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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Results and schedules for championship tournaments for grown-ups: (1) Rock Paper Scissors (The U.S. championship was held in Las Vegas in April, for a \$50,000 prize.) (2) Marbles (The renowned British and World Championship was held in the parking lot of the Greyhound Pub in Crawley, England, in April.) (3) Paper Airplanes (The world championship will be decided in Salzburg, Austria, in May, among representatives from 48 countries.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 136th day of 2006.
There are 229 days left in the year.

On May 16, 1929, the first Academy Awards were presented during a banquet at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. The movie "Wings" won "best production," while Emil Jannings and Janet Gaynor were named best actor and best actress.

In 1960, a Big Four summit conference in Paris collapsed on its opening day as the Soviet Union leveled spy charges against the U.S. in the wake of the U2 incident.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Take it easy, but take it."

STUDS TERKEL
AMERICAN AUTHOR

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STATE

Public works derails any high-speed plans

STEVE LAWRENCE

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — California's attempt to build a high-speed rail system is headed for the siding again, pushed off track by the \$37.3 billion public works bond package lawmakers approved earlier this month.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is expected to sign the four measures that make up the public works package this week, placing them on the November ballot for voters to consider.

That means that a \$9.95 billion high-speed rail bond will be pushed back again, likely to the November 2008 ballot.

"With \$37 billion in bonds on the ballot, including (nearly) \$20 billion for transportation, I don't think anybody realistically believes that high-speed rail has a chance of being passed," said Assemblyman Alberto Torrico, D-Fremont. "We're going to have to pull it back for two years."

Supporters tout high-speed rail as a much-needed alternative to crowded freeways and jammed airports as the state's population increases over the next 20 years. But it's had difficulty getting rolling.

Lawmakers approved the rail bond measure in 2002 and put it on the November 2004 ballot, then decided the state faced more pressing needs and bumped the bonds back to this November's ballot.

A bill by Torrico would delay the vote until 2008. It's scheduled to be taken up Tuesday by the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.

Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, D-Oakland, predicted lawmakers would approve the bill and send it to Schwarzenegger, who signed the earlier legislation delaying the vote on the bonds until this year.

Perata said the high-speed rail project needs a champion in the Legislature to give it chance to become a reality.

"Candidly, unless somebody in the Senate and the Assembly takes

See HIGH-SPEED, page 5

An uphill struggle

Costly plan to replace Incline weathers series of delays

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer



Alejandro Cesar Cantarero II/Daily Press

Plans to fix what ails the aging California Incline could send motorists scrambling.

See INCLINE, page 6

Segway law hanging in the balance

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

SECOND STREET — Some consider them toys for the wealthy, others the epitome of America's laziness, but for Allen Battino, his motorized-scooter — better known as a Segway — is a lifesaver, providing reliable, environmentally friendly transportation in a city held hostage by gridlock.

Instead of being stuck in his car on the 1-10 Freeway every morning, Battino hops on his Segway and zips down the street, winding through neighborhoods near his Westwood home until he reaches his office at a post production house in downtown Santa Monica. The scenic route takes about 10 minutes longer than if he drove, but Battino estimates he saves twice that amount of time not having to look for a parking space. That means more productivity at work, fewer parking tickets and less stress.

"I can ride it right up to the build-

See SEGWAY, page 7



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HE DID IT SEGWAY Allen Battino, a visual effects supervisor, commutes to his downtown Santa Monica office from Westwood each day via his Segway.

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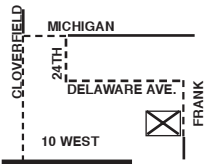


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Away you go, Pisces

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll Have:

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Though your energy could be scattered, you have a way of pulling different facets together. You'll accomplish much more than you thought possible if you play the role of peacemaker, not warrior. Financial agreements are highlighted. Tonight: Let a partner treat you.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You are juggling different interests. If someone appears harsh or difficult, it is really because this person wants your attention. Not everyone is clear and direct! Understanding and a long-overdue chat prove quite healing. Tonight: Accept an invitation.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might want to escape the many demands that keep hitting you and/or knocking on your door. You could be wondering what you can do to end or defuse some of the tension. Schedule some time away from your routine -- even today. Tonight: Make dinner easy.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You have a way of toppling problems. You might discover much more about your friends if you kick back. Someone might share something quite special that you need to act on. Tonight: Spice up your life.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might not be able to respond to everyone's demands. Delegate as much as you can, understanding your limits and where your energy begins and ends. Heavy authority figures or someone you see as pushy could have unreasonable expectations. Tonight: Know when to back off.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might want to do something that's very different or a bit wild in your book. You need to know when you have had enough and when to head in your own direction. A friend helps you see the big picture. Tonight: Where the action is.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You need to respond to a different tune or do something differently. You might have difficulty bucking a tendency to go to excess right now. A partner can help you pull back and say no. Together you can accept more responsibility. Tonight: You might want to say no.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You are positive and upbeat, no matter what goes on. People might try to insert themselves in your path, as you are very magnetic. News from a distance could affect you, as well as others. Adjust your thinking, if not plans. Tonight: On top of the world.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Take your time rehashing and thinking about what you want and expect. You might want to pull back; make that OK. Your daily routine could need updating in order to make you happy. Tonight: Move forward.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Socialize more and enjoy the great people in your life. A romantic interest could test your limits and time. The recipe for success is integrating the two elements of your social life. You can do it. Tonight: Let the kid in you out.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might not know how to cover all the bases at once, mainly because it is an impossibility. Stop trying to do what is impossible; staying on top of situations cannot happen. Knowing when to quit might be more important. Tonight: Know that plans are changing.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Communication could overwhelm anyone right now, but it could make your day if you relax. Incorporate different ideas rather than see them as an either/or type of situation. Pulling back helps you see the big picture. Tonight: Away you go.



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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Investing with a conscience

By Daily Press staff

Just how to invest wisely doesn't always boil down to money. The Santa Monica Public Library in partnership with the Santa Monica's Cooperative Natural Grocer, present Greg Wendt, an expert on socially and environmentally responsible investing. The program will be held in the community room of the Montana Avenue Branch Library, located at 1704 Montana Ave. The event will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 18.

Wendt has more than 14 years of financial industry experience. He lectures frequently at Pepperdine University Business School, Conscious Life Expo and was recently interviewed on "The Aware Show" on KPFK Radio 90.7 FM. Wendt is one of five principals with Enright Premier Wealth Advisors, Inc. which manages more than \$300 million for clients. He offers comprehensive financial advice and portfolio management to individuals, charitable organizations and small businesses.

For more information, call (310) 829-7081.

Senior day hits the Promenade

By Daily Press staff

Thursday will mark the day of the senior citizen in Santa Monica. Bayside District Corp. and the Santa Monica Commission for the Senior Community will host the 14th Annual Senior Day, Thursday, May 18. The event for the senior community will take place at Santa Monica's Third Street Promenade between Arizona Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard.

Approximately 300 seniors are expected to attend the day's activities which will run from 10:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Seniors will be treated to free live entertainment and lunch will be served starting at noon for \$1.75 per person. In addition, prizes will be awarded throughout the day from area businesses.

Senior Day recognizes community members 60 years old and older. The Promenade event coincides with May as "Older Americans Month," designated by the Department of Health & Human Services/Administration on Aging (AoA). The AoA's theme for the month is "Choices for Independence."

The Bayside District Corp. is a nonprofit entity that manages Downtown Santa Monica including Third Street Promenade. The city of Santa Monica Commission for the Senior Community works in an advisory capacity to the Santa Monica City Council and city managers on matters pertaining to the senior community.

For more information and disability-related accommodations, call the city of Santa Monica Senior Recreation Center at (310) 458-8644 or TDD/TTY 310-576-4754.

Someone has to do it

By Daily Press staff

A veteran politician will be in Santa Monica this week to tell people why it's worth being involved in public service.

State Sen. Sheila Kuehl will give a free talk at 7 p.m. Friday, May 19 in Santa Monica College's art lecture hall 214, 1900 Pico Blvd.

Kuehl, a Santa Monica Democrat, will present a lecture entitled, "Why Would Anyone Want to Do This?" She is the sixth speaker in the annual Rocky Young Lecture Series, which was established in honor of former SMC vice president Darroch "Rocky" Young, currently the Los Angeles Community College District Chancellor.

Kuehl was elected to the California Senate in 2000 and again in 2004 after serving for six years in the Assembly. During the 1997-98 legislative session, she was the first woman in California history to be named Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly. She also is the first openly gay or lesbian person to be elected to the Legislature.

In 1996 and 2000, she addressed the Democratic National Convention.

The Rocky Young Lecture is sponsored by the SMC Associates, a private group that funds speakers and special programs on campus. Seating is on a first-arrival basis. For information, call (310) 434-4003.



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NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH 0"	LIFT HOURS 12" - 144"	RUNS OPEN 7:30 AM - 3:00 PM	LIFTS OPEN 50	7/28
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CONDITIONS: MACHINE GROOMED, SPRING

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NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH 0"	LIFT HOURS 12" - 18"	RUNS OPEN 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	LIFTS OPEN 20	3/4
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SUNDAY				
LOW TIDE	6:10AM	-0.93FT	5:01PM	2.31FT
HIGH TIDE	12:52PM	3.33FT	11:24PM	5.77FT
MONDAY				
LOW TIDE	5:49AM	-0.80FT	4:19PM	2.45FT
HIGH TIDE	12:32PM	3.20FT	10:52PM	5.92FT
TUESDAY				
LOW TIDE	6:39AM	-0.71FT	4:57PM	2.67FT
HIGH TIDE	1:40AM	3.10FT	11:37PM	5.70FT
WEDNESDAY				
LOW TIDE	2:42AM	0.41FT	2:05PM	1.31FT
HIGH TIDE	8:41AM	3.80FT	8:25PM	5.41FT
THURSDAY				
LOW TIDE	3:14AM	-0.03FT	2:29PM	1.54FT
HIGH TIDE	9:22AM	3.74FT	8:47PM	5.67FT
FRIDAY				
LOW TIDE	3:48AM	-0.40FT	2:54PM	1.77FT
HIGH TIDE	10:04AM	3.65FT	9:13PM	5.87FT

The Q Line

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Even if you got 'em ...

City staffers are presently studying the feasibility of banning smoking entirely from the bustling Third Street Promenade. Following measures that nixed cigarettes and the like from the city's beaches, parks and pier, a total ban would preclude all smokers from lighting up anywhere on the thoroughfare. Violators could face up to \$750 in fines.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know:

Should Santa Monica follow the city of Calabasas' lead and ban smoking from all public places — sidewalks, streets, rooftop decks?

Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your responses in the weekend edition.

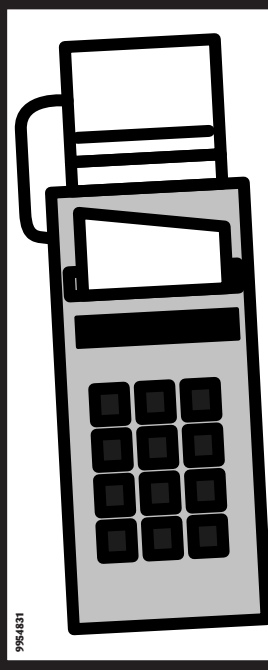


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wrong choice of words

Editor:

I doubt that the Santa Monica Daily Press would publish letters that used the so-called “N-word” or any number of other derogatory words used to denigrate various ethnic and other groups of people in our society. I don’t have to spell them out here. You and your readers certainly know what they are.

I wonder, then, why you so readily publish so many letters which describe people unfortunate enough to be living on our streets as “bums.” I ask you to think about the frequent occurrence of this word in your paper, and perhaps, reconsider printing letters or columns which use that word.

Katherine K. McTaggart
Santa Monica

Library staff get high marks

Editor:

In her letter, Jennifer Weiss calls the library staff “clueless.” In my experience, they are amongst the most helpful and informed public workers in our society. The new library is indeed a living room. It is for every person in our city. Ms. Weiss asserts that the money spent did not include purchasing new books or an expanded art collection. Ms. Weiss also claims that the building is falling apart. Please check the facts. She is simply wrong. This is our library and I am thrilled to be able to use it with my family. It is worth every dollar. Bah humbug to the naysayers.

Susan O’Brien
Santa Monica

GUEST COMMENTARY BY ELAN JOURNO

Hamas has U.S. to thank

America’s policy of backing “land for peace” deals in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was supposed to stop Palestinian terrorism and culminate in a Palestinian state coexisting with Israel “side by side in peace and security.” But after years of Israeli concessions, and after American pleas to embrace “leaders uncompromised by terror,” the Palestinians chose Hamas — a terrorist group committed to destroying Israel and creating a totalitarian Islamic regime.

Washington proclaimed itself shocked at this development. But the ascendance of Hamas should have been expected; it is the logical product of America’s foreign policy.

The U.S.-endorsed “Road Map to Peace” — like the “Peace Process” and sundry initiatives before it — rested on the rationalization that Palestinian terrorism is primarily the result of a legitimate grievance: the Palestinians’ frustrated wish to establish their own civilized, peaceful state. The way to end Palestinian terrorism, then, is not for Israel to defeat its attackers, but to give them land and loot with which to fulfill their supposed aspirations.

But as has been proven repeatedly by their actions and by numerous polls—and now by the recent election—the overwhelming majority of Palestinians aspire not for a civilized state but to eradicate Israel and replace it with a brutal dictatorship. Because they embrace this vicious goal, hordes of Palestinians idolized arch terrorist Yasser Arafat for waging a terrorist war to wipe out Israel and establish a nationalist dictatorship. During Arafat’s brutal reign, they abetted his terrorism and celebrated his atrocities. They served as cheerleaders or recruits for terrorist groups.

Yet Washington, deluding itself that Palestinians seek legitimate goals, rationalized Palestinian barbarities as the lashing out of oppressed victims. And so, as they mounted more attacks, Washington urged ever more concessions to the

Palestinians. It has urged Israel to respect, not punish, them. The United States forbade Israel from laying a finger on Arafat, and extended this tender solicitude to Hamas leaders, like Salah Shededah. When Israeli forces found this organizer of suicide bombings and assassinated him, President Bush condemned Israel for its “heavy-handed” measures. Washington actually whitewashed the blood-stained Arafat and his crony Abbas as peace-loving statesmen and invited them to the White House.

Even as Palestinian terrorism raged, in defiance of Palestinian obligations under successive “peace deals,” America continued to dole out rewards.

American policy teaches Palestinians that their goal of destroying Israel—and the terrorism they employ to achieve it—is legitimate and practical. The ascendance of Hamas therefore was predictable. It is by far the more consistent proponent of that murderous goal.

America’s policy of appeasement has encouraged Hamas, it has weakened a crucial ally, and it will cost us dearly. Like the Taliban, al Qaeda and Iran, Hamas marches under the banner of Islamic totalitarianism. Hamas’s political ascendance is a victory for the enemies of America—and will further encourage the worst religious militants throughout the world. America must stop evading the nature of the Palestinian cause and embrace the principle of self-defense. A first step would be to urge Israel to annihilate Hamas, smash its terrorist infrastructure, execute its leaders—and for America to proclaim that all Islamic totalitarians will meet with the same fate.

(Elan Jurno is a junior fellow at the Ayn Rand Institute (<http://www.aynrand.org/>) in Irvine, Calif. The Institute promotes Objectivism, the philosophy of Ayn Rand — author of Atlas Shrugged and The Fountainhead.)

The cure for poverty is to curb pregnancy



WHAT’S
THE POINT?
BY DAVID PISSARRA

Rich people have property, poor people have children.

I’ve known the truth of that statement for years. But I had a poignant view of its truth this past week.

I was in court on a family law matter. Courtrooms are great barometers of where we as a society are coming from, and to a lesser degree, where we are headed. The family courts however, are the reality people are living. They are harsh snapshots of what our society is really like.

Family court deals with the masses, the “great unwashed” as some would call them. In seeking to bring order to lives that are wildly out of control, trying to give maturity to the immature, and a sense of responsibility to the careless, the courts are faced with the tremendously difficult task of providing direction to people, but not controlling their lives.

Sitting in court watching as a 15-year-old girl fights with her 20-year-old ex-boyfriend over their 18-month-old child, I had many thoughts. Why wasn’t he arrested for statutory rape? Where were her parents? How can that child raise a child? How common is this?

In this case, the father — who lived with his mother, was working a job and going to school to become a dental hygienist — wanted to continue his primary custody of the baby. The baby’s mother, who has to attend summer school because she missed too many classes during the year, wanted to know when she would be allowed to borrow the baby.

Yes, I wrote that correctly, she wanted to borrow her own child. At 15, she was too young to understand what her legal rights were, yet she was old enough to take on a lifetime of responsibility. She was too ignorant at 15 to see the heavy burden she had taken upon herself, but then again she was only in seventh grade, with a falling attendance rate.

The judge in the matter was patient, kind, and doing her best to direct this young woman towards school. But even under the best of circumstances, she would be an adult before she could graduate high school, which didn’t look likely.

The obvious question is where was her mother in all of this? She was busy with her own children, the youngest of which was younger than the 18-month-old baby of the 15-year-old. She had no time to give to this new mother. No parenting skills to pass on, no focused love and attention. She was trying to survive herself in an overwhelming life.

This cycle of poverty and babies will continue in that family for at least another generation, if not two or three. There are those who might say they are rich in their love for each other. “Family is all that matters,” is a common refrain, particularly among those who are running for office.

Playing to the family is a politician’s safe harbor. No candidate wants to be the one who gets up on a podium and says, “We need fewer people, so stop having babies” or “we need a better educated workforce so focus your efforts on one or two children, not six or eight.” Kissing babies is a rite of passage for politicians. Or least it used to be. These days, between the paranoia about germs, and child sexual abuse, maybe kissing them is out, but the emotional appeal to children and family is still a useful card.

Kids make for cute pictures, and in rare families, happy times. Most of the time they are a financial drag on the individual parents. They are an anchor that weighs down careers, educations and advancement.

That is the unspoken reason that organizations such as the Mormon and Catholic churches, and politicians like to take stands against contraception and abortion, and in favor of “life.” The masses are easily controlled when they are tired, poor and uneducated.

There is a reason the Catholic church has historically kept its priests single and seemingly childless. It frees them up to work for the church, putting in long hours raising money and building churches to get larger groups of people to donate more money. What are they donating money for? To help the poor, of which there is a constantly renewing source so long as children are born.

Why do politicians like large families? Voters are easily controlled when they are trying to make ends meet. They don’t have the time to learn what really is being written into law. They can’t focus on the fact that their rights are being quickly stripped away.

Ask any family with a couple of kids how busy they are. If they are middle class there is a constant stream of birthday parties, soccer practices, plays, and scouting events which keep mom and dad frantic, let alone just keeping a roof over their heads. If they are lower class, odds are that dad has left them, and mom is working two jobs to keep food on the table and she doesn’t have the time, and probably not the education, nor the inclination to read a 50-page voter pamphlet after a hard day of work.

The war on poverty is a mirage. If we really wanted to end poverty, we’d be in favor of contraception. The bogus argument on abstinence is a waste of time for a teenager, and we have the underage birth rate to prove it. To break the poverty cycle, we’d teach classes, starting at age 10, on sex education, family planning, building a career and how to avoid the poverty trap.

But that is not in the interests of the churches, the government or big corporate America. They need a willing populace, ready to do what they are told, so they can get it over with, and then get to their kids’ recital.

Or to court, to hear who will raise their grandchildren.

(David Pissarra is a lawyer in the Santa Monica firm of Pissarra & Grist. He welcomes your questions and comments. He can be reached at dpissarra@pissarra.com or (310) 664-9969.)

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Library landscapers keep it authentic

By The Associated Press

SAN MARINO — Huntington Library landscapers are taking pains to make sure a planned Chinese garden is as authentic as possible given local access and seismic safety requirements.

Design experts have flown in from China to supervise everything from the layout to the positioning of rocks.

The garden, which is expected to open in August, will have bridges made of carved stone imported from China, curators said.

Ming Zhou, a doctoral student who is writing her dissertation about the project, said accessibility requirements and earthquake codes are forcing designers to modify traditional building designs.

“It’s a Chinese garden with American characteristics,” Zhou said.

Once the garden opens, Huntington officials hope docents and informational pamphlets will help visitors understand the garden’s allusions to Chinese literature and philosophy, operations director Laurie Sowd said.

The goal is to provide context without “putting big labels all over the garden,” she said.

An assault on subs

By The Associated Press

OJAI — A battle is brewing over a sandwich shop that some residents say doesn’t fit the city’s rustic sophistication.

A local businessman plans to open a Jersey Mike’s Subs — a national chain with more than 300 outlets — in June among the bistros and galleries that now dominate Ojai.

City officials said they can’t stop the move but are looking into ways to strengthen the town’s already restrictive zoning and building codes to discourage other chain stores and restaurants.

“We don’t want a Pottery Barn right next to a Starbucks,” resident Candy Pope said. “It’s the homogenization of America.”

Dan Burrell, the Jersey Mike’s franchisee, said he’s trying not to be insulted.

“I’m going to give it my best shot,” the Ojai resident said. “If there are picketers outside, I’m just going to go feed them.”

Boy severely burned while filling gas tank

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A 10-year-old boy was hospitalized with burns over 30 percent of his body after being splashed with burning gasoline, authorities said.

The boy, who was not identified, and a friend were refilling the fuel tank of a small motorcycle in Watts on Saturday night, fire department spokesman Brian Humphrey said.

Authorities don’t know how the boy was splashed, he said.

The fuel burned the left side of his body and face, and singed his eyebrows and hair, Humphrey said.

The boy was taken to Los Angeles County Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. Hospital officials were unable to comment on his condition Monday because his name could not be supplied.

State has need for speed

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ownership and responsibility for high-speed rail, it will never get anywhere,” he said.

The author of the high-speed rail bond measure, former Sen. Jim Costa, D-Fresno, was forced out of the Legislature in 2002 by term limits and is now in Congress.

The project, if completed, would link San Diego, Los Angeles, Fresno, San Francisco and Sacramento with trains running at top speeds of more than 200 mph.

A \$9.95 billion bond would provide about half the money needed for a startup line between Los Angeles and San Francisco. Supporters hope to get the rest of the funding from the federal government and possibly private investors.

The \$37.3 billion public works bond package includes \$19.9 billion for various transportation projects, but only \$100 million of that could help pave the way for high-speed rail by eliminating some points where roads would cross the tracks.

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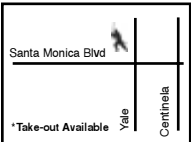
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Delays expected

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turally deficient,” meaning the replacement project will be funded primarily by federal funds through the Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program, according to Craig Perkins, City Hall’s director of environmental and public works management.

The federal government has agreed to pick up 80 percent of the bill, with the city paying for the remaining 20 percent, or an estimated \$1.995 million, said a spokesman for CalTrans, which will be monitoring the project. City Hall is in charge with construction.

Perkins said he would like the project to go before the council for final approval sometime in January 2007, with construction to commence shortly afterwards.

The project has been more than 10 years in the making, with numerous delays holding it back, Perkins said. During that time, costs for construction have risen dramatically, from an estimated \$3.5 million in 1995 to the current estimate of \$9.975 million. With construction costs rising by an estimated 30 percent in the last three years, Perkins said he is not looking to wait any longer.

“We’re moving on this with urgency,” said Perkins, who insists the bridge is still stable for everyday use, but in need of reinforcements.

City staff is currently seeking the public’s input on the project as it begins drafting the Environmental Impact Report, which details the project’s potential effects on the environment, including how it will impact traffic, noise levels, commerce, native plants and other concerns. The city held a scoping meeting last week with residents, at which time they were able to review an initial study and offer suggestions on how to mitigate the potential negative effects.

The public can view the initial study at all local libraries. Suggestions can be submitted in writing up until 5:30 p.m., May 29. Suggestions should be addressed to: Jim Creager, civil engineering division, 1918 Main Street, 90405, or faxed to (310) 393-4425. Creager’s e-mail is jim.creager@smgov.net.

In the initial study, traffic looks to be impacted significantly as both sides of the incline will be closed during the length of the project. This would force drivers to find

alternative routes into the city from PCH, such as using the 1-10 Freeway and the Fourth Street exit or taking West Channel Road and weaving through the Santa Monica Canyon to 7th Street.

“The big question is, how are people going to get up and down the incline and would this project worsen traffic downtown?” posed Kathy Dodson, president of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, which has not taken an official position on the replacement project. “There has been talk that this needs to be done, but most are waiting to learn more about the project and see how things develop before making any type of determination.”

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PRESIDENT

SANTA MONICA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

There was some concern that the incline replacement would take place at the same time as upgrades to the bridge leading from Ocean Avenue to the pier, however, Perkins said the incline replacement will be completed before the pier project begins.

The bridge has been designated an historic landmark, which also poses some challenges for the city as it tries to preserve or recreate key elements of the design, such as the railing and lower buttresses. The preliminary study also identifies the need to mitigate potential impacts to air quality and the level of noise created by construction, as well as any impacts to Palisades Park, which is directly adjacent to the incline bridge.

No new lanes will be added, keeping the incline a three-lane roadway, meaning it will not accommodate more vehicles, the preliminary study said.

Overall, consultants hired by City Hall to conduct the preliminary study said the project may “have a potentially significant impact” unless mitigation measures are taken.

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City raises concerns over scooter safety

SEGWAY, from page 1

ing, in the elevator, and park it right in my office, plug it in and charge it up. It's that simple," said Battino, a visual effects supervisor. "The best part is, I don't have to worry about moving my car every three hours like the rest of the guys here. That keeps me from being distracted and helps me concentrate on work."

Still, with any new technology comes uncertainty. There is much concern that Segways, with a maximum speed of 12.5 miles per hour, could pose a serious danger to pedestrians, especially if the devices become more mainstream, meaning more irresponsible users rolling down sidewalks, through public parks and in other high traffic areas like the pier and promenade. Several community groups across the country have voiced strong opposition to the Segway, calling for it to be banned on all sidewalks and regulated the same as a bicycle or go-cart.

Some lawmakers, including those in San Francisco, have responded to those concerns, banning Segways from all sidewalks.

However, the majority still allow the self-balancing transporters to be used anywhere a person can travel. People using Segways must obey the same laws that apply to pedestrians, according to the California Vehicle Code.

Currently, Santa Monica City Hall has no laws regulating the use of Segways. That may change as the City Council last week asked the City Attorney's Office to gather more information on the so-marketed Human Transporters and study what other cities have done. There is no word that a law will be drafted, but council members said they should study the issue nonetheless, in light of concerns about the Segways on the promenade and pier.

"I'm not convinced that we need to regulate this," said Councilmember Richard Bloom. "But since it has come up, I think it's best to have staff research the use of Segways, not just on the promenade or the pier, but in the entire city."

Made available to the public in 2002, Segways look a little like a Roman chariot, sans the horse. A user stands upright on the device platform and is able to control the speed and direction of the device by a slight move of their body. Four gyroscopes and several sensors allow the device to stand upright on its own. They can travel 10 to 15 miles on fully-charged batteries, which are interchangeable and can be recharged in four hours. Should one of the vehicles run out of juice, it can be recharged by simply plugging it into any normal electrical socket.

The Segway was hailed as the next great invention by its makers, while critics complained it was the end of civilization as we know it — symbolizing gluttony, excess and inactivity. Then safety became an issue, with intense lobbying coming from both sides of the debate.

The alleged need for regulation reached the council at the request of activist Jerry Rubin, who sells bumper stickers on the promenade and said he has seen Segway users roll up and down the outdoor pedestrian mall, some coming so close to shoppers that Rubin feared they would be struck and injured.

"I'm all for alternative transportation, but Segways need to be treated just like a bicycle or a person on roller-skates when it comes to the promenade," Rubin said. "I know people say Segways are safe, but all it takes is for someone to take their eyes off the road for one second and you could have a serious accident. Just likes bikes or roller-skaters or skateboarders, the Segways need to be off limits when it comes to the pier and the promenade."

Jason Stemmler, co-owner and manager of a private Segway retailer in Santa Monica, said his company already forbids its customers from using the Segways on the pier or promenade. In their rental agreement, and posted on their Web site, Stemmler's company alerts customers about the self-imposed ban. The penalty for violating it, Stemmler said, is being banned from ever renting again from that location.

"For the past two years we have had an excellent safety record. We haven't had any of the problems mentioned to the council, and I think, with the issues we're facing in Santa Monica with parking and traffic, it doesn't make sense to discourage someone from using a Segway by banning it completely," Stemmler said. "We are open to perhaps some regulations, such as confining them to dedicated bike lanes, but we ultimately feel they are completely safe to go anywhere a pedestrian does, as long as people are operating them at pedestrian speed."

Mayor Bob Holbrook, who rolled into a recent city mar-



Alejandro Cesar Cantarero II/Daily Press

BROKE BACK-MOUNTING Traces of wear-and-tear on Allen Battino's Segway are the result of a daily commute from Westwood.

keting event atop a Segway in a hotel conference room, said he believes some study is necessary. While he believes they are safe and quite maneuverable, Holbrook is concerned about places like the promenade, where irresponsible users may be tempted to "zip through the crowd."

Battino said, like any motorized device, it really does depend on who's using it. With the cost for a Segway being so high — the most inexpensive model sells for \$4,000 — Battino believes the market will weed out those who are not

serious about their Segways and, therefore, wouldn't follow proper operating guidelines. For other users, however, Battino said he would like to have no prohibitions on Segways.

"It's the safest thing I've ever ridden on," he said. "I can do a 360-degree turn at slow speed and never move from the same spot. I can go slower than the slowest walker. You have total control."

"I guess it just comes down to maturity and having respect for other people."

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Elated but Exhausted

Dear Exhausted,

Congratulations on your new baby and welcome to motherhood. Your baby's needs are entirely healthy and normal, as is your exhaustion. There are a few different reasons for a baby crying and, hopefully, knowing them will help you understand your new love a little better.
When an infant is wailing, usually the reason is one of the “Big 8s” — hot, cold, wet, dirty hungry, thirsty, gassy or just plain grumpy. Solutions to the first six are relatively literal. Gassy and grumpy get complicated. Watch for taut leg and abdominal muscles as well as kicking motions to deal with some gas pains; light abdominal massage techniques also help some infants. Grumpy can be broadly defined as anything needing you. It can include boredom, tension and other complicated experiences but it basically translates to you holding and soothing your crying baby. Patience is truly a virtue here and anything you can do to keep yourself calm and nurturing is allowed. I used repetitive lullabies. I knew my baby couldn't hear them while she was crying, but I used them to keep me focused on her needs.
Most importantly, your baby's cries are the first attempts at establishing a secure and trusting relationship with you. This is his way of innately developing the maternal bond that you will share with him for life. He needs to know that when he cries, a loving person responds. If you interpret his cries successfully — not always possible but do your best — his perspective of this brand new world will be one of courage and trust. That alone is worth a few months of sleeplessness. Good luck.

Dorie

(Dorie Meek is director of the Infant & Family Support Program, provided by Saint John's Health Center in partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Meek answers questions concerning children ages birth to 5 years old. Submit your questions to "Dear Dorie" at meek@smmusd.org, or call (310) 452-6132; fax (310) 452-6392).

GUEST COMMENTARY **BY LINDA MILO**

Mind their manners

Having manners gives your child a social standing that will serve her throughout her lifetime.

your home. Before guests come over tell your child who will be arriving and when they arrive, introduce them to your child. This isn't the time to display your child's array of manners, rather it's the time to allow your child to be brought into the conversation, to feel a behavioral comfort, and letting your child participate as much as possible.
Having manners gives your child a social standing that will serve her throughout her lifetime. It brings your child a sense of self-reliance and a value of self-worth. Back in my New York days, my mother taught my sister and me manners, diversity, different cultures, and the acceptance of both. She took us to foreign movies, encouraged us to learn foreign languages and welcomed conversations about different religions. All of that facilitated a smooth transition socially when I moved and lived in Japan for 11 very happy years. Being exposed to different social contacts brings good manners to the forefront.
Know that your child could truly surprise you. I remember taking my son and daughter “trick or treating” every year on Halloween. At each door we knocked on, as the person opened the door, I would bend down and whisper in my children's ears, “remember to say thank you.” My daughter would politely say “thank you,” while my son grabbed the candy, stuffed his bag and started running to the next house. Every year it was the same story, until one year as we reached the door and candy was handed out, my son stood tall and said loudly, “thank you.” I truly believe my heart stopped. I looked up to the sky, mouthed a quick “thank you” and sighed. I was glowing. A small story in the great scheme of life, but one that made me realize that teaching manners is something we don't do just once, it's something we do over and over again until we believe that our children have got it right.

(Linda Milo is “The Parent-Child Connection Coach.” For more information, visit: <http://www.empoweringparentsnow.com>.)

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SAT., MAY 20 – TOPANGA PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

2:00 - 4:30 p.m. – The “TPO” event has been around for thirty years and is the biggest fundraiser for the Topanga Coop Preschool. For the first time, the concert will be more like a festival, with a tasting table from Whole Foods, Evolution Juice stand and local vendors displaying arts, food and beauty products. For the kids there will be storytellers and magic. Enjoy this outdoor classical concert in the setting of the beautiful Theatricum Botanicum. \$15 for adults, \$8 for seniors and kids. Tickets available online at www.topangacooppreschool.com or at the following Topanga Canyon businesses – Mimosa, Waterlily Café and Hella Bella.

SUN., MAY 21 – CHARITY and the JAMband

11:00 a.m. – This family music group celebrates and performs songs from their new recording “Rock Your Socks Off.” \$10 adults, \$5 kids, McCabe's Guitar Shop, 3101 Pico Blvd., 828-4497.

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

Current 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.

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Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.

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Border's, 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 – 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.

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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!

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La Hora Del Cuento – 7:00 p.m. Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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SATURDAY

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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-B00K.

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

@825LA.com or 310-314-8418.

(826LA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write).

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.santamonicaayoga.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

Magicopolis – 2 and 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 for evening, \$15 for matinee. Call 310-451-2241 for info.

Precious Prints – Ceramic Heirlooms for a Lifetime

Second Saturday every month at The Pump Station, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Contact Kristan Ritchie at 310-802-8013 or visit www.preciousprintsstudios.com for more info.

Lakeshore Learning Stores “Free Crafts for Kids” – Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 8888 Venice Blvd., 559-9630.

“A Faery Hunt” – 10:30 a.m., every Saturday at Franklin Canyon Park. An interactive children's show, searching for fairies and other enchanted creatures in the magical canyon and finding them! \$10, call for reservations – 818-324-6802. www.faeryhunt.com. Meet in the parking lot of the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Dr., Beverly Hills.

Princess Bean's Messy World – 2:00 p.m., Sat. and Sun. May 27, 28.

A musical about real princess spirit featuring Cinderella, Snow White, Sleeping Beauty and Princess Bean. Rock and roll dance party after performance. Ages 3 – 9. Electric Lodge Theatre, 1416 Electric Ave., Venice, 823-0710. \$10 admission.

SUNDAY

Main Street Farmer's Market – 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., corner of Main St. and Ocean Park Blvd.

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Magicopolis – 2 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$15. Call 310-451-2241 for info.

Prenatal Aqua Aerobics at the Santa Monica YMCA

9:30 – 10:30 a.m; Free for members, non-members \$90 for 10 classes. 393-2721for more info.

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MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups

9:30 a.m. – for children born 1/04 – 9/04; call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

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Baby Time – 9:30 a.m. Storytelling for babies up to age two. Followed by Family Connections. Joslyn Park Craft Room, 633 Kensington Rd.

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Authorities, residents worry about influx of troops on border

BY ALICIA A. CALDWELL

Associated Press Writer

EL PASO, Texas — Some sheriffs, residents and immigrant advocates along the nation's southern edge raised doubts Monday about President Bush's plan to send up to 10,000 National Guardsmen to patrol the U.S.-Mexico border for illegal immigrants.

While some welcomed the idea, others expressed concern that the troops — especially those returning from tours in Iraq — might shoot first and investigate later, as in the 1997 fatal shooting of an 18-year-old goatherder by Marines on a drug-control mission in rural West Texas.

"I think because there are a lot of undocumented people here already, it's going to get out of hand," said Becky Montelongo, who manages a thrift store in El Paso.

Overworked local sheriffs said that if the federal government really wants to help, it could send money for more deputies, equipment and training.

"It's like sticking their finger in the dike and stopping the flow and not worrying about the high water already on this side of the dike," said Sheriff Lupe Trevino of Hidalgo County, Texas. "We need to stop them at the border, but we also need to deal with those who are already in the country — inside my country — that are creating havoc."

Sheriff Rick Flores of Webb County, which includes Laredo and the spillover from violence in drug-wracked Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, said the president's plan won't stop illegal immigration.

"I guess he wants his ratings to come up by sending troops to the border, but that's not the panacea," said Flores, a Democrat. "All we've been asking for is to give us the resources that we need. We were expecting a dollar and now we're probably going to get a nickel."

Montelongo, 53, said if troops are deployed on the border,

she hopes Washington at least brings overseas troops — like her son, serving with the Army in Iraq — home to do the job.

Miguel Diaz, 24, lives in Tijuana, Mexico, and lays floors for \$70 a day in Chula Vista, Calif. He waited 90 minutes Monday morning to cross the border at the San Ysidro Port of Entry. Diaz said he hoped the Guardsmen would help prevent migrants from dying in the deserts as they crossed, but worried that migrants would be shot.

"That's what the military does," Diaz said.

In 1997, Marines on an anti-drug mission saw Esequiel Hernandez apparently wandering with a .22-caliber rifle. Hernandez was shot to death as he was herding goats across the rugged desert. Family members said he carried the rifle to shoot at snakes and coyotes. A Marine was investigated but never charged.

James Johnson, whose family has ranched and farmed more than 100,000 acres along the border near Columbus, N.M., for nearly a century, said he does fear a repeat of the Hernandez incident: "After that happened, everybody learned a lot of lessons."

Johnson and rancher Mike Vickers, who has organized Minutemen volunteers to watch the border, said the news of Guardsmen was long overdue.

"I think we should have done it 15 years ago," Vickers said. "Every day the numbers are greater and the damage is worse and the crime is escalating." He added: "Over 50 percent of the time our local sheriff's hung up handling illegal alien crimes — trying to break into someone's homes, speeding through town, all kinds of different scenarios."

Al Garza, national executive director of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps in Huachuca City, Ariz., estimated that the plan would work only if Bush deployed two soldiers per mile and posted them there around the clock, meaning 30,000 to 40,000 troops. Anything short of that, he said, would be pointless.

Guard presence won't mend Bush-Fox fences

BY MARINA MONTEMAYOR

Associated Press Writer

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — Looking for someone to help him cross into the United States, Jorge Gutierrez said Monday it will take a lot more than U.S. National Guard troops to keep him and other migrants out.

Most Mexicans believe the plan, to be announced Monday night by President Bush, will do little to stop the flow north. President Vicente Fox called Bush this weekend to say he didn't believe sending soldiers to the border was the answer.

The countries have rarely seen eye-to-eye since Bush and Fox agreed to work toward immigration reform five years ago at a meeting at Fox's ranch in Mexico. Fox wants the Bush administration to give amnesty to millions of migrants living in the U.S. and allow more to seek jobs legally from outside the country.

Bush rejected the idea of an amnesty and instead proposed allowing people with job offers to enter the United States and work legally for three years. The topic has generated fierce debate in Congress, where members are divided between those who want to see more security at the border and those who want immigration reform.

Bush is expected to propose sending National Guard troops to the border as a stopgap measure while the Border Patrol builds up its resources to more effectively secure the 2,000-mile line between the U.S. and Mexico.

The move is aimed at winning support for immigration reform from conservatives who are more interested in tightening security along the border.

Gutierrez, who had just arrived in Juarez from Torreon to look for a way to cross illegally into the U.S., said he didn't believe the troops would make a difference.

"No guard, no wall will keep us from crossing," he said.

Jesus Rodriguez, 49, agreed. He was looking for ways to cross one of Juarez's international bridges. "For Mexicans, there are no obstacles," he said.

Francisco Loureiro, who runs a migrant shelter in Nogales, across the border from Nogales, Ariz., criticized the plan as an "aggressive action more than anything because the migrant is not a criminal or a terrorist."

"His only objective is to work ... and a government that supposedly lobbies for world peace is now acting against defenseless migrants who are helping to fill a need for employers in the U.S.," he said.

Presidential spokesman Ruben Aguilar told reporters Monday that while Fox "expressed his concern" over the proposal to Bush, he had no choice but to respect it.

"It is a sovereign decision," he said.

Mexico has had a tough time convincing the U.S. that it is doing everything it can to prevent and provide alternatives to illegal migration, especially when it is dependent on the remittances migrants send home.

In 2005, migrants sent about \$20 billion to Mexico, where remittances represent the second-largest source of foreign income, after oil sales.

The government may have been able to prevent the growing backlash against migrants in the United States if it had showed it was improving opportunities for Mexicans at home, said Rodolfo Garcia, an economist at the University of Zacatecas.

Consequently, instead of sharply protesting Bush's National Guard plan, Fox's administration is more likely to justify it, Garcia said, hoping that it will help Bush soften attitudes toward guest-worker and legalization proposals.

Basic Training: Immigrants rank lower

BY BEN FELLER

AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON — Immigrant 15-year-olds in the United States don't do as well in math, reading or science as native-born children, and many have only basic skills, a study finds.

But immigrants aren't as far behind in the U.S. as they are in some other major nations.

The findings are based on the Program for International Student Assessment, a test that measures the literacy of 15-year-olds and how well they apply skills to the real world. It is given to students in many industrialized countries and considered an international benchmark.

In the United States, first-generation immigrants, who were born outside the country just like their parents, are almost a year behind in math.

Second-generation immigrant kids — who were born in the United States but whose parents were not — are about a half-year behind, a smaller deficit.

Similar but slightly larger performance gaps exist in reading and science, according to an analysis released Monday of how immigrants performed on the most recent test in 2003.

A troubling number of immigrant children are at the bottom end of the achievement scale, which has implications for their work life and integration into society. By age 15,

students have typically reached grade nine or 10 and are nearing the end of mandatory schooling.

For example, in math, at least three in 10 U.S. immigrant students have only the most basic skills. That means they often cannot apply math concepts to everyday situations.

On the positive side, immigrant students, particularly those who started their schooling outside the U.S., report high levels of interest in core subjects and in school generally.

"They want to learn," said Gayle Christensen, co-author of the study and a research associate at the Urban Institute. "They're excited about going to school. They have high expectations for themselves. Now the next step is, how can we make sure that they realize those expectations for themselves? That's where the gap is."

The language of home life makes a big difference. U.S. immigrants did just as well in math as native-born children when English — the language of instruction at school — was spoken regularly at home. When it wasn't, immigrants did significantly worse.

Countries with smaller learning gaps between immigrants and native students tend to have well-established language support programs with clear goals and standards, the study found.

The review covered 17 nations. Fourteen are members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, a coalition of industrialized nations that runs the test.



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Longoria is 'hot'

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Eva Longoria tops Maxim’s seventh annual “Hot 100” list of the most successful women in film, TV, music, sports and fashion for the second year in a row.

The “Desperate Housewives” actress told The Associated Press that her repeat selection for the No. 1 spot was a shock.

“I was actually really shocked last year when I made the list,” said Longoria, 31, who ranked No. 91 on the 2004 list.

"So 91 to No. 1 was a big jump, and then to get it a second time in a row _ I just couldn’t believe it,” she said Friday. “I was like, ‘Surely there are more beautiful women in the world.’ I can name 10.”

LONDON — The longtime bass player for Bob Marley’s group The Wailers has lost his lawsuit seeking a share of the late reggae legend’s royalties.

Aston “Family Man” Barrett was seeking the equivalent of up to \$115 million he claimed he was owed since Marley died in 1981 without making a will.

Justice Kim Lewison agreed with arguments by the Island-Universal Ltd. record label and the Marley family that Barrett surrendered his rights to any further royalties from Wailer recordings in a 1994 settlement in exchange for \$500,000.

Lewison made an order barring Barrett, 59, from taking any further action without the court’s permission. Barrett, who sued on behalf of himself and his late brother, Carlton, the band’s drummer, now faces a bill for legal costs estimated at nearly \$3.8 million.

“We always felt that this would be the outcome and it was hard to listen to Aston Barrett reduce his friend Bob to someone who was more interested in playing football than making music,” the Marley family said in a statement issued after the judgment was announced.

The Barrett brothers recorded with Marley from 1969 until his death 12 years later. Aston Barrett co-wrote the song “Rebel Music (3 O’Clock Roadblock)” and co-produced 11 albums with Marley.

Lewison said Barrett had the “greatest difficulty” in answering questions about business dealings, and his testimony was not reliable.

"He was plainly close to Bob Marley

himself, whom he trusted implicitly,” the judge said.

“At this remove of time, his recollection of events was hazy; and I also consider that, as often happens, he has reconstructed events in his mind according to how he would like them to have been.”

LONDON — Police arrested DMX after the rap star refused to put on a seat belt and became abusive on a flight from New York to London, authorities said Monday.

DMX, whose real name is Earl Simmons, received a caution and was released after his American Airlines flight landed at Heathrow Airport on Saturday, police said on condition of anonymity in line with departmental policy.

A caution means a person has accepted responsibility for the offense, and a record will be made.

The 35-year-old rapper completed a 70-day sentence late last year in New York City after pleading guilty to violating his parole following a 2004 incident in which he crashed his sport utility vehicle through an airport security gate.

He was behind the 1999 hit single “Party Up (Up in Here).” His last album was “Grand Champ” in 2003, but he is working on another album, to be released this summer.

WOODSTOCK, N.Y. — Art Garfunkel made up for last summer’s arrest for marijuana possession in Woodstock by speaking to students at two local high schools about keeping a healthy lifestyle.

Ulster County District Attorney Donald Williams said the singer, who was found with a marijuana cigarette in his ashtray after being pulled over for running a stop sign, spoke at the two Hudson Valley schools in late March.

Garfunkel, 64, would have paid a \$100 fine instead.

It was the second time in less than two years that Garfunkel, a Manhattan resident, was arrested for having pot in Ulster County. He paid a fine the first time.

“He was sincere, thoughtful and impressive,” Williams said of the Garfunkel speech he attended.

Garfunkel, who with Paul Simon made up the duo Simon & Garfunkel, produced a string of hits in the 1960s, including “The Sound of Silence,” “Mrs. Robinson” and “Bridge Over Troubled Water.”

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MOVIEGUIDE

SHOWTIMES: TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2006

Broadway Loews Cineplex
1441 3rd Street
(310) 458-6232

An American Haunting (PG-13)
1:00, 3:20, 5:35, 8:00, 10:30

Inside Man (R)
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

Just My Luck (PG-13)
2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15

United 93 (R)
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 3rd Street
(310) 395-1599

Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG)
11:10am, 1:20, 3:30, 5:40

Mission: Impossible III (PG-13)
11:20am, 12:00, 1:10, 2:20, 3:10, 4:20, 5:10, 6:20, 7:20, 8:00, 9:30, 10:20, 11:00

Poseidon (PG-13)
11:00am, 11:30am, 1:30, 2:00, 4:00, 4:30, 6:30, 7:00, 7:50, 9:10, 9:40, 10:30

AMC7 Santa Monica
1310 3rd Street
(310)289-4262

Akeelah and the Bee (PG)
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

Goal! The Dream Begins (PG)
1:10, 4:00, 7:10, 10:00

Hoot (PG)
12:40, 3:00, 5:25, 7:40

Keeping Up With the Steins (PG-13)
12:25, 2:50, 5:15, 7:50, 10:20

RV (PG)
12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:55, 10:15

Scary Movie 4 (PG-13)
3:35, 5:40, 7:45, 9:55

Silent Hill (R)
12:50, 10:10

Stick It (PG-13)
12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:35, 10:05

Nuwilshire Theatre
1314 Wilshire Blvd
(310)281-8228

Art School Confidential (R)
11:30am, 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50
Thank You for Smoking (R)
11:40am, 2:15, 4:45, 10:00

Laemmle 4-Plex Theatre
1332 2nd Street
(310)394-9741

Down in the Valley (R)
1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:55

Friends With Money (R)
12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00

Wah-Wah (R)
1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45

Water (PG-13)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55

Information: calendar@smdp.com

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In 1866, Congress authorized minting of the 5-cent piece.

In 1868, the Senate failed by one vote to convict President Andrew Johnson as it took its first ballot on one of 11 articles of impeachment against him.

In 1905, actor Henry Fonda was born in Grand Island, Neb.

In 1920, Joan of Arc was canonized in Rome.

In 1946, the Irving Berlin musical “Annie Get Your Gun,” starring Ethel Merman as Annie Oakley, opened on Broadway.

In 1955, American author and critic James Agee died in New York at age 45.

In 1977, five people were killed when a New York Airways helicopter, idling atop the Pan Am Building in midtown Manhattan, toppled over, sending a huge rotor blade flying.



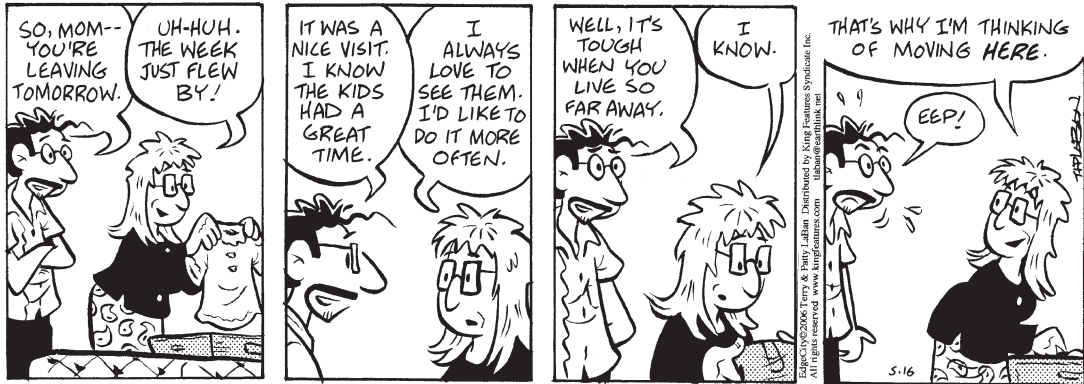
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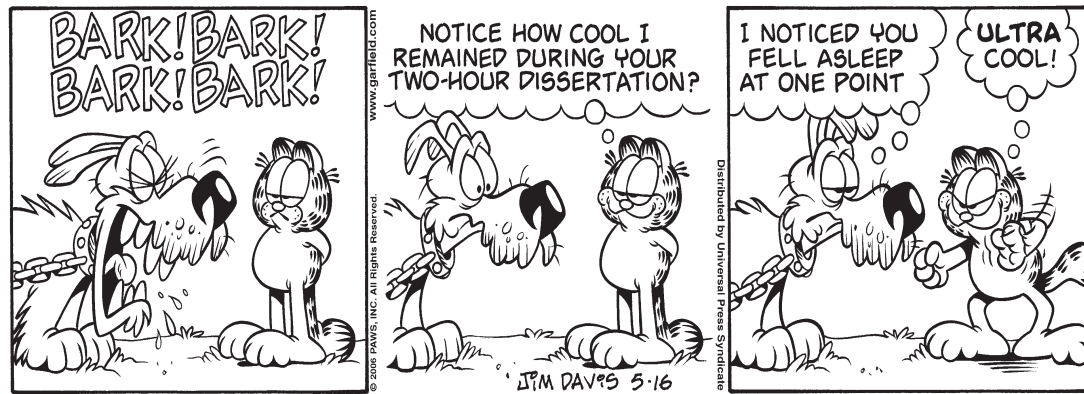


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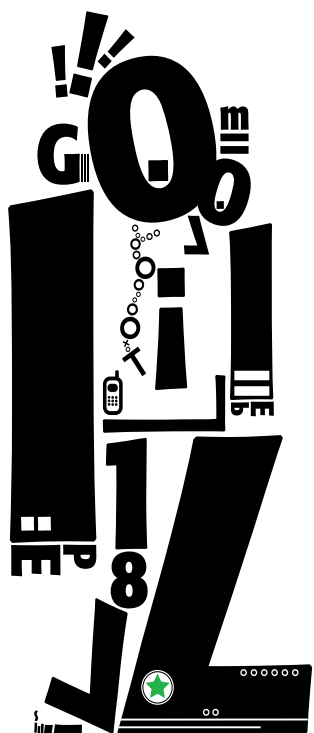
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