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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In April issues of The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal, the chief executives of two huge companies in politically sensitive industries were revealed to have received such extravagant bonuses or stock options that even veteran industry observers were said to be shocked. While customers of both companies are chronically panicked about rising prices, Lee Raymond, who retired as CEO of ExxonMobil in December, was reported by the Times to have received the equivalent of \$144,000 every day for 13 years, and William McGuire, CEO since 1996 of the highly profitable health-insurance manager United Healthcare, was reported by the Journal to be sitting on stock options that, because they were mysteriously timed to kick in at the best possible date, are worth \$1.6 billion.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 122nd day of 2006.
There are 243 days left in the year.

On May 2, 1945, the Soviet Union announced the fall of Berlin, and the Allies announced the surrender of Nazi troops in Italy and parts of Austria.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Like ships, men founder
time and again."
HENRY MILLER

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Pipe down, dude!



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Kirk Holland (at right), a board member for the Santa Monica Aquarium and science teacher at SMASH, gets assistance from Mickel Benzimra, a public program docent for the aquarium, as he lowers a remote operational vehicle into the ocean for its maiden voyage during the aquarium's 'Commotion in the Ocean' event. 'The ROV — a surface operated submarine — is an inexpensive way to explore the ocean,' Holland said. 'It cost \$200 to build with parts from Home Depot.'

Going, going, wrong

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Officials here are outraged over the Army's attempt to auction off 10 acres of prime real estate in West Los Angeles without properly notifying the public. Beyond concerns about possible commercial development at the site and what that would mean for traffic congestion on the Westside, Councilmember Richard Bloom and U.S. Congressman Henry Waxman, D-Los Angeles, said they were deeply troubled by the

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LOCAL

A house divided over school punishments

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI — Teachers and administrators here are working together to more consistently enforce school rules following complaints that students are often punished differently for the same offense. A committee comprised of six teachers and six administrators at Santa Monica High School met last week for a full-day discussion focused on creating a concrete disciplinary policy throughout the high school, which is broken up into six "houses" — each with its own principal, counselors and set of students. Harry M. Keiley, president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association, said the committee was formed by the district as a response to a formal grievance

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All's quiet on the Westside front

While most protesters headed for LA, signs of unity present

By staff and wire reports

LOS ANGELES — Santa Monica was minimally impacted by Monday's work boycott by Hispanic immigrants, however some restaurants were closed, day laborers weren't stationed at their standard posts along 11th Street and about 40 students left Santa Monica High School to join in a rally held in West Los Angeles. Far from the boisterous streets where hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants and their supporters marched Monday, many of the restaurants, factories and construction sites they boycotted stood silent. Kitchens that normally serve food were empty. Meat-processing plants came to a halt. Fields were barren of workers. Truckers avoided the nation's largest shipping port, and tens of thousands of students skipped school.

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Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Santa Monica High School students march down Pico Boulevard, on their way to Wilshire Boulevard to board a bus to take them to the Hispanic immigrant protest in West LA. About three dozen Samohi students participated in the march.

Despite divisions over whether the "Day Without Immigrants" sent the right message to lawmakers mulling reforms to federal law, the impact of the economic boycott was evident, though hardly uniform, at workplaces nationwide. "We are the backbone of what

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★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★★★-Average ★★-So-so ★-Difficult



ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might feel pressured by others, as everyone seems to want or expect something. Deal with your personal and domestic life first. Coming from a stable, anchored place can make all the difference. Create that platform for yourself. Tonight: Easy does it.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Speak your mind and get to the bottom of confusion about common goals. Others easily fall into place, wanting to please you. Head in a new direction because you want the change and variety, not because you have to. Tonight: Yap up a storm.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might want to take charge and get to the bottom of what appears to be a quirky situation. Investigate new possibilities around your daily or professional life. A positive change could be beneficial. Reach out to someone. Tonight: Pay bills.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You want to think positively and creatively. Good news walks through your door. Be ready for quirky information or a change of plans. Listen to others. Your personality helps melt barriers. Tonight: As you like.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Much goes on behind the scenes. You will want to think before you leap into action. A partner or associate could be a bit quirky or changeable. Opportunities come from a centered point of view. Others look to you for ideas. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You'll get what you want with a positive attitude. Friends and meetings benefit you, though a key partner could be a bit flaky. Unexpected developments can take you to a new level if you flex. Tonight: Where your friends are.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Timing works for responsible Libras. Seize the moment and get ahead of your work and routine. Soon enough, you will want some free time to yourself. Planning ahead makes sense. Accept a new piece of technology. Tonight: On top of it all.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your good will and ability to pull back help you intuitively make the correct decisions. A child or loved one could be flaky. A risk might fall as you wish. Still, give yourself space for a problem or flub-up. Tonight: Surround yourself with good music.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ A partner reads between the lines. What is being shared is good news. You feel restored and a lot happier. Remember, not everything is your responsibility. Think positively about a partnership who means a lot to you. Tonight: Quality time with someone you care about.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Others chip in in areas you least expect. You might be delighted if you give up rigidity and positively greet change. Good news surrounds meetings, friendships and people in general. Tonight: Out.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Surprises finally make the Water Bearer smile. Your enduring work ethic appears to pay off, be it through acknowledgment or financial change. You are coming from a strong place. Schedule a long-overdue appointment. Tonight: Do something just for yourself.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your imagination takes you down different paths and makes a substantial change in your plans. Loosen up and relax with others. Add that fun spirit and joy of living. Others cannot help but join you on the bandwagon. Tonight: Let the kid in you out.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

‘Interlude’ student show runs through June

By Daily Press staff

Local artists will be judged by their peers this month. Santa Monica College’s Emeritus College will present “Spring Interlude,” a student juried art exhibition from May 4 to June 30 at the Emeritus College Art Gallery. The exhibit will feature a mix of styles, media and content, and will honor student works selected by professors Lucy Blake-Elahi and Ronn Davis. The opening reception will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 4 in the gallery, located on the first floor of Emeritus College, 1227 Second St. in downtown Santa Monica. Parking is available next door in Santa Monica public parking structure No. 2. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A gallery talk with artists, jurors and professors who participated in the exhibition will be held at 5 p.m. Thursday, June 8. The talk is free and open to the public. Emeritus College was founded 31 years ago and currently serves about 3,500 older adults with 150 classes and special programs.

Be prepared for anything in May

By Daily Press staff

One can never be too prepared for disaster, and May is as good a time as any to ensure you and your loved ones are ready if disaster strikes. The American Red Cross of Santa Monica and the city of Santa Monica are launching a month-long campaign advising Santa Monicans to “be prepared” for emergencies and disasters. “One of the lessons Hurricane Katrina taught us was that having three days of emergency supplies wasn’t enough,” said John Pacheco, executive director of the Santa Monica Red Cross. Organizers said it’s important for emergency supplies to be available for seven days, hence the theme for this year’s campaign, “I’ve got 7.” Many local businesses have offered tickets, prizes, discount coupons and other incentives to encourage the public to be aware and prepared by pledging to follow the seven steps for preparedness:

1. Have a week’s supply of nonperishable food and water on hand.
2. Keep a battery-powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries available.
3. Keep a fully stocked First Aid Kit.
4. Have cash on hand. ATM machines and credit cards are useless without power.
5. Have sturdy clothing, especially long pants, long sleeve shirts, hard-soled shoes and gloves.
6. Make sure you have special needs such as medicine, eyeglasses, sanitary supplies, matches, passports (I.D.) and pet supplies available.
7. Contact information for someone out of the area who can relay messages to family and friends if local communications are down.

On all collateral materials, an “I’ve Got 7” pledge card will be included. It can be filled out, signed and clipped by anybody who pledges to be prepared for emergencies. The pledge cards can be returned to the Santa Monica Red Cross where they will be entered into a drawing for prizes and gifts which will be held on June 2. A special school campaign will target seventh grade classrooms to bring the “be disaster ready” message to students, parents and families. Literature explaining the seven steps necessary to be prepared for an emergency will be distributed in the classroom. Students will pledge to be prepared, clip the pledge card and turn it in for drawings for prizes and classroom pizza parties. The campaign also will involve all city employees who will make pledges and be eligible for drawings and prizes. “The event will be held throughout the month of May,” said Paul Weinberg, the city of Santa Monica’s director of emergency services. “This will give everyone a chance to see and accomplish what must be done to keep their families safe and in relative comfort if a serious disaster were to occur.”



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BEAR MOUNTAIN
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MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	0"	BASE DEPTH 168"-192"	LIFT HOURS 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	RUNS OPEN 50	LIFTS OPEN 7/28
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CONDITIONS: MACHINE GROOMED, SPRING

MOUNTAIN HIGH
CLOSED

MT. BALDY

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	0"	BASE DEPTH 8" - 18"	LIFT HOURS 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM	RUNS OPEN 20	LIFTS OPEN 6/14
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CONDITIONS: MACHINE GROOMED, SPRING

SNOW SUMMIT

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	0"	BASE DEPTH 8" - 36"	LIFT HOURS 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM	RUNS OPEN 26	LIFTS OPEN 6/14
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CONDITIONS: MACHINE GROOMED, HARD PACKED, SPRING, VARIABLE

SNOW VALLEY
CLOSED

SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 58°

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SW REBOUNDS TUESDAY...

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SATURDAY				
LOW TIDE	5:20AM	-1.17FT	4:27PM	1.87FT
HIGH TIDE	11:49AM	3.67FT	10:46PM	6.18FT
SUNDAY				
LOW TIDE	6:10AM	-0.93FT	5:01PM	2.31FT
HIGH TIDE	12:52PM	3.33FT	11:24PM	5.77FT
MONDAY				
LOW TIDE	7:06AM	-0.56FT	5:36PM	2.7FT
HIGH TIDE	N/A	N/A	2:14PM	3.11FT
TUESDAY				
LOW TIDE	8:10AM	-0.17FT	6:24PM	3.05FT
HIGH TIDE	12:07AM	5.26FT	4:09PM	3.14FT
WEDNESDAY				
LOW TIDE	9:23AM	0.15FT	10:51PM	3.05FT
HIGH TIDE	1:01AM	4.72FT	5:45PM	3.39FT
THURSDAY				
LOW TIDE	10:35AM	0.33FT	10:51PM	3.05FT
HIGH TIDE	2:17AM	4.23FT	6:25PM	3.66FT
FRIDAY				
LOW TIDE	11:33AM	0.44FT	N/A	N/A
HIGH TIDE	3:54AM	3.93FT	6:50PM	3.92FT



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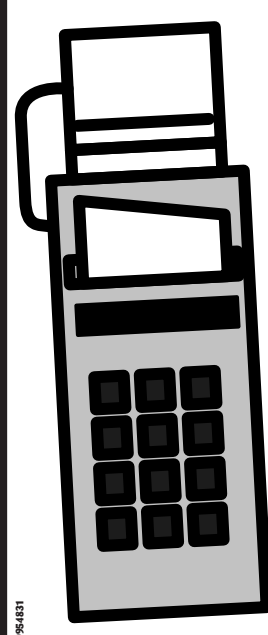
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With the fifth anniversary of 9-11 approaching, Hollywood is releasing a pair of prominent movies — including this week's "United 93" — that re-enact in harrowing detail the events that transpired on September 11, 2001. A recurring question being posed is whether or not America is ready to relive the tragedy of the terrorist attacks in an entertainment medium.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know: **Do you feel it's a good time for Hollywood to dramatize the attacks, still fresh in our collective memories? Do you plan on seeing "United 93"? Why or why not?**

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Public beach club sounds good to him

Editor:

Please add my voice to the groundswell of public opinion supporting the new beach club at 415 PCH.

Rarely does a community have a chance to create such a lavish and foresighted facility for public enjoyment — at no cost to the city.

This is exactly the kind of “everybody welcome” club that can help fight “gated community” paranoia, which is becoming too common in this country right now.

It’s not overstating to say that a fundamental principle of democracy is at stake. Enjoying public amenities in the company of people with differing backgrounds is a key part of the American dream.

Jeffrey Sturges
Santa Monica

Mexicans going about it the wrong way

Editor:

Speaking of racism, what about the term used to describe Americans in Mexico, “gringo?” My understanding is that gringo is used as a disparaging term for foreigners in Latin America, especially an American or English person. Add to that immigrants — both legal and illegal — chanting “La Raza” during recent protests and rallies, and I would venture to say that there is a great deal of racism being promulgated by the marchers. By hoisting the Mexican flag on American soil, or by draping it around the shoulders of protesters, it would appear that the message of these rallies and protests is being made abundantly clear. To me, it is insulting, offensive and bigoted, not to mention polarizing.

Julia Reeves
Santa Monica

Shulgasser has no clue, or identity

Editor:

In his ad hominen attack on me and, by proxy, the Ocean Park Association (SMDP, April 17, page 4), Ronnie Shulgasser accuses me of being an elitist NIMBYist, as if I were the unholy spawn of Marie Antoinette and Dick Cheney. One might suspect I’d run over his dog with my Mercedes and then told him to eat cake — I actually drive a 10-year-old Subaru, the car of choice of all elitists.

In fact, I’m not sure what I’ve done to provoke Mr. Shulgasser’s wrath, as I have no idea who he is. Others seem to be similarly perplexed. Verizon’s directory assistance has no listing for a Shulgasser in Santa Monica. And as civic-minded as Shulgasser seems to be, there’s no person with that name on the 2004 voter registration rolls. Perhaps it’s easier to kvetch than to vote. And, curiously, in March of 2004 the Santa Monica Mirror revealed in a riposte to one of Shulgasser’s diatribes that the phone number he’d provided the newspaper as his actually belonged to a woman living in Venice (www.smmirror.com/volume5/issue41/conflicts.asp).

Meanwhile, Shulgasser, whoever he is and wherever he lives, seems to know an awful lot about me, including where I live. Great, my own personal stalker. What’s next? Paparazzi outside my door? One would never have guessed that running a modest little neighborhood organization came fraught with the perils of celebrity. It’s all pretty creepy.

Furthermore, “The Gasser’s” letter is riddled with factual inaccuracies:

1. OPA actually has no roots in OPCO. Instead, it was founded by Ocean Park residents who’d previously felt they had no voice in OPCO. I was not one of those first members of OPA and only became involved after the organization had been in existence for a year.
2. I was indeed at one time involved with OPCO, but resigned along with other board members when the organization wouldn’t comply with a member’s lawful request to inspect membership records.
3. Rick Laudati, co-chair of OPCO, never resided in the bungalow court where I live.
4. I am not a recent transplant but have lived and worked in Santa Monica for 15 years. That might make me a newcomer in Maine, but in a city where the average renter moves every three years it’s a respectable tenure.

Finally, Shulgasser’s letter accusing me and OPA of elitist NIMBYism is purportedly a response to the column I wrote in the March 17 edition of the SMDP. In that piece I noted that OPA has worked to remove graffiti, mitigated the impacts of SMC parking at the beach lots, lobbied to protect rent-controlled housing and strives to retain and enhance the pedestrian-friendly ambiance of Ocean Park.

Does that sound like elitist NIMBYism?

In his letter Shulgasser wrote “I believe he ... pushes the same ‘I got mine so you can’t have’ agendas that reflect the same elitist hallmarks of the old OPCO.” What is the basis for this belief? Has Shulgasser attended one of OPA’s meetings or done any other sort of due diligence to research our intentions and actions?

Or is he just bloviating and belching spleen from wherever he lives?

Ted Winterer
Santa Monica

War machine is what drives U.S. economy



WHAT’S
THE POINT?
BY DAVID PISARRA

The latest figures have shown consumer confidence in the economy is again on the rebound. Consumer spending is up .6 percent. Construction of new homes is up.

The cost of the war, though in the billions of dollars and thousands of lives, is helping to drive this economy. It is a sad reality that the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and on terror, drugs, and the continued escalation of tensions with South Korea, Iran and the rest of globe, are all contributing to a growing economy.

War is horrible. It is a blight on humanity that any thinking man would gladly remove. Unfortunately, war also brings with it huge needs for food, clothing, machinery, and support services that drive small businesses to growth and prosperity.

The Democrats like to talk about the huge cost of war, and in doing so, they like to paint a picture of spending-crazed Republicans, those bloodthirsty war hawks, who are interested solely in the conquest of other countries, decimation of other cultures, and pursuit of the almighty lobbying dollar.

The Republicans like to cast the Democrats as spineless do-gooders willing to tax the rich, defend the poor and abandon all morality.

As with all things, the middle ground holds the key to what is really going on. It is not the bloodthirsty Republicans that are generating new jobs and incomes, it is the infrastructure of the military that needs constant support that leads to purchase orders that drive the entrepreneurs and industrial enterprises. Those centers of commerce that take money from the government, in exchange for canned food, socks, guns, bullets, computer software and a million other items are what are helping to keep this economy thriving: The employer who works for the government, paying employees so they can shop in a local mega-mart, buying produce picked by illegal immigrants, to feed to their hungry families.

It is an economic moebius strip. Those magical creations that appear to have two sides, but really have only one, because it all feeds back into itself. The economy, war, politics, humanity, right, wrong, honest, dishonest — it all feeds upon itself to keep the global society going.

I attended “All My Sons” this past weekend at the Geffen Theater. It is Arthur Miller’s play about morality in a post World War II world. The play revolves around a contractor who built engine blocks for the Army in WWII. It is timely and poignant about what war does to men, women, children, enterprises and lives.

At the break, my partner and I started to discuss how the current war is affecting our country. We discussed how it seems like the current war is not benefiting our economy, by which I mean the local Los Angeles economy. However, in reality it

affects it greatly.

During times of war, people want to escape reality. As Angelenos, we tend to be removed from the war. Since we don’t live in a city that has a major military base in it we tend not to see the military personnel. In WWII, Santa Monica had sailors running everywhere, and defense contractors were all over the city building planes and parts for the fight against a clear enemy.

Today we have Internet companies, lawyers and retail stores — all pursuing the fight for profits and freedom from the City Council’s restrictions on all types of enterprises. Our economy is primarily based on entertainment and tourists.

The Republicans like to cast the Democrats as spineless do-gooders willing to tax the rich.

The high prices that gas is commanding this summer will severely impact the tourism trade but sadly the war in Iraq, the tension over Iran, and the uncertainty of what South Korea will do will continue to keep people motivated to escape reality. And that is positive news for the movie business.

Last year cinemas had a disastrous summer. Attendance was down, partly due to a poor selection of movies, but also because people are staying home to watch movies, which helps the DVD market, the pay-per-view market, and cable providers.

This year, with the continued anxiety of war on everyone’s mind, high gas prices, which will soon become high electric bills as the summer heat drives up our air conditioning costs, people are more likely to attend movies, or at least continue to rent them on DVD and watch them at home.

That is good news for homeowners because it means that the studios will need to create more content, which means more high-paying jobs are coming to the area, which drives up apartment and condominium sales, which puts pressure on the single-family home values to keep increasing. This in turn results in high property taxes which is good for the state as we are still not out of the woods economically.

The cost of war needs to be measured in two ways. There is the human cost in terms of lives lost, destroyed and forever changed. That is beyond accounting. No one could ever tally the true cost in that manner. Then there is the cost and benefits of war in terms of how it drives our economy and the benefits that flow from it. War creates income streams, new inventions, supports depressed areas with new manufacturing opportunities and that provides millions of Americans with sustenance.

War is horrid. It should be avoided. But to avoid it we must first understand it in all its effects. At the end of the day, war is good for an economy, and we need to recognize that. For how else can we avoid wars, if we don’t see what causes them?

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WILMONT looks to keep residents talking



Editor's note: "In the Hood" is a column published each Tuesday that is written by residents who represent organized neighborhood groups throughout Santa Monica.

BY JEAN DODSON

Special to the Daily Press

Few cities offer an organized opportunity for ongoing resident participation in community issues. Santa Monica, however, is a notable exception and the Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition (WILMONT) has become recognized throughout the community as a leader in providing a voice for residents living in our neighborhood.

WILMONT consists of a group of neighbors that has organized to work with the city of Santa Monica and local businesses to ensure that the voices of our residents are heard. Our purpose is to facilitate the exchange of ideas so that residents can more fully participate in the decisions that impact us all. By addressing issues such as population density, parking, development, affordable housing and crime, WILMONT provides an opportunity for residents to develop positive solutions that impact the quality of life in our community.

WILMONT has now been addressing the concerns of its members for more than a decade. The focus of our organization is to expand residential involvement in community issues, increase visibility of residential concerns, and improve communication between residents, businesses and community leaders. By speaking as a group, we can more effectively protect our residents and our neighborhoods from special interests, projects or policies that negatively affect our community, and work to institute positive changes instead. Some of WILMONT's recent accomplishments include:

- Submitting a plan to the City Council to alleviate parking problems in the Wilshire-Montana district.

- Working with other neighborhood groups to develop a "residents' portal." The Web site will facilitate communication, education and activism for all citizens of Santa Monica and will be on-line in the near future.

- Organizing neighbors to defeat the installation of a wireless telecommunications facility on a residential building on Fourth Street.

- Creating a WILMONT Web site to share relevant news, information, event calendar, official communications, and much more information for our neighbors. We encourage you to come visit us on the web at one of the following links: www.wilmont.org or www.wilshiremontana.org

WILMONT will continue to identify and address the issues that directly affect the quality of life in our neighborhood and do all we can to preserve and improve it. Some of the issues with which we are presently concerned include:

- Responsible development and controlling excessive growth

- General plan: Land use element and zoning ordinances

- Maintaining rent-controlled apartments

- Traffic, parking and pedestrian safety

- Recycling, energy conservation and pollution concerns

- Partnering with other neighborhood groups on issues that affect all residents of Santa Monica.

WILMONT serves community members residing between Montana Avenue to the north, Pacific Coast Highway to the west, 21st Street to the east, and Wilshire Boulevard to the south. If you reside within these boundaries, we encourage you to become involved with WILMONT.

To get involved, attend one of our WILMONT board meetings held the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Ken Edwards Center at 1527 Fourth St., across the street from Santa Monica Place Mall. To make sure the date has not been changed or to identify an issue WILMONT should address, call us at (310) 840-2257. In addition, all residents in the WILMONT neighborhood are invited to our annual meeting on Saturday, June 24 at Christine Emerson Reed Park. More information will be available on our Web site in the upcoming weeks.

To join our organization, please call or visit our Web site for more information. As a WILMONT member, you will receive our newsletter, periodic updates on important issues and notices of meetings and/or special events occurring in our neighborhood. Please join us because with every new member, our voice becomes that much stronger.

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Army land sale has officials up in arms

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lack of warning by the Army, which scheduled the auction for June 12, with tours of the property beginning Wednesday.

Bloom and Waxman said they were not aware of the auction until being informed by residents who read an advertisement for it in the Los Angeles Times over Easter weekend.

“For the military, with no process, no discussion with political leaders ... no discussion whatsoever, to remove this facility this way, in my opinion, is a terrible thing,” Bloom said. “This project must be stopped in its tracks.”

In addition to the possible elimination of a staging area for a terrorist attack or natural disaster, Bloom said a cold-weather shelter for the homeless, which is located on the property, could also be in jeopardy, leaving the Westside without 150 beds.

This would be a significant loss, homeless service providers said, for West Los Angeles is seriously lacking in shelters for the homeless.

There is also a concern that officials in Culver City will not renew a lease to operate their cold-weather shelter, which is set

to expire in 2007. While officials in Culver City said they are working to extend the lease, homeless service providers are still worried. If the two shelters were to close, that would mean the loss of 300 total beds during the winter months.

“This would seriously jeopardize our homeless delivery system,” said Mona Miyasato, acting human services manager for City Hall.

Waxman is also deeply troubled about losing the homeless shelter, but even more so by the Army’s failure to keep his office informed of the auction. While he expected to receive advanced warning of any decision by the Army, along with a detailed timeline for the land transfer, Waxman’s staff said he did not find out about the auction until after an advertisement was posted.

Waxman said veterans should be given the right of first refusal for the property, considering the land is part of a 300-acre gift in 1888 by a private family, who wanted the land to be used as a home for disabled veterans.

Representatives for Waxman said they are involved in daily communications with the Army and have expressed the concerns of residents and elected officials here, but so far, the auction has not been called off.

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MONA MIYASATO ACTING HUMAN SERVICES MANAGER, CITY HALL

Calls to the Army were not returned.

The property on the auction block is located at the Southeast corner of the Federal Building in Westwood, just south of Wilshire Boulevard. The land, comprised of two, five-acre parcels, was first acquired by the U.S. Army Reserve in 1956 from the Veteran’s Administration at a cost of \$60,000. In 1976, the Army acquired the additional 5-acre portion from the Air Force at not cost. That portion was originally owned by the VA, according to an information paper prepared by the Army.

The auction is technically a real property exchange. In exchange for the land, which is home to the West Los Angeles U.S. Army Reserve Center, the buyer would be required to build replacement facilities at existing government facilities elsewhere in Southern California. If the new construction is not worth the total value of the property, the Army can accept a cash payment to cover the balance.

Los Angeles County has zoned the 10

acres for institutional uses only, which include schools, fire and police stations, hospitals, parks and government offices. This could make the property undesirable to some developers, but they can appeal for a zoning change from the county.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky said he would fight any zoning change.

Santa Monica City Council members voted last week to have city staff continue lobbying efforts to get the auction stopped and allow more time for the public to weigh in on the sale.

“God only knows what they (developers) will put on this land,” Mayor Bob Holbrook said. “It doesn’t look like a lot of land when you drive by, but we’re talking about 10 acres.”

Those who wish to bid on the property must register on-line at www.westlarp.com before June 12. The auction will run until June 23 at 3 p.m. The minimum bid is \$1.

At Samohi, it’s a textbook case of uneven punishments

PUNISHMENTS, from page 1

filed by the more than 160 teachers at Samohi, who claimed the house system was to blame for a lack of any unified disciplinary policy because some house principals dish out punishment at different levels than others for the same offense.

“We are asking for consistency across all houses, nothing more, nothing less,” Keiley said. “This is not a grievance against the house system. It’s specifically about discipline and campus security and it is our goal to make sure Santa Monica High School is the safest and most conducive environment for our teachers to work and for our students to learn.”

The committee — which will examine everything from chronic tardiness to fighting and disrespectfulness in the classroom — plans to make a formal presentation of its findings to the school board on June 1, Keiley said.

Dr. Ilene Straus, head principal at Samohi, acknowledges there has been a problem with equality when it comes to discipline, but she and other administrators have worked throughout the year to improve enforcement and security on campus. This past fall, they introduced a new set of consequences for offenses that each faculty member and administrator has agreed to follow.

“Whenever you have more than one person dealing with discipline, there is always a question of enforcement,” Straus said. “When we had two deans, there was always the impression that one dean was easier on the students than the other. We’ve addressed that and I think the discipline is more consistent now than it has been. I think we have a good set of guidelines for progressive discipline for general consequences. The issue we are dealing with now is the issue of tardiness.”

According to Straus, oftentimes pun-

ishments are changed for a particular offense if the student in trouble has never visited the principal’s office before. Some students may arrive late once a semester, and therefore, should not receive the same punishment as a student who is tardy three times a week, Straus reasoned.

Don Hedrick, a history teacher at Samohi and member of the union’s executive board, said the problem should be an easy fix.

“Some of what’s been done just doesn’t make sense,” Hedrick said. “It’s like having a family with six kids and a father who has different rules for each of them. One of them gets to stay out all night without doing his chores, another one has to make his bed every day and do all the dishes at night or he gets no allowance. It just doesn’t work that way. Same thing here.”

Madeline Moore, a senior at Samohi who is on the principal’s advisory committee, said there have been complaints from

students about the level of discipline in each house.

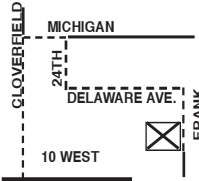
“It’s always been an issue,” Moore said. “People see situations differently and there are always unique circumstances around each event. One person can perceive it this way and another that way, it all depends on the person. Some say one principal is softer than another. I think the school has really made some progress recently in addressing this.”

Moore said students will probably have a mixed reaction to any changes to the disciplinary policy, much like they do now when someone is busted for breaking the rules.

“It will be received positively and negatively,” Moore said. “Those who haven’t received harsher punishment will be disappointed while those who have will be glad that it will not be harsh. If people get into a fight, they’ll both be punished. And I think that’s a good thing.”

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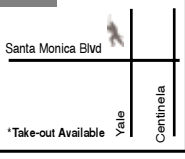
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Protesters across country synergize

PROTEST, from page 1

America is, legal or illegal, it doesn't matter," said Melanie Lugo, who with her husband and their third-grade daughter joined an estimated 75,000 rallying in Denver. "We butter each other's bread. They need us as much as we need them."

KICKING UP THEIR HEELS

The mood was jubilant in Los Angeles, where tens of thousands of protesters wearing white and waving U.S. flags sang the national anthem in English as traditional Mexican dancers wove through the crowd. Authorities offered no crowd estimate, but one law enforcement official put it at about 300,000.

In Chicago, where an estimated 400,000 people marched, illegal immigrants from Ireland and Poland marched alongside Hispanics as office workers on lunch breaks clapped. In Phoenix, protesters formed a human chain in front of Wal-Mart and Home Depot stores.

A protest in Tijuana, Mexico, blocked vehicle traffic heading to San Diego at the world's busiest border crossing.

Tens of thousands rallied in New York, 15,000 in Houston and 30,000 more across Florida. Smaller rallies in cities from Pennsylvania and Connecticut to Arizona and South Dakota attracted hundreds not thousands.

Many carried signs in Spanish that translated to "We are America" and "Today we march, tomorrow we vote." Others waved Mexican flags or wore hats and scarves from their native countries. Some chanted "USA" while others shouted slogans, such as "Si se puede!," Spanish for "Yes, it can be done!" Others were more irreverent, wearing T-shirts that read "I'm illegal. So what?"

Industries that rely on immigrant workers were clearly affected, though the impact was not uniform.

Tyson Foods Inc., the world's largest meat producer, shuttered about a dozen of its more than 100 plants and saw "higher-than-usual absenteeism" at others. Most of the closures were in states such as Iowa and Nebraska. Eight of 14 Perdue Farms chicken plants also closed for the day.

Secaucus, N.J.-based Goya Foods, which says it is the nation's largest Hispanic-owned food chain, suspended delivery everywhere except Florida, keeping 300 trucks off the road and leaving more than 5 million products in warehouses an extra day. A spokeswoman said the company wanted to express solidarity with immigrants who are its primary customers.

None of the 175 seasonal laborers who normally work Mike Collins' 500 acres of Vidalia onion fields in southeastern Georgia showed up.

"We need to be going wide open this time of year to get these onions out of the field," he said. "We've got orders to fill. Losing a day in this part of the season causes a tremendous amount of problems."

The White House reacted coolly.

"The president is not a fan of boycotts," said press secretary Scott McClellan. "People have the right to peacefully express their views, but the president wants to see comprehensive reform pass the Congress so that he can sign it into law."

The boycott was organized by immigrant activists angered by federal legislation that would criminalize illegal immigrants and fortify the U.S.-Mexico border. Its goal was to raise awareness about immigrants' economic power.

In the Los Angeles area, normally bustling local restaurants and markets were dark. In Florida, as elsewhere, the construction and nursery industries were among the hardest hit.

ONE STUDENT IN FOUR ABSENT

Bill Spann, executive vice president of the Associated General Contractors of Greater Florida, said more than half the workers at construction sites in Miami-Dade County did not show up Monday.

"If I lose my job, it's worth it," said Jose Cruz, an immigrant from El Salvador who protested with several thousand others in the rural Florida city of Homestead rather than work his construction job. "It's worth losing several jobs to get my papers."

"Unfortunately, human nature is that you don't really know what you have until you don't have it."

JESSE HERNANDEZ BUSINESS OWNER

The impact on schools was significant. In the sprawling Los Angeles Unified School District, which is 73 percent Hispanic, about 72,000 middle and high school students were absent — roughly one in every four.

In San Francisco, Benita Olmedo pulled her 11-year-old daughter and 7-year-old son from school.

"I want my children to know their mother is not a criminal," said Olmedo, a nanny who came here illegally in 1986 from Mexico. "I want them to be as strong I am. This shows our strength."

In the normally bustling Port of Long Beach, about 30 miles south of downtown Los Angeles, was eerily quiet, with many truck drivers avoiding work. Lunch truck operator Sammy Rodriguez, 77, said 100 trucks normally line up in the mornings outside the California United Terminals. On Monday, he said, just three or four arrived.

The effect of the boycott was minimal in some places. On Manhattan's busy 14th Street, only a few shops were closed, including a Spanish-language bookstore and a tiny Latin American restaurant.

Some of the rallies drew small numbers of counter-protesters, including one in Pensacola, Fla.

"You should send all of the 13 million aliens home, then you take all of the welfare recipients who are taking a free check and make them do those jobs," said Jack Culberson, a retired Army colonel who attended the Pensacola rally. "It's as simple as that."

Jesse Hernandez, who owns a Birmingham, Ala., company that supplies Hispanic laborers to companies around the Southeast, shut down his four-person office in solidarity with the demonstrations.

"Unfortunately," he said, "human nature is that you don't really know what you have until you don't have it."

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Chevron is latest to add fuel to fire

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Business Writer

SAN RAMON — Chevron Corp.'s first-quarter profit soared 49 percent to \$4 billion, joining the procession of U.S. oil companies to report colossal earnings as lawmakers consider ways to pacify motorists agitated about rising gas prices.

Chevron released its results Friday after two of its biggest rivals, ConocoPhillips and Exxon Mobil Corp., already provoked public outrage with similarly large first-quarter profits. Combined, the three oil companies earned \$15.7 billion during the first three months of the year. That's 17 percent more than the trio made during the same time last year when they went on to pocket a combined profit of nearly \$64 billion for all of 2005.

"All these companies have so much money, they don't know what to do with it," said Oppenheimer & Co. analyst Fadel Gheit.

President Bush offered a suggestion to the oil companies Friday, urging them to plow more of their investments into projects that will increase energy supplies to meet a rising demand that is expected to intensify as emerging economic powerhouses like India and China continue to grow.

For their part, the oil companies have been emphasizing that they make far less money on each dollar of sales than many other industries that aren't being excoriated for their capitalism.

Taken together, Exxon, Chevron and ConocoPhillips made a first-quarter profit of \$8.19 on every \$100 in sales. In contrast, Internet bellwethers Google Inc., Yahoo Inc. and eBay Inc. collectively turned a \$19.20 profit on every \$100 of their combined first-quarter revenue.

As important as the Internet has become, energy remains a more vital resource, generating a far higher sales volume that has fueled the mounting indignation over the amount of cash pouring into the oil industry.

The combined first-quarter revenue of Exxon,

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FADEL GHEIT **OPPENHEIMER & CO. ANALYST**

Chevron and ConocoPhillips totaled \$191.5 billion — more than the individual gross domestic products of 189 different countries, including the likes of Chile, Denmark, Peru and Venezuela, according to statistics compiled by the Central Intelligence Agency.

Even as politicians snipe at the oil industry's profits, the government has been sharing in the windfall from high gas prices. In the first quarter, Exxon, Chevron and ConocoPhillips turned over a combined \$13.8 billion in sales taxes — about 7 percent of their total revenue.

Chevron also is receiving a financial lift from a deal that Congress helped make last year. The San Ramon, Calif.-based company bought rival Unocal Corp. for \$18 billion eight months ago, prevailing over a higher offer from a bidder backed by China's government. The Chinese bidder, CNOOC Ltd., withdrew after Congress threatened to block a Unocal sale to a company outside the United States.

The Unocal acquisition is paying off even better than Chevron envisioned, Chief Financial Officer Steve Crowe told analysts during a conference call.

Chevron's first-quarter net income translated into \$1.80 per share, two cents above the average estimate among analysts polled by Thomson Financial. It compared to a profit of \$2.7 billion, or \$1.28 per share, in the same January-March period last year.

Revenue totaled \$54.6 billion, a 31 percent increase from \$41.6 billion last year.

Investors cheered the results as Chevron shares gained \$1.04, or 1.7 percent, to close at \$61.02 on the New York Stock Exchange.

If not for continuing production problems caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita last summer, Chevron said it would have made an additional \$300 million — an amount that would have generated the highest quarterly profit in the company's 127-year history.

As it was, the performance marked the fourth consecutive quarter that Chevron has earned at least \$3.6 billion as the company continued to capitalize on oil prices that have climbed above \$70 per barrel since the first quarter ended.

The run-up recently has pushed gasoline prices above \$3 per gallon, much to the frustration of consumers straining to pay their bills and politicians looking to win votes in an election year.

As Congress discusses tax changes that threaten to crimp the industry's profits, oil executives have been emphasizing that their companies have been investing in projects that will eventually increase oil supplies — something that could help lower prices.

TAKING STOCK IN THE FUTURE

Chevron raised its capital and exploratory budget by 76 percent in the first quarter to \$3 billion. What's more, Chevron boosted its worldwide oil production by 10 percent during the first quarter, marking the highest increase in years, Gheit said.

The company also said it acquired a 5 percent stake in a joint venture that plans to build a refinery in Jamnagar, India that could process up to 580,000 barrels of oil per day. Chevron is considering boosting its stake in that refinery to 29 percent.

"Our company is in an excellent position to continue adding value for our stockholders and helping to satisfy the energy needs of the world economies," Chevron Chairman David O'Reilly said.

The moves to increase the world's energy supplies haven't been enough to mute critics who suspect the oil industry has conspired to drive up gasoline prices.

Oil industry executives have already been grilled in Senate hearings twice in the past six months and the hefty gains of the first quarter have raised the likelihood of a return engagement.

In California, Attorney General Bill Lockyer said it plans to subpoena the records of Chevron, Exxon and ConocoPhillips, as well as several other refiners as he looks for evidence of price gouging at the pump. An earlier investigation found nothing illegal.

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STATE BRIEFS

Teen stabs delivery driver in neck

By The Associated Press

PALM SPRINGS — A newspaper delivery driver was stabbed in the neck by a teenager before dawn in what police described as a hate crime.

Peter Eugene Daley, 23, was delivering newspapers with his girlfriend on Warm Sands Road about 5:15 a.m. Monday when the teenager began shouting anti-homosexual remarks and attacked him, Sgt. Mitch Spike said.

“He was in a gay neighborhood,” the sergeant said. The teenager, who was booked for investigation of attempted murder and hate crime allegations, approached Daley’s vehicle and struck the newspaper carrier in the neck, investigators said. Spike said the youth was drunk.

Daley initially thought he had been punched, but Daley’s girlfriend told him he had been stabbed, police said. Daley was taken to Desert Regional Medical Center, where he was listed in good condition.

Daley’s employer wasn’t known, the sergeant said.

Lots of baggage with the land

By The Associated Press

DANA POINT — Buyers of multimillion-dollar lots on the Headlands promontory may be paying \$27,000 a year in fees for improvements to streets, parks and utilities.

The City Council will decide June 14 on the proposed Mello-Roos infrastructure fees. The first 118 lots, which go on sale this summer, are expected to fetch \$3.3 million to \$5.5 million.

“I don’t think at that level it is that big of an issue,” real estate agent Patti Short said. “The Mello-Roos relative to the cost of the property is not that much out of line.”

The council voted 3-2 last week to examine establishment of a city community facilities district, a method by which homeowners pay for infrastructure and amenities.

In a 2002 deal with the Headlands developer, the city agreed to establish the financing district to cover the cost of public facilities estimated to be around \$40 million.

Pencils and badges, please

By The Associated Press

PALMDALE — High school students may soon be required to wear district-issued identification badges.

“It’s a safety issue,” said Assistant Superintendent Tim Azevedo, who oversees security in the 25,000-student Antelope Valley Union High School District.

The R. Rex Parris High School continuation campus already requires visible ID.

Under the proposal being considered by the district on Wednesday, students would be required to wear a photo ID card with school colors outside their clothing and above the waist.

“Right now, you can’t tell a Lancaster kid from a Highland kid on any campus,” Azevedo said. “They just look like a high school kid.”

There have been problems with parents and dropouts on campuses.

“We have campuses that are 55 to 75 acres,” Azevedo said. “People make attempts to get in all the time and walk on campus.”

The initiative is modeled on a similar program at Long Beach Polytechnic High School, which several trustees and administrators visited recently.

“This seems to work in other districts,” trustee Al Beattie said. “When you get up to the kind of numbers we have, it’s very difficult for staff to know every student.”

Corn ain’t nobody’s fuel

Despite soaring oil prices, Xethanol just isn’t being stalked

BY MARK JEWELL

Associated Press Writer

BOSTON — New England is a long way from the hub of the nation’s ethanol production in the Corn Belt, but a fledgling maker of the clean-burning fuel additive sees the Northeast as fertile ground.

Xethanol Corp. said last week it hopes to use some of the \$34 million it recently raised from investors to convert abandoned industrial plants in New England into small-scale factories.

The plants would be among the first ethanol production sites on the East Coast, and would supplement two existing Xethanol plants in the Iowa towns of Blairstown and Hopkinton.

Despite rising oil prices that have boosted prospects for alternative fuels, observers say Xethanol faces many economic hurdles in competing with bigger ethanol projects in the Midwest. The six-year-old company, which has yet to make a profit, also faces technical challenges with its relatively untested approach of converting industrial and food processing wastes, rather than corn, into ethanol.

“There are no large-scale plants yet using that technology,” said Spencer Kelly, an ethanol analyst for the Oil Price Information Service in Rockville, Md. “The promise is usually more than can be delivered.”

Xethanol says its proprietary technologies to convert organic materials ranging from sawmill waste to stale butterscotch candy will make it unnecessary to ship corn from the Midwest to make ethanol, as developers of some other proposed East Coast projects envision.

Ethanol plants in New England would cut transportation costs by bringing production closer to refineries serving the densely populated Northeast, said Christopher d’Arnaud-Taylor, chairman and CEO of New York-based Xethanol. The company also hopes to keep its plants close to the sources of the materials it converts into ethanol, by locating near sawmills in places like timber-rich Maine, or near food processors.

“The advantage for us and for all of New England is geographic proximity,” d’Arnaud-Taylor said. “The East Coast is our primary focus. It’s probably the country’s largest center for ethanol demand, but it doesn’t have any

ethanol production facilities.”

In New England, Xethanol hopes to convert such materials as sludge from beer breweries, pulp from paper recycling, and homeowners’ grass clippings diverted from landfills. The company says it can even make ethanol from sugary leftovers from candy factories by mixing the sweets with special yeast.

D’Arnaud-Taylor offered few specific plans in New England, saying the company hopes to open several plants throughout the region, starting in Connecticut.

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SPENCER KELLY ETHANOL ANALYST

The Midwest’s ethanol industry is focusing much of its current investment on big new production plants. But d’Arnaud-Taylor expects his plans to turn old factories into small-scale plants will ease zoning approval and yield short project startup timelines.

The company’s first project in the South _ where Xethanol recently announced its initial East Coast expansion plans _ involves converting an old paint factory in Savannah, Ga.

Kelly, the ethanol analyst, said Xethanol’s New England plans “are ambitious, and in line with a long list of ambitious pronouncements from the company that have yet to take shape.”

Gregory McRae, a chemical engineering professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said Eastern ethanol projects face several barriers that don’t exist in the corn-rich Midwest, particularly if the projects rely on sources other than corn. Industrial processes to convert corn into ethanol are far more refined and efficient than they are for alternative sources, McRae said.

The ethanol project that’s believed to be closest to fruition in the Northeast is Northeast Biofuels’ plan to convert a former Miller Brewing plant in Fulton, N.Y. The project aims to begin producing corn-based ethanol by 2008.

Jury’s award like taking candy from a baby

BY JULIANA BARBASSA

Associated Press Writer

FRESNO, Calif. — A jury awarded \$1.7 million Friday to a woman who sued her employer after she was spanked in front of her colleagues in what the company called a camaraderie-building exercise.

The jury of six men and six women found that Janet Orlando had suffered from sexual harassment and sexual battery when she was paddled on her backside on three occasions during her employment at home security company Alarm One Inc. in Fresno.

The jurors, however, said that Orlando did not suffer from assault as she had claimed.

Orlando, 53, had asked the jury for \$1.2 million in lost wages, medical costs and damages, alleging discrimination, assault, battery and infliction of emotional distress.

Orlando was awarded \$10,000 for economic loss, \$40,000 for future medical costs and \$450,000 for emotional distress, pain and suffering. During the punitive phase of the trial, the jurors awarded Orlando an additional \$1.2 million.

Orlando’s attorney, Nicholas “Butch” Wagner, did not immediately return calls for comment.

K. Poncho Baker, an attorney for the Anaheim-based company, said he thought the award was excessive.

“I think the jury was so upset at Alarm One that they went overboard,” Baker said. “Not to say that what Alarm One did was right, but this allows her to manipulate the system.”

During the trial, company attorneys revealed that Orlando had sued a previous employer, also claiming that she’d been sexually harassed and forced to quit.

Orlando quit the Alarm One job in 2004, less than a year after she was hired, saying she couldn’t bear the humiliation of the company’s team-building practices.

Sales teams were encouraged to compete, and the losers were forced to eat baby food, wear diapers, or get spanked on the buttocks with an opposing company’s metal-poled yard signs, according to court documents.

Lawyers for the company said Orlando and others took part in the exercises willingly. The practice stopped in 2004, when Orlando sued and another employee said she had been hurt.

Orlando, who she saw herself as a mother-figure to others in her team, said she found it degrading to have to turn around, show her backside to a roomful of young men and women and get paddled.



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DEAR DORIE
BY DORIE MEEK

Boys will be boys, after all

Dear Dorie,

Can you give me some information about the latest trends in parenting regarding the differences in boys and girls? I have one of each, both below 5 years old, and I want to present a balanced environment. It's pretty obvious that there are differences in approach already, but do I emphasize what they're naturally interested in or push to broaden their experience?

Moms will be moms

Dear Moms,

This is a very thought-provoking topic backed up by tons of research, but first let me share my personal experience. I have two girls and my friend has two boys about the same age. In the beginning, we would call each other on a fairly regular basis to confirm that their interests or obsessions were gender-based. This conversation sounded like, "OK, totally into trucks. What about you?" The usual response was, "Yeah. Totally into trucks." We worked our way through trucks, purses, dinosaurs, pink, pirates, mermaids and fairies until about age 3 when both sets seemed to diverge into the more stereotypical gender interest categories. We unscientifically concluded that they were interested in about the same things until they got into preschool where the social groups dictated interest with more persuasion.

Boy, were we wrong. What I know now is that our "test results" could have been very different. Each child follows their own learning path and the interests along the way can vary just as much as the color of their hair. The timing of the interest can last for minutes or months depending on the child, and should be respected.

What is most important in pursuing a child's balanced development is exposure. If your little girl is only interested in princesses, Disneyland is a must, but throw in some pirates and bugs as well. If your little boy only wants to play dumptruck, visit the waste and recycling center for sure, but add a trip to the theatre or art museum to the calendar. Exposure is everything.

Your ultimate message is, your child's interests will be a treasured part of your lives, no matter what. They will change with time and so will you. Be creative and open-minded and follow their lead. Good luck.

Dorie

(Submit your questions to "Dear Dorie" at meek@smmusd.org, or call (310) 452-6132.)

Weathering the tantrums can be lesson in patience

BY LINDA MILO

Special to the Daily Press

Children between 1 and 7 years old are open to emotional hurts. Temper tantrums are a way a young child expresses his frustration over a situation or a person. When your child feels thwarted, he feels many mixed emotions. Usually temper tantrums are brought about by stress. This stress is anything that disrupts the normal balance of the body. There are two types of stressors: the physical and the psychological. Those stressors cause your child to feel a sense of anxiety, confusion, frustration, sadness anger. When a child feels out of control and not in balance, your child will react with a temper tantrum, whining, or teasing to get their way. This is a part of living and growing up.

Understandably, parents make an effort to keep stressful situations out of their child's life but this is easier said than done. Even changing a simple routine in a child's life can create a tantrum.

Thank goodness children have ways of overcoming the stress in their lives. They do it by crying, screaming, talking, playing and laughter. The stress-releasing mechanisms help your child cope each day. When your child accidentally breaks his favorite truck, he will cry and perhaps show rage. He is feeling despair at his loss. Crying is a very important way for your child to get out of his system the hurt and disappointment he feels. Crying energy helps your child to reduce the tension he feels, the stress he feels, as well as lower his blood pressure and heart rate. That is beneficial to his entire body. Parents should try to allow their child to cry out their misery rather than repress these feelings. Repressed feelings usually bring about physical illnesses and behavioral problems down the road.

But what if your child has temper tantrums and you can't understand why your child is carrying on? What can you do when your child is experiencing a temper tantrum because he didn't get his own way? Being with a crying child usually makes parents feel angry, powerless, anxious and impatient. Try these three tips to create an emotional safety catch for both you and your child:

■ Become immediately relaxed: Hum a little tune to yourself and thereby distance yourself from any emotional stress you may be feeling toward your child. Your child

needs unconditional love and acceptance, not unconditional attention based on his crying. Your child will release his feelings more effectively if he knows that you accept and acknowledge him as he is crying, kicking, screaming, or flinging himself onto the floor. That keeps the very important emotional connection with your child strong while your child is experiencing his temper tantrum.

■ Once you feel relaxed, tell your child — not by criticizing or threatening — that you understand he is upset. You can't dodge all temper tantrums, but you can tell your child that once he is finished with his crying, you would be happy to talk with him. Now go about your own business, doing anything that brings you comfort, and behave as if the tantrum is not affecting you and your inner balance.

By paying attention to your child's undesirable behavior, you are actually encouraging your child to continue his performance. Giving in to temper tantrums and other demands causes these misbehaviors to increase in the future. When a child knows there is a pay-off — like a reward or bribe offered in attempting to guide your misbehaving child into good behavior — for outbursts, a pattern develops which is usually very difficult to change. Your child may learn that one way to get a treat is by acting unhappy and having bouts of temper tantrums. Don't reward this behavior because then you would be rewarding his unhappiness and this would only encourage him to exhibit this behavior over and over again. Your child would then learn to manipulate you and your actions.

■ When your child cools off, or even if the tantrum continues for a long time, pop in to wherever your child is crying and suggest something fun you can both do together. Speak softly and slowly and tell your child that as soon as he is done, you are ready to play with him. Your patience is what your child needs at this time.

By following the tips, you are acknowledging your child's feelings of despair, you are attending to your own needs by not getting sucked into an emotional roller coaster, and you are communicating to your child that by not paying attention to his words and actions of undesirable behavior, you are still around and willing to give him love and support once it is out of his system.

(Linda Milo, 'The Parent-Child Connection Coach' can be reached at (310) 458-2079.)



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DAY OUT WITH THOMAS at the Fillmore and Western Railway
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FRI.- SUN., MAY 5 - 7 – CINCO DE MAYA CELEBRATION
10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Traditional dance, music and cultural presentations. FREE! El Pueblo Historical Monument, 125 Paseo de la Plaza, LA, 213-485-9769.

SUN., MAY 7
RHYTHM CHILD at McCABE’S – 11:00 a.m. – Enjoy a matinee kids’ show with a drum beat. \$6, 3101 Pico Blvd., 828-4497.

CHILDREN’S CINCO de MAYA FIESTA – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Enjoy a variety of cultural traditions including a piñata, music and more. FREE! Tours of the station will be available. Star Eco Station, 10101 W. Jefferson Blvd., Culver City, 842-8060.

TUES., MAY 9 – “MAY MISCHIEF”
3:30 & 4:30 p.m. – Make your way through all the May flowers with some wonderful stories and a funny puppet show with Mr. Jesse. Ages 3-7; Free! No tickets necessary. Ocean Park Library, 2601 Main St., 392-3804.

WED., MAY 10 – BUILDING EMOTIONAL UNDERSTANDING
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – A talk for parents and caregivers of young children based on Parenting by Connection, a respectful and insightful approach to a parents and young children that is informed by brain development research and the insight that the sense of connection between adult and child is vital to the child’s well-being. Presented by Patty Wipfler, Dir. of the Parents Leadership Institute; hosted by Venice Parents Daycare and Preschool. Venice Library Community Room, 501 S. Venice Blvd. RSVP to 306-3211; suggested donation \$15 advance, \$20 at the door (per family).

FAMILY YOGA and ROCK CLIMBING RETREAT
May 12 - 14, Joshua Tree National Park
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Presented by Kids’ Yoga Circle; (310) 260-2736, www.KidsYogaCircle.com. Reserve space now!

TUESDAY

Movies for Moms! 11:00 a.m., Loews Cineplex Broadway Theatre, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. Visit www.enjoytheshow.com/reelmoms for details.

Storytelling
Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621
Next session May 2 – June 6 for:
Baby Time – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m., babies up to 2 years.
Spanish and Bilingual Stories – 11:20 a.m. Ages 2 – 5.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 450-0443.
Toddler Story Time in Spanish – 10:00 a.m., ages 2-3.

Baby Time – 11:00 a.m., babies to age 2.
Twilight Story Time -7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 829-7081.
Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 392-8304
Story Time for Twos – 10:00 and 10:30 a.m., current session thru May 16, registration required.
Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis
For ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com
Barnes and Noble at the Grove
Storytime for ages 2 – 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Classes
YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler &

Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 to 36 months; Infant & Me Class – 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., 0 – 12 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
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Yoga & Exercise
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups – Newborn group - call for time.
4:30 p.m., separate groups for children born in 2000 and 2001. Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling
The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge – 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4 at this neighborhood coffee shop.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
Next session begins Apr. 26 for:
Story Time for Twos – 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; ages 3-5.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Baby Time - 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2. April 12 – May 17.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. –392-3804.
Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144
Borders’, Westwood – 11a.m. – 310-475-3444.

Classes
YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., 5 to 36 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-

3881for details and prices.
Rhythm Child Parent & Me Rhythms, Santa Monica Studios, 3025 Olympic Blvd., 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Children explore rhythms through drum play. For toddlers. \$100 for 8 weeks. Call 204-5466 or visit www.rhythmchild.net for more info and session dates.
Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre at Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St., 394-9779
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. For ages 3 – 5 with parents. This theatrical adventure includes story time, theatre games, crafts, play building and lunch. Reservations required 24 hours in advance, \$19.50 includes lunch for child and lunch.

Yoga & Exercise
Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., \$15
Fitness for Moms – Babies Welcome! Step Aerobics, 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA, 393-2721, ext. 117 for more info. Free for members, non-members pay \$90 for 10 classes.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981, drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Other
Puppetolio – 1:00 p.m., 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

THURSDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroup – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. for children born 1/02 – 2/03; 3:30 p.m., for children born 3/03 – 12/03, Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling
Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621
Next session May 4 – June 8 for:
Story Time for Twos – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Preschool Story Time – 11:20 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
La Hora Del Cuento – 7:00 p.m. Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Story Time for Twos – 10:15 a.m. April 13 – May 18.
Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; ages 3-5. Ongoing.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.
Baby Time – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m. Babies

to 2 years. Current session Apr. 11 – May 16.
Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

Classes
YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m and 10:45 – 11:45 a.m., 12 to 36 months; Parent Support Group – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., age 3 – 5 years; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES – 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
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Yoga & Exercise
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Groups
La Leche League of LA/Mar Vista – meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Westchester Municipal Bldg., 7166 W. Manchester Ave., corner of Lincoln and Manchester. Call 310-390-2529 for info.
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups 11:00 a.m. - playgroup for children born 10/04 – 5/05. Call or e-mail Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info.
Parent's Night Out at Child's Play, 2299 Westwood Blvd., 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. Kids get a night of supervised fun with pizza, games and more while parents go out. Ages 3-10, \$9 per hour, \$7 siblings, 3 hour minimum. Reservations required, 470-4997. ww.childsplayonline.net

Classes
YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 – 36 mos.; Playtime/Parent Support - 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881 for details and prices.

Yoga & Exercise
Kid's Yoga Circle Class at Exhale Spa – 3:30 p.m., for ages 5 – 11, 1422 2nd St., 260-2736 or yogaforkids@hotmail.com.
Fitness for Moms – Babies Welcome! Indoor Cycling, 10:30 a.m. at the

YMCA, 393-2721, ext. 117 for more info. Free for members, non-members pay \$90 for 10 classes.
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

SATURDAY

Storytelling
Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Kid's Story Time – 10am, 310-260-9110
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30am – ages 2-5, 310-475-4144.
Children's Book World, 10580 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA - 10:30 a.m., every other Sat., 310-559-BOOK.
Village Books, 1049 SwarthmoreAve, Pacific Palisades – 10:30 a.m., 454-4063.
826LA, 685 Venice Blvd, 2nd Floor, Venice – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., ages 3-6, RSVP to info
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Classes
YWCA – Toddler & Me - 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.; Parent Enrichment once per month , 11:00 a.m. – noon, call Barbara Olinger at 452-3881 for rates and dates.

Yoga & Exercise
Santa Monica Yoga – Pre- & Post-Natal Yoga, Saturdays – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. 1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santamonica yoga.com
Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.(babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:00 a.m., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Other
Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
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Hitting the doughnut hole

BY KEVIN FREKING

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Mildred Lindley is stuck in a hole, the doughnut hole — “right in the middle of it,” she says — that comes with Medicare’s new prescription drug benefit.

Just four months into the program, Lindley has hit the point in her coverage where she has to pick up, at least for a few months, the full cost of the medication she takes to keep her bone marrow cancer in remission. As a result, her two-month supply of Thalomid shot up from \$40 to a whopping \$1,300.

“If I can’t get it, I guess I’m here until the Lord takes me out. That’s all I can do, because there’s no way I can afford it,” said Lindley, an 80-year-old from Jonesboro, Ark.

“I’m in the hole all right.”

Under the standard drug benefit, the government subsidizes the drug costs for seniors and the disabled. But after costs reach \$2,250, the subsidy stops until a beneficiary has paid out \$3,600 of his or her own money. Then, the government will start picking up 95 percent of each purchase.

Congress designed the drug benefit to give people some help with their initial drug costs, plus help those who have massive expenses. The doughnut hole was designed to reduce the overall cost of the program and still allow the federal government to meet those two goals.

About 6.9 million Medicare beneficiaries will have to deal with a gap in their drug coverage at some point this year, according to estimates from the Kaiser Family Foundation, a health policy research group.

Medicare officials point out that, even with the doughnut hole, millions of seniors are getting financial help that they never had before. They also stress that the poorest of beneficiaries will get extra help to cover their medications.

There are beneficiaries who are convinced they will be worse off, many of whom had relied on free medicine provided by the drug manufacturers. They were told by the manufacturers this year that the free supplies would stop now that they were eligible for Medicare coverage.

Victoria D’Angelo of Denver relied on the patient assistance programs for many of her prescription needs last year. She enrolled in a Medicare drug plan when told by one of those companies that such help would end Jan. 1.

Now, that she’s hit the doughnut hole, she’s charging some of her drugs to her credit card. She said she’ll worry

about the ramifications later since she cannot afford to skip taking her Seroquel, which is used to control bipolar disorder.

“Basically, I’ve been to hell and back on this,” said D’Angelo, referring to her disease. “I’m just deathly afraid of getting sick again.”

Shirley Rhodes of Gladwin, Mich., figures that while she and her husband, Samuel, are in the doughnut hole, they’ll have about \$49.67 a month to live on after covering their drug expenses.

For that reason, they will wait until the last possible day to enroll in a Medicare drug plan. In the meantime, she’ll continue to ask the pharmaceutical companies to help her out, and she’ll work with Social Security officials to figure out how the family might qualify for extra assistance through Medicare.

“If we don’t qualify, we will be giving our house back to the mortgage company, and then we’ll still owe for the second and third mortgage,” Rhodes said.

Some beneficiaries pay higher monthly premiums to make the doughnut hole smaller or do away with it entirely. Also, the poorest beneficiaries don’t have to worry about it at all.

Analysts say that most beneficiaries who hit the doughnut hole probably won’t get there until the fall.

Mark McClellan, administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, stresses that the beneficiaries may be able to avoid the doughnut hole entirely by switching to generic drugs or lower-cost brand names.

Consumers Union, publisher of Consumer Reports, says that senior citizens taking five commonly prescribed drugs — for high blood pressure, cholesterol, heart disease, arthritis pain and depression — could save between \$2,300 and \$5,300 a year under various Part D plans by switching to lower-cost drugs.

Lawmakers are also pleading with drug manufacturers to continue with patient assistance programs that allowed many low-income people to get free medicine.

“We’ve got a situation where it looks like the May 15 date has become an excuse for dropping the assistance that many Medicare beneficiaries rely on, and that’s not right,” said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa.

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Medicare site:
www.medicare.gov

Consumers Union:
www.consumersunion.org

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
www.cms.gov

Park Service keeps ban on most advertisements

BY JOHN HEILPRIN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Strict prohibitions on allowing advertising and marketing in the national parks in return for donations will remain, spelling an end to a National Park Service proposal that called for looser restrictions.

The Park Service proposed last year letting some employees solicit donations, accepting alcohol and tobacco company donations for the first time and giving donors the right to put their names on rooms, benches and bricks. All were dropped in new guidelines issued Monday by Park Service Director Fran Mainella.

About \$100 million in donations and \$150 million in entrance fees augment the taxpayer funds that support the national park system. The 390-unit system has an annual budget of about \$2.2 billion.

Deciding what donations park managers can accept — and the level of recognition that can be granted in return — has been a touchy subject for the Park Service.

Park rangers and other employees, advocacy groups and environmentalists complained that last year’s proposal went too far by opening the door to an unseemly amount of commercialization.

“Some level of donor recognition, if tastefully done, is a good idea,” Deputy Park Service Director Steve Martin said Monday. “Too much of it, and it can go downhill really fast.”

The guidelines were last set in 1998 and are supposed to be reviewed every five years. Park advocates praised the new guidelines as responding to criticism of last year’s proposal.

“It does address the concerns raised during the public comment period,” said Tom Kiernan, president of the National Parks Conservation Association. “We give the Park Service significant credit for releasing a strong guidance on the appropriate role of philanthropy.”

Much of the private support for national parks is contributed through the National Park Foundation, chartered by Congress in 1967. Companies such as American Airlines Inc., Discovery Communications Inc., Eastman Kodak Co., Ford Motor Co. and Time magazine have each donated \$5 million or more.

The money pays for a “margin of excellence” in the parks — programs that go beyond simply basic requirements for conservation and education programs.

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Pacific Basin countries getting prepared for massive tsunami drill

BY ALEXANDRE DA SILVA
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — In 1960, a powerful earthquake off Chile triggered a tsunami that hit Hawaii in just 15 hours. Traveling at 500 mph, the monster wave kept building in size before striking Japan seven hours later.

Now, almost 50 years since hundreds died in that disaster, scientists will use the scenario in an international drill involving up to 28 Pacific Basin countries. The exercise, the first ever of its kind, is aimed at motivating countries to test and review their abilities to detect and prepare for a similar catastrophe.

UNESCO has been brainstorming the drill since the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami killed more than 200,000 people in 11 countries.

“What we thought right after the Indian Ocean tsunami was, ‘How do we make sure everyone is as prepared as they can?’” said Laura S.L. Kong, director of the intergovernmental oceanographic commission, part of the U.N. agency. “The goal of the drill is to be able to have each country kind of look at whether they are prepared for the next tsunami.”

On May 16, the first day of the test, researchers at the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii will issue warnings about an earthquake off the Chilean coast that would be powerful enough to trigger a monster wave as deadly as the one that formed on May 22, 1960.

That tsunami, caused by an 9.5 magnitude temblor near Chile, raced across the Pacific before sweeping the Big Island, where 61 were killed in Hilo, and later hitting Japan, where about 200 perished.

On May 17, a second bulletin will be sent about an earthquake off Luzon in the Philippines, warning of a possible tsunami building in the South China Sea that could threaten Hong Kong and other areas of Asia, said Gerard Fryer, a geophysicist at Oahu’s Ewa Beach center.

Fryer said the drill is important because it will be the first time that all communication channels will be checked at once. Sometimes, countries take days to reply to messages sent from Hawaii, Fryer said.

“We don’t always get feedback. We don’t always know whether the messages went through,” he said. “This time they know they are meant to be getting the messages, so if they don’t get them, they will tell us.”

And unlike regular tests, Fryer said, this time warnings will have no messages, consisting only of numbers to avoid any confusion with people “whose first language isn’t English.”

Scientists will speed up the two simulations to cut the first drill to about eight hours. The second test should last about five hours, Fryer said. Costs of the drill should be limited to a few overtime hours.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization plans to compile a report detailing the results of the drill.

It’s unclear how many countries will take part. About 28 countries have signed up, including those affected by the 2004 tsunami, such as Indonesia and Malaysia.

“From that horrible experience, countries knew that they needed to improve their early warning system not to have that happen again,” said Delores Clark, a spokeswoman with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. “The only way you know whether your system is working is when you test it.”

Clark said an interim tsunami warning system covering the Indian Ocean could be in place by October.

Whalers dialed in

Web cam allows whalers real-time data on whale migration

BY ALEX DEMARBAN
Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Whalers in Barrow still hunt bowheads from skin boats and lean on the wisdom of elders to decode the treacherous whims of the frozen Arctic Ocean.

But they’ve got a new ally for interpreting the ice — the Internet.

Thanks to a federally funded project to make the oceans safer, scientists recently installed a radar and Web camera on Barrow’s tallest building (three stories), and sounding probes at sites above and below the ice.

Now high-tech whalers can download near-real-time data charting such things as ice thickness and strength as well as the location of leads where whales surface.

The information could save lives, whalers say, preventing dangerous situations such as the one four years ago when rescue helicopters plucked 90 whalers and helpers from drifting ice sheets broken from shore by strong winds and currents.

The data will be especially vital this year, said Eugene Brower, head of the Barrow Whaling Captains Association. Unexpectedly low temperatures and winds from the north have shoved the ocean’s pack ice toward shore, building a frozen shelf that extends out eight miles.

The few open paths of water through the pack ice keep slamming shut, delaying the season, he said. When whaling does begin — with a quota of 22 whales — dozens of support camps for 41 crews may have to wait near the forward edge of that shorefast ice, far from the safety of land.

“I’m a little leery with (the lead) that far out,” Brower said late last week.

A combination of fierce currents and unfavorable winds and tides could rip the ice from shore and send the waiting hunters, perhaps hundreds of them, on a surprise float.

It happened in May 1997, when a miles-long ice island barreled into a shorefast ice sheet packed with whaling crews and helpers. About 175 Barrow whalers and duck hunters took an unwelcome ride, said Randy Crosby, director of North Slope Borough Search and Rescue.

It happened twice in 2002. More than 100 people had to be rescued from the Chukchi Sea that year.

The new instruments could be especially helpful because higher temperatures in recent years have made subsistence whaling more precarious, Crosby said.

The summer ice cap in the Arctic Ocean has dwindled steadily in the face of higher temperatures, said Hajo Eicken, an associate professor of geophysics at the

University of Alaska Fairbanks. The ice is 40 percent thinner than it was 40 years ago, he said. The shorefast ice is about 4.5 feet thick now.

Eicken installed the equipment in Barrow last fall as part of Alaska Ocean Observing System, a fledgling nationwide initiative to monitor climate-change effects on the oceans and sea ice.

Scientists recently installed a radar and Web camera on Barrow’s tallest building and sounding probes at sites above and below the ice.

The work, funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, has an additional function: protecting fishermen, hunters and others who use the sea.

The plan in Alaska calls for cameras and radar in coastal communities around the state, Eicken said. Barrow is the first site to receive the technology, which cost about \$100,000.

Eicken mounted the camera and radar 50 feet off the ground atop the building that houses Barrow’s only bank. The instruments watched out nearly 10 miles as the ice came together like a giant puzzle over winter. The camera and radar recorded ice sheets cracking apart and colliding explosively to build mountainous ridges.

In addition, fellow researchers braved 50-below temperatures in February to install ultrasound probes on the ice. They also mounted probes that measure distances with low-frequency sounds beneath the ice and on the sea floor, Eicken said.

Combined with existing satellite imagery giving a big-picture view of the Arctic, the newer, close-up view gives whalers detailed knowledge of the ice surrounding Barrow, Brower said.

It will help whaling crews determine the location of open water under the snow and where to establish safe camps that support vehicles and dozens of people. It can be downloaded from by shore-based rescue volunteers who work round-the-clock, then radioed to whalers on the water, he said. The site includes historical data and new information that’s often just minutes old.

It will also show sea level information not forecast on tide charts that reveals unusual swells and unpredictable currents that might snap shorefast ice.

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Mexicans march in favor of U.S. migrants

BY MARK STEVENSON

Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY — Thousands of Mexicans took to the streets Monday to support migrants in the United States and celebrated what they called a “Day Without Gringos” by shunning U.S.-owned supermarkets, fast-food restaurants and American goods.

Measuring the boycott’s impact proved difficult, however, because business is normally reduced to a fraction of normal volume on Mexico’s May Day holiday.

Some Mexicans vowed not to buy from or patronize any businesses related to the United States, while others said they found it difficult to avoid doing so.

Customers streamed into some branches of Wal-Mart, McDonald’s and Burger King in the Mexican capital despite the boycott, which was timed to coincide with a call for immigrants to skip work, school and shopping in the United States.

Juan Ortiz, a 28-year-old salesman who left a Wal-Mart in downtown Mexico City pushing a cartload of food and bathroom goods, said he supported legalizing migrants in the United States but didn’t think it was practical to boycott U.S. goods here.

“You have to buy what is least expensive here and I have to buy things for my family,” he said.

Celestino Garcia, a 32-year-old sandwich seller outside the Wal-Mart, said he was seeing the same number of shoppers Monday as on any other day.

It also appeared to be business as usual at a McDonald’s franchise in a working-class neighborhood near Mexico City’s international airport.

But Marina Serna, deputy manager for a downtown Burger King, said she thought the boycott was having an effect: The restaurant had only one client in its first 90 minutes Monday, even though it is owned by Mexican franchise holders.

“I’d say that this is bad because even if we work in a company with an international brand, the owners are not from the United States, they are Mexicans,” she said.

Sergio Segura, 42, a member of an Aztec Indian dance group, stood outside of a McDonald’s waiting for some friends, but said he did not plan to eat there.

“Sure, Mexicans buy the franchises, but part of the earnings go to the markets on Wall Street. I’m not eating here today or tomorrow.”

Pointing across the street to a vast market replete with tacos, tortillas and sandwiches, Segura said, “For what it costs for three hamburgers from McDonald’s you can buy for the whole family and eat well at the market.”

But as he leaned against his Ford minivan, Segura acknowledged the difficulty of avoiding all U.S. products. “Here in Mexico, there is no way to buy Mexican” cars, he said.

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MARINA SERNA DEPUTY **MANAGER, BURGER KING**

Although federal officials tried to distance themselves from the events, at least a half-dozen state governors in Mexico endorsed the boycott of U.S. companies, and thousands of unionized workers — who traditionally hold labor rallies on May 1 — dedicated Monday’s marches to the cause.

Some of the demonstrators who gathered in the huge downtown plaza known as the Zocalo carried banners with slogans that read “Unrestricted Support for Migrants.”

The U.S. Congress has been debating several immigration reform bills, including at least one that would legalize millions of undocumented workers. Others would allow Mexicans to participate in temporary guest-worker programs.

“Yes, we want guest-worker programs, too, but first we want legalization,” said Maria Garcia, a national leader of Mexico’s left-leaning Democratic Revolution Party.

Protesters also rallied in front of the U.S. Embassy on Mexico City’s central Paseo de la Reforma boulevard.

One Zapatista rebel supporter wore the group’s traditional black mask and a T-shirt bearing a likeness of Cuban revolutionary icon Ernesto “Che” Guevara — along with Nike Air Jordan pants and Converse sneakers.

About 50 police officers, many of them carrying helmets, batons and plastic shields, took up positions behind 15-foot barricades, while another 50 officers in riot gear guarded the nearby Mexican Stock Exchange.

Rebels stay at the table with government after postponing deadline

BY BASHIR ADIGUN

Associated Press Writer

ABUJA, Nigeria — Under pressure from the United States, rebels in Sudan’s Darfur region agreed to continue negotiations with the government after rejecting a peace proposal that would end a conflict that has killed tens of thousands of people.

Salim Ahmed Salim, a lead mediator for the African Union, said the talks would continue until midnight on Tuesday, pushing back the deadline for negotiations that have gone on for two years.

Earlier Sunday, the Sudanese government had said it was ready to sign the agreement, but only after it became clear the rebels were not ready to reciprocate.

Among other provisions, a draft of the agreement circulated last week called for a cease-fire. Both sides have agreed to a truce before, only to keep fighting, even in the last week. The draft also calls for an infusion of funds into a region the draft document described as “historically deprived.”

But one of Sudan’s main rebel factions, Justice and Equality Movement, said the proposal does not adequately address implementation nor their key demands for a vice president from Darfur and more autonomy.

“We are not going to sign it as it is,” said Hahmed Hussein, spokesman for the group.

The other main rebel group, the Sudan Liberation Movement, had asked for more time.

Salim said the bloc had bowed to requests from the United States and others to continue negotiations.

“The African Union has extended the deadline of the peace talks by 48 hours as requested by the United States and other international partners to allow extensive consultations to go ahead,” he said at the talks’ site in the Nigerian capital, Abuja.

In Washington, actors, athletes, politicians and religious leaders rallied Sunday to call attention to the Darfur conflict and urge greater U.S. involvement in ending what the United Nations has called one of the world’s worst humanitarian disasters.

Years of fighting between ethnic groups and Arab militias in western Sudan have left at least 180,000 people dead and about 2 million homeless. Darfur’s violence recently spilled into neighboring Chad and threatens to escalate: Osama bin Laden last week urged his followers to go to Sudan to fight a proposed U.N. presence.

Amid the negotiations, the plight of 3 million refugees in Darfur has worsened. The U.N. World Food Program said Friday that it was cutting rations in half, citing a lack of funds.

An agreement between Sudan and the rebels likely would be seen as a triumph of African diplomacy. The talks have been organized by the 53-nation African Union, with key participation from leaders from South Africa and Nigeria.

Sudan has indicated it might accept a U.N. force in Darfur to aid African Union troops if a peace treaty is signed, and the head of Sudan’s delegation, Magzoub El-Khalif, said Sunday the government is willing to accept the draft circulated last week.

The draft addressed complaints from Darfur rebel groups that they had been neglected by the national government. It called for the president to include a Darfur expert, initially nominated by the rebels, among his top advisers.

In the draft, mediators also proposed that the people of Darfur vote by 2010 on whether to create a single geographical entity out of the three Darfur states, which would presumably have more political weight.

Decades of low-level tribal clashes over land and water in Darfur erupted into large-scale violence in early 2003 when some ethnic groups took up arms, accusing the east African nation’s Arab-dominated central government of neglect.

The central government is accused of responding by unleashing Arab tribal militias known as Janjaweed to murder and rape civilians and lay waste to villages. Sudan denies backing the Janjaweed.

The draft agreement calls for disarming the Janjaweed and integrating some rebels into the national army and security forces.

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Fierstein vows he'll be back

By The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Harvey Fierstein’s stay in Las Vegas came to a close this weekend with his final performance in “Hairspray,” the latest Broadway import to hit the Strip.

“The audience here seems a lot more relaxed, a lot more in the mood just to have a great time,” said Fierstein, who starred in the original Broadway cast.

The 51-year-old actor-playwright gave his final performance at the Luxor hotel-casino as hefty housewife Edna Turnblad on Sunday.

“Tell Las Vegas I had a great time, and uh, I’ll be back. I was going to say, ‘I’ll be back soon.’ I’ll be back, but I’m not sure how soon,” he told the Las Vegas Review-Journal.

Fierstein won a Tony Award for his role in “Hairspray,” which opened on Broadway in August 2002. The show is a stage adaptation of John Waters’ campy film set in early 1960s Baltimore.

Taking Fierstein’s place as Edna is Paul Vogt, a “Mad TV” sketch comedian. He teams up with Eddie Mekka, who played Carmine “The Big Rago” Ragusa in the TV series “Laverne & Shirley,” in the role of Edna’s husband, Wilbur.

Mekka takes over from Dick Latessa, who also won a Tony for his performance in the original Broadway show.

Luxor chief executive Felix Rappaport has said “Hairspray” has been booked for at least a four-year run.

Fierstein, who had never been to Las Vegas before, and Latessa starred in the show for the first 12 weeks.

HANOI, Vietnam — A court in southern Vietnam will hear Gary Glitter’s appeal of his child molestation conviction later this month, state-controlled media reported.

The People’s Supreme Court of Appeals in Ho Chi Minh City will hear the former British glam rocker’s case May 19, the Thanh Nien (Young People) newspaper said Sunday.

Court officials weren’t available for comment Sunday. Glitter’s attorney could not be reached.

Glitter, 61, whose real name is Paul Francis Gadd, was convicted and sentenced to three years in prison by a Vietnamese court March 3. He was charged with committing obscene acts with two girls, ages 10 and 11, at his rented sea-side villa and at a hotel.

He was arrested in November while trying to leave the country on a flight from Ho Chi Minh City to Bangkok, Thailand.

Glitter, whose crowd-pleasing “Rock and Roll” anthem is still played at sporting events, has maintained his innocence.

He was convicted in Britain in 1999 for pos- sessing child pornography. He served half of a four-month jail term.

NEW YORK — Oscar winners George Clooney and Reese Witherspoon and German Chancellor Angela Merkel are among the newsmakers on Time magazine’s list of 100 people who shape our world.

The list of 100 most influential, in the issue on newsstands Monday, also includes world leaders Hugo Chavez of Venezuela and Ehud Olmert of Israel, director Ang Lee, plus enter- tainers Daddy Yankee, Ellen DeGeneres and Meryl Streep.

There are 104 names on the list, with Tom Anderson and Chris DeWolfe, founders of the MySpace Internet sites, and former Presidents Clinton and George H.W. Bush sharing spots.

The list includes 79 men and 25 women from 29 countries including Bhutan, Liberia and Luxembourg.

Separately, Time named 15 power couples such as Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie and Jay-Z and Beyonce, plus five couples from history including Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera.

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — “Pirates of the Caribbean” star Johnny Depp has crossed swords with city officials over a proposed

Sunset Strip commercial development project that he says would block the scenic view from part of his Hollywood Hills estate.

Depp contends in a lawsuit that the city of West Hollywood violated environmental qual- ity laws by approving development of retail shops, a restaurant and a parking structure on a lot beneath his gated, 2 1/2-acre property.

The 42-year-old actor also argues the project would block the view his two children have while playing on a terrace outside their 7,430- square-foot home.

Developer Joseph Emrani of Venice Investments argued that the youngsters — Lily- Rose, 6, and Jack, 4 — are being raised in France, where Depp and French actress-singer Vanessa Paradis also have a home.

Depp’s attorney declined to discuss the case.

A Los Angeles County Superior Court judge ruled against Depp last year. The case is being appealed on his behalf by his sister Christi Dembrowski, who is also Depp’s personal assistant and president of his film production company.

TRAVELERS REST, S.C. — Kevin Costner confessed he was a little nervous when his unnamed band gave their first performance this weekend at the BMW Charity Pro-Am golf tournament at the Cliffs.

“We didn’t have a chance to do a sound check,” the 51-year-old actor-director said. “But I didn’t have a chance to check my putting either.”

He is a regular at the pro-am held just out- side Greenville.

Costner, who starred in the 1996 golf movie, “Tin Cup,” said he wanted to perform as a thank-you to the volunteers and as a way to have more interaction with fans.

He played acoustic guitar on his own rock songs after Saturday’s third round of the Nationwide Tour event.

“Greenville has been feeling like family for a while now,” he told the crowd.

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1:45, 4:05, 7:00, 9:30
The Sentinel (PG-13)
2:15, 5:10, 7:45, 10:30
United 93 (R)
1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15

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Hard Candy (R)
11:50am, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG)
11:40am, 2:00, 4:20, 6:40, 9:00
La Mujer de Mi Hermano (R)
12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20
Lucky Number Slevin (R)
11:30am, 2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 10:30
Take the Lead (PG-13)
12:50, 3:50, 7:00, 9:50
V for Vendetta (R)
12:40, 3:40, 6:50, 10:00

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1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:05
Stick It (PG-13)
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In 1670, the Hudson Bay Company was chartered by England's King Charles II.

In 1863, Confederate Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was accidentally wounded by his own men at Chancellorsville, Va.; he died eight days later.

In 1890, the Oklahoma Territory was organized.

In 1936, "Peter and the Wolf," a sym- phonic tale for children by Sergei Prokofiev, had its world premiere in Moscow.

In 1957, Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, the controversial Republican senator from Wisconsin, died at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland.



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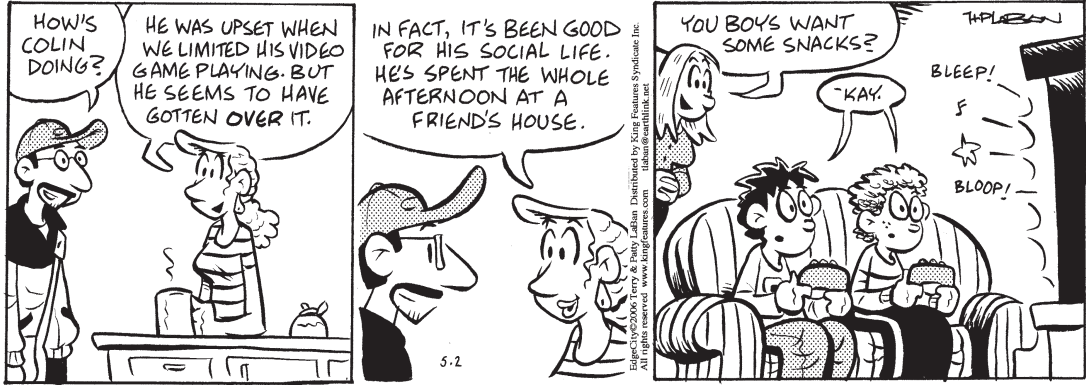


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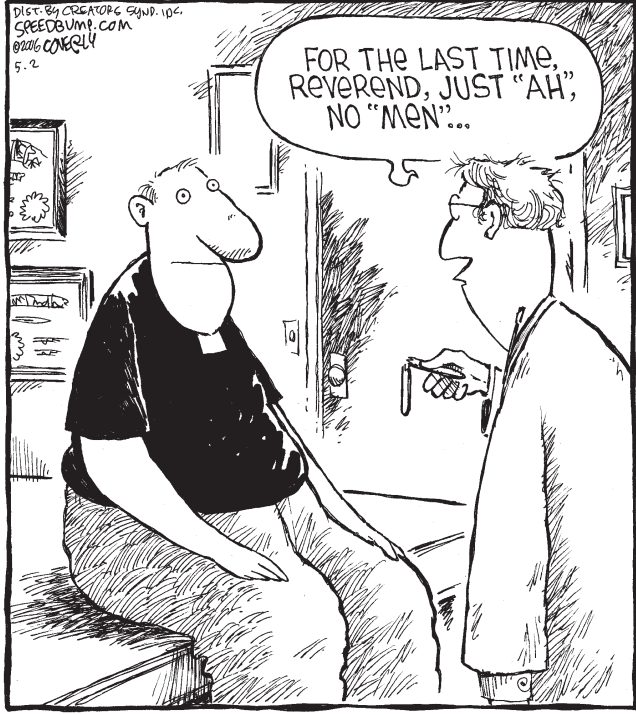
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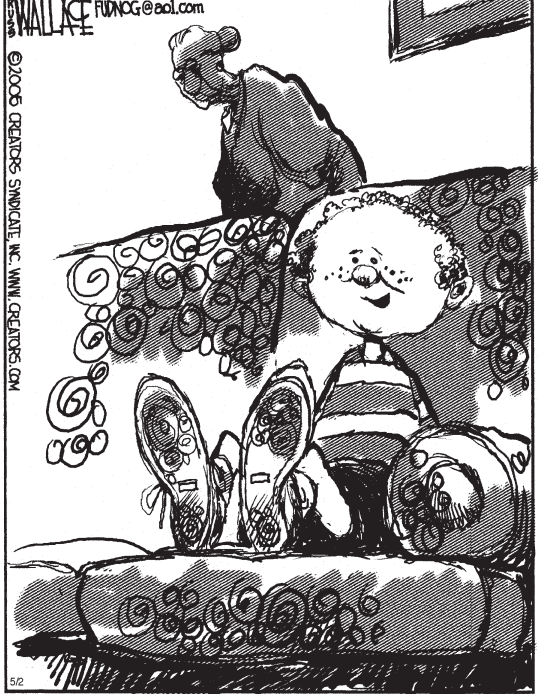
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