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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Saudi businessman Saleh al-Saiari, 64, who has been married to 58 women (but not more than four at one time), announced he would soon take two more brides and was preparing to randomly select the two current wives he would have to divorce (March). And David Boyd announced as a candidate for the Canadian Parliament, from Halifax, on a platform of marriage reform, specifically to permit same-sex, group and human-android marriages (March).

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## Shark! Three predators spotted off area beaches

By Daily Press staff

**WILL ROGERS STATE BEACH** — Officials spotted two leopard sharks and a small great white or mako shark off of local beaches on Friday.

The two leopard sharks were first seen by a police helicopter between 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. off of Will Rogers State Beach. The great white or mako shark was spotted about an hour later up towards Topanga State Beach, said Gail Canning, a spokesman for the Los Angeles County lifeguards.

Lifeguards immediately dispatched the Baywatch boat, which was able to identify the two leopard sharks, both measuring about three feet in length. Canning said the 4 and 1/2 foot great white or mako shark, however, was harder to identify.

"It was difficult to tell, because the water was murky, but it was

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## Auto dealership debate revs up

*Car dealerships driven to improve their conditions*

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

**CITY HALL** — The future of local car dealerships — the largest sales tax contributors in Santa Monica — is idling as officials test-drive a few ideas on how to keep them from leaving town.

One concept would have them relocate to Olympic Boulevard, creating Santa Monica's own "auto dealer mall." Another idea is to permit them

to expand their operations, most of which are situated on Santa Monica Boulevard, by letting them build on top of their showroom floors, or below ground.

A slew of concepts were kicked around by consultants, City Hall staff and the Planning Commission on Wednesday in an effort to not only appease irritated residents who live near existing dealerships, but also the car companies who struggle in an increasingly competitive market.

Residents and car dealerships have been butting heads for years because

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## It takes a Village: SM firm has designs on Olympics project

*Architects from mOrphosis spent 10 weeks on proposal*

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

**MID CITY** — A Santa Monica architect is among five finalists competing to build an Olympic Village to help lure the Summer Games to New York City in 2012.

The firm mOrphosis on Colorado Boulevard was selected from more than 130 architects around the world, each vying to design the village planned for construction in Queens. Also chosen were firms in Denmark, London, The Netherlands and New York City. A winner is expected to be announced in late May.

A team of 20 architects, engineers, consultants and assistants worked on the mOrphosis proposal for more than 10 weeks. Their plan calls for 43 acres



Rendering courtesy

The mOrphosis design submitted for the Olympic Village in New York City calls for 43 acres of open space and an 1,100-foot pier extending into the East River from Queens West.

of open space, a residential area accommodating 16,000 athletes and an 1,100-foot pier extending into the East River.

"It was a great, really intense conceptual design study," said project manager Paul Gonzales, 37. "What

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## Go ahead and be lazy, Aries

**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)**  
★★★★ You might want to clamp down on someone who causes a change of plans. You gain personal insights from a loved one. The unexpected hits on the home front. You cannot control what occurs; ride with it. Tonight: Be lazy for a change.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★ Others push you to the fringes, especially with finances. How you express yourself reflects in others' reactions. You see a friend in a different light because of his or her actions. Be more in touch with your expectations. Tonight: Out and about.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★ Others push very hard to get what they want. Your fiery nature comes out when dealing with a controversial personality. Avoid losing your temper if possible. Be careful with money. An authority figure could act up. Tonight: Indulge and treat yourself.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ Stay even if you want to lash out at someone who appears to be a problem. Expressing what you want opens doors in an unanticipated manner. Know what you want, and you'll land just where you would like to — ultimately. Tonight: Beam in who and what you want.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★ Learn when to cut your losses, especially with a loved one you care a lot about. A child or new relationship finds you in the middle of a struggle. Look at what you want ultimately, and you will succeed. Realize that others admire how you handle yourself. Tonight: Vanish early.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ Friends seek you out, and you want to be with them. The stir that this causes with a parent, roommate or family member might not be pleasant. Distance yourself from the uproar and do what suits you. Understand where others are coming from. Tonight: Where the gang is.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ You feel pressured to complete a project, visit with an older relative or make a key appearance. You could be stressed out and need to cancel one of your "happenings." Remember, ultimately it is your life. Make plans accordingly. Tonight: Out late.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ You might want to steer clear of a money issue and maximize relating right now. A partner appears to be more willing to communicate than he or she has in a long time. Laughter surrounds a child or loved one. Run with spontaneity. Tonight: Try different, be it a place or happening.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★ Don't make a situation more complicated or permit it to evolve into a problem. Stubbornness could backfire, especially with key people in your life. Hear out another person and consider his or her ideas (or at least pretend to). Tonight: Dinner for two.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ You simply might be more fiery than you need to be. Your perspective could change rapidly if you allow some feedback from key people in your life. Recognize that you might have pushed yourself too hard. Take a timeout. Tonight: Where your friends are.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ Sometimes another perspective helps, even if we don't want it. Loosen up and don't be so uptight about what others say. Do something just for yourself and mellow out — work out or maybe schedule a massage. Make your well-being primary. Tonight: Work on stress-free.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ Your unpredictability takes you in a new direction. You could be surprised by others and their demands. Talks and creative solution-finding prove to be successful. Allow more spice into your daily life. Tonight: Play away.

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## LOCAL



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**On a role: SMC hosts 'entertaining' talks**

By Daily Press staff

Character actor Basil Hoffman and producer-screenwriter Dan Bucatinsky will be guest speakers as part of Santa Monica College's Mary Pickford Speakers Series.

Hoffman will speak Monday, May 3, and Bucatinsky will speak Monday, May 10. Both talks will be held in the SMC Academy of Entertainment & Technology Screening Room, located at 1660 Stewart St.

The free lectures will focus on the careers of the two men.

Hoffman has been seen in hundreds of commercials and TV shows, as well as more than 40 film roles, including "Down With Love," starring Renée Zellweger and Ewan McGregor.

Bucatinsky and actress Lisa Kudrow are founders of Is or Isn't Entertainment, a production company developing new television shows and series. He also is a film and TV actor whose credits include "Friends" and "Frasier."

The Mary Pickford Speakers Series, which focuses on "the story" in all its aspects, features leaders and experts in the entertainment business, covering topics like auditions, casting and production. The series is designed to draw public attention to the variety of instructional programs and opportunities at SMC's Academy of Entertainment & Technology.

Seating is on a first-arrival basis. For more information, call (310) 434-3777.

**From Pilates to prayer**

By Daily Press staff

Everything from Pilates to prayer will be open in May to Santa Monicans.

■ Learn Pilates during a two-day clinic. The clinic will run Saturday, May 1, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 2, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the YWCA at 2019 14th St. The cost is \$299. To register, call 1-800-AEROBIC, or visit at [www.ndeita.com](http://www.ndeita.com).

■ Stories and puppet shows for children ages 3-7 will take place Tuesday, May 4 at 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Ocean Park Library, located at 2601 Main St.

Tickets are free, but are given out on a first-arrival basis. Space is limited, and there are no phone reservations.

For more information, call (310) 392-3804.

■ The 14th annual Westside observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held at 7 a.m. on May 6 on the front lawn of Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St. "Let Freedom Ring: The Freedom to Gather, the Freedom to Worship, the Freedom to Pray" is this year's theme.

Prayers will be offered for community and national leaders, the armed forces, family, personal renewal and churches and ministry organizations. An optional breakfast (suggested donation \$5) will begin at 6:30 a.m. on the City Hall lawn.

For more information, call (310) 656-5221.

■ Laura Larsen, a registered nurse and author of "Facing the Final Mystery: A Guidebook for Discussing End-of-Life Issues Now," will discuss how dealing with our mortality — regardless of age — can bring purpose, presence and joy to our lives and to those around us.

The free event takes place April 29 from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Santa Monica Family YMCA, 1332 Sixth St.

**Early bird catches the worm at SMC**

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College has announced it has moved summer and fall semester registration dates to make it easier for prospective and continuing students to enroll in classes.

Registration for summer session classes has been moved up two weeks and will begin Monday for continuing students and May 10 for new students. The summer session begins June 21.

Enrollment for fall semester classes has been moved up more than a month and



Look for a mix of fading NW wind and ground swell and fading SW swell today. Northern LA spots see 1-3' surf at many breaks and more consistent waist-high waves at top spots. South Bay breaks also average 1-3' wind swell waves, with some chest-high sets at best NW breaks in the north half of the bay. Winds will be light and variable in the morning and will build out of the W to NW in the 10-15 knot range through the afternoon.

OUTLOOK: By Sunday, the first in a series of SW swells will start to arrive, bringing waist- to shoulder-high surf at the better exposed breaks by the afternoon. Those waves will hold into Monday.

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will begin June 1 for continuing students and June 29 for new students. The fall semester begins Aug. 30.

The change is part of a campaign to expand course offerings and to make the application, enrollment and orientation process more user-friendly, college officials said.

The online application process has been designed to provide instant information on financial aid, assessment testing, counseling and orientation, said Teresita Rodriguez, acting dean of enrollment services.

The college also will be opening a new one-stop welcome center in the student cafeteria where new students will be able to enroll in classes, receive counseling, pay fees, apply for financial aid and sign up for campus tours.

The center will open June 28 and will remain open through the first two weeks of the fall semester.

The admissions office hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Thursday; 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday and 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday.

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## OPINION

### The Q Line

#### Turn out the lights, the party's over

This past week, Q-line asked:

**"What should SMRR focus on now?"**

Here are your responses:

■ "SMRR and the various apartment owners associations' new agenda should be an agenda based on integrity. The majority of buildings in Santa Monica are known in the building trade as stick and wallboard — the very least expensive form of construction, which offers very little value to the consumer for rent dollars paid. SMRR should concentrate on the thousands of units that are being held off the market to give the illusion of a housing shortage. By doing so, it keeps rental prices high."

■ "SMRR has outlived its usefulness in spades and a change is long overdue. Once again, the real problems of the city are being ignored. The city has been in such a steady decline I wonder if we will ever be the Santa Monica we used to be."

■ "SMRR has done enough damage to the city. I think they should be packed up with the professional beggars, bums and nutcases and thrown out of town."

■ "When an organization claiming to act on behalf of renters' rights has turned into a front for a parcel tax, it is time to

change to a more honest name."

■ "I am so sorry SMRR has been in power as long as they have. I used to be a landlord here. I think that SMRR should concentrate on cleaning up the city and cleaning themselves up too."

■ "I think SMRR should start concentrating on the betterment of living for Santa Monica citizens. Priorities 1-10 are as follows: One, get rid of the homeless in Santa Monica; two through 10, get rid of the homeless in Santa Monica. That should get the tourists back here and boost the economy while making the tax-paying citizens happy. How about it?"

■ "Tenants here are charged a rent-control fee of \$132 a year. Los Angeles tenants pay \$7 a year. Is it a renter's right to pay more here than in LA? I think they should stop deceiving tenants by telling them that unless SMRR candidates are elected, rent control will be gutted and people will be thrown from their homes. This is a deliberate lie. The truth is that SMRR is a group of con artists using fear tactics to maintain power for 25 years. If

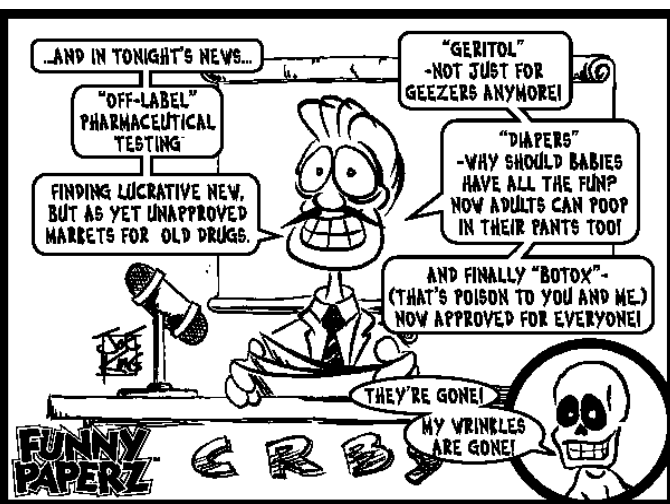
it disappeared tomorrow it would make no difference to citizens here."

■ "It's true that rent control was originally meant for seniors who were on a fixed income. It has become the greediest system there is. I see pros and cons. I see people with money who were able to buy into apartments, jack up rents and flat out rob people. I, myself, tried to sue a landlord and was threatened by an attorney until my life was miserable. I am a senior on a fixed income who can't really afford to move, and I know that if I did, the rent would be raised to three times what it is now."

■ "SMRR should be focused on education for the students of our district. The quality of our education has declined dramatically and this should be the very first thing on the agenda."

■ "SMRR should be immediately focused with leaving town. They have already ruined everything."

■ "SMRR should shift their focus to removing the homeless from our streets. I hereby challenge the SMRR to push for actions to make our city look and especially smell better."



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## Throwing more money at the Yankees won't help them



### MODERN TIMES

By Lloyd Garver

I feel bad for New York Yankee fans. The baseball season's just started, but it's already over for them. The team not only lost their opening game, but they've lost a few since then, too. Obviously, they aren't going to have a perfect season. Using their owner, George Steinbrenner's logic, no matter what else happens this year, this season is a failure.

By any standard other than the one used by Steinbrenner, the Yankees did very well last year. They beat their rival, the Boston Red Sox to win the American League Championship and get into the World Series. Then they lost the Series in six games. However, Steinbrenner was outraged since the Yankees hadn't won a World Series since way back in 2000.

To someone who roots for a team that hasn't won a World Series since 1908 — the Chicago Cubs — that complaint

sounded a bit greedy.

It was like the guy who won \$50 million in the lottery two years ago, but cries that he hasn't won anything "lately." (By the way, these same Cubs always seem to have a pretty good following, win or lose). Nonetheless, Steinbrenner reacted to the Yankees' "disastrous" season as he always does — with his checkbook. He hired some of the best and most expensive players available.

The Yankees already had the largest payroll in baseball last year, but now they really have the largest payroll. Yankee players will get an estimated \$183 to \$190 million in salary this year. Only three teams have payrolls half that. With players and a payroll like that, Steinbrenner has forced Yankee fans to have ridiculous expectations. Each loss must be a humiliation for them.

The Yankees spent the most money last year, and they didn't win it all. So, there's no guarantee that money will be able to buy a championship this year, either.

What will Steinbrenner do then? Will he spend even more money to get even more of the game's best players? Will he start paying them billions instead of millions? Maybe he'll buy the other ballparks

and not allow other teams to use them. Maybe he'll buy all the bats and balls in the world, so only his team will have them.

This brings us to the whole question of what is the fun in being a Yankee fan, anyway? If your team is expected to win it all and it meets that expectation, where's the thrill? I understand why it must've been exciting for Florida Marlins' fans when their underdog team won the World Series last year. It's human nature to root for David over Goliath. But what do Goliath fans get out of the experience?

I know it's more fun to see your team win than lose, but at what point does it become meaningless? Let's say I challenged my neighbor and two of his friends to play three-on-three basketball. If I hired Kevin Garnet and Shaquille O'Neal to play alongside me, my team would probably win every time. But what would it prove? How many more Alex Rodriguezes does Steinbrenner have to hire before it's overkill? It might be enjoyable to watch the Harlem Globetrotters beat the Washington Generals once in a while, but would it really be fun to go to every game and watch them win 162 in a row? Every year? I guess it would be for Steinbrenner.

There are many unpredictable things in a baseball season — injuries, a ball takes a funny bounce, a fan sticks his hand where he shouldn't, players age before they were expected to, young players become great before they were expected to, or a player with more heart than talent wins a game. These kinds of things probably drive Steinbrenner crazy, because he can't control them with a spreadsheet. And of course, these unpredictable, very human things are exactly why baseball is so much fun.

So, Steinbrenner and the Yankees aren't going to achieve their perfect 162 game-winning season this year. Ironically, Steinbrenner is going to have to echo the oft-heard chant of the traditionally hapless Chicago Cubs: "Wait till next year." Actually, I'll bet there are a few other things he could learn from the Cubs.

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# OPINION



## We can all learn from top-shelf teachers at SMC

### Guest Commentary

By Deborah Helt

As a student at Santa Monica College, I began to see a pattern. I consistently had instructors, even in introductory level General Education courses, that had PhDs, oftentimes from Ivy League universities. In my experience, few people in the community are aware of the incredible quality of the professors at SMC, and more controversially, the school's increasing emphasis on core academic subjects as opposed to vocational programming.

As most students know, having a top-notch degree is not an assurance of being a good teacher per se, however, the instructors I had at SMC from Ivy League backgrounds lived up to their glittering credentials. The high ratio of instructors at SMC with PhDs is remarkable, given that teaching at the community college level usually just requires a Master's degree. Over time, the school has built a reputation that has attracted ambitious students from all over LA and highly qualified academics that love teaching.

A couple of experiences stand out in particular for me. I took a beginner's oil painting class in the art department, only to find that my professor had taught at USC prior to coming to SMC. My anthro professor had a PhD from UCLA and wrote part of a PBS series. My journalism instructor graduated from Cornell before spending 20 years as a reporter for the LA Times, and my Astronomy 101 professor has a PhD in chemical physics from UCLA, and worked under a Nobel Laureate on a project at the South Pole.

At SMC, every department has their generous share of academic standouts. According to the Department Chair Merle Arnold, the Physical Sciences wing alone has professors with degrees from MIT, Yale, Princeton, Brown and, of course, the UC system.

At many four-year universities, lower-division classes are mostly comprised of 100-200 other students, with discussion sections led by grad students.

At SMC, it is common to be taught by a PhD holder in a class of 15-30 people. My aforementioned astronomy professor, Simon Balm, said, "At a research university, you are given a salary to teach. The problem is you are evaluated based on your research and you are always at odds with that, with the pressure to keep generating papers. I enjoyed the teaching so much that I couldn't be a bad teacher. That's why I came to SMC. You can concentrate on teaching and still have time to do research."

"I think there are two kinds of professors here," said English professor and Berkeley PhD holder Judith Remmes, "Those that happen upon it, and those that target the community college system."

Remmes is clearly in the latter category. "I believe in the system," she said. "I'm a product of it. I'm a product of this very school."

The professor said she graduated at the bottom of her class in high school and flunked out of SMC her first time around. She returned a decade later, and with the inspiration of several SMC professors, earned her first A, uncovering a love of ideas and of academia.

"I always knew I was coming back to a community college," she said.

Community colleges frequently have the reputation of being places where stu-

dents go who can't afford or are unprepared for four-year college work. While students do indeed attend for a variety of reasons, professors emphasize that, in reality, SMC has become a place that students seek out for its academic reputation and affordability.

Chemistry Professor Peggy Kline, a graduate of Brown who has been at SMC since 1988 said, "I would put my best students against the top students anywhere. They don't have to be here for academic reasons. They're here because they want to be, not because they couldn't get in elsewhere. And the students are not just coming from nearby affluent areas. I had one student recently who took two trains and a bus to get here."

School administrators seem to be focusing on the school's success as a transfer vehicle for the local UC system. All of the professors that were consulted for this article have said that they are quite satisfied with the trajectory of the academic quality of the school, and that they do not feel that the conflicts of the past year will have a significant long-term effect on their particular program.

There is an overarching concern among the faculty, however, that with the elimination of some of the school's vocational programming and other issues stemming from the budget cuts, that diversity may be adversely affected in the long run.

The faculty at Santa Monica College reflects the long-term academic quality that the school has been able

to achieve. While Santa Monica College is clearly a leader in preparatory academic coursework, there is still some mystery about how the school's character will evolve.

The community has a responsibility to weigh in on the discussion in clarifying the school's vision. It is vital that community members are aware of the value of this incredible resource, so that they will be able to both use it and protect it. In the meantime, SMC will continue to build its dream team roster of creative, dynamic, hyperqualified instructors to serve their students.

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*(Deborah Helt is a senior in the urban studies and planning program at Cal State Northridge who attended SMC. She is a musician and former community organizer who now lives in Echo Park.)*

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# People & Places

## Breakfast Club gets bookish

Diane Margolin/Special to the Daily Press

The Santa Monica Breakfast Club, a local service organization, held a special meeting at the 17th St. Cafe on April 21. Each April, club members invite husbands and guests to hear a guest speaker. R. Duke Blackwood, the director of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in the Simi Valley, gave a behind-the-scenes look at the operations of the library and museum. The staff deals with private and public fundraising, as well as educational programs, temporary exhibits and speakers who talk about issues that were important to President Reagan. The primary focus of the Santa Monica Breakfast Club is to provide free dental care for children whose families are unable to afford it.



Above: (From left) R. Duke Blackwood, director of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum; Evelyn Guer-boian, president of the Santa Monica Breakfast Club; and Guer-boian's husband Eddie.

Right: (From left) John Danley and Shirley Danley, past president of the Breakfast Club, and current treasurer Andrea Engstrom.



## Ford theater: SM Chamber gets into 'mix'

Seth Kotok/Special to the Daily Press

**Clockwise from top:** Local artist Matthew Heller leans against Santa Monica Ford's newest F-150, with his recent work placed in truckbed.



Heather Peters, who is running for Assembly for District 14, chats it up with George Collins, a local attorney, at the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce's mixer last week.



Dr. Michael Gruning, chairman of the board of directors for the Chamber of Commerce, listens as Santa Monica Ford Dealership's Ron Davis speaks to a packed crowd on his showroom floor last week.

Nearly 100 chamber members 'mixed' it up at the gathering at Santa Monica Ford on Santa Monica Boulevard. There was still enough room on the showroom floor to admire the new T-Bird.



## Playing in a traveling band

Diane Margolin/Special to the Daily Press

The Santa Monica High School Symphony was invited to play in three European cities during its spring break, from April 4-13. They performed in Vienna, Austria, and Brno and Prague, both in the Czech Republic. Orchestra members are shown below during a visit to a concentration camp in Prague.



(From left) Sunil Parekh, Sharwin Tafazoli, Zachary, their tour guide, conductor Vince Gomez, Sima Namiri, concertmaster Jerzy Fischer and Joey Naim.

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## LOCAL



## Auto dealership proposals still in need of tinkering

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most showrooms are located squarely within neighborhoods. Residents complain about noisy repair work, lighting, a lack of parking, the unloading of new cars and customer test-drives through their neighborhoods, to name a few.

Car dealership owners are similarly dissatisfied because they can't expand, have little room to operate as it is and have no parking for their employees or customers, not to mention a place to put park their inventory.

The average size of a dealership in Santa Monica is 1.4 acres. However, the standard for the industry in other areas is between five and 10 acres, according to dealership owners.

Not having enough space to store the inventory creates a burden for the community as a whole because they are forced to store cars in garages and parking lots throughout the city. As a result, dealers must haul cars back and forth routinely, dealers say.

And customers expect new cars to be on the property — not elsewhere. Mike Sullivan, who owns four car dealerships in Santa Monica, said consumers buy cars that they see on the showroom floor.

"You wouldn't put up with it as a consumer if you were expected to drive to Santa Monica Airport to look at a car," he told the Planning Commission.

What to do with the automotive industry in Santa Monica has been on the minds of elected officials and dealership owners for years. In 2001, a group of dealers hired a consultant to outline their issues and present a plan to city leaders that would give them more freedom to operate their businesses. City Hall then hired two consultants — at a cost of \$119,000 — to evaluate the feasibility of the dealerships' floor.

Based on numerous meetings with community groups, city staff and dealership owners, City Hall's consultants determined much of the complaints the auto industry and the public had were valid. They also determined that while Santa Monica dealerships have increased revenue over the last few years, it has not increased at the rate experienced by larger auto mall dealerships.

"The report points to a pressing need for the city to revise its policies in some way in order to retain these businesses and their tax contributions in the coming years," city staff wrote in a memo to the Planning Commission.

New car sales generated about \$5 million in sales taxes for Santa Monica in 2003. Auto leases accounted for another \$1.2 million, according to Dave Carr, assistant city treasurer. Auto dealerships are the largest tax generator in the city, he added.

Santa Monica dealerships are up against the consolidation of dealerships into large chains, which sell several brands of cars in one place, creating what's known as "auto rows." They can be found in Van Nuys and Glendale, and are used by dealerships to pool their advertising together and make it more convenient for consumers.

Local dealership owners also say the city's regulations and codes are too complex to understand, making it difficult to do business here.

**"The idea to redevelop below grade is impossible."**

— MIKE SULLIVAN  
Auto dealership owner

The only real solutions consultants came up with is to allow the auto dealerships to either redevelop or relocate their properties in Santa Monica. But there are problems with both scenarios, according to dealership representatives, neighbors and planning commission members.

It would be costly for dealerships to move to Olympic Boulevard and it's unknown whether there is enough land to even create an "auto row." Furthermore, enclosing the existing dealerships and building more stories also would be costly, particularly if they go below the ground.

"The idea to redevelop below grade is impossible," Sullivan said. "The economics are just not going to happen in most cases ... the smaller lots simply can't afford it."

And from some residents' point of view, allowing neighboring dealerships to build two or three stories on top of their facilities would obstruct views and wipe out their privacy.

That's how Brad Cooper, who lives on Ninth Street, feels living near Infinity of Santa Monica. He said he has gotten no response from management there on any of his complaints over the years.

"They could not care less about the residents," he said, adding he's lived in his neighborhood for 11 years. "I personally don't trust what these people say."

But Sullivan, who owns Toyota, Lexus and Volkswagen, said the biggest issue facing the auto dealers is the lack of parking.

"Until we get parking, we are not going to be good neighbors," he said, adding the proposals don't go far enough. "We have to address the problems for keeping us here functioning in the competitive market we're in."

## Sharks linger beneath surface

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probably mako or great white," Canning said. "That size of either animal is, again, not a danger to people, as long as people aren't aggravating it."

"We have no beach closures, we have no advisories," he added. "This is an ordinary occurrence. Animals like this are in the area all year-round. It's only because the sun is out, there's more people around and the water has cleared up a little that the people can see them. Otherwise, this is an everyday occurrence."

There has never been a shark attack in Santa Monica Bay and Canning added that beachgoers are far more likely to die in a car accident or be struck by lightning than they are likely to be attacked by a shark.

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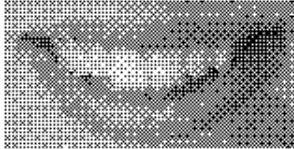


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## LOCAL

# Area architects are in a New York state of mind



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A wetland estuary is a key component of the mOrphosis Olympic Village design, along with renewable energy sources and advanced waste and water management systems.

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we're trying to do is give a kind of singular strong statement that represents the integrity of the Olympic spirit through trying to give a prominent visual across the East River."

Details of the plan reveal oceanfront restaurants, wetlands and Olympic event areas that later could be made into urban centers with theaters, grocery stores and gyms. The concept is billed as sustainable development, meaning it would maximize the use of recycled materials, employ renewable energy sources, and use advanced waste and water management programs.

The site of the proposed village is in Queens West, directly across the East River from the United Nations building in Manhattan. More than half of the 4,500 apartments proposed by mOrphosis are what's called through-units, with views of both the city and the Olympic Village parklands. Nearly every unit has a view of at least one of these sights, according to the designs.

Though a cost consultant was hired to work on the project with mOrphosis, the

firm declined to release cost estimates, saying those figures will be kept private until a winner is selected.

**"It was a great, really intense conceptual design study."**

— PAUL GONZALES  
Project manager, mOrphosis

After being named a finalist, mOrphosis designers met with officials twice to craft their plans. In March, they submitted two models, along with drawings, elevations and renderings to New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg and officials from NYC2012, the group organizing the push for the Olympics.

Organizers hope the winning plan will catch the eye of officials from the International Olympic Committee. The IOC is set to select a host city for the 2012 Summer Games on July 6, 2005, in Singapore, said Laz Benitez, a spokesman.

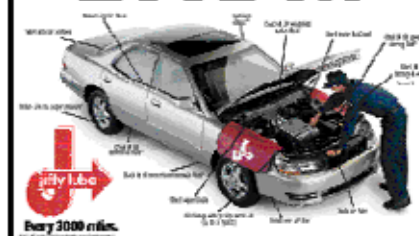
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## STATE



# Overseas productions poses threat to health of porn stars

BY GARY GENTILE  
AP Business Writer

**LOS ANGELES** — For the past few years, the adult film industry has operated on a closed set of sorts, with many actors preferring to work within the confines of a few San Fernando Valley communities using a system of testing that made them feel relatively safe from AIDS.

The recent news that actor Darren James contracted the HIV virus while filming in Brazil and infected at least one other person upon his return has uncovered an open secret no one has wanted to confront.

Adult film companies often shoot movies in exotic locations like Brazil, Budapest and Prague, in part to save money on less expensive local talent, in part to find new faces to fill the voracious demand for adult films.

But those trips come with a price that has gone unpaid until now.

"You have such a strict situation here with the testing," said Suze Randall, a photographer who has recently begun producing adult films. "We all felt safe and all of a sudden this came from left field."

Many countries do not require AIDS testing for adult film actors or they require unsophisticated tests that fail to uncover the HIV virus for up to six months, industry observers say. Actors often have filmed sex immediately after returning to the United States, potentially infecting others.

James performed with 13 actresses before a blood test last week showed he was HIV-positive. One of his partners, Lara Roxx, also tested HIV positive. More than 60 performers who had contact with the two have been barred by the industry pending new blood tests, and more than 30 companies halted production indefinitely.

The industry has regulated itself successfully for the past four years through the creation of the Adult Industry Medical Health Care Foundation. AIM administers tough tests — called PCR-DNA or polymerase chain reaction deoxyribo nucleic acid tests — which can detect the HIV virus within 30 days of exposure.

The adult film industry requires its talent to be tested every 30 days and actors are supposed to ask fellow actors for their test results before each performance.

The system has lulled many actors into thinking they are safe having sex without a condom.

"In any country that has PCR-DNA testing, I'm comfortable if that's what the talent wants to do," said Patrick Collins, owner of Elegant Angel Productions.

Some of the larger production companies, such as Vivid Entertainment and Wicked Pictures, require condom use.

Most others do not, thinking that movies with unprotected sex sell better. Performers sometimes are paid more for such scenes.

Los Angeles County health officials on Tuesday asked the state Division of Occupational Health and Safety to look into working conditions at the production company that hired Roxx.

"We have received a complaint on the issue and are opening an investigation" that could take up to six months, Cal-OSHA spokeswoman Susan Gard said.

If the agency finds that employees were exposed to serious health dangers it

could issue fines of up to \$25,000 per incident, she added.

In addition, county health officials Tuesday ordered the health care foundation to turn over the real names of the infected stars and their confidential medical records. The county is trying to determine whether the actors might have spread HIV into the community.

Sharon Mitchell, the foundation's executive director, said she complied although she was "not happy about it."

"The upside of this whole thing is we'll find out once and for all just how much of the porn population is spreading (HIV) into the general population, if any," she said.

The adult film industry includes about 200 companies employing about 6,000 workers, of which 1,200 are actors, according to Jack Kyser, chief economist for the Los Angeles Economic Development Corp.

It is estimated that as many as 11,000 videos — 4,000 new videos and 7,000 compiled videos — DVDs and other products are made each year. Estimates on the economic power of the industry vary from \$4.4 billion to as much as \$10 billion.

Over the past 10 years or so, an increasing number of those productions have been made overseas. In some cases, production companies fly their regular stable of actors to exotic locations such as Hawaii or Mexico.

"You can only see the same people so many times and you can only see the same view of the San Fernando Valley so many times," said Steven Hirsch, co-chairman of Vivid Entertainment.

In most cases, a company will fly its male actors to the foreign location, then recruit local female talent.

"It's the same reason why they shoot films in Canada — costs are lower," said Tim Connelly, editor of Adult Video News, a trade magazine.

"With 11,000 movies coming out annually, you try to get different people. It's the girls who drive the market and you try to get different women."

The biggest cost of adult films is salaries. An unknown actress gets paid anywhere between \$300 and \$1,000 for a day's work, Connelly said. Most films are shot in a single day. Top female stars make \$5,000 per day or more.

Filming overseas can cut those costs by two-thirds, Connelly said.

Brazil has a thriving adult film industry of its own and pornographic movies are widely available at corner newsstands.

There is no law there requiring adult film actors to use condoms, said Joao Paulo Borges, an aide to a Brazilian legislator who has proposed such a rule. But most local performers wear them anyway, he said.

The adult film industry is lobbying legislators to leave it self-regulated and is considering requiring that all actors returning from overseas wait 30 days before returning to work.

Whatever the solution, something needs to be done quickly, adult film actress Shay Sights said.

"I don't think anyone should be shooting anywhere without a PCR-DNA test," she said.

"It's cheaper for them. But should it be a matter of money when lives are on the line?"

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## STATE

# Thirst for justice: Water agencies file \$500M suit

BY SETH HETTENA  
Associated Press Writer

**SAN DIEGO** — Two California water agencies are seeking \$500 million for a decade's worth of water that they say the federal government failed to deliver in what critics view as the latest attempt to use a little-known court to challenge western water policy.

Two San Joaquin County water agencies say that since 1993 the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has failed to deliver 37.5 million gallons a year from New Melones Dam, according to a complaint filed this week in the Court of Federal Claims in Washington, D.C.

Much of the water was used to meet state and federal environmental regulations on salinity and federally protected fish in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, according to the lawsuit.

Jeff McCracken, a spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, said he had not seen the lawsuit and declined to comment.

The Stockton East Water District and Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District supply water to more than 320,000 residents and 130,000 acres of San Joaquin County farmland. Stockton East spent \$65 million to build tunnels and aqueducts to carry water it rarely receives.

"The system is bone dry most of the time," said Kevin Kauffman, general manager of Stockton East.

Nancie G. Marzulla, the attorney for the water districts, said the Bureau of Reclamation signed contracts in 1983 to provide the water, got California to agree to the deliveries and then "took the money

and ran."

The San Joaquin case is the third such case to emerge from California and Oregon in the Court of Federal Claims in recent years.

Farmers in the Klamath Basin along the California-Oregon border are seeking \$100 million for water the Bureau of Reclamation used in 2001 to protect endangered suckers and threatened coho salmon.

In December, a judge awarded \$26 million to farmers in Kern and Tulare Counties for water they lost in an effort in the early 1990s to save two rare fish. The Justice Department has not said whether it will appeal.

Critics have called the claims a stealth attack on the environment.

"The purpose of these suits is simply a backdoor attack on environmental laws," Barry Nelson, a senior policy analyst with the National Resources Defense Council, said in a recent interview.

The plaintiffs in all three claims are represented by Roger and Nancie Marzulla, a husband-and-wife team of attorneys who in 1991 founded the Washington, D.C.-based Defenders of Property Rights. Interior Secretary Gale Norton was on the group's advisory board until she was nominated by President Bush to the Cabinet.

The Marzullas contend that the diversion of water constitute a "taking" or intrusion of the farmers' private property rights. The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution prohibits the government from taking private property without fair payment.

## Con-Doh! Buyers unaware they owe city permit fees

By The Associated Press

**HUNTINGTON BEACH** — Dozens of apartments were illegally converted into condominiums in recent years and unwitting buyers will each have to pay more than \$7,000 in fees, officials said.

Additionally, sellers could be prosecuted for the illegal conversions.

The city has so far identified 25 to 40 four-unit buildings that apparently were illegally converted as early as 1998, planning director Howard Zelefsky said this week. City Attorney Jennifer McGrath said there may be more.

"There are a lot of people impacted by this who are not aware of this," she said.

The current property owners were probably unaware that they bought former apartments without the required city

permits and approvals for the conversion, McGrath said. They will be notified by mail next month.

To help the homeowners, she said, the city is taking steps including possible changes to the zoning code that would permit "most, if not all" of the properties to meet the code.

"The way it's written right now, they can't," she said.

The owners must pay more than \$7,000 in city permit fees, however.

The conversions are a concern to the city, Zelefsky said, because they threaten to upset the balance between rental and owner-occupied property in the city.

"The law was written to make it difficult to make condo conversions" because the city needs a healthy mix of both, he said.



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## STATE

# Use of Diebold voting machines becomes touchy subject

BY JIM WASSERMAN  
Associated Press Writer

**SACRAMENTO** — California should ban the use of 15,000 touch-screen voting machines made by Diebold Election Systems from the Nov. 2 general election, an advisory panel to Secretary of State Kevin Shelley recommended this week.

By an 8-0 vote, the state's Voting Systems and Procedures Panel recommended that Shelley cease the use of the machines, saying that Texas-based Diebold has performed poorly in California and its machines malfunctioned in the state's March 2 primary election, turning away many voters in San Diego County.

The recommendation affects 15,000 Diebold touch-screen machines in San Diego, Solano, Kern and San Joaquin counties.

Thousands more machines made by Diebold and other manufacturers in 10 other counties are unaffected, although the panel is to make a recommendation regarding them next Wednesday.

The panel's decision has national implications for the voting machine maker, coming as states plan to spend billions of dollars to upgrade election equipment in the wake of the disputed 2000 presidential election in Florida.

If Shelley follows through with the recommendation, the affected counties would have to revert to paper ballots, specifically those marked by filling in ovals which are read by electronic scanners. The prospects of starting anew just months before a presidential election prompted outcries from more than a dozen voting officials statewide who would have to buy voting booths, ballot boxes, marking supplies, card readers and more scanners while retraining poll workers.

"We sold all of our voting booths to Los Angeles County. We sold our surplus card readers to smaller counties," said Riverside County Registrar of Voters Michelle Townsend, who estimated costs of reverting to paper at \$2.5 million.

Diebold was disappointed and disagreed with the recommendation, said its marketing director, Mark Radke. The company will quickly write a report outlining its objections to Shelley, who has until April 30 to make a final decision.

The vote doesn't affect thousands of Diebold optical scan machines that read marked ballot cards in 17 counties. Nor does it affect an earlier generation of 4,000 Diebold touch-screen machines in Alameda and Plumas counties.

In addition to the ban, panel members recommended that a secretary of state's office report released Wednesday, detailing alleged failings of Diebold in California, be forwarded to the state attorney general's office to consider civil and criminal charges against the company.

Diebold Election Systems is an affiliate of Ohio-based Diebold, Inc., a leading ATM machine maker supplying banks in North and South America.

Panel member Marc Carrel, an assistant secretary of state, said he was "disgusted" by Diebold, which has "been jerking us around." The company, he said, has disenfranchised voters in California and undermined confi-

dence in the new and developing technology of touch-screen voting.

Local elections officials in Kern, San Diego and San Joaquin counties, which use Diebold's newest touch-screen machines said they were surprised and confused.

"I don't understand how they can say they didn't work well," said San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters Debbie Hensch, who argued that the county's March election was largely problem free. The county bought 1,626 Diebold touch-screen machines for \$5.7 million.

This decision will be a "step backward" for Kern County, said Registrar of Voters Ann Barnett, who bought 1,350 Diebold touch-screen machines for \$5 million.

San Diego County Registrar of Voters Sally McPherson said the county spent almost \$30 million for its 10,200 Diebold machines and officials there "believe in touch screens. We were prepared to move forward."

A secretary of state's report on the March 2 elections found that 573 of 1,038 polling places in San Diego County failed to open on time because Diebold voting machines malfunctioned. Voters were told to go elsewhere or come back.

Regardless of what happens in California, the head of Diebold Inc. told shareholders Thursday that the company is not considering getting out of the elections business.

Chairman and CEO Walden W. O'Dell told reporters after an annual shareholders meeting that "we will help in California if we are allowed. If we are not, we won't. I think whatever goes on in California is separate from what goes on in other states. Each state will make their own decisions."

O'Dell said the North Canton, Ohio-based company

remains confident the machines are safe and secure.

California panel members, however, cited a litany of alleged problems with Diebold in recent months, including its sale of machines to the four counties without federal and state certification, last-minute software fixes before the March election and installation of uncertified software in voting machines in 17 counties.

"In my view we need a clean slate with this vendor," said panel member John Mott-Smith, chief of the state's elections division. "Most of the big problems in the March election came with Diebold equipment. People did not get to vote because these things did not function and that's not acceptable."



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## STATE

# Salton Sea Authority endorses \$730M restoration plan

BY TIM MOLLOY  
Associated Press Writer

**DESERT SHORES** — The Salton Sea Authority endorsed a \$730 million plan this week intended to create a smaller but healthier sea by shrinking it to less than half its current size.

Scientists have warned for more than 40 years that receding waters and increasing salinity would eventually kill the sea, a vital fishery and estuary that was once a tourist destination in California.

The authority cannot independently implement the plan but hoped its endorsement would prompt state and federal officials to act.

"We hope it will serve as a catalyst to get the state and federal government involved to get the restoration done," said authority President Andy Horne.

The agency called for building a causeway across the center of the sea by 2010 that would cut off most of the water flowing to its southern section. That would shrink the sea in Riverside and Imperial counties from about 360 square miles to about 140 square miles.

The plan would also lower the sea, reducing its depth from about 50 feet to about 42 feet, a prospect that alarmed

some residents with property on the water. "Oh well, I'll sell my boat," said Barbara Taylor, a Salton City property owner. "I can't get my boat in and out of my boat slip now. Six or seven feet and it will be bone dry."

The plan would also widen the Alamo and New rivers, which feed into the sea. The expansion would create 30 square miles of new wetlands that would help filter water flowing into the sea, improving its quality.

Under the plan, power plants would have increased access to geothermal

hotspots that are now under water, creating new sources of energy, said Tom Kirk, executive director of the authority.

He said funding could come from several sources, including \$300 million in restoration money from a state plan adopted last year to divert Colorado River water from the sea to San Diego. Officials hope the state and federal governments will allocate additional money for the project.

Not quite a fifth the size of the Great Salt Lake, the Salton Sea is 25 percent saltier than the Pacific Ocean.

A number of plans have been proposed in the past to save it. But the effort took on renewed urgency last year when state officials approved the plan to divert the Colorado River water.

Without a rescue plan, the sea's salinity will quadruple in the next 50 years, killing fish and making the sea useless to the more than 400 species of birds that visit it, Kirk said. That would, in essence, be the death of the sea, he said.

"They call the Dead Sea the Dead Sea for a reason," Kirk said. "It's so salty it's virtually dead to all forms of life."

## Salt of the earth

By The Associated Press

■ The Salton Sea was formed in 1905 when a levee break caused flows from the Colorado River to enter for 18 months. It has since fluctuated in size. Its current surface area of 350 square miles makes it the largest lake in California. It is not quite a fifth the size of the Great Salt Lake and is 25 percent saltier than the Pacific Ocean.

■ Located in a closed basin in Riverside and Imperial counties in southeastern California, the sea is a productive fishery and one of the most crucial stops for migratory birds in North America.

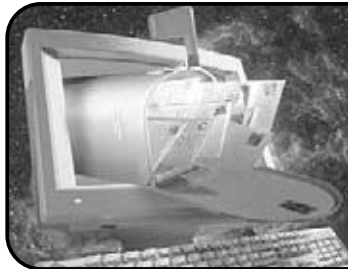
■ More than 400 bird species have been seen around the sea,

which sometimes attracts millions of birds a day. It has hosted 90 percent of the world's population of eared grebes at once and more than half of its American white pelicans.

■ In 1944 and 1945, B-29s from the U.S. Army's 393rd Heavy Bombardment Squadron, led by Lt. Col. Paul Tibbets, made highly secret practice flights from Wendover Air Base in Utah to drop dummy bombs into the sea. On Aug. 6, 1945, Tibbets and his crew in the Enola Gay dropped the first atomic bomb over Hiroshima, Japan.

Salton Sea State Park was dedicated in 1955, becoming at the time the second largest state park in California. But by the 1960s, scientists were predicting that the sea would die from high salinity if nothing was done to save it.

Source: Salton Sea Authority



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## STATE



# Theory about early Americans hugging coast isn't rubbish

BY ANDREW BRIDGES  
AP Science Writer

**SAN LUIS OBISPO** — Rubbish dug a generation ago from an oceanside archaeological site first occupied around 8,000 B.C. is being re-examined for clues that could bolster the theory some of the first Americans to stream into the New World hugged the Pacific coast, reaping the bounty of the land and the sea.

This month, anthropologist Terry Jones and his colleagues began poring over the estimated 10,000 to 15,000 broken bones and shells, salvaged in excavations hastily carried out 36 years ago to make way for construction of a nuclear power plant on the Central California coast.

Now, more exhaustive analysis could support the controversial idea that some pioneering Paleo-Indians moved into North America along the West Coast, skipping inland routes that traditionally have been considered the most likely avenues into the continent from Asia.

"If you have, very early, people pursuing a life that's different from that of the big game hunters, that could suggest a different people and a different entry route," said Jones, 49, of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

At the time the site was originally excavated, archaeologists focused on the rich assortment of skeletons, stone tools, fish hooks, whistles and other artifacts pulled from the layers upon layers — stacked more than 12 feet deep — of detritus. They carried out only a basic analysis of the accompanying bits and pieces of long-dead otters, seals, deer, fish and other creatures and then placed them in storage.

"The bones have been lying in bags since 1968, waiting for someone to look at them," Jones said.

That garbage now may prove to be gold.

Scientists believe the collection of bone and shell is unparalleled in both its size and its sweep, since it traces — apparently without interruption — a staggering 10,000 years or more of persistent occupation of the site, which sits perched on a bluff 60 feet above a half-moon cove.

"It was certainly one of the major villages along the entire Central Coast," said Roberta Greenwood, the Los Angeles archaeologist who led the original dig.

## SPOIL SORTS

Sorting, identifying and cataloging the remains should give scientists a fuller picture of how the village's inhabitants lived through the ages, including the range and number of species they hunted and fished, Jones said.

On a recent afternoon, Judith Porcasi, 64, and Angela Barrios, 25, sat side-by-side sifting through crinkled, brown bags of remains, separating the spoils into neat piles: bird, mammal, shellfish, fish and artifact.

"You've got a piece of bunny in with the fish. You can't do that," Porcasi gently scolded Barrios at one point.

Eventually, statistical analysis of the jumbled remains will allow "patterns to emerge," Porcasi said.

## SMART SHOPPERS

The dig site lies about 12 miles southwest of modern-day San Luis Obispo. It is partly occupied by Pacific Gas & Electric Co.'s hulking Diablo Canyon Power Plant. Only a small percentage of the site was excavated; the bulk likely remains intact, Greenwood said.

Although little heralded, Diablo Canyon may be the oldest mainland coastal site anywhere in North America — something further carbon dating planned by Jones could confirm.

The dating work done at the time of the original excavations was met with skepticism, since it came up with ages far older than anything else from the region known at the time.

"It was a huge surprise. 'Bombshell' might be appropriate," Greenwood said.

If the ages hold up through testing planned for the summer, they could bolster claims made by some scientists that separate, coastal-dwelling populations of humans were among the early colonizers of the New World, moving in pulses independent of the big-game-hunters thought to have traveled by inland routes at the dwindling of the last Ice Age.

"That's what the smart money is on, on the coastal migration. It's just that it's a whole lot easier to compete on the coast than it is on the tundra. You get a good mammoth, yeah, it will last you a long time, if you have facil-

ities to take care of it — but most didn't. But if you came down the coast, you've always got groceries," said Dennis Stanford, of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History.

## OTTER-WORLDDLY

The remains dug from six locations strung along a short stretch of coast represent the dozens and dozens of species that nourished the native Americans who occupied Diablo Canyon from as early as 8420 B.C. until the first European explorers reached the region in A.D. 1769.

The refuse heap, or midden, preserved evidence of more than 70 species of mollusk alone — a number likely unmatched by the offerings of any present-day seafood market. Mussels were an apparent favorite.

Jones is especially interested in sea otters, which were hunted for food and their pelts. Tracing the history of their exploitation as a species should dispel notions that Europeans stumbled on a pristine environment in the 18th century, Jones said.

"We should think of it as an environment harvested for 10,000 years. It's naive to think that harvesting didn't have some kind of effect," Jones said.

## GONE FISHIN'

Preliminary analysis published by Greenwood in 1972 suggested no drastic shifts in the diet of the site's inhabitants over thousands of years, nor much change in the artifacts they produced.

That consistency suggests the people were established exploiters of the resources available to them on the coast and not necessarily Ice Age big-game-hunters who suddenly developed a taste for seafood, Jones said.

"They seem to have a coastal adaptation from Day One," he said.

Even older remains, dating as far back as perhaps 11,000 B.C., have been found on the Channel Islands off the Southern California coast.

That suggests the people who called the region home were navigating the open ocean nearly contemporaneously with the Clovis people, who hunted large mammals farther inland.

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That's what we're looking at. People dissed it for years. I am not at all surprised you have a huge 10,000-year-old midden there on the California coast," Stanford said.

Archaeologists have yet to find any coastal evidence that predates what's been discovered at Clovis sites farther inland — nor might they with any ease.

The rise in sea level that inundated the Bering land bridge that connected Asia with the Americas presumably flooded any coastal sites that might have been occupied before about 12,000 B.C.

"Finding the hard evidence, the field evidence, the concrete evidence — like finding a site that's older than anything inland — is eluding us," said Gary Haynes, a University of Nevada, Reno, anthropologist and coastal migration theory skeptic. "When that evidence comes in, I will be glad to say the coast was first."

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## NATIONAL

# Out of sight, out of mind for low-key Kerry camp

BY NANCY BENAC

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — In Maryland, pollster Patrick Gonzales is surprised that Democrat John Kerry isn't farther ahead in such a solidly Democratic state. In New Hampshire, Republican Tom Rath is encouraged that President Bush has retained his footing in a state where he was pummeled relentlessly during the Democratic primaries.

Bush can tick off a number of states where polls now show him to be on better footing than he was at the end of his November 2000 showdown with Al Gore. But Kerry's camp says that's no cause for Democrats to be concerned. In almost every state, according to Kerry's campaign, Bush was doing better at this point in 2000 than he is this time around.

"Just because Bush is doing better does not mean he's going to win," said independent pollster Ed Sarpolus in Michigan, where Bush has held his ground against Kerry despite lukewarm job and favorability ratings.

"You have to understand that for the last 30 days, John Kerry's been invisible," Sarpolus said, noting that the public focus on Kerry dropped off sharply after his much-watched march to the Democratic presidential nomination. At the same time, he added, Bush was unleashing a barrage of TV ads that battered Kerry and promoted his own policies.

Nonetheless, there is some surprise that Kerry isn't doing better at this point in some states.

In reliably Democratic Maryland,

**"Fundamentally, I think it is a case that people don't know enough about him."**

— PATRICK GONZALES  
Maryland pollster

Kerry had a slight lead in the latest poll.

"This is a state that Gore won by 17 points," said Gonzales, an independent pollster whose survey gave Kerry a 5-point edge. "I would expect Kerry at this point to be doing better."

Gonzales predicted Bush has hit his high-water mark in the state, though, and said he expects Democrats to close ranks behind Kerry once they get to know him better.

"Fundamentally, I think it is a case that people don't know enough about him," Gonzales said.

In New Jersey, where Gore thumped Bush by 16 points four years ago, the candidates are in a virtual tie this time.

"We are a 9/11 state," said David Rebovich, a political science professor at Rider University in Lawrenceville, N.J., referring to those who lost their lives in the World Trade Center attacks. "I think the president benefits residually from New Jerseyans rallying around the president."

Furthermore, he said, voters in a state so closely tied to Wall Street "may cut Bush some slack" because of the improving economy. "There may be some trepidation that John Kerry's economic policies will rescind tax cuts and scare Wall Street and affect people's jobs."

Despite all that, though, Rebovich believes New Jersey voters are likely to fall in behind a New England liberal when they consider the candidates' stances on issues such as gun control, abortion rights and the environment.

Bush has been slightly ahead in national polls, a strong standing that is showing up in some key swing states like New Hampshire and Pennsylvania. But with the nation narrowly divided and the polls relatively close, outside events like Iraq and the economy are influencing which candidate has the upper hand in a given week.

In some states, the latest numbers look just as tight as the 2000 election results. In Florida, for example, where the 2000 vote was so close it took the Supreme Court to decide the winner, Bush and Kerry were neck-and-neck in a survey released Thursday. In Iowa, where Gore edged Bush by 1 point four years ago, it's tight again. A Los Angeles Times poll released Friday showed Kerry leading Bush by 10 points in California, a slightly smaller margin than the 12 points by which Gore carried the state in 2000.

Kerry campaign pollster Mark Mellman cautions against focusing too closely on state-by-state polling results

this early in the campaign. In New Jersey, for example, Bush had a slight edge on Gore at the start of May 2000, he said.

That month, Bush had the edge on Gore in Michigan but lost to the Democrat by 5 points in November. At this point, Bush and Kerry are neck-and-neck in the state.

"That strikes me as very, very good news for Kerry in the context of the volume of ads that President Bush has been doing over the last six weeks," said Ken Brock, a Democratic consultant in Michigan. "He's really poured it on." If Kerry can match Bush's advertising down the home stretch, Brock predicted, "he'll begin to take back some of what he may have lost."

In New Hampshire, where Bush edged Gore by 1 point in 2000, Bush now has a slight edge despite the pounding he took during the run-up to the state's leadoff Democratic primaries.

"What's significant is that Bush has retained his footing," says Rath, a state Republican Party leader. "This state was really the belly of the beast. He got pummeled here for 10 months. ... For Bush to have come back is good."

Bush has edged ahead of Kerry in Pennsylvania, a critical swing state that Gore won by 5 points in 2000.

Mike Young, managing director of Madonna Young Opinion Research, attributes Bush's gains to his "persistent presence" in the state. Since taking office, Bush has visited Pennsylvania more frequently than any other state; his 27th trip was Monday.



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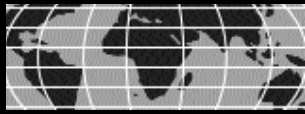
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## WORLD BRIEFLY

### Train collision kills dozens

By The Associated Press

**DANDONG, China** — The collision of two trains carrying explosives in North Korea killed at least 54 people and injured 1,249, the Red Cross said Friday, while Chinese hospitals along the border with the North prepared for a possible influx of wounded.

The explosion occurred Thursday after the trains, which were carrying explosives similar to those used in mining, collided in the bustling town of Ryongchon, said John Sparrow, a Red Cross spokesman in Beijing. He said he expected the death toll to rise.

The secretive North Korean government has remained silent on the disaster despite confirmation of the blast by the governments in Seoul and Beijing.

South Korean media had earlier reported that as many as 3,000 people may have been killed or injured. But until the Red Cross figures were released, the only confirmed casualties were two Chinese deaths and 12 injuries. These figures came from China's official news agency Xinhua citing Beijing's embassy in Pyongyang.

The explosion leveled the train station, a school and apartments within a 500-yard radius in Ryongchon, South Korea's Yonhap news agency said, quoting Chinese witnesses.

### Israel warned to leave the Strip

By The Associated Press

**JERUSALEM** — Israel's deputy prime minister warned his Likud party Friday of dire consequences for the country if they reject a plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip.

"I don't even want to think about what will happen if ... we lose the vote," the Vice Premier, Ehud Olmert, told Israel Radio.

"There will be dire consequences for the state of Israel, politically, security-wise and economically, this I have no doubt about," said Olmert, a key ally of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Olmert's warning comes as polls indicate that a victory for Sharon in the May 2 party vote on the "disengagement" plan is far from assured.

Sharon's plan, which also includes completion of a West Bank barrier and the expansion of five West Bank settlement blocs, appeared to be gaining momentum after the endorsements of President Bush and several key Likud ministers.

But while senior Likud ministers have grudgingly endorsed the plan, they have not actively campaigned for it and Olmert railed against them for their halfhearted support.

### Molestation victims win \$37M verdict

By The Associated Press

**MARSHALL, Texas** — Victims of a former Lutheran minister who sexually molested boys won a jury award of nearly \$37 million Thursday, bringing the total payout in the case to about \$69 million.

The case involving former minister Gerald Patrick Thomas Jr. is the most serious to hit the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which has about 5 million members.

In addition to Thursday's verdict, an attorney for the plaintiffs disclosed that separate settlements reached before the trial totaled \$32 million. Those deals were struck with the Chicago-based denomination and the seminary in Columbus, Ohio, that Thomas attended.

The lawsuit charged that former Bishop Mark

Herbener of the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod, and former bishop's assistant Earl Eliason, ignored warnings about Thomas' behavior.

Thomas, minister of Marshall's Good Shepherd Lutheran Church from 1997 until his arrest in 2001, was sentenced last year to 397 years in state prison for molesting boys.

Nine plaintiffs won awards in the lawsuit, ranging from \$50,000 to \$9.8 million. The earlier settlements included those nine victims plus five others.

### Tinmaker can't survive on its own

By The Associated Press

**WHEELING, W.Va.** — A federal bankruptcy judge approved the sale of Weirton Steel Corp. to Ohio's International Steel Group, saying he was convinced the nation's No. 2 tin maker can no longer survive on its own.

Judge Edward Friend approved the \$237 million deal Thursday after hearing more than 18 hours of testimony and arguments this week about proposals from ISG and the Informal Committee of Senior Secured Noteholders, a creditors' group.

Friend said he had studied Weirton's history and was stunned to discover the company has lost an average \$100 million a year since employees bought it in 1984.

The noteholders maintained Weirton was a viable stand-alone company because of its 25 percent market share of the tin business.

"It's a happy day for us," said ISG Chairman Wilbur Ross, whose company will surpass Pittsburgh-based U.S. Steel as the nation's No. 1 integrated steelmaker when the sale is closed.

Weirton Chief Executive Officer D. Leonard Wise was pleased and relieved and with Friend's decision.

"Our employees, our other stakeholders and the upper Ohio Valley can now breathe a little easier," he said. "There is great comfort in knowing steelmaking will continue in Weirton."

### Feds can seek death for Moussaoui

By The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — The nation's only Sept. 11 defendant and the government are claiming partial victories in an appeals court ruling, but the judges' ultimate message is clear: The Justice Department can prosecute Zacarias Moussaoui in a civilian courtroom and seek to kill him.

A 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel in Richmond, Va., ruled Thursday that Moussaoui could have access to information from three al-Qaida prisoners who may be able to exonerate him. This was a defeat for prosecutors, who argued that Moussaoui had no right of access to the captives.

Moussaoui's victory was limited, however. The court majority said he could only receive written statements from the prisoners in a form that will have to be ironed out by a trial judge.

The three-judge panel threw out the trial court's order to allow the defense access to the witnesses by a remote video hookup.

In a victory for the government, the panel tossed out the two-part penalty that U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema, in Alexandria, Va., had imposed on the government for refusing to arrange the video questioning.

She had barred prosecutors from seeking the death penalty and from presenting evidence related to Sept. 11, the heart of the government's case. Both are now restored.

### Growing U.S. deficit not a world threat

By The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — The soaring U.S. budget deficit is not a threat to the global economy, Treasury Secretary John Snow said as finance ministers and central bankers from the major industrialized nations gathered for weekend meetings.

Sounding an optimistic note before he and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan hosted a meeting of the Group of Seven major industrial nations, Snow said Thursday that the U.S. economy is in far better shape than it was last spring. Analysts then were worried that anemic growth would plunge the United States into another recession.

"We're on very solid footing, our upward trend is strong," Snow said, listing a number of upbeat economic signs, from growth in the gross domestic product to rising exports and the creation of 300,000 payroll jobs in March, the biggest one-month gain in four years.

"I anticipate that this economy will be creating a lot more jobs in the coming months," Snow said in a speech to the Bond Market Association in New York.

### Ladies man: Kerry turns to women

By The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Democrat John Kerry was shifting his attention to women voters, underscoring his support for abortion rights days before tens of thousands of people stream into the nation's capital for a women's rights rally.

After three days spent discussing the environment, the Democratic presidential candidate scheduled a rally Friday with leaders of women's groups to compare his stand on abortion with what he says are President Bush's extreme anti-abortion positions.

A spokesman for Bush's re-election campaign declined to comment.

Kerry supports abortion rights and has said he would nominate only Supreme Court justices who support his position. Bush approves of abortion only in cases of rape or incest or when the pregnancy endangers a woman's life.

While abortion is a hot-button social issue that divides the electorate, it has not been front and center in the presidential race thus far. Kerry has added a line to his stump speech warning that expected openings on the Supreme Court in coming years could jeopardize the right to an abortion.

"If you need any motivation let me give you three little words — the Supreme Court," Kerry says at every stop.

### Bush defends environmental record

By The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — President Bush, trying to offset attacks by John Kerry, is defending his environmental record in Florida while raising money for the Republican Party.

Bush has brought in a record \$180 million-plus for his re-election campaign, and he was returning to the money game Friday to help fill Republican Party coffers for get-out-the-vote drives.

The latest trip takes him to Naples and the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve on the Gulf Coast near the western edge of the Everglades, and to Coral Gables for the fund-raiser.

For the second straight day, Bush was declaring his commitment to protecting the environment, a political issue that has brought steady criticism from Democrats and environmental groups for the past 3 1/2 years.

Earlier Thursday, the anniversary of Earth Day, Bush toured a nature reserve in Maine with his mother and promised to restore or protect as much as 3 million acres of wetlands in the next five years.



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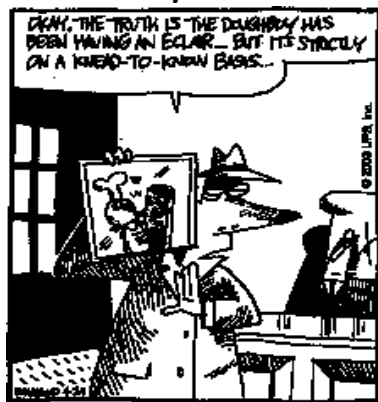
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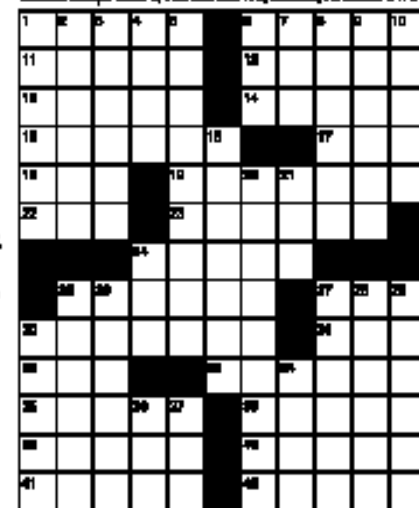
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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

# Israel braces for opening of 'Passion of the Christ'

By The Associated Press

■ **JERUSALEM** — An Israeli movie theater plans to screen Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ," a decision likely to raise an uproar in the Jewish state over accusations the movie is anti-Semitic.

The Tel Aviv Cinematheque is in final negotiations with Gibson's production company for a one-time showing of the film in Israel, probably in a few months, cinema manager Alon Garbuz said.

The release of the movie in the United States sparked a debate over whether Jews bore responsibility for Jesus' Crucifixion. Rabbis in the United States warned that the film would fuel anti-Semitism.

Angry Jewish reaction prompted the Vatican to reiterate its stance that Jews were not collectively responsible for Jesus' persecution. Gibson has said he didn't mean to portray Jews in a damaging light, and was only trying to depict the New Testament as it was written.

Palestinians have applauded the film, saying it truthfully shows Jews as the culprits, and have compared the Crucifixion to their suffering under Israeli occupation.

Garbuz said the cinematheque has been criticized for its decision to show the movie.

"I think that those who think that the film is anti-Semitic shouldn't come see it," he said. "No one has the moral duty to decide for the public what they can see."

Jewish and Christian clergy will oversee a discussion with the audience after the viewing.

Israel's censorship board could prevent the screening if it deems the movie is anti-Semitic, but Garbuz said he has received word the board won't stop the showing.

■ **NEW YORK** — The rest of the country was stunned, but Jennifer Hudson says her ejection this week from "American Idol" didn't surprise her.

"I wasn't shocked at all," Hudson said on Fox's "Good Day Live" Friday. "If you've noticed, I've been through the fire."

The 22-year-old singer, among the finalists on the Fox competition dubbed "The Three Divas," had been in the bottom three in viewer votes before.

But the judges praised her for improving each week, and she wowed the audience Tuesday night with her powerful rendition of Barry Manilow's "Weekend in New England."

Theories abounded as to why she was voted off Wednesday night, ranging from racism to foul weather that knocked out power and phone service in her hometown of Chicago. Hudson and the other two "Divas," Fantasia Barrino and La Toya London, are all black and were the three lowest vote-getters this week, even though they'd been considered the show's strongest singers.

"To me, it's up in the air. ... It's a waste of thoughts to even think about what happened," Hudson said. "If there was a tornado in Chicago ... well, then, it wasn't fair for me to be leaving the show."

Hudson thinks there should be another vote, but she added, "I feel like I'm in a better place."

■ **NEW YORK** — Beyonce, Harry Connick Jr. and Nathan Lane are among the performers lined up to belt out tunes from "South Pacific" on the world's largest cruise ship Saturday at a fund-raiser for Katie Couric's colorectal research organization.

About 1,000 people will attend the event, which is expected to raise at least \$4 million, said Couric, the co-host of NBC's "Today" show. It will take place on the Queen Mary 2, which arrived in Manhattan for the first time Friday. At 151,400 tons, the liner is three times larger than the Titanic.

"Cunard (Line) approached some people at my organization about a year ago and very generously offered to host our next event," Couric said. "At that point I thought, 'What next event?' but given their offer I felt like I needed to plan another one."

Couric partnered with the Entertainment Industry Foundation in 2000 to found the National Colorectal

Cancer Research Alliance after her husband died of colon cancer.

The number of colonoscopy screenings has increased 20 percent since the center opened, according to the center.

Nicole Kidman, Antonio Banderas, Glenn Close and Jon Bon Jovi also are expected to attend the dinner and performance of Richard Rodgers' works, which includes "Oklahoma!" and "The Sound of Music."

Couric said she thought she'd interviewed all the performers at least once.

"After 13 years on the 'Today' show, you've pretty much interviewed everyone," she said. "I personally reached out to them. I called them personally to see if I could twist their arms."

■ **LONDON** — Frances Shand Kydd, the mother of the late Princess Diana, was being treated at a hospital in Scotland after falling ill at home, a friend said.

Shand Kydd, 67, was admitted to the hospital near her home on the Argyll coast several days ago, the friend said.

She is "on the mend," her friend and Catholic priest, Father William McLean, said after visiting her. He didn't identify her illness.

Diana's mother was taken from her home on Seil Island to the Lorn and Islands District Hospital on Oban. The Daily Record newspaper said that happened last week.

Shand Kydd, who regularly attends Mass at St. Columba's Cathedral in Oban, has previously said her Catholic faith helped her to deal with the grief of her daughter's death.

McLean said he hoped Shand Kydd would soon be healthy enough to be released.

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