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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Totally Hapless: ■ Matthew John Wyman, told to recite the alphabet at a roadside DUI stop in West Roxbury, Mass., in November, asked the officer if he could please substitute a math problem instead (Answer: No). ■ Frank Traina's attempted armed robbery of a Chinese restaurant in Levittown, N.Y., in December went awry when the owner realized that Traina's realistic-looking gun was leaking water from the barrel.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 90th day of 2006.
There are 275 days left in the year

One year ago, on March 31, 2005, Terri Schiavo, 41, died at a hospice in Pinellas Park, Fla., 13 days after her feeding tube was removed in a wrenching right-to-die dispute that engulfed the courts, Congress and the White House and divided the country. In 1933, Congress authorized the Civilian Conservation Corps. In 1935, the Works Progress Administration was approved by Congress.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"He who despises himself esteems himself as a self-despiser."

SUSAN SONTAG
AMERICAN AUTHOR AND CRITIC

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Dress to impress



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Mayumi Cabrera, 32, a member of the Santa Monica College Anthropology Club, on Thursday dresses a skeleton as the club's vice president, Giovanni Ricci, 21, looks on.

Police arrest three suspected prostitutes

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

at the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Michigan Avenue, police said. One arrest came as part of an undercover operation by Santa Monica vice officers acting on tips from residents that a massage parlor was employing women who were offering sex for money. The other two arrests also involved undercover officers, but they were not part of a sting operation. Officers involved in those arrests were on routine patrol in areas where prostitutes are known to gather, and police witnessed illegal activity in progress. Prostitution has long been a problem on Lincoln Boulevard, as well as in areas that have a high concentration of massage parlors. In a report to City Hall, city staff said that more than 25 percent of the 51 massage parlors in Santa Monica engage in illegal activity,

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Cities embody immigration controversy

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press Writer

ORANGE, Calif. — The patchwork of policies that forms U.S. immigration law is nowhere more visible than in this town where millionaires mix with Southern California's blue-collar work force. Last month, police turned over eight illegal immigrants waiting for work outside a Home Depot to federal officials for deportation to Mexico. Not far away, a city-sponsored day labor center helps employers find workers, some of them undocumented. The contrast encapsulates challenges facing cities nationwide. As Congress debates whether to change a national immigration policy no one seems to like, cities are reacting to the realities of current law. And they're largely on their own. Federal failures to control the borders or punish employers who hire undocumented workers have frustrated and confounded local officials. The result is a hodgepodge of policies — and it's far from just a California issue. In Gaithersburg, Md., a city-sponsored day labor center shut down within months after residents protested. The city of Farmingville, N.Y., used an occupancy ordinance to shut down a boarding house for 60 people, many of them undocumented.

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Santa Monica readies for rain

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAN VICENTE BLVD. — In keeping with Santa Monica's reputation for being ahead of the curve, city staff here Thursday tested a newly designed water collection and filtration system that should significantly lower levels of bacteria and other pollutants that spill into the bay. The design uses a combination of methods, including a filter called a Smart Sponge, to remove oil, fecal coliform and other bacteria at the street level, as well as a collection system underground. The system helps store water so that it can seep naturally into the ground, where it will be filtered by the earth as it percolates into an aquifer below. By using a combination of methods, less polluted water will reach the bay, and more clean water can be stored in the city's aquifer, reducing dependence on imported water, officials said. The system is part of an overall effort by City Hall to clean urban runoff before it reaches the bay.

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City staff test a new water filtration system designed to reduce runoff into the bay following storms.

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HOROSCOPES

Talk turkey, Aries

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★ What proved to be a problem could be eliminated if you so choose. A surprise insight lets you see the other side of the story. Brainstorm and listen to feedback. You might discover that someone has strong feelings about money. Tonight: Talk turkey.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ You are up to the task, whatever you might choose. Somehow you get through to others and shake up the status quo. New information involving others points you in a new direction. Events surround a meeting. Tonight: Happy plans.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ You might want to step back, even if you have a strong sense of direction. Right now, subtly works much better than strength. Use your intuition, and you'll gain professionally and in nearly every way. Do nothing quickly. Tonight: Vanish.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ You will want to take the high road when dealing with others and someone at a distance. Gather information and get back in sync with what is important. Read between the lines. Something isn't being said. Tonight: Where your friends are.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★ Take charge and handle a personal matter with your normal savoir-faire. You might get some feedback from someone you respect and value. Listen, though you could be surprised by his or her words. Excesses mark your home life. Tonight: Out and about.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ Others could be so reactive that you need to pull back. Once you have done this, you will find that situations in your life work much better. You certainly have reason to be optimistic. Field your calls. Tonight: Accept a very different idea.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Work with each person in your life as if he or she were the only person in your world. You will discover that this attitude creates much more of what you want. You might want to rethink a story and get ahead. Listen more. Tonight: In the know.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ Others reverse their stances. You like what you hear, but if you find you are a bit cynical, make it all right. After all, you have gone through a lot. Indulge and enjoy, but let the touch of cynicism season your expectations. Tonight: Out on the town.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★ Much is going on around you; so much so that you react and want to cocoon. Yes, you! Somewhere in between, you come up with a solution that pleases you. You do need to slow down some. Remember, you are not immortal! Tonight: Happiness comes through routine.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ Your spontaneity draws someone close. This isn't like you to behave in an unpredictable manner, but it elicits a perfect response, in your book. Your friends and/or associates cheer you on to a home run. Tonight: Follow through on what you want.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★ Expect to stretch some, and you will be OK with the demanding nature of others. Just be on-guard with your pocketbook. You could suddenly find yourself without the funds you expected. Think before you spend. Tonight: Entertain at home, if possible.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ Your responses and/or actions could be a bit off-the-wall, but somehow everything falls into place. Good news heads your way. Why not celebrate and make the most out of the moment? Enjoy. Tonight: Hang with friends at a favorite spot.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Read citywide

By Daily Press staff

City officials are encouraging residents to read extremely loud and incredibly close. Santa Monica Citywide Reads, a program that encourages people who live or work in or visit Santa Monica to read the same book and come together to discuss it in public book clubs and related events held citywide, takes place April 3 to May 6. The featured book is “Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close,” by Jonathan Safran Foer (Houghton Mifflin, 2005). Set in New York after Sept.11, 2001, the book follows 9-year-old Oskar’s quest to learn more about a key found in his deceased father’s closet.

The novel features a protagonist in Oskar, the aspiring jeweler/inventor/vegan/tam-bourine player/pacifist/actor, and balances tragedy with humor.

Foer was born in 1977 and grew up in Washington, D.C. In 1999 he traveled to the Ukraine to research his family, a trip resulting in the 2002 critically acclaimed novel “Everything Is Illuminated,” which won the National Jewish Book Award and the Guardian First Book Award. In addition to his novels, he has written many short stories that have appeared in The Paris Review and The New Yorker, as well as a libretto for the German National Opera House in Berlin. He lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., with his wife, author Nicole Krauss.

Sponsored by the Santa Monica Public Library, with support by the Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library, the Santa Monica College Associates, and community, educational and business partners, Citywide Reads invites participation in the following moderator-led public book discussions:

- Monday, April 3, at 7 p.m.: Main Library multi-purpose room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.
- Thursday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m.: Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, 3150 Ocean Park Blvd.
- Tuesday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m.: Barnes & Noble, 1201 Third Street Promenade.
- Tuesday, April 18, at 2 p.m.: Ken Edwards Center, 1527 Fourth St.
- Wednesday, April 19, at 4 p.m.: Teen discussion: The Bookmark Café at the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.
- Wednesday, April 19, at 7 p.m.: Montana Ave. Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.
- Thursday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. Borders, 1415 Third Street Promenade.
- Saturday, April 22, at 2 p.m.: Cafe Bolivar, 1741 Ocean Park Blvd.
- Saturday, April 29, at 11 a.m.: Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd.
- Monday, May 1, at 12 p.m.: The Bookmark Café at the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.
- Saturday, May 6, at 11 a.m.: Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St.

Participation is encouraged for those who already belong to a book club by reading “Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close” and discussing it with their group using a Citywide Reads Resource Guide, available at all Santa Monica Public Library locations and on the Citywide Reads Web site www.smpl.org/cwr.

Special Citywide Reads programs include:

- “Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close: 9/11 in Context,” scholar Jack Nordhaus leads a program on the historical consequences of 9/11 and how fiction can provide additional insight into historical events on Saturday, April 8, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the multi-purpose room at the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.
- “An Afternoon with Jonathan Safran Foer,” the award-winning author of “Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close” presents a reading and discusses his novel, followed by question-and-answer and a book sale and signing on Sunday, April 23, from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., at Santa Monica College Pavilion, 1900 Pico Blvd.
- “The Future of Fiction,” National Endowment for the Arts Director of Literature David Kipen and the four Southern California NEA Prose Fiction grant winners respond to the graphic elements and stylistic choices of Jonathan Safran Foer and discuss the future of fiction on Thursday, May 4, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium at the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Citywide Reads book discussions and events are free and open to the public. For more information, call the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600.

SNOW AND SURF REPORTS

CONDITIONS

DATA PROVIDED BY ONTHESNOW.COM

BEAR MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 36" - 72"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 27	LIFTS OPEN 12/12
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				

JUNE MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 96" - 120"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 50	LIFTS OPEN 6/6
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 180" - 204"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 100	LIFTS OPEN 20/28
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				

MOUNTAIN HIGH

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12" - 36"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 10:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 30	LIFTS OPEN 8/16
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder				

MT. BALDY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 12" - 36"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 20	LIFTS OPEN 4/4
CONDITIONS: Packed Powder, Machine Made, Machine Groomed				

SNOW SUMMIT

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 36" - 72"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	RUNS OPEN 26	LIFTS OPEN 14/14
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder, Machine Groomed				

SNOW VALLEY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs) 0"	BASE DEPTH 30" - 66"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	RUNS OPEN 22	LIFTS OPEN 5/11
CONDITIONS: Powder, Packed Powder				

CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 56°

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SWELL FORECAST (1-2 FT)

Today swell fades off to knee to waist for early AM sessions, then nearly flat in the afternoon. Weather is also looking to be an issue on Friday with some rain possible in many areas.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

Minor SW and NW Sunday...
Better SW due Monday into Tuesday...
NW Tuesday becomes significant midweek...
Smaller SW for end of next week with NW...
SW due 9th-10th...
Tracking south swell for 11th...
Some weather issues now through at least middle of next week...

TIDE FORECAST FOR SANTA MONICA

MONDAY				
LOW TIDE	1:19AM	0.8FT	1:57PM	0.9FT
HIGH TIDE	7:23AM	5.8FT	8:12PM	5.2FT
TUESDAY				
LOW TIDE	2:06AM	0.2FT	2:29PM	-0.6FT
HIGH TIDE	8:12AM	5.7FT	8:42PM	5.6FT
WEDNESDAY				
LOW TIDE	3:46AM	0.6FT	3:49PM	0.6FT
HIGH TIDE	9:47AM	4.5FT	9:57PM	4.9FT
THURSDAY				
LOW TIDE	3:40AM	-0.7FT	3:32PM	0.4FT
HIGH TIDE	9:49AM	4.8FT	9:46PM	6.1FT
FRIDAY				
LOW TIDE	4:28AM	-0.7FT	4:03PM	1.1FT
HIGH TIDE	10:41AM	4.2FT	10:21PM	6.0FT

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The Galley

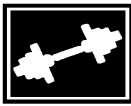
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EDITORIAL

Attack at library reveals city’s inadequate actions

 This month’s attack of a librarian should serve as a wake-up call to city officials that Santa Monica’s growing homeless population of mentally ill people and criminals has become a very serious issue that needs attention immediately.

It was only a matter of time before someone like Celia Carroll got hurt. As the head librarian of the Ocean Park Library, Carroll is charged with keeping things orderly at the public facility. That’s a tall task when deranged, unstable and aggressive transients are lurking around corners waiting to pounce. Melvin Winston Hardy, a 39-year-old transient, was one of them. After tearing up the men’s room at the library, Carroll confronted Hardy and told him to stay away from the library. Apparently not liking what she had to say, he punched her from behind and she fell face first onto the pavement. She sustained serious injuries. Hardy will stay in jail for 60 days at the most.

While it’s never a good idea to make such a confrontation on your own and it’s better to get the police involved, the reality is that there are far too many instances occurring throughout the city in which people find themselves in situations with aggressive transients. More times than not, people can’t or won’t wait for the police to show up. (See letter to the editor, this page.)

Libraries are magnets for transients, yet city officials choose only to hire “inspectors” to keep the peace. In response to Carroll’s attack, city officials plan to have these inspectors patrol the library branches more frequently. That’s nowhere near good enough. We agree with Carroll’s husband, Larry, in his letter to the editor on this page, that there needs to be security officers at each library during their normal operating hours.

Libraries should be safe havens for children to study and to learn. They are supposed to be places for the community to gather and grow, and for individuals to expand their minds and stay connected to the rest of the world. They are public assets and need to be protected, as do the people who visit them.

Head city librarian Greg Mullen is absolutely correct when he said that maintaining security is paramount and if librarians don’t feel safe, then the public doesn’t feel safe. We’re going to go out on a limb here and speak for the majority of residents by saying that, at some point in a day, residents don’t feel safe as a result of transients. It has been lodged as the No. 1 concern among residents for at least the past five years, according to City Hall’s own surveys.

We, like most residents, are sick of it. We’re tired of putting up with city officials’ half-hearted approach to dealing with the homeless population. If City Hall is going to engage itself in humane efforts to help the down and out, it needs to be prepared to deal with the consequences. But it isn’t. Basic laws go unenforced everyday.

People shouldn’t feel intimidated by walking up the steps to the Main Library in the early morning to return a book because there are aggressive transients sleeping there. Residents shouldn’t have to feel unsafe walking from the alley to the Third Street Promenade because mentally unstable vagrants are lying in the middle of their path. Citizens shouldn’t have to walk by a group of street kids smoking dope in the middle of the morning on the Promenade. It’s as if the transients have the run of the place.

The City Council must invest more resources into public safety — either through a clear mandate that all laws targeting anti-social behavior be enforced or by putting more cops on the street. We understand that police are already overwhelmed with the amount of service calls they get related to the homeless, but there is no reason why officers can’t make these people move when they are sleeping on the steps of public buildings or on a public street. And put a cop on each block of the Promenade to prevent it from becoming any more of a seedy place than it already is.

Many of the homeless who are served by City Hall’s programs and other city-supported services are doing what they are supposed to be doing: following the rules of society and helping themselves by seeking assistance. The others, who often seem to represent the majority due to their visibility, are criminals or mentally unstable. Those are the ones who need the most help and the ones that are scaring us.

OPINIONS EXPRESSED are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the Santa Monica Daily Press staff. Guest editorials from residents are encouraged, as are letters to the editor. Letters will be published on a space-available basis. It is our intention to publish all letters we receive, except those that are libelous or are unsigned. Preference will be given to those that are e-mailed to editor@smdp.com. All letters must include the author's name and telephone number for purposes of verification. Letters also may be mailed to our offices located at 1427 Third Street Promenade, Suite 202, Santa Monica, 90401, or faxed to (310) 576-9913. All letters and guest editorials are subject to editing for space and content.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Visitor leaves SM with bad impression

Editor:

(This letter was originally addressed to Mayor Bob Holbrook.)
I recently in part hosted — along with a Japanese drug company — a large meeting in your city. I am extremely busy and time is precious, but I felt compelled to take the time to pass along comments regarding that event.

I own and operate a pharmaceutical research company in Salt Lake City, Utah. My work requires considerable travel throughout the USA. As well, it requires that we host many meetings in various communities. We spend thousands upon thousands of dollars in these communities each year.

Much to my initial delight, we had decided to hold our most recent meeting in Santa Monica. My wife and I grew up in Orange County and had visited your city a year ago for a weekend get away. We looked forward to this event being hosted at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel from March 22-26. We hosted a meeting of approximately 70 people who came from various places in the USA (e.g., Kansas City, Minneapolis, Richmond, Atlanta, Dallas). As with similar events, this meeting resulted in money spent in your community for hotel nights, meals, taxi transportation and entertainment.

The hotel was a grand experience for those attending, and your community overall was viewed with initial very positive comments. However, as time went on the comments from attendees turned toward what was viewed as a significant homeless population issue. Not only just the sheer numbers of homeless, which was surprising to our attendees, but also a sense of aggressiveness from these people seeking money. Some of our women attendees felt uneasiness about venturing out alone. The sad part of this was that these attendees ended the meeting most often commenting on this issue and not the great things about Santa Monica. As well, imagine how they speak of their experience upon their return home this past weekend to friends and family.

Now our fellow attendees understand the social problem and are very compassionate people. They, as do I, understand that this is not an easy problem to address, and we do need to take care of those living on the streets. We simply were struck by the size of the problem, the strong approaches by some homeless seeking money, and no doubt it did diminish all of our view of the city. I must say I noticed since we were here a year ago that the problem was much worse in my view.

All of the above, though, pale to an experience I had Saturday night, March 25. My wife and I were enjoying the evening on the Promenade. We had finished dinner at the Gaucho Grill, enjoying a stroll along the Promenade, and were leaving Z Gallery at about 8:30 p.m. As I turned and got about in the middle of the Promenade, a homeless man suddenly stood within inches of my face. So close that I felt threatened and stepped back. He stepped again even closer demanding money. At this point I stated “no” and said to please step away from me. He at that point punched me in the chest. All the people in that area turned and focused on this exchange. This man continued to threaten me and my wife as I stood there. I was extremely angry but felt it best not to escalate this, though frankly I am not a timid man and I am a fit man after years of weightlifting and exercise. I let him know strongly that he had a few seconds to depart. As he raised his fist again, I strongly told him the next swing would be his last. Finally he seemed to sense that what I was telling him was true and he ran off.

Then Sunday morning, March 26, as we had breakfast at Barney’s Beanery on the Promenade, we got to listen to all types of vulgarity, yelling and urinating against walls. It did not speak well of the city, I must say.

In all my time, in all the cities I have visited in the USA and the world, I have never experienced anything like this. My Saturday experience coupled with the size of the problem in your city is staggering to consider and to address. I would assume residents, business owners and city officials are very concerned. If I owned a business in that area, I would be very concerned about the impact on business.

We again understand that the homeless need to be cared for, and we all have a human responsibility in this regard. We support programs here in Salt Lake City to help address that problem. Yet at the same time, those who live in and/or visit a community have rights and expectations for safety, comfort, etc.

Due to this experience, my wife and I personally will not return to your city nor will we host any additional meetings in Santa Monica. I doubt the money my firm not spending in Santa Monica will have any real impact of course. We are a small company sponsoring eight such meetings annually. However, it does not take more than a few companies like mine who feel the same to begin to make an impact. As well, you now have 70 people going back home saying negative things that impact future visitors and their decisions about where to go. The sad part is I frankly very much enjoy your city for the most part. We love to ride bikes along the entire boardwalk, shop and dine in your community, go to Harvelles, and Santa Monica has so much going for it.

Unfortunately we will not be back, and I doubt the Japanese drug company will return as well.

David L. McCammon
President, PEGUS Research
Salt Lake City, Utah

Librarian attack a serious matter

Editor:

I am appalled that your article (SMDP, March 29, page 1) characterized Ocean Park librarian Celia Carroll’s injuries as a mere “cut to the face.” Melvin Winston Hardy brutally bashed Celia (my wife) from behind. She was hit so hard and fast she

OPINION



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didn't even have time to break her fall. Celia hit the concrete face first, sustaining severe abrasions on her face and the backs of both hands, as well as a busted lip.

It was a blow hard enough to send Celia to the emergency room for several hours until her nosebleed could be brought under control. Hard enough for her to sustain a whiplash. Hard enough for her to be sent home for more than a week on doctor's orders. And hard enough to require two follow-up medical visits with more likely. Even now, two weeks later, the abrasions are still healing, her upper lip is still swollen, and she has not regained full use of her right hand.

I also take issue with city librarian Greg Mullen's statement that he has assigned "library inspectors to patrol the branches and create a presence there." Going from absolutely no presence to some is, of course, an improvement. But the only real fix is to have an inspector on duty at all times when the branches are open. An hour or two of uniformed presence each day won't do. Mr. Hardy felt free to attack Celia because he knew she was alone in the branch with one other female employee.

Mr. Mullen is also quoted as saying, "We don't have a lot of incidents or any significant security issues." This is simply not true. There is a long and well-documented history of problems at both Ocean Park and Fairview. I am personally aware of numerous incidents of vandalism, theft, arson, burglary, disruptive behavior, public intoxication, verbal abuse of staff, assault, and now assault and battery. Many of these occurred while the librarians were distracted while being, well, librarians. And many have occurred within the last 12 months.

In less than 60 days, Melvin Winston Hardy will be back on our streets. No doubt the City Attorney will obtain a "stay away" order barring him from the library. But there also is no doubt this will mean little, if anything, to Mr. Hardy. He has been a problem at Ocean Park for some time. Celia pointed him out to me a week before she was attacked. The staff is terrified of Mr. Hardy. And having helped detain him myself, I don't think their fears are unfounded. However mentally ill he may be, Mr. Hardy is a danger to others. He needs to be supervised. And our city staff and citizens need to be protected.

We are blessed in Santa Monica not only with great libraries but also great, nationally acclaimed librarians. They do not discriminate between rich and poor, young and old, or privileged and disadvantaged. Our librarians graciously greet and assist all who come through their doors. The services they provide our community are invaluable.

Fortunately, for the staff at the Main Library, there are always several library inspectors on duty to watch their backs. Don't we owe our branch librarians — and their patrons — the same security? Is the city of Santa Monica truly too impoverished to provide — immediately — two or three full-time security guards to protect the Ocean Park, Fairview and Montana libraries? Before Melvin Winston Hardy — or someone worse — returns?

J. Larry Carroll
Santa Monica

Where are the Mexican heroes?

Editor:

The hordes of demonstrators protesting the pending immigration law changes are loud in their chant of "si se puede" and correct in their assertion that it is immigrants who made this country great. They seem to leave out "lawfully naturalized citizens."

As to how many of those brilliant innovators who made this country great came from Mexico, their silence is deafening.

David Stoughton
Santa Monica



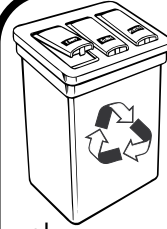
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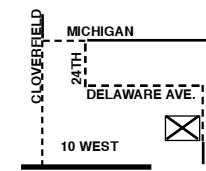
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CRIME WATCH

By Daily Press staff

Resident wanted in embezzlement scam surrenders

By Daily Press staff

On Monday, March 13, a suspect wanted in connection with the embezzlement of more than \$75,000 turned herself over to detectives at the Public Safety Building, where she was booked for grand theft. She was identified as Laniciaa Yvonne Shaw, 36, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at \$80,000. Police were initially informed of the alleged crime in June of 2005, when they responded to the 700 block of Arizona Avenue, the offices of Zimmerman & Markman, a political consulting and advertising firm. Employees there said Shaw stole money from the company in excess of \$78,000.

On Thursday, March 16, at 10:10 a.m., officers patrolling the 1600 block of Seventh Street spotted a suspect wanted in connection with an assault that occurred two weeks earlier. The suspect, identified as Michael Anthony Williams, allegedly punched another man three times in the face and then choked him before fleeing the scene on Friday, March 3. When officers arrived, they spoke with a victim who said he had an argument with Williams before the assault. Williams, 53, a transient, was booked for assault with a deadly weapon. No bail was set due to a parole hold.

On Thursday, March 16, at 6 a.m., officers patrolling the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade saw a homeless woman sleeping on a bench in violation of the municipal code. When officers asked for identification, the woman allegedly refused to provide it. She was placed under arrest and booked for sleeping on a bench in the Bayside District. She was identified as Regina Antionette Sears, 48. Her bails was set at \$35.

On Sunday, March 26, at 9:25 a.m., officers responded to the 1300 block of the Third Street Promenade regarding a strong-arm robbery. When officers arrived they contacted a person who said the suspect, an acquaintance, approached him and asked him for money. When the man said he had the money but could not hand it over, the suspect, identified as Paul Anthony McCowen, 36, a transient, allegedly punched the victim in the face and removed the money from his pocket. McCowen was arrested the next day at 10:55 p.m. in the 1400 block of Second Street. He was booked for robbery. No bail was set because of a parole violation.

On Sunday, March 19, at 3:10 a.m., police responded to an AM/PM gas station on the corner of Pico Boulevard and Fourth Street regarding a report of shoplifting. When they arrived, they contacted an employee at the station who said a man entered the store and stole an 18-pack of beer and left without paying. Officers found the suspect at the rear of the gas station and arrested him for petty theft. He was identified as Lee Wayne Bittle, 33, a transient. His bail was set at \$1,000.

At 2:16 p.m. on Monday, March 20, an officer was patrolling the 1800 block of Main Street when he noticed a vehicle with no front license plate. The officers ran the license plate number found on the rear plate and was informed that the plate was stolen from a vehicle in the LAPD's Southwest Division. The plate belonged to a 1995 Ford. The vehicle spotted by Santa Monica police was a 1989 Mazda two-door that had not been registered with the DMV for years, police said. Officers stopped the vehicle and arrested the driver for possession of stolen property. The car was impounded. The man arrested was identified as Alvin Trevon Colbert, 25, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$20,000.

On Tuesday, March 21, at 2:45 a.m., police responded to the 1400 block of Third Street Promenade — the Quicksilver store — regarding a burglary alarm. When officers arrived, they saw that the main glass door had been shattered and heard a suspect inside the store. Officers watched the suspect leave the location with items in his possession totaling \$134.50. He was arrested and booked for burglary. He was identified as Luke Enockson, 28, a transient. His bail was set at \$20,000.

On Wednesday, March 22, at 4:30 p.m., officers conducting a periodic check at Virginia Avenue Park for gang activity and graffiti spotted a man smoking a cigarette in the park, a violation of the municipal code. When officers approached the subject, they informed him of the violation and requested to search the suspect. Before they could, he told them "to put the handcuffs on me." The suspect informed the officers that he had a billy club hidden on him. Officers handcuffed the suspect and found a billy club in his possession. He was transported to jail and booked for possession of a dangerous weapon and for a parole violation. He was identified as Antoine Mingo, 21, of Santa Monica. No bail was set.

On Thursday, March 23, at 5:25 a.m., police responded to a residence on the 900 block of Fourth Street regarding an assault investigation. When officers arrived, they spoke with a woman who said while she was sleeping, her ex-boyfriend broke into her apartment and tried to assault her. She escaped and ran to a neighbor's house, where she called 911. The suspect was still inside the residence when officers arrived. He was booked for burglary and domestic violence. He was identified as Heber Galindo, 29, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$50,000.

LOCAL



City to analyze the results of first test

RUNOFF, from page 1

Urban runoff is considered to be the No. 1 source of pollution to the bay, with an average of 500,000 gallons per day being generated in parts of the cities of Santa Monica and Los Angeles. Much of the runoff is treated by the city's Urban Runoff Recycling Facility.

"We have enough of our own water to supply 80 percent of the city, but most of our wells have been shut down because of contamination," said Neal Shapiro, senior environmental analyst for City Hall's water resources management section of the environmental programs division. "This has made us dependent on outside sources for water, and that's not good."

Shapiro and his colleagues on Thursday watched anxiously as more than 3,500 gallons of rainwater collected during recent storms rushed down a gutter along San Vicente Boulevard and into the Smart Sponge filter. It was the first test of the system, and city staff was unsure how it would perform.

The results seemed to be good, Shapiro said, as the system was able to store most of the 3,500 gallons of rain water. Much of it was filtered through the Smart Sponge and stored underground, allowing it to seep into the soil instead of rushing into the bay.

During severe storms, the Smart Sponge, which has shown to remove 85 to 99.9 per-

cent of pollutants, could become overwhelmed because a collection pool adjacent to it is not deep enough to handle surging rain water, city staff said. If the pool drains too slowly, the Smart Sponge begins to float, meaning there is less gravity to pull the water through the sponge, allowing it to spill over and into the storm drain.

Those watching the demonstration said the collection pool could be dug deeper or a screen could be added to filter out more pollutants, as well as leaves and other debris.

The entire system cost a little more than \$55,000, Shapiro said.

The Smart Sponge is made of synthetic polymers and can be recycled, said Duane Cook of Abtech Industries, which developed the sponges. Each sponge costs \$990 retail. However, cities rarely pay retail.

The sponges can be cleaned regularly but need to be replaced periodically because they expand when interacting with hydrocarbons and therefore can't absorb anymore water, Cook said.

City staff must now analyze data collected during the test and study water samples collected before and after filtration to get a better idea of how effective the system is. If it proves to offer substantial benefits, Shapiro said he will ask City Hall to invest more money into building these filtration and collection systems.

SMPD regularly conducts stings

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notably prostitution.

"This is a problem that everyone is aware of," said Sunset Park resident Charles Donaldson, a member of the Pico Business Improvement Organization, a merchant's group. "There has been a concern with the massage parlors, some complaints about prostitution going on there, and about the by-products of that activity: drugs, violence."

City Hall has tried to regulate massage parlors by enacting laws that call for those businesses to carry permits and for employees to go through background checks. The law excuses those businesses where the masseuses can provide documentation that they have completed a certain amount of hours of training and that they have membership in a professional organization.

Responding to resident complaints, SMPD regularly conducts undercover stings at massage parlors, police said.

The SMPD also conducts sting operations along a stretch of Lincoln Boulevard known as "Pleasure Palace Boulevard." The operation usually involves male and female officers who conduct a "Reverse John Sting." Female officers use themselves as bait to lure "Johns" to a street corner on Lincoln Boulevard, where they are propositioned and brought to a nearby hotel room. Once the men solicit sex, they are arrested for prostitution, which is a misdemeanor offense. Undercover officers wear a wire underneath their clothing so vice detectives waiting in the hotel room can hear their conversations with the men.

On average, SMPD arrests between three and eight "Johns" during an operation, police said.

The problem is, those arrested are quickly replaced by new customers and new prostitutes, some who are smuggled into the country from Korea to work in brothels,

according to federal authorities working to dismantle smuggling rings. Also, when a business is cited, the operators will transfer ownership to a relative or friend, allowing the parlor to stay in business, city staff said.

The first in the recent series of arrests occurred on Saturday, March 18, at 1:55 p.m. Undercover detectives responded to the 1000 block of Pico Boulevard regarding anonymous tips that prostitution was taking place. When officers arrived, they entered the location and were asked if they wanted a massage for \$50. An officer paid the money and was taken to a massage room, where he was allegedly asked if he wanted to engage in sex for an additional fee. The officer called for backup, and the masseuse was arrested and booked for prostitution. She was identified as Yanxia Zhao, 42, of Los Angeles. Her bail was set at \$2,000.

The following two arrests occurred on the evening of Friday, March 24. Officers on routine patrol allegedly spotted Lakeshia Wright, 20, loitering on Lincoln Boulevard. When undercover officers approached, she offered to have sex in exchange for money. She was arrested and booked for prostitution.

Jenny Ta, 19, also was spotted loitering in the area, police said. Undercover officers said they observed Ta get into a car with an unidentified man. The two drove a short distance away, parked, and engaged in sexual activity. The encounter lasted 10 minutes.

The driver dropped Ta off a short distance away, where she was approached by an undercover officer. She asked him if he wanted to have sex. The officer said "yes," and Ta allegedly told him to drive her to a motel that rented rooms by the hour. The officer drove Ta to the hotel, located at 23rd Street and Ocean Park Boulevard, where she was arrested and booked for prostitution. Her bail was set at \$2,000.

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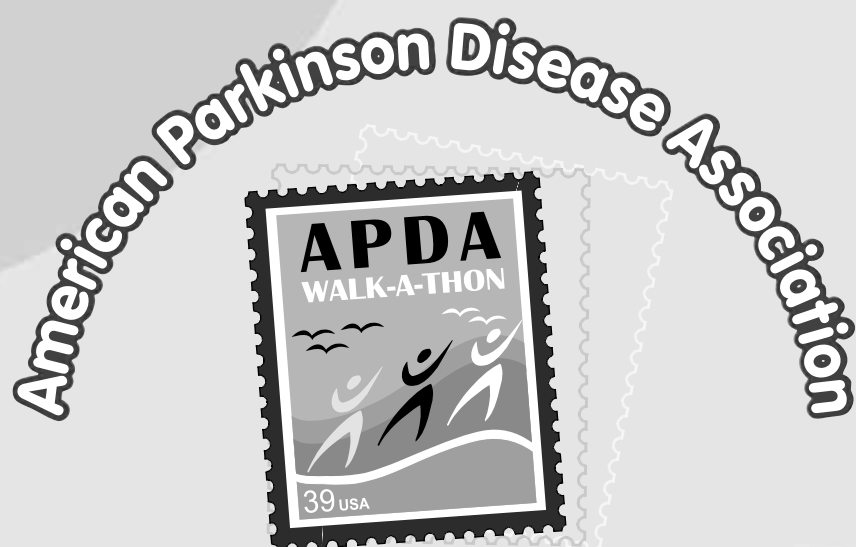
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Howard Wayne "Red" Hickey, a former professional football player and coach, died March 30. He was 89.

Born Feb. 14, 1917, in Hickeytown, Ark., Hickey attended the University of Arkansas, where he earned a spot on the Razorbacks' all-decade team in football. He also was a first team all Southwest Conference forward for the school's 1941 NCAA Final Four basketball team.

He proudly served during World War II in the Navy and Merchant Marines. He was honorably discharged and returned home to marry his high school sweetheart, Cecelia Surina. They were happily married for 50 years, until her passing in 1995.

Hickey lived in Santa Monica from June, 1966, until April, 1998.

Hickey played professional football for the Cleveland Rams and later for the Los Angeles Rams. He was a member of the 1945 world champions in Cleveland. He was an assistant coach for the Los Angeles Rams on their world championship team in 1951. He served as head coach for the San Francisco 49ers from 1959-1963 and finished with a record of 27-27-1. During his tenure as head 49ers coach, he invented the Shotgun formation — a formation now used by most professional, college and high school teams. He became an assistant coach for the Dallas Cowboys from 1964-1965. From 1966 to his retirement in 1983, he was the chief national talent scout for the Cowboys. In his leisure time, he was a near scratch golfer, an avid gin rummy player, and to the best knowledge of his family and friends, he never lost a game of checkers.

He is the only individual to appear in the NCAA basketball Final Four before playing and then coaching in the National Football League at least five seasons apiece.

In 1968, he was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame.

Following his retirement, Howard Wayne "Red" Hickey lived his remaining years in sobriety, peace and kindness.

His brother Bailey; his three sons, Michael, Patrick and Jeffrey; six grandchildren, Kim, Kelly, Allison, Devin, Ryan and Brenden; and three great grandchildren, Samantha, Olivia and Lily, survive him.

His family and closest friends will celebrate his life in a private ceremony.

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Ice hockey team at Samohi is on fire

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica High School's ice hockey team won its first game last week. Samohi played Loyola High School and defeated the team in a 7-2 victory at the Toyota Sports Center last Thursday night.

The team's next game is Wednesday, April 5, at 6:45 p.m. All games are played at the Toyota Sports Center, 555 North Nash St., in El Segundo, just past LAX Airport.

Schedule for Samohi ice hockey:
■Wednesday, 04/05/06, 6:45 p.m. OLY vs. HSI- SOUTH TORRANCE
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■Thursday, 04/13/06, 6:15 p.m. NHL vs. HSI- EL SEGUNDO

■Sunday, 04/23/06, 2 p.m. NHL vs. HSI- LOYOLA

■Sunday, 04/30/06, 2 p.m. NHL vs. HSI- MIRA COSTA

■Sunday, 05/07/06, 3:15 p.m. NHL vs. HSI- EL SEGUNDO

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STATE



Affluent, illegals alike call OC home

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mented workers.

A government executive from Long Island's Suffolk County and the mayor of Danbury, Conn., in January formed Mayors and Executives for Immigration Reform, which attracted small-town officials from 30 states to its first summit.

"If the feds could get their act together and control immigration, things would go a lot smoother for these localities," said Tamar Jacoby, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute in Washington, D.C. "The local communities are on the front-lines and they're left to deal with this. It's an unfair burden and it poses a lot of difficult moral choices" for cities.

Nowhere are the conflicting policies more acute than Orange County, home to rapid demographic change and birthplace of the citizen movement to patrol the U.S.-Mexico border.

Consider the city of Orange, population 138,000.

The official day labor center includes a bathroom and bike rack, and costs the city nearly \$38,000 per year. Workers feel safe enough to congregate for work, mainly in construction.

Meanwhile, police have handed over 80 suspected illegal immigrants to the U.S. Border Patrol since last summer, said Sgt. Dave Hill. Mostly men, they were arrested for soliciting work on private property and were turned over to immigration because they couldn't produce proper identification.

Hill said the city established the day labor center in 1989 to prevent such soliciting and arrested the workers only after receiving hundreds of complaints about public urination and drinking. Police first tried warnings and telling day laborers about the work center, he said, but eventually they had to crack down.

The city is not required to turn over suspected illegal immigrants under federal law — but that's its policy because the city "wants to make sure they are who they say they are," said Mayor Mark Murphy.

"If you break the law in Orange ... and you don't have legitimate ID you will be cited and turned over" to immigration, he said.

Illegal immigrants in the quiet suburb know their presence causes tension, but say they have little choice because they must find work.

"I know the white people are thinking it's wrong because there are too many peo-

ple and it looks bad," said Miguel Angel Vasquez, a 32-year-old illegal immigrant who's been in the country for 11 years. "But we need a job."

If Orange is middle ground, the nearby cities of Costa Mesa and Maywood are polar opposites.

An upscale city about 10 miles south of Orange, Costa Mesa attracted attention recently by authorizing police to receive training that would let them enforce federal immigration law. The city also has disbanded its day labor center after 17 years because it was "city-subsidized competition" for a private temp service, said Mayor Allan Mansoor.

"Just because the federal government dropped the ball doesn't mean that we should sit idly by," he said. "We need to stop making excuses as to why we're not upholding the law and start looking for ways to uphold our oaths of office."

A protest is planned Saturday against the mayor, as well as House legislation that proposes to make it a felony offense — it is now a violation of civil law — to be in the U.S. illegally. Merchants already have protested Costa Mesa's policies, saying they've lost up to 35 percent of their business because immigrants are afraid to leave their homes.

In Los Angeles County, the 29,000-person town of Maywood has fashioned itself as a sanctuary for immigrants.

The city is 96 percent Hispanic and 70 percent of its residents are not citizens, said Mayor Pro Tem Felipe Aguirre. He strongly disagrees with Costa Mesa's policies.

"A lot of cities are trying to do away with these day labor sites," Aguirre said. "They say the city has no business being involved with that, but these are the people in the community, the people who shop at the stores."

The city's policing policies reflect that sentiment.

Officials recently disbanded a traffic control unit because it was perceived as a threat to illegal immigrants without driver's licenses, said Chief Bruce Leflar. Three years ago, he said, the city ended its traffic checkpoint program on concerns it was catching a large number of undocumented immigrants.

Current policies make things difficult for officers, some of whom are openly challenged by illegal immigrants during traffic stops, according to Leflar.

"Politicians can go out and say whatever they want," Leflar said, "but the bottom line is, we're sworn to uphold the law."



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Entertainment

Beastie Boys put fans behind camera

BY DAN DUNN
Special to the Daily Press

THE MOVIE: Awesome: I F---in' Shot That!
THE DIRECTOR: Horatio Hornblower (aka Adam Yauch)
THE STARS: The Beastie Boys

It's been 20 years since the Beastie Boys released the multi-platinum album "License to Ill" and became the first white rap group of any significance. Over these past two decades, the trio from Brooklyn has proven to be

remarkably innovative and today remains as vital a musical force as ever. Case in point: "Awesome: I F---in' Shot That!" a bum-shaking, head-bopping ticket to a raucous 2004 Madison Square Garden performance as captured on Hi-8 cameras by 50 randomly chosen audience members whose only directive was to keep the cameras rolling throughout the show.

Though edited and mixed by professionals under the guidance of band member cum director Adam Yauch (aka, MCA), the frantic visual style is pure commando. Spasmodic zooms, unfocused close-ups and random

flights of fancy abound (anyone up for a trip to the john?), and the chaos is amplified by Yauch's post-production fascination with special effects. It's dizzying at times, but the beats are phat and the amateur cinematographers' enthusiasm infectious. "Awesome" is just that because it deliberately eradicates any barriers that exist between the artists' creation and those who revel in it. For 90 glorious minutes, we experience the band and their fans making beautiful music together, and it certainly is most ill.

(RATED R. RUNNING TIME: 90 MINUTES)

'Basic' basically bites

BY DAN DUNN
Special to the Daily Press

THE MOVIE: Basic Instinct 2: Risk Addiction
THE DIRECTOR: Michael Caton-Jones
THE STARS: Sharon Stone, David Morrissey, David Thewlis, Charlotte Rampling

At times during the prepensely unintelligible "Basic Instinct 2: Risk Addiction," I became so disoriented that I closed my eyes and imagined being in a "happy place." Funny thing is, in those moments of forced reverie, the soothing image conjured was one from the infamous interrogation scene of the far-superior original film, a worldwide phenomenon 14 years ago. Hey, you have your happy places, I've got mine.

Reprising the role that made her the most-talked-about blonde bombshell of 1992, a still-sultry Sharon Stone chews up and spits out every scene she's in as renascent Ice-pick Queen Catherine Tramell. Who can blame her? "Risk Addiction," while not nearly as stomach turning as some predicted, is hard to swallow. The dialogue is the sort of purple pap you might get from Joe Eszterhas (the scribe behind "Basic Instinct" and "Showgirls") if you fed him ecstasy and locked him away for a month with a type-

writer in a sex shop video booth. Following the plot is like watching agitated monkeys try to tie an anchor hitch. Still, Stone provides enough guilty pleasures, director Michael Caton-Jones and scripters Leora Barish and Henry Bean enough unintentional hilarity, to — perhaps — keep this off of many of the year's "Worst of" lists.

Catherine's crafty, and she gets around — having abandoned her San Francisco beach house for a lair of steel and shadows in the heart of production designer Norman Garwood's radically stylized rendering of London. Pic opens with Catherine racing through the streets in a sportscar while receiving a helping hand, if you will, from a stud that turns out to be a famous British soccer player. He also turns out to be dead after the car plunges into the Thames River. Catherine escapes, and once again finds herself on the wrong side of the law. David Morrissey plays Dr. Michael Glass, the celebrated shrink brought in to evaluate the mysterious seductress. Glass exudes cool professionalism for about a minute, but Catherine's ever-present cigarette smoke gets in his eyes, and it isn't long before nut doctor goes nuts over his patient ... and we all know how badly an obsession with Ms. Tramell ended for Michael Douglas.

(RATED R. RUNNING TIME: 114 MINUTES)



Johnson's 'Brick' refreshing, innovative



BY DAN DUNN
Special to the Daily Press

THE MOVIE: The Brick
THE DIRECTOR: Rian Johnson
THE STARS: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Lukas Haas, Emilie de Ravin, Nora Zehetner

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The gimmick that got people talking about tyro writer-director Rian Johnson's "Brick" and helped him nab a Special Jury Prize for Originality of Vision at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival is indeed quite innovative: Johnson lifted both the narrative and verbal

styles of the man who invented the modern American detective story — Dashiell Hammett ("The Maltese Falcon," "The Thin Man") — and employed it in a caper set in a modern high school in Southern California. Hence we find implacable amateur sleuth Brendan Frye (an excellent Joseph Gordon-Levitt) dexterously tossing about linguistic antiquities such as "take a powder" (slip away), "tip the bulls" (alert the police) and "gum it" (mess things up), as he does his best Sam Spade trying to solve the mystery of an ex-girlfriend's (Emilie de Ravin) murder.

The rapid-fire delivery of what is in essence a foreign language (at least to this movie's youthful target audience) can be tough to follow at first, but it doesn't take long to adjust to the staccato rhythm and deci-

pher meaning. Once there, it's great fun to get caught up in a twisted story populated with artful criminals (Lukas Haas nails it as a Kaiser Sose-like drug lord who lives with his mom and goes by the sobriquet "The Pin"), gorgeous dames (Nora Zehetner is one come-hither of a femme fatale) and meddling authority figures (Richard Roundtree of "Shaft" fame applies the heat as the school's vice-principal). Johnson serves up a few red herrings that promise to keep you off-balance right up to the final scene. In an age when established filmmakers seem so unwilling to risks, it's refreshing to see a promising young talent go all in and come up aces.

(RATED R. RUNNING TIME: 119 MINUTES)

'Devil and Daniel Johnston' delivers



BY DAN DUNN
Special to the Daily Press

THE MOVIE: The Devil and Daniel Johnston
THE DIRECTOR: Jeff Feuerzeig
THE STARS: Daniel Johnston

Madness and genius often walk hand in hand, as evidenced in Jeff Feuerzeig's moving documentary about the troubled life of singer-songwriter Daniel Johnston. Combining audio and video footage that the prolific and persistently self-promoting Johnston

recorded over the years — much of it spanning his childhood in rural West Virginia in the 1970s to his emergence as an unlikely leader of the burgeoning Austin music scene in the mid-80s — with testimonials by family members, ardent supporters and the artist himself, Feuerzeig effectively lays bare the high hopes, impossible dreams and countless disappointments of an ultimate outsider who somehow became one of the seminal figures in alternative music history.

Johnston, 45, currently lives in Texas with his elderly parents and thanks to an almost lifelong battle with mental illness — he suffers from manic depression — has never achieved the commercial success he's craved since he began making crude basement tapes as a precocious, Beatle-worshipping teenager. But listening to

his heartbreaking, sometimes embarrassingly honest expressions of unrequited love, it's easy to understand why he has been lauded as a major influence on the likes of Nirvana, Sonic Youth, the Butthole Surfers and Half Japanese, all of whom have covered his music. Despite the erratic and self-destructive behavior that is a result of his condition, Johnston is a highly likable character, and one certainly worth rooting for. As he proclaims at the outset of a wonderful tune called "Casper the Friendly Ghost," despite all his pain "he was smiling through his own personal hell." For that, he deserves a standing ovation.

(RATED PG-13. RUNNING TIME: 110 MINUTES)

Malibu Film Festival features quality lineup

By Daily Press staff

The 7th Malibu International Film Festival returns to Malibu and Santa Monica April 7-10.

The Malibu International Film Festival (MIFF) is a competition festival with a focus on premiering new film and talent seeking distribution and representation

With only four days of screenings, the focus is on quality, not quantity. The MIFF offers opportunities for filmmakers through networking breakfasts, parties, receptions and a closing night awards dinner. The MIFF accepts feature-length narrative and documentary films, as well as live action, animation and documentary shorts.

The MIFF benefits the Malibu Film Foundation, a nonprofit organization providing Malibu students the opportunity to utilize professional video equipment, free of charge, to develop short film projects. The Foundation’s grant program is dedicated to supporting the development of emerging student filmmakers through hands-on experience. Founded in 1997 by Malibu raised David Katz, the Malibu Film Foundation proudly presents the annual Malibu International Film Festival, now in its seventh year. The competitive festival is a showcase for American and international independent film. Since its inception, the foundation has grown to be recognized, worldwide, by thousands of independent artists through its film festival, organizers say.

The Malibu International Film Festival official lineup for 2006:

The Malibu International Film Festival (MIFF) will screen 70 independent films, including 53 premieres, Oscar nominees, festival award winners, documentaries and shorts, at the Jaguar Theatre located at 3900 Cross Creek Road, Malibu. Additional screenings will be held at the Aero Theater located at 1328 Montana Ave. in Santa Monica.

The opening night film will screen at the Aero Theater, followed by the opening night party at The Victorian. The competitive festival closes Monday, April 10, with an awards night dinner served at Gladstone’s Malibu with recognition and awards presented to this year’s winning films and filmmakers.

Talent featured in this year’s official film selections includes: Cate Blanchett, William H. Macy, Danny DeVito, Paul Rudd, Parker Posey, Mischa Barton, Julia Stiles, Denise Richards, Mena Suvari, Sarah Jessica Parker, Edward Furlong, Liza Minnelli, Guy Pearce, Emily Watson, Louis Gossett Jr., Henry Winkler, Jeffrey Tambor, Seymour Cassel, Kevin Pollak, Hugo Weaving, Sam Neill and Hill Harper.

**April 7
Opening night film at The Aero Theatre
RISING SON: THE LEGEND OF SKATEBOARDER CHRISTAIN HOSOI.**

Director: Cesario “Block” Montano. Narrated by: Dennis Hopper. A who’s who of skateboard history, RISING SON chronicles the life and career of Christian Hosoi from young renegade super star athlete to decisions resulting in a federal prison sentence for drug trafficking.

**April 8
Centerpiece film at The Aero Theatre
THE OH IN OHIO**

Director: Billy Kent. Cast: Danny DeVito, Paul Rudd, Parker Posey, Mischa Barton, Liza Minnelli, Robert John Burke. Priscilla Chase seemed to have everything going for her with one small private exception: She never thought much of sex. When her husband unexpectedly leaves her to regain his manhood, she embarks on a wild journey that leads her to satisfaction and love in the most unlikely place.

**April 8
Centerpiece film at The Jaguar Theatre
CHASING DORA**

Directors: Wes Brown & TJ Barrack. Cast: Endless Summer II star Robert “Wingnut” Weaver, surfing legend Mickie Munoz and surf board shaper Marc Andreini. Based on The Surfer’s Journal article “The Aquatic Ape” by Miki Dora, the filmmakers give life to a surf contest born in Dora’s mind, while incorporating a retrospective on ‘Da Cat.’ Shot in Jeffrey’s Bay, South Africa.

**April 9
Closing night film at The Jaguar Theatre
THE PROPOSITION**

Director: John Hillcoat. Cast: Guy Pearce, Danny Huston, John Hurt, Ray Winstone, David Wenham, Emily Watson. Set against the harsh and unforgiving landscape of the 1880s Australian outback, The Proposition is a visually stunning tale of loyalty, revenge and the quest for justice in a lawless land. An impossible moral dilemma leads to a murderous climax when one of three brothers is offered the chance to save his brother from execution by tracking and killing his older brother.

For a complete list of official selections and schedules, visit www.malibufilmfestival.org All advanced tickets and passes are available at TicketWeb.com or call (866) 468-3399.

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On display at California Heritage Museum is the work of master craftsman Ernest Batchelder, whose extraordinary tiles brought grace and beauty into the homes of the southland during the California arts and crafts movement. A professor at what is now California Institute of Technology and a resident of Pasadena, Batchelder’s tile were first seen in the Greene and Greene craftsman houses in Pasadena. Examples of his installations are treasured in the Los Angeles Fine Arts Building (1925), the chapel of the College of St. Catherine’s (1923) in St. Paul, Minn. and the Marine Building (1928-30) in Vancouver, British Columbia.



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With funding from City Hall’s community arts grant program, the Santa Monica Museum of Art is currently exhibiting “Wall Works: Time Zone” on the third floor of the Santa Monica Place Mall. This art installation was created by elementary school students in collaboration with artist Gronk, the famed Southern California painter, performer, and sculptor.

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Committees OK minimum wage hikes

BY STEVE LAWRENCE

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Similar bills that would give 1.4 million minimum wage earners a dollar-an-hour raise and then adjust their pay each year to keep up with inflation were approved this week by committees in the Assembly and Senate.

But the Senate committee refused to vote on a rival bill backed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger that includes a \$1 increase but not an annual inflation adjustment.

The senator carrying Schwarzenegger's bill, Republican Abel Maldonado of Santa Maria, urged the Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee to reconsider its decision and pass his bill to avoid another veto.

"Governor Schwarzenegger looked me in the eye and told me he would again veto a minimum wage increase with (inflation) indexing," Maldonado said. "I take Governor Schwarzenegger at his word."

"By not considering my bill, the committee is playing politics with people's lives," he said.

The governor's press secretary, Margita Thompson, said Schwarzenegger opposes an annual inflation adjustment but stopped short of saying he would veto a bill containing that provision.

"He believes it would eliminate flexibility and use dated information in order to impose on the private sector the same automatic spending that has caused the state budget crisis," she said.

Schwarzenegger vetoed minimum wage increases in 2004 and 2005, but announced in January that he would support an increase this year without an annual inflationary adjustment. The bill he vetoed last year included such a provision.

Although the Republican governor said his change of heart did not indicate a shift to the political left, his backing of Maldonado's bill was widely seen as an attempt to cultivate a more moderate image as he prepares to run for re-election this fall.

The Senate committee voted 3-1 to approve a bill by Sen. Gil Cedillo, D-Los Angeles, that would raise the wage from \$6.75 to \$7.75 in two steps. An initial 50-cent increase would take effect 60 days after the bill was signed into law. The second 50-cent raise would kick in on July 1, 2007.

After that, the bill would require the wage to be adjusted each Jan. 1 to account for inflation in the previous year.

The Maldonado-Schwarzenegger bill would raise the wage to \$7.25 next Sept. 1 and to \$7.75 on July 1, 2007, but no members of the Senate committee asked for a vote on it.

The lone Republican on that committee, Senate Minority Leader Dick Ackerman of Fullerton, said he didn't request a vote because the bill was "going nowhere" and he doesn't support a minimum wage increase.

"We already have the highest-priced business climate in the world," he said. "This would make it harder."

Hours after the Senate committee acted, the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee voted 6-2 to approve a bill by Assemblywoman Sally Lieber, D-Santa Clara, that would raise the wage to \$7.25 on July 1, 2007, to \$7.75 on July 1, 2008, and then require annual increases for inflation.

Lieber said the automatic inflation adjustments are needed because the Legislature and governor have been unable to agree on minimum wage increases and because of the demise of the state Industrial Welfare Committee.

The five-member commission also had the power to

raise the minimum wage, but it went out of existence in 2004 after the Legislature cut its funding. Democrats complained that the panel wasn't looking after the interests of workers.

"This shouldn't just be a political football every year," Lieber said, adding that many minimum-wage earners live below the federal poverty line despite working full time.

But business representatives said requiring annual minimum wage increases could hit employers at the wrong time, when the economy was in poor shape.

"It seems like an awfully blunt instrument policy tool to not take into account economic reality, where businesses would be hurting at the same time they're asked to absorb a minimum wage increase," said Michael Belote, a lobbyist for the California Lodging Industry Association.

But Ed Dunbar, a Sacramento restaurant owner who testified for Lieber's bill, said employers would find a way to accommodate the wage hikes.

"We're not talking about huge increases," he said.

Jonathan Ross, a lobbyist for the California Restaurant Association, said the California minimum wage has tended to keep up with inflation over the long haul.

"If you look at the historic average, we are within pennies," he said.

But Assemblyman Paul Koretz, D-West Hollywood, said that hasn't always been the case. He said there have been periods when there have been no increases and employees' wages have trailed far behind inflation.

The wage was last raised in 2002.

Koretz said it would be better for businesses to have small, anticipated annual increases instead of going several years without a wage hike and then being hit with a "sudden jolt" increase.

The Cedillo and Lieber bills now move to the appropriations committees in their houses, the last stops before the Assembly and Senate floors.

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Ka-ching! Viewing the very toxic waters of Butte will cost you

BY SUSAN GALLAGHER

Associated Press Writer

BUTTE, Mont. — Turning lemons into tourist lemonade, the Chamber of Commerce in this mining city is charging admission to see one of America's largest bodies of toxic water. And people are paying.

"Some people see contaminated water," said chamber executive Marko Lucich. "I see wealth."

The chamber launched a trial run last summer, charging visitors \$1 to gaze at the Berkeley Pit and its placid, gray water. There were enough people willing to pay that officials decided to charge again this year — doubling the price to \$2.

Gwenda Buckmaster of Rapid City, S.D., viewed the pit last summer, the \$1 admission folded into the price of a guided bus tour.

"The first time I drove through Butte I thought, 'This is a terrible place,'" she said. "But once you start to understand it, it's fascinating. All that mining history."

Admission fees brought in about \$18,600 between June 15 and Sept. 30 last year. Some of the proceeds will go toward improvements intended to make the site even more attractive to tourists.

The Berkeley Pit is a former open-pit copper mine that began filling in 1982 with drainage from closed mines. It now holds about 36 billion gallons of water laden with metals, including arsenic, copper, cadmium, cobalt, iron and zinc.

Tainted water covers about 500 acres, goes to a depth of some 900 feet and is toxic enough that it was blamed for the deaths of 342 migratory snow geese that landed on the water in 1995. Now visitors sometimes hear noise-makers intended to scare birds away.

The pit is on the federal Superfund cleanup list. It is also on the Web site of Travel Montana, the state tourism office.

"Our major attractions in the state continue to be our national parks, our outdoor recreation," Administrator Betsy Baumgart said. "But once people are here, they are interested in understanding the culture ... and mining is very much a part of the history and current culture."

Butte's mining industry created a few barons and supported legions of laborers. The city supplied copper for wire as cities were being electrified in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. By 1920 Butte bustled with 100,000 residents, and brimmed with labor activism, violence and vice.

The pit joins other tourist attractions in this city of 34,000, including the National Historic Landmark District with a restored brothel, the World Museum of Mining and Evel Knievel Days, held in honor of motorcycle daredevil and Butte native Evel Knievel.

The pit has an observation deck, built years ago. There also is a souvenir shop filled with copper goods, such as candlesticks and keychains. The newsletter PITWATCH is available free.

Pit owner Montana Resources, which operates Butte's only active mine, has deeded the Chamber of Commerce the observation deck and 2 1/2 nearby acres. The chamber plans \$275,000 in improvements, including a pavilion, a playground, food service and flush toilets in place of outhouses.

Montana Resources' parent, Washington Corps., has pledged \$100,000 and, if the chamber provides matching funds, an additional \$75,000.

Lucich finds the pit symbolic of the wealth Butte derived from its mining heyday. Buckmaster, too, sees the pit as emblematic of the robust years in a city she dismissed when passing through years ago, en route to Seattle.

"It's worth a dollar or two," Buckmaster said. "Tourists expect to pay something."

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NATIONAL



Immigration issue won't be decided until after election

BY SUZANNE GAMBOA

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Should they stay or should they go, those 11 million illegal immigrants living in the United States?

While that question hangs over a Senate debate on border security and immigration, most senators agree on allowing undocumented workers to stay at least temporarily. The fight is over whether they should have to leave three years to six years down the road.

Even senators who oppose providing a path to citizenship to illegal immigrants are willing to grant them temporary legal status as long as they register with the government, pay fines and eventually leave.

“Our first obligation is to bring them out of the shadows, make sure we know who they are, why they’re here, make sure we have a name and some kind of identification for them,” Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said in an interview with The Associated Press.

“Then there will be a period of time, whether it’s three years or six years ... but they can continue to work here and at that point in time — that’s where the debate is — do they have to go home or are they put on some sort of path to citizenship?” Frist said.

As the Senate opened two weeks of debate Wednesday night, Republicans clashed over whether providing a path to legal citizenship would lead to more flouting of U.S. immigration laws.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert raised the possibility that a program letting illegal immigrants continue to reside in the U.S. for a period of time might be considered by the House if the Senate approves one.

“Our first priority is to protect the borders. We also know there is a need in some sectors of this economy for a guest worker program,” Hastert told reporters Wednesday.

The House has passed legislation limited to tightening borders and making it a crime to be in the United States illegally or to offer aid to illegal immigrants.

However, there is a growing consensus among lawmakers that any merging of the House and Senate measures so that Congress could send a bill to President Bush won’t occur until after the November election.

“What you end up doing is the House has passed a bill, the Senate passed a bill and everybody declares victory and you don’t get anything out of conference between now and the elections,” said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa.

Grassley chairs the Senate Finance Committee that is drafting a measure dealing with steps employers would

have to take regarding illegal workers.

President Bush reiterated support for a temporary worker program as he took off for a meeting in Cancun, Mexico, with host President Vicente Fox and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Bush said workers should be given tamper-resistant identity cards and go to the back of the line when they seek citizenship.

“I think it makes sense to have a temporary worker program that says you’re not an automatic citizen to help, one, enforce the border; and, two, uphold the decency of America,” Bush said Wednesday.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who has proposed with Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., allowing illegal immigrants earn a path to citizenship through work, was buoyed by Bush’s comments.

“We should reject temporary status and required departure because they are bad for business,” Kennedy said. “What do we gain if millions of immigrant workers who fuel our economy are required to spend weeks — or years or decades under some plans — waiting outside the United States for permission to continue their work?”

Frist dodged the question of what to do about illegal immigrants in the country in the bill he introduced. But other bills that could be offered as amendments tackle that issue.

On Monday, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., shepherded legislation containing the McCain-Kennedy proposal through the Senate Judiciary Committee on a 12-6 vote. He insisted the bill is not amnesty because illegal immigrants would have to undergo background checks, pay fines, back taxes and clear other obstacles before getting on the “citizenship track.” They wouldn’t have to leave the United States.

Sens. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., rail against what they call “amnesty” but would give illegal immigrants six months to register with the government. Those who do, could stay in the U.S., but only for up to five years. They would have to pay \$2,000 fines annually for the privilege. Those who don’t could be deported.

The immigrants who register could return as guest workers, but would have to apply for legal permanent residency — a step to citizenship — from their home countries.

Under current law, a person who is in the country illegally for more than 180 days cannot re-enter the U.S. for three years. A person in the country illegally for more than a year cannot re-enter for 10 years. Those prohibitions would be waived for immigrants who register with the government under the Cornyn-Kyl plan.

Politicians pressured on immigration

BY RON FOURNIER

AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON — Arizona’s leaders are in a tizzy over immigration, pressured by political crosswinds that reflect the growing national debate over how to control U.S. borders.

Republicans are bashing Republicans.

The Democratic governor is in cahoots with a GOP senator.

Both parties fear voter backlash.

Bordering Mexico, Arizona may be the perfect spot to show the state of policy and politics of U.S. immigration.

In a word, it’s a mess.

“You’ll find every view in Arizona,” jokes Rep. Jeff Flake, a conservative Republican from Mesa.

In the House, he has backed the approach of the state’s most notable politician, GOP Sen. John McCain, who wants to give illegal immigrants a clear path to citizenship through work.

McCain’s position puts him on the side of President Bush and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce — and many prominent Democrats, including Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano and liberal icon Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Arizona’s junior senator, Republican Jon Kyl, also wants to help the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants remain in the United States legally, but his approach would make it harder for them. He wants illegal immigrants to return to their native countries before returning as so-called guest workers.

Then there is another conservative Arizona lawmaker, Rep. J.D. Hayworth, who has written a book that proposes building a fence along the U.S.-Mexico border, using armed forces to help patrol the region and denying citizenship to the U.S.-born children of illegal immigrants.

There is unanimity on one point in Arizona: illegal immigration is a major problem.

The state is the largest gateway for illegal immigrants, accounting for 54 percent of the 1.1 million apprehensions nationwide during the 2004 fiscal year. It is home to an estimated 500,000 illegal immigrants out of the state’s population of about 6 million, a costly drag on health care, education and law enforcement budgets.

“Arizona has been devastated by this issue,” McCain said.

Long considered a federal problem, limited to a few “gateway states” such as California and Arizona, illegal immigration is now a front-burner issue across the country.

Illegal immigrants are moving to states like North Carolina, Iowa, Ohio and Georgia as they seek jobs and establish communities. North Carolina alone had 390,000 illegal immigrants in 2004, nearly 16 times its number in 1990, according to a Pew Hispanic Center analysis.

Last year, Napolitano and Democratic Gov. Bill Richardson of New Mexico declared immigration emergencies in their border counties. Napolitano recently signed an order to expand the National Guard’s presence at Arizona’s porous border.

At a news conference this week, Napolitano praised McCain’s bill while calling Kyl’s approach “a fictional system.” She chastised the GOP-led House for passing a bill that focuses solely on border reinforcement rather than also dealing with illegal immigrants already working in the U.S.

“The House bill is a terrible bill for Arizona,” she said.

The backbiting didn’t stop there.

Hayworth accused fellow Republicans of carrying water for business interests who want the cheap labor provided by guest-worker provisions.

“It’s the ultimate corporate welfare scam,” he said on the “Imus in the Morning” television and radio program.

Flake, a guest-worker supporter, objected when Hayworth’s plan was called conservative. “I don’t think it’s conservative to ignore the problem,” he told The Associated Press. “If you don’t have a plan to deal with those here illegally now, that’s a huge part of the problem.”

The political stakes are huge. Hispanics are the fastest-growing group of voters, and President Bush has helped double the GOP’s share of the Hispanic vote since 2000.

Sole Sago Mine survivor leaves hospital

BY VICKI SMITH

Associated Press Writer

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Sago Mine survivor Randal McCloy Jr., looking thin and stiff but walking on his own, offered his gratitude Thursday as he was released from a hospital after almost three months.

“I’d just like to thank everybody for their thoughts and prayers,” McCloy said softly, wearing a baseball cap and a racing-team jacket at a morning news conference. He paused, then added with a weak smile, “I believe that’s it.”

Doctors say they can’t explain why McCloy, who was trapped underground for more than 40 hours after the Jan. 2 mine explosion, survived the carbon monoxide exposure while all 12 other miners with him died. Medical crews at the mine have said McCloy, too, was close to death when he was rescued.

“It’s basically almost like he was resurrected,” Dr. Russell Biundo, medical director at HealthSouth Mountainview Regional Rehabilitation Hospital, said Thursday.

Gov. Joe Manchin was also talking about miracles as he handed McCloy a green street sign reading: “Miracle Road,” for the renamed rural road leading to the family’s home.

“Randy is unbelievable how he has come through this ordeal,” Manchin said. “Today, I’m happy to say that the time has finally come for Randy to return home.”

McCloy left the hospital with his wife, Anna, after the brief statements and headed home, where they were

greeted by more than a dozen relatives cheering and blowing car horns.

As he sat on the front porch, Randal McCloy said he would “probably just hang around, hold kids and stuff” on his first day home.

In an interview with The Associated Press about his ordeal, McCloy said Wednesday he had “no explanation of how I escaped it and survived.”

Some people have speculated it was because of the 26-year-old’s youth, or because he was deeper in the mine, farther from the bad air. But McCloy said he wasn’t that far from his colleagues.

He also doesn’t believe a crushed lung limited the carbon monoxide he inhaled. If he’d been in pain, he figures, he’d have inhaled even more.

What McCloy does know is that he’s strong and healthy now because of 24-hour support from his wife and his brother-in-law, Rick McGee, who rarely left his side over the past three months.

“What I believe is that the people who are there for you tend to create a world where you can get better,” McCloy said. “It’s love, really.”

McCloy’s memories of the 41 hours underground are “not much really,” just fragmented images he’d rather forget. When he thinks of his fallen friends, he pictures them elsewhere.

“I just like to picture them saved and in heaven, stuff like that,” he said



Council gives Iran 30-day deadline

BY EDITH M. LEDERER

Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council gave Iran 30 days to clear up suspicions that it is seeking nuclear weapons, and key members turned their focus on what to do if Iran refuses to suspend uranium enrichment and allow more intrusive inspections.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice arrived in Berlin on Thursday for discussions between the five permanent council members — the United States, Russia, China Britain and France — plus Germany, on how much and what kind of pressure to exert on Iran if it refuses to comply.

After three weeks of intense negotiations, the 15-member Security Council approved a statement Wednesday asking the U.N. nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, to report back in 30 days on Iran's compliance with demands to stop enriching uranium.

The statement, made available to The Associated Press, takes into account Russian and Chinese reservations about too much toughness, while meeting U.S., French and British calls for keeping the pressure on Tehran.

It "notes with serious concern Iran's decision to resume enrichment-related activities ... and to suspend cooperation with the IAEA under the additional protocol" — an agreement allowing agency inspectors wide access on short notice to Iran's nuclear program.

The statement also calls on Iran to return to "full and sustained suspension of

all enrichment-related ... activities."

Rice called the statement an "important diplomatic step" that showed the international community's concern about Iran. Before meeting with her counterparts, she was consulting with German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

"We are very close today to taking the first major step in the Security Council to deal with Iran's nearly 20-year-old clandestine nuclear weapons program," John Bolton, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said in New York. "It sends an unmistakable message to Iran that its efforts to deny the obvious fact of what it's doing are not going to be sufficient."

Iran remained defiant, maintaining its right to nuclear power but insisting that it had no intention of seeking weapons of mass destruction.

On Thursday, Iran's Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki condemned "unjustified propaganda" about its peaceful nuclear program. "Iran's nuclear program is peaceful and has never diverted towards prohibited activities," Mottaki told the 65-nation Conference on Disarmament in Geneva.

But, he added, Iran is willing to continue talks with the IAEA over its nuclear program.

"We are willing to continue with negotiations and also continue with our sincere and constructive cooperation with the agency," Mottaki told reporters after the conference session. "Our cooperation with the agency will continue."

Security Council members described the statement, while not legally binding, as a first step to pressure Iran to make

clear its program is for peaceful purposes. It also calls on Iran to ratify the IAEA's additional protocol, which allows unannounced inspections.

The Security Council could eventually impose economic sanctions, though Russia and China say they oppose such tough measures.

The Europeans initially proposed a much stronger statement but accepted a milder one to secure the support of Russia and China. Western countries agreed to drop language that proliferation "constitutes a threat to international peace and security." Also gone is a mention that the council is specifically charged under the U.N. charter with addressing such threats.

Russia and China had opposed that language because they wanted nothing in the statement that could automatically trigger council action after 30 days.

"For the time being we have suspicions," Russia's U.N. Ambassador Andrey Denisov said. "So from that point of view, it is like a ladder. If you want to climb up, you must step on the first step, and then the second, and not try to leap."

The West has refused to rule out sanctions, and U.S. officials have said the threat of military action must also remain on the table.

Negotiations between Iran and France, Germany and Britain collapsed in August after Tehran rejected a package of incentives offered in return for a permanent end to uranium enrichment. Its moves to develop full-blown enrichment capabilities led the IAEA's board to ask for Security Council involvement.

Beyond giving formal blessings for the council statement — and using it to reflect a show of unity — Rice and the ministers from France, Britain, Russia, China and Germany were not likely to accomplish much at Thursday's meeting formally set to last only 90 minutes.

While the officials were expected to touch on ways to engage Iran diplomatically, major differences persist on that approach.

In a confidential letter earlier this month, Britain argued for including the other permanent Security Council members in talks with Iran. In exchange, they hoped to secure Russian and Chinese support for increasing pressure on Iran through binding council resolutions that could be enforced militarily.

A senior European official said on condition of anonymity because he was not permitted to speak to the media that Britain's "proposal is not off the table." But a U.S. official, who also requested anonymity for the same reason, said Washington opposed including more countries in the negotiations.

"From the beginning, our position has been that we don't think it's helpful to have other countries joining the EU-3 in the dialogue because it has the potential of diluting the Western position on Iran," he said.

The U.S. official did not, however, rule out direct discussions between the United States and Iran, suggesting they could be a spinoff of the U.S. administration's decision earlier this month to talk to Iran about Iraq after a nearly three-decade break in diplomatic ties.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Naomi Campbell charged in assault

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Naomi Campbell was charged with second-degree assault Thursday after cracking her housekeeper in the head with a phone during an argument in her Park Avenue apartment, police said.

The 35-year-old British-born supermodel was taken into custody shortly after police went to Lenox Hill Hospital to investigate the reported assault, police said.

Campbell was charged after questioning at the Midtown North Precinct, where scores of photographers, reporters and film crews awaited her exit.

According to police, Campbell's 41-year-old housekeeper received four stitches to the head. When investigating officers arrived at the hospital, the alleged victim, who wasn't identified, said Campbell had attacked her, police said.

The incident allegedly happened around 8 a.m. in Campbell's tony Park Avenue apartment.

In a statement, a Campbell spokesman said the supermodel wasn't responsible for any assault.

"We believe this is a case of retaliation, because Naomi had fired her housekeeper earlier this morning," said the statement from J.R. Johnson. "We are confident the courts will see it the same way."

Campbell, one of the world's most recognizable faces, was discovered at age 15. She launched a career that landed her in magazines worldwide — including the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue.

In 2003, she was sued by a former administrative assistant who alleged that Campbell had thrown a phone at her during a tantrum two years earlier.

Campbell pleaded guilty in Toronto to an assault charge for beating another assistant while making a film in Canada in 1998.

She has also battled a cocaine addiction.

LOS ANGELES — The city has agreed to pay \$1.1 million in legal costs to the family of slain rapper Notorious B.I.G. because of police errors during a wrongful death case brought against the city and the LAPD.

U.S. District Judge Florence-Marie Cooper had sanctioned the city after learning that a police detective withheld documents that were pertinent to claims made by the rapper's family. She declared a mistrial in July.

The payment represents the cost of legal fees and other expenses incurred by the family's attorneys. City lawyers told the council an appeal was unlikely to overturn the judge's ruling. The council approved the payment Wednesday.

"It's unfortunate, but we don't have any choice," Councilman Dennis Zine said after the 11-0 vote. "We had a case here where an expe-

rienced detective made a mistake and the city and its taxpayers have to pay for it."

Christopher Wallace, or Notorious B.I.G., was shot and killed March 9, 1997, after a party at the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles. The murder has not been solved.

A retrial of the wrongful death case is expected later this year.

His family's lawsuit against the city and LAPD claimed a corrupt LAPD officer arranged to have Wallace killed at the behest of Death Row Records founder Marion "Suge" Knight, and that LAPD officials covered up Mack's involvement. Knight has denied involvement.

LOS ANGELES — George Lopez has been honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Lopez, star of ABC's "George Lopez," was joined by his wife, Ann, and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa at the ceremony Wednesday.

"I remember being 15, and walking up and down (the Walk of Fame) and dreaming about what I wanted to do and never thinking it was going to be done," the 44-year-old actor-comedian told fans.

Ann, who donated a kidney to Lopez last spring, cited her husband's rough upbringing in Los Angeles, saying he "is that little blade of grass that got through the cracks and got out."

Lopez started off as a standup comic before heading up his own sitcom, now in its fifth season.

GAS CITY, Ind. — The museum chronicling the short life of James Dean has closed after struggling financially since its opening in 2004.

David Loehr, owner of the James Dean Gallery, announced in December that he planned to close the museum, but an outpouring of contributions led him to give it another try.

It ultimately shut down at the end of February, though, and Loehr has packed up and placed the memorabilia in storage.

"It was a real asset to the county and state, but I just couldn't keep it going," he told the Chronicle-Tribune of Marion for Thursday's editions. "It's time to move on to the next thing."

Loehr said he would soon be setting up a small display in the National Automotive & Truck Museum in Auburn.

That display, however, will not compare to the tribute Loehr had in the 7,000-square-foot gallery building. Only 25 percent of what was on display in Gas City will be showcased, he said.

He also would like to place some of his collection at the old Fairmount High School, where Dean graduated in 1949, if a renovation effort there succeeds.

Loehr said he plans to continue operating the gallery's Web site and Rebel, his memorabilia store in Fairmount.

Dean, who starred in "East of Eden," "Rebel Without a Cause" and "Giant," died in a car accident near rural Cholame, Calif., on Sept. 30, 1955.

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Elizabeth Emanuel, the designer of Princess Diana's wedding dress, does not have the automatic right to reclaim her name, which she sold off as a trademark to another firm, an EU court ruled Thursday.

Emanuel launched a bridal wear business on the back of the fairy tale silk, taffeta and tulle confection worn by Diana when she married Prince Charles, the heir to the British throne, in 1981.

Judges rejected the fashion designer's request that they award her the rights to trademark her name, saying she had specifically sold her trademark "together with the business making the goods to which the mark relates."

Financial problems forced Emanuel to transfer the business and trademark to another firm in 1996. She later stopped working for the design company that continued using the trademark and subsequently launched a legal battle to win back the right to use her name, saying "the mark no longer reflects reality and is deceptive."

Emanuel had argued that selling clothing under her name was illegal under EU law because it created the impression that she herself had designed it.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Ruben Studdard has a plan to get teens off the streets in Alabama and into the music industry.

The "American Idol" winner is launching The Music Alternative Project, an after-school program aimed at keeping young people away from gangs by teaching them behind-the-scenes aspects of music production, including songwriting, marketing, accounting and mixing.

"I am a product of the public school system ... and I had a lot of friends involved in gang activity," Studdard, a Birmingham native, told a statehouse panel Wednesday.

He said many of those same friends were talented singers and rappers, "but they didn't have a vehicle to push them."

The Birmingham-based program would enroll about 100 students each year from throughout the state for music courses that would be held after school, on weekends and over the summer. Those who can't regularly make it to the Audiostate 55 Recording Studios could participate through distance learning courses.

Studdard said he will teach a few courses and participants would get a chance to see him work in the recording studio.

Since winning "American Idol," Studdard has released two albums — "Soulful" and "I Need an Angel."

He is working on a third album.

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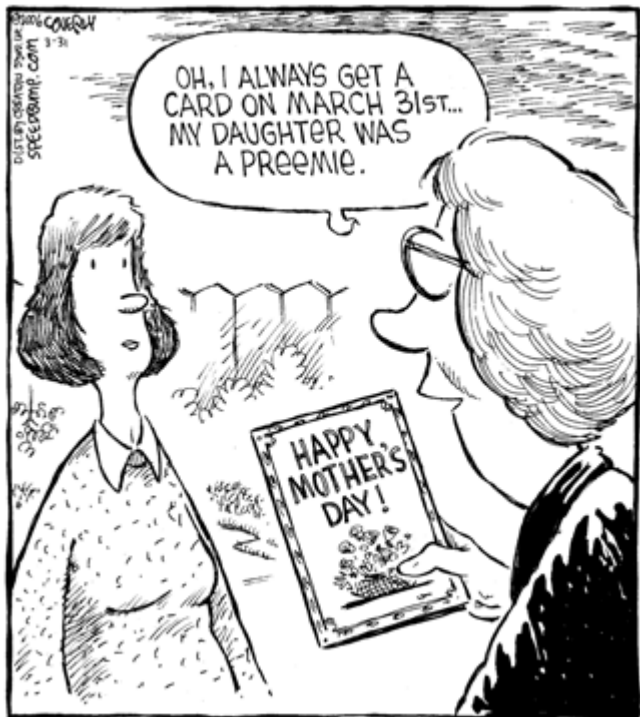
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L-PSHIP THE.

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Type of License(s) Applied for: 47 -
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Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO AD-
MINISTER ESTATE OF DAVID
JOSEPH WATTS aka DAVID
J. WATTS and DAVID WATTS**
Case No. SP006781

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and persons who may otherwise be
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both, of DAVID JOSEPH WATTS
aka DAVID J. WATTS and DAVID
WATTS

A PETITION FOR PRO-
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nia, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR
PRO-BATE requests that Leslie
Bottene be appointed as personal
representative to administer the es-
tate of the decedent.

THE PETITION re-
quests authority to administer the
estate under the Independent Ad-
ministra-tion of Estates Act. (This
authority will allow the personal re-
presenta-tive to take many actions
without obtaining court approval.
Before taking certain very important
ac-tions, however, the personal re-
pre-sentative will be required to give
notice to interested persons unless
they have waived notice or con-
sented to the proposed action.) The
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person files an objection to the peti-
tion and shows good cause why the
court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the peti-
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