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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
by Chuck Shepard

UNCLEAR ON THE CONCEPT

■ In March, a Shell/Site convenience store manager in North Naples, Fla., found employee Robert Lee King, 41, lying on the floor rubbing off one not-yet-purchased lottery ticket after another, looking for winners, stacking the used tickets neatly in two piles. The incredulous manager said he tried to explain to King that that isn't the way the lottery business works, whereupon King calmly took his stack of winners and walked out. The manager called in a sheriff's deputy, explained the problem, and showed the surveillance tape of King with the tickets, and while the deputy was writing his report, King happened to come back in to ask for his paycheck. He was charged with grand theft.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Do not worry about your problems with mathematics. I assure you mine are far greater."

— Albert Einstein

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Nicky Five Aces/Special to the Daily Press

A busload of college students protesting tuition increases and minority admissions policies at Cal State and UC schools demonstrated in front of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's office on Main Street in Santa Monica on Tuesday. The students then boarded two buses, drove to Westwood and marched on the UCLA campus.

Phantom photographer trying court's patience

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

SM COURTHOUSE — Legal problems continue for a local wedding photographer who was jailed last year after dozens of newlywed couples latched on to a criminal complaint levied against her by City Hall.

More than a year after she pleaded no contest to fraud and was ordered to



Juli Anne Armitage

pay \$24,600 in restitution to her former clients, Juli Anne Armitage appeared in court earlier this month to explain why she had only handed over a total of \$300.

Armitage told the court she was having trouble finding work, adding she was looking for a job in physical fitness or as a photography instructor, lawyers said. Santa Monica Superior

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Chained melody: Residents told to go take a bike

By Daily Press staff

Imagine a day in LA without any cars on the road.

Of course it won't happen, but organizers of today's scheduled "Bike to Work Day" can still dream.

The timing of Bike to Work Day may not have come at a better

time for the individuals who started an Internet campaign asking the American public to refrain from buying gas today. The boycott is part of a national protest of escalating gas prices — which in Santa Monica have risen to as much as \$2.54 a gallon.

Today has been formally

declared by the campaign as "Stick It Up Their Behind Day" and the message has been sent to millions of people via e-mail this week. The theory is that if no one buys any gas in a 24-hour period, the losses to the oil companies will be so tremendous that they might reconsider their pricing. Writers of the e-

mail message estimate it would hit the entire industry with a net loss of more than \$4.6 billion.

"Remember one thing, not only is the price of gasoline going up but at the same time, airlines are forced to raise their prices, truck-

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CITY HALL: DOLLARS & SENSE

A month-long series examining Santa Monica City Hall finances

Budget: City cuts its way to recovery

Financial forecast is 'cautiously optimistic'

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — There's light at the end of the tunnel, but getting there will require yet another year of cutting programs and jacking up fees at City Hall.

That's the financial prognosis for the coming year, as outlined by City Hall in its proposed \$377 million budget, released on Tuesday. The proposed spending plan goes before the City Council next week and a final budget must be adopted in June.

City Manager Susan McCarthy's plan calls for eliminating more than a dozen staff positions and creating new fees, while raising other fees and the local hotel tax in order to fill a \$4.1 million deficit, as well as raise new money for schools.

Funding for social service groups, capital improvement projects, and land-

scaping and recreation programs will take a hit under the proposed plan, officials said. Seven of the 13 positions proposed to be cut are now vacant and officials said at least some of the workers in the other slots may be reassigned rather than laid off.

City Hall has slashed its budget for the last three years. This year, officials credited a recovering local economy and prudent financial planning with what they called a "cautiously optimistic" outlook the city's finances will improve.

"Santa Monica has appeared to have finally recovered from the significant impacts of the Sept. 11th attacks on the local economy," reads the proposed 2004-2005 budget, which says City Hall has earned more than anticipated this year in revenue from sales tax, the hotel bed tax and the business license tax.

McCarthy said she hopes to begin restoring cut programs by 2005, adding that although previous cuts

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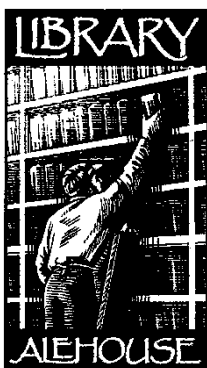


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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You are fun-loving and experimental. You have the ability to unearth others. Some might be startled by, and possibly uncomfortable about your insights. Demonstrate your ability to put your words into action. Carefully evaluate a new purchase. Do some price-comparing. Tonight: Catch up with your friends.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ The tone at work changes. The quality of a meeting could vary. Do not have expectations, and be very careful about money commitments. Your creativity and solution-finding skills easily prevent putting your own funds in jeopardy. Tonight: Pay bills.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might feel on top of the world, but others act strangely. You might need to cater to someone in a work-related matter. A boss could act unpredictably, but is that really new? Your ability to flex is tested. Use your wit and charisma. Tonight: Your call.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★ Know when to put a halt to an activity. Sometimes not doing anything is far more powerful than being proactive. Interesting news heads in your direction. Make calls. Get information. You'll like what you hear. Tonight: Accept an invitation.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You want to be more a part of the group. Meetings demand agreement, but could become troublesome once money plays a pivotal role. You might want to discuss a new approach to work. You have the right idea, whether others think so or not. Tonight: Paint the town red.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You might cause yourself more upset than you want. Carefully review a decision that surrounds work. You could decide to enhance your job desirability and go back to school to specialize in your chosen field. Others continue to be unpredictable. Learn to expect the unexpected. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You could decide to move in another direction because of information that comes forward. Be willing to learn another approach or try something new. Make sure your work suits you, as it is a major part of your life. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might have some wild ideas, but what is important is to work together. Laughter helps loosen up a meeting or a gathering of friends. Work individually with a special person. Exchange ideas. Brainstorm. As a result of this process, you will tumble onto the right solution. Tonight: Make nice.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Others seek you out, wondering what might be best to do. Though you have a lot of opinions, others collectively have even more. Why not make a list for now and try each one on for size in the next few days? Be open to a special invitation. Tonight: Enjoy life.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Dig into work, but keep your ears perked, as you might hear some very interesting conversations or possibly some gossip. You know what you want. Emphasize productivity. Check up on your own sources of information. Tonight: Off to the gym.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might be much more playful than others. How you express yourself or even a joke could fall to the wayside. Clearly others are not on the same wavelength as you. Who is surprised? You respond to a different drummer. Tonight: Make merry.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your unpredictability delights some but tosses others into confusion. Understand the impact of your behavior. Perhaps explaining yourself more often could help. Many are drawn to you. Make choices with care. Tonight: Mosey on home.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Red Cross to apply Pier pressure

By Daily Press staff

The Red Cross of Santa Monica, which normally finds itself active in times of crisis, is all about fun on Thursday.

The "Red Cross Family Fun Night" sponsored by First Federal Bank of California will be held at the Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The Red Cross has rented out Pacific Park and through sponsorships are offering unlimited rides, a meal from one of the local food vendors and popcorn and cotton candy for \$15 per person. A night like this at Pacific Park would normally cost nearly \$30.

Tickets will be available on the night of the event at the door. All are welcome to attend. The Red Cross also has distributed 100 free tickets to the families of military personnel stationed overseas, as well as local at-risk youth. Call (310) 394-3773 for tickets.

Take Great Strides to combat disease

By Daily Press staff

Nearly 200 people are expected to don their walking shoes Sunday to search for a cure to Cystic Fibrosis.

As the largest and fastest-growing fundraiser of Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, The Great Strides 10-kilometer walk is held every spring. Every CF Foundation chapter and branch office participates in this 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) walk.

The Los Angeles office of the foundation will host one of its three area Great Strides walks in Santa Monica on Sunday at the Water Garden, 2425 Olympic Blvd.

With 175 to 200 walkers anticipated, the LA office has set a goal to raise \$75,000 this weekend. Fundraising participants include several children and their families touched directly by CF. All proceeds from the event will be applied to CF research.

The Great Strides walk began in 1988 and raised \$1.5 million. Now in its 16th year, Great Strides is positioned to raise more than \$22 million for CF research.

Cystic Fibrosis is a genetic disease affecting approximately 30,000 children and young adults in the United States. A defective gene causes abnormally thick mucus which clogs the lungs and can lead to life-threatening lung infections. Currently, there is no cure. The average life expectancy is 32 years.

It's a bird, it's ... another bird

By Daily Press staff

A New York scientist knows how to save the birds — particularly endangered species such as the Spotted Owl and the California Gnatcatcher.

Advances in the conservation of birds will be the topic of a lecture on May 27 at 11:15 a.m. in Science Lecture Hall 145 at Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd.

"Recent Advances in Avian Conservation Genetics" will be presented by George Barrowclough, curator of the American Museum of Natural History's Division of Vertebrate Zoology-Ornithology in New York and an adjunct biology professor at The City College of The City University of New York. The event is free.

Barrowclough, who received his doctorate from the University of Minnesota, has concentrated his research on bird conservation, primarily from a genetic standpoint.

His fieldwork concentrates on certain forests in North America and in the Guiana region of South America. The work, which has been widely published, mainly involves the collection of skeletal specimens for molecular and DNA analysis.

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The swell starts to turn more to the SSW today and looks good for waist- to shoulder-high surf at the well exposed spots.

OUTLOOK: NW wind swell will also continue to offer modest energy over the next few days with waist high and below waves at average spots.

The swell peaks as we move into Thursday afternoon. Early Friday, look for the well-exposed breaks to be in the shoulder- to head-high range. All spots will be slowly fading by the weekend as the swell backs off and continues to turn more to the SSW direction.

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SUNDAY	2:45	0.1	2:10	1.1	8:47	3.9	8:29	5.7
MONDAY	3:20	-0.3	2:36	1.5	9:30	3.8	8:52	5.8
TUESDAY	3:54	-0.5	3:00	1.8	10:11	3.6	9:16	5.8
WEDNESDAY	4:27	-0.5	3:23	2.1	10:53	3.5	9:41	5.7
THURSDAY	5:02	-0.5	3:47	2.3	11:37	3.3	10:09	5.6
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Louisiana Rep. Derrick Shepherd has filed a bill that, if passed, would outlaw low-riding pants. He said he did it because he was tired of catching glimpses of boxer shorts and G-strings over the lowered belt lines of young adults.

The law would punish anyone caught wearing the pants with a fine of as much as \$500 or as many as six months in jail, or both.

The bill would be tacked onto the state's obscenity law, which restricts sexual activity in public places and the sale of sexually explicit items.

Los Angeles could arguably be considered the mecca of people who wear low-riding pants, commonly seen on just about every young person in Santa Monica.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Is the government going too far in regulating us?"

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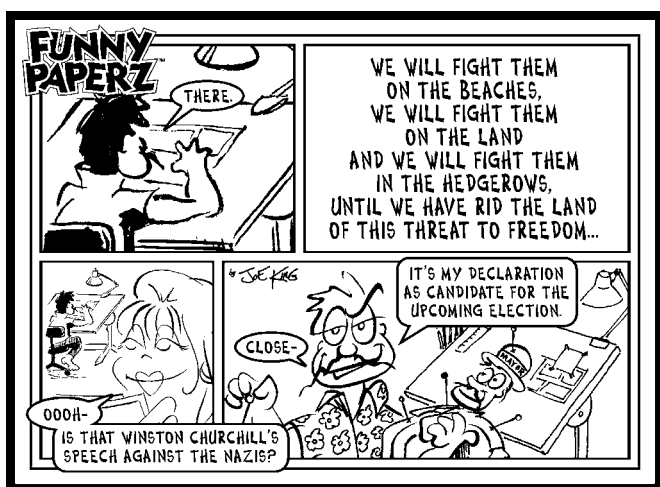
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OPINION

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Bad trip: Council needs to get over '60s

Editor:

Well, let's see. One year later and it seems that Santa Monica is exactly where it was last year (and the year before, and the year before that, and ...)

As I scrolled through the SMDP archives from 2002 and 2003, I lost count on the number of stories and opinion pieces having to do with homeless, Pico gang shootings, the City Council and, of course, the perennial favorite, rent control.

It's been one year since I left and I can see things a little more clearly from the perch of my new city. A place where there are no homeless people relieving themselves near my dwelling, where there are no gang shootings near low-income housing, where there is no rent control, and where the City Council, although not perfect, actually wants to maintain a nice place to live and to do business.

Santa Monica is doomed to be forever exactly what it is now if the residents of the city do not take the power back from the old, hippy-dippy, SMRR-controlled council members. Every other problem flows from there.

So, to all the people who have opined, ad nauseum, and offered their insights into the perpetual problems plaguing Santa Monica — stop whining and vote these people out of power. They care more about maintaining the homeless population than they do about your children's education, your quality of life, your businesses, and on and on.

They still think it's the 1960s when "flower-power" was their mantra: Look at their ages, where they were educated, their family status. It's all about them and what's best for them and their hallucinogenic world view: A view that says, "Hey man, we should all be responsible for one another" (subtext: Even if it means that you will have to live a standard of life below your expectations). They don't care, because they like the current quality of life in Santa Monica. It's a constant reminder to them of the "good 'ole days" when love was free and long-haired, bearded, smelly people were around you all the time.

Come on, Santa Monica, wake up! The '60s are over. It's a new day. Take back your city. Vote them out. Say "no" to "low-income" housing projects. Say "no" to the lie of rent control. Say "no" to supporting the homeless. Say "no" to anti-business practices. Say "no" to the whole lot of them and make Santa Monica a place where you can again be proud to live.

Maybe then I'll come back.

Tony Street
Bend, Ore.

We did it for the kids, together

Editor:

We, the following Franklin Elementary School leaders and parents, wish to thank the Santa Monica City Council and city manager, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board and superintendent, the CEPS organization, and the myriad of other volunteers for their efforts in securing a stable funding base for our schools. The city of Santa Monica's \$6 million annual allocation to our schools will enable our district to weather the current fiscal crisis, and we are appreciative of all the efforts that went into this undertaking. Our thanks to those of you who spearheaded this effort.

Most importantly, we want to thank these individuals for setting aside personal philosophies and tensions in order to create a workable solution that was obviously for the benefit of the children of our school district. To all who planned, strategized, negotiated, and held endless meetings, we appreciate your efforts in ensuring that we continue to turn out well-educated future citizens of our community and the world. As Benjamin Franklin once said, "Well done is better than well said."

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White House chose torture in botched war on terror



POLITIGIRL

BY BETH SOLOMON

WASHINGTON — In a recent 6,000-page report on U.S. torture of Iraqi detainees at the notorious Abu Ghraib prison, U.S. Gen. Antonio Taguba wrote that U.S. abuses were caused by a failure of leadership. President Bush said that he was sickened by photos of the abuses. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld called the torture "un-American."

But documents released this week show that the torture was, in fact, a product of U.S. leadership — leadership from the Bush White House itself.

Internal memos obtained by Newsweek show how top White House lawyer Alberto R. Gonzales convinced President Bush to effectively authorize torture in the U.S. war on Iraq.

Gonzales urged Bush to declare that the Geneva Conventions — international agreements setting minimal standards for humane treatment of the wounded on land and sea, prisoners of war, and civilians in time of war — should not apply to our enemies in the War on Terror, defined at that time by Gonzales as the Taliban and al Qaeda.

The reason, Gonzales said, was that Afghanistan — where the Taliban and al Qaeda were based — was a "failed state." He defined "failed state" as a country in which the governing authority did not exercise full control, was not recognized by the international community, and "was not capable of fulfilling its international obligations." Based on this definition, Gonzales concluded — and Bush agreed — that the U.S. was not obligated to follow the Geneva Conventions in a war with Taliban and al Qaeda members.

Tossing aside the Geneva Conventions was a good idea, Gonzales went on. "The war against terrorism is a new kind of war," he said. "It is not the traditional clash between (sic) nations adhering to the laws of war that formed the backdrop" for the Geneva Conventions.

"The nature of the new war places a high premium on other factors, such as the ability to quickly obtain information from captured terrorists and their sponsors in order to avoid further atrocities against American civilians," Gonzales wrote. "In my judgment, this new paradigm renders obsolete Geneva's strict limitations on questioning of enemy prisoners and renders quaint some of its provisions."

In other words, Gonzales said, the U.S. could and should use interrogation techniques deemed illegal by the Geneva Conventions. He didn't spell out the specific humiliations that U.S. officials in Iraq should inflict, but pictures of sexual abuse, mutilation by dogs, rape and murder illustrate some of the ways the staff carried out his legal judgment.

Internal memos obtained by Newsweek show how top White House lawyer Alberto R. Gonzales convinced President Bush to effectively authorize torture in the U.S. war on Iraq.

According to Newsweek, "It was an approach that they adopted to sidestep the historical safeguards of the Geneva Conventions, which protect the rights of detainees and prisoners of war. In doing so, they overrode the objections of Secretary of State Colin Powell and America's top military lawyers — and they left underlings to sweat the details of what actually happened to prisoners in these lawless places. While no one deliberately authorized outright torture, these techniques entailed a systematic softening up of prisoners through isolation, privations, insults, threats and humiliation — methods that the Red Cross concluded were tantamount to torture."

There was another reason, Gonzales advised Bush, to officially declare the Geneva Conventions null and void in the War on Terror.

The Congress passed and President Bill Clinton signed a law in 1996 prohibiting U.S. officials from violating the Geneva Conventions. The War Crimes Act, echoing the Geneva Conventions, outlaws "outrages against personal dignity" and "inhuman treatment" by United States officials. Noting this law, Gonzales offered another rationale to repudiate the Geneva Conventions in the War on Terror. Punishment for violating the U.S. War Crimes Act includes the death penalty.

Whether or not the Bush administration had the right to ignore international war crimes laws by inventing new definitions of states and human rights, Bush officials were clearly planning activities that violate international and U.S. law.

Besides the grotesque results of this thinking, the Bush Doctrine has invited the horrors of torture and humiliation upon our military — and civilians — abroad.

For the torture of innocent Iraqis, for inviting more violence against our people, and for a pattern of outright lies that began with a fabrication called WMD — prosecute Alberto Gonzales, Donald Rumsfeld, Vice President Dick Cheney, and George W. Bush under the U.S. War Crimes Act.

(Beth Solomon is a Washington-based Left Coast writer reachable at beth-solomon@earthlink.net).

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LOCAL



Photographer ordered to focus on paying fines

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Court Judge Bernard Kamins ordered Armitage to begin paying \$300 a month or appear in court each month to explain why she couldn't pay.

The \$300-a-month payment schedule was the deal Armitage worked out in August but wasn't able to live up to. Prosecutors hope forcing Armitage to appear in court if she doesn't hand over the monthly payments will encourage her to begin repaying the money, adding the couples who hired her have yet to be compensated.

"We are working out a formula where the victims who never received any services or pictures will be paid back first — and obviously we haven't received very much into that fund yet," said Deputy City Attorney Adam Radinsky.

Armitage's next court date is set for June 30 at the Airport Courthouse near LAX, where all local criminal cases will be heard starting in early June. The move is being made to save on security costs for Los Angeles County and is expected to cost Santa Monica City Hall an additional \$70,000 to \$100,000, according to budget documents released Tuesday.

Both Armitage and her attorney were unavailable for comment.

At her restitution hearing last August, Armitage said she was happy to repay her clients the money, but added City Hall had made it impossible for her to deliver the images as promised because investigators seized her files and computer while

investigating the case.

"I don't mind paying because I did collect that money," Armitage told a reporter after the hearing. "What I don't like is being called a thief and a fraud."

In December of 2002, 17 counts of fraud were levied against Armitage, who blamed her legal troubles on bad book-keeping and a lack of business sense. Armitage later missed a series of court dates and was taken into custody on a bench warrant in April. She spent 12 days in jail before working out a plea agreement that kept her from serving any more time if she returned all the missing photos and paid restitution.

Under the restitution compensation plan, an undelivered wedding album is worth \$500 and a missed engagement photo session is worth \$300, while parent albums are valued at \$225 and gift albums are \$60.

More than 50 couples fell victim to Armitage and 27 of them are still owed money, Radinsky said. The others either didn't come to City Hall until it was too late to join the criminal case or were already made whole when Armitage handed over the last remaining box of photos and negatives last year.

Armitage, who last year had moved to Ventura and began working as a waitress, had said the time she spent in jail left a lasting impression.

"I learned a lot," she said. "I learned to take the law more seriously. I learned patience."

Pedal power: Activists 'stick it' to oil companies

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ing companies are forced to raise their prices, which effects prices on everything shipped," the e-mail message reads. "Things like food, clothing, building materials, medical supplies, etc. Who pays in the end? We do.

"We can make a difference. If they don't get the message after one day, we will do it again and again."

The city of Santa Monica is celebrating National Bike to Work Day today to recognize those who commute emission free, such as biking, scooters, skates and walking. A fully catered lunch with a gift bag will be given away, along with prizes, at the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The free lunch will be guaranteed to the first 80 people.

Bike to Work Day is recognized nationally on Friday, the culmination of Bike to Work Week, held May 17-21. For the 48th year, the League of American Bicyclists has promoted the effort, part of National Bike Month.

It may seem like an unrealistic request to fulfill in a city where virtually everyone has a love affair with their cars, but the Metro bus line is pitching in to help the cause by offering free rides on buses and Metro Rail trains.

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tional charge. Since Metro Rail trains may be full during weekday rush hours, Metro doesn't allow bikes on its trains from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. unless trains are moving in a direction opposite the peak hour flow of commuter traffic on the Metro Blue and Green lines, or either direction on the Metro Gold Line. On Metro Red Line subway trains, bikes are not allowed in either direction during peak hours from Union Station to Wilshire/Vermont. No other restrictions apply.

Metro is promoting the 10th annual Bike to Work Day in Southern California by offering a bike and other prizes to those who register online at metro.net/bike-towork before that day and pledge to ride their bike to work or school.

In the past nine years Metro has provided an estimated \$83 million for 109 bikeway projects in Los Angeles County. These include bike paths along the Los Angeles River, in Whittier, Bellflower, the San Fernando Valley, Santa Monica, Long Beach and other cities, as well as bike bridges or underpasses, bike lanes on surface streets and signage.

It's estimated that bicyclists make 2.4 percent of all the daily travel trips in Los Angeles County. Metro's goal by the year 2025 is to double the number of bike trips to 5 percent to ease traffic congestion in the face of a growing population and the influx of more motor vehicles.

For more information on Bike to Work Day and Metro-supported bike programs, log on to metro.net or call (213) 922-2811.

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LOCAL

City looks to avoid layoffs, will reassign workers

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were selected to have a minimum impact on the community, over time the loss of services will become more and more apparent.

"I refer to it as an erosion," McCarthy told reporters in a private press conference last week. "It's a slow process, not a high-drama process — and if it continues for long enough, we'll end up seeing the results of it."

THE EMPLOYEE SHUFFLE

The proposed budget calls for the elimination of 13 jobs in City Hall — the equivalent of 7.4 full-time positions and 5.6 temporary or overtime positions in terms of hours worked. However, no one will be laid off. The positions to be eliminated are either vacant or will not be filled when they become vacant. Some employees will be reassigned to other departments.

And while some areas of City Hall will have fewer employees, several departments are actually adding employees and, overall, City Hall will add the equivalent of 2.4 positions under the proposed budget.

The city attorney's office will add six full-time positions, the planning department will add one full-time position, community and cultural services will add just more than the equivalent of three full-time positions, and the environmental and public works division will add three full-time positions.

Budget documents show the city manager's office, library and Big Blue Bus will each lose one full-time position, while police will lose just more than four full-time positions. Some departments will offset their losses by hiring temporary employees.

NO LIVING WAGE

In general, the proposed budget for 2004-2005 requires City Hall to constrict its costs. Finance director Steve Stark said the plan calls for reductions in landscape

maintenance, recreation programs at the parks and elsewhere, a cut in social service funding, as well as a reduction of money invested in ongoing maintenance of capital improvement programs, like street repairs.

Still, there are several areas of increased spending in the proposed budget.

An additional \$270,000 will be set aside for the skate park at Virginia Avenue Park, Stark said, while between \$70,000 and \$100,000 is earmarked for the police department, which will have to shoulder the cost of transporting prisoners to the Airport Courthouse near LAX starting next month, when the local criminal court closes.

Another \$230,000 in additional funding has been set aside to offset various ongoing costs, like the rising cost of utilities, which cost some \$6 million each year, and another \$300,000 was set aside for temporary workers, Stark added.

The budget proposal also calls for \$500,000 to be set aside pending the results of an outside audit of the planning department, which has been criticized for being overly bureaucratic and difficult for businesses to navigate. McCarthy said she's hoping that expense will pay off if it's used to hire new staff.

"It's very possible that, ultimately, we'll be able to retrieve (that money)," she said.

No extra funds were set aside for a proposed living wage that would force City Hall and large government contractors to pay their workers at least \$10.50 an hour. Officials did research the matter, however, and concluded the increased wage would cost City Hall an additional \$1 million to \$1.25 million, budget documents show.

WE'RE IN THE MONEY

City Hall expects to earn \$1.4 million this coming year in new fees, and an additional \$2 million from the hotel bed tax,

"Santa Monica has appeared to have finally recovered from the significant impacts of the Sept. 11th attacks on the local economy."

PROPOSED 2004-2005 BUDGET

assuming voters approve a 2 percent hike to the tax this November. Other key revenue streams are expected to be up, too.

Stark said the hike in the hotel bed tax from 12 percent to 14 percent would generate about \$3.5 million a year after the coming 2004-2005 fiscal year, once the higher rate is applied to hotel rooms for an entire year.

Most of that money would go to local schools. The proposed budget calls for City Hall to give the district nearly \$11 million for various school-based programs, including the community use of school grounds. Under pressure from CEPS (Community for Excellent Public Schools), an activist group who threatened to try and change the city charter in order to force the city to pay the school district a minimum of \$6 million a year, officials recently agreed to give schools an extra \$3 million each year for the next five years.

The other \$500,000 in anticipated revenue from the hotel tax has been set aside for the local visitor bureau, to help market Santa Monica as a tourist destination. With the hotel tax rising, local hoteliers will be in a more difficult marketing position — especially when dealing with travel agents who buy hotel rooms in bulk.

McCarthy said new fees also have been proposed for some services that benefit the individual over the community as a whole. Fees for recreation services like renting an athletic field or attending a summer camp, as well as a new fee for advanced life support from paramedics, are expected to bring in an additional \$1.4 million.

Meanwhile, projections for the main sources of City Hall revenue are almost all up over the current year. While property taxes are expected to go down 2 percent, sales tax is projected to be up 3.5 percent, the utility users tax up by 4 percent, the hotel bed tax by 5 percent and various other taxes up by 6.4 percent.

Additionally, City Hall anticipates raising \$3 million more in the coming year than they did this year in increased parking meter rates, another \$430,000 by increasing business license taxes, \$690,000 more

in inspection and code enforcement fees, \$150,000 in extra parking pass sales, \$53,000 in valet fees, and another \$57,000 in various licenses and permits.

With a myriad of other revenue sources factored in, City Hall anticipates earning a collective \$4.6 million more in 2004-2005 than in the current budget year. That number would be larger, but City Hall earned \$4.5 million in unexpected payments this year — a \$3 million settlement from Adelphia Cable and another \$1.5 million payment from developers working on the Playa Vista project, budget documents show.

WAITING ON SACRAMENTO

The biggest uncertainty in City Hall finances remains Sacramento, and officials have budgeted \$4.2 million to deal with that uncertainty — the same amount that was set aside last year, but never used.

"Our greatest concern remains the state's propensity to divert and meddle with local revenues," reads the proposed budget. "While voters recently approved Proposition 57, which authorized the issuance of up to \$15 billion in bonds to help finance the budget deficit, there is still a possibility of the 'taking' of local revenues by the state, particularly if tax increases are not enacted, which now seems unlikely."

A recent proposal by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to provide local governments long-term protection in exchange for helping California now would take an estimated \$2.7 million from City Hall in each of the next two fiscal years. After that, City Hall would receive a \$1.6 million "backfill" in vehicle license fees and — assuming a proposed ballot measure is approved by voters this November — be protected from further state takeaways.

McCarthy said the proposal is a continuation of the "venerable tradition" of California "sucking back" money from City Hall. Still, McCarthy said officials are prepared for that eventuality, should it come to pass.

"We are cautiously optimistic things are on the right trajectory," she said.

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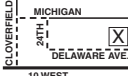


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STATE

Missing the cut: Governor ripped for relying on loans

BY TOM CHORNEAU
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Although he has criticized past budgets that did little to cut the state's spending imbalance, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's own proposal for next year relies too much on loans, accounting gimmicks and one-time solutions, according to a nonpartisan analysis released this week.

By withdrawing a number of big spending cuts he proposed in January, the governor has missed an opportunity to attack the state's spending problem and instead would once again push the tough choices into the future, said Legislative Analyst Elizabeth Hill.

"The bottom line is that we've lost a number of ongoing solutions from the January plan, plus we have pushed out some obligations into future years," said Hill, whose office is charged with advising the Legislature on fiscal issues. "In our view the May revision misses an opportunity to make further progress on addressing the state's long-term structural imbalance."

H.D. Palmer, spokesman for the administration's finance department, said Schwarzenegger's budget doesn't include several plans that will generate large amounts of future savings. They include an ongoing review of the state bureaucracy to reduce waste and duplication, a plan to overhaul the state's public health program for the poor and expected savings from the recently adopted reform of the workers' compensation system.

Schwarzenegger's \$103 billion budget, released last week, imposes about \$5.4 billion in spending cuts and savings but uses other means to bridge the rest of the 2004-2005 spending gap estimated in January by Hill at \$17 billion.

She notes the governor's plan is helped by about \$2.6 billion in unexpected tax income this year and next as well as receipts from a successful tax amnesty program.

But the budget borrows \$6.5 billion, including \$2.7 billion from the sale of Proposition 57 bonds approved by voters in March. He also diverts another \$1 billion from transportation money as a one-time loan and another \$1 billion from the sale of bonds to pay the state's pension obligation.

Schwarzenegger's budget also includes some accounting gimmicks, such as \$1 billion in savings from adjusting how past tax revenues are recorded and \$143 mil-

lion saved by delaying when checks are sent to some public health providers.

There are also deferrals, Hill notes, including \$2 billion in money owed to schools and \$1.3 billion the state will have to pay cities and counties beginning in two years.

"We are concerned about the amount of borrowing and pushing the problem into the future," Hill said.

With the borrowing, extra tax income and other one-time fixes, Schwarzenegger's plan will balance next year, Hill said. But a new shortfall, estimated at about \$6 billion, will start building in 2005-06, only slightly better than the \$8 billion deficit Hill predicted the state would face this year before the recall of Gov. Gray Davis and election of Schwarzenegger as governor.

Unless the state either cuts spending or raises taxes, Hill projected the state's persistent spending imbalance would keep generating billions of dollars in red ink through 2008-2009.

Palmer said no one should think Schwarzenegger considers his job finished. "This is not a governor who will wait for problems to come to him. This is a governor that goes out aggressively with issues and deals with them."

Democrats, who control both houses of the Legislature, were relieved that Schwarzenegger withdrew his cuts aimed at health care.

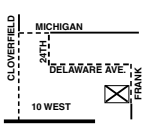
The governor had wanted to cut about \$900 million from the state's \$11 billion share of Medi-Cal, the state's version of the federal Medicaid program. And he also proposed an enrollment cap for the Healthy Families program, a health insurance plan for the working poor.

Although Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, D-Los Angeles, criticized Schwarzenegger's plan to take about \$1 billion from welfare programs, he was careful Monday not to criticize the governor's plan too much.

"While we have yet to see the specifics of some of the governor's major agreements, we will be working full-time to examine these proposals," Nunez said in a statement. "It's a difficult budget to balance and we will work very hard to minimize the impact on future years."

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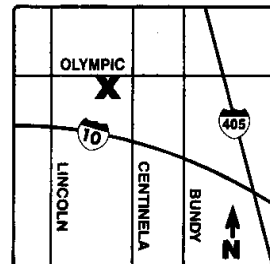
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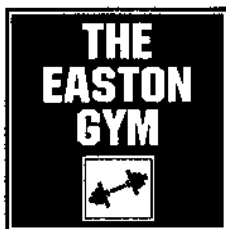
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Real Estate

Governator's growth plan leans toward the smart side



DAYS ON THE MARKET

BY JODI SUMMERS

(Editor's note: This is the first installment of a two-part series.)

Today, California boasts 36 million people, with a growth rate of approximately 600,000 each year, thanks to newborns and those relocating to the Golden State. Ironically, California has not approved a statewide growth plan in 25 years, which is why we're always found scrambling to deal with supply and demand.

What is the vision for housing, growth and land use needs to best meet the needs of our people? The State Department of Housing and Community Development projects a need of 3.7 million units of subsidized housing by 2020. Who is going to pay for this? Steps should be taken on the state level to ensure that local communities can meet their growing infrastructure and service needs.

Housing for California's residents is an issue of gargantuan proportions. It's a job for no mere politician, but for the 'Governator.' Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is leaning toward "smart growth," an urban vision which

favors mass transit, rebuilding cities and slowing development of farmland.

Visit www.schwarzenegger.com and you'll find that the Governor's vision is the "wholesale restoration of declining urban areas." He believes in cleaning up blighted sites and building homes on them.

"Some of the things the governor has signaled, looking at infill development and attached housing, all create an affordable product without being in conflict with environmental rules of preserving open space," said Jon Ross, legislative counsel for the California Mortgage Bankers Association.

Santa Monica may serve as a worthy prototype for the Governor's vision. The Community Corporation of Santa Monica currently oversees more than 2,400 low-income units on 78 properties throughout Santa Monica. They have developed many abandoned and under-utilized properties around town. It shares the view of what the Governor would like to do in other cities around the state.

Take our local vision and use it to revitalize the infrastructure. They've been building lofts all over downtown LA, but a low-income family is not going to be able to afford a half-million dollar loft.

"It creates a move-up environment: Somebody leaves a less expensive home to move there," observes Robert Rivinius, chief executive officer of the California Building Industry Association.

Helping people pay for their housing is a huge issue. According to recent statistics from the California Association of Realtors, only 23 percent of California households can afford a median-priced home. The minimum income needed to buy that home is \$93,490 — the national average is \$40,990.

Not being able to live where you work is another major issue for city employees. Firefighters, police officers and other key employees often cannot afford to live within an hour's drive to work. School districts and hospitals share the same issues because so little housing is being built in job centers. Community Corp. is con-

fronting these issues in Santa Monica by proposing to build affordable condos along the Pico corridor. Our city is confronted with the same issues as the state: Each new condo requires a \$100,000 subsidy. Where should that money come from?

The Governor has put together a highly acclaimed non-partisan troupe of individuals to tackle these monumental issues. Sunne Wright McPeak, a Democratic and opponent of "dumb growth," has been appointed as Secretary of Business for the state Housing and Transportation department. The board of the California Housing Finance Agency (all non-paying positions requiring Senate confirmation) features John Courson, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Central Pacific Mortgage Company in Folsom (politically unstated); Peter Carey, Democrat and president and CEO of Self-Help Enterprises, a non-profit housing and community development organization; and Republican John Morris, president of John Gilbert Morris, Inc., a firm that invests in commercial real estate, venture capital, leveraged acquisitions, public global equities and public global fixed income.

"Each of these appointees has a history of service to Californians and their experience in finance and real estate makes them well-suited to serve on the agency's board," Gov. Schwarzenegger said. "The Housing Finance Agency serves an important role — helping low- to moderate-income Californians realize their dreams of home ownership and ensuring the availability of affordable rental housing — and will be strengthened by their service."

The California Housing Finance Agency was chartered in 1975 with the goal of financing below-market rate housing loans for low- to moderate income families and to provide home mortgage insurance for families in hard-to-serve areas.

Next week we will explore how the Governor will work with big business to confront California's housing issues.

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The landlord advantage: Take the letter of credit



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BY CHRISTINA S. PORTER

Being a landlord in today's office market has been more of a struggle than some signed on for.

The tech boom of the fabulous '90s is behind us and the post-Sept. 11 recession is gone. The economy is gaining steam. After the flamboyant spending of the dot-com era, landlords have learned many lessons, one of the more important ones being the advantage of having a letter of credit, as opposed to a cash security deposit as an instrument of lease securitization. This is especially important when a tenant bankruptcy comes into play.

From a bankruptcy court's standpoint, a cash security deposit is considered property of the debtor's bankruptcy estate, making it the responsibility of the landlord to obtain a court order to use the cash security deposit. On the other hand, courts view letters of credit as enforceable third party agreements between landlords (beneficiary) and the issuing bank, not as property of the tenant's bankruptcy estate. A tenant's collateral may be subject to the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy courts, but the issuer of the credit assumes that risk, not the landlord.

Even though a letter of credit is preferable to a cash security deposit, it is not a cure all. Banks follow the terms and conditions set forth in the letter of credit very strictly. It is important that they are drawn precisely in that obtaining the funds provided in a letter of credit also can be time consuming. One suggestion is to not make obtaining the funds contingent on any event or circumstance dependent on any third party's control and to make sure that there are precise instructions given to the issuer as to when to disburse funds or "draws." A letter of credit should state that a "draw" can be made if the beneficiary delivers the original letter of credit and, at most, a note from the beneficiary stating that the tenant is in default of the lease. It should not require that the tenant acknowledge the default occurred or that it received a written notice of such default.

It is important to know that a letter of credit is a "negotiable instrument," meaning that if the original is lost or stolen the issuing bank will not replace it. Each letter of credit is unique to each beneficiary — banks have strict assignment rules and will usually charge a transfer or reissuance fee. A landlord might want to make it a condition of the letter of credit that there be no transfer or reissuance fee, especially if there is a possibility it may sell the building.

A bank that has a local branch as the issuer of the letter of credit is important. Dealing face to face with a banker is sure

to facilitate a draw on a letter of credit. However, it is not uncommon for an out-of-state or non-domestic bank to be "confirmed" by a local bank. This confirmation is reflected in an additional document from the confirming bank and basically amounts to a promise from the confirming bank to honor the letter of credit if the issuer does not do so.

Most letters of credit are for a term of one year and automatically renew annually. If there is a nonrenewal clause — many times there is — be sure to thoroughly understand the conditions upon which the letter of credit does not automatically renew. There are creative ways

to use letters of credit, especially in relation to a lease requiring landlord financed tenant improvements. Finally, as with all legal issues, a consultation with expert legal counsel prior to constructing a letter of credit to insure you have the most up to date and accurate information is essential.

Some leases may include the letters of credit in the "damages cap" imposed by a bankruptcy court. Be sure to add the language that the letters of credit is "in lieu of" a security deposit. Of course nothing is guaranteed, but this type of language could give a building owner a better chance on recouping any losses from a tenant bankruptcy sooner than later.

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Head of World Trade Center was unaware of terror threat

BY MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN
 Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — The former World Trade Center director told the Sept. 11 commission Tuesday that he was unaware of the threat posed by Osama bin Laden until the summer before the attacks and was not briefed by the FBI on key terrorism intelligence.

Alan Reiss' comments came during an exchange with commission member Bob Kerrey at the start of an emotional two-day hearing about the response to the attacks. The hearings are being held in lower Manhattan about 1 1/2 miles from ground zero.

Kerrey asked Reiss when he became aware of bin Laden and his potential threat. Reiss said that didn't happen until the summer of 2001, and he later added that he was never told by the FBI that Islamic militants might hijack a U.S. jetliner.

Reiss said he was more focused on fending off possible bioterrorism attacks such as anthrax, spending more than \$100,000 to protect the building from such an assault.

"We felt this (anthrax) was the next coming wave," he said. "We had developed plans on how to isolate the air conditioning system and shut it down but never did we have a thought of what happened on 9-11."

Reiss said he did not blame the FBI for a failure to share terrorism intelligence, but rather felt anger at the 19 hijackers. Kerrey replied that there remained a "presumption that we may not be delivering the key information" to officials outside the FBI.

To the applause of family members, the former Nebraska senator said the 19 hijackers "defeated the INS, they defeated the Customs (Department), they defeated the FBI, they defeated the CIA."

Earlier, a new report prepared by the commission and read at the hearing recounted how Sept. 11 rescuers were forced to make rapid-fire, life-and-death decisions based on incom-

plete communications, contributing to the death toll. More than 2,700 people were killed in the attack.

The hearing began with a stark warning from the commission's staff: "The details we will be presenting may be painful for you to see and hear."

Scores of family members were in the audience as the commission showed footage of both hijacked planes slamming into the 110-story towers, along with videotaped testimony from survivors. As the footage showed the towers' collapse, family members held hands and locked arms as they waited for the inevitable, many of them wiping tears from their eyes.

"For me, it was reliving what my mother heard, what she saw, what her last moments were," said Terry McGovern, whose mother died in the south tower.

Committee member Sam Casperson, in a minute-by-minute recounting of the second plane's crash into the World Trade Center, detailed how Port Authority workers were advised to wait for assistance on the 64th floor — and many of them died when the tower collapsed.

Communications breakdowns also prevented announcements to evacuate from reaching civilians in the building, Casperson said. One survivor of the attacks recounted calling 911 from the 44th floor of the south tower, only to be placed on hold twice.

Emergency 911 operators had a "lack of awareness" about what was happening at the twin towers, and were overwhelmed by the sheer volume of calls, Casperson said.

Revisiting the jarring sights and sounds of the attack and its aftermath was a vivid departure from previous commission hearings. Some of the footage showed the confusing, rushed recovery efforts; family members shook their heads and sighed loudly at points during the recitation of those problems.

Survivor Stanley Pranmath recounted sitting in his 81st-floor office as the second plane veered toward his building, so close that he could clearly make out the letter "U" on the tail of the United Airlines plane.

"I dropped the phone, screamed and jumped under my desk," he said, adding that rubble from the crash landed within 20 feet of his impromptu hiding place.

Brian Clark, president of Euro Brokers Relief Fund, recalled this announcement: "Building 2 is secure. There is no need to evacuate Building 2. If you are in the midst of evacuation, you may use the re-entry doors and the elevators to return to your office."

The 26-page staff report offers no concrete explanation for the instruction, although it suggests two possible reasons: a concern for workers being injured by falling debris from the other tower, and the knowledge that in the 1993 bombing, many of the injuries were sustained in the crowded evacuation of the building.

Other communications gaps included a lack of coordination between the police and fire departments, a crush of radio traffic that sometimes blotted out information, and an inability to share information effectively between on-scene officials and 911 phone operators.

In the years since the attacks, a rising chorus of New Yorkers has demanded a probe into the city's emergency response. Yet, while the report found fault in a few instances, it largely sympathizes with officials and rescue personnel forced to improvise in the face of an unprecedented catastrophe.

Last month, commissioners heard from President George Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney, former President Bill Clinton and ex-Vice President Al Gore, as well as national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, CIA Director George Tenet and Attorney General John Ashcroft.

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WORLD BRIEFLY

Palestinians take a pounding

By The Associated Press

RAFAH, Gaza Strip — Israeli helicopters pounded this refugee camp with missiles and machine gun fire Tuesday, killing 12 Palestinians, at least seven of them armed, as troops searched houses in the largest Israeli offensive in Gaza in years.

Trapped residents said they huddled in the innermost rooms of their homes as bullets rained outside. Others tried to flee to safer ground. At least 34 Palestinians were wounded, including eight who were in critical condition.

Israel says it is targeting the Rafah refugee camp, on the border with Egypt, to destroy arms-smuggling tunnels and hunt Palestinian militants. Security officials said earlier this week that the army also plans to widen an Israeli patrol road between the camp and Egypt, which would entail demolishing rows of nearby houses.

Last week, Israel destroyed about 100 houses near the patrol road, making more than 1,000 Palestinians homeless and drawing worldwide condemnation, including rare criticism from the United States.

The first phase of Israel's offensive Tuesday focused on the Tel Sultan neighborhood of Rafah, about 1 1/2 miles from the patrol road.

Here come the brides

By The Associated Press

BOSTON — One lesbian couple, partners for 33 years, married on a wind-swept Cape Cod beach. Another pair wed on Boston's Beacon Hill to a jubilant chorus of "Here Come the Brides."

They were among hundreds of gay and lesbian couples who obtained marriage licenses Monday as Massachusetts, obeying a landmark order from its high court, became the first state to allow same-sex weddings.

Yet even as champagne corks popped and confetti swirled, opponents of such unions declared their determination to fight back. "The sacred institution of marriage should not be redefined by a few activist judges," said President Bush, renewing his support for a proposed constitutional ban that has been introduced in Congress.

Many of the couples who obtained marriage licenses paid a fee to waive the normal three-day waiting period, and exchanged vows as quickly as feasible.

For all their elation, the couples who received marriage licenses still confront uncertainty. Massachusetts lawmakers have taken initial steps toward letting voters decide in 2006 whether to ban same-sex marriages and instead define such partnerships as civil unions. It is not known how the marriages occurring between now and 2006 will be recognized if the ban is imposed.

Iraqi finds you can go home again

By The Associated Press

DETROIT — A year and a half ago, Adnan al-Zurufi was unemployed, in exile here and struggling with the scars from his torture at the hands of Saddam Hussein's regime.

Today, he is home and in power — the new governor of the Iraqi city of Najaf. The job is not without its risks, and detractors are already lining up.

Since assuming the post this month, al-Zurufi has urged tribal leaders to rally their supporters against Muqtada al-Sadr and warned that the "struggle for democracy" is not over.



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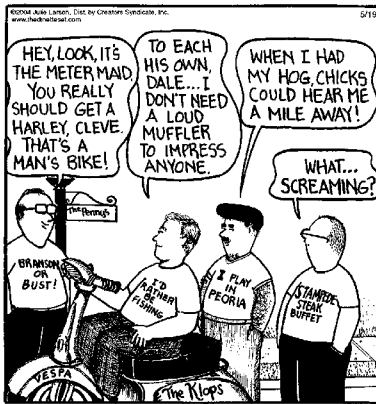
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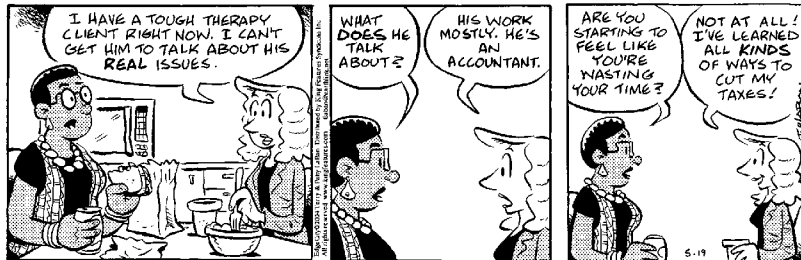
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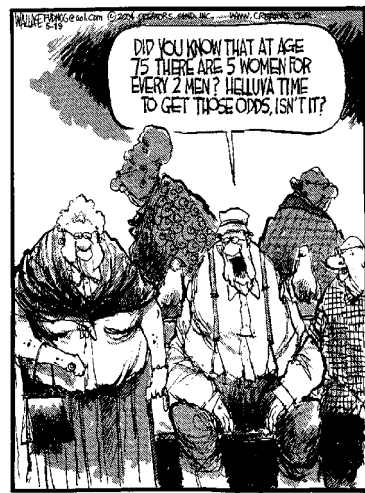
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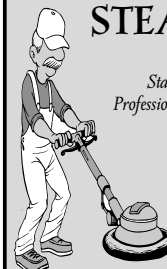
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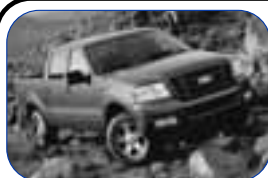
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