerry devices, iPods, digital cameras and other electronics use energy, even if they are turned off, if the charger is still going.

■ Take shorter showers. Water for bathing accounts for two-thirds of all water-heating costs.

■ Buy a hybrid car. Hollywood actors Leonardo DiCaprio and Cameron Diaz have glamorized them; David even convinced her husband's HBO comedy series to have his character drive one on the show.

■ Create idle-free zones. Schools, churches, synagogues, libraries, shopping malls and anywhere that accommodates a large number of vehicles are prime spots for signs requiring vehicle engines to be turned off to help cut fuel emissions and improve air quality. David helped institute a no-idle rule in the parking lot of her children's school in Southern California to cut down on the "carbon dioxide haze" created by parents' idling vehicles. "You can do the same at your school, temple or church," David said. "Ask that a sign be posted outside that says, 'Turn off your vehicle.'"

■ Buy local food products. You may pay a bit more in the grocery store, but buying locally grown products helps the earth because less fuel is required to transport your products to market. Additionally, buying goods that require less packaging may help reduce your garbage.

■ Bring cloth bags to the market. Tote your own cloth bags to the store instead of plastic and paper bags, reducing waste and requiring no additional energy. David also suggests carrying your own garment bag to the drycleaners to avoid bringing home plastic bags and wire hangers.

■ Put on a sweater instead of turning up the heat in your home.

■ Use recycled paper. Switch your home and business paper products to 100 percent post-consumer recycled paper, saving countless trees and five pounds of carbon dioxide per ream of paper.

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Wife killer convicted

A man was convicted of first-degree murder in the bludgeoning death of his wife, while jurors deadlocked Friday on whether his father knowingly helped conceal the crime.

The jury found Philip Charles Rivers, 47, guilty of killing his wife Edna in January 2005.

Prosecutor Lorie Ronce said the 49-year-old woman died after being savagely beaten in her bedroom by her husband, who had just been released from jail after being arrested for investigation of domestic violence.

Edna Rivers' body was found days later in the Cajon Pass area of San Bernardino County.

The jury split 10-2 over charges that Philip Charles Rivers' 74-year-old father, Philip Matthew Rivers, was an accessory to his son's crime.

During the trial, one of the couple's daughters, Vanessa Rivers, 13, testified she saw her father cleaning her mother's private bedroom and saw her grandfather working on the walls after her mother went missing.

Outside the courtroom, Kathleen Rivers, wife and mother of the defendants, appeared to be crying behind her dark glasses.

"I don't know what to say right now," she said. "I was hoping for something better."

Prosecutors have not decided whether to ask the judge to retry Philip Matthew Rivers on the accessory charge.

Philip Charles Rivers faces 26 years to life in prison when sentenced Jan. 19.

SACRAMENTO

Cabbie behind bars

A cabdriver was jailed after police said he picked up an intoxicated female fare, drove her to a remote area of the state capital and sexually molested her before driving her home.

Kamal Jeet Singh, 41, was arraigned Friday on molestation charges. He was being held Saturday without bail on two outstanding warrants for traffic violations.

Detectives were investigating whether Singh similarly victimized other women.

The 23-year-old victim was passed out at the time of the assault in September, police said. She later identified Singh as the assailant.

Post-holiday rush as the West recovers from storm

BY DAN ELLIOTT

Associated Press Writer

DENVER — Denver's airport was humming with activity on Christmas Day and mail carriers — including one in a Santa suit — delivered thousands more packages as Colorado and Wyoming struggled back from a paralyzing two-day blizzard.

"We're pretty much at some semblance of normalcy," said Joe Hodas, a spokesman for Denver-based Frontier Airlines, the second-busiest carrier at Denver International Airport. "We're running on schedule. No real delays."

United Airlines, the airport's No. 1 carrier, said it had accommodated all of its stranded holiday travelers by Monday evening, after bringing in larger aircraft and extra employees from California, Washington, D.C. and elsewhere, United spokeswoman Robin Urbanski said. Denver-based workers also put in a lot of extra hours, she said.

"We did every single thing we could do to get everyone home for the holidays and, most importantly, we did it safely," Urbanski said.

Airport officials said they did not know how many people spent the night before Christmas at the airport but said it was "down significantly" from the peak of 4,700 on Wednesday night, when the storm bar-

reled into Denver and other cities in Colorado and Wyoming.

The storm dropped up to 3 1/2 feet of snow, closed Denver runways for 45 hours and shut down highways, schools and businesses. The airport reopened on Friday.

Postal carriers delivered up to 100,000 packages on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day across the two states, trying to clear out a backlog that built up during the storm, U.S. Postal Service spokesman Al DeSarro said.

DeSarro said about 500 carriers were delivering mail in the two states Monday, and up to 500 more workers were on duty in mail processing centers.

In suburban Aurora, mail carrier Doug Fischer donned a Santa suit to deliver packages on Christmas.

"It's awesome. Everybody's surprised," he said.

At one house, a husband and father told him, "You've made some parents, grandparents and children very happy."

Although most of the carriers working Monday had come in to help the post office recover from the storm, Fischer, 53, said he has made Christmas Day mail deliveries in his Santa suit for almost a decade.

He said he traditionally celebrates Christmas Eve with his grown children and grandchildren.

Giant snowman rises bigger in Anchorage neighborhood

By The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Snowzilla the snowman is back — bigger than ever.

The original Snowzilla towered 16 feet over Billy Powers' yard in his east Anchorage neighborhood last winter. Now with snow piling up over the past week, Powers is resurrecting the giant figure, supersized.

This time he expects it to tower about 25 feet, top hat and all, he said Monday.

"It's a work in progress," said Powers. He expects to complete Snowzilla II by Tuesday.

Last year's version, with Alaskan Amber beer bottles for eyes, drew scores of photo-snapping crowds and TV crews from Japan and Russia before it melted in the spring.

Powers vowed to build the snowman again this year. But until last week, there wasn't enough snow.

"We were in trouble," Powers said.

Then came last week's snowfalls, which dumped 2 feet on the city.

By Sunday, Powers and some friends bunched up in layers of outdoor gear and got to work.

Scaffolding surrounded Snowzilla's growing heft. Next-door neighbor John Woolsey pumped water into a garbage bin of snow and stirred to make the fresh powder more moldable. He put globs to Snowzilla's head and smoothed it into place.

At the foundation of the new creation is a piece of the original Snowzilla. Last spring Powers' son Hunter put the last remaining chunk of the melted snowman in a plastic bag and tucked it in the freezer. That lump was ceremoniously used as a starting piece for the new Snowzilla.

A neighbor with a snowplow pushed drifts up to Powers' house for easy access. Last year neighborhood children lugged sleds loaded with snow, but doing most of the heavy lifting this year are Powers, Woolsey and Darrell Estes, who lives across the street.

The men have craftsman backgrounds. Estes does custom upholstery, Woolsey is in construction and Powers is a welder. They get a kick out of creating the king of snowmen and are proud of their work.

"A snowman's good for everybody," Powers said.

Free Workshop Reveals 7 ways to slash college costs

SANTA MONICA —An extremely popular free workshop is being held for the parents of college bound high school students during the month of December at various Santa Monica locations.

The workshop will focus on little-known ways of getting money for college, no matter how much income you make, or how good of a student you have. The class will include such topics as how to double or triple your eligibility for free grant money, the secret to sending your child to a private or UC school for less than the cost of a junior college, and the single biggest mistake that 9 out of 10 parents make when planning for college.

The workshop dates are Thursday, January 18th at the Santa Monica Main Library, Saturday, January 20th

at the Santa Monica Main Library 10:15 a.m. to 12 p.m, and Tuesday, January 23rd at the Montana Avenue Library The classes on Tuesday and Thursday 7:15pm to 8:45pm & Saturday Morning 10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. The workshop will be taught by Shanee Chavis an affiliate of the College Planning Network, Inc. the nation's leading expert on paying for college. Ron Caruthers the President of the College Planning Network is a continuous guest of KUSI TV News, Author of "How To Give Your Child A 4-Year College Education Without Going Broke", and an instructor at Palomar and Mira Costa colleges.

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Lowdown on nontraditional mortgage loans

DAYS ON THE MARKET

BY JODI SUMMERS

As the housing market boomed, so has availability of so-called "exotic" or "nontraditional" mortgage loan products. New research suggests that middle and moderate-income borrowers with less-than-stellar credit scores are carrying the brunt of these riskier loans. Most of the non-traditional mortgages have been written in strong real estate markets — like Southern California — where continued home price appreciation is anticipated. Nontraditional mortgage products typically offer initial lower monthly payments than traditional fixed-rate loans to ensure that the initial monthly payments are affordable. Of course these borrowers are aware of the fact that most of these products have payment structures which reset the

loan terms rest, usually two to five years down the line. Researchers fear that this new and enlarged payment could adversely affect some homeowners, making their homes potentially unaffordable.

The National Association of Realtors "is very concerned that some borrowers are using nontraditional mortgages without fully understanding the risks involved," noted NAR President Thomas M. Stevens.

Many money managers, as well as the Consumer Federation of America, are concerned that some of the new mortgage products is not appropriate for many borrowers who receive them, and that over the long term these mortgages could threaten homeownership. The CFA's recent study, "Exotic or Toxic? An Examination of the Nontraditional Mortgage Market for Consumers" found that African American and Latinos were more likely to receive payment-option mortgages than whites, and African Americans were more likely to receive interest-only mortgages.

The report, which analyzed certain bor-

rower and loan characteristics of more than 100,000 mortgages originated between January and October 2005, examines the implications of the rapid rise of nontraditional mortgages and how these products pose additional risks for borrowers.

"(The year) 2005 was the year that lenders attempted to deliver a lot of products that meet the financial needs and goals of their customers," observed Doug Perry, senior vice president of Countrywide Home Loans.

The report confirmed that there is little understanding by many borrowers about how to compare or understand the differences between these loan products.

"While the lending industry has characterized nontraditional borrowers as financially sophisticated and savvy consumers, the truth is that many are far from affluent and could be betting the house on their mortgage," stated Allen Fishbein, director of credit and housing policy at the CFA.

AMONG THE STUDY'S KEY FINDINGS

■ More than one third (36.9 percent) of interest-only loan borrowers earned below \$70,000 annually, and about one in six (15.6 percent) earned under \$48,000 annually. More than one-third (35 percent) of payment-option borrowers earned under \$70,000 annually and about one in eight (12.1 percent) earned between under \$48,000.

■ Latinos are nearly twice as likely as non-Latinos to receive payment-option mortgages. One in 50 (2.1 percent) non-Latino borrowers received payment-option mortgages compared to the 4 percent of Latinos that received payment-option mortgages. African Americans were 30.4 percent more likely than non-African Americans to

receive payment-option mortgages. About 2.2 percent of non-African Americans received payment-option mortgages compared to 2.9 percent of African Americans.

■ Nearly one in 10 (9 percent) African Americans received interest-only mortgages, 11.7 percent higher than the 8.1 percent of non-African Americans that received interest-only mortgages.

■ More than half (53.8 percent) of payment-option borrowers and nearly two-fifths (38 percent) of interest only borrowers have credit scores below 700. More than one-fifth (21.4 percent) and about one in eight (12.1 percent) interest only borrowers had credit scores below 660.

"These products provide an important option for homeowners who have used them to tap their home's increased equity for home improvements, to pay down debt and meet education and health care needs," defended Regina Lowrie, chairman of the Mortgage Bankers Association. "Despite the concerns expressed by some regarding the increased use of 'nontraditional products,' delinquency and foreclosure rates remain well within the range of historical norms."

"Nontraditional mortgages are more complex than your parents' home loan, and some highly leveraged or unsophisticated consumers could end up learning that the mortgage that helped them buy their home was a ticking time bomb that destroyed their finances for years," concluded Patrick Woodall, CFA's senior researcher.

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Tenant in Common and 1031 exchanges



IN YOUR SPACE
BY CHRISTINA S. PORTER

A Tenant in Common (TIC) property generally qualifies as a replacement property for a 1031 transaction under the Internal Revenue Service Revenue Procedure 2002-22. Under this procedure there are 15 factors which determine whether a TIC interest qualifies as like kind replacement property. In general, the TIC investment must not be a partnership and each owner must have deed ownership, retain control over the management and maintain the ability to change management companies at least once a year.

IRS Revenue Procedure Section 2002-22 sets forth the conditions under which the IRS will issue favorable letter rulings that certain TIC investments qualify as like kind for a 1031 exchanges. When TICs were first offered as replacement properties in 2002 sponsors were more likely to request that the IRS issue individual letter rulings that would assure the sponsor and the investor that the TIC was 1031 compliant. As TICs have become more commonly accepted few TIC sponsors seek such letter rulings.

Instead, some TIC sponsors obtain opinions from their attorneys that the transaction is 1031 compliant. Significantly, these opinions are not rendered to the investors and can only be relied upon by the TIC sponsor. Some TIC Sponsors do not obtain any legal opinions. The problem with this arrangement is that the investors can end up paying for the opinion and are still left with

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Burbank	CA	7%	166,216	\$27,963,000
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Type	State	Minimum Investment	Year 1/Year 5 Cash On Cash	
Retail Center	IN	\$175,000	7.4%/11.2%	
Student Housing	TN	\$250,000	8.9%/11.7%	
Class "A" Office	MN	\$250,000	8.75%/9.2%	
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uncertainty that the 1031 nature of the transaction could be challenged.

Since 2002, at least 10 billion dollars (\$10,000,000,000 as of 2006) has been invested in a in tenant in common properties. The majority of this equity is held by individual investors, often for retirement doing 1031 exchanges. The aging demographic of the American population has created an industry devoted to providing TIC investments to retiring owners of smaller commercial properties, especially those who wish to avoid management responsibilities, earn passive real estate income and defer the payment of capital gains taxes and depreciation recapture.

Investors need to carefully review all documents provided by sponsors and have their attorney/accountant review any investment to make sure it fills their unique needs. This includes fully understanding the nature and risk of the real estate being invested in and whether or not the investment is suitable for a 1031 exchange.

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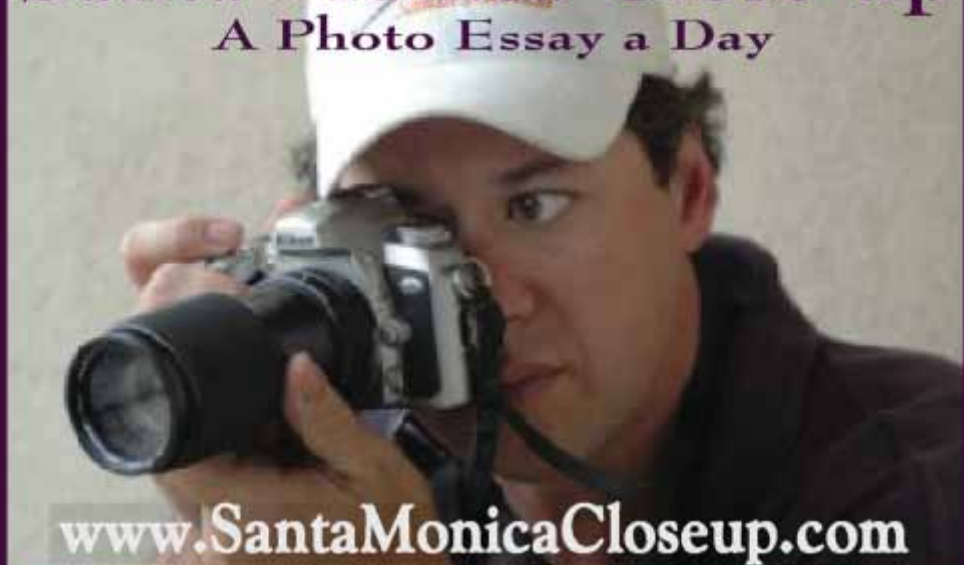
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Coffee farming along Kona

With over 650 growers, coffee picking has a rich history on islands

BY KARIN STANTON

Associated Press Writer

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii — Not everyone on Hawaii's Big Island picks coffee, but if you live on the same lava rock with America's only coffee belt, it's something to try — at least once.

On the smaller farms that lie along the island's Kona Coast, this is a job typically done by the land owners, their easily bribed children and anyone else they can badger into helping pick the ripe coffee cherries.

Those who grow up along the belt above the tourist hotels and newer homes along the shore generally spend some of their youth coffee picking.

For more than a century, coffee farming, specifically the picking, has been a family affair.

After the world coffee market tanked in 1899, Hawaii's huge plantations offered to lease small parcels of land to laborers, many of whom had immigrated from Japan, China and the Philippines to work in the sugar cane fields.

Four generations later, some of those immigrant families still till the land.

Today, there are more than 650 coffee growers along the Kona Coast, with the majority of farms being smaller estates.

Together, Big Island farmers grew 5.8 million pounds of coffee last year with a revenue of \$31 million.

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The bigger companies usually employ seasonal workers, often the kinds who follow crop harvests from country to country.

At the current average of 65 cents a pound, picking Kona coffee cherries is not an attractive career for most islanders.

The coffee, which generally sells in stores for more than twice the price of most — \$20 a pound and more for pure 100 percent Kona — grows in the rich soil atop lava fields. The bright red cherries are not the kind of sweet and juicy fruit to be popped into the mouth while picking, so there's no instant reward for the work.

And the branches of the tough little Coffee Arabica trees that thrive in the rough, uneven lava fields like to poke the picker.

Allan Frank, owner of Kona Cafe, has 8.5 acres of trees that he magically turns into award-winning coffee and has a knack for luring friends and family to help with his crop.

"Hey, are you free tomorrow?" he asks a friend who has never ventured into his coffee orchard. "Wanna pick some coffee?"

Frank hands the unsuspecting volunteer a bright yellow bag with a strap to secure around the waist and a big stick with a hook on one end.

He gives two instructions: "They have to be red," and, "Go pick!"

The picker is immediately left alone in the wilderness, surrounded by green trees

boasting great bunches of bright red coffee cherry.

Farms in other places use machines, but along the Kona coffee belt on the slopes of Hualalai and Mauna Loa mountains, every bean is still plucked by a human hand.

Ask anyone. Picking is among the most tedious, arduous and endless of the coffee farming chores, which go on year-round.

Frank tells how his year unfolds. The trees bloom in early spring, sprouting small white flowers or "Kona Snow."

That is followed by the appearance of green berries.

In the summer and autumn months, there is a small window of time to snap off each crimson caffeine ball before it loses moisture and turns into a "raisin." Because each cherry ripens in its own time, pickers sweep through the fields several times during harvest season.

The cherry must be run to the mill the same day for a complicated process of pulping, fermenting, drying and roasting. It takes seven pounds of cherry to make one pound of roasted coffee.

Then, Frank said, the tedious, arduous and endless pruning begins. But the harvesting has to be finished first.

Frank said he may do one more sweep through early in the new year.

At least one picker may not be returning, especially as there's enough time for spiders to rebuild all the cobwebs.

Coffee picking is not difficult, but it's not easy either. The biggest lessons are learned quite quickly.

A big stick carried by pickers serves multiple purposes. It pulls higher branches within reach. It helps the picker balance on the lava. And it demolishes cobwebs.

One warning, though: The work can be tough under the hot sun.

Do not get out of the car if the song on the radio is some lame soft rock 1980s ballad that annoyed you back then. Because you will be stuck with it — or the three lines you can remember — for the next several hours.

It's also hard to keep track of how much actually lands in that bright yellow bag. Frank's latest victim/volunteer managed slightly more than 62 pounds in nearly 11 hours over two days. That does not even come close to making a dent in Frank's annual crop or ranking anywhere near the winner's circle at the annual picking contest.

At last month's Kona Coffee Cultural Festival, Maria Valdovinos of Waimea plucked more than three pounds of coffee cherries in the three-minute time limit to win the women's division. Even little Luis Magana of Captain Cook, who won the age 4 and under division, dumped 1.12 pounds into his basket.

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Russell nabs some time with the Fame

By Daily Press staff

NBA veteran Byron Russell officially joined the American Basketball Association's (ABA) Hollywood Fame. He saw action at the team's home game on Friday, Dec. 22 at Santa Monica College.

Russell, a former Long Beach State University standout, was drafted in the second round of the 1993 NBA Draft. He played nine seasons with the Utah Jazz and went to the NBA Finals in 1998 and 1999, only to be knocked out by the Chicago Bulls and Michael Jordan. His best season came in 1999-2000 when he averaged 14.1 points and 5.2 rebounds per game. Russell also played with the Los Angeles Lakers during the 2003-04 season when the Lakers reached the NBA Finals.

Russell will play under head coach Don Casey, formerly of the Los Angeles Clippers and the New Jersey Nets. Fame co-owner Brady Anderson, MLB All-Star outfielder, will act as Russell's trainer as the team prepares for a playoff run.

"It's a credit to our players and the Fame organization to attract a player like Russell who has thoughts of going back the NBA," said Casey. "He's jumped right in and is truly part of the team. We are using his expertise to positively impact the team and he gives the organization credibility. It will bring attention to us and opportunity for our players to be seen by European and NBA scouts."

"Byron Russell is a great shooter and always will be," said Anderson. "He's also known as a good defender. Playing for the Fame will get him back in basketball shape. In addition, I will introduce him to new training philosophies that will not only get his body ready to play in the NBA, but back top the shape he was in during the prime of his career."

The Hollywood Fame is the newest team to join the ABA. It is owned by a host of celebrities and professional athletes including A.J. Discala, Nick Lachey, Geoff Stults, Stacy Keibler, former NBA player John Salley, Mike Hampton, Kyle Roller and Brian Vickers.

WORLD BRIEFS

BAGHDAD, Iraq

12,000 Iraqi policemen killed since 2003

Some 12,000 Iraqi policemen have been killed since the ouster of Saddam Hussein, the country's interior minister said Sunday, as clashes, a suicide bomber and weekend explosions killed more than a dozen Iraqi officers and six American soldiers.

At a news conference in Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone, Interior Minister Jawad al-Bolani said despite the thousands of police deaths "when we call for new recruits, they come by the hundreds and by the thousands."

Among the deaths Sunday were seven police officers killed when a suicide bomber hit a police station in Muqdadiyah, northeast of the capital. The bombing was followed by six mortar rounds. In Mosul, a drive-by shooting killed two policemen.

Though police have been targeted by insurgent attacks, they have also been blamed for violence. Gunmen in Iraqi army and police uniforms have been responsible for recent bank robberies in Baghdad and the kidnapping of more than 40 workers and volunteers at the Iraqi Red Crescent.

Al-Bolani vowed to rid his ministry of rogue officers.

BETHLEHEM, West Bank

Israeli-Palestinian violence keeps many tourists away

Thousands of people joined by marching bands, clergymen in magenta skullcaps and children dressed as Santa Claus celebrated Christmas Eve in the center of Bethlehem Sunday, doing their best to dispel the gloom hovering over Jesus' traditional birthplace.

Most were local residents or Christian Arabs from neighboring Israel with a sprinkling of foreign tourists.

"It hasn't really set in that I am here in Bethlehem where everything happened so many thousand years ago," said an overwhelmed Matt Lafontaine, a 21-year-old university student from Plymouth, Minnesota. "It's really exciting. It's just starting to set in. It's surreal."

In an annual tradition, Bethlehem's residents enacted Christmas rituals that seem out of place in the Middle East. Palestinian Scouts marched through the streets, some wearing kilts and pompom-topped berets, playing drums and bagpipes. They passed inflatable red-suited Santas, looking forlorn in the West Bank sunshine.

Other scenes of this Bethlehem Christmas, however, could be found nowhere else. To get to town, Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah, the Roman Catholic Church's highest official in the Holy Land, rode in his motorcade through a huge steel gate in the Israeli separation barrier that separates Jerusalem from Bethlehem.

ROME

Police arrest Italian security expert

An Italian who met with an ex-KGB agent the day the Russian fell fatally ill from radiation poisoning was arrested on Sunday, the man's father said.

The accusations against Mario Scaramella – international arms trafficking and slander – were not believed to be directly related to the investigation into the poisoning death of Alexander Litvinenko.

Scaramella, who is the first person connected to the poisoning case to be arrested, met Litvinenko at a London sushi bar on Nov. 1, the day the former KGB agent fell ill. Litvinenko died of poisoning from radioactive polonium-210 on Nov. 23.

The Italian's father, Amedeo Scaramella, said his son was arrested in Naples after returning from London. Rome prosecutors have accused him of international arms trafficking and slander, and he was being taken to Rome, according to his father.



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SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 60°

SWELL FORECAST (8-12 FT)

The weather should begin to clear, but winds will likely remain problematic. Wind swell is also expected to be a dominant feature with choppy conditions highly likely. As for size, if the faces can hold up, then peaks at west facing breaks running 2-4 feet overhead seems a reasonable call.

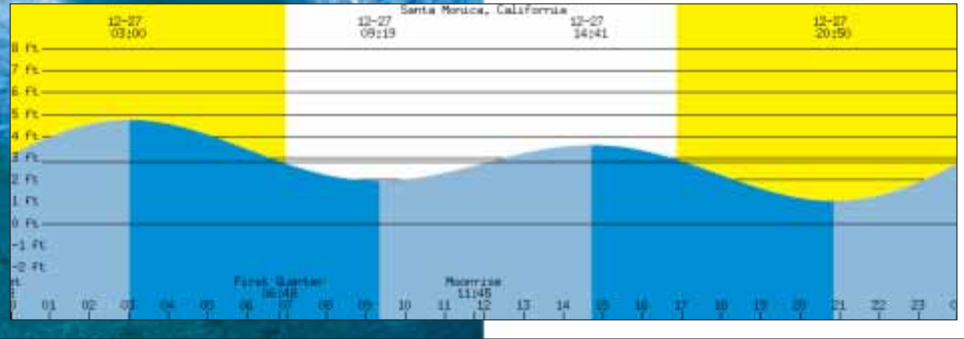
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Forecast: 10:48 Sunrise: 11:48



NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **December 5, 2006**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)	Number of sewage spills -- 0
	Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 8
	Number of wet days -- 4
	Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37/31
	Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 10/13

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	F
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A	A+
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	F	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	ns	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	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

 Heal the Bay is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.

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

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Close to home, Capricorn

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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. Tension might build when someone feels challenged by your leadership and drive. Help this person see both sides of an issue. Long-distance calls must be made. Tonight: As you like.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Slow down. You don't have to do everything and be everywhere all at once. Know when to say "enough" and head in a new direction. Do nothing if you don't feel sure of yourself. Time is your ally. Tonight: Vanish while you can. Don't answer your phone!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Friends and people in general demand your attention. Someone might be upset at your lack of attention. Your ability to juggle many demands and be thoughtful of those around you will save the day. Tonight: Still enjoying every moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Be ready to stand up and be counted. Whatever needs to be done is certainly a snap for you. Plug into a project. You'll gain a great sense of accomplishment. Visit with an older relative who needs attention. Tonight: Could be late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Walk in another's shoes. Read between the lines. You will be able to get past a problem with a great deal of ease. You might want to rethink a decision that involves your daily life. What might feel right impulsively, ultimately might not be. Tonight: Rent a movie. Relax.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ A key associate, loved one or friend demands your attention. If you make it your pleasure, the end results could awe even you. Don't resist others. Work with present situations. A relationship might need an adjustment. Tonight: Say "yes."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Others might ask a lot, but understand that you don't need to do what is requested. Distinguish between what is doable and what takes you in a different direction. Honor your plans. Your words melt a key friend. Tonight: Check out your different invitations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Plunge into your to-do list with enthusiasm and determination. Before you know it, you'll free up some time to visit or chat with a special person. Understand that you cannot do everything. Say "no" if need be. Tonight: Relax in a favorite chair.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Your creativity and imagination naturally merge. You are full of great ideas. A relationship turns up the temperature. Express your affection through a token gesture. Tonight: Fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your mood swings, though for the most part you might want stay close to home. You might tend to hold in a lot of your thoughts. Venus moves into your sign, adding to a sense of well-being. Others pick up on this. Tonight: Happy close to home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Your words have impact. Your actions make waves. Get out and do what you need to do. Touch base with the many people who really care. Though you might feel like a new person is A-OK, check him or her out. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You might be trying to make ends meet with your budget. You could feel stressed by demands. Slow down and take a hard look at what must be done. Discuss this issue with someone you trust. A friend comes through for you. Tonight: Order in.

Born Today

Actor Gerard Depardieu (1948)
Actress Marlene Dietrich (1901)
Scientist Louis Pasteur (1822)

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Happy Birthday!

Your home and personal life become even more important than in years past. You might want to make your mark on society, but be realistic about what makes you feel good. Your instincts always come through for you in a bind. Mercury in your sign adds a certain wit or resourcefulness. If you are single, be discriminating as to the person you let in close, as desirable as he or she might seem. This person might sense a vulnerability in you. If you are attached, sharing more of your fears will open a new path. Trust your instincts and share them more often.

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Baby baptized

Affleck, Garner take little Violet to church ceremony

JENNIFER GARNER and Ben Affleck's 1-year-old daughter, Violet, has been baptized at Christ Church United Methodist, where the actress' parents are members.

Pastor Randy Flanagan said members of the congregation weren't star-struck — or didn't show it too much — when the Hollywood couple showed up on Christmas Eve with their daughter.

Violet's cousin Alex was

also baptized.

Garner, a Charleston native, won a Golden Globe Award for her starring role as agent Sydney Bristow in the TV series "Alias," which ended its five-year run in May. Movie credits for the

34-year-old actress include "Elektra" and "13 Going on 30."

Affleck, also 34, is nominated for a Golden Globe Award for playing George Reeves, star of the 1950s TV show "Adventures of

Superman," in "Hollywoodland." He won a screenwriting Oscar with Matt Damon in 1998 for "Good Will Hunting."

The couple were married in June 2005.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PAUL RODRIGUEZ, DANE COOK, PAUL MOONEY, JOHN LOVITZ and other comedians dished out a free Christmas meal and a side of standup to more than a thousand people at a comedy club.

The slate of comedians performed for more than 1,400 people Monday at the Laugh Factory, said owner Jamie Masada.

Besides performing, Rodriguez was also tapped to carve a turkey.

"This really is my fami-

ly," Rodriguez told KCBS-TV. "All these comedians you see out here, they might be very sarcastic on stage and say rude things, but deep down inside they are softies."

Masada described the event, which marked its

28th year, as a "little party" for those who have nowhere else to go on Christmas.

"They're down on their luck," he said. "We try to make them feel a bit better, we give them laughter."

AP

MICHAEL JACKSON is suing his former accountants, claiming they withdrew \$2.5 million a year from his bank accounts but did not properly pay his bills.

The lawsuit by Jackson and MJJ Productions Inc. was filed Thursday in Los

Angeles Superior Court against Bernstein, Fox, Whitman, Goldman & Sloan, alleging negligence and breach of fiduciary duty.

The lawsuit asks for unspecified damages and for an accounting of money the defendants received for services.

Jackson hired the Los Angeles-based firm in 2003 for bookkeeping, opening bank accounts and filing personal, corporate and real estate taxes, the lawsuit stated.

However, Jackson alleges the accountants hired people and entered

into contracts on his behalf without getting his permission.

The accountants also did not communicate directly with Jackson or keep him apprised of his financial affairs, according to the lawsuit.

AP

COMEDIAN GALLAGHER, known for smashing watermelons during his performances, was accused of shoving an audience member here last summer and now faces a lawsuit.

Leo Gallagher, 59, was to perform at the Moe Bandy Theater in Branson from June 16 through Sept. 4.

The promoters that brought the comedian to the southwest Missouri resort town, Miami-based Branson Partners LLC, sued Gallagher for breach of contract after his shows were canceled because of

the allegations from a theater employee.

Marcy Kowalski alleged the comedian swore at her and bruised her arm when he pushed her back into her front-row seat.

Branson Partners said it had received an agreement from Sold Out Shows, Gallagher's promotion company, saying the comedian would not use "foul language" and there would be "no physical altercations to the Branson staff or audience" during his appearances.

"From the very first

show, there was a lot of foul language," said Deborah Shoodhatler of Branson Partners.

She said the company lost money because of the cancellations and because negative word of mouth from audience members led to lower ticket sales.

Gallagher's attorney has asked a Taney County judge to dismiss the lawsuit because the promoter is not a Missouri company.

"It was represented to (Gallagher) that this would be a good place for him, and it wasn't," said the

attorney, Barney Naioti.

A hearing on the lawsuit was scheduled for next week.

Kowalski dropped her complaint with the Branson Police Department after she settled with Gallagher for an undisclosed sum.

Gallagher has faced similar allegations, including in June, when a patron said the comedian slapped him during a Las Vegas performance.

Daly denies rivalry with Seacrest to replace Clark as New Year's face

AP

DALY, SEACREST OUT

CARSON DALY has dismissed the idea that he and Ryan Seacrest are in a rivalry to replace New Year's Eve icon Dick Clark, who suffered a stroke two years ago.

"Dick Clark is a huge inspiration for the huge success he's achieved," Daly told the Los Angeles Times in a recent interview. "But that's where I stop. The world is changing. I'm young; I have my own thoughts as a producer. I'm not trying to keep his tradition. I'm trying to do my own."

Both Daly and Seacrest will return Sunday night as competitors in their second New Year's Eve as Clark, 77, continues to recover from a 2004 stroke.

Clark, a former host of American Bandstand, has reported on the madness in New York's Times Square for viewers nearly every year since 1972. Last year Seacrest took over much of the broadcast for Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve. He returns in that role again this year.

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Deja Vu (PG-13)
8:00, 10:45

The Good German (R)

10:45am, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

The Good Shepherd (R)

12:00, 3:45, 7:30, 11:00

Happy Feet (PG)

10:00am, 12:30, 3:00, 5:30

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Apocalypto (R)

10:20am, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:45

Blood Diamond (R)

10:10am, 1:20, 4:20, 7:30, 10:40

Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit

Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan

(R)

7:00, 9:05

Dreamgirls (PG-13)

10:00am, 1:00, 4:10, 7:20, 10:10, 11:20

The Holiday (PG-13)

10:50am, 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 11:00

Night at the Museum (PG)

10:30am, 12:00, 1:30, 2:35, 4:00, 5:20, 8:20, 10:50

The Pursuit of Happyness (PG-13)

11:20am, 2:00, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30

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Little Children (R)

12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 9:50

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11:10am, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55

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Curse of the Golden Flower

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1:35, 4:25, 7:20, 10:10

Letters From Iwo Jima (R)

12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:15

The Queen (PG-13)

1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 9:45

Volver (R)

1:45, 4:35, 7:30, 10:15

MANN'S CRITERION THEATRE

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Black Christmas (R)

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Casino Royale (PG-13)

12:30, 3:50, 7:20, 10:40

Charlotte's Web (G)

11:40am, 2:00, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30

Eragon (PG)

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Difficulty
GOLD

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO LAST PUZZLE

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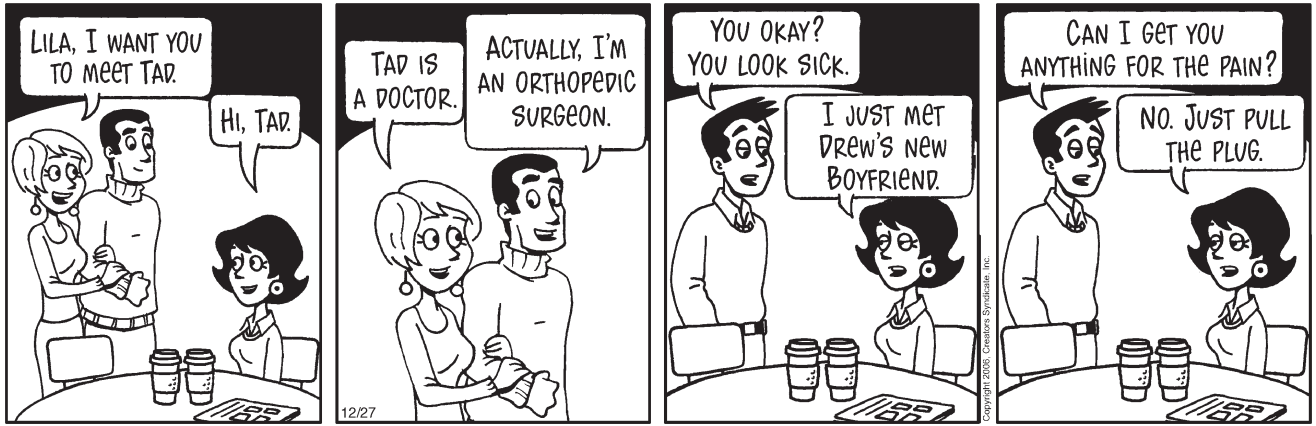
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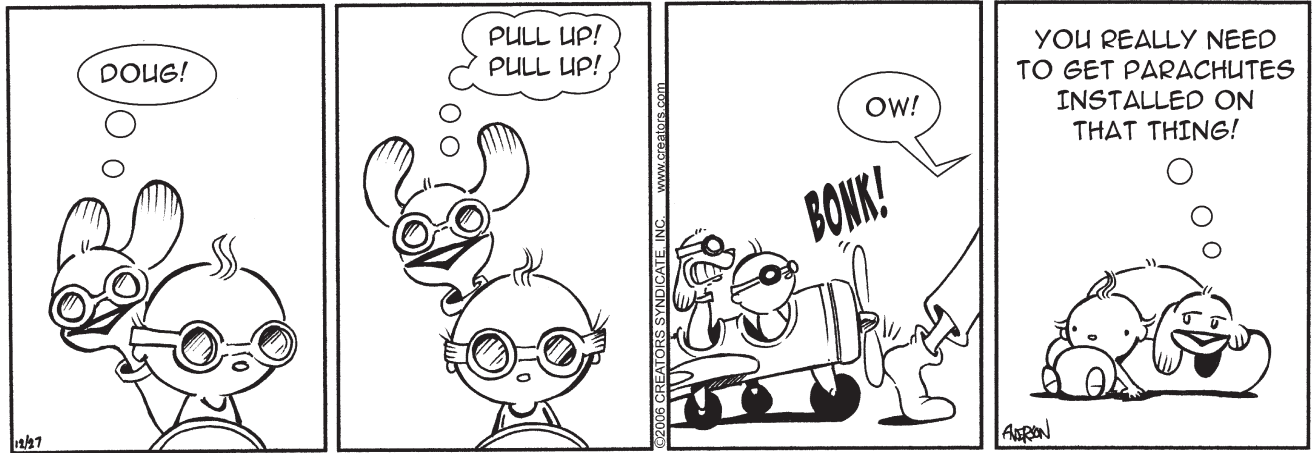
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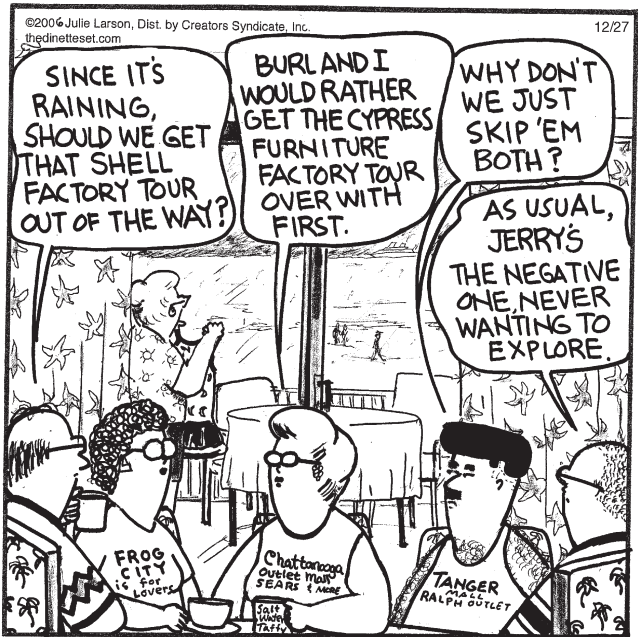
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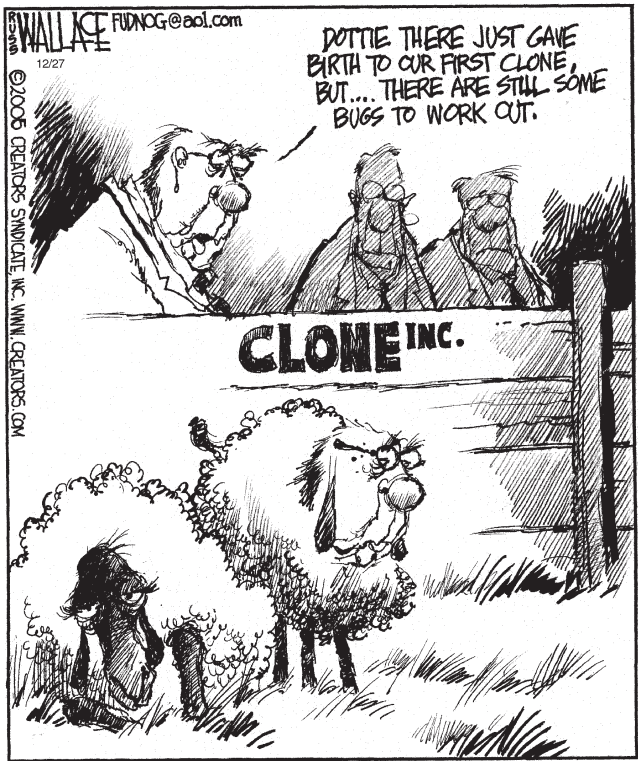
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- 19 Baby dog
- 22 Jest
- 24 Sculpting medium
- 26 Island dance
- 27 Composer Satie
- 28 Improve, in a way
- 30 Coffee-bar order
- 31 Empty talk
- 32 "That would be great!"

- 34 Folk-singing great
- 35 Keats poem
- 38 Sweet-talk
- 41 Talk drunkenly
- 42 Put on a pedestal
- 43 Coin (Sp.)
- 44 Astaire's dance partner
- 45 Invites

DOWN

- 1 Strummed instrument

- 2 Cincinnati's river
- 3 Preparation for some fences
- 4 Storm center
- 5 Solemn
- 6 Vitamin C source
- 7 They may be liberal
- 8 Cheer sound
- 9 Nabokov book
- 10 Risk
- 16 Hill dweller
- 18 Neighbor of Turkey
- 19 Liner windows
- 20 Hand or foot

- 21 Small dog, for short
- 22 Carpet choice
- 23 Mountain cat
- 25 Afternoon events
- 29 Phone user
- 30 Singer Phair
- 33 Garden pests

- 34 Tedious one
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)
Date of Filing Application: December 12, 2006
To Whom it may concern:
The Name(s) of the Applicant(s) is/are: P F CHANGS CHINA BISTRO INC
The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 326 WILSHIRE BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401-1322
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Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control INGLEWOOD.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE(S)
Date of Filing Application: December 19, 2006
To Whom it may concern:
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SHIRLEY JOCELYN TORGERSON

Case No. SP007012

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SHIRLEY JOCELYN TORGERSON

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Tom Prentice 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 Feb. 16, 2007 at 9:15 AM in Dept. No. F located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401.

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Attorney for petitioner:
JOSEPH E DEERING ESQ
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARGUERITE V. HALL

CASE NO. LP012403

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARGUERITE V. HALL.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JAMES E. BEAL in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JAMES E. BEAL 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 per-

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A HEARING on the petition will be held on 03/02/07 at 9:00AM in Dept. A located at 6230 SYLMAR AVE., VAN NUYS, CA 91401

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

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.

Attorney for Petitioner
BONNIE MARIE BURSK
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MARGARET ALDRIDGE

CASE NO. SP007021

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MARGARET ALDRIDGE.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by U.S. BANK in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that U.S. BANK be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with limited authority. (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 03/02/07 at 9:15AM in Dept. F located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

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

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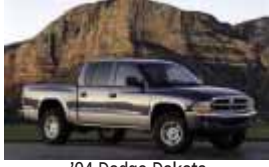
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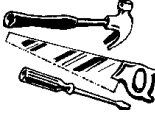
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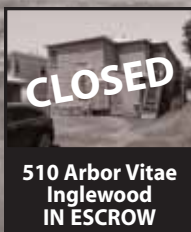
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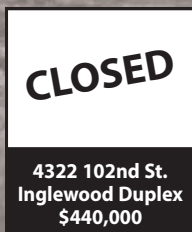
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