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Burger with a side of fines

BY MELODY HANATANI | Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — Local restaurant owners are hoping that a possible change to Santa Monica's comprehensive smoking ban — a proposition that would hold proprietors liable if they knowingly allow customers to light it up — will go up in smoke, at least for the time being.

The City Council tonight is expected to consider an amendment to an ordinance that made headlines for the seaside community, attracting national attention for a law that made it illegal to smoke anywhere within 20 feet of public entrances, exits and windows. The ban, which went into effect on Thanksgiving Day in 2006, extends to the Third Street Promenade, Farmers' Markets citywide, outdoor dining areas, bus stops, and ATM lines.

The proposed amendment would accomplish several tasks, including reducing the fines for first infractions from \$250 to \$100 and prohibiting smoking on all library grounds.

But the element that has gained the attention of the business community is the provision that would hold restaurant owners and managers liable if they knowingly allow the banned activity to occur in the outdoor dining area, imposing the same citation issued to smokers. The amendment would also require signage notifying customers of the ban at all outdoor dining areas.

Tom Larmore, the chairman of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, wrote a letter to the City Council on Friday outlining several concerns about the proposed changes, including the vagueness in the definition of "intentionally" or "knowingly," and the short 30-day turnaround time after the changes are enacted when restaurant owners

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SIGN OF THE TIMES: A "Fresh Air Santa Monica" sign adorns a storefront window on Fourth Street along with stickers from the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors Bureau. The Chamber has come out against a proposal to hold businesses liable for knowingly or intentionally allowing customers to smoke on their property.



Brandon Wise brandonw@smdp.com

LEAKAGE: City officials are expected tonight to award a contract to ICF International to continue with groundwater remediation at the The Big Blue Bus yard on Colorado Avenue. City Hall has been working to clean up the site since 1987. Among contaminants found are diesel and MTBE.

An historic year for one City Hall consultant

(Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.)

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — When it came to historic preservation, perhaps no one had its hands full more than PCR Services Corp. this year. It's the reason why city staff intends to ask

the City Council to replenish the consultant's nearly exhausted contract with \$79,000, covering future historic resources analysis through the remainder of the fiscal year.

The contract amendment is part of a \$3.1 million spending package the council will face at its meeting tonight.

The consulting firm, who has an office in Downtown Santa Monica, provides an extra set of expert eyes for city planners on matters related to landmarks and historic preservation. In addition to performing analyses for older structures facing impending demolition to see if they qualify for city

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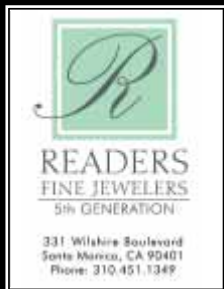


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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Today

Rolling with Ray

Westside, 1 p.m.

Novelist Raymond Chandler gravitated to sin and debauchery, so Santa Monica in the 1930s was a frequent stop for Philip Marlowe, one of his most popular characters. From shady doctors to second wives with pasts to crooked cops with a loathing for a mouthy PI, this tour has it all. Chandler's canonization of sin, wealth and sunshine on L.A.'s Westside fed the abiding myths of the American hard-boiled genre and play into the popular conception of the region. For information, call (323) 223-2767.

Getting wild on the Westside

Noon — 5 p.m.

For the first time, the true crime archeologists of the 1947 project have set their sights on points west of Robertson Boulevard, and the results are truly astonishing. In this new tour spotlighting some of the weirdest, most horrific and downright unbelievable crimes of historic West Los Angeles. Seats are \$55 a person. For more information, call (323) 223-2767.

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Green Living Workshop

7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Be part of the solution. The Santa Monica Public Library wants people to educate and empower themselves with simple steps through a six-week workshop that will help save the environment and save money. The workshop covers water, energy, waste, chemicals, transportation and travel and shopping and food. For more information, call Barent Roth at Sustainable Works, (310) 458-8716 x1.

Lights! Camera! Glamor!

11 a.m. — 4 p.m.

The California Heritage Museum is having an exhibit on the work of photographer George Hurrell every Wednesday from Jan. 8 to June 29. Hurrell was a studio photographer for MGM, Warner Brothers and Columbia where he was famously known for shooting some of the world's most intriguing personalities such as Joan Crawford, James Cagney, Rita Hayworth, Jean Harlow, Clark Gable, Joan Collins and Arnold Schwarzenegger. For more information, contact the California Heritage Museum at (310) 392-8537.

Kiwanis Club

12 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.

On Mar. 12, the Santa Monica Kiwanis Club decided to hold a weekly meeting every Wednesday. Come join in on the fun this Wednesday at its weekly luncheon with guest speakers. To join, call (310) 613-1249.

Mystery Book Group

7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Meet at the Montana Avenue Branch Library Wednesday evening to discuss Nicci French's chilling book, "Secret Smile," a psychological thriller about a scorned lover who gains the trust of a former flames' family so that he can wreak havoc in a stunning climax in which all secrets are revealed.

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



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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They're back ...

The Santa Monica Police Department and Marina del Rey Outrigger Canoe Club announced Sunday the re-launch of their youth program that introduces kids to outrigger canoe paddling – a centuries-old traditional sport developed in Hawaii and the Polynesian Islands.

The program, open to all boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 18, is located in Manhattan Beach, Palawan Way and Marina del Rey. It begins with two introductory sessions on Thursday, Apr. 10, at 4 p.m. and Saturday, Apr. 12, at 10:30 a.m., during which participants will have the opportunity to paddle outrigger canoes, develop technique and teamwork, improve fitness and gain an appreciation and respect for the ocean.

Also, the youth will get to test their competitive nature when they compete in regatta races against other teams of the same skill level. The cost for the program is free because it is fully subsidized by the canoe club and other organizations. If youth want to get involved, they can find information about the program on the club's Web site at www.marinaoutrigger.org or e-mail the club at youth@marinaoutrigger.org.

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SANTA MONICA STATE BEACH
Some major clams for the beach

In just a matter of 48 hours, the Santa Monica State Beach looked a little greener than it did before.

City Hall's Department of Community and Cultural Services last week received two grants over the course of two days totaling \$120,000, money that will be used to celebrate the arts and culture of the city by the sea.

The National Endowment for the Arts, which is dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts and bringing the arts to all Americans, awarded \$20,000 in funding for the inaugural all-night festival, Glow, to be held on July 19. Glow will take place on the beach and Santa Monica Pier between dusk and dawn and will showcase sights and sounds that are meant to give the public a new perspective on the way they view modern art.

The U.S. Department of the Interior and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation also sent money to Santa Monica, giving \$100,000 for a cultural mapping project through the Preserve America initiative. The program encourages and supports community-based efforts to preserve and enjoy the nation's cultural and natural heritage.

Santa Monica's goal has been to highlight people and events that shaped the history and culture of the Southern California beach and significantly influenced popular culture in America and abroad. Stories from the days of Jim Crow relate how use of the beach was the subject of racial tensions as African-Americans fought for equal access. Later the beach provided the backdrop for the birth of beach volleyball, the international physical fitness movement launched at Muscle Beach as well as the American skateboarding revolution.

Funds will support an experienced historian to survey key sites, events, and individuals to create an inventory of resources and materials. Of the 43 grants awarded across 25 states in 2008, Santa Monica is the only community in California to receive funding, and one of only 11 to receive funding at the \$100,000-plus level.

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CITY HALL
New beach house looking for manager

A little help, please.

City Hall is looking for offers from those interested in developing, organizing, promoting and managing venue rentals and related services for privately-held special events and meetings at the new Annenberg Community Beach Club.

Currently under construction, the Annenberg Community Beach Club, located at 415 Pacific Coast Highway, is built to become a premiere special event and meeting venue in Santa Monica. Consultants will work with the City Council to develop a business and operations plan and carry out that plan along with the opening of the facility in 2009.

The beach club project consists of revitalized elements of the historic beachfront Marion Davies Estate and new facilities such as a pool house and event house. Three structures – which will offer a wide variety of venues and the historic swimming pool, gardens and beach – will be available for rent by the public.

Qualification statements will be accepted until 2 p.m. Monday, May 12, 2008. Applicants can find more information at 415.pch.smgov.net.

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LA Times retracts Tupac Shakur story

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The Los Angeles Times on Monday retracted stories that implied purported associates of Sean "Diddy" Combs assaulted Tupac Shakur in 1994 and that Combs knew about it ahead of time.

The newspaper said the March 17 online story and a shorter version in the newspaper on March 19 relied heavily on what turned out to be phony FBI documents. The stories were written by Pulitzer-prize winning staff writer Chuck Philips.

The Times also retracted statements Philips made in two online chats and the newspapers' blog. It did not provide details of the statements.

The article, titled "An Attack on Tupac Shakur Launched a Hip-Hop War" purported to relate new information about a 1994 assault on Shakur, including a description of events contained in FBI reports.

The shooting triggered a feud between East and West Coast rappers that later led to the killings of Shakur and Notorious B.I.G.

"The Times has since concluded that the FBI reports were fabricated and that some of the other sources relied on — including the person Philips previously believed to be the 'confidential source' cited in the FBI reports — do not support major elements of the story," the newspaper said.

On March 26, The Times posted an article on its Web site saying the authenticity of the documents and story had been challenged. The next day, the newspaper offered a front-page story that reported it had been the victim of a hoax and apologizing for its error.

In a statement Monday, Times editor Russ Stanton did not address why the newspaper published the retraction in addition to the previous apology.

"The Los Angeles Times has taken this matter very seriously," he said. "The retraction that appears in the paper and on our Web site today, and the previously published apology, speak for themselves."

Times spokeswoman Nancy Sullivan declined to comment further.

A message by left by The Associated Press for Combs' attorney Howard L. Weitzman was not immediately returned.

The documents were part of a \$19 million federal suit filed in October in Miami by James Sabatino, who is serving a federal prison sentence for fraud. The lawsuit claimed that Combs failed to pay Sabatino for a recording and video session he arranged with Notorious B.I.G.

The documents purported to be an FBI agent's report of interviews conducted in 2002 of confidential informants linking Sabatino and associates of Combs to the attack on Shakur in New York City.

"The Times now believes that Sabatino had no involvement in the attack and that he never spoke to Combs about it. Any statements or implications suggesting that Combs was given advance knowledge of the assault on Shakur, or played any role in it, are specifically retracted," the newspaper said.

Combs has denied that he had any prior knowledge of or involvement in the robbery and shooting of Shakur. He claimed he had been defamed by the newspaper.

The Associated Press erroneously relied on the documents in a Nov. 14 story about the court case and offered a corrective story on March 28.

FBI spokesman Stephen Kodak told The AP that the documents can't be found in the agency's records and do not appear to be legitimate.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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What’s light rail without parking?

Editor:

I read with interest the story about light rail coming to Santa Monica in a few years (“A glimpse of the near future,” page 1, April 3). This is an important part of the traffic relief we have been looking for since John Jones sold his first lot here in 1875.

But there was an important component, vital to the success of this effort that was missing from the plan ... parking. I don’t have statistics but it’s clear that if one can drive to a light rail stop and park there, all day, it is likely to be more attractive to riders and commuters. Convenience is everything. But land for parking is expensive on the west side and currently not a component of the Santa Monica light-rail stops.

So why not continue the light rail a couple of blocks to the beach? The sprawling lots sit there empty 90 percent of the time, and could provide perfect parking for commuters Conversely, the beach is an obvious destination for a light rail line for people seeking fun and recreation.

Building a light rail line to the west side and going almost to the beach makes as much sense as building a light rail line that goes almost to the airport.

If so, without the benefit of convenient beach parking, I’m afraid light-rail ridership is destined to be disappointing.

Dick Orton

Santa Monica

Is LUCE really the people’s vision?

Editor:

At the last (Land Use and Circulation Element) workshop, the speakers from (City Hall) and the consultants were really good with their “spin.” Their solution to “save our neighborhoods” and “lessen traffic” was to have many massive building projects along the transit corridors. How did all the input from SM residents get turned inside out and become exactly what most city officials originally had planned? Who is in control of this city anyway? Also, one consultant mentioned the city’s concern for global warming and CO2 emissions, which somehow does not match the (City Hall’s) planned removal of large environmentally friendly ficus trees on Second and Fourth streets.

Zelia Grund

Santa Monica

Urging City Hall to take a stand

Editor:

Now is the time to take a stand for all of the people in Santa Monica and West Los Angeles. People are being driven away from their homes because of conditions around the airport, and this is what the FAA wants in the long run. Hearing the FAA representative speak at the March 25th Santa Monica City Council meeting, I realized that the FAA’s intention for the future is to have a larger airport, that, (as they intend to purchase homes and land from those who wish to sell) will have a clear flight path from the airport to the sea as LAX does.

This will have two effects. First it will change the nature of Santa Monica from a very desirable living and tourist destination to something like El Segundo or Playa del Rey. Second, the same problems that face the current neighbors of the airport will challenge the new neighbors of the larger airport. If you want to keep Santa Monica a beautiful city, with the related economic benefits, then the council should stand its ground and not seek a compromise. This is the point at which there are enough facts and figures to make a real case.

Time is now very important. I think there should be a moratorium on the C and D jets until the safety issue, if not the whole issue, is resolved.

Stephanie Body

Venice



What’s the Point?

David Pizarra

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Going green?

I LOVE GARDENING. I LOVE GETTING MY hands dirty, and seeing a blank slate of dirt turned into a lush garden of beauty of perfumed air. I’m very lucky in that I have a home with both a front yard and a back yard.

My front yard is sort of a work in progress of low consumption water wise plants. I’ve got some funky grasses that turn blue when they are well watered and other slow growing dark green stuff I can walk on that’s not really grass, I’m not sure exactly what it is, but it flowers.

My back yard on the other hand is a 3,000 square foot park. I’ve got fruit trees and flowering trees and a croquet course sized lawn (anyone know where I can get some flamingos and a couple of hedgehogs?).

Last summer was the summer of the rototiller. I was stripping my yard down to nothing so that I could build a party space. Trees were installed, a sprinkler system, roses, shrubs, tulips and daffodils and hundreds of cubic yards of manure.

Last year I was looking into water wise ways to reduce my usage, while at the same time, enjoying a lush green forest of nature. Some of the things I looked at were preserved trees and synthetic lawns.

I was amazed at the level of growth in fake plants (That’s funny huh? Get it?). We’ve come a long way from the hard, yellowing plastic of your grandma. These days you can get “silk” flowers that look so real it is darn near impossible to tell they are fake, but they have the benefits of not needing to be watered, fertilized and tended. There are also trees that have been cut and freeze dried.

But best of all are the technologies having to do with fake lawns. These “grasses” are amazing. They are fake grass that comes from a synthetic material, like petroleum products, they are soft, and come in designer colors and grades for everything from a long and lush St. Augustine style grass to a putting green height and smoothness.

Since these products no longer use water, and don’t actually grow, they don’t have the downside of maintenance, mowing, fertilizing, weeding, that actual real lawns do. There is some ecological cost in that they are manufactured from petroleum products so they use up precious oil that should be used for jet skiing, but nothing’s perfect.

Of course they also don’t contribute to the balancing of the ecology either, by not replacing CO2 with life giving oxygen, and they store the heat from the sun, and that just contributes to global warming with no counterbalancing effect.

Financially, they are a good investment, because you don’t have to hire gardeners to maintain the lawns and trees and flowers. There is a tremendous savings in the reduction of plumbing needs, and of course there is the amount of water and fertilizers that are saved. The green house gas savings continue when you consider the benefits of not hav-

ing to run lawnmowers, hedgers, trimmers and blowers.

Which is why I want to suggest that our City Council study the costs and benefits of removing all the public green spaces that have live growing grass and trees, and replacing them with synthetic lawns, and freeze-dried trees.

The upgrades would allow City Hall to shutter the open spaces management department. There will be a one time charge when we layoff all those employees, and of course pay off the lawyers when the inevitable discrimination lawsuit is filed, but the savings we will enjoy by not having to pay salaries, health insurance, and pension funds are well worth it.

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Similar savings will be seen across the board in the plumbing department, and in vehicle maintenance, but they wont be as great. The administrative benefits of such a plan have not been determined, but I would venture a guess they would be in the tens of millions of dollars and man-hours that are saved in not having to manage employees.

As a green city it is our responsibility to be in the forefront of the efforts to reduce the cost of our existence on this planet, and by installing synthetic lawns, freeze-dried trees and “silk” flowers, we can have a huge impact on the amount of natural resources we use as a city, and we can enjoy the benefits of budgetary reductions, which could, possibly, translate into a tax reduction for the homeowners who foot the bills.

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Darwin's Kool-Aid

THERE'S A SHAKEUP IN THE CULT OF neo-Darwinist pseudo-science, and that endearing, monotone high school teacher of "Ferris Bueller" fame is doing the shaking.

With his new feature documentary, "Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed" (opening in theaters April 18), Ben Stein — actor, economist, presidential speechwriter and all around really smart guy — squares off with some of the world's most prominent anti-theist elites as he gets to the heart of the question, "Who are we, and how did we get here?"

This is not your father's documentary. "Expelled" rocks the house both literally and figuratively. It's gripping, music-packed, comically wry and always entertaining. But its entertainment value is yet surpassed by its educational merit. Throughout the film, Stein boldly shines a light of honest inquiry, revealing time and again that evolution's Emperor has no clothes. In his trademark deadpan fashion, Stein skillfully debunks the dogmatic neo-Darwinist programming we've all had relentlessly rammed down our throats ever since "Big Science" went bananas over that cute little Scopes Monkey.

Unlike Michael Moore's anti-Bush propaganda flick "Fahrenheit 911" — which sold us a lemon with deceptive editing techniques and staged confrontations — "Expelled" is intellectually honest, cerebrally stimulating and delectably provocative.

Nonetheless, there are those who won't like it, not one little bit.

Enter Richard Dawkins. Dawkins, a prominent evolutionist, outspoken atheist and the best-selling author of "The God Delusion," is featured throughout the film. In one segment, he sits down with Stein for a heart-to-heart. After dancing around several pointed questions about how life began, Dawkins finds himself at a logical impasse with no surplus of sci-fi rhetoric. He's finally forced to concede that, indeed, an intelligent being may have created life on earth. However, that being could not have been "God," but rather, it must have been some organic, alien life form. Of course, that alien life form has to have been a product of "Darwinian evolution."

Through tears of wild laughter, audience members watch as Dawkins — apparently grasping the dizzying nature of his own circular argument — turns three shades of red and becomes purply tight-lipped.

Dawkins? ... Dawkins? ...

But apart from space aliens, the general consensus among the evolutionary scientists interviewed was that all life, including human life, likely began when lightning

struck a mud puddle (you know, like Frankenstein but without all the prefab body parts). This was then followed by a series of unexplainable, unprovable and totally random events that occurred over umpteen million years, eventually resulting in ... you.

Although "Expelled" indirectly makes a strong case for the scientific theory of intelligent design, its primary message drives home the need for academic freedom, intellectual honesty and open debate on all scientific fronts.

As the movie masterfully illustrates, we live in a cultural climate where secular elitists in academia, the media and the courts chew up and spit out anyone who dares to question the gospel according to Charles Darwin. They're absolutely terrified to follow the scientific evidence wherever it may lead.

They don't want to upset the morally relative applecart, which is loosely held together by the notion that we're all just a bunch of monkeys with an instinctive, biological excuse for all our behavioral choices. To them, life's a whole lot easier under the theory of evolution. Without a sovereign creator to answer to, we get to scoot along and party hearty, free from accountability.

Consequently, it's no wonder "Expelled" has Darwin's disciples scurrying for the shadows. Those secular humanist one-trick-ponies in the media, throughout academia, on the blogosphere and elsewhere are in full damage control. They're doing everything possible to discredit the film before it even opens. It's even been reported that two major networks are refusing to cover the movie (Gotta love that journalistic objectivity).

So, if you happen to be one of those evolutionary fundamentalists who were "randomly selected" to evolve with a built-in blindfold and earplugs, and you're comfy with your very limited worldview, be afraid of this film — be very afraid. However, if you're willing to have your eyes opened and are interested in looking at all the evidence, then suck it up, wipe away that Darwinian Kool-Aid mustache and hang out with Ben Stein for a night. What do you have to lose?

"Expelled" is nothing short of earthshaking. And, as the scientific community clearly recognizes, its tremors may be felt for some years to come.

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The Q-Line

Fond memories

The good folks at Pacific Park have created an online message board to allow patrons of the famous Pacific Wheel to post their fondest memories of the ride that is slated to be replaced later this year.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

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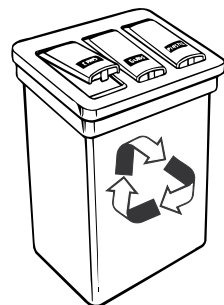
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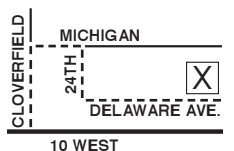


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SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

Bonds built at camp go a long way

By Daily Press Staff

MARTINSVILLE, IN Teens Today research recently released by Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) and Liberty Mutual Group verifies that young people benefit from strong mentoring relationships, including those bonds made between campers and their counselors.

According to Teens Today, middle and high school students reporting a high level of mentoring are significantly more likely than those reporting a low level of mentoring to avoid risky behaviors. More to the point, young people who have attended a day or overnight summer camp are less likely to drink (26 percent vs. 36 percent); use marijuana (8 percent vs. 18 percent); or engage in sexual behavior, such as intercourse (29 percent vs. 40 percent) or oral sex (29 percent vs. 39 percent) than are their non-camper peers.

The American Camp Association reports that there are 1.2 million camp staff nationwide who benefit from serving as mentors to children and 10 million children who attend camp annually who benefit from having mentors at camp in their lives.

"The camp experience has always encouraged children and young people to adopt healthy lifestyles and to take positive risks in a safe and nurturing environment," said Peg L. Smith, chief executive officer of ACA. "It is no surprise to us that camp counselors and campers positively benefit from the mentor relationship fostered at camp."

There are other important benefits as well. Young people with a mentor are more likely to report having a high sense of self (46 percent vs. 25 percent) and to say they take positive risks (38 percent vs. 28 percent), such as performing charitable work, starting a business, taking advanced placement

courses, or trying out for a sports team.

Also, sense of self and positive risk-taking are each linked to lower incidences of destructive, or potentially destructive, behaviors and to overall mental health.

"This new research demonstrates that there are a whole host of opportunities for adults to influence teenagers outside of formal or planned mentoring programs," said Stephen Wallace, school psychologist, adolescent counselor, and the chairman and chief executive officer of the national SADD organization.

"We see this research as a call to action to adults who interact with teenagers — either in their professional lives or in their daily routines," Wallace said. "This research shows that adults who make extra efforts to connect with teenagers can have a profound impact in guiding our nation's youth."

Safety guide for campers calls for a health history

By Daily Press Staff

This summer and into the fall, about 10 million children will head off to both day camps and resident (sleep over) camps.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American Camp Association (ACA) want to make sure the experience is safe, healthy and positive, and that parents have confidence that their children are being well cared. For this reason, the AAP has

updated and revised its policy entitled, "Health Appraisal Guidelines for Day Camps and Resident Camps."

The updated policy represents the closest cooperation ever between the ACA and the AAP and includes input from pediatricians, camp nurses and other camp professionals.

New to this policy is the recommendation that parents assess whether a camp program is appropriate for their child, and camps are asked to provide the necessary information

to enable parents to make that determination. The policy encourages parents to evaluate their child's interests, skills, and overall physical, mental and emotional well-being and evaluate his or her ability to participate in a particular camp setting.

Other recommendations include:

■ For the first time, use of Automatic External Defibrillators is mentioned.

■ Open communication between parents, doctors and camp professionals is encouraged.

■ Local physicians are urged to become involved in camp health care by reviewing policies or procedures or providing medical backup.

■ Guidelines for health evaluation prior to camp are included. It is now recommended that a health history on campers be received before the child arrives at camp.

■ Behavioral issues are of great concern to camps. A strong recommendation is included against "medication holidays" for those campers on prescription drugs.

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Legislator wants sick time for all

STEVE LAWRENCE

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Assemblywoman Fiona Ma wants to provide some relief for the millions of California workers who face losing pay if they stay home sick.

The San Francisco Democrat has introduced legislation that would guarantee employees as many as nine days of paid sick leave a year to care for themselves or an ill family member. It also would apply to those recovering from domestic violence or a sexual assault.

“Healthy workers are productive workers...,” she said. “Studies have found that having paid sick days actually saves money for businesses by reducing turnover, by reducing the spread of illness in the workplace and improving workers’ morale and productivity.”

But at least a dozen business groups have lined up to oppose the bill, contending it would increase costs and liability. Business leaders also warn it could lower wages and reduce available health insurance.

In the worst-case scenario, the mandate could lead to job loss or reduced work hours, said Denise Davis, a spokeswoman for the California Chamber of Commerce.

“In an already troubled economy, California should be seeking ways to stimulate job growth and avoid forcing costly mandates on employers,” she said in a statement.

Ma said about 40 percent of the state’s work force, between five million and six million workers, do not get paid when they stay home sick.

Her bill, which is scheduled to be considered Wednesday by the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee, would enable workers who had been on the job for at least 90 days to use paid sick leave accrued at the rate of at least one hour for every 30 hours worked.

Companies with 10 or more workers would have to provide up to nine days of paid sick leave a year. Smaller businesses would have to give their employees as many as five days annually.

Employees taking sick leave would receive the same wages they are paid while at work.

San Francisco and Washington, D.C., already require employers to provide paid sick leave. Bills also have been introduced in Congress and at least 10 other states.

Most California workers are covered by State Disability Insurance, which replaces part of their wages for up to 52 weeks if they are unable to work because of a non-work related illness or injury or because of pregnancy or childbirth.

A related program enables workers to take up to six weeks of paid leave to care for a newborn, a newly adopted child or an ill family member. That program, like SDI, is financed by an employee payroll tax. It pays workers 55 percent of their wages during their absences, up to a maximum of \$917 a week, the same top rate as State Disability Insurance.

There also is worker’s compensation insurance, which provides benefits for workers who suffer job-related injuries or illnesses.

Also this week:

MORTGAGE REFORM

The Assembly Banking and Finance Committee will consider a series of mortgage industry reform bills on Monday, including a measure by Assemblyman Ted Lieu, D-Torrance, that is designed to avoid more foreclosures. It would require lenders to verify that borrowers can afford the loans they receive and would ban incentives for loan officers who persuade borrowers to take less desirable loans.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

A bill by Assemblyman Mark Leno, D-San Francisco, would overturn a state Supreme Court decision that said employers could fire workers who use medical marijuana even if it was legally recommended by a doctor. It’s scheduled to be taken up Tuesday by the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

SPORTS BETTING

Assemblyman Kevin Jefferies, R-Lake Elsinore, doesn’t think participation in office Super Bowl pools, baseball fantasy leagues or other informal sports bets should carry the possibility of a jail term. His bill, scheduled to be considered Wednesday by the Assembly Governmental Organization Committee, would drop the penalty from a felony or misdemeanor to an infraction punishable by a fine of up to \$500. Federal law prohibits the state from legalizing such games, said Craig Deluz, Jefferies’ Capitol director.

SWEEPSTAKES CLAIMS

Sen. Joe Simitian, D-Palo Alto, wants to get rid of sweepstakes promotions that make misleading claims. His bill is scheduled to be considered Monday by the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee. Among other things, it would prohibit promotional material that wrongly suggested the recipient had been singled out or sweepstakes that required the recipient to pay a fee to get a prize.

METALLIC BALLOONS

Legislation by Sen. Jack Scott, D-Alhambra, would outlaw sales of metallic, helium-filled balloons, starting in 2010. The brightly colored balloons are popular items for birthdays, anniversaries and other celebrations. But utility companies say they can become tangled in power lines and trigger outages. Pacific Gas & Electric Co. said they caused more than 200 power failures last year. Current law requires the balloons to come with weights attached, but supporters of Scott’s bill say that hasn’t stopped some of them from floating free. The bill is on the Senate Public Safety Committee’s agenda on Tuesday.

SCHOOL JOURNALISM

A bill by Sen. Leland Yee, D-San Francisco, would prohibit schools from firing or disciplining student newspaper advisers or other staff members who protect students’ free speech rights. The measure, which is on the Senate Judiciary Committee’s agenda Tuesday, is a response to several cases in which faculty advisers were removed after student newspapers carried articles or editorials that angered school administrators.

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The City of Santa Monica has prepared an Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the **T-Mobile Wireless Site at 1411 7th Street**. The City of Santa Monica has prepared this Notice of Intent to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with information describing the proposal and its potential environmental effects. Environmental factors which would be potentially affected by the project include: Hazards & Hazardous Materials and Mandatory Findings of Significance.

PROJECT APPLICANT: T-Mobile Wireless

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant, Omnipoint Communications, Inc. – a subsidiary of T-Mobile USA, is proposing to install, operate and maintain an unmanned wireless telecommunication facility on the rooftop of an existing, 5-story mixed-use building. The proposal would be comprised of 12 antennas that would be located behind RF transparent screening to fully screen the antennas from public view. In addition to the antennas, the applicant is proposing to install 3 related equipment cabinets located within a new mechanical equipment enclosure on the rooftop.

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration on the proposed project may be reviewed at the following locations:

- ☐ City Planning Division, Public Counter, Room 111, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica
- ☐ Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica
- ☐ Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica

REVIEW PERIOD: As specified by the State CEQA Guidelines, a 20-day public review period for the Negative Declaration will commence on **April 8, 2008**, and end on **April 28, 2008**. The City of Santa Monica welcomes agency and public comments on the document during this period. Any comments on the Negative Declaration must be received within the public review period. **Comments may be submitted, in writing, by 5:30 p.m. on April 28, 2008**, and addressed to:

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House seat Speier's to lose

STEVE LAWRENCE

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Jackie Speier may be heading back to Washington, nearly 30 years after she was shot and left for dead on a Guyana airstrip while on a fact-finding trip into the Jim Jones cult.

Speier, a Democrat and former California state legislator, is the favorite to win a special election Tuesday to fill the House seat left vacant by the death of Rep. Tom Lantos, a San Mateo Democrat who was the only Holocaust survivor to serve in Congress.

It is Speier's second try for the seat once held by her former boss, the late Rep. Leo Ryan.

In 1979, she lost a special election to succeed Ryan, who had been killed a few months earlier while investigating reports that Jones was holding followers against their will at Jonestown, a compound in Guyana.

Speier, then a member of Ryan's staff, was seriously wounded in the same attack by Jones' henchmen.

Her decision to seek Ryan's seat was made at the last minute. She managed to raise \$20,000 in six weeks, but placed third.

This time, Speier's campaign has been building since last fall, when she formed an exploratory committee to consider running against Lantos, the 79-year-old former chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Lantos said he intended to seek a 15th term but in January announced he had can-

cer of the esophagus and would not run for re-election. He endorsed Speier before he died in February.

A number of other California Democrats also support Speier, including U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who represents a neighboring San Francisco area district in Congress.

Contributions have been pouring in. As of March 19, Speier had raised more than \$873,000 — 40 times the amount taken in by her nearest competitor.

Allan Hoffenblum, publisher of the California Target Book, which analyzes legislative and congressional races, jokes that Tuesday's election will be "the Jackie Speier coronation."

"The worst that could happen to her would be the embarrassment to have a runoff against a Republican before going on to Congress," he said. "That's not likely to happen."

Speier said she is not taking anything for granted. She has been holding neighborhood meetings and running a phone bank to encourage voters to vote by mail in what is expected to be a low-turnout election.

"It's been an incredible journey, but I also feel very prepared and very fortunate to be in the position I am in today," she said.

The 12th Congressional District, which Lantos represented for more than 27 years, includes southwestern San Francisco and most of neighboring San Mateo County. Democrats make up more than half the district's voters, and there are more independ-

ents than Republicans.

Speier is facing four opponents: fellow Democrat Michelle McMurry, Republicans Greg Conlon and Mike Moloney, and Green Party candidate Barry Hermanson. All five will be on the same ballot.

If no candidate gets more than 50 percent of the vote, there will be a runoff on June 3 among the top vote-getters in each party. The winner will hold the seat for the rest of the year.

June 3 also is the date of the primary election to pick nominees to run for a full two-year term in November. All five of the candidates on Tuesday's ballot have filed to run in the primary. So have two other Democrats and candidates for the Libertarian and Peace and Freedom parties.

Speier, 57, recovered politically after losing her first congressional race. She served six years on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors before winning a state Assembly seat in 1986. She went on to spend 18 years in the Legislature, including eight in the state Senate representing generally the same area covered by the congressional seat.

While in the Legislature, Speier developed a reputation as a consumer advocate and leading critic of the state's troubled prison system.

Her legislation included laws requiring banks to get customers' permission before releasing their financial information, mandating prescription drug discounts for senior citizens, toughening child-support collection efforts and cracking down on auto repair fraud.

Speier also was one of the authors of legislation that would have required large and medium-sized companies to help provide health insurance for their employees. Voters narrowly overturned the law in 2004 after restaurants, department stores and other employers raised \$14 million to defeat it.

Speier didn't expect to run for Congress again after she was termed out of the Legislature.

"The whole process was so painful," she said. "Leaving Washington was a relief at the time. I really had no interest in returning."

But a narrow loss in a campaign for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor in 2006 and a return to Washington to witness Pelosi's swearing in as speaker last year helped rekindle her interest.

As she walked through National Statuary Hall, the collection of statues of historic figures in the Capitol, her heart "skipped a beat," she said.

"I finally realized that the power to change things happens in the legislative branch. ... That's where I do my best work; that's where I belong."

Moloney, a longtime political activist and former liquor store owner who ran against Lantos three times, said Speier was a "terrific state senator" and is a "terrific lady." But he said she's not the one voters should send to Congress.

Moloney describes himself as a "Republican in the tradition of Dwight Eisenhower" who strongly opposes the U.S.

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Five candidates running for seat

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invasion of Iraq and wants to impeach President Bush and Vice President Cheney because of their policies in the Middle East.

Speier, Moloney contends, would be a clone of Pelosi, who has dismissed talk of impeachment.

The other Republican, Conlon, is a former president of the state Public Utilities Commission, a former member of the California Transportation Commission and a former GOP nominee for state treasurer.

He said he wants the U.S. to leave Iraq "with honor, not haste. If we do ... cut and run, I just think we run the risk of Iran taking over the Middle East and jeopardizing our oil supply."

He said he was encouraged to get into the race by Republican leaders who didn't want the party represented by Moloney.

Hermanson, the Green Party candidate and a former owner of a temporary-worker agency, said the debate should go beyond getting out of Iraq and focus on cutting the defense budget.

"I don't think there's anything else in our federal budget that brings Democrats and Republicans together like funding for the Pentagon...," he said. "We need more voices to say there's got to be some waste in this budget."

Speier's fellow Democrat, McMurtry, is a doctor, a former congressional aide and a research team leader at the Aspen Institute, a think tank headquartered in Washington. She wants to bring the troops home from Iraq "as soon as possible" but also said the U.S. needs a plan to restructure the region's economy.

She said she would bring broader "life experience" to the job than Speier.

"There aren't very many physicians and scientists in Congress," she said.

Speier said she wants to start pulling American troops out of Iraq immediately and would not vote to continue funding for the increase in troop levels that Bush ordered last year.

"I am no one's puppet," she said. "I don't think Nancy (Pelosi) would expect that of me."

STATE BRIEFS

SANTA BARBARA

UCSB economists say California headed for recession

Economists in Santa Barbara say California can expect a mild recession this year. The University of California, Santa Barbara, researchers say the collapsing real estate market, rising unemployment and declining retail sales are driving the downturn.

The UCSB Economic Forecast Project's 2008 economic outlook predicts California's economy will be hit harder than the nation's as a whole, which will barely avoid a recession this year.

Project executive director Bill Watkins says the California recession will be mild. The forecast also calls for the decline in home sales to continue.

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SAN DIEGO

Assessor lowers property tax bills for wildfire victims

More than 1,400 property owners in San Diego County are getting a tax break. Reassessments related to the October wildfires are saving those homeowners about \$3.1 million in property taxes this year. It averages about \$2,193 a year for each fire victim.

But the tax break is temporary for owners of homes destroyed or seriously damaged by fire. The assessor can raise taxes back to previous levels once the property is restored.

The reassessments represent a small fraction of the county's 1.1 million properties and provide less than one-tenth of 1 percent of the county's nearly \$4 billion in annual property tax revenue.

AP

Yahoo promises to 'amp' up ads

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Yahoo Inc. believes it's poised to revolutionize online advertising after years of being outmaneuvered by rival Google Inc.

But the slumping Internet pioneer might not get the chance to show off the latest improvements to its online advertising platform unless it can convince increasingly impatient investors that the new approach will produce a bigger payoff than Microsoft Corp.'s unsolicited offer to buy the Sunnyvale-based company for more than \$40 billion.

Hoping to gain wiggle room, Yahoo is releasing more details about its effort to become a one-stop shop for selling and distributing online display ads — the Internet's

equivalent of billboards.

The upgrade, called "Amp," won't be available until some time this summer, and then only on a limited basis among more than 600 newspaper publishers trying to recover some of the revenue that the Internet has siphoned from their print editions.

Nevertheless, Yahoo will begin promoting Amp with an online video demonstration of a system that the Sunnyvale-based company promises will make it easier for advertisers to aim their messages at specific demographic groups across scores of Web sites.

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TOBACCO TIME OUT: Frank Marques, a Venice local, smokes a cigarette in the front patio of the Britannia Pub last Friday. City Hall is looking to make businesses liable for knowingly or intentionally allowing customers to smoke inside or in outdoor dining areas. It currently is illegal to smoke in patios or within 20 feet of a business.

Fines for smoking could be lowered

FROM SMOKING PAGE 1

would have to educate their staff and post signage.

The chamber would like to see the amendment put on hold until City Hall completes a marketing campaign aimed at informing business owners, residents and visitors about the changes, an educational program that came out of a council meeting last year when chamber officials expressed concerns about the lack of notification to the public about the smoking ban, Larmore said.

“The council clearly understood our concern that smoking in outdoor dining areas was not something generally perceived by the public as prohibited,” Larmore said in an interview on Monday. “We do not want to subject restaurant owners to liability or have them go tell people not to smoke when (customers) don’t know what they aren’t supposed to do.”

Larmore said he is also seeking clarification to the circumstances under which owners would be deemed liable, hoping the city ordinance would align itself with state laws on smoking. A proposed revision to the amendment written by Larmore states that no business owner will have been deemed as acting knowingly if they have complied with the provisions of the ordinance and have requested that any person smoking refrain from doing so.

The state law also does not force business owners to eject smokers, Larmore added.

“We ask to put (the revisions) in the ordinance so it tracks the state law in its entirety,” he said.

Adam Radinsky, who heads the Consumer Protection Unit in the City Attorney’s Office, said on Monday that restaurant owners would be held to the same standard as contained in the state law regulating smoking. If a server or manager isn’t aware of a customer smoking, then the business would not be held liable. But if there is evidence that the owner is aware of customers lighting up, such as putting out ashtrays or serving customers who are smoking without making an effort to stop the activity, then the business could be held liable, Radinsky said.

The proposed changes have already been supported by the California Restaurant Association (CRA), which has a local Los Angeles chapter that covers Santa Monica. Andrew Casaña, who just recently served as the local government affairs representative for the CRA and is now one of its contractors, said the term “knowingly” is the key behind the association’s support.

“The city isn’t running out to try and make money and cite people,” Casaña said on Monday, adding it’s a complaint-driven ordinance. “If restaurants are knowingly allowing it, promoting, then they’re going to be responsible.”

The proposed amendment was sparked by a combination of complaints and a visual survey conducted by Healthier Solutions Inc., a non-profit agency that discovered there were still a number of places that allowed smoking, Radinsky said.

“While most places have been complying with the law, quite a few have not been,” he said.

The amendment package includes lowering the fines for violations so that it aligns with penalties in the state’s smoking law. City staff is proposing a \$200 fine for the second violation within a year and a \$500 for the third.

Sonia Cain, the owner of the Britannia Pub on Santa Monica Boulevard, called the amendment “ridiculous.”

“(Banning) smoking inside, I completely get and I agree with, but outside — and I’m not a smoker — I think is ridiculous,” she said on Monday. “It’s even more ridiculous to put bar owners and bar staff with the obligation to police smoking.”

Cain added that the citation should be limited to the offending party — the smoker.

“Santa Monica is a beach town where people can relax and enjoy but everything is so by the book that you’re not allowed to do anything,” Cain said. “It’s getting ridiculous ... it’s going to completely kill tourism.”

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City Hall close to cleaning up groundwater under BBB

FROM CONSENT PAGE 1

landmark status, PCR also reviews properties that have already been nominated for designation. When decisions by Landmarks Commissions are appealed to the council, the consultant provides an additional survey of the property.

With issues ranging from the campaign to designate ficus trees in Downtown Santa Monica to the preservation battle brewing in the Third Street Historic District, the 2007-08 fiscal year has been a particularly busy one for PCR, whose existing \$40,000 contract is close to running out of gas.

"The initial \$40,000 allocated for professional services from PCR Services Corp. will not be sufficient to continue providing a consistent level and quality analysis to decision-making bodies and members of the public during the remaining four months of the fiscal year," according to the staff report.

The additional funding will bring the contract to a total of \$119,000.

FIXING GROUNDWATER AT THE YARD

Changes are in store for the local drinking water supply.

The council will be asked to enter into two contracts worth a combined \$2.2 million with ICF International to continue performing groundwater remediation at the Big Blue Bus and Corporate yards where cleanup of fuels and spills have taken place since 1987.

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board is expected in the next year to issue City Hall a letter requiring no further action at the Big Blue Bus yard if the current remediation level continues. The board has also approved a Remedial Action Plan for the Corporate Yard, allowing groundwater extraction to commence at the Olympic Well Field sub basin, adding more local sources to the drinking water supply. Santa Monica residents currently receive a sizable chunk of their drinking water from the Metropolitan Water District.

"Continued remediation of these two city-owned sites will result in significant

economic and environmental benefits for the city, its residents and the surrounding environment," the staff report states.

The contaminants found at both sites in the past include diesel, MTBE, and hydraulic oils.

FUNDING CITY'S DEVELOPMENT FUTURE

Two consultants who assist City Hall with the update of the Land Use and Circulation Element could be getting contract extensions.

City planners intend to request more funding be added to the existing contracts with the firm of Raimi + Associates and The Odermatt Group in order to help with the general plan in the home stretch. The LUCE, which will be presented to the Planning Commission in the next few months, is a document that will outline the development future of the city.

Raimi + Associates is currently responsible for assisting staff in project management, including developing materials and presentations for LUCE. Due to vacancies in sever-

al staffing positions, the firm's services will be needed through the adoption of the plan. If approved, the firm will get an additional \$150,000, bringing its contract to a total \$215,000.

The Odermatt Group, whose services include developing LUCE policy strategies, will be tasked with lending its expertise in matters related to the Exposition Light Rail project and how it would fold in with the general plan. The firm could receive an extra \$160,000, for a total contract of \$405,000.

AUDITING CITY HALL

The council will be asked to award a \$600,000 five-year contract to Mayer Hoffman McCann PC to audit City Hall financial statements.

An independent auditing firm periodically examines financial statements for City Hall, the Redevelopment Agency as well as the Big Blue Bus and Air Quality Improvement Program.

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Settlement reached in salmon dispute

MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Settlements reached Monday with four Northwest Indian tribes would commit federal agencies to spend \$900 million over the next decade on improving conditions for endangered salmon, but leave intact hydroelectric dams in the Columbia River Basin that environmentalists say kill fish.

The settlements would end years of legal battles between the Bush administration and the four Northwest tribes, but would not affect a fifth tribe that is party to a lawsuit nor environmental groups that vowed to press on in their efforts to breach four dams on the Lower Snake River.

Federal officials called the agreement a landmark in the long-running dispute over balancing tribal and commercial fishing rights, protection for threatened salmon and power demands from the region's network of hydroelectric dams.

But environmentalists said the deal fell far short of what is needed to recover threatened salmon, an icon of the Northwest that is protected by the Endangered Species Act and costs the government billions of dollars to protect.

"This deal defies the decades of salmon science that say salmon recovery in the Columbia and Snake River Basin is not possible with habitat and hatchery programs alone," said Bill Shake, a retired U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service official who advises a Northwest sportfishing group.

Any scientifically sound plan must include increased spill at the two dozen dams and irrigation projects along the Columbia and Snake rivers as well as removal of four outdated dams on the lower Snake River in Eastern Washington, Shake said.

Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski called the agreement premature and said tribes were taking a short-term view.

"It's a sad day for me," Kulongoski said. Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire called the deal a "positive development" and said federal and tribal leaders should be commended for their efforts.

"We can best protect and enhance our salmon by working together collaboratively throughout the region focusing on real on-the-ground solutions that make a difference," she said.

Steve Wright, administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration, a regional power agency that led the settlement talks, said the new agreements should benefit salmon and Northwest ratepayers alike, although he acknowledged the deal was likely to raise utility rates by an unspecified amount.

"The Columbia River has provided innumerable benefits to all of us here in the

Northwest, and these agreements are about giving back to the river and helping to meet our tribal treaty and trust responsibilities by providing even more support for the fish species of our region," Wright said.

"We have spent decades arguing with each other. Today these parties are saying let's lay down the swords, let's spend more time working collaboratively to ... help fish and less time litigating," Wright added.

The agreement calls for federal agencies to expand tribal efforts to protect endangered and threatened fish in the Columbia River Basin, spending up to \$900 million over 10 years for hatchery improvements, stream restoration work, screens to protect fish and additional spillway weirs on some of the dams.

In exchange, two Oregon tribes — the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the Confederated tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation — and two Washington tribes — the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation — agreed to drop lawsuits against the federal government.

Public comments on the proposed agreements will be accepted through April 23.

Ron Suppah, chairman of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs, said tribal leaders came to the table with the federal agencies two years ago as adversaries.

"We leave that table now as partners," he said, adding that the agreement will increase the health and number of salmon, steelhead and lamprey and focus the tribe's energy "where it must be now — on recovering fish, providing opportunity for our tribal fishers and on finding real solutions rather than blame."

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission also agreed to the settlement, although one of its member tribes, the Idaho-based Nez Perce Tribe, declined to sign the agreement. The tribe said in a statement that it still wants to see the four lower Snake River dams taken down.

"The dams on the lower Snake River and mainstream Columbia have a significant impact on the fish and on our people," said Samuel Penney, chairman of the Nez Perce. He said the tribe will continue talks with the federal government.

It was unclear Monday how the settlement would affect a legal dispute now being heard in federal court in Oregon. U.S. District Judge James Redden has set a May 5 deadline for the government's latest scientific plan for balancing operations of Columbia Basin dams with threatened or endangered fish runs. Redden has rejected two previous plans, called biological opinions, and has threatened unspecified consequences if he rejects the latest effort.

Border Patrol adds rescue beacons

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TUCSON The Border Patrol's Yuma sector will erect five more rescue beacons in remote desert locations to help illegal immigrants in life-threatening conditions.

As temperatures build toward triple digits, people crossing the border increasingly find themselves in danger from lack of water, food and shade as they make their way through the Arizona desert.

Border Patrol spokesman Michael Bernacke says 19 beacons have been deployed in the sector since 2002, with 317 people rescued.

He says the new 30-foot towers, operated by solar panels that charge a battery for night operation, will be placed in areas with an increased influx of illegal immigrants.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A DRAFT INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR 100 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD ANTENNA PROJECT

The City of Santa Monica has prepared an Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the **Wireless Site at 100 Wilshire Boulevard**. The City of Santa Monica has prepared this Notice of intent to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with information describing the proposal and its potential environmental effects. Environmental factors which would be potentially affected by the project. The Initial Study/Draft Mitigated Neg. Dec. determined that implementation of the project will result in no significant effects on the environment with the proposed mitigation measures and that a Negative Declaration has been prepared.

PROJECT APPLICANT: Media Flo USA Inc.

PROJECT LOCATION: 100 Wilshire Boulevard

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project site is located on the southeast corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Ocean Avenue in the City of Santa Monica, Los Angeles County, California. The associate legal description is Tract 35412, Lot 1 and the Assessor Parcel Id # is 4291-001-035.

The applicant, Media FLO USA, Inc. — a subsidiary of QUALCOMM Incorporated, is proposing to install, operate and maintain an unmanned wireless telecommunication facility on the rooftop of an existing, 21-story office building. The proposal would allow the company to provide entertainment services to customers, which include watching live, simulcast and time-shifted full-length television programming on their mobile phones and devices. The applicant proposes:

- One (1) 14.2-foot high UHF broadcast antenna mounted on a 62-foot high mast, as measured from the top of the building's roof; the mast would be a 6" diameter pipe;
- Two (2) 1.8-meter diameter KU band rooftop parabolic antennas mounted on 4" diameter pipes. One antenna would face west while the other would face south. The height of the antennas would be 26 feet above the building's roof;
- Two (2) GPS antennas mounted on a 5-foot high mast attached to an existing handrail; and
- One (1) 14-foot x 10-foot equipment shelter. The equipment shelter would be completely screened by an existing 20-foot high parapet wall.

According to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Sections 9.04.10.06.110(b), the proposal would require a Use Permit to allow non-parabolic commercial antenna facilities to be installed on the roof top of a commercial building in the RVC zone. In addition to the SMMC requirements, the project would also be required to comply with the adopted guidelines of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for the installation of new wireless telecommunication facilities.

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The Draft Mitigated Neg. Dec is available to be viewed at the following locations:

- ☐ City Planning Division Public Counter, Room 111, 1685 Main Street
- ☐ Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street
- ☐ Santa Monica Mail Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard

REVIEW PERIOD: A 20-day public review period will be provided for all interested persons to submit comments on the Draft IS/MND. **The comment period will start on April 8, 2008 and end at 5:30 p.m. on April 28, 2008.** Written comments should be sent to:

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Hall of Fame welcomes Riley

BY ELIZABETH WHITE
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO Broadcaster Dick Vitale, a man who had limited success as a coach but brought the game of basketball to millions of TV watchers, was selected to the game's Hall of Fame on Monday alongside Pat Riley, one of the most successful NBA coaches of all time.

Overcome with emotion, Vitale broke into tears during the announcement in San Antonio, site of the NCAA Men's Final Four.

"I can't run, can't jump, can't shoot, but just have had a tremendous — I'd like to think — passion about the game," said Vitale, who had a short stint as an NBA coach in the late 1970s but made his name as a college basketball analyst.

Others in the Class of 2008 were Hakeem Olajuwon and Patrick Ewing, two greats who battled on the court for years; player Adrian Dantley; coach Cathy Rush; and William Davidson, owner of the Detroit Pistons since 1974.

Over the decades, Vitale created his own lexicon with phrases such as "Get a T-O, baby," "You're a P-T-Per," and "Awesome, baby."

Monday, he said he "cried like a baby" upon learning of his selection and thanked Hall of Fame coach Bob Knight — now a fellow ESPN analyst — for spearheading a letter-writing campaign on his behalf.

"When I saw those letters, whether I'd ever gotten in the Hall of Fame or not, that was going to be my hall of fame," said the 68-year-old who was forced off-air for two months after throat surgery.

No matter how strong their credentials, each member of the Class of 2008 seemed a bit star-struck.

Riley, the third-winningest NBA coach ever, called his election "unbelievable, absolutely unbelievable."

Riley won four NBA titles with the Los Angeles Lakers, then grabbed another one two years ago with Miami. He also has one championship as an assistant and another as a player.

"Last night I lost my 64th game of the regular season," he said, referring to the Heat's current struggles. "And the next day I'm in the Hall of Fame. I think there's an integrity in the Hall of Fame that far surpasses whatever your record is, if you have a body of work."

The new class, which Riley joked will be the best-promoted ever because of Vitale's inclusion, will be inducted Sept. 5 in Springfield, Mass., home of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Olajuwon and Ewing both played in three Final Fours, with Ewing's Georgetown team beating Olajuwon's Houston squad for the 1984 national championship.

"We both are warriors. We both want to excel. We both wanted to dominate, and when you play against the best you want to perform at your best" Ewing said. "So we both definitely looked at each other as the best."

Olajuwon got his revenge as a pro, leading the Houston Rockets to the first of two

straight titles with a seven-game victory over Ewing's New York Knicks in the 1994 NBA finals — a team coached by Riley.

"Growing up in Nigeria I didn't really understand the magnitude of what it means to be a hall of famer," said Olajuwon, a 12-time All-Star. "I still cannot believe that I'm in the same company with all these great legends."

Ewing, the Knicks' all-time leader in points, rebounds, blocked shots, and steals, among other categories, remembered field trips to the Hall of Fame as a child and said he never imagined being a part of it.

"And now I am," he said.

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Pat Riley
Miami Heat coach on Hall of Fame selection

Dantley, a six-time NBA All-Star, played for seven teams during his 15-year NBA career, including Davidson's Detroit Pistons.

Hall of Famer Joe Dumars, who works for the 85-year-old Davidson as the Pistons' president of basketball operations and played with Dantley in Detroit, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press: "I can't think of two more deserving people than Bill Davidson and Adrian Dantley."

Dantley was a finalist six times before finally making it in — more than anyone in the current class.

"It happened," he said. "It took a long time, but it happened."

Rush certainly understands.

She led Immaculata University to three consecutive AIAW national championships from 1972 to 1974, won 149 games in seven seasons and lost just 15 — a .908 winning percentage.

A five-time finalist before her election, she joked she'd lost more nominations to the Hall of Fame than games.

"Being here with coaches and players, all of us as coaches know that we're good coaches when we have good players, and we're great coaches when we have great players," Rush said. "And I had some great players."

AP Sports Writer Larry Lage in Detroit contributed to this report.



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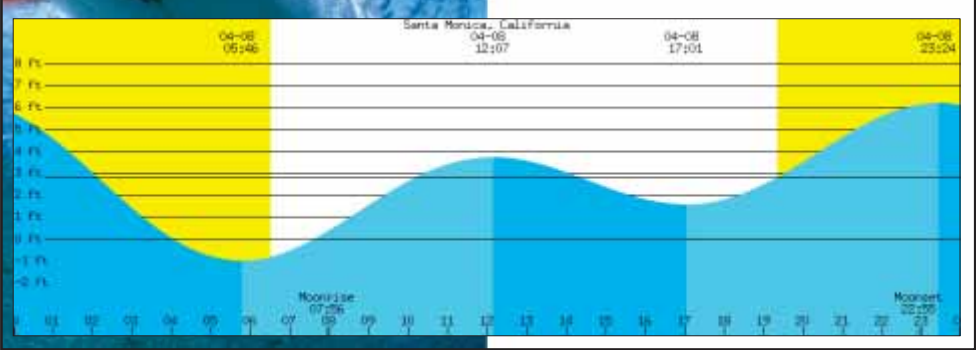


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Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 34 / ns

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 11 / ns

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

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken



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The Band's Visit (PG-13) 1hr

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Open up conversations, but know that you could hear something that you would like to forget! Take your time absorbing odd information or an insight. You are full of surprises, or so others think. They don't realize how well thought out many of your actions are. Tonight: Relax over a meal. Visit with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You seem to be carrying a lucky rabbit's foot. No matter how surprising a situation becomes, you inevitably take the correct action. Tonight: Buy a plant, CD and/or book on the way home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ As the day progresses, you notice a change in how you feel and what you need to do. Use today for research or quiet work. Tonight: You suddenly feel great!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Listen to news that heads your way. Timing is such that you need to jump on the situation ASAP. You are full of energy and luck; use it well. Someone clearly admires you. Don't allow others to push or manipulate you. Tonight: Call it an early night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Others look to you for answers and solutions. The question remains, Will you be able to instrument exactly what you want? Let others voice their concerns and dismay. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ If something or someone's action doesn't make sense, be smart and pull back. Clearly, you might not be seeing the whole picture. Take in information and think. Facts will come

together if you want to do some hard thinking. Tonight: Up late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Others know what they want. In fact, you might feel as if you are in a series of very serious conversations with people who are quite determined. Tonight: Give your mind a rest.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Others are dominant and very sure of themselves. This fact doesn't make them right or wrong. The smart Scorp will allow others to run with the ball. Let people understand the consequences of their actions. Tonight: Dinner with a favorite person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Treat your errands, work and to-do list as if there is no tomorrow. The amount of work you can or will accomplish could surprise even you. Tonight: Entertain suggestions first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your creativity continues to bubble forth, no matter what you do or with whom. Allow your imagination to be stimulated. Think positively, and you'll get only the best results. Know that anything is possible. Tonight: Relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Move to a new level of understanding with a close friend, roommate or loved one. Once you understand each other's needs, you can make headway. Tonight: Let the good times happen.

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★★★★ You tend to speak your mind, though you might not realize how erratic your thinking is. You will hold up just fine if you relax more. Tonight: Happy at home.

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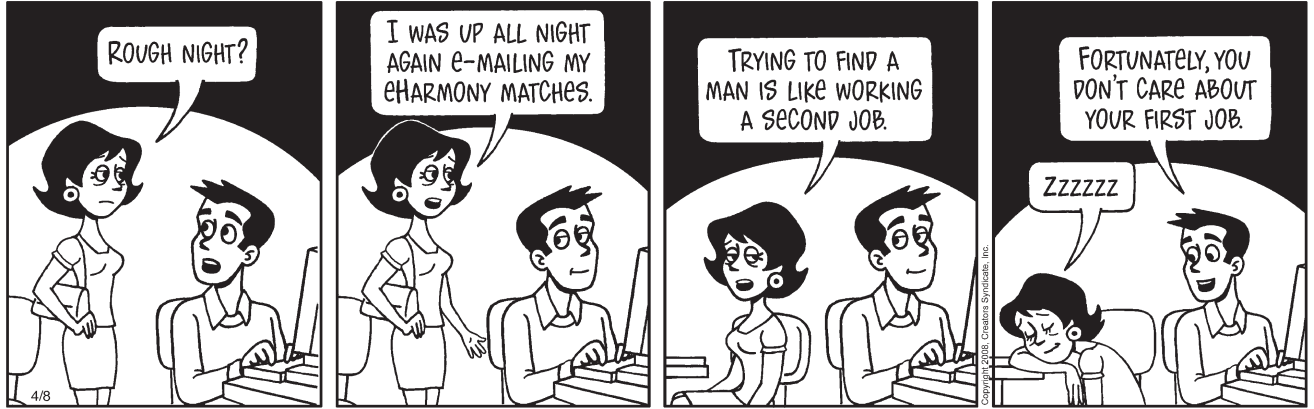
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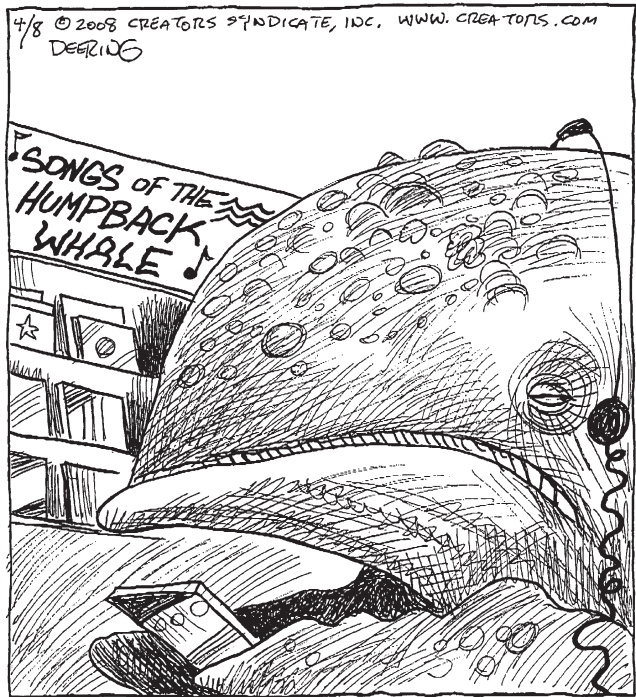


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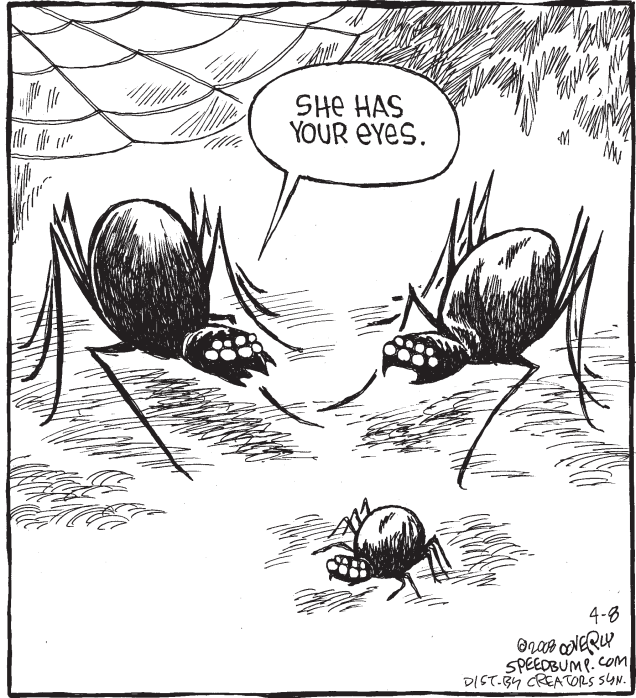
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In a Feb. 8 program, the Hamas-controlled Gaza television channel Al-Aksa introduced a third cartoon animal mascot for its campaign of resistance against Israelis, according to a February dispatch in London's Daily Mail. Following "Farfur" (a Mickey Mouse look-alike who, according to the storyline, was eventually assassinated by an Israeli soldier) and "Nahul" (a bee who was killed when he could not get medical treatment after an Israeli attack), the new character is "Assud," a Bugs Bunny look-alike who does not say, "What's up, Doc?" but rather, "I will eat Jews."

■ Police Blotter -- Arrest Sheet: (1) A 17-year-old man was arrested in January and charged with burglary in Tempe, Ariz., based on a victim's description, which included the observation that the man was wearing "monkey-printed pajamas" during the crime. (2) William Torres, 21, was arrested in Allentown, Pa., and charged in connection with two homicides; he was taken into custody after a Friday afternoon traffic stop in January, wearing a hooded sweatshirt, pajama bottoms and fuzzy slippers with a lion's face.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1935 President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Emergency Relief Appropriations Act, which provided money for programs such as the Works Progress Administration.

1946 the League of Nations assembled in Geneva for its final session.

1952 President Truman seized the steel industry to avert a nationwide strike. (The U.S. Supreme Court later ruled that Truman had overstepped his authority.)

1970 the Senate rejected President Nixon's nomination of G. Harold Carswell to the U.S. Supreme Court.

1973 artist Pablo Picasso died at his home near Mougins, France, at age 91.

1974 Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record.

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