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CABSA is organizing the "California Beach Soccer Tour 2007" sporting event. Participating teams will get a chance to play up to three games in a single day (minimum of two games guaranteed). All interested parties are welcome to attend either as participants or spectators.

'Let's Tell Stories:

Storytelling for Librarians, Teachers, and Families'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Children's Literature Council of Southern California and the Santa Monica Public Library present this all-day storytelling event. Donald Davis, a headliner at storytelling conventions, and Gay Ducey, past-chair of the National Storytelling Association's Board of Directors, will share their expertise with teachers, librarians, and other Children's Literature Council members in two workshops. A free concert for children ages 5 and older with noted local storytellers Karen Golden, Karen Rae Kraut, Leslie Perry, and Padraic Keohane is sponsored by the library. For more information visit www.smpl.org or call (310) 458-8600.

Tom Nolan Band at Rusty's

256 Santa Monica Pier, 8:30 p.m. — 11 p.m.
For more information visit www.rustysurfanch.com.

Fashion with breast cancer awareness

2736 Main St., 1 p.m. — 3 p.m.
LF Stores will be hosting their bi-annual Breast Cancer Research Foundation awareness event with music, refreshments, and fashion.

'Let's Get Real About Love & Sex'

3401 Pacific Ave., Marina del Rey, 10 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Rapid Dating presents an event to discuss a variation of relationship-related topics, including understanding how men and women were trained differently about love and how to discuss sex first. Cost is \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door. The seminar, which will also include role-playing, will be held at Creative Chakra Spa. Free parking is available on Pacific or at the beach parking lot on Washington Boulevard. For more information or to sign up visit www.rapiddating.com.

Meet Design Studio Press authors at Los Angeles Festival of Books

UCLA campus, 2:45 p.m. — 5:45 p.m.
The authors will be signing at the Kinokuniya Booth, #327. Meet Daphne Yap, Christian Lorenz Scheurer, Scott Robertson, and Nick Pugh.

'Change Your Diet, Change Your Life' Seminar at Skirball

2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., L.A., 9 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Sally A. Fallon, author of "Nourishing Traditions" and "Eat Fat, Lose Fat," will be the keynote speaker. Hollie Greenwood and Victoria Bloch from Real Cooking will speak on whole foods cooking. Raymond Silkman, DDS, will discuss diet and dental health. The seminar fee is \$125 per person; includes a gourmet, organic lunch. Free parking. For more information on this event, on Real Cooking, and to purchase tickets visit www.realcooking.net or call (310) 447-4527.

Sunday, April 29, 2007

Shropshire Music Foundation

3400 Sawtelle Ave., L.A., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Shropshire Music Foundation creator, Liz Shropshire, will share her experiences of how music education and performance programs have powerfully affected the lives of war-impacted children in Kosovo, Northern Ireland and Northern Uganda. Further information about the Shropshire Music Foundation is available at www.teachingchildrenpeace.com.

'Wounded'

3116 Second St., 8 p.m.
The Los Angeles Theatre Ensemble presents "Wounded." Based on true accounts of soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, the play is set in the Fisher House rehabilitation home at the Walter Reed Medical Center and follows four young veterans and their families on their quest to readjust to life back home. "Wounded" is playing at the Powerhouse Theatre. For reservations and information, call (310) 396-3680, ext. 3 or visit www.latensemble.org.

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.





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WAR AND REMEMBRANCE: The Arlington West makeshift war memorial was on display throughout the weekend, and will be until sunset today. (Above) Attendees reflect amid some of the 2,400-plus crosses, entrenched in the Santa Monica beach to represent each of the soldiers killed in combat, and the nine flag-draped coffins that signify the number of soldiers who died within the past week. The coffins will be carried through downtown during a procession this afternoon.

Council votes down peace

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL All they were saying was give peace a chance, but some members of the City Council just weren't hearing it.

Veterans for Peace, which sponsors the Arlington West Memorial near the Santa Monica Pier, earlier this month sent a letter to the City Council asking members to endorse their tour for peace, which will hit several cities on the west coast this summer to promote the memorial and other peace initiatives. The group was not asking for any financial support.

The request fell to the wayside Tuesday night when supporters on the Council could not muster enough votes to pass it. Councilmember Bobby Shriver was not present because of a death in the family and Mayor Pro Tem Herb Katz left the meeting early, leaving only five members on the dais. Four votes were needed to approve the endorsement.

Mayor Richard Bloom abstained and Councilmember Pam O'Connor voted

against the endorsement, both citing concerns about how the endorsement would be used and whether or not vouching for the tour was under the Council's purview. They also felt that the endorsement could open the flood gates for other non-profits to inundate the Council with requests, which could take attention away from more pressing issues directly affecting residents.

The 3-1 vote, with Councilmembers Kevin McKeown, Bob Holbrook and Ken Genser in support, followed a decision by Mayor Bloom last month to not consider a request by peace activist Jerry Rubin for the Council to support the impeachment of President Bush. This has lead some people to wonder what has happened to the Council that in the past voiced opposition to the war in Iraq, the Patriot Act, apartheid and nuclear weapon stockpiling.

"I understand that some people might feel these issues are of great interest to citizens of Santa Monica and I'm quite certain they are, but the real question is whether or not they are matters the City Council should be addressing," said Bloom, who as mayor

has the responsibility of guiding the meetings and setting the agendas.

"I have my own strong feelings about the war in Iraq, the war in Afghanistan and the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians," Bloom added, "but it is essential that we focus our limited time on very important local issues. We have very complex issues here ... There is a balance that needs to be reached."

Members of Veterans for Peace, who have received endorsements from over 100 groups, but not one city, were surprised to learn that the Council did not endorse their tour. The Council has been very supportive of their efforts with Arlington West, allowing them every Sunday to set up hundreds of small white crosses in the sand, each one representing soldiers who have lost their lives in the war on terror, said Greg Foisie, a volunteer with Veterans for Peace.

"We've had the support of the Council in terms of their willingness to allow Veterans for Peace to exercise our first amendment right and we are very thankful for that sup-

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SMC students set to host fundraising performance

Hanrath-Clark, a SM local who died in auto crash, honored

By DAILY PRESS STAFF

Students from Santa Monica College's Applied Music Program are dedicating this Sunday's performance to Ariel Hanrath-Clark, a fellow musician and composer who was killed in an auto accident along with his father, Bob Clark, the creator of the cult-classic "Porky's" and the holiday staple, "A Christmas Story."

The performance, which will include selections ranging from classical to jazz to contemporary music, will be held April 29 at 4 p.m. in the SMC Concert Hall. Meera Mugrage, a close friend of Clark's, will perform one of his original compositions, "Der Totentanz."

"Clark was an outstanding student in the Applied Music Program who ... will truly be missed by all his fellow students, friends and teachers," said James Smith, chair of the Music Department.

The concert and the reception are being hosted by the SMC Foundation.

Clark, 22, of Santa Monica, and his father, 67, were killed in the early morning hours of April 4 along a stretch of Pacific Coast Highway when their car collided with an SUV driven by a suspected DUI motorist Hector Velazquez-Nava, 24, an undocumented immigrant from Mexico who was found to be driving without a license.

Clark was described by one of his professors as "a truly gifted student, talented and very outgoing."

The highly-competitive Applied Music Program began in 2001 and is especially designed for music major students looking to transfer to a four-year university.

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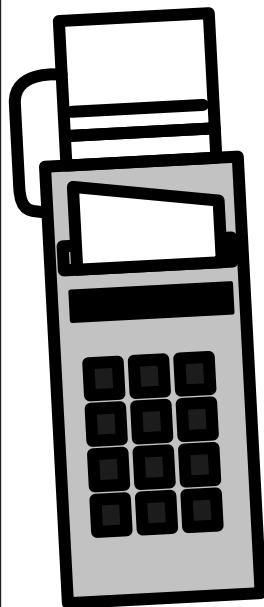
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An airport-free city

Editor:
My reaction to the opinion letter ("SM Airport is here to stay," page 4, April 26) by Bill Worden, President Emeritus, The Air Care Alliance Venice was less than favorable. The Santa Monica Airport is the playground of wealthy jet setters and corporations who don't give a "hoot" about the residents in the surrounding community.

The soot from the emissions of jets, which the airport was not built to accommodate, is sickening. The air is filthy, and the danger to homes and residents within close proximity to the landing strips is deplorable. There have been incidences, furthermore, where planes using the airport have actually crashed into surrounding homes.

Rather than being here to stay, I look forward to the day when the airport is completely dismantled permanently and forever. It does not benefit the average homeowner and residents of Santa Monica, but, it does benefit big business and deep pockets. The land could be put to far safer and better development and use than what currently exists. If, by some measure of control by the powers that be, it does continue to exist, then, tests must be undertaken to determine the exact levels of noise and air pollution, and efforts must be taken to reduce, and possibly eliminate the airport being used by all jets. Furthermore, issues raised by residents and groups devoted to the safety of the areas surrounding the airport must be addressed and resolved.

JR
Santa Monica

One-way trip to trouble

Editor:
This letter is in reference to making Pico and Olympic boulevards into seven-lane one-way streets. ("One-way decisions," page 1, April 2)
What we need is a real solution not a misguided temporary "patch" to this serious problem. If this one-way street idea was adopted I'm certain the city would chose the option to allow for left turn lanes. As it is, this one-way street configuration would greatly increase the amount of cut-through traffic on the streets between Pico and Olympic. Not allowing left turns would require drivers who need to turn left, to make three right turns instead. This would further exacerbate the cut-through traffic problems, ruining the local neighborhoods. The traffic study shows that the proposed one-way street configuration, allowing left turns, would only increase capacity on these roads by 6 percent! This number is insignificant given the growing urban population. The state mandates greater density in Santa Monica. Can you imagine seven-lane one-way streets with synchronized traffic signals? Seven lanes in one direction is wider than any freeway. This would ruin the character of the Pico neighborhood that Santa Monica has recently worked so hard to improve. The \$7 Million Pico streetscape would have to be torn out. Every major metropolitan city across the world had figured out that the solution to traffic congestion in large cities is a train/subway metro system.

Let's address this growing issue with a real solution and fund the "Subway to the Sea", not one-way streets.
Joey Vermeulen
Santa Monica

Was vote up in smoke?

Dear Dr. Chui Tsang, Santa Monica College president:
The issue of whether SMC should be a smoke-free campus was put on the last Associated Students ballot at the beginning of April. ("SMC says no to butts," page 3, April 12)

The students voted overwhelmingly (for the second year in a row) to have a smoke-free campus. According to the ballot, 62.9 percent of students want smoking banned on campus.

The students have again spoken loud and clear: BAN SMOKING ON THE SMC CAMPUS.

When do you plan on implementing a ban on smoking on the SMC campus?

Mike Bone
Santa Monica



Modern Times

Lloyd Garver

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Being number one is way overrated

I WAS SADDENED TO LEARN LAST WEEK that the National Cheerleading Championship team, Wichita State University, was disqualified, thereby losing its title as "National Champion." It was discovered that they cheated by using a cheerleader who was not enrolled in the university. It upset me not because I follow cheerleading competitions — I didn't even know there was a National Champion. No, it bothered me because it was one more example of the lengths people will go to so they may be declared "Number one" or "the best."

I'm tired of hearing about politicians, business leaders, writers, and students who cheat in their pursuit of winning or being declared "the best" at something. And now cheerleaders are cheating? What's next? Are infants going to fake burping just to get all the praise?

I'm not against ambition. I think it's a good thing for all of us to try to be the best person we can be. But that's different from having a need to be better than everyone else.

Some people don't care what they're the best at as long as they're the best at something. This explains many of the entries in the "Guinness Record" book like the "Most Live Rattlesnakes Held In The Mouth," "The World's Longest Fingernails", and "The Fastest Sandwich Made By Feet."

Some people also have to surround themselves with "the best" things. You'll hear them say their kids go to "the best school," they live in "the best house" in "the best neighborhood." We hear people claim they have "the best doctor." I don't remember there being a "Medical Olympics" in which doctors compete by performing surgeries, delivering babies, and convincingly telling worried patients, "I had the same thing, it's nothing, and it'll go away." So, how do they know that they have the best doctor?

Telling themselves that they have the best doctor, the best lawyer, the best car, the best lawn, the best kids, the best spouse, and the best sunscreen obviously makes some people feel better and more secure. But it's sad that this need exists.

Many of us are taught at a very young age that "good isn't good enough." The implication is that everyone should try to be Number One. Of course, it's impossible for everybody to be Number One, but sometimes parents, teachers, and coaches don't tell kids this.

So, what happens when kids or adults realize that they just might not be the best at something? Too often, they feel like failures, or they cheat — or both.

People seem to have forgotten that it's more important to do your best than to be the best.

MANY OF US ARE TAUGHT AT A VERY YOUNG AGE THAT 'GOOD ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH.'

Should we have less admiration for the kid who works really hard and gets all B's and C's than for the kid who doesn't have to work at all and gets all A's? I don't think so.

It's the process that should be celebrated and enjoyed at least as much as the result.

Phrases like "winning is everything" and "keep your eye on the prize" miss the point about the joys of pursuit and competition. I'll bet when those cheerleaders first started jumping and tumbling and holding each other in the air with one hand it was pure fun and they weren't focused on being Number One.

Often champion athletes will talk about their winning season. Their struggles, their wins, their losses, their grueling practices, and the camaraderie that developed among the teammates are as important to them as that trophy they got at the end of the season. Those lessons they learned all season long will last a lifetime. That trophy will be tarnished by next year.

I love to write. If I happen to write something good and other people like it, or maybe even get some acclaim for it, well, that's the cherry on top of the sundae. But the sundae tastes awfully good even without the cherry.

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STRA Y talk

A CENTER-CUT, NO-FAT REVIEW OF WHAT WAS SAID THIS PAST WEEK BY FOLKS THE WORLD OVER AND RIGHT AT HOME

"Manny, who did our hair for 'Spider-Man 3,' gives me advice and is soulful. He says I'm going to be pregnant within two years."

— Actress Kirsten Dunst.

"The best thing about it all is that I can stay dressed."

— Betty Rowland, 91 years of age, on her current projects, which include a documentary about her burlesque days as the dancer, Ball of Fire.

"It doesn't take long to get out of the loop with teenagers. They come up with new and creative ways to cheat pretty fast."

— Mountain View High School Principal Aaron Maybon on why his school in Idaho has banned digital media players.

"Pay phones are certainly going the way of the horse and buggy."

— Joe Farren, spokesman for CTIA-The Wireless Association.

"I misrepresented my academic degrees when I first applied to M.I.T. 28 years ago and did not have the courage to correct my résumé when I applied for my current job or at any time since."

— Marilee Jones, the dean of admissions at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in a statement posted on MIT's Website where she addressed her reasons for resigning from her position, which she held for almost three decades.

—An excerpt of Alec Baldwin's Web site posting, in response to the release of a voicemail message he left on his daughter, Ireland's, cell phone, where the actor verbally berated her, calling her "a rude little pig" and threatening to "straighten" her out.

"The evidence may have been eaten."

— A police source commenting on the possibility of successfully prosecuting Hugh Grant who was arrested Tuesday night for throwing a dish of baked beans at paparazzi outside his London home.

"They are a great group of kids. They really understand the value of team work, more so than most of the adults."

— Gina Smith, a supervisor at Centinela Feed & Pet Supply, on hiring Santa Monica High School students.

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

On April 24, 2007, the City Council adopted a sixty day emergency interim ordinance that modified the discretionary review threshold to require a Development Review permit for projects exceeding 50 units. On May 8, 2007, the City Council will consider an ordinance to extend these provisions until May 8, 2009.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007, AT 6:45 PM

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

HOW TO COMMENT

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

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Re: DR Threshold Interim Ordinance
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The QLine

IMUS GOT WHAT WAS COMING TO HIM

This past week, Q-line asked:

Do you feel that the punishment fit the crime for Imus?

Here are your responses:

"UNFORTUNATELY, THE SHOCK JOCK shows have gotten away with all kinds of awful and disgraceful programming. But this overboard tirade against Don Imus and super-exaggerated punishment absolutely does not fit the crime. His statement is an echo of what is heard in words and songs all the time. Why single him out?"

"DON IMUS IS A SHOCK JOCK. MAKING off-color remarks is what makes him shocking. Even President Clinton did not escape his raw humor. The uncool thing that Imus did was to whack a minority group of women. Had it been a white group I believe they would have considered the source. I believe that the punishment was too severe and way beyond an eye for an eye. The public outcry regarding his taste in humor would be, in my opinion, enough punishment."

"NOT NECESSARILY. UNDER FREEDOM of speech he has that right. I guess it is just prudence whether he decides to exercise the right. I wish these guys in the media were as strong and as principled in exposing Bush and Blair's objectives."

"WHAT CRIME? IT IS RACIST TO say that only some people can say things like nappy-headed. It's okay if Stevie Wonder says it. How come it is not okay if Don Imus says it?"

"DON IMUS OR MEL GIBSON OR anybody else has as much right to say anything they want in public or not. It's their constitutional right. However they should remember one thing, if people don't like what they say they are going to boycott them and boycott their sponsors and then they are going to be out of a job. That's what happened to Don Imus. It is not the fact that he said it, but once his sponsors started pulling out he got fired. He deserved that because he wasn't speaking on his dime, he was speaking on someone else's dime. And that person has the right to fire him because he cost them money. Which he did."

"THE WOMEN BASKETBALL CHAMPS needed to slam dunk the jerk and leave him stuffed in the basketball net. We still have thousands of racist idiots in America. Shame on the pandering station managers who kept this sick fool on because of his money making evil talk."

"WHAT EXACTLY IS HIS CRIME? UNLESS I guess stupidity is his crime. He isn't a criminal. He's only an injudicious older gentleman who at 65 years of age wanted to project a hip image by aping black teenagers. I think it is so silly. After years of spouting foolishness,

he was long overdue to hit the highway and go for a career change. If it is punishment, it is fair. The U.S. populace is to blame because for years they ate up his garbage. And gave him high ratings and big money. He definitely has his accomplices who are getting away Scott-free."

"IMUS' MANNER HAS BEEN VULGAR and explosively inappropriate for too long. Having been fired is the ultimate result for his behavior."

"WHEN A COUNTRY GETS IN AN uproar over somebody using the "N" word or any other perceived insult and it allows movies and television to use the name of the lord in vain or the "f" word there's something terribly wrong with that country and you're all screwed up."

"WHAT CRIME DID HE COMMIT?" What is the statute that he broke?"

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NORWALK
SoCal man allegedly conspired to kill stepmom in '89

A man was charged with conspiring with his late father to hire a hit man to kill his stepmother 17 years ago.

Rosemary Schessler, 45, was stabbed and shot to death in a Bellflower duplex on Nov. 17, 1989.

Stepson Joseph Schessler, 45, was arrested this month on charges he conspired with his late father George to hire a hit man to kill the woman. The killer isn't known, Deputy District Attorney Kenneth Lamb said Thursday.

Joseph Schessler, a vice president of the California School Employees Association, will be arraigned May 14. Bail is set at \$1 million.

The defendant has worked as a Long Beach Unified School District mechanic and sign maker since 1995, district spokesman Chris Eftychiou said. Schessler is also a spokesman for the local union representing custodians, maintenance workers and other non-teaching employees.

Lamb said he could not discuss details of the crime, the motive or the new evidence that led to Schessler's arrest.

Rosemary Schessler lived in the duplex with her husband when she was killed. George Schessler continued to own the duplex until his own death in September 2003 at age 78. The defendant and his now-estranged wife Teresa have owned the property ever since.

Mary Brown, president of the California School Employees Association, refused Thursday to comment on Schessler's arrest.

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LOS ANGELES
Judge Sohigian admonished for treatment of lawyer

Superior Court Judge Ronald M. Sohigian was admonished by the state Commission on Judicial Performance for treating an attorney in a "belittling, rude and sarcastic manner."

Sohigian, 69, was criticized Thursday for ordering the lawyer – who did not have a document with him – to research an issue at the law library across the street and return to court in 20 minutes.

When the attorney returned, Sohigian said, "I told you to go across the street to the law library. If you didn't do that, if you had someone call you or you called somebody and had someone read something to you, that's obviously not what I ordered or suggested at all."

In a statement Thursday, Sohigian said he was suffering a spine-related health problem and under medication during the incident last year and he apologized to the attorney, whose name wasn't released.

"I thought I was acting in full compliance with the law, and I refrained from punishing any party or attorney," Sohigian said. "The commission has concluded otherwise, and I of course accept the decision of the commission."

"Even before the commission's decision and order, I have already changed my case management methods," he said.

The Commission on Judicial Performance also disciplined Sohigian for abusing his judicial authority by issuing orders against people for failing to appear in court, even when they were not required to or their attorney represented them.

Sohigian was appointed to the bench in 1998 by former Gov. George Deukmejian.

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HAWTHORNE
SoCal city official's home raided in corruption probe

Investigators raided the home of a city councilman, searching for evidence in what officials described as a corruption probe.

The district attorney's office released few details of its investigation, but confirmed that it focused on Councilman Louis Velez, whose home was raided Wednesday.

Agents also raided an unidentified business as part of that investigation, officials said. Velez did not immediately return a phone message left with his office seeking comment.

The searches were part of an investigation into "alleged public corruption in the Hawthorne City Council," said district attorney's office spokeswoman Jane Robison said. Robison would not discuss that investigation further.

The district attorney's public integrity division chief David Demerjian said nobody was arrested during the searches, but he would not say whether he anticipates any arrests as part of the investigation centering on an alleged "conflict of interest."

"Whether we uncover evidence of any crime, that has yet to be seen," he said.

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Legislature adds more prison beds

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO The Legislature on Thursday moved to head off a federal takeover of the state prison system, approving a massive borrowing plan to add beds for inmates and refocus efforts on rehabilitation programs.

But despite its scope — nearly \$7.8 billion in state money — the bipartisan plan ran into immediate resistance by labor unions, prison reform groups and some lawmakers. They questioned whether it will fix the deeply troubled prison system or create even more problems by allowing room for thousands of additional inmates.

The package would add 53,000 beds, boost education, job training and other rehabilitation programs, and allow the governor to continue to transfer thousands of inmates out of state. It includes more than \$6.1 billion for construction of state prison cells, \$300 million for various other prison improvements and more than \$1.2 billion for 13,000 beds to be built at county jails. Local governments would contribute an additional \$300 million.

“The dangerous criminals will be kept locked up where they belong, and inmates who want to turn their lives around will be given a chance to do so,” Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said, praising a plan that was negotiated by Democratic and Republican legislative leaders.

The bill received unanimous approval in the Assembly but barely passed the Senate. It did so only after Republicans negotiated a signed letter from the governor pledging

additional efforts to contain costs.

Several Senate supporters said they acted only to give Schwarzenegger the tools he said he needs to avoid having the federal courts step in.

“I think the judge will see that there is the will here in the Capitol to fix the problem, and that ... we have done now a major step forward to provide public safety,” Schwarzenegger said.

The governor’s aides said he will sign the bill.

Schwarzenegger said the plan will fix the system for the next 10 to 15 years. It will eliminate the use of makeshift beds in gyms and hallways, help end the cycle that sends seven of every 10 ex-convicts back to prison soon after their release and expand county jails so they will not have to release tens of thousands of detainees prematurely each year.

“We are not treating a symptom; we are proposing a cure,” said the bill’s co-author, Assemblyman Greg Aghazarian, R-Stockton.

The governor and Legislature were pressured to act by a looming June deadline set by the federal courts. A federal judge had ordered the state to create a plan to reduce its overcrowding problem — the state’s 33 prisons were designed to hold about 100,000 inmates but now house more than 172,000.

If the state failed to act, it faced the prospect of federal judges ordering early release of inmates or stopping convicts from being sent to state prisons, adding to the backlog in county jails.

The four legislative leaders said the plan they hammered out this week will not only reduce overcrowding but also handle an

expected increase in the prison population, expected to hit 190,000 by 2012.

Critics, including the union representing state prison guards and a coalition of interest groups, said the plan focuses too heavily on construction and not enough on long-term sentencing and parole changes that would send few inmates to prisons.

“California is again putting prison construction in front of reform,” said Rose Braz, a spokeswoman for the group Critical Resistance, which opposes prison construction.

Donald Specter, director of the nonprofit Prison Law Office in San Francisco, said he doubts the package will meet the demands of the federal courts. His firm represents inmates in several class action lawsuits and is seeking court orders to ease crowding.

“I certainly hope it doesn’t satisfy these judges, because it doesn’t do anything in the immediate future,” Specter said. “All of the proposals are kind of years away. This doesn’t do anything in the short term except allow the transfer of 8,000 inmates (to other states). There are more than 170,000 inmates. Eight thousand is just a drop in the bucket.”

Schwarzenegger said he remains open to creating a sentencing commission to review California’s convoluted criminal code, and to parole reforms that were not included in the legislative agreement.

Lance Corcoran, spokesman for the California Correctional Peace Officers Association, said prisons are dangerously understaffed, with more than 4,000 correctional officer vacancies. Moreover, shipping up to 8,000 inmates to private prisons in

other states against their will invites attacks on guards, he said.

“This is just putting even more stress on an already over-stressed system,” Corcoran said.

He said the union’s criticism was not related to its ongoing contract negotiations with the state. Schwarzenegger and legislative leaders said the labor issues must be resolved if the changes contained in Thursday’s prison package are to be effective.

“We have to create a peace. Absent that, I think a judge will see right through this. ... You’re building, but you’re not going to be able to manage,” Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, D-Oakland, said.

Several Republican senators voted against the measure because of the high cost to taxpayers. They objected that the state will issue construction bonds in such a way that voters will not have a chance to approve or reject the spending plan.

The plan will cost taxpayers \$15 billion by the time the bonds to pay for it are fully repaid, said Sen. Sam Anestad, R-Grass Valley.

Perata and Schwarzenegger said the cost of construction is necessary to address problems that had been building for years and to head-off a federal takeover.

“You think you’re writing big checks now — wait until you write one at the direction of the federal government,” Perata said during debate on the Senate floor.

Severe overcrowding is at the core of many of the problems plaguing California’s prison system, especially the way it delivers inmate health care.

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Woman says Spector is a terror

BY LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES Joan Rivers' former manager testified Thursday in Phil Spector's murder trial that while dating him in the 1990s the usually charming producer suddenly terrorized her with a gun, hit her on the head twice, ordered her to undress and accused her of stealing.

Dorothy Melvin was the first of four women expected to tell the jury about confrontations with Spector that the prosecution claims were similar to the scenario that led to the fatal shooting of actress Lana Clarkson in the producer's suburban Alhambra mansion more than four years ago.

The start of testimony came on the heels of defense opening statements which focused heavily on scientific evidence and assertions that the forensics will prove that Clarkson shot herself.

Attorney Linda Kenney-Baden said the defense's star witness will be science and she presented exhibits which suggested DNA would prove that Clarkson also loaded the weapon.

Melvin, Rivers' assistant for 23 years, said that after several years of occasional dating she went to Spector's Pasadena home in 1993 and spent a pleasant evening in which he played the piano, danced with her and showed memorabilia including a John Lennon guitar.

But she said he drank nearly a whole bottle of vodka and at some point disappeared. She said she woke up on a couch early the next morning and found Spector outside pointing a handgun at her car and then at her.

Melvin described an expletive-laced confrontation, trying to flee in her car, Spector pumping a shotgun, hitting her on the side of the head and finally being let out of the estate. She said she called police who ultimately helped retrieve her handbag from Spector.

She said she didn't press charges because "I didn't want it to become a National Enquirer cover."

Defense attorney Roger Rosen showed during cross-

examination that Melvin and Spector continued to communicate by e-mail, mail and fax and even saw each other a few times in subsequent years until his arrest in the Clarkson killing. After that, she said Spector continued to send her clippings about the case.

Rosen also displayed a number of postcards with sayings such as, "Missing you" and messages signed, "Love, Phillip."

"Phil is a very brilliant and charming man," she said as Spector sat across the room at the counsel table. "... Only when drinking he snaps and becomes a lunatic."

The first witness was called after the defense told the jury it will rely on an invisible witness to Clarkson's death: science.

"We have one unimpeachable witness who has no motive to lie, no memory problems, no language problems and that witness is science," said Kenney-Baden, an attorney whose specialty is forensic evidence.

Following co-counsel Bruce Cutler's opening attack on police procedures and women who he said would tell "tall tales" about Spector, Kenney-Baden gave jurors a course in gunshot wounds, bullet trajectories, blood spatter and what she called "the absence of evidence to prove guilt which is proof of innocence."

"The science will tell you who did what and what happened here," she said.

"The science will tell you Phil Spector did not shoot Lana Clarkson, did not hold the gun and did not pull the trigger."

She said of the account presented in the prosecution's opening statement Wednesday: "It is a story made up by people who were not there. The science was there."

Kenney-Baden and Cutler both said forensic evidence would show Spector was not standing close enough to shoot her, that his DNA was not on the gun and that his clothing bore no trace evidence to prove guilt.

"She was covered with GSR (gunshot residue)," the attorney said. "Phil Spector was not covered with GSR. It means he did not shoot that gun. He was too far away to get GSR on his clothes."

She said the defense will call renowned scientists including Henry Lee, Werner Spitz and Vincent DeMaio to testify.

"Science will show you her death was caused by a self-inflicted gunshot wound," said Kenney-Baden. "Science cannot tell you what was in her mind."

But she cited despairing e-mails sent by Clarkson in which she said she was going to tidy her affairs and "chuck it all because it's too much for a girl to bear."

As Kenney-Baden described the killing, her presentation was sometimes stomach churning in its details of how the bullet entered Clarkson's mouth, how it caused her brain tissue to splatter out on her clothing, how her teeth were shattered by gases from the gun and how her blood splattered and clotted.

"I apologize if I seem callous," she said in apparent deference to Clarkson's mother, sister and other family members seated in the front row. "I don't mean to appear callous to the death of anyone when I do this."

She noted that when Spector was arrested on Feb. 3, 2003, his blood showed traces of a "neuroleptic" drug which made his hands shake.

"You may have seen his hands shake," she told jurors. "That is one of the side-effects of this drug."

It mimics Parkinson's." She said Spector often kept his hands in his pockets to hide this much as she said actor Michael J. Fox does. Fox has Parkinson's Disease.

Neuroleptic drugs are tranquilizers used to treat psychotic symptoms, according to medical dictionaries.

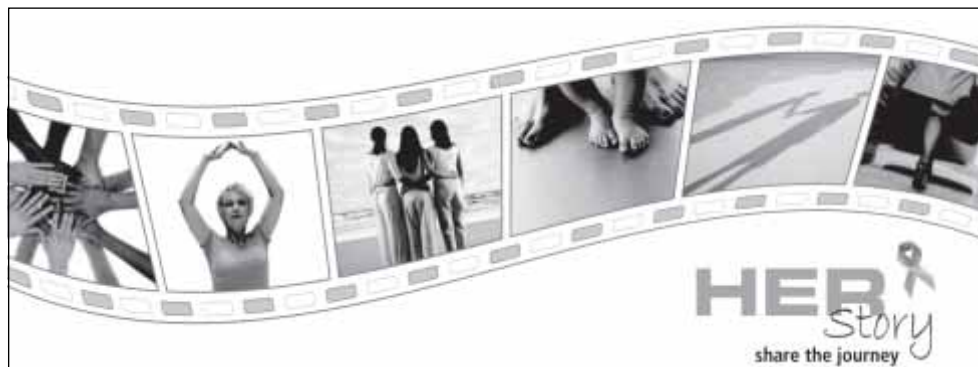
Clarkson's body, with a gunshot wound through the mouth, was found seated in the foyer of Spector's suburban Alhambra mansion early on the morning of Feb. 3, 2003.

She had met Spector at the House of Blues on the Sunset Strip, where she was a hostess, and agreed to accompany him on a chauffeur-driven ride to his home.

The trial was not scheduled to be in session Friday.

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Korean rappers build a bridge

BY PETER PRENGAMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Crammed into a room on the third floor of a church, rapper DumbFounDead spits freestyle rhymes with six other emcees while about a dozen 20-somethings bob their heads to the music.

It's not just the music that makes the scene notable; it's the rappers. DumbFounDead, whose real name is Jonathan Park, is Korean-American. The others include three blacks, two Hispanics and another Korean-American.

Park is part of a thriving Korean rap scene in the city's vast Koreatown, where concerts and impromptu rap battle sessions occur in churches and cafes, and aspiring lyricists swap songs and jabs on MySpace.com.

The music is allowing young Korean rappers to build bridges with blacks half a generation after thousands of Korean businesses were torched in one of the country's worst race riots. In doing so, Korean rappers, who dress, strut and rhyme in street-tough fashion, are defining their own Korean-American experience in a way their parents couldn't.

The 21-year-old DumbFounDead said blacks used to snicker "Bruce Lee" or "Jackie Chan" references when he began rapping at 14. But he's earned acceptance with his talent and by reaching out to blacks.

"It comes down to relations between blacks and Korean people," said Parks, considered one of Los Angeles' best young rappers of any race. "I couldn't even be an

emcee without having good relations with black people. They started hip-hop."

Los Angeles County has more Koreans than anywhere else in the U.S., nearly 200,000, most of whom live in Koreatown. While most Korean rappers are too young to remember much from the race riot, they feel its effects.



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"The riots definitely have a big impact on the K-town rap scene," said Brian Kim, or Oddsequence, a 26-year-old who is part of the group Yello Belly Bastids. "Those race relations still affect how I'm seen when I'm chilling in South Central."

The violence that exploded April 29, 1992, left 55 dead, over 2,300 injured and about 2,500 Korean businesses destroyed, mostly in South Central and Koreatown. The acquittal of several white police officers in the beating of black motorist Rodney King lit the fuse.

Under the surface, however, were years of cultural clashes and misunderstandings between blacks and Korean shop owners. Many blacks saw Korean grocers, many of whom spoke little English, as opportunists who took money out of poor

neighborhoods but disrespected customers by not talking much to them or looking into their eyes — cultural norms for Korean business owners.

Such frustrations reached a boiling point a year before the riot when black teen Latasha Harlins was shot and killed by a Korean grocer in a dispute over a bottle of

orange juice. Ice Cube's 1991 song "Black Korea" expressed the frustration many blacks felt.

"So pay respect to the black fist/Or we'll burn your store right down to a crisp," goes the song, which turned out to be tragically prophetic.

The riot was so traumatic for the Korean community that even today many parents don't allow their children to listen to rap, or "black music."

But there was no keeping the vibes away from young Koreans' ears, especially in a city that has produced many of the country's best rappers.

"Many friends were like, 'forget rap music,' after the riots," said Sonny Kang, 31, a Korean actor who stood guard outside Korean stores during the rioting. "Then

when Dr. Dre dropped 'The Chronic' album in the summer of '92 it was like 'Wow, this album is so good we can forgive anybody.'"

By the late 1990s, a handful of Korean-American rappers had achieved commercial success, but mostly rapping in Korean and selling their music in Korea.

The first annual Asian Hip Hop Summit, inaugurated on the 10th anniversary of the riot, was created as a way for Koreans to reach out to blacks and Hispanics, and to solidify an already growing Korean rap movement.

There still is prejudice toward blacks in older Korean generations, said Kublai Kwon, who founded the summit. "But with all the Koreans doing hip-hop, I don't sense any prejudice," he said.

Black and Korean rappers are cautious when reflecting about how much rap music can improve race relations in Los Angeles. Rap music, they say, is a world of its own.

"Open Mike Eagle," 26, is a black rapper who along with another black rapper and DumbFounDead form the group Thirsty Fish.

"When we leave here, we go back to our own families," Eagle said during the recent church session. Pausing and reflecting, he added, "But we do take this experience with us into the world."

The riots and race relations are among many themes Korean rappers explore. Like rappers the world over, they make music to recount personal experience.

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California's Salton Sea is shrinking

BY CHRISTINA ALMEIDA
Associated Press Writer

SALTON SEA The Salton Sea is an incongruous sight: a huge body of water in the middle of a desert.

And with good reason. California's largest lake was created purely by accident in 1905 when floodwaters from the Colorado River burst past a series of dams and settled in a naturally salty depression more than 228 feet below sea level.

Ever since, the lake has been a Southern California oasis, rich in wildlife.

Its future, however, is in doubt. The 365-square-mile sea is shrinking and, with plans to divert more of the water that feeds it, could lose 60 percent of its volume in the next 20 years, killing the fish and devastating the 400 species of migrating birds that feed on them. And as the lake contracts, more land will be exposed to fierce desert winds that can whip sand and foul the air breathed by thousands of people.

That is the backdrop as the state Water Resources Department reworks a draft plan calling for spending \$6.9 billion over 75 years to save the Salton Sea. A final version will be submitted to the Legislature within the next two weeks.

Though there is consensus something should be done, it is unclear whether lawmakers will go along with an expensive fix. In fact, the problem has loomed for years, and nearly two dozen proposals to help have gone nowhere.

"If we dawdle around and don't go after this hard, we'll end up with a dead sea before we can fix it," warned Rick Daniels, executive director of the Salton Sea Authority, a coalition of local governments and agencies. "The fish will be dead and the birds will be gone."

Ringed by the mountains, the Salton Sea sits in California's Imperial Valley, about 40 miles from the Mexican border. In the summer, it is one of the hottest spots in the U.S., with temperatures often soaring past 100 degrees. The water is 25 percent saltier than the Pacific Ocean.

The lake has a stark beauty. On a still day it glistens, reflecting the blue Southern California sky. However, some days it can emit a foul stench. Nutrients in agricultural runoff cause periodic algae blooms that suck oxygen from the water and kill hundreds of thousands of fish.

Stretching 35 miles long and up to 15 miles across, the lake is fed primarily by runoff from Colorado River irrigation canals. It has no outlet; a balance between evaporation and the water flowing in sustained it for decades.

But with more and more water being diverted from the Colorado River to satisfy the needs of the booming Southwest and cities

such as San Diego, Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Phoenix, the balance will be broken.

"It's on the verge of collapse," said Doug Barnum, a U.S. Geological Survey chief scientist at the Salton Sea.

The lake is a critical stop along the Pacific Flyway, a route for more than 100,000 migratory birds. Among the approximately 50 endangered and sensitive species are the California brown pelican, Yuma clapper rail and mountain plover.

Chris Schoneman, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service project leader at the Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge, said people don't seem to realize the sea's significance.

"If a place like the San Francisco Bay area or the Great Salt Lake lost its wildlife? Man, it would be a huge natural disaster," he said. "Here, there's less concern about the Salton Sea as a natural resource."

It's not just wildlife that's threatened. An estimated 134 square miles of dusty lakebed — an area five times the size of Washington, D.C. — could be exposed to desert winds by 2036 if no action is taken. Imperial County already has the highest childhood asthma hospitalization rate in the state.

The draft plan calls for a smaller but more manageable Salton Sea, with the amount of water available for use by humans and wildlife reduced by 60 percent to about 147 square miles. Forty miles of barriers — built most likely out of boulders, gravel and stone columns — would be erected along with earthen berms to corral the water.

The plan also envisions a complex system of drip-tubes that would irrigate plants and keep the dirt from blowing away.

Officials say a combination of state and federal funds, along with local taxes, will pay for the restoration. Annual costs will start at \$52 million and eventually rise to \$125 million.

As for whether the Legislature can find a way to fund it, Water Resources Secretary Mike Chrisman said: "It's going to be challenging at best."

Woody Rogers, a 57-year-old construction worker, and his wife, Frankie, have owned a home along the Salton Sea for 12 years. Their lakefront property would become desertfront under the plan. That is OK with them, provided the sea is saved.

But Rogers is skeptical, fearing "it's going to be one of those cases where we got involved and screwed it up."

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City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2225 (CCS)
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AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ADDING CHAPTER 6.109 TO THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT PROVISIONS OF THE DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND VIDEO COMPETITION ACT OF 2006, PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE SECTION 5800 ET SEQ. WHICH AUTHORIZES THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ISSUE STATEWIDE VIDEO SERVICE FRANCHISES THAT INCLUDE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2225 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Emergency Ordinance Number 2225 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") adds Chapter 6.109 to the Santa Monica Municipal Code to implement provisions of the Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2006, Public Utilities Code Section 5800 et seq. which authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to issue statewide video service franchises that include the City of Santa Monica. This ordinance preserves the City's ability to impose time, place and manner restrictions on the use of public right-of-way; provides penalties for violation of customer-service standards; provides a process for appeal of encroachment permit denials; clarifies the City's role in collecting franchise fees; and obtains funds for Public Education Government (PEG) broadcast channels.

Emergency Ordinance Number 2225 (CCS) was adopted on April 24, 2007, and becomes effective upon its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

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Farmers worry about workers

BY JULIANA BARBASSA
Associated Press Writer

FRESNO Cherries are starting to blush red in the state's warm southern reaches, but farmers are eyeing the first big summer crop with concern, unsure if they'll have enough hands for the harvest.

In recent years, growers in America's most bountiful farmland have watched tighter border enforcement and competition from the booming construction industry threaten their labor supply.

The building bubble has burst, but will laborers come back to lower-paying, back-breaking jobs in the fields? Growers are doubtful.

"We're hoping they'll show up," said Bruce Fry, whose Bing cherries near Lodi are starting to turn from straw yellow to the first pale shades of red.

His family has worked the land since 1855, and seasonal workers have always returned for the harvest in mid-May after the long growing period when they're not needed. Fry believes he might attract enough workers, but the number of people who come by looking for jobs is dwindling. "We're taking a leap of faith," he said.

California harvests about half the nation's fruits, nuts and vegetables — a massive undertaking that requires about 225,000 workers year-round — double that during

the peak summer season. More than half are immigrants who cross the Mexican border illegally and travel from field to field picking some 400 different crops that each ripen at different times.

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Phil Martin
a University of California, Davis labor economist

Last year, that seasonal migration was marked by spot worker shortages, and some fruit was left to rot in the fields.

President Bush's plan to secure the border relies on raising the number of U.S. Border Patrol agents from about 12,000 to 18,000 by the end of 2008, which would further limit the number of immigrant workers who can reach the farm jobs waiting for them.

The labor pool has been further diminished by the exploding Central Valley real estate market of recent years. Former farm fields have sprouted subdivisions, and tiny rural hamlets have transformed into sprawling suburbs.

But the demand for new homes cooled following a boom in foreclosures in the state's rural heartland brought on partly by the collapse of mortgage lending to homeowners with weak credit. That fueled specu-

lation that former field hands would gravitate back to the farm.

But Wenceslau Covarubias, who doubled his salary to \$15 when he left the fields three years ago to help build homes, isn't going back.

"You can't go backward in life," he said. "In construction, I can learn more, I can keep going up."

He traded his aging Honda for a new Ford Explorer, learned to lay cement for home foundations and do detailed tilework. These are skills he's proud of.

Although the construction slowdown is sinking in — work has been stop and go for a month in Shaver Lake, a town in the Sierra Nevada foothills where he's been working — Covarubias said he'll hold out for that kind of work.

"I'm sure some people will go back to (agriculture), but I think that'll be the exception, not the rule," said Phil Martin, a University of California, Davis labor economist.

Farmers realize they can't match the wages and stability that led immigrants to take 60 percent of the 1 million construction

jobs created during the 2004-2006 building boom, according to U.S. Census data analyzed by the Pew Hispanic Center.

"You get used to a certain lifestyle, a certain pay scale, and it's difficult to go back," said Henry Vega, of Ventura County, a labor contractor who grows 65 acres of strawberries and avocados and manages another 1,000 acres. "You're hot and dirty in the fields."

So far this year, there's been no measurable national shortage of farmworkers, said Phil Martin, a University of California, Davis labor economist. But growers working winter crops like strawberries said they're already feeling the pinch.

One of Vega's strawberry plots, normally harvested by 240 workers, is being picked by 160. That shortfall is forcing him to harvest more slowly. This means picking berries that are too ripe to be sold fresh. The fruit can be canned or juiced — but both are less profitable options.

"I've been in this business for 25 years, and it's getting worse every year," he said. "We're just up against a real tough situation. There's a lot of production and just not enough workers."

Aware of the relentless demand for workers in California's fields, farmers like Vega are keeping one eye on their crops and one on Capitol Hill, where in the next few months President Bush and Congress will discuss immigration proposals.

Frustration with school's leaders forces teachers out

BY JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Nicolle Miller could handle the overcrowded classrooms, the lack of supplies and even the shortage of books for her seventh- and eighth-grade students at an Anaheim middle school.

What she found most discouraging was the lack of support.

"I wanted to make a difference, I wanted to help these kids. A lot of times I would feel that I wasn't allowed to do certain things," to teach her mostly poor, non-English-speaking students at South Junior High.

"It was this constant, 'If you don't do better, you're going to lose your job.'"

Similar frustrations with administrators and unnecessary bureaucracy drive thousands of teachers out of the profession every year, according to a study of nearly 2,000 California teachers released Thursday by California State University's Center for Teacher Quality.

Those who quit overwhelmingly cited bureaucratic impediments to teaching, such as excessive paperwork, too much classroom interruption and too many restrictions on teaching.

"They want bureaucratic systems to be in place, but they want them to be supportive and responsive, rather than interfering and burdensome," said Ken Futernick, director of K-12 studies for the center and the study's principal author.

About one in five teachers typically quit within the first five years, according to national studies, a condition that has long been a source of frustration for school districts and education schools.

It leaves schools with too many inexperienced teachers, who typically are concentrated in schools with the highest numbers

of poor and minority students.

Despite the high rate of attrition, virtually no schools have adopted the standard business practice of exit interviews to survey teachers about why they're leaving, Futernick said. Doing exit interviews could help schools and districts pinpoint problems with administrators and school cultures at virtually no cost, he said.

A third of California's 300,000 teachers are expected to retire over the next decade, widening a teacher shortage that is expected to grow to about 33,000 by 2015. Retaining those who already are trained and in the classroom is crucial, educators say.

The state spends about \$455 million a year to train and retain its public school teachers, state Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell said.

Futernick and other researchers who were part of a landmark package of studies on California's education system that was released last month recommend more funding. But he said a cash infusion that isn't targeted toward improving school conditions won't solve the most pressing problems.

Those studies, requested by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, O'Connell and other state leaders, recommended increasing K-12 funding by as much as 40 percent. The recommendation has received a lukewarm response in a state that already devotes nearly half its budget to education.

The studies also said more money alone won't solve public education's myriad problems.

Similarly, Futernick said programs that offer financial incentives for qualified teachers to work in high-poverty or low-performing schools won't by themselves keep teachers there.



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City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2226 (CCS)
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AN INTERIM EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA MODIFYING THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW THRESHOLDS, INCLUDING ESTABLISHING A DISCRETIONARY REVIEW PROCESS FOR SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY DEVELOPMENTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND FOR ALL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE LIGHT MANUFACTURING AND STUDIO DISTRICT, THAT MEET CERTAIN CRITERIA, CONSIDERATION OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PROCESS FOR SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY DEVELOPMENT, AND CONSIDERATION OF PEDESTRIAN-ORIENTED DESIGN STANDARDS AND/OR USES FOR PROJECTS LOCATED IN THE BROADWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

The following is a summary of Interim Emergency Ordinance Number 2226 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Emergency Interim Ordinance Number 2226 (CCS) modifies development review thresholds, including establishing a requirement for a development review permit for any development that exceeds 50 units. Exemptions for affordable housing projects below 50 units remain in effect.

Emergency Interim Ordinance Number 2226 (CCS) was adopted on April 24, 2007, and becomes effective upon its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

China goes to bat for environment

BY ALEXA OLESEN
Associated Press Writer

BEIJING Premier Wen Jiabao pledged Friday to help clean China's air and water and combat global warming by phasing out tax breaks and discounts on land and electricity for highly polluting industries.

"More work on energy conservation and emissions reduction is urgently required to deal with global climate change," Wen said. "Our country is a major coal producer and consumer, and reducing polluting emissions is a responsibility we should bear."

China's coal habit has made it a major contributor to greenhouse gases, mainly carbon dioxide, which scientists say contribute to global warming.

China accounted for 15 percent of the world's greenhouse gases in 2000, second only to the United States' 21 percent, but the fast-growing Chinese economy is expected to surpass the U.S. in emissions in the next couple of years.

China's 3-decade-old boom has left waterways and coastlines polluted by industrial and farm chemicals and domestic sewage. Towns are littered with garbage and construction waste, and its cities are enveloped in smog.

"We must clearly recognize that the situation the nation faces regarding energy conservation and emissions reduction is still quite grim," Wen said at a meeting of other top government leaders, in a speech posted

on the government Web site.

He noted that China has failed to meet earlier goals to reduce emissions and conserve energy.

It committed itself to cutting 20 percent of its energy use for every unit of gross domestic product by 2010, but last year it failed to meet the first phase — a 4 percent reduction. Instead, energy use fell by only 1.2 percent. Sulfur dioxide and other polluting emissions, meanwhile, are supposed to fall by 10 percent by 2010, but last year they rose slightly.

In his speech, Wen took aim at local governments that routinely offer free or cut-rate real estate and utilities to developers looking to set up job-creating businesses, such as steel mills or chemical plants. The premier said the government would "clean up and rectify preferential policies that give land and electricity discounts or tax breaks to energy-intensive or highly polluting industries."

He didn't lay out further details of the plan or say when it would be implemented.

Despite such central government mandates, Beijing often has difficulty ensuring that conservation initiatives are enforced at the local level, where many officials reap the rewards of China's rapid industrialization at the expense of the environment.

"The question is how are they actually going to implement it?" asked Elizabeth Economy, an Asia specialist at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York.

al-Qaida operative captured

BY ROBERT BURNS
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON The Pentagon announced Friday the capture of one of al-Qaida's most senior and most experienced operatives, an Iraqi who was trying to return to his native country when he was captured.

Bryan Whitman, a Pentagon spokesman, said the captive is Abdul al-Hadi al-Iraqi. He was transferred to Defense Department custody this week from the CIA, Whitman said, but the spokesman would not say where or when al-Iraqi was captured or by whom.

A U.S. intelligence official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter, said the Iraqi had been captured late last year in an operation that involved many people in more than one country.

CIA spokesman Paul Gimigliano declined to say when and where al-Iraqi was captured. He called al-Iraqi "a veteran jihadist" and said his capture is "a significant victory in the fight against terror — getting him off the street is good news."

The Pentagon described al-Iraqi as an associate of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and as someone who may have been targeting Westerners outside of Iraq. At one time he served in the Iraqi military, the Pentagon said.

The Pentagon took custody of al-Iraqi at Guantanamo Bay, the detention center for terror suspects, Whitman said. He is the 15th so-called high-value detainee to be taken to Guantanamo Bay after being held by the CIA in secret prisons abroad. The other 14 were sent to Guantanamo Bay last September and have since undergone mili-

tary hearings there to affirm their status as enemy combatants eligible for military trials.

Whitman said al-Iraqi was believed responsible for plotting cross-border attacks from Pakistan on U.S. forces in Afghanistan, and that he led an effort to assassinate Pakistan's president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, as well as unspecified officials of the United Nations.

"Abd al-Hadi (al-Iraqi) was trying to return to his native country, Iraq, to manage al-Qaida's affairs and possibly focus on operations outside Iraq against Western targets," Whitman said, adding that the terror suspect met with al-Qaida members in Iran. He said he did not know when al-Iraqi was in Iran.

In Pakistan, Interior Minister Aftab Khan Sherpao described the arrest of al-Iraqi as a "welcome development" but gave no indication that Pakistan played a role in it.

A senior Pakistani intelligence official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that al-Iraqi had operated from Pakistan's tribal regions but disappeared some time during mid-2005. The official said al-Iraqi had commanded al-Qaida forces when they fought U.S. forces in Afghanistan's Shah-e-Kot valley in March 2002.

CIA Director Michael Hayden wrote in a note to agency employees Friday that the capture of al-Iraqi was "a significant victory" and that the CIA played "a key role in efforts to locate him," according to an agency official who saw the note.

The Pentagon said al-Iraqi was born in Mosul, in northern Iraq, in 1961. Whitman said he was a key al-Qaida paramilitary leader in Afghanistan in the late 1990s.



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Carl Laurysen, MD

Roommates become litigants

One local renter has long legal history

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Nearly everyone with roommates has had their own share of stories of roommate struggles, whether it be squabbles over dirty dishes or disagreements about the decor of the home.

Sharing spaces and appliances and living in close quarters can occasionally lead to arguments. In some cases, it can also push former roommates to face each other in court.

“Very often, they become emotional issues,” said Andrew Zanger, a Santa Monica-based tenant attorney who has represented hundreds of clients — including roommates — in court over housing disagreements.

It’s not uncommon nowadays for these roommate disagreements to end up in court, Zanger said, and such has been the case for one former Westside renter who has been called to court on much more than one occasion.

Since 1992, at least 22 unlawful detainers — court approved evictions for issues such as non-payment of rent — have been filed against 55-year-old Kathleen Patton, according to a Los Angeles Superior Court database listing civil cases, including unlawful detainers.

Patton declined to disclose the city of her current residence.

On the Internet are several Web sites with indices chronicling lawsuits and unlawful detainers that have been filed against Patton since 1992. The creator of the site is unknown, but is believed to be either Kathy Pratt, a former roommate who filed an unlawful detainer against Patton, or an anonymous person who goes by the alias “K,” who has been in contact with several of Patton’s former roommates, said Richard Arp, who filed a small claims suit against Patton in 2004.

Many of the small claims and unlawful detainer cases — listed on www.tbns.net/kathleenpatton/index.html — allege that Patton failed to either pay or refund rent and security deposits. The site lists a total of 41 civil cases, including 25 unlawful detainer and 16 small claims. Several of the unlawful detainers could not be confirmed through the Los Angeles Superior Court. Patton said she has filed a cease and desist order against Pratt in the past.

“It’s not unusual for people to get sued a number of times during the course of their life whether it’s an auto accident or other kinds of things,” said John Gerard, an attorney practicing civil law in Los Angeles. “41 is extraordinary.”

MOVING IN AND THEN OUT OF NORTH HOLLYWOOD

One of the most recent unlawful detainers was ruled on Feb. 9 in favor of Evelyn Diez, a single mother who posted a notice on Craigslist.org for a two-week sublet at her apartment in North Hollywood for \$200 a week, according to Pratt, a Santa Monica

paralegal who assisted Diez in her unlawful detainer case.

The ruling was a default judgement because Patton did not appear in court for the hearing, Pratt said.

Patton moved into the North Hollywood apartment in November of 2006, allegedly paying Diez \$300 in cash for one week’s rent and a \$100 security deposit. She later provided a \$200 check that allegedly bounced and then another \$100 in cash to help cover the bounced check, Pratt said in an e-mail to the Daily Press.

The payments then stopped flowing for December’s rent and Patton allegedly refused to move out, causing Diez to serve her several written notices to move out, Pratt added.



SHE TOTALLY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF USING THE PHONE CONSTANTLY AND WHEN THE FIRST BILL CAME, I FREAKED OUT, SHE WAS TRYING TO HAGGLE AND BARGAIN WITH ME ON HOW MUCH TO PAY AND SHE GAVE ME \$8 WHEN SHE OWED ME \$47.”

Kathy Pratt

former roommate regarding Kathleen Patton

Claiming she was being harassed by Patton, Diez and her daughter moved out of the apartment, feeling it was not a safe environment, Pratt said. Threatening e-mails then followed after Diez discontinued the cable Internet connection and telephone services in December, she added. In what was supposed to be a two-week sublet, Patton allegedly notified Diez that she would not leave the apartment until January.

The unlawful detainer was filed on Jan. 16 in the Van Nuys Courthouse.

In an e-mail dated April 23 to the Daily Press, Patton said that Diez provided her a “non-existent” address on the three-day notice and that she attempted to locate Diez to give her rent, though there was no address. She also alleged that Diez turned off the gas in the apartment during a “cold spell” in January and that the city of Los Angeles’ housing department had filed a complaint against her.

“This is backed up by the Sheriff’s office who has tried to serve papers on her for a small claims case I have filed against her,” Patton said in the e-mail. “Ms. [Diez] has perjured herself in court and I intend on pursuing this matter.”

DISCONNECTED

Pratt has assisted several of Patton’s former roommates in seeking legal action, including Diez and Kelly Kong, who charge that Patton’s rent checks bounced. The allegations were dismissed less than a month after being filed.

Although Pratt has helped other claimants, she herself had previously been involved in litigation against Patton. It was on March 4, 2006 when Pratt and Patton first came to meet.

Pratt had placed an ad on Craigslist seeking a temporary roommate to stay for a short period of time in her Westside home.

In the more than three months Patton

stayed with Pratt and Barbora Kalinova, disputes arose over payment of rent, phone bills and an allegedly unauthorized installation of cable Internet service in the home, Pratt said. Upon moving in, Patton allegedly told her new roommates that she needed a place to stay for a few days while escrow closed on her townhouse in Marina del Rey.

“She totally took advantage of using the phone constantly and when the first bill came, I freaked out,” Pratt said. “She was trying to haggle and bargain with me on how much to pay and she gave me \$8 when she owed me \$47.”

Both Kalinova and Pratt informed Patton that she needed to move out by April 9, saying that Kalinova’s parents were coming to visit from Prague. The night before the

Kalinova’s arrived, Patton allegedly started bargaining with the two women. Patton allegedly said she would leave by 3 p.m. on Easter Sunday and could offer \$60 to cover half the phone bill and half the rent.

An unlawful detainer was filed on May 2.

Pratt and Patton got off on the right foot until “all hell broke loose” when Patton asked for a few days extra to vacate the home after Pratt and Kalinova had asked her to leave by April 9, Patton said.

“They broke into my room [as well as] disconnected my Comcast cable,” Patton alleged during a phone interview. “The Comcast people came repeatedly and gave them warning that this was illegal.”

“They called people I know and threatened me,” she added.

Several hand-written notes from Patton to Pratt — one dated April 27, 2006 and the other on May 2, 2006 — shows that Patton had attempted to alleviate the feelings of ill will that were brewing among the group of roommates.

“I have one other idea on a way to settle this matter,” Patton states in the May 2 letter. “I would like to present this to you this afternoon around noon.”

A SHORT STAY

A few years before, Arp rented a room from Patton in Marina del Rey, paying the first and last month’s rent and security deposit prior to moving in, he said.

Three days later, he moved out.

“I’m a landlord myself and kind of know how the laws work and I really expected her to pay me back,” he said. “When I moved into her place, I had given her a few references and three days after I moved in, she called all references and convinced them to persuade me to leave.”

“At first I said yes I’ll leave and give me my money back and she refused and she said something like ‘Rich, this is not a good time

to be talking about money, let’s just deal with that later.”

Arp filed a small claims suit against Patton on May 2004, alleging she refused to pay rent and a security deposit after a four-day occupancy. The court later ruled in his favor on an approximately \$4,000 judgment that has yet to be paid, Arp added.

But Patton claims a totally different story. When she initially published an ad for a roommate, she was clear that she did not want someone who smoked or drank alcohol, she said.

“That was important for me,” she said. “I made a mistake in that I did not interview and meet him [Arp] in person.”

On the night Arp was supposed to move in, Patton said she received a call from a person, laughing and joking on the phone, saying that Arp was “delayed.” He arrived at the home the next morning, and “he stank of alcohol,” she said.

“It wasn’t just someone who drank wine, he was a raging alcoholic,” she said, but did not offer proof to support her allegation.

In Patton’s account of the events, Arp told her that he was stressed from moving and would never drink again. She handed him an agreement saying that he would forfeit his deposit if he had ever drank again.

“Of course by 8 p.m. that evening, he had walked down to the local bar and was at it again,” she said. “He was out of control.”

On April 16, Patton forwarded an e-mail to the Daily Press, an e-mail showing correspondence between her and a Janet MacKenzie, whom Arp said was his ex-girlfriend. The e-mail indicates that MacKenzie was acting as a mediator between both parties. MacKenzie also mentioned in the text of the message that Arp was seeking treatment for his “alcohol problem.”

But in an e-mail to the Daily Press on April 27, MacKenzie said, “Rich is not an alcoholic.”

BREAKING UP IS HARD TO DO

Both Arp and Pratt said they found out about Patton’s legal history when they conducted a search for her on the Internet. They both admitted that they did not look into Patton’s background before deciding to live with her.

Despite the roommate experiences that have not worked out, Patton said she has had some “positive roommate situations,” including her current living arrangement.

“I do have a roommate that I’m very happy with,” she said.

Roommate splits are akin to divorces, Zanger said.

“You come together to rent space and at some point in time, it’s not working out anymore and dispute arises between the two parties,” he said. “Dispute usually involves the same type of problem... of who is obligated to pay which bill and they end up suing each other in small claims court.”

The cardinal rule for roommates who are moving in together should be to sign an agreement and put everything in writing, he said. Know which roommate is responsible for which bill.

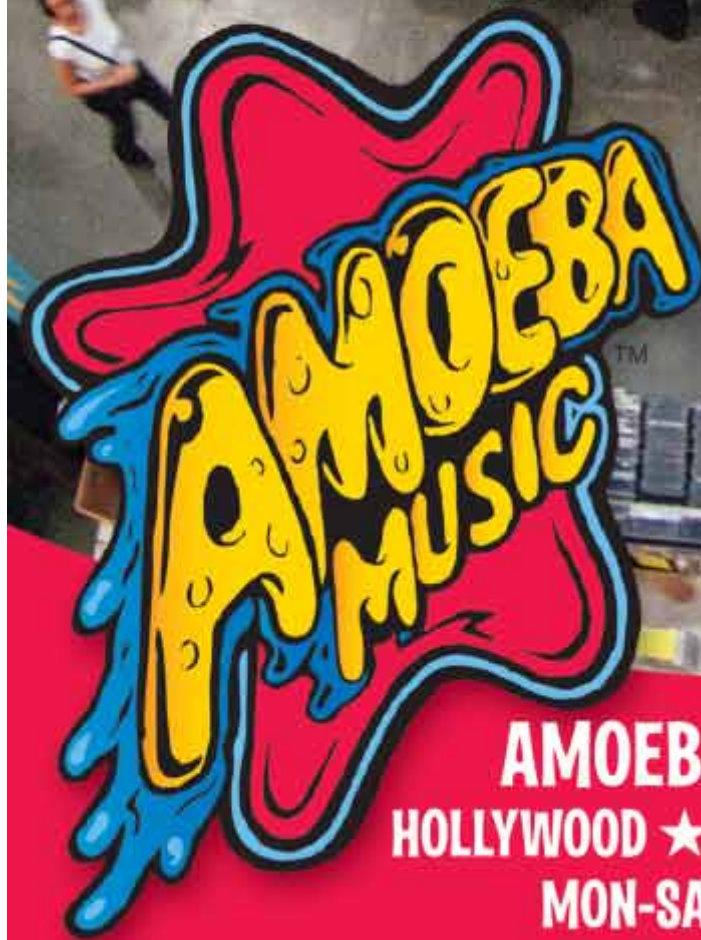
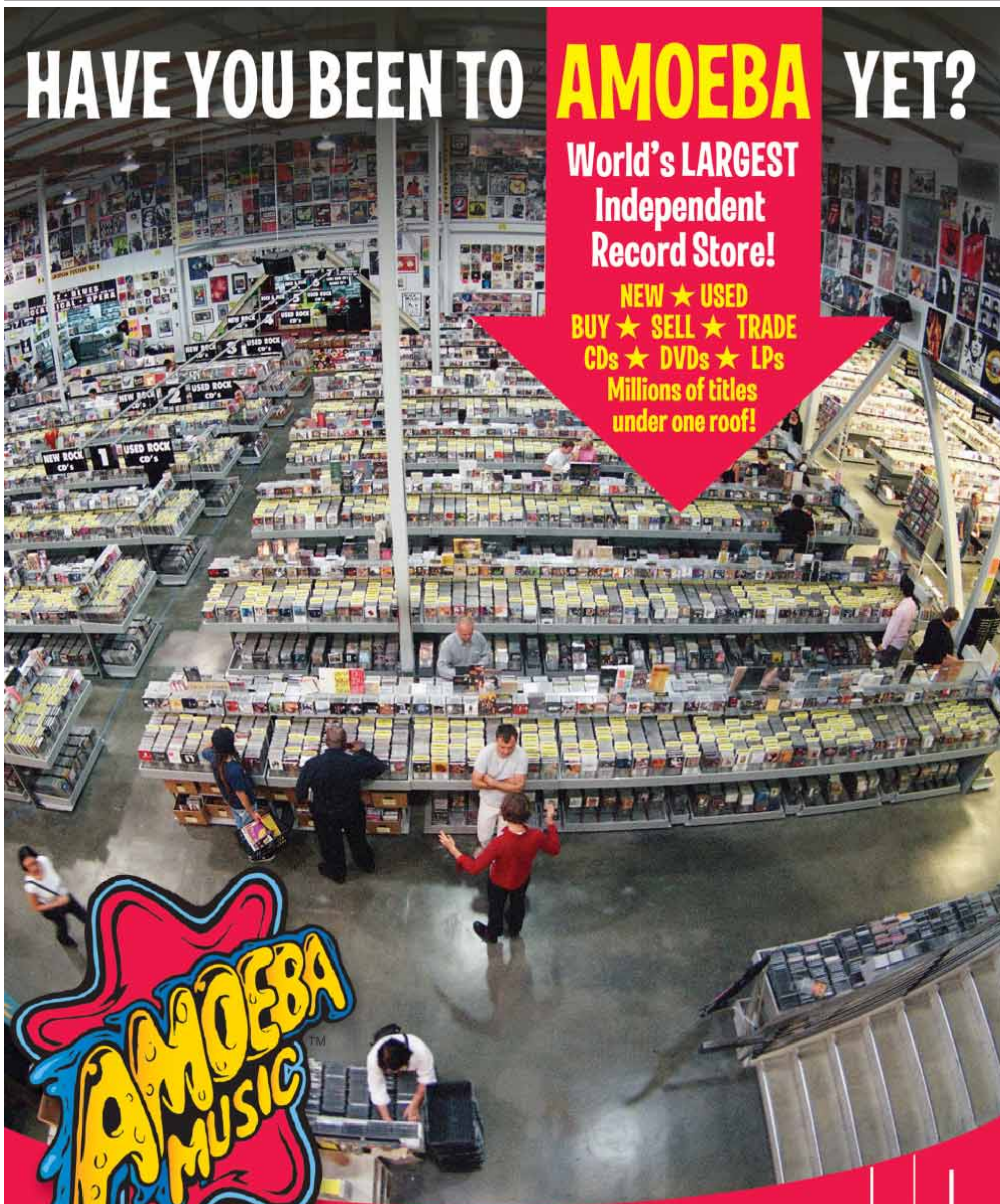
“Like any relationship, there is a business side to it that you have to recognize and take care of,” he added.

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College salon provides snippets of style

Student shares tips for happy, healthy hair and a fatter wallet

BY KRISTIN MAYER
Special to the Daily Press

SMC Desperate times called for desperate measures when split ends started taking siege over my curly locks. Living on a student budget but hesitant to settle for the cookie cutter haircut of a chain chopping block, I set out to find the best salon experience in Santa Monica that wouldn't make too big of a dent on my purse.

Santa Monica College's cosmetology department provided one-stop shopping for my coifing needs to prepare for my dinner and dancing date later that Friday night.

Dolls heads with human hair set in rollers and finger waves lay strewn about the haircutting stations in the classroom-turned-salon. Mirrors unfolded out of desks and students wheeled their carts of hair clips and combs into position.

The first class of the semester brought organized chaos to the bustling room as students, dressed in all black, welcomed the public into their learning experience.

A VIEW FROM THE TOP

I perched atop a black swivel chair and met Alex Doerken, a spunky second-year cosmetology student who grew up in Santa Monica and has a passion for color, whether on the hair she dyes or costumes she designs on the side.

Doerken whipped out a chart to check off a list of procedures and jot down my order: Simple trim to wipe out these persistent split ends, please. Take off three inches, but I'd like to keep the long layers. Oh, and I have curly hair that I sometimes wear straight. Any advice?

With a swish of her pink, black and bleached bob, Doerken disappeared to receive the nod of approval from a teacher supervising the cosmetology students.



File photo

READY FOR A CLOSE UP: Alex Doerken, right, applies the final touches to a model during a fashion show earlier this year at Santa Monica College. Doerken also does hair and costume design work on the side. The class she attends offers low-cost hair cuts to the general public.

I sat like royalty draped in my plastic shawl. Combs, hair dryers, scissors and mystery hair products surrounded my pedestal. Students offered manicures at the stations to my left, waxing in the corner room and facials across the lobby.

A middle school girl claimed the chair to my right and a homeless man just behind. Helen LeDonne, chair of the cosmetology department, later echoed that the discounted services attract a crowd from all walks of life.

"It's small. We're all crammed in here like sardines," said a voice from across the

aisle. "But it makes it fun."

I turned around to see Jean Allgeyer sitting in the station across the aisle for her weekly visit. Nearly every Friday afternoon for the last 10 years Allegeyer has trusted one student after another with haircuts, coloring, highlighting, waxing, facials and manicures.

"It's very friendly and fun because the students are really nice," Allgeyer said. "It's just a very pleasant atmosphere."

Allgeyer assured me that, once they have completed a few months of training, students are conscientious and just as skilled as any other salon artists.

To earn the title of cosmetologist, students must log 1,600 hours of classroom instruction and time working on doll heads in the salon before ever touching a human head.

The cosmetology department prides itself on a 91 percent pass rate for state licensing tests, LeDonne said.

Practice on the partial mannequins and in the comfort of the classroom salon in general prepares students for a professional future work environment.

"A doll head is not gonna complain about the fact that you just dyed her head orange," Doerken said, explaining that she still practices up-dos on the dolls to improve her time efficiency.

My shampoo, cut and dry was about to nudge Doerken two hours closer to her grand total.

Doerken has come a long way since her first haircut as a 10-year-old when she attempted to save her younger brother from the bowl cut their mother styled. Unfortunately, Doerken's attempt at a flat top needed a little saving of its own at the local barber shop.

Now, after 12 years of experience on private weddings and theater clients, Doerken's hands handle the tools of the trade with ease. With ample lathering, meticulous snips and thorough hair drying, Doerken replaced my frazzled do with a fresh, smooth and bouncy look.

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As a woman of waves, I paid special attention to the transformation process from disheveled mess to dating material. Doerken offered some tips on how to maintain a healthy mane.

ADVICE FROM THE BARBER CHAIR

Start with the premise that natural is best, don't over-treat your hair.

When you step into the shower, enter with the mindset of washing your scalp rather than hair. The shampoo you massage onto your head is plenty to trickle down to the rest of your hair.

Rinse chemically-colored hair in cold water before reaching for a towel. This will help smooth out hair cuticles.

Use a wide-tooth comb, rather than a brush, to de-tangle wet hair. Aggressive brushing tends to break off strands of the damp hair, creating split ends.

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HOME WANTED: Sasha Tirado, a student volunteer with K9 Connection, a pilot project of OPCC, poses with her best friend Pinky, an 18-month-old pit bull that was found with her ears cut, wondering the streets covered in oil and severely malnourished.

Poor Pinky needs a place to call her own

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN They help sell out the symphony and the playhouse, but for some reason the folks at CityTV can't seem to find Pinky a home.

For the last few months, Pinky, a bright white pit bull with a pink nose and ears like Mickey Mouse, has had her picture plastered on the cable station's electronic bulletin board, which can be viewed 24 hours a day, seven days a week on Channel 75. There is also a YouTube video showing Pinky affectionately licking everyone and anyone who shows her a little love and affection.

The hope is that someone will see the ads or the YouTube video and want to adopt her, however, no one has come forward, leaving many to wonder what it will take to end poor Pinky's plight.

"We always seem to have a great response to our bulletin board ... but for some reason we can't get Pinky adopted, and I just can't figure out why," said Robin Gee, the station manager at CityTV. "It seems like every year we get one case we just can't crack."

One reason for the lack of interest could be her breed. As a pit bull, Pinky is already at a disadvantage, said Glen Zipper, project coordinator with K9 Connection, a pilot project of OPCC that links local youth with stray animals so that they can train them for adoption, while at the same time learn how to control their own impulsive behavior.

"Being a pit bull comes with its baggage," Zipper said. "Anyone who hears pit bull, they immediately think of the negative things they see in the news."

To make matters worse, her ears are slightly disfigured after someone crudely cut them, along with her tail. When she was found wandering the streets earlier this year, Pinky was covered in oil and extremely emaciated, Zipper said.

"We understand people feel cautious about adopting a pit bull, and [Pinky's] a little funny looking with those ears and her lit-

tle, stubby tail, but we think she's beautiful," Zipper said. "She's just about the most affectionate dog anyone could hope to meet."

Sasha Tirado, a student at the Community Day School, worked with Pinky, bringing her back to health while teaching basic obedience.

Pinky was housed at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter until this week. She is now getting extra attention from expert dog psychologist Linn Boyke at his new center, dubbed ZEN4K9S. Boyke has agreed to take care of Pinky until she finds a loving home.

"Dogs don't need training, they need structure," said Boyke, who has worked with "Dog Whisperer" Cesar Millan. "Dogs crave structure. They want someone to tell them what to do every minute so if someone only does that part of the day or month, they start to get in the mindset that no one will really follow through ... Sitting in a shelter, dogs experience a high level of frustration and anxiety and that creates a lot of negative behaviors."

On Boyke's Web site, www.ZEN4K9S.com, he has a saying from the I Ching that reads, "What has been spoiled through man's fault, can be made good again through man's work."

That is how Boyke approaches all animals that come before him. He realizes that much like Pinky's case, it was the owners who failed to do their duty.

"Humans don't take care of their responsibilities when it comes to having a pet," Boyke said.

Those who believe they are ready to step up to the plate can arrange a visit with Pinky and fill out adoption papers online at K9Connection.org. There they can view photos of Pinky as well as her YouTube video. Those without the Internet can call (310) 264-5424.

"Pinky is a wonderful dog who would make a great addition to anyone's family," Zipper said. "Guaranteed, once you meet her and spend some time with her, you'll want to take her home."

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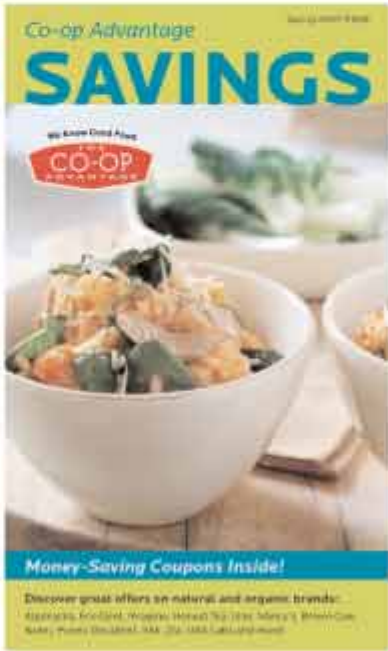
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FROM PEACE PAGE 3

port,” Foisie said. “I think everyone kind of expected them to support our request this time, but we respect their decision to want to know what is fully going on and we are prepared to provide them with any information they need.”

“The city of Santa Monica has been wonderful to us.” Councilman Kevin McKeown, who sponsored the motion, had some harsh words for his colleagues who did not support the Veterans’ request. He made the argument that the promotion of peace is very important to the citizens of Santa Monica and the Council, which is trying to teach non-violence to young people, some of whom have seen their friends killed by gang violence.

“Santa Monicans, like people everywhere, support peace,” McKeown said. “If I had thought this was in the least controversial, I would have asked the veterans themselves to come down and explain their non-partisan educational efforts to honor their fallen colleagues, comfort grieving friends and relatives, and provide a space for us all to reflect. I fear this vote sadly misrepresents our city.”

Rubin said he was “saddened” by the vote as he thought it was going to be unanimous. He remembers a Council that would often go out of its way to voice its support for legislation in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., as well as issue statements against injustices around the world, a great tradition that is in danger of being lost.

“I think this is putting bureaucracy over peace and I think that is really the wrong direction for Santa Monica,” Rubin said.

Making endorsements is not new nor out of the ordinary. Local municipalities have been showing support for or opposition against issues for decades, said Bob Stern, executive director of the Center for Governmental Studies.

“It is tradition that city government like to tell the federal government what they should be doing and for the federal government to completely ignore them,” Stern said. “During the Vietnam War, cities would adopt resolutions as a way to argue for or against the war. I think it’s harmless. It’s an outlet for citizens who are frustrated. It’s a way for Council members to sort of spread their wings.”

“Hopefully it doesn’t take up too much time. Council meetings are long enough.”

Stern said that taking certain positions can have an impact on lobbying legislators, especially when it comes to controversial issues.

For O’Connor, who voted against the resolution opposing the war in Iraq, it was more about uncertainty than anything else. She felt she did not have enough information about the peace tour to give an endorsement.

“Who knows what the endorsement really means,” she said. “Does that mean they can start using the city graphic?”

While the Council has been opposed to the Patriot Act or the purchase of commodities from Burma (now known as Myanmar) because of human rights violations there, those actions were taken because the issues had a direct effect on residents of Santa Monica, O’Connor and Bloom said.

In the case of the Patriot Act, city officials were concerned about the invasion of privacy and the requirement that all library records be handed over to federal officials.

Councilman Ken Genser said every Council member has to decide for themselves whether or not to vote in favor of or against something and there are many factors to consider. For him, supporting the peace tour was easy because Veterans for Peace is based in the city and they were not asking for any funding.

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THE PIANO MAN: Pianist Nathan Pino, 48, plays a Turkish March on his piano along the Venice Beach Boardwalk on Friday. Pino has been playing the piano since he was 7 years old.

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City of Santa Monica Ordinance Number 2224 (CCS) (City Council Series)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA TO AMEND SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 9.04.14.080 AND 9.04.02.030.370 TO ALLOW THE PLANNING COMMISSION, OR CITY COUNCIL ON APPEAL, TO MODIFY THE SPECIAL CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT STANDARDS FOR EXISTING NONCONFORMING NEIGHBORHOOD MARKETS

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2224 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2224 (CCS) (“the Ordinance”) amends Municipal Code Section 9.04.02.030.370 to allow the Planning Commission, or City Council on appeal, to modify the Special Conditional Use Permit standards for existing nonconforming neighborhood markets.

Ordinance Number 2224 (CCS) was adopted on April 24, 2007, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

Preliminary hearing set for agent

Border Patrol officer goes before judge for shooting

BY ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN
Associated Press Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. A Justice Court judge in Douglas will hold a preliminary hearing May 17 to determine whether there is probable cause to try a Border Patrol agent for fatally shooting an illegal immigrant.

Agent Nicholas Corbett, named this week in a Cochise County Attorney's criminal complaint with first- and second-degree murder, manslaughter and negligent homicide charges, made an initial appearance Friday before Judge Alma Vildosola in Douglas.

Vildosola ordered Corbett to return before her for a preliminary hearing, which County Attorney Ed Rheinheimer sought. At that hearing, both parties will present evidence and the judge will determine whether there is enough evidence to transfer the case to Superior Court for trial — and on what charges — court clerk Monalisa Burns said.

Rheinheimer filed the complaint after reviewing the results of a lengthy sheriff's department investigation and determining that the shooting of Francisco Dominguez Rivera, 22, of Puebla, Mexico, was not legally justified.

Corbett, 39, did not speak at Friday's hearing. Afterward, he thanked several dozen Border Patrol agents and members of the public who showed up to support him.

"We are going to face these charges and fight these charges," his attorney, Daniel J. Santander, said after court. "He's not going anywhere; we're going to be here."

Santander said earlier that he believed his client is innocent based on the reports that he's reviewed.

"There was nothing out of the ordinary" at the initial appearance, Rheinheimer said.

Corbett was placed on leave for a few days immediately after the shooting, then returned to active field duty. But after the criminal complaint was issued Monday, he was reassigned to office duty and his weapon removed, Border Patrol officials said.

Vildosola allowed Corbett to remain free without bail while setting several conditions, including not leaving the state without court permission and not possessing any weapons, Burns said.

The shooting, which drew condemnation from the

Mexican government, occurred on Jan. 12 while Corbett was trying to apprehend Dominguez Rivera, two brothers and a sister-in-law as they tried to enter the country illegally between Douglas and Naco.



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attorney

More than 300 pages of documents later released by prosecutors revealed that Corbett's account didn't match witness testimony or forensic evidence.

Corbett told colleagues he shot at a man who looked like he was going to throw a rock.

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Embattled University of Alaska regent resigns his post

BY ANNE SUTTON
Associated Press Writer

JUNEAU, Alaska University of Alaska Regent Jim Hayes, facing felony charges of fraud, resigned Friday, Rules Chairman Rep. John Coghill announced on the House floor.

Hayes, facing possible impeachment proceedings, submitted his resignation on Friday, Coghill told lawmakers, who this week first began starting impeachment proceedings against Hayes.

Despite the announcement in both legislative chambers, the university had not received confirmation the resignation, spokeswoman Kate Ripley said Friday.

Hayes, a former Fairbanks mayor, was indicted earlier this year on charges that he misused \$450,000 in federal funds associated

with LOVE Social Services Center Inc., a Fairbanks nonprofit run by his wife, Chris. Jim Hayes served on the center's board of directors.

They were accused of using the money to fund construction of a church where he is the pastor.

The government funds meant for low income youth also was used to buy a plasma TV for the couple's home, pay for a family wedding reception and cover personal bills, court documents allege.

A grand jury returned an indictment against the couple in January, charging Chris Hayes with 92 counts and Jim Hayes with 23 counts. Both have pleaded not guilty.

The charges come a year after federal agents searched the Hayes' home, the Lily of the Valley Church of God in Christ and the

LOVE Social Services Center. The church was founded by Chris Hayes' parents.

Hayes had refused calls by Gov. Sarah Palin to resign from the Board of Regents. She lacked the legal authority to remove him from the board.

This week, a measure that could lead to an impeachment trial of Hayes received its first hearing in a state Senate committee.

Hayes did not immediately return phone messages left at his home Friday by The Associated Press.

Hayes was Fairbanks mayor from 1992 to 2001. He also has served on the Fairbanks City Council and the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education.

LOVE Social Services Center received more than \$2.7 million in federal grants between 2001 and 2005, according to the

indictment. The tax-exempt organization was set up in 2000 to provide social and educational services to low income youth in the Fairbanks area. The grants came at the direction of U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner reported last year.

According to the indictment, when the construction cost for the new church exceeded its funding sources, the Hayes' diverted government grant funds. The indictment says the couple illegally used the funds to pay construction bills and provide furnishings as well as cover operating expenses for the new church.

According to the indictment, Chris Hayes, 56, had her organization write checks for cash that she used to purchase money orders and cashier's checks.

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New movie stirs emotions, renews debate

BY JENNIFER DOBNER
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY It's a story often left out of Western history: Pioneer-era Mormon settlers with painted faces and dressed as American Indians committing a vicious, execution-style killing of some 120 unarmed men, women and children who were part of a wagon train bound for California.

It happened Sept. 11, 1857, about 300 miles south of Salt Lake City in a place called Mountain Meadows, a sagebrush-covered valley widely known as a stopover for western-bound pioneers on the old Spanish Trail.

Most of the victims from Capt. Alexander Fancher's Arkansas wagon train were marched single file through the grass and shot at close range, stabbed or beaten to death. Another wagon-load of the Arkansas immigrants, wounded in four previous days of gun skirmishes with Mormon militiamen and some Paiute Indians, were also shot and killed.

Only 17 children — 6 years old and younger — were spared, most thought to be too young to remember or speak of what they saw.

The Mountain Meadows massacre is one of the darkest, most controversial moments in the history of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. For nearly 150 years, the depth of the church's involvement in the massacre has been debated in dozens of books from historians and by the descendants on both sides.

On June 22, Hollywood takes its turn telling the story with "September Dawn," an independent feature film from director Chris Cain ("Young Guns"). The film stars Academy Award winners Jon Voight and Terence Stamp, along with Lolita Davidovich.

"The reason I made the movie about this specific incident was not to blame anybody," Cain told The Associated Press. "At the core of the whole thing is religious fanaticism. I thought by making this movie we could take a look at how that evolved and how that can happen."

Cain co-wrote the screenplay with Carole Whang Schutter, weaving together historical accounts from nonfiction works and original Mormon sources — including the confession of John D. Lee, the only man tried and convicted

in the murders — with a fictional love story between a girl from the wagon train and the son of the church leader who orchestrates the killings by the local militia.

The movie, like some scholars, makes the case that Brigham Young, then the president of the Mormon church, shared direct responsibility for the attack.

Mormon church officials did not comment for this story but have said the movie is a work of fiction. The church, which erected a memorial on the massacre site in 1999, maintains Young had no role in the event and in fact sent word through a messenger that the Fancher wagon train should pass undisturbed.

"It's a story I've lived with my entire life, being a so-called gentile in Salt Lake City," bookseller Ken Sanders said. "It's my belief personally that any faithful, believing Mormon will never accept that Brigham Young had anything to do with the Mountain Meadows massacre. I simultaneously feel that there's no non-Mormon or gentile that will ever believe otherwise."

Sanders was among a gathering of booksellers, historians, authors and massacre descendants gathered in Salt Lake City last week by the AP for a private screening of the movie arranged in cooperation with filmmakers. Mormon church officials, including church historians working on a book about the massacre, were invited to the screening, but declined to attend. Spokeswoman Kim Farah said the church plans no comment about the movie once it opens.

The film drew a somber and emotional reaction, including a few tears from descendants of the 17 survivors, who said their side of the story has rarely been told.

"Speaking for the victims, it's taken 150 years of this before any type of movie about this to come out ... we appreciate it," said Phil Bolinger, of Hindsville, Ark., who is related to 30 of those killed.

Stories about the massacre remain strangely absent from most accounts of both Western and Mormon history, even among some descendants and members of the church.

With it's "R" rating, many Mormons may not even see the film, bookseller Curt Bench said. Those who do, may walk out, irritated by what Bench and others said was a stereotypical, one-dimensional portrait of blindly obedient church members that bordered on cartoonish at times. A scene that

includes a sacred Mormon temple ceremony will also offend.

"I think it went a little too far in making the Mormons bad, bad, bad, and the immigrants good, good good," said Leroy Lee, a Mormon and the great-great-grandson of John D. Lee.

"I think if you were someone in the Fancher party and this happened to you ... this is what you saw," countered Mormon filmmaker Richard Dutcher ("God's Army").

And that's what separates Cain's account from many other versions of the story.

"The new part that this film brings out is that the Fanchers were probably pretty decent people just trying to get to California," Mormon History Association spokesman Tom Kimball said. "That's the first time that's ever been presented to me as a Latter-day Saint."

Past portrayals of the massacre suggested the Fancher party "brought it on themselves," Kimball said.

"Here's a story that has not been accurately portrayed and has been sequestered by my people, and it's very important that this story is finally told," he said.

Cain said the movie is not meant to offend, nor be a portrait of Mormons in general.

"The Mormons that were involved in this specific event were bad," he said. "We didn't do a movie about the Mormon church. We did it about the specific event and the people involved."

If Cain erred in some specifics, he may have come close in trying to establish the climate of persecution that spurred distrust of outsiders among Mormons at the time. Then a territory, Utah was at odds with the federal government over the issues of polygamy and Young's theocratic rule. The U.S. Army was marching west to remove him as governor.

"If you could have been in the (Salt Lake City) tabernacle on Aug. 16, 1857, and heard Brigham Young speak ... It was virulent hate speech," said historian and author Will Bagley. "It was violent, it was bloody, and it was apocalyptic."

Most of Young's dialogue was drawn directly from the church president's speeches, Cain said.

"Look. It's an ugly, dark day in their history and it happened and it needs to be understood," he said. "If they can take a look at it for what it was and not project it to how the Mormon church is today, they can get past it."

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Mount Rainier prepares to open

Storm-ravaged park will again allow visitors to access sites

By SHANNON DININNY
Associated Press Writer

MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK, Wash. The numbers loom like the mountain at the center of this storm-ravaged park.

Nearly 18 inches of rain fell in just 36 hours last fall. The deluge left an estimated \$36 million in damage, fractured miles of roads and trails and forced the closure of one of the Pacific Northwest's crown jewels for the first time in a quarter-century.

Work crews have spent thousands of hours in the months since trying to repair the damage. Now, as they prepare to reopen Mount Rainier on May 5, officials at one of the nation's most popular national parks are looking ahead to what could be a long summer for both the mountain's admirers and its laborers.

"We have some obstacles to overcome," said Dave Uberuaga, who has been at Mount Rainier for 23 years, first as chief of administration and now as the park's superintendent.

"Every road, every campground, every trail throughout the park was damaged to some extent," he said. "Facilities that had not been damaged in the whole history were wiped out."

The storm in early November broke records for precipitation, with 17.9 inches in 36 hours. The 41.3 inches that fell that

month easily broke a park record for monthly rainfall, 32.4 inches in November 1990.

Up and down the Cascade Range, the storm submerged homes, businesses and roads. Floodwaters swept away buildings and utility lines, and two people died when they drove their vehicles into the water.

At Mount Rainier, which draws 1.5 mil-



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Dave Uberuaga
park superintendent.

lion visitors annually, the damage was extensive. The Nisqually River overran its banks, tearing away a flood dike, the Sunshine Point Campground and a quarter-mile stretch of the west entrance road in one spot alone. On Highway 123, the north-south highway on the park's eastern edge, landslides left 80-foot canyons where the highway once stood.

East of Paradise, a stopping point with a visitor center and inn at the foot of the mountain, washouts closed the Stevens Canyon Road in three places.

The floodwaters and debris wiped out dikes, bridges, campgrounds and trails park-wide, and in the high country, high winds tore roofs off lookouts and ripped down trees.

Local businesses struggled to stay open, relying on construction workers and area residents to get through the downturn. The Highlander Restaurant in Ashford offered incentives to lure them through the doors:

Taco Tuesday and a free pool night each week.

"We had to cinch up our belt and cut our hours, cut our ice cream. You know, the little things," waitress Jules Hayden said, while clearing dishes from a counter.

Hayden, 54, already holds down two jobs to get by, but said local business owners are optimistic.

"Let's have a good summer," she said. "So, it'll be different. It'll be interesting."

Crews already have restored utilities to the park and repaired at least two heavily damaged sections of the Nisqually Road inside the west entrance.

At a third section, where Kautz Creek swept across the road, two massive culverts have been installed and the creek redirected slightly so that the road can be reopened to Paradise by May 5, Uberuaga said.

Visitor centers and services will be open at each of the corners of the park, but visitors who expect to be able to drive through and stop at each will be disappointed. The Stevens Canyon Road could remain closed or restricted to one lane all summer.

And that north-south connection with 80-foot canyons? Highway 123 will be shut down at least until fall, as engineers haul 55,000 tons of rock — an estimated 1,800 truckloads — into the park to rebuild the road.

Those traveling on foot will find surprises as well. By this time of year, the National Park Service has usually booked 60 percent of the hiking permits for the popular Wonderland Trail, a 93-mile meandering route through lowland forests to subalpine meadows.

Some segments of the trail will be impassible, Uberuaga said, and other paths have

substantial damage as well. Still more scarred trails are expected to be uncovered as the snow melts.

"If you're coming from the East Coast, and you're thinking this is the year you want to do the trip of a lifetime, the Wonderland Trail, this is the year you might say, 'I'll wait until next year and see how it is,'" Uberuaga said.

The flood damage also slowed construction work at Paradise, where crews have been restoring the aging Paradise Inn, a historic landmark, and preparing to build a new visitor center.

More than 2,000 people have volunteered to help repair the damage at Mount Rainier. Uberuaga said park officials are working to manage that aid, while still recognizing the sensitivity of some areas of the park.

"We have roads that need to be fixed. We have trails that are in spotted owl, marbled murrelet territory, that are endangered species, and we need some equipment to do some of that repair," he said. "We're trying to balance out every one of these repairs in as environmentally sensitive a manner as we can."

They're also trying to ensure that the repairs last given changing climate conditions.

The November flood was definitely an unusual event when compared with past floods, Uberuaga said. But all of the park's streams are fed by glaciers on the towering 14,410-foot volcano, and those glaciers, especially on the south side of Mount Rainier, have been receding over the years.

Heavy rains are going to flush more debris downstream, raising water levels. Historically, park streams have filled with sediment at a rate of about 10 inches a decade, but in the past decade, some storms have deposited up to 5 feet, he said.

Utah officials allow guns on college campuses

BY BROCK VERGAKIS
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY Brent Tenney says he feels pretty safe when he goes to class at the University of Utah, but he takes no chances. He brings a loaded 9 mm semiautomatic with him every day.

"It's not that I run around scared all day long, but if something happens to me, I do want to be prepared," said the 24-year-old business major, who has a concealed-weapons permit and takes the handgun everywhere but church.

After the massacre at Virginia Tech that left 33 dead, some have suggested that the carnage might have been lower if a student or professor with a gun had stepped in.

As states and colleges across the country review their gun policies in light of the tragedy, many in Utah are proud to have the nation's only state law that expressly allows the carrying of concealed weapons at public colleges.

"If government can't protect you, you should have the right to protect yourself," said Republican state Sen. Michael Waddoups.

Utah legislators and law enforcement authorities said they knew of no modern-day shootings at the university. But one lawmaker cited a shooting rampage in Mississippi in 1997 as an example of how allowing others on campus to arm themselves can improve safety: After a teenager shot two students to death at Pearl High School, an assistant principal chased the gunman down outside and held him at bay with a .45-caliber pistol he kept in his truck.

Nationwide, 38 states — including Virginia — ban weapons at schools. Of those, 16 explicitly prohibit weapons on college campuses, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. In other states, each school is allowed to formulate its own policy.

For decades, the University of Utah banned concealed weapons.

"Our view was that there was an increased risk of both accidental and intentional discharge of a firearm if more firearms are present," said spokesman Fred Esplin. "It was a matter of safety."

But in 2004 the Legislature passed a law expressly saying the university is covered by a state law that allows concealed weapons on state property. The university challenged the law, but the Utah Supreme Court upheld it last year.

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LEGAL NEWS

Conte refashions BALCO after storm

BY PAUL ELIAS
Associated Press Writer

BURLINGAME Victor Conte, the Johnny Appleseed of designer steroids, is back in business.

Witness the new \$190,000 Bentley parked outside the building that once housed the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, where federal agents uncovered a massive steroids ring and sparked professional sports' highest-profile drug scandal.

Since leaving prison little more than a year ago, Conte and his 22-year-old daughter have revived a nutritional supplements business he launched two decades ago called Scientific Nutrition for Advanced Conditioning — SNAC for short.

They're mainly hawking a zinc- and magnesium-based powder called ZMA that's a staple for serious weightlifters who use it to repair damaged tissue and to sleep better. It's legal and available through about two dozen distributors.

Conte never has been at a loss for words, especially when it comes to self promotion.

"I'm feeling much better and the passion has come back," he says. "Things are going well."

Conte said sales have increased 20 percent in the last year and that SNAC rings up about \$300,000 a month.

Many of his best customers have been professional athletes, he says, including Barry Bonds, still the prime target of the federal investigators who sent Conte to jail for four months for illegal steroids distribution.

Bonds declined interview requests before and after the San Francisco Giants played the Dodgers in Los Angeles on Wednesday night.

A 4-year-old photograph of Bonds and the slugger's personal trainer, Greg Anderson, graces the home page of the SNAC Web site. Bonds and Anderson are wearing shirts and hats emblazoned with the ZMA logo. Anderson has pleaded guilty to steroids distribution and is now in prison for refusing to testify before a grand jury investigating whether Bonds committed perjury when he testified that he unknowingly took steroids.

"I'm absolutely a huge fan of Barry Bonds," Conte says.

He hasn't spoken with Bonds for some time "for obvious reasons," but Conte says the baseball player never has objected to SNAC using his image to sell ZMA.

While Conte also boasts that many professional football players use ZMA, the product is not on the NFL's approved supplements list and teams are precluded from officially handing out ZMA. That doesn't stop Conte from dropping the names of athletes and teams and implying in his cagey manner that the rich and famous are clamoring for his product.

But for anti-doping authorities, Conte and BALCO forever will remain synonymous with high-tech cheating in sports

"I certainly am not going to glamorize Victor Conte," said Travis Tygart of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, which polices illegal drugs in U.S. amateur sports. "In the past, he has done some horrible things."

Conte remains defiant about his central role in doling out designer steroids to elite athletes endlessly searching for even the tiniest edge. He maintains he simply helped "level the playing field" in a world already rife with cheaters.

To Dr. Gary Wadler, a member of the World Anti-Doping Agency, Conte may as

well have been pushing cocaine or heroin.

"You are talking about totally illegal drug trafficking, you are talking about using drugs in violation of federal law," Wadler said. "This is not philanthropy and this is not some do-gooding. This is drug dealing."

Such attitudes have a lot to do with why Conte no longer uses the BALCO name and has taken down the infamous BALCO sign, which was easily seen from Highway 101 and where tourists once posed for photographs flexing their biceps like body builders. In its place is a small sign that hangs above the nondescript front door.

The office space inside is half of what it was when Conte was shipping the undetectable steroid THG to athletes around the world.

However modest the business now appears, its proprietor remains anything but. Conte says he's often recognized in public.

"I'm a high-profile guy now," says the former bassist for Tower of Power and jazzman Herbie Hancock. "People approach me wherever I go on a daily basis."

THIS IS NOT PHILANTHROPY AND THIS IS NOT SOME DO-GOODING. THIS IS DRUG DEALING

Dr. Gary Wadler
member of the World Anti-Doping Agency

He says he taught music to fellow inmates and organized a prison track team at the minimum security Taft Correctional Institution.

"My guys always won," he says.

The hallway at SNAC is lined with game jerseys of pro athletes, and signed photographs, including track stars Tim Montgomery, Kelli White and CJ Hunter, all punished for doping.

"To BALCO," reads the inscription on a photograph of baseball player A.J. Pierzynski from when he was a Minnesota Twin. "Thanks for all the help."

Pierzynski originally was ordered to testify before the grand jury that indicted Conte, but was dismissed without testifying and never has been accused of any wrongdoing.

Chris Cooper's Raiders jersey also hangs on the wall, inscribed with "thanks for keeping me in good health and bringing me to the top of my game." Cooper tested positive for THG and was fined by the NFL in 2004.

The chunky Rolex hanging from Conte's wrist is an extravagant taunt to his enemies in sport and government, whom he says sought his ruin.

Then, of course, there's the Bentley and a similarly fast Mercedes parked at home he likes to show off. The cars can reach 100 mph in about the time it takes a sprinter to cover 100 meters, and the Bentley tops out at 200 mph. But he doesn't plan to be caught speeding.

"I'm a person who doesn't break laws anymore," he says with a sly grin and the same carnival barker audacity he used to defend athletes caught using his performance-enhancing drugs. "But I still do like to look fast."

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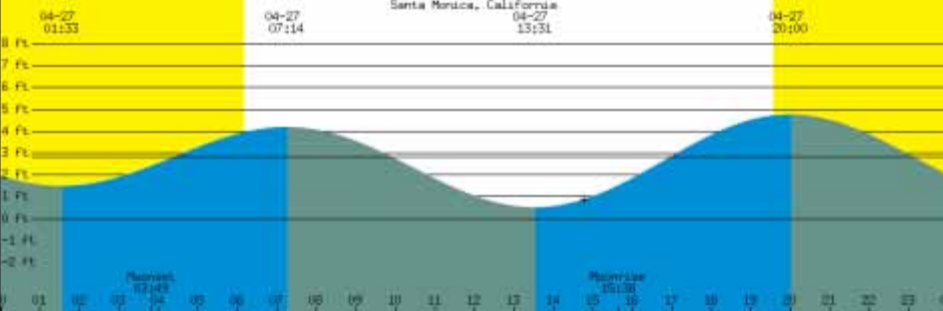
SWELL FORECAST (4-7 FT)

Today's swell drops further, chest high or so for west facing breaks. Winds look to be quite calm in the morning, and the tide at manageable levels. More on the winds here, weather here, tides here, and wave heights here.

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 2
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 0
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / ns
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 7 / ns

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	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	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	C	ns
Latiago Canyon Creek mouth	A	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.	D	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	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	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	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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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach-- projection of Topsail St.	B	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	D	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	C	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns

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Find your pals, Sagittarius

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)
★★★★ Flex and be able to switch gears. You will get a lot done, yet at the same time, clear your schedule for some good times. Many people are seeking you out. Your energy could express itself as anger if you aren't careful. Tonight: Sort through options.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your creativity and energy come forward, helping you make this a more enjoyable day than anticipated. Don't be surprised if you wear yourself thin and don't have enough energy to end the day with the same vivacity. Tonight: Slow down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Take your time, knowing that you cannot do everything all at once. You might be way too tired. Take that needed nap or rest. Later, others might see you as a tornado that cannot stop. Let your energy ebb and flow. Tonight: Finally, fun and games.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might question what someone really thinks. This person's actions might not reflect who he or she really is. Though you see the disparity, others might not. Simplify, if possible. You have a way with words. Others respond. Tonight: Entertain from home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Deal with expenses first, then think in terms of gains and growth. Many options appear, but use wisdom in your choices. You are full of energy and follow-through. Curb a tendency to be a touch careless. Listen to others. Tonight: With favorite people.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Use the early part of the day for what you feel is most important. An indulgent, lazy side enters your afternoon. Let go, and go with the flow. You don't always need to be in high gear. You might want to rethink a decision more carefully. Tonight: Treat yourself and someone else to a good time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Though you might be slow to get started, once you do, you'll see life from a different perspective. Others discover how much you have to offer. Your energy could be off or a touch explosive. You need physical exercise. Tonight: What makes you happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Aim for more of what you want. Understanding will take you in a new direction if you are willing to absorb other points of view. Take some time off in the afternoon. You could be delighted by what you discover. Tonight: Vanish.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Step up to the plate and remain responsive to someone you really care about. Know when to say "enough." You, too, have a need to relax and let your hair down. It's also your weekend! Tonight: Find your pals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Take an overview. Some of you might need some help. Take a day trip or choose some other mind-relaxing activity. You might be surprised by how different a problem could seem. Express your feelings as diplomatically as possible. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ A partner or dear friend certainly wants his or her way with you. Make it your pleasure. Do be careful about a risk, especially if it could impact you financially. Think positively about your options. Reach beyond the norm. Tonight: Take in new vistas.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Others dominate your plans. If you discover that someone is quickly backing away, you might need to rethink your attitude or word choice. You might like sturm and drang, but others will not tolerate that type of behavior. Tonight: Say "yes" to a partner.

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In for Carmen

Anderson to replace Electra as special guest

PAMELA ANDERSON will replace Carmen Electra as special guest star in Hans Klok's new show, "The Beauty of Magic," at the Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino.

Electra said at a press

conference last week that she would be with the show for three months. Publicists had hailed it as her stage debut in Las Vegas and promised "sultry surprises."

But the 35-year-old

actress pulled out for "scheduling reasons," said Bill Taylor, chief executive of Stage Entertainment, which produces Klok's show.

"We couldn't work dates out," Taylor said.

In announcing her spe-

cial guest appearance, Anderson popped out of an apparently empty box at the crowded Extra lounge at the former Aladdin casino-hotel on the Las Vegas Strip.

"My kids are going to

love this," the 39-year-old actress said Thursday. "This is my dream of being a Vegas showgirl come true."

The grand opening of the show is June 2.

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OWNS RELEASES DVD

Lila Downs has released a DVD featuring a potpourri of video clips by artists and filmmakers set to her love songs.

"Loteria cantada (Singing Lottery)" is based on a popular Latin American game that is similar to bingo, but uses cards with colorful pictures of everything from dancing skeletons to horned devils, the singer said at a press conference earlier this week.

"We wanted to bring a fresher, freer vision to things," said Downs, who fuses her mother's traditional Mexican music with U.S. popular music she learned from her American father.

When she was growing up, Downs split her time between Minnesota and the southern Oaxacan town of Tlaxiaco.

The DVD also contains a short film by her father, interviews with Oaxacan painters, and a short documentary on her concerts in Mexico, Spain, Germany, England and Hong Kong. Downs' popularity mushroomed after she appeared in "Frida," the 2002 film.

AP

Rai plans to take new name

AISHWARYA RAI, Bollywood's hottest bride, will take her new husband's famous surname to become Aishwarya Bachchan.

Rai, who married Abhishek Bachchan last weekend in a gala affair dubbed "the wedding of the century," has already signed an autograph as Aishwarya Bachchan, said her father-in-law, Indian superstar actor Amitabh Bachchan.

"She desires to use Bachchan as her surname,"

he told The Times of India in an interview published Thursday.

The marriage of Rai and Abhishek Bachchan, two of Bollywood's biggest stars, has captivated the media for months. The couple were engaged in a private ceremony in January.

Rai, 33, became famous when she was crowned Miss World in 1994. She has acted in more than 30 movies and is the brand ambassador for leading cosmetic companies. Rai and her new husband, 31,

have appeared together in several films.

Amitabh Bachchan denied reports that photos of the wedding had been sold to a foreign magazine.

"No such offer has come and even if it did, we would reject it," he said.

Bachchan said the young couple would move in with him and his wife, Jaya, instead of getting a home of their own.

"This decision came voluntarily from Abhishek and Aishwarya," he said.

Jaya Bachchan is a

famous actress who largely stopped working in films after getting married.

As for his daughter-in-law's career, Bachchan said he hopes she'll continue starring in movies.

"Jaya and I have insisted that Aishwarya must continue with her acting career," he said. "There is no problem or issue with us."

Rai's screen credits include 2004's "Bride & Prejudice," directed by Gurinder Chadha.

AP

Grant accepts damages

HUGH GRANT accepted undisclosed damages Friday from a British newspaper publisher over claims about his relationships with former girlfriends Gemma Khan and Elizabeth Hurley.

The 46-year-old actor sued Associated Newspapers, publisher of the Daily Mail and Mail on Sunday, over stories published in February.

One story alleged that his relationship with Khan was destroyed by a flirtation with a film executive. Another claimed Grant would attend Hurley's wedding to businessman Arun

Nayar and had sponsored a chimpanzee at a British zoo as a gift. A third said he resented having to do publicity for his films.

Grant's lawyer, Simon Smith, said "all of the above allegations and factual assertions are false."

Grant wasn't at London's High Court for the ruling.

Smith said the actor would give the money to a cancer charity.

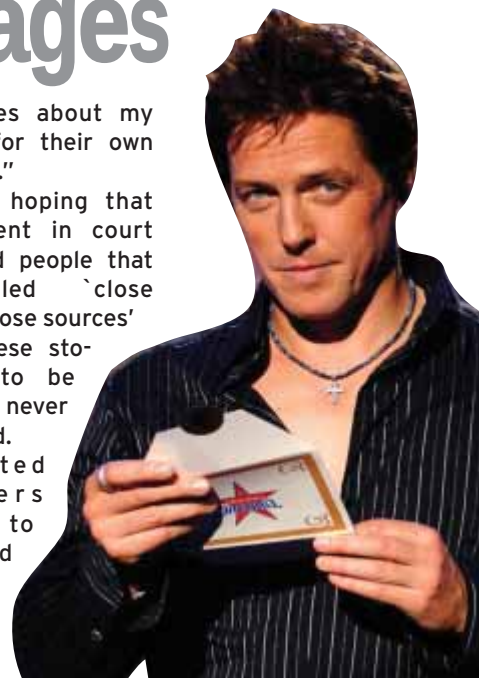
In a statement, Grant said he had taken legal action because he was tired of the newspapers "publishing almost entirely fic-

tional articles about my private life for their own financial gain."

"I'm also hoping that this statement in court might remind people that the so-called 'close friends' or 'close sources' on which these stories claim to be based almost never exist," he said.

Associated Newspapers apologized to Grant and agreed to pay his legal costs.

AP



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2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:10
Kickin' It Old School (PG-13)
2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00
Sing Now or Forever Hold
Your Peace (NR)
1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15
Reign Over Me (R)
4:25, 9:30

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1310 3rd Street
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Blades of Glory (Pg-13)
11:05a.m., 1:15, 3:30, 5:45,
8:00, 10:20
The Condemned (R)
11:50a.m., 2:30, 5:15, 7:50
10:30
Disturbia (PG-13)
11:15a.m., 1:45, 4:20, 7:00,
9:35
The Hoax (R)
11:20a.m., 2:10, 4:50, 7:30,
10:15
Vacancy (R)
11:00a.m., 1:10, 3:20, 5:30,
7:40, 9:55

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Black Book (Zwartboek) (R)
1:00, 4:30, 8:00
Hot Fuzz (R)
1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00

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1332 2nd Street
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Jindabyne (R)
12:45, 3:45, 7:10, 9:55
The Lives of Others
(Das Leben der Anderen
(R)
1:10, 4:20, 8:00
The Namesake (PG-13)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55
Year of the Dog (PG-13)
12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40,
10:10

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1313 3rd Street
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Are We Done Yet? (PG)
11:50a.m., 2:20, 5:00, 7:20
Fracture (R)
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Meet the Robinsons in
Disney Digital (G)
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	4		2		9			
				5	8			
7		1					2	9

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6	5	9	4	2	3	7	1	8
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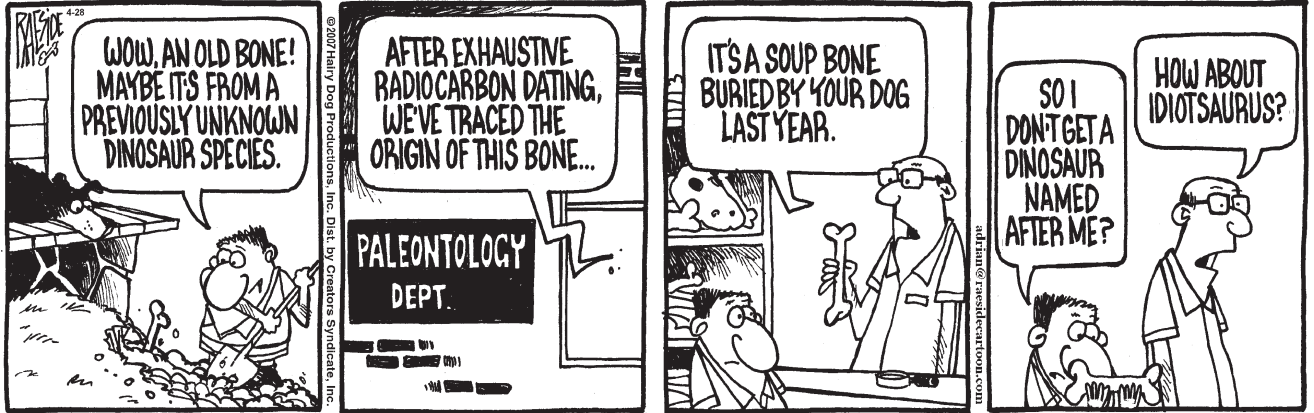
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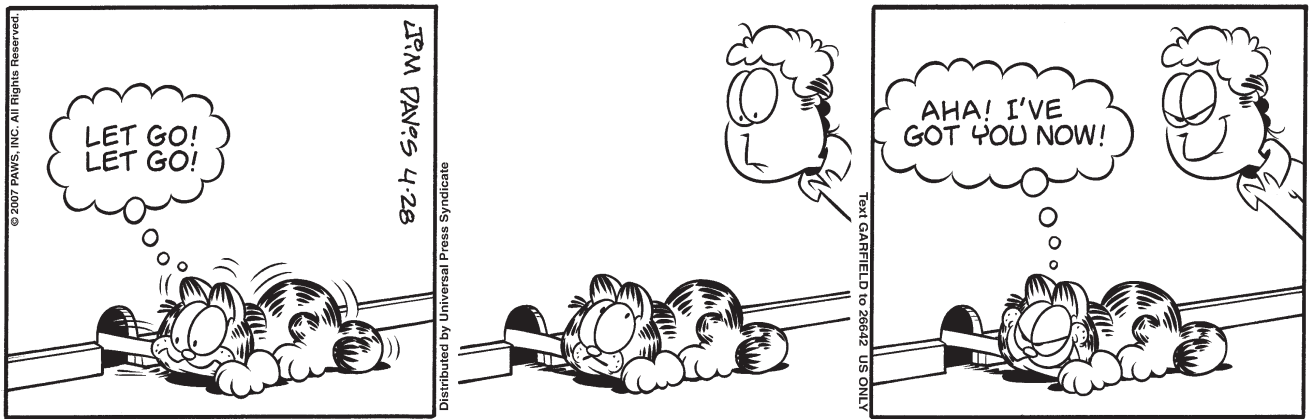
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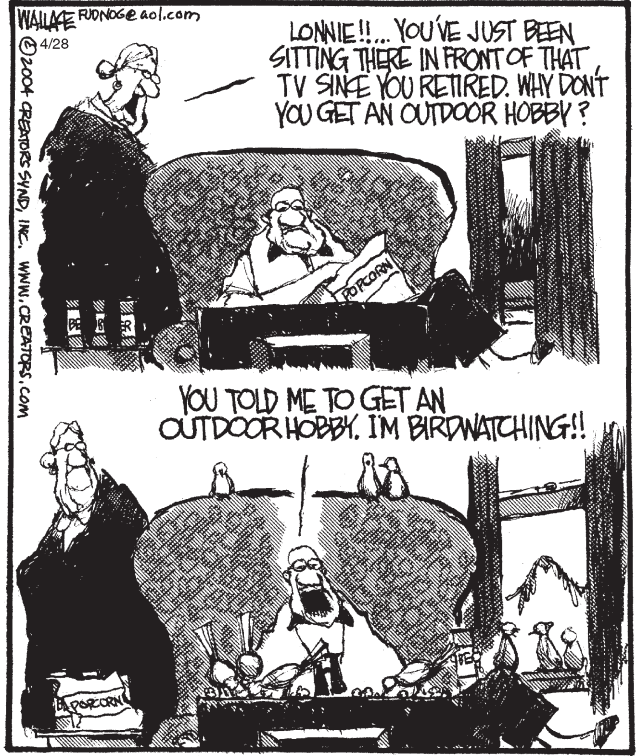
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Head in the bar
 - 5 "The Lion King" hero
 - 10 Available
 - 12 Mecca folks
 - 13 Peach center
 - 14 Chipper
 - 15 Church no-no
 - 16 Refrain bits
 - 18 Cinch
 - 19 First name in TV cooking
 - 21 Cream buy
 - 22 "Fear of Flying" author
 - 24 Afghan capital
 - 25 MVP of Super Bowl III
 - 29 Disenchanted
 - 30 Core
 - 32 Deep hole
 - 33 Outlaw
 - 34 Put away
 - 35 Im-pressed
- DOWN**
- 37 Coup group
 - 39 Pull gently
 - 40 Bring on
 - 41 Ignore the limit
 - 42 Ball girls

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Yesterday's answer

- 1 "Cabaret" director
- 2 Punctual
- 3 Penitent person
- 4 Chess piece
- 5 Dupes
- 6 Spleen
- 7 Purple swallow
- 8 Blues legend
- 9 So far
- 11 Louisiana symbol
- 17 Mobile home
- 20 Picard's first officer
- 21 Arctic
- 23 Robin Williams movie
- 25 Enlist
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Cultural Diversity: Spain has long been criticized for its traditions of animal abuse, such as bullfighting and, until recently, one village's festive custom of tossing a live goat from a church tower. German animal welfare activists complained in March about another Spanish "sport": the flinging of live quail into the air (from a catapult) so that hunters can shoot them. (Germany also has its ugliness, according to a March Der Spiegel report, with certain villages' customs of clubbing a hung-up goose and poking a cat with a broomstick through a hole in a crate.)

Latest Religious Messages

Among the world's emerging messiahs is lapsed-Catholic Jose de Jesus Miranda, 60, of Houston (who has ministries in as many as 30 countries), whose message includes drinking ("Jesus (Christ) drank wine because he didn't have Dewar's (scotch)"), smoking, rejection of the concepts of sin and hell, and condemnation of Catholicism and the pope (according to a March report from ABC News). Though El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras recently banned him, he is said to have tens of thousands of followers, many of whom joyfully have themselves tattooed with "666" to honor Miranda's self-description as an antichrist.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1862 American Civil War: Admiral David Farragut captures New Orleans, Louisiana.

1932 A vaccine for yellow fever is announced for use on humans.

1952 The United States occupation of Japan ends.

1965 United States troops land in the Dominican Republic to "forestall establishment of a Communist dictatorship" and to evacuate U.S. citizens.

1970 Vietnam War: U.S. President Richard M. Nixon formally authorizes American combat troops to fight communist sanctuaries in Cambodia.

1987 U.S. engineer Ben Linder is killed in an ambush by U.S.-funded Contras in northern Nicaragua.

1988 Near Maui, Hawaii, flight attendant Clarabelle "C.B." Lansing is sucked out of Aloha Flight 243, a Boeing 737, and falls to her death when part of the plane's fuselage rips open in mid-flight.

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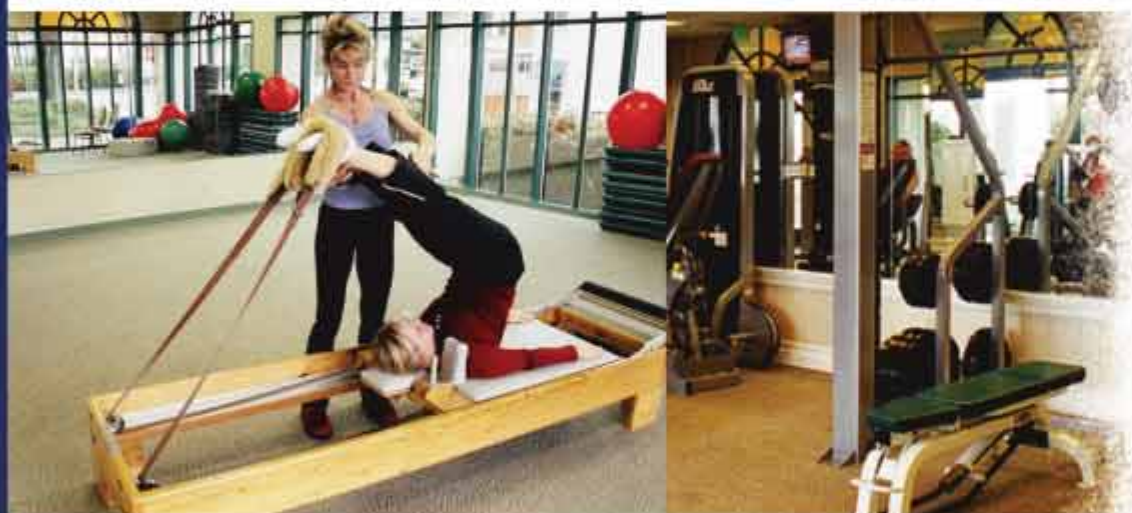
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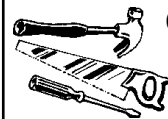
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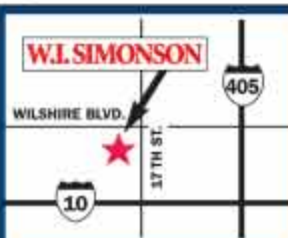
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