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MAKING IT COUNT: A homeless man sits and reads a book at Palisades Park. Nearly 60 volunteers from City Hall, social service providers and other local agencies recently conducted a survey of the city's most vulnerable to determine their needs.

On death's doorstep

Survey finds 110 homeless individuals are in jeopardy

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Editor in Chief

MAIN LIBRARY There are 110 people living on the streets of Santa Monica who could die some time in the next seven years if their illnesses are not treated and they are not housed properly, according to a survey conducted earlier this week.

The most vulnerable person is a 49-year-old white man with chronic health problems who grew up in foster care in Texas and came to Santa Monica 30 years ago. He suffers from mental illness and addiction, and spends most of his time on the beach. He makes money by pan-

handling, according to the survey, the results of which were released by City Hall Thursday.

The survey, which was conducted by roughly 60 volunteers from City Hall, social service providers, the Santa Monica Police Department and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, is part of a homeless vulnerability index that city officials will use to identify those most in need.

The idea is to move the top 10 most vulnerable homeless individuals into housing as soon as possible, and then move on to the next 10, said Julie Rusk, City Hall's director of the human services division, which oversees Santa Monica's homeless programs.

The registry and survey helps, "strip away anonymity," putting faces and names to the statistics, helping to

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UC hospital workers demand new contract

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

MID-CITY Emotionally charged from the rally cry, "Taking back UC for patients, students and our families," service workers and medical technicians picketed in front of the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital on Thursday against their employer over a fallout in contract negotiations.

The local 3299 branch of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) — which represents the service and patient care technical (PST) workers employed by the University of California — is seeking a new contract, its demands including wage increases and better health care benefits.

University officials have been negotiating with two separate bargaining units — the service workers, which includes custodial and food services; and PSTs, which work in the University of California (UC) hospitals — for the past several months. The contract for the nursing unit expired on Sept. 27, while the terms for the service workers ended on Thursday.

The union staged protests at all 10 UC campuses and five medical centers on Thursday, including in front of the Santa Monica medical center's location on 15th

Street, which attracted close to 100 people. Local 3299 represents about 20,000 workers statewide, 12,000 of which are employed by the UC hospitals.

"We support our employees right to gather and express their opinion on these matters but at the same time, we feel the work that needs to be done between UC and AFSCME needs to be done at the bargaining table and in mediation, sitting down and trying to reach a compromise," said Nicole Savickas, spokeswoman for the University of California Office of the President.

Dressed in scrubs, nursing and medical technicians crowded near the hospital's entrance, carrying picketing signs and walking in circles, shouting often-heard protest chants.

"What do we want? Justice!" they yelled. "When do we want it? Now!"

The union and the UC are currently at an impasse over negotiations for both bargaining units. Contract talks for the PCT is currently in mediation and it looks as though the service workers are now headed in that direction after union leaders on Wednesday rejected a proposal to extend the now-expired contract by five months with an approximately \$2.8 million wage increase. That increase is in



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MAKING DEMANDS: Minerva Aquino pickets in front of the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center on Thursday. A fallout in contract negotiations led to employees taking to the streets in protest.

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Hopeful voices of Uganda

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Topanga Peace Alliance Film Night presents two films "Hope Not Lost" and "Voices of Uganda." For the past two summers, Melissa Fitzgerald (of "The West Wing") has volunteered at refugee camps in Uganda, working with International Medical Corps to help people displaced by that country's two-decade old civil war. She returned to the U.S. with video footage documenting life for people at the camps. In addition to the film screenings, actors will read monologues written by Ugandan teens describing their experiences in the civil war and at the camps. Contact Yoga Desai for more information.

A different Kind of Roslyn

6725 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, 8:30 p.m. — 10:30 p.m.

Roslyn Kind is performing at the Catalin Jazz Club tonight. A vibrant musical artist, Roslyn Kind is familiar to both national and international audiences for her headlining appearances at the Lincoln Center, The Greek Theater, and London's Café Royal. In 2006 she made her Carnegie Hall debut with her frequent musical collaborator and friend, Michael Feinstein. More information is available at www.roslynkind.com.

'Salt of the Earth'

601 Ninth St., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

In a gritty mining town in New Mexico, Mexican-American workers go on strike to protest their dangerous working conditions and low wages. They meet with fierce opposition from company thugs and local sheriff's deputies. After vicious beatings and suffering, the wives and mothers of the striking workers take over the picket line in a final demand for justice. Stylistically mirroring Italian new-realism, "Salt Of The Earth" was produced, directed and written by victims of the 1950's anti-Communist blacklisting, including Herbert Biberman — one of the "Hollywood Ten" who was jailed for refusing to cooperate with Congressional inquiries. Thirty-minute discussion to follow film. \$5 donation. For more information, call (310) 451-2752 or e-mail RachelJay@earthlink.net.

A-Type Awards

11461 Sunset Blvd., LA, 6 p.m. — 10 p.m.

The Third Annual Los Angeles Organizing Awards reward those who live to make LA neater and more productive. Presented by the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers, the awards honor the best in the organizing industry, including professional organizers who set the standard for home and business productivity, and products and services that help Los Angeles consumers and businesses organize everything. Sherri Shepherd, CO-host of ABC-TV's "The View," will host. Individual tickets are \$125 and can be purchased by visiting www.napola.org.

Santa Monica Critical Mass bike ride

Santa Monica Pier entrance, 6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Ride through the neighborhoods of Santa Monica and Venice once a month. For more information, visit www.SantaMonicaCriticalMass.org.

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008

'Whale of a Weekend'

1600 Ocean Front Walk, 12:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.

Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium will celebrate the annual migration of the Pacific Gray Whale during "Whale of a Weekend." Whale-related activities will be ongoing both days, including a naturalist-staffed wildlife observation station at the west end of the pier, where guests can search for whales and other local wildlife through binoculars and by steering the Aquarium's Remotely Operated Vehicle, broadcasting live video from beneath the Pier. Inside the Aquarium, arts and crafts projects, story times, face painting, films and presentations will focus on whales.

Monthly Movie Musical: 'You Were Never Lovelier'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.

Free screening of the classic movie musical starring Fred Astaire and Rita Hayworth. Seating first come, first served in the MLK Jr. Auditorium.

Acrylic isn't only for nails

2903 Santa Monica Blvd., 5 p.m. — 8 p.m.

Tonight, TAG Gallery opens its doors for an artist exhibit reception for two new series: Joan Horsfall Young's "Thick and Thin" oil on canvas paintings and Emily Tanaka's "New Wonder" acrylic on canvas works.

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.



SMC president signs climate commitment

By Daily Press Staff

SMC Santa Monica College President Dr. Chui L. Tsang announced Thursday his pledge to fight global warming by signing the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment.

The announcement — which commits SMC to achieve climate neutrality as soon as possible — came at the opening session of the Focus the Nation Teach-In on global warming solutions, which was held at more than 1,000 colleges and universities nationwide.

“I join approximately 500 other college and university presidents nationwide in

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Prank suspects arrested by cops

DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN Three juveniles were arrested for allegedly using a cell phone on Tuesday to make several prank calls about a person with a gun on the campuses of Lincoln and John Adams middle schools, forcing a lockdown at both locations, police said Thursday.

The arrests were made Wednesday with the help of personnel from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified Schools District, said Lt. Alex Padilla, of the Santa Monica Police Department.

As a result of the prank calls, officers and school staff ordered a lockdown at both schools.

Each juvenile arrested admitted to their roles in the prank calls, Padilla said.

Arrested were two 13-year-old females and a 12-year-old male. They were each issued citations and released to their parents.

This case has been sent to the District Attorney's Office for review.

This is an ongoing investigation and anyone with additional information is encouraged to call the SMPD at (310) 458-8427 (24 hours) or call detectives at (310) 458-845. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may call the WeTip hotline at (800) 78-CRIME (27463).

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TEACHING TIME: Mayor Pro Tem Richard Bloom speaks to a crowd of students during the Santa Monica College teach-in on Thursday.

Instruction on a large scale

Students schooled in environmentalism during SMC teach-in

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC Global warming might be a worldwide issue but much like politics, all global issues are local.

That was the message during a day-long teach-in at Santa Monica College on Thursday, an event that addressed the issues of global warming and climate change and how the members of the campus community can do its part to effect positive environmental changes.

SMC was among the more than 1,000 colleges and universities nationwide that

participated in the “National Teach-in on Global Warming Solutions” event, a concept developed as part of a national educational initiative called “Face the Nation.”

The event at SMC's amphitheater, sponsored by various college associations and local radio station KPFFK, featured a series of panel and roundtable discussions with college professors, civic and SMC leaders, examining the science behind global warming, studying the psychology, ethics and politics behind the issue, and identifying possible solutions to the problem.

“Today is indeed an historic landmark,” said Sherry Beall, the host of KPFFK show “Healthy Planet, Healthy Me.”

The teach-in got a breather from the intense discussions during lunch time when 300 kindergartners watched a SMC student production of Dr. Seuss’ “The Lorax,” an environmental tale about cutting down trees.

Heidi Hoeck, the president of the Associated Students, spoke of how lucky Americans are to be able to have access to food and safe drinking water, something that isn't available in many third-world countries. She touched on the importance of the upcoming presidential election on environmental issues.

“It's our responsibility to know the effects of what it is we're voting for,” Hoeck said in an impassioned speech. “We have to own what we vote.”

The teach-in was the first on the topic of environmentalism at the college, according to Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, the president of the Academic Senate.

“We have the focus of students on one issue from across all disciplines, regardless of whether they're math or philosophy majors,” Tahvildaran-Jesswein said on

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America needs a wake-up call
Editor:

What the hell is going on in America?
Help, they're stealing our democracy. The elections are a fraud. The media is nothing more than a corporate mouthpiece. Our rights are being stripped bare. The corruption within our governing bodies is so absolute and blatant that they're not even trying to hide it any more. All any one has to do is ask themselves, what isn't being reported, and a whole plethora of information would fall into their laps.

All you have to do is look at the facts and compare that to what we're being told. How many Democratic candidates are there? Two? Three? No, five There (were) five candidates, but we only hear about two.

Anyone want to take a stab at who came in second in Nevada on the Republican side – Ron Paul. Why isn't that headline news?

I'm sick of it. Where are the international observers when you need them? Where's the outrage? It's not that people are afraid– I can't buy that argument anymore People are sheep. They're stupid and selfish and can't see beyond their own noses. Why else would they vote for Hillary and Obama? Not because either of them are going to do anything to help us. No, she's a woman, he's black – end of story. What about the issues? What about responsibility to society? Does that hold any place in our decision making process?

This country has been dumbed down so much that we're now all a bunch of intellectual retards. We can regurgitate and repeat all the slogans, but can anyone think? Does independent thought have a place in anyone's head these days?

Am I furious? Damn straight I am and you should be too. They keep crossing every line and we keep redrawing them in the sand, just to have the sand kicked back in our faces. Well, I'm at the end of my beach.

Global warming is a real threat that will not go away. It is the most important issue of our day and there is nothing we can do about it as long as we're at war. Half the planet is burning while the other half is melting.

We have no jobs. We have no health care. Our homes are being stolen from us and sold to the highest bidder. Our God given human rights – not citizen rights, but human rights – are being stripped from us more and more every single day. Our dignity is being lost with each new atrocity and all anyone cares about is who won the game last night?

People, it's way past time to wake up. What are we doing? Just going to work to pay bills so we can get through just one more day so hopefully we'll be able to just die before the whole thing goes up in flames. Is that what's going on? Cowards.

I will not just sit down and take it anymore. All these politicians do is promise us suffering. When in the history of the world has the willingness to use nuclear weapons been a selling point for obtaining office? Are you people nuts? What are you voting for? Wake up.

Mark Lipman
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Superintendent
calls for support

DEAR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, & Members of the Community,

The first day of the second semester certainly gave us an opportunity to learn about being prepared. Lincoln Middle School and John Adams Middle School both received what now appear to be prank calls Tuesday, indicating suspicious activity on those campuses. Police searched the schools and found nothing suspicious. Student safety and security were the first priority at all times. I believe the most important lesson we learned was that our schools are prepared.

Last Friday, our Santa Monica and Malibu secondary schools finished their final exams. Report cards are being prepared and will be distributed next week. As an educator, I am always pleased to share this milestone in your children's educational year. It marks the half-way point of this important year in your child's school life and signals the beginning of the journey toward year-end; promotion for some, and graduation for many!

In addition to marking this mid-way point, this January brings some very troubling news about California's state budget crisis and its impact on our schools. We have all worked very hard to create an outstanding school district. Student performance is very high; staff members throughout the district are deeply committed to doing the best for our students and schools; our facilities will be going through some exciting upgrades and transformations. We have built and are committed to sustaining strong partnerships with our cities and, in turn, our community residents are generous in their support and appreciative of our role in making Malibu and Santa Monica desirable places to live. It is therefore very upsetting to learn that despite our efforts, we will suffer as a school district because the state government has been unable to develop stable and adequate funding for

our schools.

I have been working diligently with my senior leadership, and school site administrators are joining with educators across the state to make sure the governor and Legislature understand that this is unacceptable. No one can say what the final budget will be at this date. However, there is one thing that we do know, Santa Monica and Malibu schools are undoubtedly facing significant reductions.

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of public education, but repeatedly affirm their support through local funding. Our schools and our students have been able to weather unpredictable and inadequate funding from the state in the past only because of local funding.

There is an important school funding measure on the ballot on Feb. 5 — Measure R, The Santa Monica-Malibu Schools Quality Education Funding Renewal Measure. I encourage you to read your ballot pamphlet and make an informed decision when you vote next Tuesday. But most importantly, I encourage you to vote next Tuesday.

Your support and your involvement in advocating on behalf of our children is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

(Editor's Note: This column is part of the SMMUSD's World Class Public School's campaign and was e-mailed to parents and community members throughout Santa Monica and Malibu by the superintendent.)



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Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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A lone snack changed the course of history

AFTER TWO WEEKS OF WAITING, THIS Sunday is the Super Bowl. I hate the second week between the League Championships and the Super Bowl. How many stories about Tom Brady's ankle can you take? By the way, if you aren't planning on watching the game, I'd keep it to myself. People might think you're un-American.

Speaking of things I can't take, on Monday George Bush gave his State of the Union. It was greeted nationwide with a collective yawn. The Home Shopping Network got higher ratings. But maybe I'm being a little snarky to George. So let me say something nice about his SOTU speech ... it was his last. The nightmare is over. Well, almost. W still has 353 days 8 hours and 10 minutes — but who's counting?

Somehow I'm reminded of W's mother's unforgettable comment a few years ago when the twins got into legal trouble. Jenna was charged with using false I.D. to buy alcohol and Barbara for underage drinking. Later, they would be thrown out of Argentina for allegedly running naked down a hotel hallway.

A TV reporter approached Barbara Bush for a quote. I anticipated the political answer, "I'm sorry but this is a private, family matter." But the matriarchal Mrs. Bush smiled, as though she'd been waiting years for this moment. "Well, now George knows how we felt."

One can only imagine the hell that W must have put his parents through. As an adult he's done it to the country. The saddest part is we came so close to avoiding it in Florida in 2000, but for a few hanging chads. And in Ohio in 2004, three Republican officials committed election fraud and are serving jail terms. The day after the election, a London newspaper headline read, "Can 62,000,000 Americans be that dumb?"

What happened to the Republican Party? They used to be the fiscally responsible ones. Not George. In Texas they do everything big: Barbecues, football and executions — not necessarily in that order. As governor, Bush set the record for executions. As president he did the same with deficits. In fact the last Republican to balance a federal budget was Nixon, 40 years ago — but, again, who's counting.

Republicans also used to be non-interventionists, dating back to WWI. When Clinton sent troops into Bosnia, neo-cons railed against "nation building." Bush blasted Clinton for not having an "exit strategy." Talk about the pot calling the kettle black.

So in addition to Katrina, Iraq, and 50

other Bush fiascos, now we've got a recession approaching. As Hardy used to say to Laurel, "This is another fine mess you've gotten us into."

Enter George's economic "stimulus package." Does that sound slightly obscene? Bush's plan calls for \$150 billion, or about 1/3 of what we've already spent in Iraq. Without this war we'd have \$300 billion for schools, roads, hospitals and bridges. They're being built, but in Iraq, not here. I know the old adage, "Don't cry over spilt milk." Except this particular milk is costing \$3 billion a week!

To pay for the stimulus package we'll have to borrow from China. And when we get our checks we'll probably buy products made in China, hopefully without the lead. So whose economy are we stimulating? And what will \$600 buy these days? About 10 tanks of gas, which helps Saudi Arabia. That's perfect. In trying to spread democracy W enriches brutal totalitarian regimes.

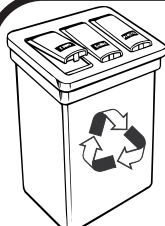
For years Bush boasted that his economic policies were working. They were, for billionaires — a rising tide raises all yachts. We're too broke to help the poor, but when it affects Wall Street, suddenly it's a crisis. I have a hunch that, like Katrina and Iraq, this "heckuva economic stimulus" will ultimately benefit giant corporations. It's got all the signs of another "mission accomplished."

In that speech Bush announced Iraq was a success. On the day, five more Americans died. He says we've won but our troops still can't come home. I thought the point of winning is so you can come home. Frankly, I don't know how Bush keeps a straight face. Maybe that's why he smirks so much? But John McCain might be worse. He says we could stay in Iraq for 100 years. Arianna Huffington responded, "McCain doesn't need viagra, he's got Iraq."

Remember in 2002 when Bush choked on a pretzel and fainted? With 353 days and the spineless Dems, W is still dangerous. One word: Iran. Even if George can't pronounce "nuclear," the image of his finger on the button is frightening. Look at what he did with a pretzel.

Speaking of pretzels, I'm off to the store. The Super Bowl is less than 48 hours away — but who's counting.

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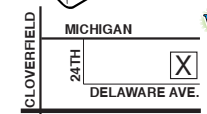


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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Appeal 07APP-009
LOCATION: 1433 14th Street
APPLICANT: 1443- 1437 14th Street LLC
APPELLANT: E. Antonio
PROPERTY OWNER: 1443- 1437 14th Street LLC



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

An appeal (07APP-009) of the Planning Commission's approval of Development Review Permit 06-010 and Tentative Tract Map 06-009 to permit the construction of a 3-story 35-foot high, 27,550 square foot, 19-unit condominium complex with a 42-space subterranean garage on a 22,500 square foot parcel located at 1433 14th Street.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2008, AT 6:45 p.m.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

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Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: Appeal 07APP-009 (1433 14th Street)
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MORE INFORMATION

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Trouble at the Rite Aid

Crime Watch is a weekly snapshot of the Santa Monica Police Department, culled from their own reports. The following are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

TUESDAY, JAN. 22, AT 5:45 P.M.,

Santa Monica police officers responded to the 2400 block of Pico Boulevard – Rite Aid – regarding an armed robbery that had just occurred. When officers arrived, they spoke with store employees who said three males – one adult and two juveniles – walked into the store and headed straight for the liquor section. A few moments later one of the suspects started walking toward the front door with a knife in his hand, the employees said. He was allegedly yelling and cursing at employees and customers. Walking right behind him was a second suspect who was holding in his hands a bottle of vodka and a bottle of gin, both valued at \$67. The third suspect followed closely behind and had in his possession some potato chips and other snacks. The third suspect dropped the items before exiting the store. An employee tried to stop the second suspect with the liquor but he was able to dodge the female employee and walk out. Officers from the Pico Neighborhood watched surveillance video and easily identified the suspects, who were arrested for armed robbery and conspiracy later on that day, police said. The two juveniles were 16 and 17 years old. The adult was identified as Javier Martinez, 19, of Santa Monica. No bail information was available.

FRIDAY, JAN. 25, AT 11:10 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1000 block of Second Street after receiving a call about a theft in progress. When officers arrived, they spoke with residents of an apartment complex who said they saw two men walk into the courtyard and grab a bicycle. Witnesses said the suspects noticed they were being watched and tried to jump on the bike and ride off, but the chain became stuck so they had to push it to a truck parked nearby. The suspects drove off, but not before witnesses caught a glimpse of the get-away-vehicle. Armed with that description, officers located the suspects at Second Street and Wilshire Boulevard. Witnesses were then taken to the location and positively identified the suspects. They were arrested for petty theft. One suspect was a 14-year-old juvenile. The other suspect was identified as Maxwell Christopher Storm, 18, from Venice. His bail was set at \$20,000.

SUNDAY, JAN. 20, AT 1 P.M.,

Officers responded to a computer store located in the 2800 block of Wilshire Boulevard regarding a possible suspect in possession of a stolen computer. When officers arrived, they apprehended the suspect in question and made contact with store employees, who said the suspect walked into the store and asked for a computer technician to remove passwords on the computer. Suspicious, the technician unlocked personal information on the computer and called the owner, a doctor, who said his computer was stolen. The technician then called police. The suspect was booked for possession of stolen property and for violating the terms of his probation, police said. The suspect was identified as Leon Holin Harris, 29, from Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$10,419.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23, AT 12:30 A.M.,

Police on routine patrol in the 2000 block of Ocean Avenue were cruising next to a parked car when they smelled the strong stench of marijuana. Officers circled back around and approached the parked car and the three suspects inside, one of whom was asleep in the back seat. Officers questioned the two who were smoking and asked them what they were doing. One of the suspects allegedly told the officers that he was "just smoking a little blunt." Officers searched the car and found over 6 ounces of marijuana, some of it packaged in small baggies as if ready for sale. Officers also found over \$540 in cash. The officers placed the two suspects who were smoking under arrest for possession with the intent to distribute. The third suspect was not arrested. The first suspect was identified as Jeffrey Thomas Sackman, 40, of Cathedral City. The other was identified as Kenneth Michael Hockenberry, 54. Bail was set at \$20,000 for reach suspect.

SUNDAY, JAN. 20, AT 6:30 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 3100 block of Pico Boulevard – Santa Monica Bar and Grille Restaurant – regarding a sexual assault that just occurred. Officers said that a former employee went to the bar to pick up her last paycheck when the manger called her back to his office and then grabbed her breasts several times. Officers said the manager held out the paycheck and asked the employee, "What do I get for this?" before committing the assault. The employee managed to grab her check and break free. She then called police, who arrested the manager. He was identified as Sean Emerson Conrad. No other booking information was available.

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Applications soar at UC campuses

BY LISA LEFF

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Each of the nine University of California campuses received a record number of undergraduate applications for the coming fall, when anticipated reductions in state funding may result in students paying more for their education.

About 121,000 students already have applied to a UC school for the fall 2008 semester, nearly 58 percent more than applied a decade ago, according to preliminary numbers released earlier this week by the university system.

"There is clearly a very strong demand among California students for a UC education," said Susan Wilbur, UC's director of undergraduate admissions.

UCLA received the most applications with 70,328, followed by UC Berkeley (60,709), UC San Diego (57,116), UC Santa Barbara (55,871) and UC Irvine (51,935).

Every campus is experiencing unprecedented demand, including ones that historically have had a harder time attracting students. For example, UC Santa Cruz and UC Riverside, which saw applications drop off slightly last year, are fielding 13.4 percent and 7 percent more respectively.

The system's newest campus, UC Merced, had 10,180 applicants, 16 percent more than when it was enrolling its first class for the 2005-06 school year. UC Davis, with 48,653 applicants, had the next-biggest surge with 6,342, or 15 percent more than a year earlier.

For the UC system as a whole, the pool includes nearly 26,000 transfer students and 95,000 students seeking admission as freshmen, an increase of 9 percent over last year. The university accepted 85,509 of the 96,569 students who eventually sought spots either as freshmen or as transfers for 2007-08, 49,963 of whom ended up enrolling.

Although a boom in the nation's college-aged population partially explains the increases, university officials said it does not account for all of it. Freshmen applications from seniors at public high schools in California rose more than 6 percent, while public high schools are expected to graduate about 3 percent more students come June.

"More students are meeting the eligibility requirements for the university," Wilbur said. "They are completing the required subject courses, taking the required tests and getting the necessary grades."

Wilbur said UC officials were gratified to see greater numbers of black and Hispanic students expressing interest. So far, the system has gotten applications from 4,094 black students seeking admission as freshmen — 16 percent more than last year. Applications also have come in from 17,614 Hispanic students — 18 percent more than last year.

UC Provost Wyatt Hume said that while the university's popularity was good news for the state, the avalanche of applications comes at a difficult time for college campuses that are scheduled to start sending out acceptance letters in March.

To close a projected a budget deficit, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has proposed funding the system by \$400 million less than its governing board estimates it needs for the 2008-09 academic year to accommodate enrollment growth of 2.5 percent and other student services, Hume said.

"Our very strong desire is still to provide a place of admission to every student who meets our eligibility, but we also have to look very soberly at our options," he said.

One option the Board of Regents is likely to consider when it next meets in March is raising tuition by 7 percent. California residents currently pay \$5,850 per year to attend a UC campus as undergraduates, while out-of-state residents pay \$19,068.

Humans are the culprits of climate-related water trends

BY ERICA WERNER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON People driving their cars, cranking on their air conditioners and switching on lights and dishwashers are responsible for most of the climate changes that are gradually drying up water supplies in arid and growing western states, a new study finds.

Those climate trends are likely to increase, threatening a water crisis in the western United States, says the study published Thursday in the journal *Science*.

The study is likely to add to urgent calls for action already coming from western states competing for the precious resource to irrigate farms and quench the thirst of growing populations. Devastating wildfires, avalanches and drought have also underscored the need.

Researchers led by climate expert Tim P. Barnett at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego, studied climate changes in the west between 1950-1999.

They noted that winter precipitation falls increasingly as rain rather than snow and that snow melts faster. There are decreased river flows in summer months. The warming is aggravating dry summer conditions.

The researchers used statistical modeling to compare climate changes that would have happened with natural fluctuations over time, to climate changes with the addition of human-caused greenhouse gases and other emissions from vehicles, power plants and other sources.

They found that up to 60 percent of changes in river flow, temperature and snow pack between 1950 and 1999 can be attributed to human activities, such as driving, that release emissions including carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

The changes they observed differed significantly from trends that could be attributed to natural fluctuations between wet and dry periods over time, they said.

"The climate's changing in the West. We've known that. The question is why, and no one's really addressed that," Barnett said.



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Remembering the space race

50th anniversary of first U.S. satellite launch celebrated

BY ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES After the Soviet Union launched Sputnik, the United States gave a 90-day deadline to the Army and a little-known research lab in California to send up its own satellite.

Seemingly against all odds, the project was completed in 84 days. On Jan. 31, 1958, a knot of rocket scientists and engineers waited anxiously as the satellite, Explorer 1, blasted into orbit, launching the U.S. into the space race.

Historians see the 50th anniversary of Explorer 1 Thursday as a chance to go beyond the Reader's Digest version of events.

"It's been cemented in all the popular accounts," JPL historian Erik Conway said of the three-month turnaround. "It created the image of a superhuman effort."

By the time the Army and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory received the White House's blessing to fly Explorer 1, more than half of the parts were already in storage. To meet the deadline, they dusted off a rocket that had been built for a classified project, added a new fourth-stage motor

and designed the bullet-shaped satellite from scratch.

The launch of Explorer 1 set in motion a series of milestones that led to the Apollo moon landings a decade later. It also transformed JPL from a military weapons lab to a civilian robotics center whose spacecraft have visited the sun, moon, eight planets and even the edge of the solar system. JPL is now part of NASA and run by the California Institute of Technology.



THERE WAS A MAJOR PUSH TO DO THINGS, BUT IT DIDN'T HAPPEN NEARLY THAT FAST."

Henry Richter, Explorer's radio engineer

The Explorer program traces its origins to Project Orbiter, an Army venture that was canceled in 1955 after losing a competition to the Navy to fly a satellite into orbit. The Army and JPL redirected their efforts to a secret project to develop an intermediate-range ballistic missile named Jupiter.

One of the biggest misconceptions of that period was that the Americans were unprepared after the Sputnik launch, said Carl Raggio, a JPL employee who worked on the classified project and later on the Explorer design team.

In fact, Raggio and others were convinced they could have beaten the Russians to space if engineers had been

allowed to tweak the Jupiter rocket by adding on a fourth-stage motor. But the team got turned down by the secretary of defense.

"We knew we were ready," said Raggio, who at 79 is among the last survivors of the program. "The fourth stage would have put it into orbit."

Yet the Army's efforts continued to be the backup to the Navy. Two months after Sputnik and a month after Sputnik 2 car-

neer. "But it didn't happen nearly that fast."

Richter, now 80, was among a throng of scientists and engineers who waited nervously in coastal Florida on launch day as Explorer 1 sailed into space. He recalled feeling tense when the satellite failed to return a signal at the expected time.

"There's not much to do, but sit there and watch the clock go around," he said.

The delay occurred because Explorer 1 picked up speed as it rocketed out of the atmosphere and was lofted to a higher orbit. It finally beamed back a signal — eight minutes later. The crowd breathed a sigh of relief. The U.S. officially entered the space race.

Besides being the first American satellite launch, Explorer 1 also discovered the radiation belt around the Earth. It sent back its last signal in 1958. In 1970, it re-entered the atmosphere and burned up after more than 58,000 loops around Earth.

Roger Lanius, senior curator for space history at the National Air and Space Museum, wants people to remember that the Americans' success "just didn't come out of nowhere."

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■ **Jet Propulsion Laboratory:**
www.jpl.nasa.gov

■ **Explorer 1:**
www.jpl.nasa.gov/explorer

Public Hearing

Santa
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The SMCCD Board of Trustees will be holding a public hearing to consider the approval of the **Student Services Replacement, Bookstore Modernization, and Pico Promenade Improvements Project** and to consider the adoption of the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND).

THE PROPOSED PROJECT WOULD:

- Consolidate student services and programs currently scattered throughout the main campus into a single replacement building
- Provide a new main campus entry plaza and new Pico Promenade improvements
- Move main campus surface parking along Pico Boulevard to a new underground parking structure
- Reduce neighborhood traffic volumes
- Provide an important connection between the Santa Monica community and its College

Monday, February 11, 2008 • 7 pm

Business Room 117, SMC Main Campus • 1900 Pico Boulevard

Project documents and Final IS/MND available at:

http://www.smc.edu/facilities_student_services/default.html

Solicitation of a Request for Proposal (RFP)

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For The Santa Monica-Malibu

Unified School District

January 2008

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will be selecting a firm to conduct and prepare the District's independent financial audit and accompanying statements. The District invites all qualified parties to participate in the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

Responses to the RFP must be submitted to the District no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2008. Copies of the RFP document are available in the Office of the Assistant Superintendent, Business & Fiscal Services, 1651 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404-3891.

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LOS ANGELES
Massive wind farm to power 56,000 homes
Los Angeles city officials have broken ground on a Tehachapi (teh-HATCH’-ah-pee) Mountain wind farm that is expected to provide 56,000 homes with power when it’s completed next year.

Officials said at Thursday’s groundbreaking the 8,000-acre Pine Tree Wind Project – about 100 miles north of Los Angeles – will be the nation’s largest city-owned wind farm. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa also announced plans for another wind farm on an adjacent 12,000-acre site.
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power officials say the two projects together will generate enough electricity for nearly 130,000 homes.

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LOS ANGELES
UCLA police say muggings plague campus
Campus police are fighting a crime spree that has included several muggings on and around UCLA.

The UCLA Police Department is urging students to take precautions, including use of the campus nighttime escort service and notifying officers about suspicious activity. The latest attack occurred late Monday when a car rolled up and blocked the path of a man walking across an intersection outside the campus. Police say a passenger tried to grab the man’s cargo bag before punching the victim.
Earlier Monday, a member of the UCLA staff was grabbed from behind while walking on Westwood Boulevard. Police say the woman punched her assailant in the face and the man ran away.

AP

ROCK SPRINGS
Lab mice get flight after accident
It took a mighty mouse effort to airlift some 7,000 stranded lab mice to California this week. A truck hauling the mice was involved in an accident around midday Tuesday while on a trip from Maine to several destinations in California.
A tow truck hauled the mice and their 53-foot trailer to the airport where the shipper had three Leer jets flown in to pick the mice up.
The mice were packed 20 to a box, loaded on the planes and sent on their way.
Valentine said the shipper told him and others the mice were priced at \$900 apiece, making the total shipment worth about \$6.3 million.

AP

SANTA ANA
Man allegedly cut off tongue of girlfriend
Prosecutors say a La Palma man cut off his girlfriend’s tongue and allowed her to bleed to death before hiding the corpse in his garage for weeks.
Jurors were told Wednesday that Frank Robert Malloy tortured and murdered his live-in girlfriend Patrial Dunthorne in June 2005.
The Orange County prosecutor says the 50-year-old defendant cut off the woman’s tongue and she bled to death in bed. He then hid the body in the garage.
The former longshoreman allegedly lied to neighbors, saying Dunthorne had gone to Utah. The body was discovered after the victim’s brother arrived at the La Palma home and smelled the decaying body.

AP

FORT HUACHUCA
Dead soldier was from Orange County
An Army soldier found dead earlier this week has been identified as a California man assigned to a unit that provides medical and mental health help to others soldiers.
Pfc. Eli Mundt Baker was found in his barracks room at southern Arizona’s Fort Huachuca on Monday. Base spokeswoman Tanja Linton says an investigation is under way to find out how he died. She wouldn’t say on Thursday if foul play is suspected.
Linton says Baker was from Foothill Ranch in Orange County. She says the 22-year-old had recently completed basic training and was still learning his specialty.

AP

SANTA CRUZ
Detectives: Alleged shooter was looking for trouble
Sheriff’s investigators say the 16-year-old arrested for the shooting death of a man in the Live Oak area was looking for trouble.
Detectives say the teenager and was walking down the street Tuesday with 18-year-old Jose Ramirez when they challenged a 27-year-old man to a fight.
Santa Cruz County sheriff’s investigators say the 16-year-old pulled a gun and fired five times. The man, whose name has been withheld, died Wednesday at Dominican Hospital.
Lt. Phil Wowak says investigators believe “the shooter was just out intimidating and antagonizing people on the street” in what appeared to be gang-related challenges.
The 16-year-old has been arrested and booked for investigation of murder. Ramirez is also in jail as an accessory.

AP

CARMEL
Abalone poachers caught in the act
State game wardens say they caught two abalone poachers in the act just south of Carmel.
Jonathan Conner of Salinas and Tony Le of Castroville had allegedly bagged 122 mollusks when they were discovered at Soberanes Point.
California Fish and Game warden Jess Mitchell says the 21-year-old Conner and 19-year-old Le have been charged so far with misdemeanor illegal possession of abalone. They could also be facing a felony conspiracy charge.

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**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL**

SUBJECT: 07APP-010 (Appeal of Certificate of Appropriateness 07CA-009)
2642 Second Street

APPLICANT: Mark R. Gorman and Beth Burns
APPELLANT: Beatrice Nemlaha, Scott Campbell, Tony Haig
PROPERTY OWNER: Mark R. Gorman and Beth Burns

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

Appeal (07APP-010) of the Landmarks Commission’s approval of Certificate of Appropriateness application (07CA-009) to allow demolition of a non-contributing structure and new construction of a single-family residence at 2642 Second Street, a property located within the Third Street Neighborhood Historic District.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, February 12, 2008, AT 6:45 p.m.

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

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

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: 07APP-010
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Roxanne Tanemori, AICP, at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at roxanne.tanemori@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City’s web site at www.santa-monica.org.

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Leaders talk climate change

BY AUDREY MCAVOY | Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU High school students on Wednesday drew blue chalk lines on city sidewalks marking where scientists believe Oahu's high tide will reach after decades of global warming and rising sea levels. In 50 to 100 years, they expect the Pacific Ocean to shift up to one mile inland from the current shoreline, putting all of Waikiki under water.

The consequences of climate change are dramatic.

In contrast, participants and observers have only modest expectations for what more than a dozen of the world's biggest polluters may do about climate change during a meeting this week in Hawaii.

Yvo de Boer, U.N. climate chief, said participants — which include the U.S. and China — would likely use the opportunity to take stock of last month's talks in Bali, where nations agreed to adopt a blueprint for reducing greenhouse emissions by 2009.

Delegates at the closed-door meetings, including top environmental officials reporting directly to presidents and prime ministers, aren't expected to make much progress outlining mandatory limits on the gases.

That's in part because the gathering is only scheduled to last two days.

It's also because the host of the Hawaii meeting, the U.S., has objected to mandatory cuts proposed by the European Union for industrialized nations. Washington has said the reductions would slice too deep, too fast.

Even so, delegates say they expect to use their time in

the islands to discuss in greater detail some of the ways countries — both industrialized and developing — can reduce their emissions.

Among the issues is how developing nations may acquire the technology to burn coal more efficiently. Or capture and store carbon emissions in huge underground containers.

Delegates are also expected to discuss matters like how to help developing countries prevent deforestation.

Jim Connaughton, the chief U.S. delegate and White House environmental chief, said he hoped participants would reach an understanding on how industries, or different sectors, might reduce their emissions. This would complement national efforts, he said.

"Don't know yet. We have to now begin to outline these outcomes, but there's a lot of enthusiasm here for the discussion," Connaughton told reporters after the first day of talks on Wednesday.

Down the hill from the meeting, environmental activists drew a line along seven city blocks showing where ocean levels would likely rise to in the next 50 to 100 years if global temperatures continue to climb.

Alexa Hettwer, 16, said her neighborhood and her school, Iolani, were among the areas expected to be flooded.

"This really brings it home," the high school junior said of the chalking exercise. "I didn't realize everything I knew would be underwater."

De Boer said the rest of the world expects the countries gathered in Hawaii to show leadership on the matter of climate change. He added an agreement from them on

how to move forward would help broader negotiations fleshing out the Bali agreement.

"This process can be useful if these major economies can really focus on what they can do to limit their emissions and how they're going to work together to do that," De Boer said.

But he noted negotiators hammering out details of the Bali agreement don't have much time.

When a Bali agreement working group meets in April, three months of the available two years will have passed, he said.

Further, because any draft agreement must be submitted six months ahead of a 2009 meeting in Copenhagen, negotiators have just over one year to prepare a document.

China, Germany, Japan and the United Nations are among those with delegates in the meeting at the East-West Center to end Thursday.

Environmentalists monitoring the meeting from afar voiced frustration with Washington's refusal to adopt an emissions reduction goal.

Given the U.S. is the source of one-quarter of the world's emissions, it is imperative that it start slashing its greenhouse gases to stop temperatures from rising, they said.

"If U.S. emissions keep increasing — and we don't start making substantial cuts in the next 10 years — you start to foreclose the option of keeping global emissions as low as they need to be to stay below dangerous levels of climate change," said Alden Meyer, director of strategy and policy at the Union of Concerned Scientists.



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL
REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

DATE/TIME: February 4, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- ☐ ARB 07-097, 2005 Nineteenth Street: Multi-Residential
- ☐ ARB 07-374, 1041-1047 Seventeenth Street: Multi-Residential
- ☐ ARB 07-494a, 930 Ocean Front Walk: Commercial
- ☐ ARB 07-494b, 1200 Ocean Front Walk: Commercial
- ☐ ARB 07-494c, 2400 Ocean Front Walk: Commercial
- ☐ ARB 07-494d, 2600 Ocean Front Walk: Commercial
- ☐ ARB 07-499, 1242 Third Street Promenade: Commercial
- ☐ ARB 07-502, 1919 Pico Boulevard: Commercial
- ☐ ARB 07-520, 2010 Broadway: Commercial

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SPREADING THE WORD: Lisa Harrison (center), from the city's sustainable works division, goes over literature with a Santa Monica College student during a teach-in on Thursday.

SMC teach-in focuses on environment

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Thursday. "To see what's been done and what can be done."

The environmental event was highlighted by an announcement by SMC President Dr. Chui L. Tsang that he signed the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment on Thursday, agreeing the college will fulfill on a series of promises, such as completing an emissions inventory and taking immediate steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Approximately 500 college and university presidents have signed the commitment.

"This action today is not just symbolic," Tsang said at the event. "It holds Santa Monica College to an action plan with measurable outcomes — in other words, we have to demonstrate that we've put our green spirit where our mouth is."

The first professor panel discussion addressed the science and politics behind global warming, some of the panelists discussing what students could do to help the environment.

Geography Professor Pete Morris' suggestion is to ride a bike, something he does everyday for two hours in his commute to the college from his home near LAX.

"In gasoline, I save about \$500 a year," Morris said.

Professor Elham Gheyntanchi spoke about the United Nations Decade on Water action plan, a program aimed at halving the number of people without clean water by 2015.

When the program kicked off in 2005, it was estimated that one out of six people do not have access to clean water.

Gheyntanchi, who grew up in the Middle East, recalls having to conserve water, remembering days when there were power and water outages.

"We wouldn't have safe drinking water and it was horrible," she said. "Those days made me realize without water, there really is not life."

Several hundred students attended the teach-in, many at the encouragement of their professors.

Elba Cabrera, a freshman at SMC, recently watched "An Inconvenient Truth" in her English class where the professor asked the students to attend the event.

Cabrera said she left the teach-in feeling inspired about environmental causes, comparing the Earth to a parent.

"We're so hard-headed (like children) and do the opposite of what's good for us," she said. "In the long run, we realize the parent was right all along."

College Board of Trustees Vice President Louise Jaffe, who attended the teach-in, said the college has come a long way in addressing global warming and climate causes, from constructing environmentally sound buildings and working to incorporate environmental issues into the curriculum of all disciplines.

"It's a great college to be a part of," she said. "We're doing great stuff."

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Contract negotiations at an impasse

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addition to the 4.5 percent already afforded to service workers under a previous contract, according to university officials.

The union is now requesting a state mediator for the service worker contract, Savickas said.

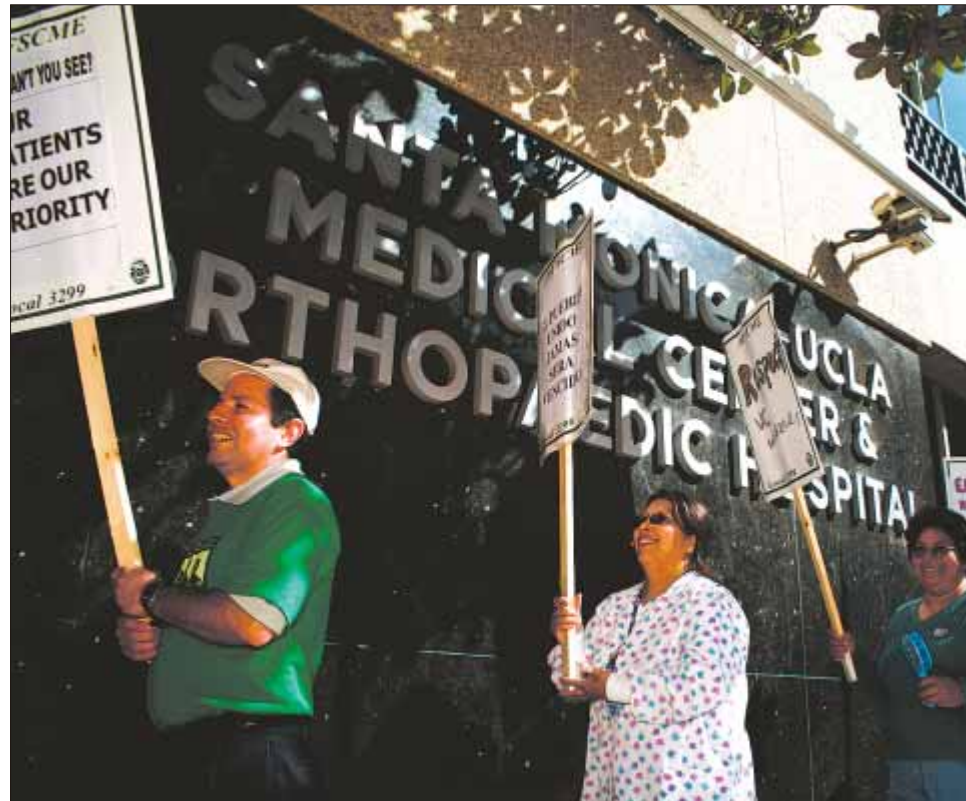
AFSCME workers are asking the UC to increase their wages overall by at least 26 percent, reaching the market rate salary that is paid to the area hospitals, such as Kaiser Permanente, according to Lakesha Harrison, the president of Local 3299.

While most hospital workers receive a minimum wage of about \$15 an hour, UC workers are paid an average of \$9 an hour, Harrison said. The university offered a 3 to 5 percent increase, depending on location and title, to PCT workers.

The union is also demanding that a step salary system that automatically awards wage increases be implemented while university officials offered to the PCT a contract where a step structure would be effective in the second year of the contract with the option of reopening the issue for bargaining. Within the same offer, a step increase would be based on satisfactory or better performance.

"It's not remotely close to what we're asking," said Monica Martinez, one of the bargaining representatives for the L.A. area.

AFSCME leaders say they would also like to see the employee's health care cost



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TAKING TO THE STREETS: Protesters march for better pay-rates in front of the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital on Thursday. Recent negotiations have stalled.

and coverage guaranteed for the life of the contract. The university made an offer to the PCT that would give workers the "same high quality health care and retirement benefits as other UC employees at the same affordable cost," according to the proposed contract terms.

"I understand health care is a national problem," Harrison said. "I also understand the UC has the money to pay."

The hospital employees who participated in the Santa Monica protest carried signs that spoke to the important role that workers believe they serve in the opera-

tion of the UC system, signs that read: "We Run UCLA," and "UC Can't You See Our Patients Are Our Priority."

Many of the workers have been a part of the medical center for years.

Minerva Aquino, a single mother of two children, said she has to work two full-time jobs — the other being at Saint John's Health Center a stone's throw away from Santa Monica-UCLA.

Aquino has worked at UCLA for more than 10 years and said she often works seven days a week, some days filled with 20 hours of work.

"I have to work so hard to pay for their college," Aquino said during her lunch break on Thursday. "If I don't work two jobs, I won't be able to pay my rent."

While the demonstrations went on Thursday, officials with the University of California expressed hope that a compromise could soon be reached, stressing that they have been involved in good faith negotiations.

"Our focus is on getting two solid contracts that recognize our employees' dedication and many contributions," Howard Pripas, the UC's executive director of labor relations, said in a statement. "But that requires a willingness to compromise and work things through at the bargaining table from both sides."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 12, 2008

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

SUBJECT OF HEARING:

USE PERMIT 07-008, 227 Twenty-Fifth Street. The applicant requests approval to retain street access to an on-site parking garage on the subject parcel which has an adjacent rear alley. This proposal is in conjunction with the demolition of an existing single-family residence and the development of a new two-story residence. The applicant requests approval to allow vehicle access onto the property from Twenty-Fifth Street. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.08.02.040(d), the applicant may request a Use Permit to allow a curb cut for purposes of providing street access to an on-site parking garage on parcels located within the North of Montana neighborhood with an adjacent rear alley having a minimum right-of-way of fifteen feet. The subject property is located in the North of Montana neighborhood and it has an adjacent rear alley that is 20 feet in width. [Planner: Steve Mizokami] **APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: Comil Kohanarieh.**

USE PERMIT 07-010, 514 Alta Avenue. The applicant requests Use Permit approval to allow the construction of a 21-foot tall, two-story accessory structure located at 514 Alta Avenue which is within the area bounded by Montana Avenue, the northern City limits, Twenty-Sixth Street and Ocean Avenue (North of Montana neighborhood). Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.08.02.040(c), a Use Permit may be requested to allow a two-story accessory building up to a height of 24-feet in the single-family zone in the North of Montana Avenue neighborhood if such building conforms to the development standards set forth in SMMC Section 9.04.13.050. [Planner: Ivan Lai] **APPLICANT: Peter Schechter. PROPERTY OWNER: Marc S. Primiani.**

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. The meeting facility is accessible. If you have any disabilities related request, contact at (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, #4, #7 and #8 serve the City Hall.

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BIG SIGNING: SMC President Dr. Chui L. Tsang (second from right) on Thursday signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment during a teach-in at the college.

SMC pledges to fight warming

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committing our institutions to a vigorous effort to reduce greenhouse gases and to become 'climate neutral' as soon as possible," Tsang said.

SMC is just one of a handful of community colleges statewide that have signed the accord. To date, the leaders of 482 of the country's more than 4,000 colleges and universities have signed the agreement.

"We are proud of our strong commitment to the environment," Tsang said. "We are getting greener every semester. But this is not enough."

Tsang pointed to several major sustainable achievements at SMC in the past few years, including its ambitious transportation initiative. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus officials estimate that students and employees riding their lines — many of which are subsidized by the college and are free to SMC students and employees — has reduced vehicle trips to the campus by an estimated 6,000 a day.

He also cited SMC's number one position among community colleges statewide

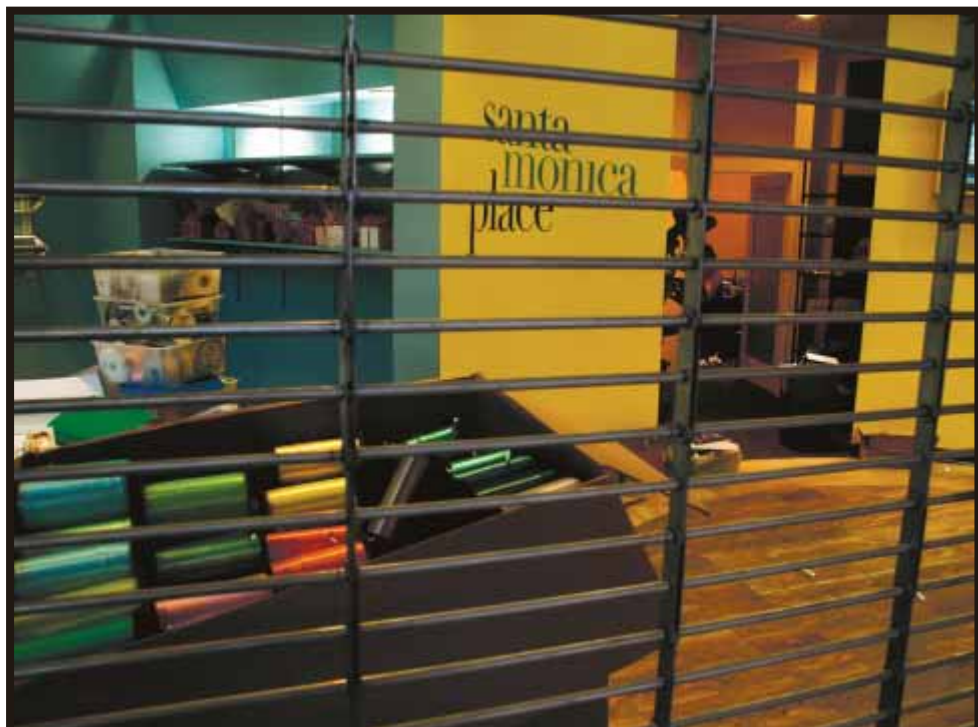
in its solid waste recycling (89 percent of its waste is recycled), its U.S. Green Building Council's LEED certification on several construction projects, its environmental curriculum that cuts across disciplines, and its installation of storm water retention systems in locations on the main and satellite campuses.

He also noted that the college recently hired a sustainability coordinator to help implement a comprehensive environmental audit that was released in 2007.

"Today's action is not just symbolic. It holds Santa Monica College to an action plan with measurable outcomes," Tsang said. "In other words, we have to demonstrate that we've put our green spirit where our mouth is."

"For example," he said, "one of the things we commit ourselves to is, within one year, to complete a comprehensive inventory of all greenhouse gas emissions."

For more information on the Presidents Climate Commitment, go to www.presidentsclimatecommitment.org.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following applications:

3030 Nebraska Avenue, LC-07LM-011, Zoning: LMSD (Light Manufacturing and Studio) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 07LM-011 for 3030 Nebraska Avenue to determine whether the commercial structure, the former Santa Monica campus of SCI-Arc, should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the property meets one or more of the required criteria for landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: Nebraska Studios, LLC. (Continued from the January 14, 2008 meeting)

927- 929 Lincoln Boulevard, LC-07LM-004, Zoning: R2 (Low Density Multiple Residential) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 07LM-004 for 927-929 Lincoln Boulevard to determine whether the residential property should, in whole or part, be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the property meets one or more of the required criteria for landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: Mr. Ali Sharifi. (Continued from the October 8, 2007 meeting).

When: Monday, February 11, 2008 at 7:00 pm

Where: City Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 213
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica



Questions/Comments

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Roxanne Tanemori, Associate Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Ms. Tanemori by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at roxanne.tanemori@smgov.net.

More Information

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Espanol

Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para mas información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

Agencies survey SM's homeless population

FROM COUNT PAGE 1

humanize the issue of homelessness, Rusk said.

"I'm sort of ashamed, frankly, that we have 35 people who have lived on the streets of Santa Monica for 20 years or more. It's an outrage," Rusk said. "One-hundred-and-ten people is something we can get to work on in Santa Monica. There is no reason we can't house 110 people."

Overall, 227 homeless people were counted on a recent, rainy Friday night and 261 were interviewed and completed a lengthy survey that asked them to list their names, ages, years homeless, illnesses, run-ins with law enforcement, and if they spent any time in foster care. In exchange for providing this information and consenting to having their picture taken, those who participated were given a \$5 gift card to McDonald's, Jack in the Box or Burger King.

The effort was done with the help of Common Ground, a New York City-based agency that has dramatically reduced the homeless population in mid-town Manhattan with its Street to Home model. Common Ground is also working with Los Angeles on "Project 50," a plan similar to Santa Monica's that is intended to house the 50 most vulnerable people on Skid Row.

The key to Common Ground's success has been their focus on those people who are fixtures or anchors in the community who oftentimes attract others who are seeking advice or guidance on how to survive on the streets.

Program supporters say the effort in Santa Monica and Los Angeles could save taxpayers millions of dollars currently spent on homeless people who turn up at shelters, jails or emergency rooms.

Santa Monica has had some success housing the chronically homeless. Under the Chronic Homeless Program, which was launched in 2004, 77 people have been housed, with 51 in permanent supportive housing. The project utilizes a collaborative and interdisciplinary approach to reduce the number of chronically homeless people living on the streets of Santa Monica and other outdoor public places by helping them to secure housing, benefits and supportive services, including mental health treatment and/or substance abuse treatment.

Of the 261 people who completed the survey, 69 had at least one at-risk indicator. The indicators included frostbite, HIV/AIDS, cirrhosis, being over 60 years of age and having been admitted to the emer-



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PLOTTING THE NEED: This map indicates where representatives from various local agencies encountered homeless individuals during a recent count.

gency room over three times in the last year.

The average age of people sleeping in Santa Monica is 49, while the average age of the 110 most vulnerable is 55, according to the survey. The average number of years homeless for people sleeping in Santa Monica is eight, while the average for the most vulnerable was 11.

The top three reasons those surveyed chose Santa Monica to sleep in are the weather, safety and the availability of services. Seventy-seven percent of people sleeping in Santa Monica are male and 77.3 percent of the most vulnerable are male. Of the people sleeping in Santa Monica, 66 percent are white, 21 percent are black and 12 percent are Hispanic. Of

those sleeping in Santa Monica, 16 percent are veterans.

The most vulnerable account for 82 percent of the reported hospitalizations of homeless individuals in Santa Monica during the last year.

"These are hard numbers on hard times, which call for hard choices," Councilman Kevin McKeown said. "We as a community must summon the resources to house vulnerable people who've survived on Santa Monica streets for a decade or more, and end this disgrace."

The hard part is finding places to put the most vulnerable.

Rusk said there are roughly 100 housing vouchers available but not enough

units.

"We need landlords to help," she said. "We need everyone to get together and help on this ... This is about changing the perception that homelessness is something we can't solve."

Mayor Pro Tem Richard Bloom said the survey and vulnerability registry, which will continually be updated as time passes, are the start of "something very, very big," and believes it represents hope for the community and those who are living every day without shelter, damaged by the elements.

"These are real people," Bloom said. "These people have a future."

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In 2006, Dr. Bui joined Tower Urology and brought his skills to enrich the patient community at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Dr. Bui is currently the director of The Institute for Minimally Invasive and Robotic Surgery which provides innovative and state-of-the-art surgical treatment for urologic diseases. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men within the US. Surgical removal of the prostate, called prostatectomy, can provide a cure for prostate cancer. Da Vinci prostatectomy is a minimally invasive surgical procedure where the prostate is removed with the assistance of robotic instruments through small half-inch incisions versus the large 8-inch open abdominal incision from a traditional prostatectomy. The advantages of da Vinci prostatectomy include smaller incisions which translates to significantly less pain, less scarring and quicker recovery. In a traditional prostatectomy, it is quite common for patients to lose 2-3 pints of blood during the procedure and often require a blood transfusion. However, in da Vinci prostatectomy, patients most often lose 2-3 teaspoons of blood and seldom ever require the need for blood transfusion. In fact, most patients are able to go home the next day after surgery.

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Judas Iscariot goes on trial

Convoluting story of a maligned biblical figure is a bit much

BY CYNTHIA CITRON

Special to the Daily Press

The leading lady's voice was loud enough to give you whiplash. Saint Monica, speaking ebonics, was totally unintelligible. Judas Iscariot spent most of his time in a catatonic state. And so did I.

It was "The Last Days of Judas Iscariot," a nearly three-hour "trial" of the man who betrayed Jesus, that raised some interesting questions and provided some questionable answers. These came from 18 actors playing multiple parts, representing everyone from Mother Teresa to Sigmund Freud to Julius of Outer Mongolia.

Stephen Adly Guirgis, who wrote this discordant drama, set it in a subway station halfway between heaven and

hell. Robert Rothbard, who directed it, describes it as "laugh out loud funny." If that's what he was going for, it was obvious that the audience didn't get it. Not a lot of laughter in purgatory.

On the plus side, however, there were a number of well-written cameos rendered by exceptionally fine actors. Ronnie Marmo (who produced the play) as Satan, for example. And Thomas Evans as Caiaphas the Elder, head of the Sanhedrin, who brought a tortured rationale to his condemnation of Jesus. And, despite the fact that she had the vocal chords of Ethel Merman, Katy Jacoby did a fine, nuanced job as Fabiana Aziza Cunningham, the defense lawyer in Judas' trial.

Danny Nucci, serving as the fawning prosecuting attorney, Yusef El Fayoumy, brought a smugly righteous gotcha factor to the proceedings. And Robert Molloyhan, when he wasn't catatonic, played a scruffy Judas with a frenzied fervor.

The courtroom, with the judge ensconced in a toll booth and his bailiff manning the adjacent magazine stand,

was entered by a staircase from uptown, a red-lit staircase to downtown, and occasionally, from the U-train (#666) which dominated stage right.

And what did all these "witnesses" in the trial of Judas Iscariot have to say?

"If my son Is in hell, then there is no heaven!" said Judas' mother, Henrietta Iscariot. "In order to hear, one must listen," said Mother Teresa, and, addressing the defense attorney, "It must be hard to have only questions."

"Hell is the absence of God," said Satan. And a belligerent Simon the Zealot complained that "emancipation was our birthright" and "the Messiah was supposed to throw the gentiles out!"

As "the only man in Judea authorized to order the death penalty," Pontius Pilate (Jerard Jones) was berated by defense attorney Cunningham for presiding over 700 crucifixions in the decade in which he served as procurator. Moreover, "You hated the Jews because they fought back," she charged. "They were

stronger than you."

Noting, "history is a lie agreed to," Pilate responded that he was made a saint in the Ethiopian Church in the year 584 CE.

In the end, there is much to ponder in this play, which ran way too long. Primarily, why didn't someone weed out some of the many superfluous and easily expendable characters? Did we really need so many apostles, or nuns, or soldiers, or saints? It all brings back memories of the grammar school productions you attended in which each third grader had to have at least one solo, and when you were finally allowed to leave the auditorium you discovered it was the middle of next week.

"The Last Days of Judas Iscariot" runs at Theatre 68, 5419 Sunset Blvd., in Los Angeles, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through Feb. 24. Call (323) 467-6688 for tickets and information.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Two Ordinances Amending the Lantana East, and Lantana South Development Agreements (07 DEV-009).
Address: 3030 Olympic Boulevard and 3131 Exposition Boulevard
APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: Applicant: Maguire Properties, LLC

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

Modify the Lantana East, 3030 Olympic Boulevard and Lantana South, 3131 Exposition Boulevard, Development Agreements to allow a funding alternative to constructing facilities at Edison School campus for joint City use.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, February 12, 2008, AT 6:45 p.m.

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

HOW TO COMMENT

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

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: Lantana Development Agreements
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401



MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Special Projects Administrator Bruce Leach at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at bruce.leach@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

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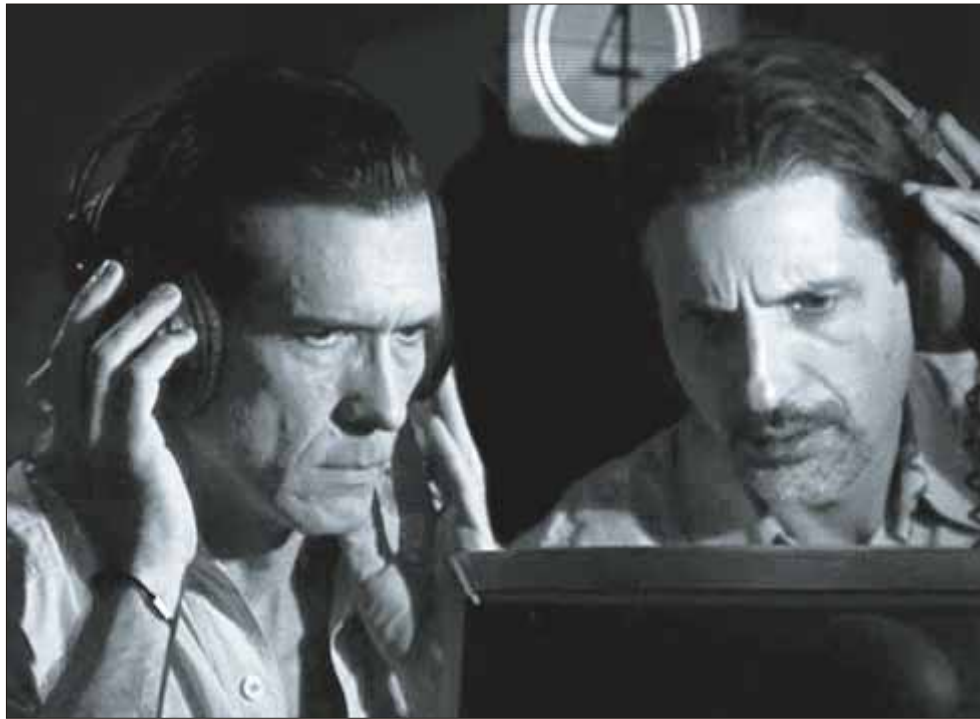


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TAKING ON A BIG STORY: Joseph Culp (left) and Jarek Kupsc star in 'Reflecting Pool.'

Challenging the official narrative

Local filmmakers hope to set the story straight

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
MANAGING EDITOR

DOWNTOWN Sometimes a story is so inflammatory and sensitive, the most effective way to go about telling it is to blur the line between reality and fiction.

Unhappy with the official story of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, a small, dedicated group of local filmmakers equipped with a modest budget and some weighty research set out to tell the other story of what took place that fateful day. "Reflecting Pool," an independent film self-financed by its creators, tells the story of an investigator whose tasked with debunking the official report on the tragic event for the magazine he writes for.

"The original idea came out of frustration of not seeing that kind of narrative film on this subject. There's been a lot of good documentaries, but no narrative films," said Jarek Kupsc, who wrote, directed, and stars in the film. "It (the subject matter) is sensitive because of the potential political backlash. There are too many links that point to the White House and the president."

And those links, according to the film and its makers, are what potentially indicate that there's been a massive cover-up.

Not afraid to wear his opinions on his sleeve, he said that it becomes obvious after a bit of research that there is more to the story than is being broadcast and printed by major news organizations. Kupsc said he's aware that the mainstream viewing public may not be ready for this type of film, but he believes there is an audience out there for it.

He and his collaborators have gone about self distributing the film thus far and have booked the Laemmle Monica 4-Plex to show their film. "Reflecting Pool" will be shown at 11 a.m. each Saturday through February with some showings being followed by a question and answer session with the filmmakers.

Although he would be open to a distri-

bution deal, Kupsc said he's not afraid to go it alone. He currently is selling the film on DVD on his Web site (www.reflectingpoolfilm.com) and has plans to continue the limited theatrical release of the film. While sales haven't been in the "blockbuster" range as of yet, Kupsc said sales have been going well.

While recuperating the cost of the movie would be nice, Kupsc and his partners believe the reason for doing the film had nothing to do with money. It becomes obvious after just a few minutes of talking with those involved in the development of this project that they are united in the belief that it would be better to inform than to educate.

"I don't want to entertain people as much as 'All the President's Men' entertained. I want people to enjoy this movie on a level of a good investigative drama where you get involved emotionally," he said. "It is not a thriller. Out of respect to the whole tragedy turning it into cheap entertainment and exploiting the families would be an injustice. It would cheapen the whole experience. I opted for a more pensive, documentary approach."

The film itself, shot on video to keep costs down, has the gritty feel of an independent film. Kupsc was joined by his wife, Jodie Baltazar, who served as cinematographer and co-producer. Joseph Culp, who co-stars with Kupsc, also served as the co-producer. Together, the three divvied up most of the work that went into making the picture. Each wore multiple hats in order to pull it off.

"We had to do this self-financed. Nobody was going to step up and finance it from the outside," said Culp, who has lived in Santa Monica for the past 17 years. "We financed it on our own. We had to work as a skeleton crew. We had to do many jobs ourselves. There was a guerilla approach. Because of the skill of the filmmakers, it looks good."

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance which would, in part, amend Article 9 (Planning & Zoning) of the Santa Monica Municipal Code, by modifying the landscape maintenance and protection regulations and by relocating standards concerning irrigation and water conservation to the Green Building Ordinance, SMMC Chapter 8.108

APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica
LOCATION: Citywide

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

Amendment to the City of Santa Monica Zoning Ordinance Sections 9.04.10.04.100 and 9.04.10.04.110 to modify landscaping maintenance and protection regulations and to relocate standards that pertain to landscape irrigation and design for water conservation to the Green Building Ordinance, Section 8.108 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code. The proposed new language in the Green Building Ordinance would apply modified standards to reduce water use and waste to all zoning districts, including R1 (Single Family), which was previously exempt. The ordinance under consideration by the City Council would also update and amend the current Green Building requirements set forth in Chapter 8.108 and modify and relocate the construction and demolition material waste management requirements from Chapter 7.60 to Chapter 8.108.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2008 AT 6:45 PM

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

HOW TO COMMENT

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

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: Landscaping and Irrigation Standards
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project, please contact Brenden McEneaney, LEED AP, CGBP, Green Building Program Advisor at (310) 458-8549, or by e-mail at brenden.mceneaney@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

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Out with the old and often tired

LAST THURSDAY, DURING A DOWN-pour, my drummer husband drove my sporty little car to the recording studio. Why not? I wasn't using my car. I was already in my pajamas, on the couch cupping a mug of hot cocoa and watching a rerun of "Grey's Anatomy." A tornado warning crawled across the bottom of the TV.

My husband often takes my car to the studio. He could rattle there in his beat-up van, but my car is more comfortable, more stylish. A couple of years ago, I bought the car from my friend Nancy. The only way Nancy could have babied the car more is if she had been able to rock it to sleep in her arms.



West Dressed

Mariel Howsepien
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After "Grey's Anatomy," I went to bed knowing that, a couple of hours later, my husband would inevitably rouse me from REM sleep. He would say, "Babe, I love you. I'm home." He would close the bedroom door and I would hear him ripping open a Lean Cuisine pepperoni pizza, the beep of microwave buttons, and Letterman's studio audience laughing.

At 12:30 a.m., my husband got home,

said, "Babe, I love you," and then, "I wrecked your car."

He was kidding, right?

When someone you love gets into a car accident, the first thought you're supposed to have is: Is my loved one okay? But when they walk in just fine, that question is answered, so you want to know how bad the car is damaged, that it was the other driver's fault, and that he was insured.

And then you want to know why your husband is waking you up to tell you that you have no car, when nothing you can do will change the situation.

I took two Benadryl and cried myself to sleep.

The next morning, I saw my car. Visualize a pug's smashed-in face. My comfortable, stylish, babied car is totaled.

I'm trying to accept that a car is just a thing. People survived for thousands of years without cars. I can get most places on foot, or bike, or bus. My husband and I teach at the same school, so I don't need a car to get to and from work. If I want to go out of town, I can get a rental.

If I don't need my car, what else do I not need?

I became the tornado. I don't need my orange sarong, or my magic scarf, or my hat that makes me look like Colonel Mustard. I threw them into a pile.

At least once a year, my life makes me a little claustrophobic. I think about how easy it would be to pack a single bag and run off to anywhere else.

I don't need seven black sweaters, or

capri pants in every color.

Why didn't I donate all of this stuff to a thrift store last year? I could have used the donation as a tax deduction. Oh well. There's always next year.

TIP:

■ **IF YOU MADE A DONATION** to a thrift store last year, and are looking for a tax deduction, Goodwill and Salvation Army have Web sites listing the estimated values of clothing items. Check them out.

So how much is an orange sarong worth? According to Goodwill's Web site: \$2. The site lists the estimated values of men's, women's, and children's clothing, as well as housewares, appliances, computers, sporting goods, and furniture.

Why do I still have a floor-length black evening dress that I wore once to the opera eight years ago?

When cleaning out one's closet, the rule is: If you haven't worn it in a year, get rid of it. A better rule is: If you haven't worn it in six months, and you don't foresee wearing it in the next six months, let it go.

Pink poncho that was purchased during the poncho craze a couple years ago, I free you.

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Crocs have many lives

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL

AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK Old Crocs are getting a second chance – and giving many needy people around the world their first pair of shoes.

The maker of the ubiquitous plastic shoes is launching its SolesUnited initiative to the public, asking for donations of worn-out shoes to be recycled and turned into new ones.

The company started donating shoes a little over a year ago when the brand's materials scientists figured out a way to recycle the plastic.

But the plastic almost exclusively came from scraps created during the manufacturing process.

SolesUnited marks the opening of the program to the public with many retailers around the country accepting old shoes. It was to be announced on "The Celebrity Apprentice" Thursday night.

Crocs are made of Croslite material, a proprietary closed-cell resin that expands and contracts to mold to the wearer's foot.

"It's a great opportunity to give back," Crocs CEO Ron Snyder says. "We've been very fortunate as a company."

Fortunate is right: Crocs was a small business founded in 2002 in Niwot, Colo. Last year, it was one of the most widely traded Wall Street stocks, and it was named a top pick for this year by an analyst at PiperJaffray.

SolesUnited shoes have slight design tweaks to differentiate them from the traditional Crocs. Shoes recently sent to Malawi, for example, were without the back strap found on

the original clog-style shoe.

Crocs' distribution partner, the charitable Brother's Brother Foundation in Pittsburgh has sent shoes around the world, including Chile, El Salvador, India, Pakistan, Kenya, Vietnam and Zimbabwe.

During January, it filled nine ocean-going containers, each one holding 10,000 pairs of shoes.

IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK. WE'VE BEEN VERY FORTUNATE AS A COMPANY."

Ron Snyder, Crocs CEO

But, says Luke Hingson, president of Brother's Brother, this new expansion will bring the program "to a whole other level."

The shoes are important in these developing countries because it reduces people's exposure to foot injury and infection and they simply can walk farther when their feet don't hurt.

SolesUnited Crocs are embossed to note that they use recycled plastic and are intended for charitable purposes and can't be sold.

A similarly styled shoe, however, will be introduced in the U.S. as a fundraising tool.

"They're unique. You'll know you're participating in the SolesUnited program if you're wearing them," he says.

NEW DVD RELEASES

BY RANDY WILLIAMS



Photo courtesy Discovery

COOL SCIENCE: The cast of 'Mythbusters' debunks popular urban legends and myths.

'Mythbusters' Season four

Featuring two special effects veterans, Jamie Hyneman and Adam Savage, this engaging, mirthful yet seriously scientific approach uses some imaginative and often crazy-looking methods in testing the validity of timeless myths and urban legends of popular culture. From exploding pants, Ben Franklin's kite, lethal lighters, mind-control devices, cell phones on planes and seasickness, cutting-edge science has never been more fun to watch. Thirty episodes come on six discs. (Discovery)

'3:10 to Yuma'

This engaging remake of the 1957 picture that starred Glenn Ford and Van Heflin, centers on a broken-down Civil War veteran (Christian Bale) volunteering to deliver an infamous outlaw (Russell Crowe) to the "3:10 to Yuma," a train that will take the killer to trial. Based on an Elmore Leonard short story (1953) and a box office winner a half-century after the original premiered, this James Mangold ("Walk the Line") picture has been nominated for two Oscars (Best Sound and Original Score.) (Lionsgate)

The John Frankenheimer Collection

Known for presenting big-budget, large-scale, action films using unconventional camera angles and blocking techniques, the influential director's style is on display with four titles in this set. "The Young Savages," based on a best seller, stars Burt Lancaster in a court trial of a murder involving a blind gang member. "Ronin" features Robert DeNiro where covert mercenaries find themselves competing with other underworld organizations in trying to steal a top-secret briefcase in post-Cold War France. Director commentary and an alternate ending are offered here. Burt Lancaster appears again as the lead in "The Train," an exciting WWII drama. He portrays a French Resistance member trying to outsmart the Nazis and preventing them from transporting precious stolen paintings back to Germany. In "The Manchurian Candidate," Angela Lansbury earned an Oscar nomination for her portrayal of a woman involved in a cynical political brain-washing plot. Co-starring Frank Sinatra, it also includes interviews with Ole' Blue Eyes and the director. (MGM)

'ER' Season eight

New faces (as well as the return of an old one, Sherry Stringfield as Dr. Susan Lewis) arrive on the scene in this long-running look at the work and lives of doctors and their staff in a Chicago emergency room. There are 22 episodes on six discs (originally airing in 2001) that include story lines involving: a smallpox scare; sexual harassment; and an "Angel of Death" who has been secretly murdering elderly patients. Creator Michael Crichton, a Harvard Medical School dropout, wrote the original script in 1970 as a movie, "EW: Emergency Ward."

'Medabots' The Complete First Season

Get ready to robattle as the popular Fox Kids series comes to DVD. Set in the near future, "Medabots" revolves around the adventures of a group of kids and their pet robots loaded with artificial intelligence and a specialized arsenal of high-powered weapons. Twenty six episodes on four discs provide nearly 10 hours of challenges where kids have the ultimate power involving over 350 unique robots. (Shout Factory)

'Terry Jones' Barbarians'

For the first time on DVD, the former Monty Python comedian and popular historian brings his quirky exploration through Roman history from a very different perspective, the Barbarians. We learn in this four-part, double-disc set that many of these "non-Romans" were in fact not barbaric at all, but rather well-organized and intelligent societies with no intentions of overthrowing the Roman Empire. The Goths and Celts are among those explored. (A&E)

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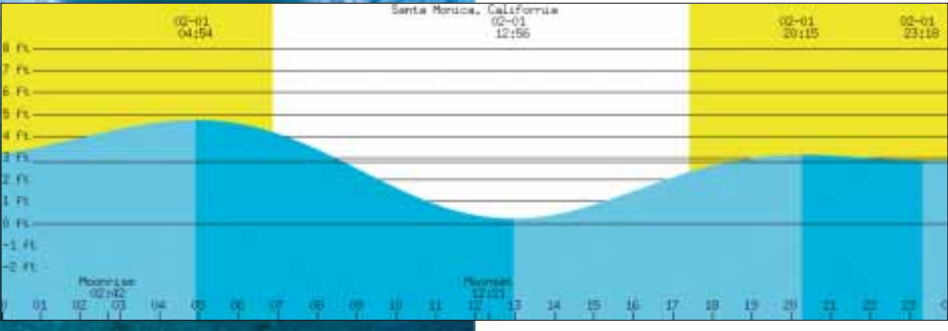


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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	F
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	B
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A
Walnut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

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 Odd Man Out
By Mark Marchillo

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Being a ‘joiner’ isn’t all that bad

BE A JOINER. NOT EXACTLY SECOND nature to some of us gays who were shunned from the crowd so much of our adolescence. I recently received an e-mail from someone who bemoaned the obstacles of meeting quality people in the gay community. And I sympathize. Really. I think L.A. is often that place of so many people, no time. Everyone's running; on a schedule, stuck in traffic, on the cell, meeting here, lunching there. Who has the time? Well. It's a great excuse.

When I graduated college, I entered the toughest year of my life. My friends? Oh, they all left. San Francisco. Austin. Boston. Going, going, gone. And I found myself – an ex-fraternity boy used to having 60 people around the house – all alone. Thank God for “Gilmore Girls.” Worse, I hated being gay. All my straight friends were on the Donna Reed track. I resented their lives. Full. Dating was easy for them. Relationships were second nature. They'd been doing it for years. But gay people don't date. We screw. It's totally different. And when you haven't even done that ... oh, boy. So here I was, a lonely, twenty-something college graduate with no career, no money, and no prospects. I felt like Mary Tyler Moore in season one. So I decided. I would do a sport!

Against my better, more grounded

judgment, I went about trying to find a sports team that would take on a clumsy, emo twink with few skills, save for a svelte eyebrow pluck on occasion, who had never run a field or swam a true lap in his life. And I found myself amongst the greatest group of guys who took me in and truly became the brothers I had wished my fraternity bros had become. West Hollywood Water Polo. I was thrilled. Except for one thing ... who the heck knew water polo was so hard!

I was on the team for a little over three years. But joining that league changed my entire social life. I had somewhere to go. Likewise, after my breakup last year, I again sought the comforts of a group, and now volunteer at the Trevor Project. It's a wonderful organization that supplies the only 24/7 nationwide suicide help line for gay and questioning youth. It's cool, and I've met several outstanding people who have become dear friends.

The moral of the story? Join things. Get out there. Clubs and bars are fine. But think outside of the box. Quality lurks. There are places where cool gays roam.

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Hollywood defends Ledger

BY DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK It was a striking example of Hollywood protecting its own: After an aggressive lobby from powerful film industry figures, “Entertainment Tonight” decided against airing a video that shows the late Heath Ledger hanging out at a party where drugs were being taken.

The show said it pulled the story “out of respect for Heath Ledger's family.” But don't discount the effect of a lightning-fast campaign launched by a public relations firm that represents many of the stars “Entertainment Tonight” depends upon for stories.

Even some celebrities themselves – Natalie Portman and Sarah Jessica Parker, to name a couple – called to urge “ET” to pull the plug.

Ledger, 28, died in his Manhattan apartment Jan. 22. Authorities suspect a possible drug overdose, but the cause of his death is still pending the outcome of toxicology tests. Police said several prescription drugs – but nothing illegal – were found in the Manhattan apartment where the “Brokeback Mountain” actor's body was found.

“Entertainment Tonight” is hardly the lone news organization to broach the topic of potential drug abuse by the star. But the video it acquired, reportedly taken two years ago at a party at the Chateau Marmont Hotel, drew the fiercest

attention.

The syndicated magazine's sister show, “The Insider,” aired a “preview” of the story that it had planned to run Thursday that actually showed several segments of the video. Following the protest, “The Insider” yanked the segment from the West Coast version of its telecast.

Ledger is seen standing in the doorway of a room where the party was taking place, swigging from a beer bottle. The actor is heard saying that he was “going to get serious (word bleeped) from my girlfriend” for being at the party.

The show made clear that there was nothing on the video showing Ledger taking any drug. At one point, however, the then-26-year-old said he “used to smoke five joints a day.”

But a person who has seen the entire video, who asked not to be identified because of its sensitive nature, said Ledger then points to his tattoo of “M” (for his daughter, Matilda Rose) and says, “this is to remind me never to smoke weed again.” That part of the quote was not used in Wednesday's preview.

Later, with Ledger in the background, an unidentified man, his face blurred, seems to snort cocaine from a table.

After seeing a promotion for the show Wednesday, a publicist at ID, Ledger's public relations firm, called “Entertainment Tonight” and asked that the segment be pulled. The request was refused.

Represent

Badu, in Tel Aviv for a concert, says she identifies with Palestinian rap



BADU

Sporting a huge, billowing Afro and a T-shirt with an anti-Iraq war slogan, **ERYKAH BADU** said she identifies with Palestinian hip-hop and expressed support for Louis Farrakhan before a crowd of Israeli fans and journalists Thursday.

"I come from across the water bringing light and hope," the 36-year-old singer said. She is scheduled to perform in Tel Aviv on Saturday

night.

Badu commissioned a poster for her visit. It features a large hamsa – a traditional Middle Eastern good-luck charm – that appears to be growing out of her hair. At the bottom, the words for peace in Hebrew and Arabic appear side by side.

The singer, who couldn't name any Israeli hip-hop artists, said she identified best with the Palestinians and their hip-

hop scene, saying they are part of her "tribe" of hip-hop.

"They use (hip-hop) as a form of liberation, as a form of pre-resistance, as a form of therapy," she said.

She defended Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam, whose statements have been labeled "bigoted and anti-Semitic" by the Anti-Defamation League.

"(Farrakhan is) not an

anti-Semite. He loves all people," Badu said. Her next album, "Nu AmErykah," will be released Feb. 26, the date of Savior's Day, a Nation of Islam holiday.

Israeli reggae-soul group Karolina and Funset, who will be opening for Badu's concert, posed for pictures with the singer, then joined her in raising the black power clenched-fist salute.

AP

MCCARTNEY DISPUTES REPORT

PAUL MCCARTNEY says recent media reports that he had a heart procedure last year are "entirely untrue."

"People are ringing and texting me saying, 'Are you OK?'" he writes in a posting on his newly redesigned Web site. "I hadn't seen the report so I was puzzled by so many enquiries about my health."

Recent media reports "completely distorted the story," he added.

AP

Spears taken from her home — again

BRITNEY SPEARS was taken from her home by ambulance early Thursday and escorted to the hospital by more than a dozen police officers in cars, on motorcycles and in helicopters.

The 26-year-old pop star was being taken to "get help," said a Los Angeles police officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak on the matter. The Los Angeles Times cited unidentified authorities who said Spears was being placed on a "mental evaluation hold."

Spears was taken to UCLA Medical Center, where her mother, Lynne, was seen leaving its psychiatric hospital at about 5:30 a.m. When asked by a throng of paparazzi and reporters whether Britney was doing all right, Lynne Spears replied, "Yeah," before leaving in a Range Rover.

Hours earlier, shortly after 1 a.m., a motorcade nearly the length of a football field pulled away from Spears' residence. Along with the ambulance, it included police on nearly a

dozen motorcycles, in two cruisers, and two helicopters following overhead.

The scene was more controlled than the one earlier this month when Spears also was taken away from her home in an ambulance. On Jan. 3, police were called to her home when she refused to return her two young sons, Sean Preston, 2, and Jayden James, 1, to ex-husband Kevin Federline, who has custody.

Officers had paramedics haul Spears to a hospital for undisclosed reasons. She was released after a

day and a half in Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

Subsequently, the Superior Court commissioner handling the custody case held a closed hearing that included exhibits including a "photocopy of Application for 72-hour Detention for Evaluation and Treatment." All exhibits were sealed.

Police also went to Spears' hilltop residence off Mulholland Drive on Monday night after someone reported a swarm of paparazzi trespassing near her home.

AP

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

As you like, Sagittarius

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Friendship will play a significant role in your year. Success follows when you work with groups. A partnership could be tested and, if married, you might feel quite insignificant or not valued. If you are single, friendship will play a strong role in a new relationship. . In any case, a friendship will need to be at the base of this relationship. SAGITTARIUS encourages adventure!

Born Today

Celebrity Lisa Marie Presley (1968)

Director John Ford (1894)
Actor Clark Gable (1901)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Profuse changes and a great deal of overindulgence play into today's scenario. Certainly, if you can take off, you should. Creativity and the unexpected earmark your decisions and actions. Tonight: Take in the big picture.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Examine alternatives carefully with an eye to positive change. Excesses earmark your interactions with a partner. The two of you could go off and make a major expenditure. You have a sense that there is no tomorrow (right now!). Tonight: Work as individuals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Others hop in your direction, knowing (they think) full well what you want and need. Be willing to back off and approach a situation in a different style. How you deal with a negative person or problem determines the end results. Tonight: Say yes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Even you, Moon Child, have limitations. Sometimes you could wonder if all the effort you make is worth it! Don't. Just stay centered and direct. Investigate possibilities that might streamline problems. Tonight: Say yes to an offer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Creativity floats up out of the blue. You know what needs to be resolved, yet you might focus on fun and games. You might not be able to discipline yourself. Whatever you do, it appears you have a good time. Know when to say no. Tonight: Ever playful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Recognize your limits with a personal or domestic matter. You could be slightly more rigid than you realize. Take a stand; don't allow others to pressure you. Opt for some self-indulgence. Tonight: Anchor in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You cannot seem to avoid a sense of negativity. Get past this attitude, and you'll become empowered. Optimism is contagious and dynamic. Your efforts pay off because you are willing to make a gesture or start a conversation. Tonight: Chitchat the night away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Deal with your finances. If you want to make an expenditure, postpone it for now. You need more information and facts; find an expert or two. Decide to sleuth through a situation. Endurance is a must! Tonight: Dinner with a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Your energy and optimism help surmount any problem. An older person cannot seem to open up to your ideas. Don't keep running into a brick wall. Understand your limits, and success is yours. Tonight: As you like.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Knowing when not to make an effort is also important. Realize your long-term wishes through careful thought and reflection. You don't need to have answers just yet. Someone might not be giving you the whole story. Tonight: Reach out for another person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. A partner might not be as open as you would like. Friends want to pitch in, helping you feel better. Your instincts might be off, but they lead you down a new, dynamic path. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You might look up to someone, and this person to you. Establish limits. Your knowledge and understanding point to another direction. A partner seems difficult. Give this person understanding rather than criticism. Tonight: Fun times are ahead.

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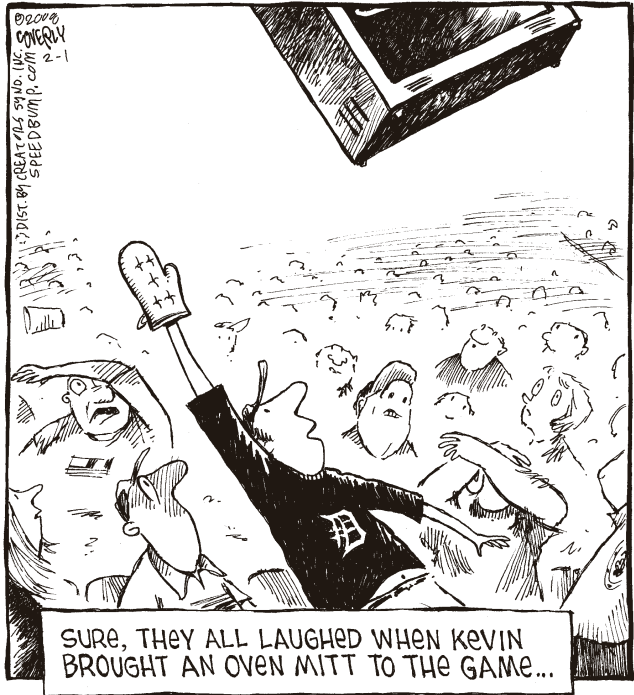
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ "Get in here and do your (word omitted by the Allentown Morning Call) jobs, you dumb (omitted)," said Donald Reidnauer Sr., 56, after summoning police to investigate a BB pellet fired at his house in Richland Township, Pa., in November. "I pay taxes. I am your boss. Get in here and do your jobs or I'll have to kick your (omitted)." Reidnauer then lunged at officers and was arrested.

■ Marjorie Kelley, 50, called 9-1-1 in Sarasota, Fla., in January after feeling chest pains, but she requested that no sirens or lights be used by the ambulance. When EMTs arrived using sirens and lights, Kelley reportedly jumped up and chased them down the street, wielding a rolling pin, according to WWSB-TV.

■ In Dhanbad, India, Judge Sunil Kumar Singh has been trying to settle a 20-year-old land dispute involving temples of the Hindu gods Ram and Hanuman and has become impatient, according to a December BBC News dispatch from Patna. One priest claims the land belongs to him, but most locals say the temples own it, and Judge Singh, exasperated, recently placed ads in local newspapers asking Ram and Hanuman to come to court personally and address the issue.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1861 Texas voted to secede from the Union.

1908 Movie producer and animator George Pal was born in Austria-Hungary.

1920 The Royal Canadian Mounted Police came into existence.

1946 Norwegian statesman Trygve Lie was chosen to be the first secretary-general of the United Nations.

1958 The United Arab Republic, a union of Egypt and Syria, was established. (The union ended in 1961.)

1960 Four black college students began a sit-in protest at a lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., where they had been refused service.

1968 During the Vietnam War, South Vietnam's police chief executed a Viet Cong officer with a pistol shot to the head in a scene captured by Associated Press photographer Eddie Adams and NBC News.

1991 34 people were killed when a USAir jetliner crashed atop a commuter plane on a runway at Los Angeles International Airport.

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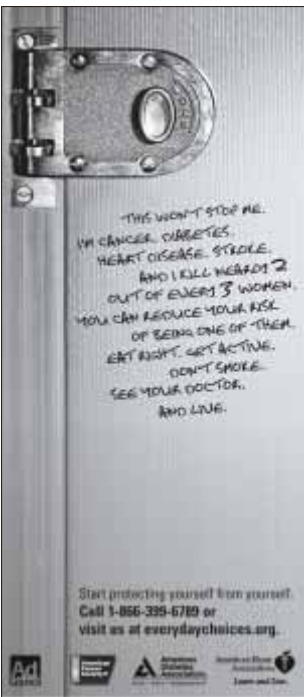
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