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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

IN THE LAST MONTH

■ In a heavily Hindu section of Bali (Indonesia), dozens of couples participated in a traditional good-luck public "kissing" festival until Muslim clerics showed up with buckets of water and drenched them for their immoral behavior. And a 24-hour camera on a German Internet site, showing only an extended family of wild boars, drew 1.5 million viewers in its first two weeks. And businessman Sam Walls, at first competitive in the Republican primary for a seat in the Texas legislature, lost after recent-year photographs surfaced of his cross-dressing days as Samantha Walls.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Cats are like Baptists. They raise hell but you can't catch them at it."

Unknown

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Strike three: 'Lawyer' faces bars yet again

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

SM COURTHOUSE — A local woman who allegedly posed as a lawyer and took more than \$60,000 from her clients is expected to be locked up for the third time today, after prosecutors on Tuesday added four new charges

to the 44 she already faced.

Anita Clark, 44, was arrested last year and posted \$150,000 bond. In March, Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Bernard Kamins remanded her to custody and upped her bail to \$175,000 at the urging of prosecutors, who alleged she was still working as an

attorney. Kamins ordered Clark at that time to immediately stop practicing law.

But on Monday, prosecutors presented the court with three more alleged victims — two of which Clark may have worked for since March 10. Kamins ordered Clark back into custody and added

\$100,000 to her bail, though he gave Clark until today to turn herself in so she could make arrangements for her three young children.

The new charges were filed with the court on Tuesday.

Richard DeBro, Clark's attorney, has maintained throughout

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Teacher unions flex their political muscle

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

The two unions representing local teachers in classrooms from kindergarten through college have joined forces to endorse candidates on the November ballot.

It's the first time the union for teachers with the local school district and the union for Santa Monica College faculty will back candidates jointly. They hope to influence the races to fill a combined six seats that will be up for grabs on the two local school boards.

"It makes sense, because the goal is to elect members of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District school board and the Santa Monica College board of trustees who care about education for all Santa Monicans — from kindergarten through community college," said Kelly Hayes-Raitt, spokeswoman for the new group, "Santa Monica's Education Team."

Incumbents are expected to run for reelection in five of the six races. They will be challenged by a handful of long-time Santa Monica residents, school parents, former teachers and local activists who already have expressed an interest in running.

On the SMMUSD school board, current members Jose Escarce and Maria Leon-Vasquez are expected to run for reelection,

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Malibu stretches smokeout

BY LAUREN BONIFACIO

Special to the Daily Press

MALIBU — Following the lead of some of its neighboring cities, Malibu is expected to ban smoking on public beaches this month, helping to create a 40-mile stretch of smoke-free sand.

The Malibu City Council voted 4-1 in favor of the ban during its preliminary reading on Monday. If the ban receives final approval May 24 as expected, it would go into effect 30 days later.

A ban in Malibu, combined with similar measures approved by Santa Monica and Los Angeles over the past two months, would establish a continuous stretch of

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Exiting rehab



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Sightseers stroll past a construction zone at the entrance to the Santa Monica Pier. The pier's surface is being replaced as part of a rehabilitation project. (Inset) A planter sits in place of the usual police car to block traffic from entering the pier.

Big Blue Bus issued financial transfer



CITY HALL: DOLLARS & SENSE

A month-long series examining Santa Monica City Hall finances

BY LAUREN BONIFACIO

Special to the Daily Press

The Big Blue Bus will be counting its money in a different office soon.

In a bid for better efficiency, City Hall is moving the financial operations of its blue-hued bus line over to the city finance office.

"One of the entire city's tasks during economic downturns is to look for efficiencies in operations," said Steve Stark, City Hall's finance director. "As part of that process, we looked at the Big Blue Bus

financial operations and the city Finance Department and the possibility of combining those operations."

Although the Big Blue Bus is one of many city departments, day-to-day management of its \$38.5 million budget had always been handled within the bus line's administrative offices.

According to Stark, a tedious process would take place at the end of each year: The transit service would prepare financial statements and send them to the Finance Department, which would then incorporate the data into various financial documents.

"When you have two separate units like that, there's the need to communicate more," Stark said.

The change will require moving six transit employees over to the Finance Department offices,

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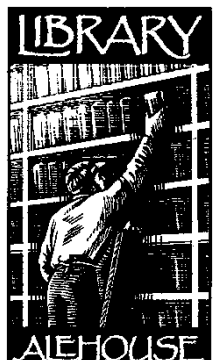
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★ Slow down and take your time. If you move too swiftly, you might produce unexpected results. You might feel overwhelmed by work or responsibilities. Screen calls and focus on what has to be done. A family member has much to say and could weigh heavily in a decision. Tonight: Do your own thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Work with groups and not individuals. Use your sixth sense with a financial matter as well as a difficult or unpredictable boss. You have the ability to find solutions and juggle your different needs. A conversation could be "heavy." Tonight: Where the gang is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Accept responsibilities, but also be aware that you need the support of the whole group. You know how to achieve these gains. Express your warmth and caring in a positive way. Others cannot help but respond. Take your time with family members. Tonight: Out and about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Reach out for others at a distance. You need to sort through information and get some feedback. Use not one but several tried-and-true methods and/or sources. Detach from the commotion and look at what might be going on here. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Work with individuals rather than groups, if possible. Dedicate some extra time to a new friend or flirtation in your life. You cannot hold back your social nature even if you tried. Make calls or write e-mails. Keep communication flowing. Tonight: Dinner for two.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your positive attitude pushes problems away from you and adds to your popularity. Work with a very serious or depressed friend. You'll make a difference. Others want to hear your opinions. An associate or partner acts up. Use your personality. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your instincts guide you at work and with an unexpected development. Don't let responsibilities get to you. Just handle them rather than complain. Know that you are carrying more than your share right now, but in the long run, you will see positive results. Tonight: Exercise or get into a game of racquetball.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your creativity bubbles forth and impresses others, drawing the results you want. Someone might be a bit hard on you. He or she could be jealous or might not be able to grasp what you are doing. You need open minds around you. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Expect the unexpected, especially around the family or your home. Flex and have less-rigid ideas of how things should be. Relax and flow. Others admire your work abilities. You are a natural leader. Tonight: Head home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to visualize more of what you desire. Sometimes this type of daydreaming helps you get exactly what you want and need. Conversations are animated. Verify meetings. Expect the unexpected. Seek out new sources who could be unusually dynamic. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Deal with your finances before they deal with you. You might want to buy a lottery ticket. Be careful with any risk you might be taking. Others support you in getting what you want. Slow down if you are tired. Tonight: Your treat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ The Moon in your sign empowers you. Ask yourself what you would like to happen. Recognize that others see you as unpredictable, which sometimes might cause a negative response. Express your innovative side. A child or loved one could be touchy. Tonight: Whatever you want.

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LOCAL



Man pulls off lewd act outside grammar school

By Daily Press staff

MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY — Police are looking for a man who was seen masturbating in his car here last week.

Santa Monica Police responded on May 7 to the 1300 block of 23rd Street, after witnesses saw a middle-aged man masturbating at 3:55 p.m.

The suspect is described as a white male, in his 40s, with dark hair, clean shaven, a medium to chubby build, pale complexion, wearing black sunglasses

and a short sleeve navy pullover shirt.

The suspect's vehicle is described as a newer shiny dark-colored compact with a white license plate.

Anyone with any information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Youth Services Division of the SMPD at (310) 458-8451 or 310 458-8491. Callers who wish to remain anonymous, but are still eligible for a reward, also may call the WeTip national hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME (27463).

Bums fight bum in bumfight

By Daily Press staff

INTERSTATE 10 — A local transient was attacked with a broken bottle last week by two other homeless people, who allegedly stole money and a cell phone from him.

Santa Monica Police on May 8 responded to the 1500 block of Santa Monica Freeway embankment after receiving a call that someone was injured there. When officers arrived shortly after 9 a.m., they found a man who said he was assaulted on Friday. During the incident, the victim claimed one of the suspects struck him in the head with a bottle, causing a laceration. Apparently, the victim knows one of the suspects, who are local

transients. The victim was transported to a local hospital and treated for his injuries.

The first suspect is described as black, in his 50s, 5'4", 200 lbs, wearing a blue or black T-shirt and dirty jeans. The suspect may go by the name of "Smithy" and may frequent the area of Cloverfield and Olympic boulevards. Few details are known about the second suspect, except that he is a man.

Anyone having additional information is encouraged to contact the robbery/homicide unit at the SMPD at (310) 458-8451. Callers who wish to remain anonymous, but are still eligible for a reward, may call the WeTip national hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME (27463).

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Transience 101: Web site offers survival guide

By Daily Press staff

For those living on the streets of Santa Monica, survival can be a daunting task. But have no fear, a survival guide has been launched on a new Web site, www.smhomeless.org. The guide includes the most current information available concerning food, shelter, medical aid, employment assistance, tips for living on the city's streets and other urgent needs of Santa Monica's homeless population, estimated to be about 2,000 men, women and children.

The Web site is co-sponsored by three local, non-profit agencies — Side by Side, Making Change and S.H.E.L.T.E.R. Each sponsor is featured in a special section of the guide. There also is a section explaining how local residents can help the homeless overcome their difficulties and return to productive lives.

Ken McCrae, the site's webmaster, considers it a "work in progress" and wants feedback from the homeless community as it uses the site, as well as from all other concerned citizens. Many homeless individuals have access to computers at local libraries, training facilities and shelters.

surf report

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The QLine

The draft of the 2004-05 budget is nearly complete. It will be released to the public within days. The Santa Monica City Council will hold a series of workshops open to the public at the end of this month. And while the budget is pretty much set, it is an opportunity for residents to understand where and how their money is spent. The final budget must be adopted by July. So this week, Q-Line wants to know,

"If you had your way, where do you think the City Council should spend your money?"

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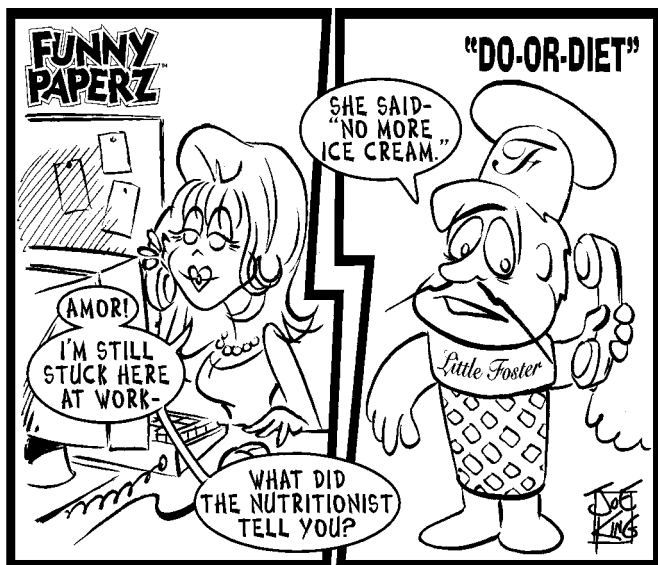
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OPINION

LETTERS



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Summertime's a blast in Pico

Editor:

Shootings on my two-block stretch of 17th Street were shocking and mysterious when my wife, Tiffany, and I first moved to Santa Monica. As our sixth summer in the neighborhood begins, these shootings have become personal, familiar and frustratingly predictable. They are part of a cycle of violence that swells each summer. This summer's early beginning can be a wake-up call to make a commitment to change. It's time for Santa Monica to make it a priority.

Last Monday night, Tiffany and I were in front of our home, walking to our car, when shots rang out a couple hundred feet away. Young people fled the scene, passing a few feet before us, and forcing Tiffany to take cover behind our bushes. Others fled by car in a different direction. An ambulance was passing, adding to the noise and confusion. The surreal bustle of activity made time move in slow motion. Two hours later, after talking with police, neighbors, and nearby relatives, my own anger began to grow.

The story began to sound like summers past. Recently, my stretch of 17th Street has been described by local press as "a common place for gunfire, gang activity, and drug dealing" (SMDP, May 5, page 1) and "a crime-riddled pocket of the Pico neighborhood" (The Lookout May 4). The first shots in the latest outbreak were actually fired Sunday night at around 1 a.m.. That hot night, with all our windows open, Tiffany and I were shocked awake by the sound. We had heard that a large fight broke out there during the afternoon, and we realized that the familiar pattern of revenge had begun.

The violence in Pico is frustrating because it is so predictable. There were multiple shootings in Pico last year before 19-year-old Jalonn Carter was killed. Five years ago, violent retaliations between Culver City and local youth also ended fatally. Perhaps this summer we can end the predictable cycle of revenge before we lose another youth.

It is also frustrating because Pico neighborhood's problem is not insurmountable. Our neighborhood is filled with decent, hard-working, friendly people who want better for their families. Pico hosts little more than 12,000 residents, and the violence is happening in an eight-square block area — in the midst of the most progressive, activist city in Southern California, and one of the more affluent.

For some reason, however, too little attention has been paid to this problem. The current responses are not working, and our city's priorities lie elsewhere. The city spends \$5 million per year on homeless services, builds traffic islands everywhere you look, and local activism has whittled down to parochial concerns over public process.

The strength of our institutions, our heritage of activism and our city's historical relationship with Pico Neighborhood compel Santa Monica to treat this problem seriously and deal with it finally. There needs to be an open, public process to involve the community, city leadership, and public safety professionals in creating a solution. We cannot allow our most diverse, affordable neighborhood to continue to struggle with violence. We all must rise to the challenge.

Terry O'Day
Planning commissioner

One man's 'perverted fun' is another's lifelong misery



INCITES

By Ed Silverstein

I want to start by doing what President Bush should have done — apologize to the Iraqis who were mistreated by American soldiers.

I'm sorry for what my country, under the leadership of President Bush, has done to you. It was sadistic and unforgivable and there is no excuse. I understand that any apology is entirely inadequate and that the United States can never make up for the mistreatment you endured.

I know this because my own father, at the age of 18, spent 14 months in a German P.O.W. camp during World War II. To this day, 60 years later, he still carries the psychological and physical scars.

My father's P.O.W. camp also had abusive guards — or as Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina) called them during today's Senate investigation, "A few individuals having a little perverted fun." But this "fun" left my father filled with hatred. And when he was liberated he grabbed a rifle and went to murder one of those guards. Thankfully, he couldn't bring himself to pull the trigger. That was not the case with another group of POW's whose hate led them to decapitate one of the other abusive guards. And, by my father's own admission, the abuse he experienced at the hands of the Germans was far less than that suffered by the Iraqis, and with none of the sexual humiliation.

Bush continues to maintain that these are isolated incidents. His cheerleaders, such as Rush Limbaugh, try to dismiss this torture as "frat house pranks." I'd be curious to know what fraternity he attended and if the Big Fat Idiot (as Al Franken dubbed him) would feel the same if it was him handcuffed to the wall, stripped naked, sodomized and then ripped open by vicious dogs. Say, that does sound like "fun."

Bush was right about one thing: This abuse is not representative of America. But it is representative of this administration.

Let's start with Bush's contempt for civil rights. After 9/11, Attorney General Ashcroft secretly rounded up 5,000 Muslims. They were held without due process or allowed to contact their families. Out of 5,000 only three were ever accused of crimes and only one was convicted. In Iraq, Military Intelligence admits that 70 percent to 95 percent of those detained were arrested by mistake. Yet the military only began to release prisoners after the photos of abuse surfaced.

More damnable is the Bush Administration's implicit support of torture. They have repeatedly turned over suspected terrorist prisoners to regimes or countries that condone torture. Such was the case of Maher Arar, a Canadian citizen who was born in Syria. Arar was pulled off his flight to Montreal when it made a stop at JFK. He was arrested, questioned for nine hours without a lawyer, jailed and deported to Syria, where it was well

known that he would be tortured, all without the knowledge of the Canadian government. Arar was brutally tortured for more than 10 months, yet he maintains that he is innocent of any terrorist activity and cannot understand why this was allowed to happen.

Further, contrary to what the administration would like you to believe, the abuse of prisoners is not isolated to a single facility or even to a small group of soldiers. It is widespread and systemic.

The first reports of mistreatment, in this case it was Afghani prisoners, came out of Guantanamo Bay. But these revelations were largely ignored and resulted in little disciplinary action, sending a clear message that this behavior is acceptable.

So it seems disingenuous when Bush and others within his administration express disgust and disbelief that such abuse could occur at Abu Ghraib and other facilities throughout Iraq. If nothing else, the Bush Administration's attitude was responsible for creating an environment that fostered such abuse. But I believe they are far more complicit.

Charles J. Hanley, Associated Press' Pulitzer Prize-winning correspondent, reported complaints of abuse starting in October of last year. The abuse began, maybe too coincidentally, about the same time that the administration began to realize that there were no weapons of mass destruction. If we are to believe allegations that intelligence officers ordered MP's to soften up the prisoners for interrogation, it seems all too conceivable that those orders could have come from a Bush Administration that was becoming increasingly desperate to find WMDs.

Was Rumsfeld personally involved?

Rumsfeld admits that he was aware of the abuse in January and that he notified the president that same month. Yet despite photos that clearly shows serious criminal activity, not one of those soldiers were relieved of duty or charged in a Court Martial until the photographs became public.

Considering the administration's penchant for secrecy, it is unlikely, if not for the efforts of New Yorker Magazine and CBS 60 Minutes II, that these photos would ever have seen the light of day. This leaves us to wonder, had these photos not surfaced, if any of those involved would have been punished.

In fact, it is beginning to look more like Rumsfeld was involved in a cover-up of what can only be described as war crimes. If this is true, the next question becomes — and this may sound familiar — what did President Bush know and when did he know it?

Even if Bush is not directly involved in condoning torture, it remains that leaders lead by example. And the example set by George W. Bush is that it doesn't matter if you break the law, ignore civil rights or do grievous harm as long as you get what you want. Maybe it's time the president learned that that is not what America is all about.

(Ed Silverstein is a freelance writer being held at an undisclosed location in Santa Monica. Comments can be sent to edsincites@aol.com).

OPINION



Abuse 'un-American'? Seems to fit with policy



POLITI- GIRL

By Beth Solomon

Fasten your seatbelts: This week's conventional wisdom in our nation's capital is that thousands of images of U.S. military abuses of Iraqi detainees indicate serious failures of leadership in our armed forces.

"Failure in leadership from the brigade commander on down, lack of discipline, no training whatsoever, and no supervision" were at the root of the problems, U.S. Army Gen. Antonio Taguba told the Senate in a burgeoning investigation of this scandal, finally brought to the public by Seymour Hersh of the New Yorker.

Taguba is ahead of the game. He wrote a report on the scandal trying to alert his bosses, but Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld told a Senate hearing last week that he hadn't had time to read the whole report. What he did see of it, he never got around to mentioning to President Bush. So the president saw the photo album like the rest of us on TV.

Rummy and Bush can save time and skip the report. The message in the photos of U.S. torture and abuse is so strong, they and their policymakers might as well start their summer vacations now. And stay at the beach. U.S. foreign policy is more than understood all over the world. Remember "Baseball, mom and apple pie"? The new brand is "Beaten and maimed at Abu Ghraib."

Response to the new foreign policy is starting to take shape. A video posted Tuesday on an Islamic militant Web site showed the beheading of an American civilian in Iraq, apparently carried out by an al-Qaeda affiliated group.

The video showed five men wearing headscarves and black ski masks, standing over a bound man in an orange jumpsuit — similar to a prisoner's uniform. The militants wanted to show that they approve of the new U.S. approach to foreign policy, and are already adopting it themselves.

"For the mothers and wives of American soldiers," said the executioners on their Web site, "we tell you that we offered the U.S. administration to exchange this hostage with some of the detainees in Abu Ghraib and they refused."

"So we tell you," the statement goes on, "that the dignity of the Muslim men and women in Abu Ghraib and others is not redeemed except by blood and souls."

It's not comforting. But it reminds me of a concept I heard about once called "an eye for an eye." I don't think it was in the Koran.

The video slaughter of U.S. contractor Nick Berg was the first of more web content to come: After blowing up an Israeli troop vehicle in the Gaza strip yesterday, Palestinian militants said that they hoped to trade the soldiers' body parts for prisoners held by Israel. On a blood-soaked sheet of brown paper, gunmen displayed for reporters what appeared to be brain matter and bits of flesh.

"They were able to take parts of bodies — hands, brains," Salama Hamad, 32, a gunman from the group Hamas, enthusiastically told James Bennet of the New York Times.

Do they know about eBay?

Secretary Rumsfeld, who pointed out that war can be "messy," now says the images of brutality are "un-American." By that he means they are disrespectful, humiliating and abusive. But that's exactly what our Iraq policy has been.

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Rumsfeld did say something about bodies. "It is a body blow when we find that we have, as we have just within the last — what — week or seven days, a few who have betrayed our values by their conduct," Mr. Rumsfeld said. Blame it on the kids who were assigned the dirty work in Iraq.

But not everyone here agrees there should be blame placed at all. One powerful Senator, James M. Inhofe, (R-Okla.), lashed out at the controversy itself. "I'm probably not the only one up at this table that is more outraged by the outrage than we are by the treatment," he said. While saying a few "misguided" and "maybe even perverted" perpetrators of abuse needed to be punished, much of the criticism, Inhofe said, was exaggerated and misplaced.

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Defense says City Hall must have ax to grind

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the trial that Clark is a bona fide paralegal being targeted by overzealous prosecutors who apparently hope to limit what non-lawyers can do and increase the amount of work available to lawyers. He reiterated that claim Tuesday and denied Clark had taken on any clients since March.

"She hasn't done anything since January or February," DeBro said. "People are calling because they have the opportunity now, because she is the evil incarnate. When people call, she's not allowed to work — so people call (City Hall) and complain. Why wouldn't they?"

DeBro said he is hoping to keep Clark out of custody by convincing Kamins that Clark hasn't actually done any work since March. He accused City Hall of piling on meritless charges, like one against Clark for allegedly hiring a server to deliver legal papers, something DeBro said was legal and done at the alleged victim's request. He accused another victim of extortion for allegedly threatening to press charges if he wasn't refunded money.

"That's called extortion," he said. "Give me my money, or I'll have you prosecuted" falls under the definition of extortion.

"You cannot use the threat of prosecution to get money back."

A handful of alleged victims interviewed since the case began have expressed frustration, saying Clark appeared to be a professional attorney, but then failed to return phone calls and, when she finally did call back, made promises she didn't keep.

For years, Clark worked out of an office on Bicknell Street in Ocean Park. In a March interview, she said she moved to

"That's called extortion."

— **RICHARD DEBRO**
Defendant's lawyer

a new office on Wilshire Boulevard after divorcing her husband in 2002. The rent was raised considerably after three years, forcing her to move again, said Clark, who added she missed a month's worth of messages due to a phone line mix-up.

That's around the time the City Attorney's Office started tracking Clark. Prosecutors seized her records in August, later sending letters to thousands of current and past clients, according to Clark. Dozens signed onto the action against her, she feels, because her files were taken and she was unable to get in touch with many of them.

Clark now faces a total of 48 charges relating to 36 victims. The charges range from grand theft by fraud to illegally acting as an immigration consultant to practicing law without a license. Deputy City Attorney Adam Radinsky, who is prosecuting the case, has said the consumer fraud case against Clark is City Hall's most severe in years.

It's a crime to practice law without a license. Practicing law includes giving legal advice, making legal decisions in a case, claiming to be an expert in an area of law, contacting an opposing party and writing legal documents, according to Radinsky. Non-attorneys are limited to providing clerical help or doing paralegal work directly under a supervising attorney. Clark is not being charged with any crimes related to document preparers.

Pop quiz: Unions set to mail questionnaire to candidates

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while board member Michael Jordan has said he will not seek another term due, in part, to health problems. Several names have been floated as possible contestants, including former City Council candidate Ana Jara, SMC professor and school parent Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein and Kathleen Wisnicki, an active Malibu school parent.

All three members of the SMC board of trustees whose terms expire this year — Graham Pope, Margaret Quiñones and Annette Shamey — are expected to seek reelection. Among those that may challenge the incumbents are former judge and City Councilman David Finkel, entertainment attorney and political activist Rob Rader, Susan Aminoff, a benefit coordinator for Los Angeles Community College, and Charlie Donaldson, a retired SMC faculty member.

The union for SMC teachers is called the faculty association. At SMMUSD, it's called the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association.

In efforts to determine which candidates to endorse, leaders of the political action committees for both unions will review questionnaires filled out by the candidates. The questionnaires — due this

month — ask a range of targeted questions, from why the individual is running to how they would budget through tight economic times to what is their impression of the current leadership.

Formal endorsements will be made June 9. The Education Team likely will be holding candidate forums and conducting campaign efforts this fall, organizers said.

"We're delighted to be working with the teachers association," said Lantz Simpson, SMC English professor and president of the faculty association. "My mother taught first grade, so I know the importance of starting education early. It's vital to have a strong elected board supporting students from kindergarten through high school. And we're pleased that our community's teachers understand our need for a board of trustees at the college that is responsive to students and faculty."

Jenny Lipson, a teacher at Grant Elementary School, agreed.

"It's natural we should work with the college faculty," said Lipson, who chairs her union's PAC. "We all recognize the importance of both an academically vibrant community college and a local school system that reflects our community's deep appreciation for education. We make a powerful coalition."

LOCAL



No butts about it: Malibu aims to clean beaches

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smoke-free beaches from Dockweiler Beach north to the Los Angeles-Ventura County line.

With an estimated 15 million people visiting Malibu beaches each year, the ban was a natural response to ordinances passed by other cities, said Malibu councilman Andy Stern.

"People in the newspaper were saying, 'let's go to Malibu and smoke now,'" Stern said. "I thought the three cities doing it would make a lot of sense."

At the meeting Monday night, community members speaking in support of the smoking ban were unopposed by any dissenters.

Proposed by Malibu Mayor Sharon Barovsky, a smoker herself, the ban was considered with respect to environmental and health issues such as water quality, litter and secondhand smoke.

"We were ecstatic," said Alan Reed, chair of the Surfrider Foundation's Malibu chapter, the leading environmen-

tal group fighting for the ban. "We've eliminated the dangers of secondhand smoke and we've eliminated the number-one source of litter in all our beach cleanups."

According to Stern, cigarette butts have been piling up in the city.

"People are essentially using the beach as their ash tray," he said.

Along the Pacific Coast Highway, miles of beachside businesses in Malibu would see the proposed ban up close.

"I would, without question, be supportive," said Paul Spooner, general manager at Duke's, a Malibu restaurant that voluntarily banned smoking from its outdoor patios recently.

A frustrated Spooner laments that patrons forced to go out front of the restaurant and smoke "still throw a gazillion cigarette butts out in our parking lot, right next to the storm drain," but feels the beach restriction would be a step in the right direction. He added that he does not expect a drop-off in business if the ban takes effect.

One of the council's few concerns on Monday was how the ban over miles of city beaches would be enforced. That issue led one council member to vote against the ban, Stern said.

Stern, however, does not foresee any problems.

The L.A. County Sheriff's Department would patrol the beaches and cite smokers, leaving lifeguards free to watch the

water. With a special beach team already deployed by the sheriff each summer, Stern contends more officers would not be needed to enforce the ban.

Before Santa Monica approved its ban in March, inspiring neighboring cities to do the same, smoking had already been banned on beaches in two other California cities — San Clemente in Orange County and Solana Beach in San Diego County.

City claims transition won't be a bumpy ride

BIG BLUE, from page 1

said Stephanie Negriff, director of transit services, but it is "going to create greater accountability in the city's financial resources."

Consolidating the departments "simply conforms Big Blue Bus financial operations to the same structure as all other city departments, providing consistency throughout the organization and making operations more efficient," said City Manager Susan McCarthy.

Bus riders will not be affected by any of the changes. And aside from some employees switching offices, neither will the bus line, said Negriff.

The Big Blue Bus does not receive any funds from City Hall's general fund, rather, it pays for itself with revenue generated through riders' fares and county, state and federal subsidies.

City Hall will continue its annual reviews of Big Blue Bus costs, according to Stark.

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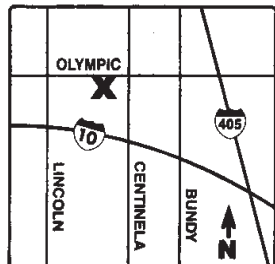
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Nacho job: New film paints state landscape without any Mexicans

BY LAURA WIDES
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — California is home to 12 million Hispanics, about one-third of the state's population. What if they all disappeared?

In Sergio Arau's new comedy "A Day Without a Mexican," the answer is chaos. Cafes lose waiters, vegetables rot in the fields, schools are left without teachers and elected officials, including the lieutenant governor, vanish.

"The idea of the film was to make the invisible visible," said Arau, a native of Mexico and the son of actor-director Alfonso Arau. "It's like a car. If you take away a tire, you will notice."

The movie, which debuts Friday in Southern California, is scheduled to be released nationwide over the summer. It's being distributed by Spanish-language media conglomerate Televisa.

Filmed in a documentary style for nearly \$2 million, it pokes fun at almost everyone in its effort to highlight the roles of Hispanics in U.S. society.

"So many films about immigration are very serious or tragic," said Arau, the film's director and co-writer. "But humor is the best way to talk about serious themes because people relax and are more open."

Arau's wife, Yareli Arizmendi, who appeared in his father's film "Like Water for Chocolate," stars as TV reporter Lila Rodriguez, California's last Hispanic, whose search for the missing becomes the latest in reality TV.

As she searches, low-riders bounce driverless along the street and the Los Angeles Dodgers must cancel games because they don't have enough players — while the National Basketball Association remains unaffected. UFO fanatics insist the Mexican sombrero is a replica of the spaceship that whisked the missing back to their planet.

The film has particular meaning in the nation's most-populous state.

California has no majority ethnic population, with whites making up about 45 percent of the population and Hispanics 34 percent.

According to 2000 Census figures, Hispanics represent nearly a quarter of the state's kindergarten teachers, 20 percent of the state's police officers and 88 percent of its agricultural workers.

Yet the economic and social contributions from Hispanics are often ignored, Arau said. He said that's especially true for immigrant laborers, whose cheap labor provides inexpensive goods and services.

Arau and Arizmendi, who co-wrote the script, came up with the idea in 1994, when former Gov. Pete Wilson was running for re-election on a platform that included a referendum barring illegal immigrants from receiving many social services. Proposition 187 was approved but was challenged in court and never took effect.

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— SERGIO ARAU
Film director and co-writer

Last month, a similar anti-immigrant initiative failed even to qualify for the November ballot. And although Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger helped repeal a law that would have given driver's licenses to illegal immigrants, he said he would approve a similar law if it provides for more security checks.

Still, illegal immigration remains a flashpoint.

U.S. Rep. Dan Rohrabacher recently proposed a bill requiring doctors to report patients' immigration status to federal authorities; and President Bush has angered many members of Congress, including several in his own party, over his proposal for a guest-worker program that would allow many who illegally have entered the country to receive temporary work visas but limit the number who could apply for permanent residency.

The film's own advertisements have caused a stir, too. Billboards based on the title were pulled down after passers-by, unaware of the film's subject, complained that they were offensive.

Arizmendi said many of the sentiments about Mexican immigrants that fueled support for Proposition 187 remain.

"Prop. 187 may no longer exist, but there's still these feelings of immigrants using and abusing services they don't deserve," she said.

Immigration issues are more complex than a film such as "A Day Without a Mexican" can explore, said Louis DeSipio, an associate professor of political science and Latino studies at the University of California, Irvine.

For example, California attracts a disproportionate share of immigrants but doesn't receive enough federal money to offset associated costs for education, health care, law enforcement and other services.

The film's greatest fault may be in attempting to tackle too many issues in one story, but Arau and Arizmendi said their goal is very simple.

"People ask us, 'What do you want people to do when they walk out of the theater?'" Arizmendi said. "All we want is that people go to dinner ... and just keep your eyes open. See the complexity of the different people who are out there."

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FBI wants new building for growing LA division

BY RYAN PEARSON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — The FBI wants a new \$400 million building to bolster security for agents and house the technology and office space needed for an expected rapid expansion of its Southern California headquarters.

The proposed new office, which remains in the planning stage, would be nearly two times the size of the Westwood federal building where about 800 FBI agents and staffers work. The agency's office there has expanded from four floors to nine since opening in 1969.

Crime-fighting tools have since shifted from rotary phones and notepads to rooms full of computer servers and electronic surveillance equipment — and the division needs the power, space and fortifications of a new office to keep up, Los Angeles FBI spokesman Matt McLaughlin said Monday.

"It's becoming clearer that perhaps the L.A. office has been a bit under-resourced for years, and it's an attempt to correct that," he said.

A shift in FBI resources to counterterrorism since the Sept. 11 terror attacks means the Los Angeles division is expecting the assignment of more agents in coming years to keep up with white-collar and violent crime investigations, McLaughlin said. The new building would aid that expansion and consolidate most of the more than 20 local sites now leased by the government because of a lack of space at headquarters.

Agents currently must drive anywhere from 30 minutes to 1 1/2 hours, depending on traffic, to access an offsite evidence storage facility, McLaughlin said.

"You shouldn't have to go to those lengths," he said. "It's not really all that efficient."

The Los Angeles office and its 10 satellite

offices are responsible for an area encompassing 18 million people in seven counties, a larger population base than any other division. The New York field office has about 1,100 agents overall, compared to 715 in Los Angeles.

No money has yet been allocated by Congress for the proposed Los Angeles building, which would be constructed in two phases over the next 10 years. The General Services Administration, which handles such projects for the federal government, posted a public notice last month of the building proposal.

Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Newport Beach, head of the House Homeland Security Committee, believes the new office would be worth the money, said spokeswoman Liz Tobias. Cox has pressed for money to protect the region's potential terrorist targets.

"It would appear that opening a bigger FBI office in the Southern California area

makes sense because of the venues that attract millions, the borders, the ports and the airports that could attract terrorists or be targeted by other perpetrators," Tobias said.

Nick Boone, a former FBI special agent who worked in the Westwood office from 1972 until he retired in 2000, said the building proposal "has been sitting on the drawing board" for seven years.

A new facility is needed to give the office "the ability to expand and basically bring our technology up to the 19th century," he joked.

Security is also a concern for agents. People entering the federal building now pass through metal detectors and are screened by guards, "but the FBI space itself should have a higher level of security," Boone said.

"We're the target," not other federal agencies in the building, he said.

Assembly reviews Schwarzenegger's energy plans

BY JENNIFER COLEMAN
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Lawmakers debated whether the state should again allow a competitive retail market for electricity this week as they reviewed Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's energy goals.

Schwarzenegger's vision, outlined in a letter last week to Public Utilities Commission President Michael Peevey, includes a return to a competitive market for the state's largest electricity consumers.

Direct access, which lets consumers shop around for electricity, was a cornerstone of the state's failed attempt at deregulation. Proponents of direct access say that's a minor part of deregulation, and a physical shortage of electricity was more to blame for the state's energy crisis and blackouts in 2000 and 2001.

Schwarzenegger also urged the PUC to hasten a requirement that utilities keep a 15 percent electricity reserve by 2006 instead of 2008 and to finish writing regulations that let utilities sign long-term contracts for electricity.

If the state is going to allow large electricity users to escape their utilities and shop around for power, the plan would have to be approved by the state Legislature.

Former Assemblyman Rod Wright urged an Assembly committee Monday to define that market before requiring utilities to bulk up energy reserves.

If direct-access is reinstated, some utility customers

will shop around for cheaper power, he said. If the 15-percent reserve requirement is in place, utilities will have too much power — and remaining customers will be stuck with the bill.

Much of Schwarzenegger's energy plan is focused on speeding up implementation of AB57, legislation Wright wrote in 2001, said Joseph Desmond, deputy secretary of the resources agency.

The PUC is working on implementing Wright's bill, said Peevey. The final pieces, including approving the utilities' long-term resources plans, should be finished by the end of this year, he told members of the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.

Peevey said he agreed with Schwarzenegger's plan to move up the reserves requirement, and with the governor's goal of allowing direct access.

"Having a more competitive market is in the public interest," Peevey said.

If lawmakers approve a bill allowing direct access, Peevey said the PUC would need a year to draft the rules and couldn't have it ready before 2006.

"You can't just jump in willy-nilly," he said. "We don't want to repeat that mistake."

Some environmental and consumer groups were skeptical, though, of again allowing consumer choice.

Allowing customers to shop around is going in the wrong direction, said Mike Florio, an attorney with The

Utility Reform Network, a San Francisco-based consumer group.

"It creates more chaos when what we need is stability," Florio said. "Worry about the frills later."

Florio recommended delaying competition until the state builds more power plants.

Also Monday, the Assembly voted to approve legislation that lets Pacific Gas and Electric Co. issue bonds with a dedicated rate component — saving customers about \$1 billion over the life of the bonds. The bonds would be more secure than the present financing, so the interest rate would be lower, said Sen. Debra Bowen, D-Marina del Rey, the bill's author.

"I didn't support PG&E's bankruptcy settlement plan because I thought it was far too expensive and it stuck ratepayers with far too much of the bill for something they had absolutely no control over," Bowen said in a statement. "This doesn't make the bankruptcy settlement plan any better, since we can't undo what the bankruptcy court rubber-stamped, but it does make it a little bit cheaper for the ratepayers who are forced to pick up the tab."

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DAYS ON THE MARKET

By Jodi Summers

Spring is here. The rains have ended, flowers are in bloom and the butterflies are out. So are all kind of other pests and vermin. Sure, you can spray them all, but a little preventative home maintenance can make your home a healthier place, and keep your repair costs at a minimum.

Pests are attracted to water or water-damaged areas. Inspect areas around your home and yard which can be potential pest problems, and contemplate these suggestions to minimize critter contamination.

The foundation: Be sure the water drains away from your house, as a damp foundation can lead to a myriad of problems — from termites to mold and beyond. After a rain, check the drainage patterns in your yard. Water should not be collecting near, or running under your foundation.

Downspouts: Hastily placed gutters

can dump water next to the foundation. If the grading isn't correct, that water will seep into the soil around your home. Check to see that downspouts channel a good distance away from the foundation. This can be accomplished with concrete blocks or extending the gutter piping.

Flower beds: Raised flowerbeds may pool water near your foundation. Channel this water away from your home and use it to help irrigate your lawn.

Window AC units: Should you be one of the few on the Westside with a window air conditioning unit, check the soil beneath these units for dampness. Condensation can be a source of unwanted moisture near your foundation.

Leaking sprinkler systems and faucets: Think of the bug breeding ground outdoor leaks can create.

Exposed wood: Wood can be infested with pests through the surfaces that are exposed to soil or weather. Termites are known to tunnel through the soil in search of wood to eat. When encountering an underground obstacle such as a concrete foundation, they could build mud tubes in search of wood. Keep any woodpiles or cellulose building material at least eight inches away from the soil.

Siding and trim: Keep soil or mulch further than eight inches from your house to deter termites. Homes with a stucco veneer can be at risk if the seal between the frame and the veneer is broken — termites can tunnel in the space, doing expensive damage before they are discovered.

Wooden beams or steps: If your wooden steps are in soil, termites can tunnel right into your home. Think about replacing them with metal or concrete. If you choose concrete for steps, use a waterproof spacer between the concrete and wood siding, as concrete will draw water to the siding.

Earth-fill porches: Some concrete porches are filled with dirt and are often the source of termite access to homes. Check wood near the porch carefully every year for termite infestation.

Roofs and gutters: Roofs and gutters are designed to protect your home from the rain. When not functioning properly, they can cause water damage and pest problems.

Tree limbs: Branches moving across your roof can damage the shingles, permitting water to seep into the wood supports. Insects, especially carpenter ants, use limbs as bridges to enter your home. Prune tree limbs so they are away from

the roof.

Clogged gutters: Gutters that hold water are mosquito breeding sites. Clean the leaves out of your gutters regularly to reduce the chance of catching the West Nile Virus.

Attics and crawl spaces: Attics and crawl spaces should be built with vents to reduce moisture build-up. Keep these vents to the outside world open and operating. Remove newspaper or cardboard that you have placed in your crawl space. These materials are made from wood pulp and will attract termites.

Blocked vents: Keep plants and shrubs away from foundation vents.

Kitchens and bathrooms: Kitchens and bathrooms are common sites of pest problems because of the presence of water.

Unsealed entry points for pipes: Check to see that the areas where pipes enter the house are properly sealed. Roaches and termites are attracted to the dampness and can crawl right up the pipes.

Leaks: Fix leaks and you'll avoid mold and termites.

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05/03/2004	HOD: \$99	SOLD PRICE: \$364,000	BATH: 1
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05/03/2004	HOD: \$200	SOLD PRICE: \$440,000	BATH: 1.5

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05/06/2004	HOD: \$225	SOLD PRICE: \$450,000	BATH: 1.5
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SOLD	2226 6TH ST #A	SANTA MONICA	90405
DATE SOLD	SQFT: 1,766	LIST PRICE: \$899,000	BED: 2
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REAL ESTATE



Homeowners to storm former Marine base sites



IN YOUR SPACE

By Christina S. Porter

(This column is a continuation of last week's "New Developments Will Make Impact Felt In SoCal." This week's installment deal with two additional Master-planned developments in Southern California.)

MCAS-TUSTIN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The Marine Corps Air Station-Tustin site (MCAS-Tustin), located southeast of downtown Los Angeles, closed in 1999. The City of Tustin reached agreement with the Department of Navy in 2002 for acquisition of approximately 1,200 acres of the former 1,600-acre facility, with the Navy also recently selling about 240 acres of the site through a competitive-bid process. The city is now in the process of converting those portions of the site within Tustin into a major new master-planned community. Approximately 95 acres of the former facility are within the City of Irvine, where residential uses also will be developed. The site is one of the largest remaining tracts of developable land in central Orange County, and is surrounded by a rich fabric of transportation, commercial and cultural facilities.

Within portions of the site controlled by the city, Tustin is selling the land already entitled, which reduces the risk

factor for the developer and increases the value of the land. Residential land prices realized by Tustin are more than \$1 million per acre. Major developers currently active or interested in the project include Centex Homes, Shea Homes, Shea Properties, Lennar, William Lyon Homes, Vestar and John Laing Homes. Over the next 15 years, a total of 4,600 residential units will be built, housing a population of approximately 13,000 persons. The project will also include over 9 million square feet of commercial business space, a combination of office, research & development (R&D), light industrial and retail space, employing a total of approximately 24,000 employees. In addition, there will be two community colleges on the site, an 84-acre regional park and a variety of community and local park and recreational uses. The first projects are just starting to come on-line. Model homes for a 376-unit development by Laing Homes opened in February, and drew more than 10,000 visitors. The tenant-interest list for R&D and office properties to be built on the site is more than 700 parties.

MCAS-EL TORO "THE GREAT PARK"

Another Marine Corps Air Station conversion in Orange County is taking place at the former MCAS-El Toro Base, which is just six miles northeast of MCAS-Tustin. However, the approach being taken for this project is significantly different. The density at build-out will be much less, and land ownership will not transfer directly to the local city (Irvine). Some 3,900 acres of the 4,700-acre site

will be devoted to open space, education and other public uses (hence, the name for the project is "the Great Park"). By comparison, Griffith Park is 4,100 acres, Balboa Park is 1,200 acres, Golden Gate Park is 1,017 and Central Park is 843. Public uses will include a college or university with 7,800 students and 1 million square feet of cultural and institutional facilities. Park land and open space will consist of various wildlife corridors. Only 800 acres will be developed for residential and commercial uses. However, these 800 acres will still generate considerable new real estate product: 3,600 residential units, 2.5 million square feet of research & development space, and 375,000 square feet of commercial/retail space. The private development also will generate the assessment revenues needed to support the public uses.

Unlike MCAS-Tustin, control of the land will pass directly from the Department of the Navy to not more than four private-sector owners. However,

those owners will have to adhere to the land-use designations made by the City of Irvine and sign a Development Agreement which calls for much of the land to be dedicated to open space and other public uses. The agreement will also require participation in public financing for the development and maintenance of the park infrastructure and public areas, totaling \$371 million. Those land sales are scheduled to take place in the last half of 2004. The first new product is scheduled to come on-line in 2008, and build-out is expected in 2025.

(The above is an excerpt from NAI Capital's "Spring - 2004 Market Perspective." Call 310-806-6104 for a copy. Christina S. Porter is a Vice President at NAI Capital Commercial in West Los Angeles and specializes in the Sales and Leasing of office and industrial properties in Santa Monica and West L.A. She can be reached at 310-806-6104 or at cporter@naicapital.com.)

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NATIONAL

Trailing close behind the smuggling network

(Editor's note: A deadly tractor-trailer run from El Paso, Texas, to Dallas reveals the desperation and greed fueling the booming business of smuggling human beings — and the police work involved in trying to stop the increasingly sophisticated smuggling rings. This is part two of a three-part serial narrative).

BY PAULINE ARRILLAGA
AP National Writer

DALLAS — It was midafternoon by the time the big rig rolled into Love's truck stop off Interstate 20 in Dallas. As soon as the drivers climbed out, they heard the sound of fists pounding on the inside of the trailer walls.

Jason Sprague lifted the latch. The cargo doors flew wide.

About 40 illegal immigrants — packed into the unventilated cargo compartment 12 hours earlier for the long, hot ride to this drop-off point — came tumbling out.

A woman, sobbing, hurled her fists at Sprague's co-driver, Troy Dock. Others, unable to move, slumped on the tarmac. Some staggered to a tap and filled their cupped hands with water.

Half-conscious, Luciano Alcocer, a carpenter from Mexico City, first felt the air and then, somehow, he was out under the open sky. Guillermo Gallo, headed to New York for a restaurant job, fell face down on the asphalt, blood pooling from the impact.

Still inside the sweltering trailer, 16-year-old Edson Rojas was blinded by the burst of sunlight, then battered by his

companions as they stampeded past him.

Get out, he told himself. Get out fast! On hands and knees, he clawed toward the doors. The boxes shifted under him. A crevice opened, and he toppled into it. Now he could no longer even see the doors.

He screamed the only English word he could summon: "Help!"

Outside, Sprague felt nauseated. He'd never seen anything like this. He turned and hurried for the bathroom. Dock, terrified, chased him down.

"We've got to go!"

Still in the trailer, Rojas pushed and shoved at the boxes, but his muscles were jelly.

Suddenly, the boy heard a slam, and the trailer was black again.

Someone had closed the doors!

Rojas peered over the boxes that entrapped him. There was no way out. As his eyes adjusted, he saw that he was not alone.

Jose Gaston Ramirez, still in his red Calvin Klein T-shirt, lay motionless. Pioquinto Cabrera, stripped to his briefs, was curled like a sleeping baby near the doors.

Dead, both dead, Rojas thought.

The trailer was a coffin now — and he was locked inside.

PANIC SETS IN

As Dock drove the 18-wheeler north, he panicked.

What if the truck stop had a surveillance camera? What if it recorded all those half-dead immigrants falling out of

his freight compartment? What if the police had his license plate?

In the passenger seat, Sprague wondered about something else. Could there still be some illegals in the brutally hot trailer?

Dock knew of a truck stop in the little town of Anna, Texas.

"We can stop there," he said.

It was another 50 miles away.

As they drove on, the partners concocted a story.

When they finally pulled into the Drivers Travel Mart, Sprague popped open the cargo doors. He hoisted himself up. The first body was right by the doors. Among the boxes of medical equipment they were hauling, he saw two more.

"Troy! There's still people in here," he called, then jumped down and slammed the doors shut.

Dialing their company, Boyd Logistics, Sprague recited their cover story: Somehow — they couldn't imagine how it happened — some "wetbacks" had gotten into the freight compartment. It wasn't their fault!

The company president called the police.

Dock and Sprague strode inside the truck stop to wait for them, and to get something cold to drink.

At his home on the outskirts of Dallas, David Fry, investigator for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, got an urgent call: A tractor-trailer smuggling case. Could be dead bodies.

Fry, 34, had followed his father into the U.S. Border Patrol before switching to

INS, and was all too familiar with the ways migrants die crossing the border. Rarely were their smugglers caught; and when they were, the punishment, usually less than 10 years in prison, never seemed severe enough.

Fry raced toward the scene. This time, he would try to make sure that whoever did this would not get away so lightly.

Texas State Trooper Kam Pierce beat Fry to the Drivers Travel Mart. The trooper swung open one of the trailer's double doors. Immediately, the overpowering heat inside hit him. So did the stench, a rank mix of vomit, sweat and urine.

He climbed inside. To his left, a man stripped down to his underwear was curled in a corner. Pierce grabbed a leg and shook it. The joints were stiff.

Pioquinto Cabrera was dead.

The trooper heaved himself onto the boxes and spotted two more: A man in a red T-shirt. A skinny teenager.

Pierce crawled over to the man and felt in vain for a pulse. Jose Gaston Ramirez was gone.

The teenager was probably dead, too, Pierce figured. Then he thought he saw the kid's stomach move. He wriggled over and felt for a pulse.

Nothing.

The trooper put his ear to the kid's mouth. A wisp of breath brushed his skin.

"Hey!" Pierce yelled. "We've got one that's alive!"

Pierce grabbed the boy by the shoulders and scooted backward on his belly,

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NATIONAL



Coyotes' reign in the smuggling game short-lived

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dragging him toward the door. Edson Rojas' eyes were frozen open. Pierce knew a death stare when he saw one.

"Don't give up, kid," he thought, a silent prayer to this boy in his arms.

With another trooper's help, Pierce lifted the boy out and laid him on the asphalt. As a police video camera recorded the scene, Pierce sloshed water onto the boy's burning skin.

Soon, the scene teemed with investigators. Not needed there, Fry headed for the Collin County sheriff's office, where Dock and Sprague had been taken for questioning.

County investigator Parrish Cundiff led Dock into an interrogation room barely big enough for a table and two chairs. Around the corner, Fry watched on a video monitor.

Dock was playing dumb. Maybe the illegals sneaked into the back when he and Sprague fell asleep in the cab at a truck stop in El Paso, he suggested.

"Let me explain something to you," Cundiff said in his deep Texas drawl. "You're a small-time guy. Who I'm after is the guy that sent you."

Dock twiddled his thumbs, scratched his chin, stuck to his story.

"The company was telling me they're looking at the shipper, saying the shipper might have done it," he said.

Cundiff tried again. Two were dead, maybe more.

"That's a lot," he said.

"One's a lot," Dock replied.

Unless he talked, gave up a name,

Cundiff said, "any charges that may come out of this ... are Troy's and Jason's. OK?"

Finally, Dock caved.

"I just know one name," he said. "It's just a first name."

"What's that?"

"It's Pat."

Watching on the video monitor, Fry thought: "I know this guy."

Twice in the last two years, truckers caught hauling illegals said they were working for a smuggler named Pat — Ruben Patrick Valdes. He was a major figure in the transporting of human cargo, a business that grows more sophisticated every year.

Not long ago, an illegal immigrant might lay out a couple of hundred dollars for a raft ride across the Rio Grande or a lift to Los Angeles.

In the 1990s, when U.S. agents began choking off border crossing points, immigrants turned to coyotes — smugglers who knew other, often more dangerous, ways across. Between 1997 and '99, the number of intercepted illegals who had employed a smuggler increased 80 percent.

The fees smugglers charged rose. The danger also increased. Migrants drowned crawling through storm drains, died in the desert after being abandoned by their guides.

Independent coyotes were being displaced by smuggling networks with recruiters, stash houses, foot guides, drivers. The money was so good that drug traffickers got into the action, bringing a new level of savagery: kidnapping one another's loads, holding migrants hostage

until their families pay up.

When the North American Free Trade Agreement took effect in 1994, cross-border truck traffic multiplied, opening a new way for smugglers to move people.

Using tractor-trailers became Pat Valdes' trademark.

At the Collin County sheriff's office, Sprague had also confessed. Now, he and Dock were trying to be helpful.

Dock offered to set Valdes up.

"I could track him down tonight," he said.

Dock dialed a number in Ciudad Juarez, the Mexican city where Valdes lived. Investigators listened in.

"Hey, Pat," Dock said. "I'm up here at the sheriff's office. ... They're asking me about all the people. ... We opened the door and a couple people just fell out and a couple people were dead."

"Died! That's crazy, man," Valdes said. "Well, I don't know anything about it. I didn't have nothing to do with it, you know what I mean?"

For 10 minutes they talked, the conversation going nowhere.

Finally, Valdes said, "Are they listening to you?" Then he hung up.

The investigators had a prime suspect now — but he was beyond their reach in Mexico.

Cundiff's questioning was all but done. At one point he had snapped, telling Dock, "I don't want you to sit here and tell me ... you're just an innocent victim. The innocent victims aren't here."

Two of the migrants were dead; Alcocer and several others who tumbled

out of the trailer at Love's truck stop were being treated at Dallas hospitals.

And at North Central Medical Center in McKinney, Texas, doctors fed fluids intravenously to Rojas, the boy the trooper had pulled from the truck. They were fighting to save him from respiratory arrest, renal failure, severe dehydration and shock.

They didn't know if he would make it.

(Editor's note: The scene at Love's truck stop is based on jailhouse interviews with Troy Dock and Jason Sprague, on videos of their police interrogations, and on interviews with and court testimony of migrants including Luciano Alcocer. The scene inside the truck cab is from interviews with and interrogations of the drivers. Details at the Drivers Travel Mart are from the drivers, from interviews with Texas State Trooper Kam Pierce and INS investigator David Fry, and from a state police video of the scene. Details of Sprague's call to Boyd Logistics come from the Sprague interview and interrogation, and from a deposition by company president Keith Boyd. Details of the Dock and Sprague interrogations and their call to Pat Valdes are from sheriff's department recordings. Background on the smuggling business comes from U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Robert Bonner, Joe Greene of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, seven other investigators and prosecutors, and from government reports and court testimony.)

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General disgust: Taguba cites 'lack of discipline'

BY PAULINE JELINEK

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Army general who first investigated prisoner abuse in an Iraqi prison told Congress on Tuesday the mistreatment resulted from faulty leadership, a "lack of discipline, no training whatsoever and no supervision."

Maj. Gen. Antonio Taguba also left open the possibility that members of the Central Intelligence Agency as well as armed forces personnel and civilian contractors were culpable in the abusive treatment of prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison.

"A few soldiers and civilians conspired to abuse and conduct egregious acts of violence against detainees and other civilians outside the bounds of international laws and the Geneva Convention," Taguba told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Without mentioning names, Taguba pointed to Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski of the 800th Military Police Brigade for failed command leadership. Karpinski, a general in the Reserves who had command of military prisons in Iraq, has been suspended and issued an official letter of admonishment in connection with the

abuse. She has not been charged.

Taguba testified at the committee's second hearing into abusive treatment of Iraqi prisoners at the hands of American captors, some of whom forced the detainees to assume sexually humiliating positions.

"These acts of abuse were not the spontaneous actions of lower enlisted personnel," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., the senior Democrat on the panel. They were "clearly planned and suggested by others...."

"All of those up and down the chain of command must be held accountable ... for the brutality and dishonor they brought" on the troops, Levin said.

At the same time, questions about ultimate responsibility for control of the Abu Ghraib prison produced a disagreement between Taguba and Stephen Cambone, the undersecretary of defense for intelligence.

Taguba said that control had been turned over to military intelligence officials.

Cambone said that was incorrect, and it rested with the military police.

Taguba said it was against Army rules for intelligence troops to involve MPs in setting conditions for interrogations. Cambone said he believed it was appropriate for the two groups to collaborate.

Taguba also told the committee his investigation had not found "any order whatsoever, written or otherwise," that directed the military police to cooperate with intelligence forces at the prison.

Cambone and others told the panel that troops in Iraq were under orders to abide by the Geneva Conventions, which dictate terms for humane treatment of prisoners.

"An order to soften up a detainee would not be a legal order, would it?" asked Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kansas.

"No sir," replied Lt. Gen. Lance F. Smith, the deputy director of the U.S.

Central Command.

Taguba told the panel that his investigators had been told about participation by "other government agencies or contractors" in the abuse.

Other government agencies is a euphemism for the CIA.

Cambone was asked whether he had any knowledge of CIA involvement in the abuse at Abu Ghraib.

"There were people brought by agency personnel to that place. ... There may have been interrogations conducted by the agency personnel while they were there," he said.

Up in smoke: EPA aiming to clean up tractors, tugs and trains in latest sweep

BY H. JOSEF HEBERT

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The government is moving on a new front to cut air pollution. This time ferry boats and harbor tugs, farm tractors and train locomotives, and dirt movers at construction sites are the targets.

The Environmental Protection Agency is issuing new regulations aimed at cutting the amount of smog-causing chemicals and fine soot that comes from these off-road diesel-powered vehicles and machinery.

The regulation, which EPA Administrator Mike Leavitt is finalizing on Tuesday, is viewed by environmentalists and state air pollution control officials as key to meeting federal air quality health standards.

About 159 million people live in areas where smog or microscopic soot is making the air unhealthy, says a recent EPA analysis. The agency cites off-road vehicles used in construction, farming, industrial plants and airports as one reason for the problem.

Those vehicles account for a quarter of all the smog-causing nitrogen oxide and nearly half of the fine soot from mobile sources, according to the EPA. Air pollution in port areas and along major rivers is aggravated by diesel exhausts from ferries, tug boats and barges.

The EPA regulation, first proposed a year ago, requires refiners to lower the amount of sulfur in diesel fuel for such engines to 500 parts per million by 2007 and to 15 parts per million by 2010. That means less pollution will come out of the tailpipes. Manufacturers also can build cleaner burning engines since the fuel no longer will contain most of the sulfur that damages catalytic converters and other emissions control devices.

Now diesel fuel contains as much as 3,400 parts per million of sulfur.

With the cleaner fuel and new engine standards, smog-causing nitrogen oxide and microscopic soot from off-road vehicles and equipment will be reduced by more than 90 percent, the EPA estimates.

Fine soot and smog are blamed for increases in respiratory illnesses and thousands of premature deaths annually. Children, the elderly and people suffering from asthma are especially vulnerable.

Leavitt, after briefing President Bush on Monday about the new diesel regulations and other air quality issues, compared the effort to reduce pollution from off-road vehicles to the government years

"We're now going to take sulfur out of diesel, and add catalytic converters to diesel engines."

— MIKE LEAVITT
EPA Administrator

ago removing lead from gasoline.

"We're now going to take sulfur out of diesel, and add catalytic converters to diesel engines," Leavitt told reporters. "The result will be that that black puff of diesel smoke that we've become accustomed to seeing on big trucks and on construction equipment and on buses will be a thing of the past."

The EPA previously issued requirements for cleaner diesel fuel for large tractor-trailer rigs, trucks and buses, and for gasoline, forcing refiners to take most of the sulfur out of these fuels.

Together, the new diesel engine and fuel requirements will have "substantial air quality and public health benefits," agreed Bill Becker, executive director of associations representing state and local air pollution control officials. "This rule will play a key role in helping states and localities ... meet health-based air quality standards."

Becker said state officials and environmentalists had wanted the low-sulfur fuel to be required as early as 2007, but after refiners said they couldn't meet the deadline, they were given until 2010. In return, the EPA agreed to expand the rule to cover marine vessels and locomotives.

The Bush administration and the EPA in particular have been under heavy criticism from environmentalists over air quality issues, including actions that give industry more flexibility in dealing with pollution from power plants and in reducing mercury emissions.

But environmentalists applauded the EPA's diesel fuel rule.

"It's remarkable that these strong rules come from the same administration that has otherwise turned back the clock on 30 years of environmental progress," said Emily Figdor of the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, a grass-roots environmental advocacy group.

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Militants kill six in Gaza City

By The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The Israeli army confirmed Tuesday that six soldiers were killed in fighting with Palestinian militants in Gaza City, the highest death toll in a single operation in nearly two years.

The soldiers were killed when their armored personnel carrier drove over a roadside bomb during an army raid in Gaza City.

Recent Israeli military operations in Gaza have led to dozens of Palestinian deaths. However, the Israeli side has had few casualties until Tuesday.

In November 2002, eight Israeli soldiers, along with a border patrol officer and three civilian guards, were killed in an ambush in the West Bank city of Hebron.

In April 2002, 13 Israeli soldiers were killed in an ambush in the West Bank refugee camp of Jenin. In all, 23 soldiers were killed in fighting in the camp.

Cubans bet their bottom dollars

By The Associated Press

HAVANA — Officials suddenly halted most of the dollar sales that Cubans have come to count on and warned of higher dollar prices for food and gasoline. They blamed new U.S. measures meant to undermine the island's communist government.

Scores of agitated people lined up for last-minute purchases at late-night variety stores after the official declaration was read on Cuban state television shortly before 8 p.m. Monday night.

The measure could have dramatic effect on everyday life in Cuba, where hard-currency stores offer plentiful goods — from soap to spark plugs — that are available in scant quantities, if at all, at highly subsidized prices in Cuban pesos.

Except for food, gasoline and personal hygiene products, the announcement said, sales in dollars "are suspended until further notice." It was not clear if they would resume at some point.

It also said that dollar prices would be raised on food and gasoline — and perhaps other products if the stores reopen. Prices in pesos, the government said, would remain stable.

Cape Cod says 'I do' to gay marriages

By The Associated Press

BOSTON — Town leaders on Cape Cod voted to offer marriage licenses to out-of-state couples, thumbing their nose at the governor's stance and potentially setting the stage for another legal battle over gay marriage.

The Board of Selectmen from Provincetown, the gay tourism mecca on Cape Cod, unanimously decided Monday to issue marriage certificates to all couples as long as they attest that they know of no legal impediment to their union.

That seems to contradict the policy of Gov. Mitt Romney, who immediately issued a statement Monday threatening legal action against clerks who defy his

interpretation of the law.

Romney's office has warned clerks that they will be required to seek proof of residency or the intention to move to Massachusetts from all couples — gay and straight — who are seeking to marry as of May 17, when same-sex weddings become legal.

"We are a nation of laws," Romney said in the statement. "If they choose to break the law, we will take appropriate enforcement action, refuse to recognize those marriages, and inform the parties that the marriage is null and void."

Kerry runs a healthy campaign

By The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Democrat John Kerry is focusing on health care reform in a very complex environment, one complicated by the furor at home and abroad over the abuse of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. soldiers.

Kerry was scheduled Tuesday to tour a family health center before sitting down for a "conversation on health care" with health professionals, advocates and consumers struggling with rising medical costs.

The event, and its focus on the effects that soaring costs are having on small businesses, will be the Massachusetts Democrat's second on a four-day swing through some key battleground states. The tour is designed to call attention to what Kerry sees as a crisis in the nation's health care system.

"We know that the foundation of our economy is the small business," Kerry said in remarks prepared for delivery Tuesday. "The health care crisis is bad for business."

Although reports about Iraqi prisoner abuse dominate the national news media, Kerry pulls heavy coverage from local and regional outlets as his campaign makes its way through electorally important states. His appearances often lead local news broadcasts and appear on the front pages of local newspapers, generally reflecting his message.

Fire flyers get grounded

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As a new fire season ignites, the government has grounded the firefighting fleet of 33 air tankers, saying the safety of the aging aircraft cannot be assured.

The Forest Service and the Interior Department are terminating contracts with private companies for use of the former military aircraft that had been powerful weapons against wildfires.

The government said this week other aircraft would do the jobs that the air tankers had done. But Western officials, worried about fire danger in a region plagued by continuous drought, said the loss of the planes compounds their problems.

Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth said the big planes had to be taken out of service.

"Safety is a core value of the firefighting community, and it is nonnegotiable," he said. The planes pose an unacceptable risk to flyers, firefighters on the ground,

and communities near fires, he said.

Between 1994 and 2002, three planes crashed, killing seven crew members.

The agency said information on the stresses that the planes underwent in fighting fires was incomplete, and there were gaps in maintenance and inspection records dating back to the planes' military use. The planes' average age is 48 years, yet some are as old as 60 years.

Bush the educator

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush is putting his education policies on display during a three-day focus on the subject, including visits to two states that are toss-ups in the November presidential election.

Bush on Tuesday discusses the No Child Left Behind education law when he visits Butterfield Junior High School in Van Buren, Ark., a Republican stronghold near the Arkansas-Oklahoma border. On Wednesday, in suburban Washington, he speaks about the importance of reading in early grades, followed by a visit Thursday to a West Virginia high school.

The president's education tour follows a similar three-day swing by Democratic presidential rival John Kerry.

Signed in 2003, the No Child Left Behind education law was the centerpiece of Bush's domestic policy agenda. It mandated tough testing and gives all students until 2014 to become proficient in reading and math.

The legislation had bipartisan backing initially, but has run into opposition from Democrats who claim Bush is enforcing the law on the cheap by holding schools accountable for big gains without enough money to succeed.

Till Tuesday: Murder probe reopened

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department is reopening the murder investigation of Emmett Till, a black Chicago teenager killed during a 1955 visit to Mississippi apparently because he whistled at a white man's wife.

The murder was an early spark for the civil rights movement. The only two people ever charged in the case, the husband of the woman Till purportedly whistled at and his half brother, were acquitted by an all-white jury, although they later admitted to the killing in a magazine interview. Both are dead.

R. Alexander Acosta, the assistant attorney general for civil rights, said recent documentary films about the case and other new information indicate the two had accomplices who may still be alive and could be prosecuted under Mississippi state law.

"We owe it to Emmett Till and we owe it to ourselves to see whether after all these years some additional measure of justice remains possible," Acosta said at a news conference.

Till was visiting relatives when he was abducted from his uncle's home in Money, Miss., on Aug. 28, 1955, a few days after allegedly whistling at Carolyn Bryant at her family's store. The 14-year-old's mutilated body was found by fishermen three days later in the Tallahatchie River.

Carolyn Bryant's husband, Roy Bryant, and his half brother, J.W. Milam, were acquitted by a jury that deliberated 67 minutes.

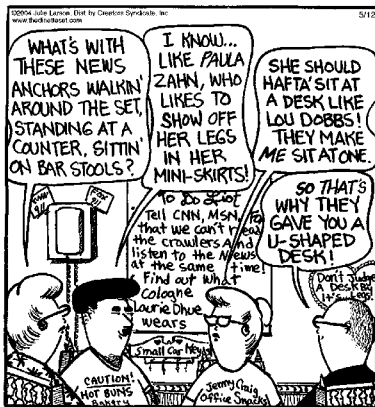
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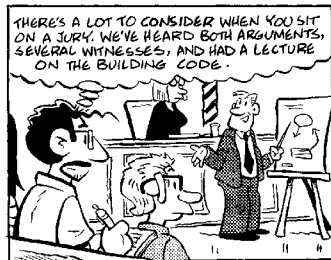
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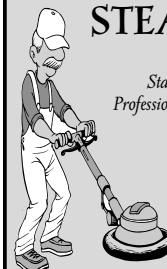
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