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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Judith Clark, 55, serving 75 years in prison for her part in the deadly 1981 robbery of a Brinks armored truck in the course of a plan to fund a "Republic of New Afrika" out of former "slave states," such as Mississippi and Alabama, filed a writ of habeas corpus in New York City in January, claiming that her trial judge had denied her a constitutional right. Clark became the latest inmate to claim that when a judge gave in to her aggressive demand to act as her own lawyer at trial (a job at which she proved unsuccessful), he violated her right to competent counsel.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 138th day of 2005.
There are 227 days left in the year.

On May 18, 1920, Pope John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in Wadowice, Poland. In 1926, evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson vanished while visiting a beach in Venice, Calif.; she reappeared a month later, claiming to have been kidnapped. In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces finally occupied Monte Cassino in Italy after a four-month struggle that claimed some 20,000 lives.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Don't hurry, don't worry. You're only here for a short visit. So be sure to stop and smell the flowers."

WALTER C. HAGEN
AMERICAN GOLFER (1892-1969)

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Boulder crossing



Crill Hansen/Special to the Daily Press

At 9:57 a.m. yesterday, Santa Monica police responded to the 100 block of Pacific Coast Highway regarding a non-injury traffic accident. When officers arrived at the scene, they spoke to the driver of a disabled vehicle who was stopped on the 100 block of Pacific Coast Highway. He said a large boulder, approximately 2 feet by 3 feet, rolled from Palisades Park, down the bluffs and onto the PCH. The rock struck the driver's vehicle, and, in turn, a second vehicle struck it and became disabled. Two additional vehicles became involved in a rear-end accident. No one was injured. It is unknown who pushed the boulder onto the highway. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Santa Monica police at 310-458-8491.

City service fees overflow

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Santa Monicans might be paying significantly more for water and refuse services as City Hall attempts to shore up declining utility fund balances.

A report presented to the City Council on Tuesday indicates Santa Monicans can expect sudden to gradual rate increases in water and solid-waste fees over the next few years because officials say expenditures are exceeding revenues for those services.

"The funds are going into the negative," said Steve Stark, City Hall finance director, who presented the report to the council at the meeting.

The report comes right before study sessions, beginning next week, in which the council will begin prioritizing city services for next year's budget. The City Council is expected to take action on the rate increases on June 14.

The report details how City Hall's water, solid-waste, wastewater and stormwater fund balances have been decreasing to varying degrees over the last four years and need to be corrected to keep the bonds that support the funds in legal compliance.

In order to restore the funds to a healthy level, staff has proposed to the City Council a rate schedule that would allow a "timely,"

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Money tossed out to sea

By Daily Press staff

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency today will award \$345,000 to the State Water Resources Control Board for the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, which will use the funds to clean up the Santa Monica Bay.

The EPA grant will help

finance stormwater pollution control, habitat restoration, long-term restoration and pollution-control strategies.

"The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission is implementing a comprehensive program to improve water quality and habitats of the bay and its water-

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Venice Art Walk expected to attract thousands

BY WINTER JOHNSON

Special to the Daily Press

VENICE — Hundreds of thousands of dollars will be raised this weekend through art appreciation and compassion for the poor.

The Venice Family Clinic is set to launch its 26th Annual Venice Art Walk and Auction on Sunday, which takes Los Angelenos through a tour of LA's Italian-inspired beach town.

Featuring self-guided tours of more than 60 local private working studios and homes of Venice artists and private collectors, this year's walk will include a special exhibition of the Venetian canals,

entitled "Bridges and Beyond," in observance of the 100th anniversary of Venice.

The Venice Family Clinic was established in 1970 by Dr. Phillip Rossman and Dr. Mayer Davidson, who initially saw patients in a Venice dental office. The clinic has grown into the largest free clinic in the nation and provides health care to uninsured individuals throughout Los Angeles County who would otherwise have no hope of medical care.

The clinic's services include primary health care, mental health services, health education, child development services, free pre-

scription medicines, as well as public insurance enrollment to nearly 20,000 indigent patients, including more than 5,000 children, who make 100,000 visits a year. In order to receive care from the clinic, a patient must meet three qualifications: An individual can't be more than 200 percent above the federal poverty line standard, which translates to no more than \$1,595 in monthly income; the patients must live in Los Angeles County, and must be uninsured or receive public insurance, according to Linda Feldman, communication manager for the Venice Family Clinic. The clinic also serves 3,500 homeless indi-

viduals.

Nine years after the clinic was established, board member Irma Colen came up with the idea for the Venice Art Walk to raise additional money for the cause. The clinic's board of directors embraced the concept and helped transform it from an idea into a reality.

"They drew from the community around them," said Venice Family Clinic Associate Development Director Alison Dockray of Colen and the other founding board members.

The clinic and the art walk

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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)
★★★★ Knowing when to pull back can and will make all the difference. You might be overwhelmed by a domestic issue. Work on new solutions, please. Don't get locked into negative thinking. Break past old patterns. Keep seeking out answers. Tonight: Go along with another's suggestion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Let your energy flow into what you must. Listen to suggestions, with the knowledge that you don't have to agree. Work on better financial security and well-being. Although it might cause you to revamp your budget, an idea could be perfect. Consider a new health program. Tonight: Wind down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ The Sun enters your sign, adding to your get-up-and-go. You have ideas, and others like them. Don't allow an insecurity to get to you. You have answers and creativity. Lose the word "no" from your vocabulary. Tonight: Play the weekend in.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Use your free time to think through your long-term desires. Come from a fundamentals point of view. Basics do count. Revise your thinking, especially when talking about security and your domestic life. You don't need to verbalize a decision just yet. Tonight: Happy at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Speak your mind, but don't think that everyone hears you loud and clear. Aim for long-term results. A meeting could become a lot more important than you'd anticipated. Freely brainstorm. Ideas just pop up. Tonight: Hook up with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Know when to pull back and say no. Start practicing today. The results you get prove to be much better. Accept more responsibility, and you'll get the results you want. Think about your public image. You might want to make an adjustment. Tonight: Don't count on an early bedtime.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You are full of fun and zip. Others want to be around you. Network and aim for what you want. Follow your intuition, and you'll end up in someone's good graces. Adapt your words according to whom you are talking to. Listen more. Tonight: Ask for what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Know when to say little and listen. Your role is adviser and listener. A discussion with someone makes a difference. Trust this associate. He or she is on the same team as you. Tonight: Add a touch of mystery. Do your famous vanishing act.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Adjust to others rather than force your way. The more diplomatic you are, the more others respond to your suggestions. Friends gather around you, even at a meeting. Allow more feedback and more people into your life. Tonight: Get together with friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Others need your feedback and information. Focus on day-to-day matters, whether it is your golf game or your work. You find that efficiency is even more important than usual. An associate could be uptight. Tonight: Out late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your imagination delights others. You find that others are full of ideas. Go with spontaneity, and you'll win. A romance could be budding. Allow your creativity to flourish. In some sense you are childlike. Tonight: Celebrate living.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Settle in and become more realistic. Emphasize your family and home. Sometimes you scatter and get very little done. Know what you want from a child or loved one. A partner makes a big difference. Trust this person's advice. Tonight: Go along with another's ideas.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Waldorf School set to renovate Santa Ynez site

By Daily Press staff

The Westside Waldorf School is celebrating spring with a new place to educate. The Waldorf has acquired a new site: 1.5 acres at the junction of Sunset Boulevard and the Pacific Coast Highway, tucked into a 13-acre compound belonging to the Self Realization Center, where Mahatma Gandhi’s ashes are enshrined in a peace memorial.

The school announced Monday that it had signed a letter of intent to lease the former Santa Ynez Inn site at 17310 Sunset Blvd. for 25 years. The private elementary school, currently based in Santa Monica, plans to spend more than \$1 million to improve the site, which is owned by the Self-Realization Fellowship. The funds will be used to bring the 14,000-square-foot structure up to code. The move will allow the school, which has 160 students from nursery school to sixth grade, to nearly double its enrollment.

“This is a major breakthrough for our community,” said Waldorf director Jeffrey Graham. “We are blessed to have found such a quality property. There is ample space for the children to hike and explore, and for playing fields and gardens.”

The non-sectarian Waldorf School, founded in 1988, is part of an association of Rudolf Steiner/Waldorf schools with 1,200 campuses worldwide. The education integrates the arts and sciences within an art-based curriculum that addresses all learning styles: logical, linguistic, spatial, kinesthetic, musical, interpersonal and intrapersonal.

With Waldorf’s lease at St. Augustine’s By The Sea expiring next year, Graham had been looking for a new location. When he drove by the Santa Ynez site in February and saw no work going on, he wondered what was happening with New West Charter Middle School’s plans to build a second campus there. He had a real estate broker contact SRF, a worldwide nonprofit religious society founded in 1920 by Paramahansa Yogananda and the owner of Santa Inez Inn, and subsequently learned that New West had been unable to formally extend its letter of intent to lease because it had not been able to raise the estimated \$750,000 needed to renovate the property.

After two months of negotiations, Waldorf signed its own letter of intent, and will soon begin improvements. When the school is completed sometime during the 2005-2006 school year, it will offer classes from preschool through eighth grade. The Waldorf Early Childhood Center, with additional nurseries and early-childhood programs, will remain in Santa Monica on 15th Street.

‘Taming of the Shrew’ up next at SMC

By Daily Press staff

English literature will meet the silver screen at Santa Monica College. William Shakespeare’s “The Taming of the Shrew,” the Franco Zeffirelli version, will be the featured movie in SMC’s “Made Into Movies: Literature to Film” series. The fourth and final film to be screened in the series, “The Taming of the Shrew” combines scholarly insight with entertainment, school officials say.

Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton star in the version of Shakespeare’s comedy, set in Padua, Italy, in the late 1500s. The film received Academy Award nominations for Best Art Direction and Best Costume Design.

The evening will begin with a scholarly introduction to the film, and the screen-

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SURF REPORT

Friday we have some significant NW swell due from a system we started tracking earlier this week that formed in the Western Pacific and trekked at a nearly direct westerly angle toward the California coast. Our calculations are calling for surf running head high at most west-facing breaks, 2 to 3 feet overhead on the better sets at standouts. This swell holds some nice periods in the 14-second range.

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TUESDAY	11:51	0.7	12:46	2.0	4:57	3.7	6:50	4.3
WEDNESDAY	12:46	2.0	12:25	0.8	6:06	3.7	7:07	4.6
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The Q Line

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Homeless population dominating public space

Editor:

I just moved to Santa Monica. I have invested a lot of time and money and dreams to come to this beautiful town, so that I can enjoy walks, a bicycle ride along the ocean, and sit and watch the sun set over the water. I had the choice to move my business to any city in the world and decided upon Santa Monica. It is not a cheap choice but one that I wanted to make.

Imagine my surprise when I took my first morning walk along the ocean, and wanted to sit and look but I could not find a place to sit, because all the benches were filled with sleeping street people. I tried to ride my bicycle, but the pathways were cluttered with street people pushing shopping carts with sleeping bags on the paths. I went for a walk to go to the Promenade and was accosted by a man on drugs, screaming at me, wanting me to give him money and my cell phone. I rode my bicycle near Highway 1 and noticed more than two dozen of them sleeping in the bushes on the steep cliffside dangerous to them and to the cars below. I tried to walk into a donut shop for breakfast, but the sidewalk and entrance was blocked by a man with a large bag of old clothes, with his dog, begging for free food and money.

Yesterday I rode my bicycle and counted more than 300 of them. It reminded me of the Washington Mall a few years ago. The government decided to be "charitable," and they took over the mall grounds. It took three years and hundreds of incidents before D.C. changed its policy and decided it was more "compassionate" and safer for the community to pick them up and take them to "safe houses" and "shelters," and not allow them to loiter in the parks.

Come on city leaders. Let's clean this up. It is dangerous. It destroys the beauty of our city. And it is not fair to the street people or to the citizens. You know, if they don't leave, people and companies like mine will leave. Who do you want to populate the city ... street people, beggars and drug addicts? Or responsible citizens who work, pay taxes and try to keep a city beautiful?

Ben Boothe
Santa Monica

Couldn't we not go nuclear — just once?



HERE'S THE THING

BY LARA M. BROWN, Ph.D.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) on Wednesday took to the Senate floor and said: "I do not rise for party, I rise for principle."

Hogwash. This filibuster battle — on both sides — is all about party. It isn't at all about principle. If either side cared about principle, they would have found a way to compromise. They would have stepped off their self-constructed pedestals and shown themselves to be worthy of their title "honorable."

Ever since the 2000 presidential stalemate in Florida, everything has been a "nuclear" debate. This isn't the first time the political parties have taken each other to task. In fact, that's all they've been doing for five years. Whipping up controversies. Exciting the emotions of the public with their demagoguery. Doesn't anyone remember that, "Eye for an eye, makes the whole world blind"?

Well, I guess that's what we've got — a bunch of blind politicians leading us in circles.

What's worse is that we're living in some of the most unimportant times Americans have ever lived through. But this is not what we're being told. The daily messages from the parties, our leaders and from the media are that "these times are unprecedented" and that "never in our history have we faced these kinds of dangers or confronted these types of challenges."

Ridiculous. I wish people would just spend a nominal amount of time reading history. This country has gone through a Revolutionary War, a Civil War, two World Wars and a Great Depression — all before 1950.

Yes, these events all happened before the memories of most people who are commentating, writing and participating in politics today kicked in. In other words, if you don't know about history, it's likely you don't remember these events. And here's the problem with that. These events were not small. They were huge and they were important.

They are not akin to health insurance rising 12 percent last year (by the way, mine rose 17 percent, so if I wanted to I could be as enraged about this issue as anyone), or the economy only growing by 3.5 percent, or unemployment being at 5.6 percent, or Social Security going bankrupt in 30 years, or even that we have tragically lost more than 1,600 men and women who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Before you write me nasty e-mails telling me that I am heartless, that I don't

care about today's problems, or that I am underestimating the threat of terrorism, please just let me give you some of the statistics from another time, so you can try and have some perspective on how fortunate we are to be living now.

During the Civil War, more than 364,000 men who were serving in the military died. During World War II, more than 16 million individuals served in the military and more than 400,000 died. And these were only the American military casualties. World War II brought enormous destruction across all of Europe and into Russia, and of course, the atomic bombs we dropped on Japan decimated entire cities — whole populations. In 1933, at the height of the Great Depression, the unemployment rate in the country hit 27 percent.

Moreover, when you look back on America, it's miraculous that we're here at all. As David McCullough just told Newsweek during an interview about his new book on George Washington, 1776:

"The fortunes of the United States of America never looked so bleak as they did in 1776 — never. Everything was down to 3,000 men. At key moments, if the wind had blown differently in New York in August or on the Delaware River in December, it would have all been over. I truly believe that."

This is the kind of perspective that reading history brings. Americans have gone through much worse than what we are experiencing today. Lynchings, Jim Crow laws and Japanese internment camps are just some of the horrors in America's recent past that have fortunately become history. However, to not know about or understand how severe these historical abuses were or how much pain they brought to the communities and the people who had to endure them commits another abuse. Comparing today's issues to past struggles is something that only the arrogance and the narcissism that pervades our popular culture would allow.

Here's The Thing:

It's time for everyone who is engaged in the process — elected officials, pundits, interest groups, activists, party leaders, et al — to read history, find humility, admit some imperfections and begin rethinking how you might contribute. Stop turning every molehill into a mountain to justify your existence and bolster your importance. Recognition comes from achievement, not whining. Greatness overcomes challenges. Pettiness creates obstacles.

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CRIME WATCH

By Daily Press staff

At 8:30 a.m. on May 9, the Santa Monica Police responded to the 900 block of Palisades Park regarding a subject in the restroom with a knife. When officers arrived to the scene, they identified the suspect and detained him. During the investigation, the officers recovered a knife and learned the suspect had an outstanding warrant for \$30,000. Benjamin Miguel Lewis, 22, a transient, was arrested for possession of a knife or dagger and the outstanding warrant. Bail was set at \$55,000.

At 5:05 p.m. on May 10, the Santa Monica Police responded to the 800 block of Grant regarding an assault and battery investigation. When officers arrived at the scene, they spoke to the victim, who said he was involved in a fight with the suspect and during the fight the suspect struck him in the face. The victim was desirous of prosecution, and the suspect, Arvin Jay Chiong, male, 29, of West Covina, was placed under arrest for assault and battery. Bail was set for \$20,000.

At 4:20 a.m. on May 11, the Santa Monica Police responded to Euclid and Olympic regarding a subject bleeding from the head who was struck with a stick. When officers arrived at the scene, they spoke to the victim, who said he was walking on the sidewalk and the suspect approached him and for an unknown reason struck him on the head with a stick. Responding officers stopped the subject matching the description at 12th and Olympic. A field show up was conducted, and the suspect was positively identified. The victim was taken to a local hospital. Tyrone William Pates, 35, a transient, was booked for assault with a deadly weapon and criminal threats. Bail was set at \$50,000.

At 9:25 a.m. on May 11, the Santa Monica Police responded to the 2000 block of Lincoln Boulevard regarding an assault investigation. When officers arrived at the scene, they spoke to the victim, who said he was involved in an argument with two suspects and that during the argument one suspect pointed a flare gun. The suspects fled, and when officers arrived, one suspect was located and the second one fled. Witnesses directed officers to the location of the flare gun, which was recovered, and the suspect was arrested. Glenn Joseph Richards, 27, a transient, was arrested for parole violation. No bail was set. The man who is believed to have pointed the gun is described as a white male in his 30s, 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weighing 140 to 160 pounds, with blond hair and a medium complexion. He was wearing a black, short-sleeved shirt with blue flowers and black pants.

At 8:50 p.m. on May 13, the Santa Monica Police responded to the 2600 block of 32nd Street regarding an elder-abuse investigation. When officers arrived at the scene, they spoke to several witnesses who said they had seen a white 84-year-old victim with bruises around her neck and eye. Officers spoke to a friend of the victim who was staying in the residence with her who claimed he was not aware how she received the injuries. Officers spoke to the victim and after completing their investigation placed the roommate/friend under arrest. Rory Paul Rael, 48, was booked for elder abuse. Bail was set at \$50,000.

At 2:51 a.m. on May 14, the Santa Monica Police responded to the 1500 block of Pacific Coast Highway in the parking lot regarding a malicious mischief investigation. When officers arrived at the scene, they saw a group of 10 subjects standing around several vehicles and, while conducting an investigation, saw brass knuckles in the rear portion of the vehicle. Francisco Samuel Zepeda, 18, of Los Angeles, was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon.

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Residents face rate hikes to fix shortfalls

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“intermediate” or “extended” recovery of the revenue stream in the next few years, depending on the rate increase.

City Council members expressed some surprise by the deficits.

“If these graphs were a mood detector, I’d say we were bi-polar,” said Councilman Kevin McKeown.

Stark explained that revenue to shore the funds was generally not keeping up with the costs of the services.

“The operating costs have been increasing, but they have not been passed on (to users),” Stark said.

WATER FUND WOES

The water fund supports the treatment, storage and distribution of water in Santa Monica, as well as provides fire protection through hydrants and sprinkler connections. It’s operated by three booster stations, four reservoirs and a water treatment plant. The fund also is used to support City Hall’s environmental programs.

The fund, which was \$17.5 million in 2002, has fallen to about \$5 million currently. To correct that, city staff is suggesting a timely recovery that would require a 31 percent rate increase for one year; an intermediate recovery that would keep the increase on a sliding scale between 15 and 11 percent for the next three years; and an extended recovery that would keep the rate increase at sliding scale between 12 to 11 percent over four years.

According to the staff report, that would mean the average single family water bill in Santa Monica would jump from \$52.09 to \$68.24 for one year, \$59.90 for three years and \$58.34 for four years.

For a 10-unit apartment building, the average bill of \$153.67 would go up to \$201.31 for a timely recovery, \$176.72

for an intermediate recovery and \$172.11 for an extended recovery.

For a medium-sized restaurant, the average bill of \$1,235.66 would go up to \$1,618 for a timely, \$1,421 for an intermediate and \$1,383 for an extended recovery.

The water fund’s rate structure was originally adopted in 1996 with periodic rate increases that began in 1999.

TALKING TRASH

City Hall’s solid-waste fund is responsible for citywide refuse and recycling collection, and includes street sweeping and beach and Promenade maintenance. It also is used to support City Hall’s environmental programs.

The solid-waste fund, which was \$4.5 million in 2002, is estimated to have fallen more than \$500,000 since. To prevent that decline from reaching a \$3 million comfort level, city staff is suggesting rate increases.

Stark explained to the council that the primary factors contributing to the depletion of the solid-waste fund had to do with landfill disposal fees, salaries and fringe benefits, and vehicle maintenance and fuel costs.

According to the staff report, landfill fees account for 18.4 percent of solid-waste operation costs and that a 40 percent spike in those fees beginning in 2001 is having an impact on the solid-waste fund. In addition, landfill rate increases are expected to be about 18 percent each year in the future.

Salaries and benefits account for 47 percent of operating costs, and there has been a 10 percent increase in the costs for the past three years that’s been eating into the fund.

Vehicle maintenance and fuel costs make up another 17 percent of operating

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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ing will be followed by a moderated discussion led by SMC cinema professor Josh Kanin and SMC English professor David Zehr.

The showing will take place on Friday, June 3, at 6 p.m. in room 214 of the SMC art complex, 1900 Pico Blvd. The event is free, and ample free parking is available.

“Made Into Movies: Literature to Film” is co-sponsored by the SMC communication and English departments. For information, call (310) 434-4098 or (310) 434-4588.

Malcolm X honored on Saturday

By Daily Press staff

Malcolm X will be remembered this weekend in a multi-cultural perspective.

The Pico Youth & Family Center invites the public this Saturday, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., to celebrate the life of Malcolm X. The mission of the day is to discuss and explore the life teachings of Malcolm X through a multi-cultural perspective.

A panel of scholars, activists and community leaders will guide the discussion. There also will be live performances, song and dance, drums and free food.

The center is located at 828 Pico Blvd., No. 9. For more information, call (310) 396-7101.

Car wash and bake sale this weekend

By Daily Press staff

Got a dirty car? Or are you craving some baked goods?

Either way, you can satisfy your desires at John Muir Elementary School on Saturday, where its graduating fifth graders will raise money for a school activity through a car wash, bake sale and rummage sale.

The wash/sale will take place on May 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the school, located at Sixth Street and Ocean Park Boulevard.

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Funds go to marine life, water quality

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shed,” said Alexis Strauss, the EPA’s water division director for the Pacific Southwest region. “EPA is pleased to provide these funds, as we know that implementing the Bay Restoration Plan will have a direct and positive impact on the beaches, marine environment and bay watersheds.”

In 1989, Congress recognized Santa Monica Bay as a “water body of national significance” and established the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project (SMBRP) as one of 28 EPA National Estuary programs. The Santa Monica Bay National Estuary measures approximately 1,465 square kilometers, and is host to world famous beaches and urban centers, kelp forests and several endangered species, including the Brown sea turtle and Californian pelican.

“The EPA’s continued support of our program is essential for much-needed

environmental improvements,” said Shelley Luce, incoming executive director of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission. “The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission plays a crucial roll in restoring water quality and habitat for all the users of Santa Monica Bay.”

An estuary is a partially enclosed body of coastal water formed where rivers and streams flow into the ocean and mix with sea water. Besides serving as important habitat for wildlife, the wetlands that fringe estuaries improve water quality as water flows through fresh and saltwater marshes. It slows down and settles out sediments and pollutants, environmentalists say. Wetland plants recycle excess nutrients, which leads to cleaner and clearer water for people and marine life.

The State Water Resources Control Board and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board continue to serve as the lead agencies for state and federal funding of the commission.

Food, music and art part of this weekend’s event in Venice

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grew up together in the 1970s. The largest source of revenue for the clinic at the time, the Venice Art Walk has become one of the clinic’s largest sources of private funds, raising \$650,000 in net funds for last year’s event, and \$10 million over the last 26 years.

The art walk, in combination with government grants, donations, public funds, as well as an annual black-tie fundraising dinner, meet the clinic’s \$15 million budget. Blending local artistry with philanthropic efforts, the walk gives 100 percent of all money earned to the clinic.

Because of the growing reputation of the art walk and its popularity, the number of artists has blossomed from an initial 10 artists to the 60 who will attend this year’s walk.

Some of the artists include Robert Graham, who lives and works in Venice Beach and also contributed an image for the walk’s T-shirt. Chicano artist Patssi Valdez’s work, “The Dancing Tables,” will be featured on the 2005 Venice Art Walk poster.

More than 440 original works of art donated by burgeoning and established artists will be sold in a silent auction throughout the day. And in accordance with the theme “Bridges and Beyond,” curator LeRad Nilles organized an exhibition that transforms the bridges themselves into artistic pieces. Walkers will see everything from an enlarged necklace hanging from a bridge, to a bridge made entirely of human beings.

“I feel that the event is a reflection of the community — Venice is world renowned for the eclectic group of people who live there,” Dockray said.

Art walk participants will give to the

cause, as well as engage in a mixture of activities to please all five senses. Amongst its many activities will be a food faire, offering cuisine from westside restaurants, including Joe’s Restaurant, Chaya Venice and the California Sushi Academy.

Coordinators of The Art Walk plan to dazzle listeners with a jazz harpist, and amaze viewers with a ballerina who paints with her feet. As jazz floats through the Venetian air, participants can choose to sit in the al fresco cocktail garden and enjoy of glass of wine in the sunshine. And for those who desire a bit of excitement with their art, a “deals and steals” silent auction will take place, offering items such as resort getaways and Hollywood Bowl box seats. The artistic experience also extends to the children of art lovers, as an arts area will provide hands-on art opportunities.

In addition to the range of festivities, touring the private studios and homes of Venice artists gives the art walk its unique flair, Dockray said. Shuttle and school buses will drive more than 4,000 art walkers and volunteers to the various studios throughout the day, chugging between Rose Avenue, Venice and Lincoln boulevards.

“Venice is all about creative living,” Dockray said. “Who knows what in the future for the art walk? But as long as the Venice Family Clinic is here, the art walk always exist in one way or another.”

Tickets for the Venice Art Walk Studio Tour are \$50 per person. Admission to the food faire is free, as well as the “Bridges and Beyond” outdoor exhibit. The Venice Art Walk will take place on Sunday, May 22, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Westminster School, 1010 Abbot Kinney Blvd., Venice. Registration opens at 10:30 a.m.



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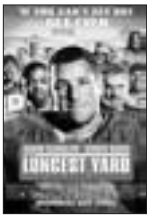
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21 AND OVER

Here's what's on tap this summer

By Dan Dunn
Special to the Daily Press



THE MOVIE: The Longest Yard (May 27)
THE STARS: Adam Sandler, Chris Rock, Burt Reynolds, James Cromwell
THE DIRECTOR: Peter Segal
THE SKINNY: A remake of the 1974 tough guy dramedy starring Reynolds as an imprisoned former pro quarter-back who leads a team of inmates against the guards.
THE DRAW: Former SNL castmates Rock and Sandler team up for the first time on film. Director Segal ("Tommy Boy," "Anger Management," "The Nutty Professor II") has a knack for bringing out the best in superstar comedic actors, so big laughs should be in store. Reynolds, playing a coach this time around, reportedly steals numerous scenes.

THE VERDICT: Rock is a very funny man who has yet to connect with the right material on the big screen. Perhaps playing second fiddle to Sandler, rather than trying to carry the film on his own, will yield better results than, well, the other films he's made thus far. The possibility of a fumble, however, seems likely.



THE MOVIE: Lords of Dogtown (June 3)
THE STARS: Heath Ledger, Emile Hirsch, Johnny Knoxville, Victor Rasuk, Nikki Reed, John Robinson
THE DIRECTOR: Catherine Hardwicke
THE SKINNY: A dramatization of skateboard legend Stacy Peralta's rad documentary "Dogtown and Z Boys," which chronicles the birth of modern

vert-style skating in Southern California.
THE DRAW: The creative team is on a hot streak. Peralta co-wrote the script with Hardwicke, who's in great demand following her critically acclaimed debut, "Thirteen."
THE VERDICT: With its sexy young cast, killer soundtrack and bad-ass attitude, this one promises to have the X-Games Generation way stoked.



THE MOVIE: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (July 15)
THE STARS: Johnny Depp, Freddie Highmore, Helena Bonham Carter, Annasophia Robb, Christopher Lee
THE DIRECTOR: Tim Burton
THE SKINNY: A remake of "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory," about a young boy who wins the opportunity to meet the world's most

famous candymaker.
THE DRAW: Depp playing Wonka.
THE VERDICT: Sweeeeeeeeeet!!!!



THE MOVIE: War of the Worlds (June 29)
THE STARS: Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning, Tim Robbins
THE DIRECTOR: Steven Spielberg
THE SKINNY: Martians invade earth, and one man tries to save his family.
THE DRAW: Spielberg has been known to make pretty good movies from time to time, and with a record \$200,000 million budget to work with

on "WOTW," you can bet eyes will be a'poppin. Cruise is arguably the biggest star of all time and young Fanning has yet to make a disappointing movie. The odds are definitely in this picture's favor.
THE VERDICT: It has all the makings of a major motion picture event.

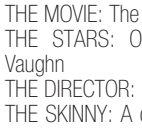
Mr. and Mrs. Smith (June 10)
THE STARS: Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie, Angela Bassett, Adam Brody
THE DIRECTOR: Doug Liman
THE SKINNY: Pitt and Jolie play a bored married couple leading double lives as contract killers. After they're hired to "hit" each other, their passion is reignited.
THE DRAW: In case you haven't heard, Pitt was married to "Good Girl" Jennifer Aniston when he shot this movie, and now he's romantically linked to the sometimes-controversial Jolie.
THE VERDICT: The juiciest scandal to hit Hollywood in years has got people buzzing about the Smiths. Gossip-mongers should turn out in droves, and many will likely hyperventilate seeing the statuesque stars do the nasty onscreen. It's

rumored that Liman and Jolie didn't quite see eye to eye during production, but that's not always a bad thing. We'll see ...



THE MOVIE: Batman Begins (June 15)
THE STARS: Christian Bale, Michael Caine, Liam Neeson, Morgan Freeman, Gary Oldman, Katie Holmes, Ken Watanabe, Cillian Murphy, Tom Wilkinson
THE DIRECTOR: Christopher Nolan
THE SKINNY: Chronicles the origins of the noirish superhero.
THE DRAW: The word around Hollywood is that Bale is hands-down the best "Batman" of them all. No word

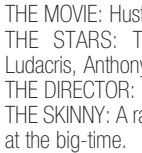
yet on what Michael Keaton thinks about that assessment.
THE VERDICT: This will go down as the most memorable of the summer blockbusters.



THE MOVIE: The Wedding Crashers (July 15)
THE STARS: Owen Wilson, Rachel McAdams, Vince Vaughn
THE DIRECTOR: David Dobkin
THE SKINNY: A comedy about a pair of dyed-in-the-wool



players who sneak into weddings to meet women.
THE DRAW: Vaughn and Wilson are two of the funniest guys in show business, and McAdams one of its hottest actresses.
THE VERDICT: Flip a coin, cuz this one could go either way.



THE MOVIE: Hustle & Flow (July 15)
THE STARS: Terrence Dashon Howard, DJ Qualls, Ludacris, Anthony Anderson, Isaac Hayes
THE DIRECTOR: Craig Brewer
THE SKINNY: A rapper-deejay from Memphis takes his shot at the big-time.
THE DRAW: Every year, there's a darling of the Sundance Film Festival, and Brewer's gritty musical drama is it in '05.
THE VERDICT: It won't do anything close to "8 Mile" numbers, but there's an audience out there in the streets hungry for the hustle.

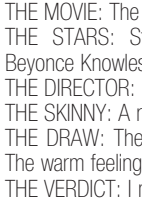


THE MOVIE: Bad News Bears (July 22)
THE STARS: Billy Bob Thornton, Greg Kinnear, Marcia Gay Harden
THE DIRECTOR: Richard Linklater
THE SKINNY: Yep, another remake — this one about a booze-addled little

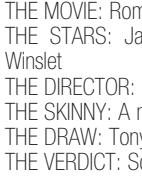
league coach who turns a group of misfits into winners.
THE DRAW: Someday you can tell your grandchildren you were there when Hollywood officially ran out of original ideas.
THE VERDICT: I'd like to write this movie off now on general principle, but with Thornton, Linklater ("Slacker," "The School of Rock") and the guys who penned "Bad Santa" on board, there's a chance it could be worth seeing.



THE MOVIE: The Brothers Grimm (July 29)
THE STARS: Matt Damon, Heath Ledger, Monica Bellucci, Jonathan Pryce
THE DIRECTOR: Terry Gilliam
THE SKINNY: The legendary spinners of tall tales are put to the test when they encounter real black magic.
THE DRAW: Gilliam ("The Fisher King," "Twelve Monkeys") is a true visionary, and the cast is very appealing.
THE VERDICT: The prospects for "Grimm" are anything but. Could be the perfect antidote for those suffering from "Lord of the Rings" withdrawal.



THE MOVIE: The Pink Panther (Aug. 5)
THE STARS: Steve Martin, Kevin Kline, Jean Reno, Beyonce Knowles, Emily Mortimer
THE DIRECTOR: Shawn Levy
THE SKINNY: A remake? This is getting ridiculous!
THE DRAW: The cast. The characters. The theme song. The warm feeling of familiarity.
THE VERDICT: I miss Peter Sellers.



THE MOVIE: Romance and Cigarettes (Aug. 19)
THE STARS: James Gandolfini, Susan Sarandon, Kate Winslet
THE DIRECTOR: John Turturro
THE SKINNY: A musical about a love triangle.
THE DRAW: Tony Soprano sings the blues!
THE VERDICT: Sounds like "Chicago," only way cooler.



Marley magic combusts in Santa Monica

BY KURT HEIM
Special to the Daily Press

The Temple Bar in Santa Monica played host to two members of the reggae's first family, Stephen Marley and Damian Marley on May 12. Playing to a sold out crowd, Stephen and Damian turned the Temple Bar into a frenzied mass of Rasta love.

Stephen and Damian visited Temple Bar as part of their national "Welcome to Jamrock Tour." Opening the show was Stephen, whose resemblance to his father is uncanny. He emanated with a sound that was a realization of his powers — and his legacy. With the legend himself now a memory in all of our hearts, the next best thing — his son.

Stephen threw in a few of his father's well known numbers — closing your eyes it could've been Bob Marley himself singing. Stephen's own numbers were soulful, with hip hop beats, smoky bass and winding keyboard runs.

Headlining was the young lion dubbed as "Jr. Gong," Damian Marley. With the temperature inside the Temple Bar at 100 degrees and the audience about to spontaneously combust, Damian delivered his own special blend of Marley magic. He started off with his own rendition of "Sun is Shining" and quickly moved into his own stylistically booty shaking, dance hall ragga. Using the same core band as his brother, they effortlessly bust out the fattest, grooviest dance hall ragga heard to date.

The highlight of the evening was his version of Bob Marley's "Exodus." They started off the song with a sample from the original track and then broke into a twisted blaze of ragga dance hall abandon. The band would then seamlessly return back to the original as if to give the crowd a breather.

Damian then cooled the tempo and slowed it down to actually give the audience a message — that health is important with lyrics like "live on fruit and fiber like long life survivors." Was Jr. Gong preaching goodwill and health to his audience?

The encore was well received after the crowd had been chanting "Marley, Marley" for five minutes. This saw the return of Damian and Stephen to perform a duet of one of the greatest reggae's songs of all time, "Is This Love."

These two brothers rocked the Temple Bar in a Rasta love way that only they as sons of a legend could do. It was like seeing jazz played by the greats, only this time it was reggae played by royalty.



Planner says Clinton aide hid costs of gala

BY PAUL CHAVEZ

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — An event planner testified this week that she was ordered by the former national finance director of Hillary Rodham Clinton's 2000 Senate campaign to obtain a fake invoice connected to a Hollywood fundraising gala.

Bretta Nock told jurors that ex-Clinton aide David Rosen told her to get a \$200,000 invoice for the concert portion of the event when the actual costs were much higher.

Rosen, 38, is accused of lying to the Federal Election Commission about the true costs of the August 2000 gala that drew celebrities, including Cher, Diana Ross, Brad Pitt, Jennifer Aniston and Muhammad Ali. Prosecutors contend that Rosen deliberately caused campaign

finance reports to be filed that claimed "in-kind" contributions of \$400,000 for the Hollywood gala, when he knew that contributions exceeded \$1.1 million.

Rosen has pleaded not guilty to three charges of filing false statements with the government. Each charge carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison, plus fines.

The case has been closely watched by Republicans hoping to scuttle Clinton's Senate re-election bid in 2006 and a potential 2008 run for the White House.

Clinton has not been charged in the case.

Peter Zeidenberg, of the Justice Department's public integrity division, presented evidence Wednesday showing that production costs for the concert had been budgeted at \$400,000, but the amount was later reduced to \$200,000

after the event.

Nock testified that Rosen told her to get a fake invoice for \$200,000 and that he also eliminated or reduced the amounts of other costs, such as invitations, floral arrangements and decorations, after the event.

Defense attorney Paul Mark Sandler on cross-examination elicited testimony from Nock in which she acknowledged telling an FBI agent a different story.

Sandler showed Nock a transcript of a January 2002 interview with the FBI in which she said that a campaign finance compliance officer, instead of Rosen, told her the \$200,000 invoice was needed.

She also acknowledged telling an FBI agent in October 2001 that she and Rosen had never discussed the final costs of the event, billed as a "Hollywood Gala Salute to President William Jefferson Clinton."

The event was bankrolled by Peter F. Paul, a three-time convicted felon who pleaded guilty in March to unrelated securities fraud charges.

It also was co-organized by Aaron Tonken, who is serving a 63-month prison sentence for unrelated charges of defrauding charities of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Rosen's defense team has been trying to persuade the jury that Tonken and Paul concealed information from him about the event's actual costs.

Prosecutors this week planned to call Raymond Reggie, a prominent political consultant whose sister is married to Sen. Edward Kennedy, to the stand. Reggie, who pleaded guilty last month to unrelated bank fraud charges in Louisiana, secretly recorded a conversation with his friend Rosen at a Chicago restaurant.

Large snowpack, rain, weather prompt flood fears

By The Associated Press

FRESNO — A large snowpack, heavy rain and the prediction of a warm week-end have water officials closely watching the state's swelling rivers.

"We're not expecting a major flood, but we're alerting people to watch out," Steve Goldstein, a meteorologist in the

Sacramento office of the National Weather Service, said Wednesday.

A wet winter dumped much more snow in the Sierra Nevada than usual — about 185 percent of normal, and more than Northern California has seen since 1998.

With rain predicted for the end of the week and the weather expected to warm up this weekend into the 80s and

90s in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys, some of that snow is starting to melt and flow into rivers.

The Sacramento River is reaching flood levels, and the Merced overflowed earlier this week, chasing away some campers, and inundating parking areas.

But state officials aren't worried, saying the dams that hold back the Sierra's

rivers still have plenty of room, and will be able to manage the extra flow.

"Our biggest concern is that the snowmelt will continue, and a lot of people are going to want to jump in the water and go kayaking or rafting," Goldstein said. "But that water's going to be really cold, and with the flows above normal, it could be dangerous."

Stormwater fund least in jeopardy

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costs, which also have gone up about 10 percent over the past three years.

The solid-waste rate increase proposals would be 20 percent starting in July, followed three years later with another one-time 4.5 percent increase; 15 and 10 percent for a consecutive two-year rate increase; and a 12 to 8 percent rate increase for a three-year recovery period. Those increases would be on a sliding scale.

That would mean the average single family solid-waste bill would bump from \$62 to \$74 for the timely, \$71 for the intermediate two-year and \$69 spread out for three years for the extended recovery.

A multiple-family complex would increase from \$120 to \$144, with the timely, \$138 with the intermediate and \$134 with the extended recovery.

Commercial rates would jump from \$157 to \$188 with the timely, \$181 with the intermediate and \$176 with the extended recovery.

A rate increase was suggested in 2003, but was never put into place.

SEWAGE CENTS

The wastewater fund is used to operate and maintain the sanitary sewer collection system for Santa Monica. It also is tied in with the storm drain system and City Hall's recycled water production and distribution system.

Valued at \$23 million in 2002, the wastewater fund is currently worth \$10 million. At that rate of decline, city staff said the fund would bust by 2007 without City Hall taking any steps to correct the problem.

Stark explained to the council that capital payments to the Hyperion Treatment Plant alone account for 22.5 percent of City Hall's wastewater budget and is expected to increase more than 30 percent the next two years.

Overall fund expenditures exceed fund revenues by \$4.1 million this year, and staff is expecting another \$5.8 million gap for next fiscal year.

At that pace, staff expects the bond to be non-compliant by 2007 if no further steps are taken.

To restore the wastewater fund balance to comfortable levels, staff suggests the council consider increasing the wastewater service rate by 25 percent for a one-year recovery, 15 percent for a two-year recovery and 10 percent for a three-year recovery.

That would mean the average family wastewater residential bill in Santa Monica would increase from \$37.33 to \$46.66 in the drastic scenario, \$42.93 with the two-year recovery and \$41.06 for the three-year recovery.

The wastewater fund rate structure was adopted in 1996. A rate study was conducted in 2003, after which Stark said a staff recommended rate increase was not carried out.

RIDING THE STORM OUT

City Hall's stormwater fund reached \$2 million in 2003, dipped in the past two years, and is expected to peak slightly over \$2 million this year.

However, if the stormwater fund is not shored up, the fund will continue to decrease and is expected to hit zero in 2009.

At the same time, the fund managing Santa Monica's stormwater — runoff rainwater that ends up in the ocean — is risking future costs if it's not compliant with the Regional Water Quality Management Board, a government entity that oversees municipal handling of stormwater.

Since City Hall's stormwater fund is the least in jeopardy, officials have put off further discussion of the fund to a study session later this summer.

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STATE BRIEFS

City to cut a deal with tree hacker

By The Associated Press

MANHATTAN BEACH — The city wants to make a deal with a resident facing criminal charges for allegedly violating the community tree preservation ordinance when he chopped down two mature pine trees.

Charles Pearlman said the trees were diseased and a public safety hazard so he cut down the trees in February, with the blessing of neighbors. But the city said the large African fern pines were healthy.

City Attorney Robert Wadden said the case will be dismissed if Pearlman agrees to plant two trees to replace the downed pines. A formal deal is expected to be struck in court on Tuesday.

“It’s not like my client got up one day and decided to cut down these trees. And it was not as if his neighbors begged him not to cut the trees. In fact, they said, ‘Go on. Good riddance,’” Pearlman attorney George Bird said.

City planners said they examined the trees a day before they were cut down and they were healthy. They said Pearlman knew it was illegal to chop them down but he took them out because they interfered with his redesign plans.

The city imposed a tree preservation ordinance in 2003 making it illegal to remove trees.

“The reason we have this ordinance is to protect trees, not punish people,” Wadden said. “We had no intentions of running the defendant to the ground. All we want to do is to send a strong message to the community that we are serious about preserving trees in this city.”

Officer pleads no contest to sex with inmate

By The Associated Press

RANCHO CUCAMONGA — A former officer at the Chino women’s prison pleaded no contest to charges he had sex with an inmate.

Jasper Ayala, 56, will be sentenced June 30 by Superior Court Judge Gerard Brown, who is expected to order 270 days in jail or electronic monitoring, prosecutors said after Wednesday’s plea.

Ayala, who was a lieutenant at the California Institution for Women, coerced a female inmate to perform a sex act on him inside the prison in April 2002, prosecutors said. The woman gave DNA evidence from the encounter to investigators.

Ayala, who pleaded no contest to two felonies, retired from his job with full benefits in September 2002.

Twice-Tasered suspect dies in custody

By The Associated Press

RANCHO CUCAMONGA — Deputies said a man died after he was subdued twice with Taser electronic stun weapons because he was combative during his arrest and later in a jail cell.

Leroy Pierson, 55, of Apple Valley was taken unconscious to Kaiser Permanente Medical Center on Monday. He died Tuesday night, the San Bernardino County coroner’s office said.

Deputies were called to Apple Valley about 5 p.m. Monday after someone reported a man was waving a belt and behaving oddly as he walked along Bear Valley Road, investigators said.

Deputies determined he was apparently under the influence of drugs and he had two warrants for his arrest, so he was placed under arrest, sheriff’s spokeswoman Cindy Beavers said. It took three deputies to put him in the patrol car.

When deputies ordered the handcuffed Pierson out of the car at the jailhouse, he refused and again became combative so deputies used a Taser to subdue him and take him to a cell, investigators said.

Inside the cell, Pierson again resisted and a Taser weapon was again used and he fell unconscious. Beavers said it wasn’t clear if Pierson was handcuffed the second time.

An autopsy will be conducted by an outside agency to determine the cause of death.

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Worldwide coastal cleanup bags 4,000 tons of debris

BY JEANNETTE J. LEE

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — Cigarettes and food wrappers were the most common types of trash plucked from beaches in a worldwide coastal cleanup last year, statistics show.

More than 300,000 volunteers from 88 countries removed nearly 4,000 tons of litter and debris during The Ocean Conservancy's daylong shoreline cleanup in September.

In Hawaii, volunteers fanned out along beaches and waterways, including the seldom-visited Slipper Island near the Honolulu International Airport.

"It was like that whole island was built on plastic bags," Chris Woolaway, coordinator of the Hawaii cleanup, said Wednesday. "It's an incredible amount of stuff that ends up on our beaches."

Of the more than 7.1 million pieces of trash collected worldwide, cigarettes accounted for 1.3 million, or about 18 percent, while food wrappers and containers came in

next at almost 11 percent. People using the shoreline for recreational activities generated about 72 percent of the trash, the environmental advocacy group said.

In Canada, the coastal cleanup netted oddities including love letters, a full bottle of wine, a parking meter top, a 10-pound bag of onions and a hula hoop, said Tara Taylor, director of conservation programs at the Vancouver Aquarium & Marine Science Center in British Columbia.

Marine debris such as fishing line and nets can damage coral reefs and kill sea animals, according to The Ocean Conservancy, whose members are in Honolulu for the cleanup's annual conference, which begins Friday.

U.S. participation was the highest, with 158,000 volunteers clearing almost 2,000 tons of debris from more than 8,000 miles of beaches, streams and riverbanks.

The Ocean Conservancy, a Washington-based advocacy group, has organized the International Coastal Cleanup for the past 19 years.

Final Los Alamos management proposal sweetens deal to run lab

BY ERICA WERNER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Aiming to install strong, new management at the troubled Los Alamos nuclear weapons lab, the federal government will pay up to \$79 million to a new lab manager — nearly 10 times what the University of California now makes for the job.

The final request for proposals released Thursday in the first-ever competition to run the New Mexico lab also requires the new contractor to assume more risk and create a new pension plan to replace the university's generous deal.

The changes are designed to usher in a new era of operational efficiency at the storied lab where the atomic bomb was designed, but which has seen its reputation stained by a recent series of problems, including the dis-

appearance of two classified computer disks that were later discovered never to have existed. The lab's director, Pete Nanos, announced his resignation earlier this month.

"I think that what people will see over time is good operations and good business aren't the enemies of great science, they enable it," said Tyler Przybylek, chairman of the board of National Nuclear Security Administration officials who will evaluate proposals.

Bidders will have until July 19 to submit proposals, and the NNSA, part of the Department of Energy, aims to award a new contract Dec. 1.

The University of California, which made up to \$8 million a year running the lab, has not yet decided whether to bid, but recently announced it was teaming up with engineering powerhouse Bechtel to prepare a potential bid. Lockheed Martin and Northrop Grumman have announced plans to compete.

United States might consolidate nuclear materials to reduce terrorist risk

BY CHRISTOPHER SMITH

Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho — To guard against terrorists storming a U.S. weapons lab and setting off a crude nuclear device, the Bush administration is considering consolidating much of the nation's plutonium and bomb-grade uranium at a few highly secure sites, including concrete bunkers in Idaho.

Currently, the material is scattered at 13 sites around the country.

Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman is expected to get an advisory board's report next month on the potential cost savings and security improvements from combining the hundreds of tons of weapons fuel.

The Energy Department and a federal agency that oversees the nation's nuclear stockpile have been discussing the idea for more than a year, after a series of security lapses during mock terrorist attacks at federal weapons labs.

"The argument is by putting more of the materials in fewer places, you simply reduce security risks and therefore reduce the cost of securing the materials," said Anson Franklin, spokesman for the National Nuclear Security Administration in Washington.

Authorities fear a suicidal terrorist squad could penetrate lab security and trigger a nuclear explosion.

The United States no longer manufactures or tests nuclear weapons. But scientists still use small amounts for research, including studying how existing nuclear warheads age and how weapons might be built by terrorists or rogue nations.

Then-Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham last year proposed a series of steps to tighten security, including

creating an elite federal force to guard nuclear installations and moving the most sensitive nuclear material from labs that are in populated areas or have security vulnerabilities.

But an organization that monitors nuclear security says the department has been slow to follow through because some labs have resisted.

"It's very much like the whole base-closing thing: No one is going to agree to close their own facility," said Danielle Brian, executive director of the Project on Government Oversight, a Washington-based group that has lobbied for tighter security at Energy Department labs.

A new report by the group estimates consolidation of bomb-grade material would save \$3 billion over the next three years.

The group proposes removing all weapons-grade material from six sites: Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, Calif.; Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M.; the Hanford Nuclear Reservation near Richland, Wash.; Savannah River near Aiken, S.C.; Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tenn.; and Argonne National Laboratory West near Idaho Falls, Idaho.

The material would then be placed with existing stockpiles or in unused bunkers under beefed-up security at seven sites: the Idaho National Laboratory, the Nevada Test Site north of Las Vegas; Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, N.M.; the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas; the Y-12 National Security Complex at Oak Ridge; the BWXT Nuclear Products Division in Lynchburg, Va., and Nuclear Fuel Services in Erwin, Tenn.

One of the structures proposed for use at the Idaho National Laboratory is Building 691, a never-used \$450 million underground bunker with 5-foot-thick concrete walls.

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Iraq calls on neighbor countries to secure border

BY PATRICK QUINN

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari called on neighboring countries Thursday to help prevent foreign terrorists from crossing into Iraq as a series of attacks killed more than a dozen Iraqis and two American soldiers.

Al-Jaafari's appeal came a day after a top U.S. military official said the leaders of Iraq's most notorious terrorist group recently held a secret meeting in neighboring Syria, where they plotted the recent wave of insurgent violence that has killed hundreds of people.

"There are infiltrations of non-Iraqis through the border to carry out sabotage activities," al-Jaafari said of the meeting that may have been attended by most-wanted militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi himself. "It's up to our geographical neighbors. We are keen to preserve relations between us and neighboring countries, and these relations should be good."

He was speaking after a meeting with U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Robert Zoellick, who said al-Zarqawi's aim was to divide Iraqi society.

"Part of these attacks stem from the successes of the new government. The insurgents wanted to stop the elections and failed. The insurgents wanted to stop the formation of a new Iraqi government and they failed, so now they are trying to split the society," Zoellick said.

He added that "it's very clear that this evil wants to destroy a democratic Iraq. These people will not be easy to counter because they commit suicide in a random way."

Zoellick said he and al-Jaafari had discussed the militant meeting in Syria and the prime minister "was quite strong in his

statements about the need for Iraq's neighbors, and particularly Syria ... not to undermine stability here."

The Syrian meeting has led to one of the bloodiest periods since the U.S.-led invasion two years ago. More than 520 people have been killed since the country's new Shiite-dominated government was announced April 28.

The oil ministry employee Ali Hamid Alwan al-Dulaimy, 31, was killed by three men firing pistols from a minivan as he walked out of his house toward his car in Baghdad, his brother, Ahmed Hamid Alwan al-Dulaimy, said in a telephone interview.

Also Thursday, eight people were killed and three injured in an ambush in the northern city of Mosul against Fawaz al-Jarba, a member of the Iraqi National Assembly who was a recent candidate for parliament speaker.

At least eight bodies were taken to the Jamhuri Teaching Hospital after they were killed in or near al-Jarba's house, Dr. Bahaa-Eddine al-Bakri said. Al-Jarba was not injured.

Witnesses and Ali al-Faisal, a member of the Shiite clergy-backed United Iraqi Alliance, said U.S. troops were involved in the incident, but their role remained unclear. The U.S. military was investigating, a spokesman said.

One U.S. soldier was killed when his convoy struck a roadside bomb in south-east Baghdad, the military said. Another American soldier was killed and five wounded late Wednesday in a rocket attack on Camp Ar Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad. The soldiers' names were withheld pending notification of relatives.

Three American soldiers also were injured when a roadside bomb blast struck their patrol in Dujayl, 35 miles north of

Baghdad, military spokesman Sgt. David Rhodes said.

At least 1,624 members of the U.S. military have died since the Iraq war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

A suicide bomber also drove his car into an Iraqi army checkpoint in southern Baghdad's Dora neighborhood, killing one soldier and injuring eight, Iraqi army Capt. Firas Aied said.

Iran's foreign minister met Thursday with Iraq's top Shiite Muslim cleric in the holy city of Najaf, south of Baghdad.

Kamal Kharrazi, the highest level official from any of Iraq's six neighbors to visit Iraq since Saddam Hussein's ouster two years ago, met with Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani. No details were available, but both men have called for calm in Iraq amid an increased number of apparent tit-for-tat killings between the Shiite and Sunni populations.

Kharrazi said his visit to Najaf, which included a stop at the shrine of Imam Ali in Najaf, one of Iraq's holiest, was a "religious journey, not a political one."

Facing accusations that Iraq's neighbors were doing too little to stop terrorists from entering Iraq, Kharrazi said there was no proof Iran was supporting militants here and claims Tehran was backing the insurgency were "baseless."

"The Iraqi provinces along the Iranian borders, are more secured than other provinces," Kharrazi said at a press conference.

Also this week, a chilling, rambling Internet audiotape purportedly by al-Zarqawi surfaced. It denounced Iraq's Shiites as U.S. collaborators and said killing them is justified.

The Jordanian-born al-Zarqawi and his key militant leadership have met at least

five times in foreign countries during the conflict, most recently during the past 30 days in Syria, according to the senior U.S. military official, who briefed reporters on condition he not be named.

He did not identify the other countries but said neighboring Iran, a Shiite theocracy, was not one of them.

He said the military obtained information during questioning of insurgent prisoners, from Iraqi military sources and field intelligence in determining that the most recent meeting had taken place in Syria.

He said that U.S. forces were constantly disrupting insurgent activities, but success was not guaranteed and could take "many years."

"If we fail, the different groups would be at each other's throats and warfare would continue for some time," he said. "If we take our foot off their throats, this country could be back into civil war and chaos."

The Syrian foreign and information ministries were unavailable for comment on the alleged terrorist gathering on their soil.

In other developments:

■ A roadside bomb killed two Iraqi police officers in Baqouba.

■ Gunmen killed policeman Omar Majeed Shakir al-Dosh and his father in Samarra, officials said.

■ A drive-by shooting late Wednesday killed Salah Niyazi, an official from the Youth and Sport Ministry, in Baghdad, police said.

■ The opening of a NATO training camp for Iraqi officers in Baghdad has been delayed until at least late September, German Gen. Harald Kujat, chairman of the alliance's military committee, said in Hungary.

Canadian eyes on Parliament Hill during confidence vote

BY BETH DUFF-BROWN

Associated Press Writer

TORONTO — Canadian eyes were turned to Parliament Hill for Thursday's confidence vote — the most dramatic in decades — but with the defection of a Conservative member of parliament to the Liberal ranks the defeat for the minority government of Prime Minister Paul Martin has grown less certain.

Canadians will also be eager to see the next episode in what has overnight become a political soap opera not seen since the days of Margaret and Pierre Trudeau, the Liberal first couple who separated in office during the 1970s.

Martin's chances of remaining in power appeared grim before this week, with the opposition Conservatives seizing on a corruption scandal within his Liberal Party. But Conservative MP Belinda Stronach stunned Parliament Hill on Tuesday by crossing over to the Liberals and pledging to help them pass the federal budget on Thursday.

That vote will stand as an official test of confidence in Martin's 11-month minority government. If the budget fails, Martin has said he would dissolve Parliament, triggering general elections in June.

Stronach's defection was a huge blow for Stephen Harper, the leader of the Conservatives who up until a few days ago believed he could topple Martin.

"The stakes are very high here for those two men," said Grace Skogstad, a professor of political science at the University of Toronto.

Stronach, a 39-year-old Ontario millionaire who left her job as CEO of an auto parts empire to run for Parliament last year, was immediately rewarded with the Cabinet post of minister for human resources, a plum job for a political newcomer. She is friendly with former President Clinton and is often photographed with an array of Hollywood stars.

The Liberals and their allies now appear to have 152 seats in the 308-member House of Commons who will vote in favor of the budget. Conservatives, who have allied with the French-separatist Bloc Quebecois, also appear to have 152. There are three independents whose votes are now crucial; the Speaker of the House is a Liberal who votes only if there is a tie.

One of the independents has already said she will vote to pass the budget. Another, Chuck Cadman, has hinted he would side with the Liberals as his constituents in rural British Columbia weren't eager for new elections.

The big question mark is the third independent, David Kilgour, who quit the Liberals in April, saying the Martin administration has not done enough to help farming families and was "not living up to the expectations of Canadians in the spheres of defense, diplomacy, trade and development."

Stronach's defection, meanwhile, unleashed nasty, at times sexist, comments from her new Conservative opponents and the media. The National Post ran a bold headline Wednesday that read: Blonde Bombshell. Another newspaper called her a "House-wrecker," and one Montreal paper ran a lascivious cartoon of Martin asking Stronach to hop in his car, as if she were a streetwalker.

Several Tory MPs said Stronach had "whored" and "prostituted" herself.

The flap has been given tabloid allure because Stronach was dating deputy Conservative Party leader Peter MacKay, also 39. The power couple was credited with giving the Tories badly needed progressive, youthful appeal.

"They've just had a kick in the gut," Skogstad said of the old-guard conservatives who believed Stronach could deliver new seats in Ontario, the country's most populous province and a traditional Liberal stronghold.

MacKay disappeared Tuesday, after Stronach told reporters she would not discuss their relationship yet wished him well. He resurfaced at his father's farm in Nova Scotia, saying he was blindsided by her defection.

"My heart's a little banged up. But that will heal," he told CBC TV in a snip replayed on the national network all day Wednesday.

MacKay said he would return to Ottawa on Thursday and would stand on

the other side of the House from Stronach to vote against her new party.

The Conservatives have for weeks been demanding that Martin resign, accusing the Liberals of no longer having the moral mandate to run the country. Allegations of money laundering and kickbacks have dogged the Liberals with daily testimony from a federal inquiry into a national unity program under then-Liberal Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

Martin has not been implicated in the fiasco and demanded a federal inquiry into the corruption allegations when he took office last June.

The opposition has nonetheless accused Martin of using a visit by Queen Elizabeth II to divert attention from the scandal before Thursday's vote.

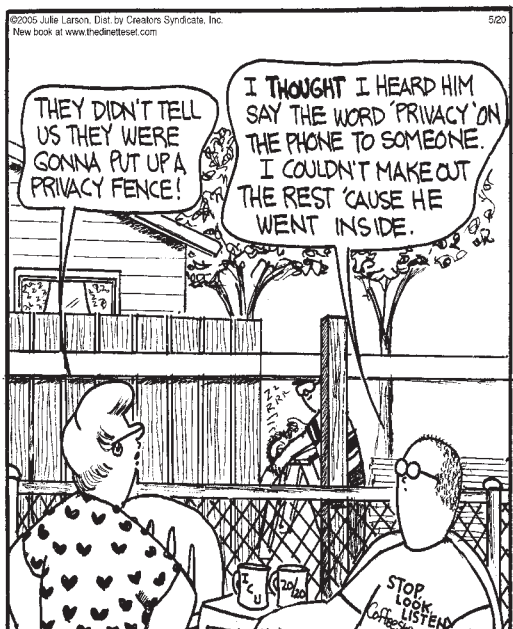
The queen and her husband, Prince Philip, are on nine-day visit to honor the centennials of the entry of Saskatchewan and neighboring Alberta provinces into the Canadian confederation. Queen Elizabeth II is the symbolic head of state in Canada, a member of the British Commonwealth of former colonies.

She has said she will continue with her visit regardless whether new elections are called.

If the government were to fall on Thursday, the queen's official representative in Canada, Governor General Adrienne Clarkson, would become involved in procedural matters, but not the queen herself.

The Dinette Set by Julie Larson

By Russ Wallace



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