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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

■ In January, doctors at the Selian Hospital, Arusha, Tanzania, removed a toothbrush from the stomach of a 54-year-old man who had become the latest person to swallow one while brushing his teeth. And in December in Cortland, N.Y., Ron Tanner was captured after about a year on the run as a fugitive from a prison in Wyoming, where he was serving time for theft. Tanner is now the latest innocent man (the Wyoming Supreme Court recently threw out his theft conviction) jailed for escaping from a prison where he was being wrongfully detained, and he faces up to 10 years behind bars if convicted.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

When dealing with the insane, the best method is to pretend to be sane.

— Herman Hesse



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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Workers give the structures of Virginia Avenue Park a facelift on Tuesday morning. Plans call for new restrooms and renovations to two buildings on the 9-acre site.

Virginia Park saves face

\$13M renovation should be done by next summer

By Daily Press staff

PICO NEIGHBORHOOD — A \$13 million expansion and renovation to one of the largest parks in Santa Monica is well underway.

The new Virginia Avenue Park will be fully staffed with all programs running by next summer, officials said. Once opened, it will feature 9.5 acres of parkland, basketball courts, playgrounds and community meeting rooms, as well as an outdoor stage.

Work crews this week are building

new restrooms and an activity room off of Virginia Avenue, while renovating two buildings along Pico Boulevard that used to belong to Plastic Mart.

The Plastic Mart buildings — at 2101 and 2115 Pico Blvd. — will be used for a youth center, park activity rooms, administrative offices and for a fitness room for the Police Activities League, which serves local youths, said Karen Ginsberg, assistant director of City Hall's community and cultural services department.

Previously covering 5.8 acres, the new Virginia Avenue Park will be bounded by Pico Boulevard to the south,

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Ex-Raider will take the stand in own defense

Smith is accused of setting fire to Simply Sofas on Lincoln Blvd.

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

AIRPORT COURT-HOUSE — A former Oakland Raider accused of setting fire to a Lincoln Boulevard furniture and antique store will testify in his own defense, his attorney told jurors Tuesday.

Lawyers gave brief opening statements Tuesday morning in the jury trial against Anthony Wayne Smith, 36, who is accused of starting the February 2003 fire that gutted both Simply Sofas and Lona Antiques on the 2300 block of Lincoln Boulevard, causing more than \$2 million in damages to the conjoined stores. Smith was said to have had a dispute with the store owner over a \$600 payment.

Smith was a standout defensive end for the Raiders from 1991 to 1997, playing with the team in both Los Angeles and Oakland. He was arrested last summer in connection with the blaze and is being held in lieu of \$1 million bail.

Investigators said the fire was started by three oversized water jugs stuffed with papers and filled with gasoline, thrown through a side window into the furniture shop. Not all of the papers inside the jugs burned entirely and Smith's name and address was found printed on several of them.

Deputy District Attorney Jean Daly alleged Smith set the fire after Marilyn Nelson, owner of Simply

Sofas, refused to pay nearly \$600 for a statue of the Washington Monument that Smith had left at the store to be sold on consignment. The statue was broken, and neither side took responsibility for the damage.

"The type of fire that we're talking about here today is a revenge fire, pure and simple," Daly told the jury of five women and seven men.

Michael Houchin, Smith's lawyer, kept his remarks to just a few minutes. He told jurors Smith would take the stand in the trial and reminded them that prosecutors are relying on circumstantial evidence. Houchin also pointed out that Smith had tried to resolve the dispute in a civilized manner, initiating paperwork for a small claims lawsuit against the store owner.

Houchin said the only feasible explanation for why Smith's old and dated mail was in the water jugs was that Smith had used a dumpster outside the store to throw away some items from a storage space he was moving out of at the same time he left items on consignment at the store.

Smith had sold antique and collectible items on consignment at the store on several previous occasions. At the time of the dispute, Smith was asking for \$1,200 for two statues, but Nelson only paid him \$615. She later paid him \$845 when Smith claimed he had lost the first check, but quickly stopped payment after realizing the \$615 check had been cashed. The fire was set shortly after Nelson stopped payment.

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 ★★-So-so ★-Difficult



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Unexpected news could toss your frame of mind in the air. Listen more and think about the ramifications of going overboard with work, actions and being overly busy. Sometimes you avoid reflection and deeper thought through activity. Tonight: Do some mind-wandering.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Do your best to stay on top of what you want, working with others and their needs. You cannot always determine what is best for everyone. In fact, you can only make choices for yourself. Don't push in money matters. Tonight: Dinner for two.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Let everyone else do and say what he or she wants, as long as it doesn't impact you. You could wind up in a power struggle when you least want to. Do your thing as you loosen up. You also might want to just hang out. Tonight: Just don't be alone.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Dig into work, knowing that soon you will need time to play. Organize, streamline and demonstrate your high level of efficiency. Take frequent exercise breaks (i.e., walking to the candy machine). Push to complete as much as you can. Tonight: Work late.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Ever playful, others might misread the goal-driven Lion. You want what you want and plan to get just that. A friend might care a lot more than he or she is willing to let you know. What are your feelings about this person? Tonight: Play away.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Basics count. Stay stable and don't push too hard, especially in matters involving bosses, property and family. In fact, you might feel as if you are walking on eggshells (and you very well might be). Delicacy and diplomacy are today's bywords. Tonight: Tiptoe home!



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You might feel like saying something rather powerful, but hold back. Why? Sometimes you might be better off expressing your feelings. Return calls and reach out to others. Network all you want. Play away. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★ Examine what is needed to fulfill a financial request; it might be paying your bills. Requests made by a loved one need to be tossed aside until you feel more secure financially, or at least until you have regained control. Tonight: Tell it like it is.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You're in one of your power days, but you might have difficulty pleasing everyone at one time. Better yet, claim your power when working with the complicated forces in your life. Agree to a late-afternoon meeting. Tonight: Let the fun begin.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★ You choose (wisely) to say little in today's complicated atmosphere. Others find you unpredictable. Others seem to provide a roller-coaster ride. Go within for answers. Tonight: Detach.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You might want to think before you take a financial leap, because something might be going on that you don't see. Trust your advice and no one else's — if you're smart. Friends mean well, but they force their choices on you. Tonight: Get into a baseball game, go bowling or do some other favored activity.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ How you go about certain key matters could irritate someone close. You might want to be a little more careful with the boss or a family member. Those close to you are likely to be far more forgiving. Stay in touch with responsibilities. Tonight: In the limelight.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Politics as unusual at SMC concert

By Daily Press staff

City Councilman Kevin McKeown will lead the Santa Monica College Concert Band this weekend at the college.

McKeown will serve as conductor for the Concert Band, who will be performing their annual Pops concert on Sunday, June 6, at 4 p.m. at the SMC Concert Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd. Music performed will be by such artists as Henry Mancini, Charles Ives, PDQ Bach and George Gershwin, and will include a special salute to John Williams and the Summer Olympics. Tickets are \$8.

Stars come out for 'Lord of the Rings'

By Daily Press staff

They can't be seen on the movie screen, but there are lords of the rings to explore in outerspace.

"Lord of the Rings" an exploration of Saturn's myriad rings and its giant moon Titan, will be the feature show June 4, 11 and 18 at Santa Monica College's Friday night astronomy series.

The guest lecture will be "Cassini at Saturn." Kevin Grazier of the Jet Propulsion Lab's Cassini Mission will describe Cassini's arrival at Saturn. The guest lecture will be June 25.

The feature show and guest lecture are at 8 p.m. Each is preceded by "The Night Sky Show," which re-creates the night sky and provides the latest information on space exploration. The show begins at 7 p.m.

The astronomy shows are held in the John Drescher Planetarium, which features the state-of-the-art Digistar projection system. It is located on the second floor of Drescher Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd. The guest lectures are in science lecture hall 140.

Tickets are \$5 each or \$9 for the "double bill," with discounts for children and senior citizens. For information, call (310) 434-4223 or (310) 434-3000.

All about Elks: Local chapter brings home hardware

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica Elks won four major achievement awards at the state convention in Ontario last week.

The first award was for putting on all recommended projects in a satisfactory manner. The second was for having the largest per capita donations to the Major Project, which funds scholarships and youth activities, among other things. The lodge donated \$17,007 per capita — \$56.50 per member. The district donated \$74,892. The third award was for overall performance on a district level.

The fourth award was given to the lodge that best represented the principles of Elldom in the state of California in Division II in all categories.

The awards were based on the lodge year 2003-2004, in which Raedean Kiesz was the Exalted Ruler. Raedean said that special thanks were due to Leading Knight Ray Beers, who assembled and submitted the necessary documentation to the state office. She said that it was the efforts of the entire lodge — each chairman, each committee member and each individual member. They were in recognition of the total efforts of the lodge.

Doug Larson, state president, presented the awards to the current Exalted Ruler Doug Randall.

So, you want to run for office

By Daily Press staff

The League of Women Voters of Santa Monica Education Fund is once again sponsoring a workshop for Santa Monica and Malibu residents who are thinking about running for local elected office. Campaign managers and treasurers also are encouraged to attend.

The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, June 26, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and will be divided into three topic areas: Becoming a candidate; running a campaign; and what to do after you win.

The event will be held at the Ken Edwards Center on Fourth Street in downtown Santa Monica. The cost is \$25 per person, which covers materials and refreshments. Call (310) 720-8761 to RSVP.



SURF REPORT

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Wednesday will start off on the slow side with a touch of local windswell and minor leftovers from the southern hemisphere. Most spots will be in the knee-waist high range while the best windswell spots see some slightly bigger sets. New SW swell may send in a few long-period forerunners as we move into the late afternoon but don't expect much size from it before sundown.

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TUESDAY	2:50	-0.9	2:04	1.5	9:08	3.9	8:25	6.7
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The Q-Line

While pouring over the upcoming year's \$377 million budget, the Santa Monica City Council this week noticed a key expense missing: The living wage.

Council members want to mandate that City Hall workers make a minimum of \$11.50 an hour, and that would include all contractors who have \$25,000 projects or more with the city. The additional cost to City Hall would surpass \$1 million.

City officials already have cut \$2 million from the budget and found ways to increase revenues to close a \$4 million budget short-

fall. Belt tightening is expected for a couple of more years.

So, this week Q-Line wants to know, "Do you think City Hall should pursue a living wage for its employees despite its budget crunch? Why or why not?"

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Trial against former Raider heats up today

TRIAL, from page 1

Santa Monica Fire Department firefighter and paramedic Jeff Furrows was one of the first witnesses to take the stand after lawyers gave opening statements. Furrows said he and fellow SMFD firefighter Matthew Norris, both from Station Three at 19th Street and Arizona Avenue, used bolt cutters and a circular saw to break through a gate and a set of double doors to access the blaze.

After less than five minutes in the hot, smoky building, crawling on the ground while they searched with a fire hose for the core of the blaze, Furrows and Norris were called back because the structure was deemed unsafe. Firefighters then switched from what's considered an offensive fight to a defensive one, and a

bigger hose was used to drench the blaze from outside.

The brick exterior of the building was saved, though the rest of the property was gutted and an engineer had to brace the building before investigators could re-enter the premises. The property has remained vacant since, though recently signs outside have advertised it as available to rent.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Keith Schwartz at the Airport Courthouse near LAX is hearing the case, which is expected to be finished this week. It will resume today with further expert testimony from police officers and firefighters who responded to and investigated the fire.

During a preliminary trial in the case in December, Houchin said he could understand why officials suspected Smith, but

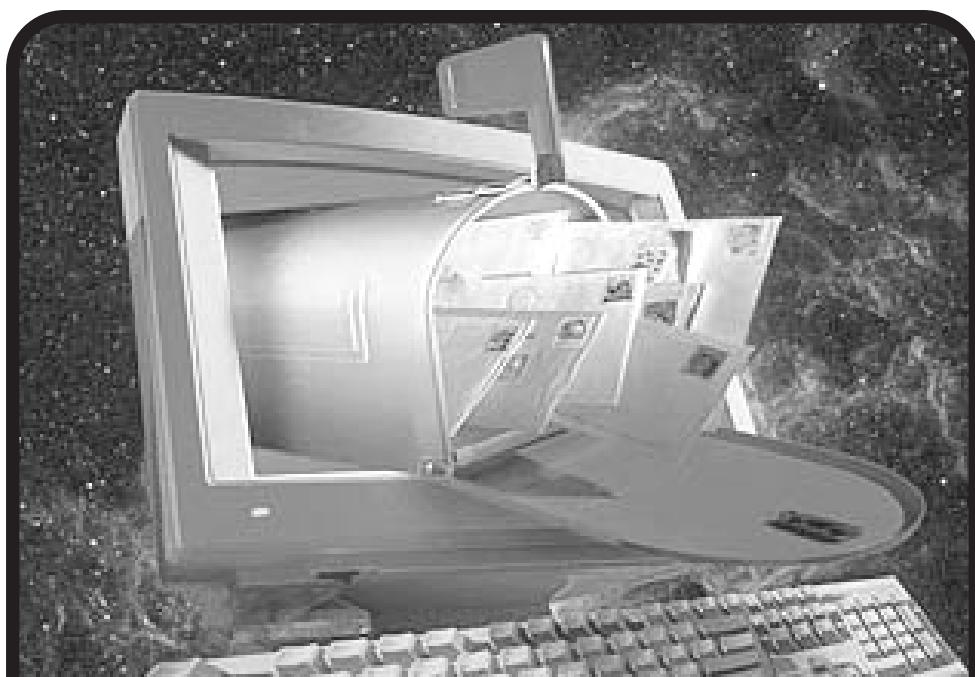
stressed that the evidence didn't add up. He also pointed to a handful of dumpster fires in the nearby area, indicating the Simply Sofas fire could have been started by the same unknown group.

Santa Monica Police Department Sgt. Robert Amada testified during the preliminary trial that he went to Smith's home in Marina del Rey, where he lives with his wife and two children. He said Smith, at first, was defensive and thought Nelson had pointed investigators in his direction. But when Amada showed Smith photocopies of the mail with his name on the envelopes found inside the water jugs, Smith's tone changed.

"He put his hand on the counter, dropped his head, and began to weep and sob," Amada testified. "He said, 'I'm sorry. I'm so sorry.'"

Smith's wife, a fixture at previous court dates, wasn't present Tuesday because she is expected to testify in the case and therefore could be influenced by the trial. Rector Hartshorn Murphy and associate rector Joyce Stickney, both from St. Augustine's By-The-Sea, an Episcopal church on Fourth Street in downtown Santa Monica, attended the proceedings. Smith was an active churchgoer and involved with several charities throughout Los Angeles.

Dressed in a dark gray suit with a light purple tie, Smith sat quietly through the beginning of the trial, occasionally jotting down notes on a notepad or leaning over to exchange comments with his lawyer. He was kept in a lockup facility during a lunch break, and returned to the Twin Towers jail at day's end.



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Yes, Virginia, there is a remodeled park in town

PARK, from page 1

Cloverfield Boulevard to the east and Virginia Avenue to the north. Residences along 21st Street border the park's western edge. The police substation previously located on Pico Boulevard will be moved into the park.

"We've increased it significantly," said Ginsberg, adding the project has been in the works for more than a decade. "The building square footage has more than doubled, so in terms of community spaces there will be a lot more available. I think it will be a heavily used park."

Through the end of this month and into July, crews will be finishing work on the exterior of the park's buildings, Ginsberg said. Then the workers will tackle land-

scaping, irrigation and the park's playgrounds — one of which will include a "waterplay" fountain for children. Work on the project is expected to be completed by next June, and programs will be in place by July, Ginsberg added.

In total, the project is estimated to cost more than \$13 million, according to budget documents. Though \$10.6 of that money was set aside in previous years, another \$2.5 million is in the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year, which starts July 1.

Contractors last August were awarded \$9 million for the project, with a contingency of \$1.3 million, Ginsberg added.

— John Wood

Californians hit road despite rising gas costs

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — About 3 million Southern Californians traveled at least 50 miles during the Memorial Day weekend, an increase of 3 percent from last year, according to the American Automobile Association.

"People have gotten to the point where they feel more comfortable about traveling, and tend to go to where they consider are safe vacations," said Carol Thorp, spokeswoman for the Southern California

Auto Club and AAA.

Increased gas prices didn't deter road trips, mainly because driving is still cheaper than flying, Thorp said.

"This year, we are actually seeing a surge in all traveling, not just cars," Thorp said.

About 740,000 people traveled through Los Angeles International Airport between Friday and Monday, 12 percent more than last year, said spokeswoman Nancy Castles.

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STATE



Gallery owner abused for depiction of troops

BY LISA LEFF
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A San Francisco gallery owner bears a painful reminder of the nation's unresolved anguish over the incidents at the Abu Ghraib prison — a black eye delivered by an unknown assailant who apparently objected to a painting that depicts U.S. soldiers torturing Iraqi prisoners.

The assault outside the Capobianco gallery in the city's North Beach district last week was the worst in a string of verbal and physical attacks directed at Lori Haigh since the artwork was installed at her gallery on May 16.

San Francisco police are investigating and have stepped up patrols around the gallery. But Haigh decided to close the gallery indefinitely, citing concern for the safety of her two children, ages 14 and 4, who often accompanied her to work.

Guy Colwell's painting, titled "Abuse," depicts three U.S. soldiers leering at a group of naked men in hoods with wires connected to their bodies. The one in the foreground has a blood-spattered American flag patch on his uniform. In the background, a soldier in sunglasses guards a blindfolded woman.

The painting was part of a show of the Berkeley artist's work that mostly featured pastel-colored abstracts.

Colwell stopped by the gallery Friday, but refused to discuss his work or the reaction to it, saying only, "I'm sorry if this is putting pressure on Lori."

Two days after the painting went up in a front window, someone threw eggs and dumped trash on the doorstep. Haigh said she did not think to connect it to the events

at Baghdad's notorious prison until people started leaving nasty messages and threats on her business answering machine.

"I think you need to get your gallery out of this neighborhood before you get hurt," one caller said.

She removed the painting from the window, but the gallery's troubles received news coverage and the criticism continued. The answering machine recorded new calls from people accusing her of being a coward for moving the artwork.

Last weekend, Haigh said a man walked into the gallery, pretended to scrutinize the painting for a moment, then marched up to her desk and spat in her face.

On Thursday, someone knocked on the door of the gallery, then punched Haigh in the face when she stepped outside.

"This isn't art-politics central here at all," Haigh said. "I'm not here to make a stand. I never set out to be a crusader or a political activist."

In closing the gallery, Haigh was forced to cancel an upcoming show featuring counterculture artist Winston Smith.

For Haigh, who opened Capobianco a year and a half ago, having the chance to work with prominent artists fulfilled a lifelong dream.

"I kept thinking someday I'll have enough of a reputation where I could bring in my heroes of the art world, people like Guy Colwell especially," she said.

Haigh has received some expressions of support since closing the gallery. Her favorite: an e-mail whose writer said, "I'm sure that a few and dangerous minds don't understand that they have only mimicked the same perversity this painting had expressed."

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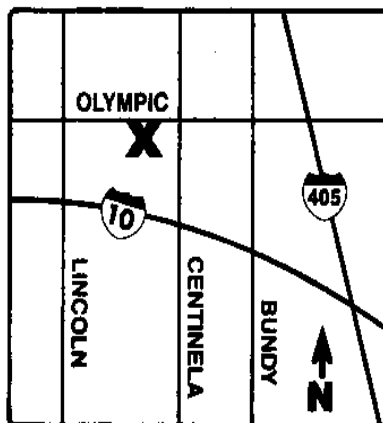
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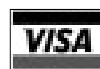
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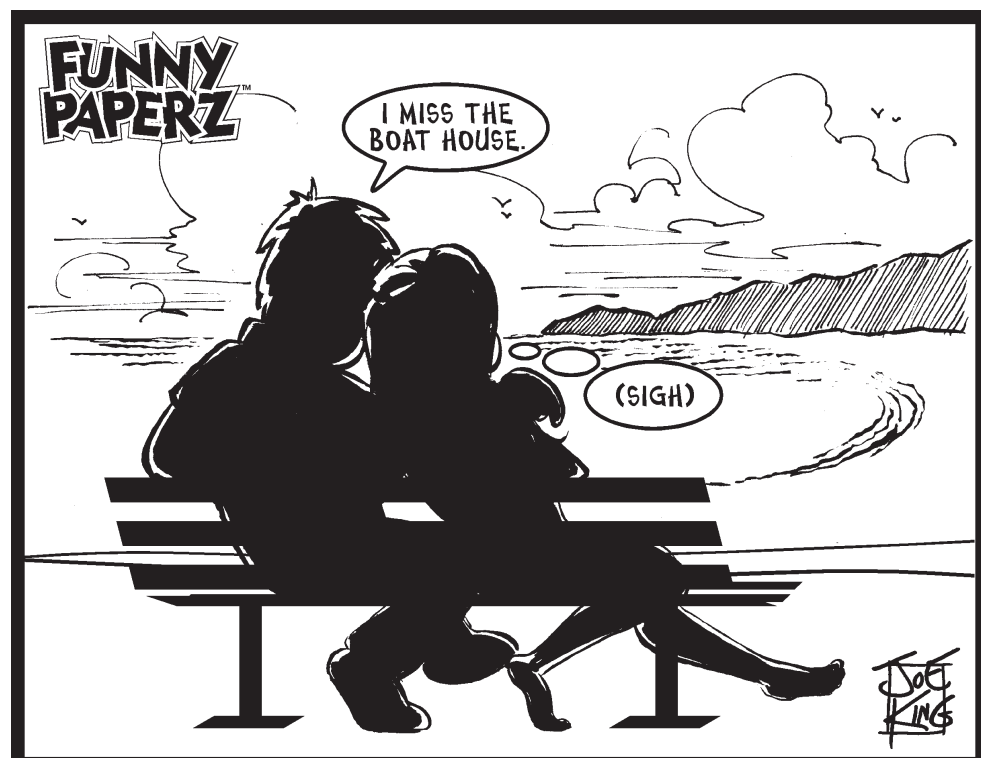
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Make a clean sweep of P.C. police

Editor:

Re: "Clean sweep the only answer to SM woes" (SMDP, May 28, page 4). I couldn't agree more with Mr. Bauer. The quality of life in Santa Monica has been ruined by the homeless/transient problem. Taxpayers continue to fund programs that don't do the job. The Third Street Promenade is a disgrace. Police stand by sipping Starbucks while the transients monopolize the nearby fountains and benches. Palisades Park is another blight on our city. Who could think of a family picnic when the manicured grounds are swarming with homeless? Finally, our great city having spent millions more, is in the process of building the finest hotel for the homeless — the new Santa Monica Main Public Library. There should be an ordinance concerning a basic level of hygiene that must be met in order to enter public libraries/places. How many of us have given up on the library entirely because we can't bear the stench of our "neighbors?" Ever try to take your child to the restroom and see a man bathing in the sink? We pay for these libraries and have been driven out of them. We pay for these parks and no longer can use them. Where's the compassion for the working class? As I write this, homeless are illegally picking through the recycling bins outside my home and hurling garbage all over the alley. When is enough enough? Now. This problem must be solved. Get rid of these City Hall politicians once and for all. It's time for the liberal, politically correct agenda of City Hall to be swept clean.

Rich Cooper
Santa Monica

Take care, Mr. Bauer

Editor:

Re: Bill Bauer's screed of May 28 (SMDP, page 4). Yes, there are indeed a great many mentally ill and seriously physically sick people currently living on the streets of Santa Monica. People that Mr. Bauer apparently considers, as he phrased it, "threat(s) to public health and safety." Perhaps, Mr. Bauer, it is time that someone care more about them than they do for you.

Rick Reutter
Venice

A good deed not gone unnoticed

Editor:

Kudos to Rich Robinson for collecting 8,000 paperback books to send to Marines overseas (SMDP, May 28, page 1). His unselfish work on behalf of our troops is inspirational. Thanks, Rich, and Semper Fi.

Glynn Morris
Playa del Rey

Burning over Bush

Editor:

George "Dubya" Bush started his presidency by giving everyone a small tax refund. I guess he figured that bought him time and billions of dollars to turn our country into a disaster of death and global destruction, despised by most of the world's residents, alienating most world leaders, including our former allies.

Was it worth it?

Flo Ginsburg
Santa Monica

A World War II veteran's harrowing tale of sacrifice



INCITES

BY ED SILVERSTEIN

On Memorial Day we commemorate those who serve our country. This year, with the formal dedication of the World War II Memorial, we pay special honor to the brave men and women who fought in what has been dubbed the war to end all wars. I would like to pay tribute to one of those brave fighting men.

Donald enlisted in the Air Force in October of 1943. He was only 17, but his parents had given him a note saying that he was 18. They had agreed to the deception because Donald had told them that if he enlisted he would be guaranteed a safe ground job. The truth was that he had promised his girlfriend that he would bring her back the silver wings of a flyer.

Donald was assigned to the 401st Bomb Group as a B-17 radio gunner. The B-17 was nicknamed the "flying fortress," though this may have been a misnomer. Slow and ungainly when loaded and extremely vulnerable when not escorted, less than one out of three airmen would survive the required 30 missions.

The first mishap occurred on his fourth mission. Donald's plane was returning from a bombing run on little more than fumes. As they approached the coast, two engines suddenly cut out. The pilot knew he would never make it back and was forced to ditch at sea. Luckily, they were quickly rescued and no one was hurt.

A few weeks later they were again ordered to fly a deep penetration mission into Germany. It was brutal. The group came under heavy German fire. They were under attack for more than four hours. Sixty bombers, the most ever, were lost. Six-hundred crewmen perished.

Donald's plane was shot to pieces. It limped its way back to England. It made it as far as a fighter base, but the runway was far too short. The bomber crashed down and shot off the runway, smashing through the trees. The plane was totaled, but once again, miraculously, none of the crew was injured.

Donald would ultimately complete 17 missions. He flew 18.

On March 22nd, 1944, passing through Belgium on a return from a bombing run in Germany, his flying fortress came under attack from three German ME 109 fighters. Bullets ripped through the cabin. Shrapnel slammed into Donald's head. Everyone behind him was dead. The cockpit was ablaze and the pilot, Lt. William Sheanan, was blown out of his seat. The plane plunged into a steep nose-dive.

Sheanan, badly burned, fought his way back through the burning cockpit and grabbed the controls. Nearly engulfed in flames, he wrestled the crippled B-17 out of its death roll just long enough for the surviving crew to bail out.

Donald had lost a lot of blood. He was nearly incoherent as he struggled his way out of the burning bomber. He became convinced his parachute was bleeding, and felt a wave of sympathy not realizing the blood was his own. As he dropped to earth he drifted in and out of consciousness. He never saw the ground shooting

toward him. He landed hard. Pain knifed through his back and neck — injuries that would haunt him the rest of his life.

Donald had landed next to a Belgium monastery, practically at the feet of a German soldier who was leading a work party stealing the bell. He was captured instantly and taken by the Gestapo to a German air base.

So far, he had been lucky. The Germans hadn't checked his dog tag which carried an H that signified that he was Jewish. Now he was faced with a critical decision. If he kept the tags he would be at the mercy of the anti-Semitic Germans. But if he threw them away his parents would have no way of knowing what had happened to him or even if he were alive. He new the uncertainty would devastate his mother so he decided to keep the tags regardless of the consequences.

Donald was shipped to St. Gellis, a massive dungeon in Brussels, where he spent three dreadful days before being transferred to an infamous interrogation center outside of Frankfurt.

For several days he was kept in isolation with nothing to eat but bread and water. Then the interrogations began. The German officers were not satisfied with his name, rank and serial number. They slapped him and threatened to send him to a concentration camp unless Donald provided additional information. The terrified 18-year-old steadfastly refused.

After 10 days of brutality, Donald was jammed into boxcars with hundreds of other prisoners and almost nothing to eat or drink. The water ran out on the third day, the trip lasted five. It seemed like forever.

Eventually they arrived at Stalag 6, a POW camp in East Prussia. At the camp, Donald, along with the other Jewish prisoners, were singled out for physical and verbal abuse.

This went on for four months until July of 1944 when the Germans evacuated the camp ahead of the advancing Russian army. More than 2,000 prisoners were crammed into the hole of an oil tanker. It was so tight there wasn't enough room to fall down. For 36 hours they remained standing assailed by unbearable heat and the overpowering stench of urine and feces.

When they finally arrived at the port, the prisoners were handcuffed in pair. Prodded by bayonets and with attack dogs nipping at their heels, the prisoners were forced to run through 90-degree heat for more than four kilometers. Many collapsed and were savaged by the dogs. Some never made it to the camp.

Conditions at Stalag Luft 4 were far harsher than the previous camp. Food was scarce and nearly inedible. There were no Red Cross packages. And the guards were even more brutal. Jewish prisoners lived in constant terror, singled out for the cruelest physical abuse and under constant threat that they would be separated and sent to a concentration camp.

In early February the prisoners were notified that they would be moved out the following day. The forced march lasted 90 days: A continuous nightmare of starvation, freezing temperatures and disease. The following are excerpts from the diary Donald kept during the march.

Feb. 8 : The worst day yet, we must have marched a million miles, crawled into a barn after dark. I think I will have a lot of

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OPINION



A mighty dud, er, duck in place to honor WWII



POLITIGIRL

BY BETH SOLOMON

WASHINGTON — It's summer. Popcorn, spectacles and super-size Cokes abound. I'm not talking about blockbusters coming to a multiplex near you, I'm talking about Hollywood's new blotch on Western civilization — the World War II Memorial on the National Mall.

Fostered by Tom Hanks, Steven Spielberg, author Stephen Ambrose and others who made millions by exploiting America's fading memories and increasing sentiment about one of the only popular wars in our history, the memorial is 7.4 acres (or three football fields) of pavement and square Albert Speer pillars, dropped like a spaceship on what used to be one of the most beautiful and tranquil open spaces in the world.

The World War II Memorial was originally planned in a prominent area just to the side of its current location in the center of the Mall. But then, Washington

bureaucrats realized they could use the popularity of WWII to erect an enormous monument that would "dress up" what they saw as a scruffy patch of grass between the majestic Reflecting Pool and the elegant obelisk that is the Washington Monument. It was green and open.

Sen. Bob Dole, promoter of Viagra, Britney Spears, and other erectile stimulants, quickly jumped to the front of the line to become the revised memorial's chief ally. He roped in President Bill Clinton, the draft evader, who leaped at the chance to attach himself to anything war-like, especially a Good War he didn't have to fight.

Once these titans saluted the idea of a WWII memorial in the center of the Mall, it had to be big and grand to match the enormity of the WWII effort. The memorial's hydroponic growth also reflected the awe with which the Baby Boom generation — those in charge of building the memorial — view the WWII generation.

Baby Boomers swoon at the tales of sacrifice, honor and generosity through which our society has remembered the WWII generation. By comparison, the lives of later generations are easy. These days, there is no nationwide call to sacri-

fice, giving up personal gain for the greater good, or national sense of leading one's life with honor and respect.

"Buy a Hummer!" That's our national calling, or at least buy a truck.

So, naturally, the monument couldn't be too big to honor a generation perceived as superior to those that followed, and some of those that came before.

While the media has put the megaphone in the faces of a few WWII vets who lament the tardiness of the memorial, many have said, "We did our job, we fought for what was right, and the country thanked us many times." Most vets are bigger than needing a big patch of marble to recognize what they did. The Greatest Generation, thanks to FDR, went on to do great things with the help of a generous G.I. Bill, a social security system, Medicare and Medicaid — a society that worked.

The irony is, the generation that couldn't build a WWII memorial gargantuan enough is the same crowd that has taken us into one of the most illegitimate wars in American history. It's the same generation that's brought us George W. Bush, Fox News and vapid movies like "Troy" and the "The Day After Tomorrow," which manage to pummel us with effects and

violence that signify nothing.

But as I sat there on Memorial Day, watching the sweet old vets and their families pad around this low-calorie moonscape of fountains, stars and half-quotes robbed of their meaning, I couldn't help but think the WWII Memorial — built by us — is a fitting statement for this moment. History with a lobotomy. Messages saying nothing. Glory in sacrifice, so long as we lack nothing.

Suddenly, an Irish man with a camera interrupted my reverie. "Do you see, do you see that duck?" he said. A mother duck had been separated from her ducklings, he explained nervously. The little ducks were swept away in one of the amusement-park fountains, invisible — and for the moment, unreachable — by their mother. As a crowd gathered, the mother duck swam nervously in the opposite direction, unable to see or hear her children.

A duck, a memorial, a people in search of...

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Soldier carried the emotional scars of sacrifice

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trouble with my right knee. I ache in every muscle. God, I hope this will end soon.

Feb. 13: My right knee is very bad now, keeping up with the group is plain torture. I don't see how we can keep going unless Jerry starts giving us something to eat soon. Saw more than a dozen fellows fall by the wayside today. And I think that the worst is yet to come.

Feb. 15: We marched close to 40 kilometers and ended up sleeping in an open field, boy was it cold. Did not sleep a wink, just walked around and tried to keep warm. A cup of soup is all we got to eat. I didn't think a person could be so hungry and live. Oh God please let us go home, end this terrible business.

Feb. 18: No rest now for over a week. Feel just like a punch drunk boxer, just going through the motions.

March 1: Feel terrible today, my stom-

ach, and I have chills. This is all I need.

March 5: I am now in a hospital barn. On March 2, I passed out. The doctors said I have dysentery and flu. I'm as weak as a baby.

March 7: My worst day yet. At seven this morning we were loaded on horse driven wagons, 50 men to each one — it should have been 10, and in freezing cold weather they took us 30 kilometers to New Brandenburg. We arrived there at five at night and the God damned German bastard in charge would not let us enter the hospital. So around we turned and went back to the barn. Seventeen hours in zero weather, we were jammed into those wagons and all of use hospital cases to boot.

March 8-18: I have been sick all this time and for the first time went out of the barn. I took a walk and feel much better. Maybe I will get home after all, I sure gave up hope a week ago.

March 19: We leave today for a camp

near Hanover. We go by box cars, 58 men to each one. It's a four day trip. Our food ration will be one third of a loaf of bread and one quarter pound of butter. If I weigh over 100 pounds now it's a miracle.

March 22: After 43 days of marching, starving and freezing we arrived at a camp, Stalag 357, the name of the camp is Fallenbostle. I guess this ends my diary of a march through Germany. I hope so.

April 7: Here we go again. Rumor has it that the American and British tanks are 30 miles from camp and all priority POWs (which included us) are to be moved.

April 18: Tragedy struck today. English Spitfires seeing us marching on the road thought we were Jerry and strafed us. Twenty-five were killed and over 50 wounded. I don't know how I got out untouched. I never was so scared in my life.

April 19: The march has turned into a nightmare. We were strafed again today. I am becoming a nervous wreck. Every time I

hear a plane my knees turn to water. We are making white flags. Hope that will work.

April 26: Spent last week in a barn resting. Our flags worked and the fighters have stopped bothering us. Allies very close.

Donald Silverstein, my father, was liberated by the British on May 2, 1945, after 14 months as a prisoner of war. To this day he carries the shrapnel in his forehead, as well as other physical and emotional scars.

It is easy to forget that he, like the many others he fought beside, and the men and women who today are so far from home, have made unimaginable sacrifices to defend our freedom, ensure our safety and protect our values.

Thank you.

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STATE

Mother Nature taking matters into own hands by thinning out forests

BY DON THOMPSON

Associated Press Writer

KINGS BEACH — Even as the nation devotes billions of dollars to artificially thinning crowded forests, a stressed-out Mother Nature is taking matters into her own hands on a catastrophic scale humans can't hope to match, scientists say.

An epidemic of bark beetles is killing untold millions of trees from Alaska to Arizona. And an eight-year drought across the Southwest is killing many of the trees the beetles don't get.

"It's really a natural response in some ways, a self-thinning of forests," said Craig D. Allen of the U.S. Geological Survey's Jemez Mountains Field Station at Los Alamos, N.M.

If the drought persists — and top scientists from across the West are betting it will — it may in effect "reset" many ecosystems, wiping them out and forcing natural succession to start over from scratch.

The last sustained drought was in the 1950s, but is nothing compared to this episode because temperatures are markedly higher, the scientists said last week at an invitation-only global warming conference with a shrunken Lake Tahoe serving as a backdrop.

A half-century ago, the drought culled out the most vulnerable. This time it's taking everything, even drought-resistant sagebrush in Utah and invasive cheat grass in the Mojave Desert.

That can be a good thing, by killing off undesirable plants and trees, said Hugh Safford, California ecologist for the U.S. Forest Service. But the beetles are a one-two punch that is wiping out drought-weakened, fire-resistant species like ponderosa pine that land managers would like to keep.

Warmer temperatures have created such favorable conditions that certain species of bark beetles have sped up their life cycle to produce a new generation every year instead of every two years, said Jesse A. Logan, of the USFS's Rocky Mountain Research Station.

The higher temperatures have allowed mountain pine beetles to cross the continental divide in Canada, skirting the Great Plains that had been a traditional barrier. Now there is little standing in the way of their spread east through Canadian forests and down the East Coast, Logan said.

Nature's version of forest thinning creates its own problems: millions of dead trees like standing cordwood awaiting a match. But once the needles drop off the conifers, researchers said they are less prone to the wind-driven treetop fires that have become more prevalent and fed western firestorms in recent years.

President Bush's Healthy Forests law authorizes up to \$760 million a year to treat up to 20 million acres of federal forests and grasslands at risk of catastrophic fire. Frantic efforts are underway to clear miles of dead trees from the San Bernardino Mountains east of Los Angeles, in one of the nation's most urbanized forests.

Yet land managers are like generals who find themselves fighting the last war when conditions already have changed, said Julio Betancourt of the U.S. Geological Survey's Desert Laboratory in Tucson, Ariz.

"We ought to start thinking way ahead," Betancourt said. "We're still talking about reducing fuel, and frankly this drought is punching hundred-thousand acre holes in ponderosa forests in New Mexico and million-acre holes from bark beetles."

Letting nature take its course may be practical, if not inevitable, in remote reaches of the western U.S. and Canada, but is unrealistic in more crowded areas like those swept by devastating fires in Southern California last fall, said USFS ecologist Safford.

"All we are hearing about now is about people losing their lives and homes going up in smoke," Safford said. "People are saying, 'I don't care, clear this stuff out of here.'"

There is equal pressure to quickly replant the devastated area with something drought- and fire-resistant to prevent erosion and mudslides, even if that means introducing exotic species like giant sequoia.

"There's very little long-term ecosystem management. It's absolutely crisis management," Safford said, and that is unlikely to change until people once again feel safe.

Scientists lamented that they have been of relatively little help to land managers.

They have a good understanding of what causes droughts, but can't predict when this one will end or if drier, hotter temperatures are part of a long-term global warming.

"Drought for a year, drought for a decade, or drought for a century?" said Dave Schimel of the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo. "We can't answer that question."

Nor can they say what the forests of the future will look like.

Forest managers traditionally envision subalpine stands of conifers such as existed in mountain regions in the 1800s, but that may be unrealistic if hotter, drier conditions continue. The best the scientists could offer is that managers should do what's best for whatever springs back, whether that is juniper and piñon forest, oak woodlands, or ponderosa

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Splicing of human genes into plants back in vogue

BY PAUL ELIAS
AP Biotechnology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Biotechnology companies are quietly pushing to splice more human genes into food crops after the practice was nearly abandoned last year, a Washington-based advocacy group says.

The news comes some 18 months after College Station, Texas-based Prodigene Inc. caused an uproar by accidentally mixing such crops with conventionally grown plants in Nebraska. At the time, giant food manufacturers called for tighter regulation of such experiments, and biotech titan Monsanto Co. announced it was pulling out of the field.

The number of federal regulatory approvals and applications for these outdoor plantings — often called “biopharming” because the idea is to lower drug-making costs by using plants as delivery agents — have nearly doubled in the last 12 months when compared to the previous year, according to the Washington D.C.-based Center for Science in the Public Interest.

“The biopharming industry seems to be back in business,” the group concludes in a report being released Wednesday that is based on publicly available U.S. Department of Agriculture data.

In fact, Prodigene is again growing genetically engineered corn in Nebraska after the USDA approved a “pharmaceutical application” from the company in April.

John Reiher, the company’s chief executive since August, would not say what was being spliced into the corn, how many acres were under cultivation or where exactly it was growing.

Other companies with similar applications approved this year include Hayward, Calif.-based Planet Biotechnology and Ventria BioScience of Sacramento.

The USDA has approved seven of the 16 applications it received between May 2003 and April, with the nine pending applications all submitted in the last four months, the report says. Its author, Greg Jaffe, says the USDA has denied only two such applications since 2000.

Since 1995, the USDA has approved slightly more than 300 biopharming plantings throughout the country. As late as June 2002, it approved about 25 annually before approvals fell.

No human drug made from genetically engineered crops has been approved for commercial use and most applications are for small outdoor plots of less than acre each, the USDA said.

Still, Jaffe and other critics complain that current USDA regulations are too lax and not open enough to the public.

Most applications, for instance, don’t

specify how many acres are to be cultivated and exactly where the pharmaceutical crops are to be grown, making it impossible for conventional farmers to know whether biotech varieties that could cross-pollinate with their harvest are growing nearby.

Behind the new plantings are small biotechnology companies and university researchers who seek to create inexpensive human medicines such as insulin and vaccines by splicing protein-producing human genes into crops that include corn, rice and even tobacco.

The human genes coax the crops to produce proteins, which can be extracted from the plants and turned into medicines.

At Stanford University, 16 lymphoma patients last year were treated with an experimental cancer drug extracted from a genetically engineered tobacco created by Large Scale Biology Corp. — the first human use of a pharmaceutical derived from a plant.

This biotechnology niche had been growing steadily for a decade despite continued attacks from genetic engineering foes who fear such work has not been studied enough to ensure the safety of the nation’s food supply if accidental mixing occurs.

Pharming suffered a dramatic setback in late 2002 when the USDA fined Prodigene \$500,000 and ordered it to pay another \$3 million to buy and destroy conventionally grown soy contaminated with corn it had genetically engineered to produce a pig vaccine.

The Grocery Manufacturers of America, which supports biotech crops approved for consumption and represents the Coca Cola Co., Nestle and dozens of others in the \$500 billion food industry, has called on the USDA to tighten regulation of pharma crops and biotech companies to experiment exclusively with non-food crops.

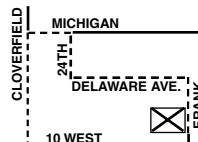
In April, California regulators denied Ventria’s application to grow rice with human genes after California rice growers said they feared international customers would refuse to buy their conventionally grown crops out of contamination fears.

In response to the growing concern, the USDA plans to unveil a revised review process in the next three weeks that would make public more information on pharma applications and, for the first time since 1998, require detailed environmental assessments on large-scale projects near commercialization, said Cindy Smith, the deputy administrator of biotech regulation for the department.

Smith said Prodigene will be the first company to undergo the more stringent environmental review on the two applications it has pending to grow pharmaceutical corn in Texas this year.

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Flight of fancy: Sky is the limit in Sunset Park



DAYS ON THE MARKET

BY JODI SUMMERS

Santa Monica was founded in 1875 and incorporated in 1886. By 1900, more than 5,000 people had settled here. The mass migration began in the 1920's, when the Donald Douglas military manufacturing company built four World-Cruisers that left Clover Field — now the site of the Santa Monica Airport — for the first successful flight around the world.

Airplanes are a mixed blessing in Sunset Park. In the 1940s, Douglas Aircraft brought 40,000 factory workers to labor at the Clover Field facility. Property development boomed. Today, homes in Sunset Park currently start in the low \$700,000s, making it one of Santa Monica's more affordable family neighborhoods.

"I like walking the tree-lined streets in the morning with my wife, evening fog carrying the sound of kids voices from Marine Park, fresh fruits and vegetables within walking distance, the meat at Bob's Market,

small neighborhood businesses, the fact that I know the neighbors on both sides of the street well enough to borrow their truck for an hour, or use that 20' ladder, or ask them to help me carry in a new couch," notes resident John Reynolds. "I like having a golf course nearby with all that open space. I like the matter-of-fact, understated sense of pride I hear in people's voices when they say, they live in Sunset Park.

In 2003, Sunset Park had 2,708 single-family houses, 739 condominiums and 699 apartment units. Most of the homes are traditional, one-story houses built in the mid-20th century. The view streets — Hill, Sunset, Ashland and Bryn Mawr — feature fancier homes at higher prices, in excess of \$1.3 million.

An L.A. Times report stated that Sunset Park schools such as Will Rogers and Grant elementary schools boasted 2002 Academic Performance Index scores of 759 and 808, respectively, out of 1,000. Adams Middle School scored 739 and Santa Monica High 705. The district also offers a Spanish-immersion school and an alternative school. Santa Monica College, a two-year community college, enrolls 31,000 students.

The area boasts a non-profit neighborhood association known as Friends of

Sunset Park. The goal of FOSP is to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood — improve safety, reduce air pollution and noise, ease traffic and support the schools and library.

The biggest issue with Sunset Park is the reason the area first developed — the airport. Santa Monica Airport is one of the busiest single-runway airports in the nation. Neighborhood representatives are advocating strict aircraft noise enforcement and weight-based landing fees. Commissioner Ofer Grossman is pushing for bi-monthly Air Quality Management District tests to better address aircraft emissions.

Another airplane issue is a proposed Federal Aviation Administration policy allowing larger jets to use the airport. Current weight restrictions on planes at Santa Monica Airport allow roughly 65,000 pounds at landing and 73,000 at take-off (the additional weight is for fuel). Today, the maximum wingspan is 78 feet. New plans allow for planes in excess of 100,000 pounds and a wingspan of 95 feet. Boeing makes a 737 that could land at Santa Monica Airport using these criteria.

Airport manager Bob Trimborn called the plan "unrealistic."

"As a resident in close proximity to a

general aviation airport, I am appalled at the FAA-proposed policy regarding the weight restrictions," declared activist Martin Rubin, the voice behind www.jetairpollution.com.

"Safety should always be the FAA's primary policy. Forcing general aviation airports to accept aircrafts heavier than the capacity of the runway and airport design defies all logic. Not only does this jeopardize the physical aspects of the airport, it endangers the lives of the aircraft occupants and all the residents in the flight."

Ironic that the business that built the neighborhood is also the biggest bone of contention in Sunset Park.

"The planes were here long before I was, so I just accept it," concluded Gabrielle, who lives near SMC. "There are so many things to like about Sunset Park. It has none of the pretense of the area around Montana Avenue, and we don't get the tourists that flock to the promenade.

"Sunset Park is a neighborhood. When we go to Bob's Market, my kids almost always find someone they know."

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05/26/2004	LOT SIZE: 8,877	SOLD PRICE: \$3,525,000	BATH: 7.5	DATE SOLD	SQFT: 695	LIST PRICE: \$599,000	BED: 2	SOLD	828 5TH ST #5	SANTA MONICA	90403
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DATE SOLD	SQFT: 0	LIST PRICE: \$1,795,000	BED: 3	SOLD	1127 15TH ST #C	SANTA MONICA	90403	05/26/2004	HOD: \$145	SOLD PRICE: \$376,000	BATH: 1
05/27/2004	LOT SIZE: 6,710	SOLD PRICE: \$1,844,000	BATH: 2.5	DATE SOLD	SQFT: 1,114	LIST PRICE: \$499,000	BED: 2	SOLD	1437 STANFORD ST	SANTA MONICA	90404
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The lease of your worries should be the details

IN YOUR SPACE

BY CHRISTINA S. PORTER



As the economy improves and more and more business owners are adding to their staff, businesses that had been taking a wait-and-see approach towards expansion are now starting to move. This is a good time to consider the different terms and conditions that may be included in a lease. Below are some that will most likely be included, but remember that nothing is written in stone, and as they say, "everything is negotiable."

Parking: Find out specifically if it is reserved or unreserved, tandem or single spaces and what the cost (if any) is for each type. In general, the city requirement for general office is three parking spaces per 1,000 square feet occupied. For medical, the requirement can be four or five spaces per 1,000 square feet occupied.

There are different parking requirements for different uses. It is a good idea to check this out with, usually, the building and safety department of the city with which you are thinking about leasing a space.

Agreed Use: Usually a lease will specify what type of use is permitted (i.e. "General Office"). When we sign a lease we don't usually anticipate that we will have to sublease, however, it is good to leave your options open. When stating the type of use for the space, I suggest that you keep the description as broad as possible. You could add to General Office "and any other legally permitted use." The lessor is still protected because most leases include specific language requiring approval by the lessor of any potential sublessee.

Condition of The Premises: The Premises should be delivered "broom clean and free of debris" upon the lease commencement date. A good rule of thumb is to require that all of the existing

improvements be in good working order and the lessee should have the premises inspected to verify this. Some leases provide warranty periods in which the lessor will be responsible for repair of any malfunction of an improvement on the premises. This is a definite negotiating point.

Operating Expenses: One lease defines operating expenses as "all costs incurred by lessor relating to the ownership and operation of the Project," for which each tenant pays its "prorata" share. Most of the time operating expenses include the cost of electricity (if it is a full-service gross lease it would be for the entire building), water, building management, building maintenance, trash removal, landscaping and reserves set aside for maintenance and repair of the common areas (if you are leasing in a multi-tenant building). Property taxes and building insurance are also included in operating expenses. Capital Expenditures are a gray area as to their definition and how the cost is allocated between lessor and Lessee. It is important to know that in most office leases a Lessee is responsible only for any increase in operating expenses after their first year (base year) of occupying the premises. Some lessees prefer to include a cap on how much of the operating expense increases they will pay, another negotiating point.

Surrender and Restoration: Of course all of the provisions in a lease are important, but I would like to point out a provision in this clause that says when a lessee alters the premises by installing its own improvements (lessee-owned alterations), it must be sure to obtain lessor's consent prior to doing so. Some leases require that any alterations installed without lessor's prior consent become the property of the lessor at the end of the lease term, if lessor so chooses.

Insurance: We all know how important insurance is, but I also know how confusing it can be. General liability insurance is always important and has been required in every lease that I have helped negotiate.

Many leases require more than just general liability, and a good way to deal with this is to just send a copy of the page in the lease stating the insurance requirements to your insurance broker. Many times you may already be covered, or adding the owner to your existing policy may be a minimal cost.

Each of the aforementioned lease terms and conditions should be explained in more depth prior to committing to a lease, and are just a few of the many things to

think about when entering into a lease negotiation. As you can see, it can be a very complicated undertaking.

Please see next week's column for an explanation of more points to consider when negotiating a lease.

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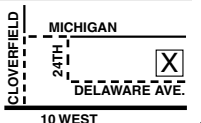
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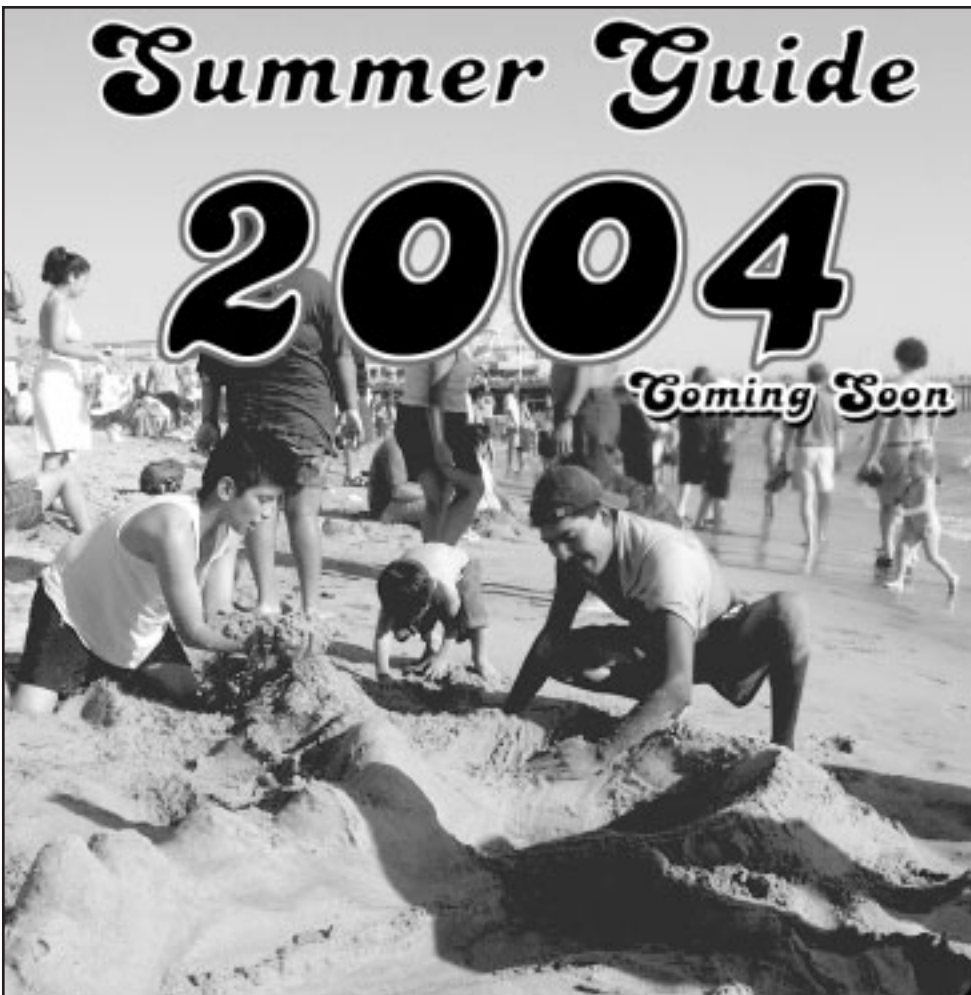
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Bevy of bills may affect costs of doing business

BY JIM WASSERMAN

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — As Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger crusades to make California more business friendly, Democrat lawmakers passed an array of bills last week that would impose a variety of fees and higher costs on businesses operating in the Golden State.

In a weeklong blur of activity, the houses of the Democrat-controlled Legislature passed bills that would raise the minimum wage to one of the nation's highest levels; hit chemical companies with a fee to pay for new programs; keep it easy for employees to sue their bosses for workplace violations; and require the recycling of cell phones and fluorescent lamps.

All, business interests said, make it harder to do business in a state that's already one of the nation's most expensive, while Democratic Party leaders called that just "the same old misinformation."

While many of the bills could die in the other chamber or amended to the liking of business, their passage shows the Democrats in Legislature still at odds with the governor on a variety of economic issues. Unless Schwarzenegger and lawmakers compromise on the bills before the Aug. 31 end of the legislative session, there

could be a collision of interests resulting in a string of vetoes from the governor.

Often with slim one-vote margins, legislators voted for rules to ban state contracts with companies that move jobs overseas, bar teens from tanning salons and make companies tell their workers if they monitor their e-mail. Rental car agencies, Wal-Mart, fishermen, and car dealers also came under the lawmaking microscope.

Business groups, still analyzing the outcome of Friday's legislative deadline to pass hundreds of bills from their house of origin, said the Legislature hasn't changed despite an October recall that dumped Democratic former Gov. Gray Davis for Schwarzenegger, Republican actor and businessman.

"It seems like they don't get the message," said Alan Zaremberg, president of the California Chamber of Commerce, which represents most of the state's small businesses. Zaremberg described many business bills passed in recent days as "barriers to our economic recovery" and "clearly out of step with the public's attitude."

That's also been Schwarzenegger's theme since he announced a bid last Aug. 6 to sweep Davis from office and change the Capitol's political culture. Since assuming the governor's office on Nov. 17, Schwarzenegger has

appeared at groundbreaking ceremonies for hotels and biotech manufacturing facilities, rallied travel agents and tour operators and journeyed to Israel to make deals with business leaders. He worked with the Legislature to lower employers' costs for workers' compensation and has resisted new taxes and closing corporate tax loopholes for fear of running off businesses and scaring away new ones.

With new trade trips planned to China, Japan, Mexico and elsewhere, the governor frequently calls himself a salesman for "jobs, jobs, jobs" and a "business-friendly" state.

Schwarzenegger spokesman Vine Sollitto wouldn't comment Friday on specific bills passed last week, but implied that those counter to the governor's pro-business agenda won't survive.

"Should those bills complete the legislative process and come to the governor's desk, he'll have an opportunity to speak at that time," Sollitto said. "But no one should doubt the governor's commitment to improving the state's business climate and increasing employment for Californians."

Assemblywoman Judy Chu, D-Monterey Park, discounted many of those arguments as she debated one of the bills last week. Last year, she said, Republicans made the same claims about one of her bills, which offered tax cheats a chance to pay up without penalties. So far, it's brought \$1.3 billion to the state treasury this year.

"The California Chamber of Commerce called it a job killer bill," Chu said.

For Democrats who have largely ruled the Legislature for more than 40 years, 2004 is the first since 1998 to see bills judged by a Republican governor.

That's heartening to business leaders in California, and those nationally who often see California's pioneering laws take root in other states.

"The Legislature in the past week has not helped us much, but we're hoping Gov. Schwarzenegger will take care of that," said Gino DeCaro, spokesman for the California Manufacturers and Technology Association, a political arm for 700 companies in the state.

But many Democrats, though cooperative with the governor this year to reform the workers' compensation insurance system, said California businesses are exaggerating.

"Here in San Francisco, they increased the minimum wage and the restaurateurs are doing just fine because they pass the cost onto the consumer," said Art Torres, chairman of California's Democratic Party.

Torres said California's "business community" still enjoys numerous tax breaks and tax credits, with many paying 1978-era property taxes on their commercial property. In the meantime, taxable sales have risen six straight quarters in California, residential construction is setting a record pace and exports of California-made computers and electronics were up 10 percent late last year over the same time in 2002, according to the state Department of Finance.

"I'm talking about multibillion dollar corporations crying all the time they're going to the bank," Torres said. "Those corporate citizens continuing to cry foul should examine their checkbooks," he said, "and see how much they're saving at the expense of the average man and woman out there."

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NATIONAL



Living on the edge: Dry winds, nearby forests put towns at risk

BY MICHELLE ROBERTS RUSH-LO

Associated Press Writer

PRESCOTT, Ariz. — The gentle winds whooshing through the pine trees here have long acted as a siren's song for the state's desert dwellers, drawing increasing numbers of residents to this central Arizona town.

But the dry winds and nearby trees create more than just a pleasant climate; they bring wildfire danger to Prescott's doorstep.

Prescott, a town of 34,000, is hardly alone this fire season. The Agriculture and Interior departments identified 11,376 communities across the United States in 2001 that were highly susceptible to damage from a wildfire on federal land.

Since that time, many communities have gotten more aggressive about reducing underbrush and other fire hazards near homes, said fire and forest officials. But they also agree the job isn't done.

"Have we made significant progress? Yes. But there's a lot of work to do," said Prescott Fire Chief Darrell Willis.

Dick Bahr, the National Park Service official who helped compile the 2001 communities-at-risk report, said the same is true in many Western states.

"The issue is giving the process time to work and having some stability in the funding to keep these community projects going forward," he said, noting that few significant projects can be completed in a single year.

For generations, public and private landowners quickly suppressed wildfires in forested communities, allowing the buildup of small trees and brush in forested areas. They also allowed or even planted vegetation close to their homes with little thought to the risk.

Individual homes and whole communities have been built near crowded forests in the West, but wildfires have leveled thousands of homes in the last several years, reminding some communities that areas left without thinning or other fire prevention measures are ripe for destruction.

"People think ... 'It's not going to happen to me.' That's just not true," said Michael Brown, the director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

His agency recently released a book on fire mitigation for what fire officials call the wildland-urban interface — where development meets

forested country.

The book offers case studies on what communities have done to protect themselves.

A home's ability to survive can be affected by how close the landscaping is, the kind of materials used to build it, and whether firewood is piled against the house, officials say.

"I just see so much devastation that could be avoided," said Brown.

In Prescott, city officials passed a code limiting the amount and types of vegetation permitted within 30 feet of a new home. The move came after a 1,300-acre wildfire burned within three miles of downtown in 2002, destroying five homes and forcing the evacuation of 1,500 people.

The city also requires new homes to be built of noncombustible material.

Willis, who has been the fire chief in Prescott for 10 years, said residents have become receptive to creating a space between their home and vegetation.

"There are some resistant people, but they're the minority," he said.

George and Mary Hickok, who were evacuated during the 2002 fire, said they have done a lot of clearing around their home.

"We cut all the brush out and that sort of thing. We need to get out there raking now," said George Hickok, 82, as he and Mary, 80, walked their dog around the city's picturesque courthouse square.

Not all communities are as far along though.

Education efforts in Castle Rock, Colo., which served as the staging area for firefighters combatting the 138,000-acre Hayman fire in 2002, are just now getting under way, said Paul Russell, an investigator for the Castle Rock Fire Department and new head of the wildland mitigation project there.

"Right now, we're a ways out. We're doing a lot of educating," he said. "The challenge is that nobody thinks there's a problem."

Wallace Covington, a professor of forest ecology at Northern Arizona University, said awareness of the risk is growing, and federal and local officials seem to understand that work needs to be done.

"I'm actually pretty optimistic. I just wish we would have started in the '70s. But we're moving along," he said.

The larger communities seem to be making the most progress, he said. Different agencies are working together and individuals are doing

work around their homes in many communities.

Some of the smaller communities are less organized and less prepared, he said. And major wildfires are likely to keep coming given an ongoing drought in the West.

"Clearly, there's going to be some major catastrophes to come," Covington said.

Tips on reducing risks posed to homes by wildfires

The Associated Press

Fire officials offer several tips to residents in wildland-urban interface neighborhoods. Dick Bahr, the National Park Service official who helped compile a list in 2001 of communities at risk, says following the advice of fire experts can make a big difference in whether a house will survive a wildfire.

Some of the tips offered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency:

CREATE A SAFE ZONE: Remove shrubs around the base of the house. Prune branches within 15 feet of chimneys and stovepipes. Replace highly flammable vegetation like pine, evergreen, eucalyptus, juniper and fir trees with less flammable species.

KEEP COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS AWAY FROM HOUSE: Stack firewood 100 feet away and uphill from the house. Keep the gas grill and propane tank at least 15 feet from the house.

COVER VENTS: Cover all vent openings with 1/4-inch or smaller wire mesh to keep embers from entering a home.

USE NON-COMBUSTIBLE ROOF MATERIAL: Avoid wood, shake and shingle roofing materials.

INSTALL SPARK ARRESTORS: Install spark arrestors on all chimneys, stovepipes and vents for fuel-burning heaters to avoid creating a fire hazard.

INSTALL TREATED WINDOWS: Use dual- or triple-paned thermal glass and fire resistant shutters or drapes to keep the radiated heat of an outside wildfire from igniting something inside.

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NATIONAL

Cattle call: Government beefs up mad cow probe

BY IRA DREYFUSS

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Agriculture Department began expanded national testing for mad cow disease Tuesday, intending to test about 220,000 animals for the brain-wasting condition over the next year to 18 months.

Officials said the department was able to handle the first day's samples even though most of the dozen regional laboratories aren't yet equipped to perform the initial tests.

The government last year conducted mad cow tests on tissues from 20,543 animals, virtually all of them cattle that could not stand or walk and had to be dragged to slaughter. After the nation's first case of the disease in December, the department initially doubled the number of animals to be tested this year to 40,000.

With many foreign governments still reluctant to ease bans on U.S. beef, the testing program was expanded at a cost of \$70 million to include as many as 220,000 slaughtered animals, following recommendations from an international scientific review panel. About 35 million head of cattle are slaughtered each year in the United States.

The overwhelming majority of tests will be on animals considered most likely have mad cow — those showing any sign of brain disorder, unable to stand on their own or deemed unfit for human consumption for other reasons. Tissue samples from those animals would be tested, as would

samples from animals that die on farms.

The department's testing plans also include about 20,000 animals that appear healthy but are at least 30 months old, the age at which mad cow disease appears.

The 12 state-operated labs around the country will perform the initial tests on brain and central nervous system tissue from slaughtered cattle for mad cow disease, also known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE. Results from those tests will be returned in 24 to 72 hours.

If that rapid-response test indicates the animal may have BSE, tissue samples will then be sent to the department's National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa, for confirmatory testing that could take four to eight days.

Seven of the rapid-test labs are able to handle large batches of tests, at least 1,000 per month, but only five of these were operating on the first day, department spokeswoman Andrea McNally said Tuesday.

The other two had "last-minute problems," she said. Five other labs, which would handle smaller batches, were not testing samples Tuesday but are scheduled to begin the work later, she said.

The five working labs are "more than sufficient" to handle the initial testing load, McNally said.

The department expects some rapid tests to indicate BSE, although that does not necessarily mean the animal has the disease, said Dr. Ron DeHaven, administrator of the department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Firefighting agencies fortified with addition of 100 aircraft

BY DAN GALLAGHER

Associated Press Writer

BOISE, Idaho — The heads of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service on Tuesday announced their agencies would acquire more than 100 additional aircraft to battle this summer's wildfires after ending contracts for 33 aging air tankers last month.

Under attack from western congressmen for cutting the old planes, BLM Director Kathleen Clarke and Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth said earlier in the day they couldn't justify using the old tankers because of safety risks.

But the two directors later announced they would contract with private companies for up to 36 single-engine air tankers, 26 large helicopters, 45 medium helicopters and two CL 215 air tankers. In addition, eight U.S. military C-130 aircraft equipped with a retardant-dropping system are available.

The additional aviation will cost about \$66 million.

"We are committed to using available resources to stop fires before they become unmanageable," Bosworth said. "These additional aircraft will enable fire managers to fully maintain their ability to stop nearly 99 percent of all fires on initial attack and continue to protect communities."

Officials at Boise's National Interagency Fire Center, the nation's hub for fire suppression equipment and manpower, characterized Clarke and

Bosworth's first statements as personal opinions.

The newly contracted aircraft join an existing fleet of more than 700 firefighting planes and helicopters, officials said.

The suspension of the 33 aging air tankers came after a recent National Transportation Safety Board report on three fatal air tanker accidents. All happened within the last 10 years.

In 2002, three crewmembers were killed when a 46-year-old Lockheed C-130A crashed after it lost both wings. Similar problems were found in an aging PB4Y-2 that broke up and crashed fighting a Colorado fire that year, killing both crew members.

In 1994, a C-130A crashed when its right wing came off in flight, killing three people aboard.

The acquisition followed pledges from some lawmakers last month to get the 33-tanker fleet back in the air right away. Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., Rep. J.D. Hayworth, R-Ariz., and others have sharply denounced the government's decision to ground the big fixed-wing aircraft.

During a hearing at the House Resources subcommittee on forests, DeFazio said there was no adequate substitute for the air tankers.

The two directors said that with or without the big air tankers to lay down swaths of fire retardant, they still planned to maintain a success rate of stopping 98 percent of fires on initial attack with thousands of firefighters, engines and bulldozers.

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U.S. answers its critics, taps one as Iraqi president

BY HAMZA HENDAWI

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — A powerful Sunni Muslim tribal leader and critic of the U.S.-led occupation was named president of Iraq's incoming government Tuesday, after Iraqi leaders rejected the Americans' preferred candidate for the post.

After the selection of Ghazi Mashal Ajil al-Yawer to the largely ceremonial position, officials announced the entire interim government due to take power on June 30. □

The U.S.-picked Governing Council decided to dissolve immediately to make way rather than wait until June 30. The incoming prime minister, Iyad Allawi, said his government would soon negotiate a crucial agreement on the status of U.S.-led international forces that will remain in Iraq.

As word of al-Yawer's appointment was announced, a car bomb blew up outside the offices of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, which is located just outside the green zone U.S. coalition headquarters in central Baghdad.

At least three people were killed and 20 were injured, the military said. A roadside bomb also exploded near a U.S. base in the northern town of Beiji, killing 11 Iraqis and wounding more than 22 people, including two U.S. soldiers.

Iraq still needs the presence of U.S.-led forces "to help in defeating the enemies of Iraq," Allawi said at a welcoming ceremony for the new government. "We will enter into alliances with our allies to accomplish that."

The U.S.-led occupation authority will continue to run Iraq until June 30, a senior Bush administration official said.

President Bush praised the new govern-

ment, saying its selection "brings us one step closer to realizing the dream of millions of Iraqis: a fully sovereign nation with a representative government that protects their rights and serves their needs."

He warned that the transfer of authority could be accompanied by an increase of violence. "There's still violent people who want to stop progress. Their strategy hasn't changed," he said.

The council and U.S. authorities had been deadlocked over the choice of president.

The deadlock showed a degree of tension between the Americans and the Iraqis, who want to claim as much power as they can after a year of American rule.

At the welcoming ceremony, al-Yawer pledged to rise "above sectarianism and divisions," build a democratic state free of "totalitarianism and discrimination" and restore Iraq's "civilized face."

He said he would be "a loyal defender of your expectations in restoring the complete sovereignty of our country and establishing a democratic and federal system under which people enjoy a free citizenship in a state of laws and freedom."

A first key move for the new government will be the status of forces agreement. The Iraqis are seeking greater say over the operations of Iraqi security forces as well as the 135,000 American troops and other coalition forces on Iraqi soil.

The administration official said negotiations would begin "fairly soon."

In a nod to U.S. forces, al-Yawer said "we should remember our friends who fell during the battle to liberate Iraq."

The presidency is a symbolic position, but al-Yawer will likely hold considerable influence.

The more powerful executive post of

prime minister is held by Allawi, a U.S.-backed Shiite Muslim with military and CIA connections.

Allawi, whose appointment was announced Friday, was chosen because he was considered the best candidate to cope with the deteriorating security situation.

The announcement of al-Yawer came after Adnan Pachachi, an elder statesman preferred by the United States, turned down the presidency in the face of opposition from other members of the Governing Council to his selection.

Council members had angrily accused the American governor of Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, of trying to install Pachachi, a former foreign minister, over their opposition.

Sources had said the Americans warned that if the members went ahead and voted for al-Yawer, the United States might not recognize the choice.

Al-Yawer, who routinely wears traditional Arab robes and head gear, was sharply critical of the American occupation in a recent television interview, blaming U.S. ineptness for the deterioration in law and order. Al-Yawer also has denounced violence against American and other coalition forces.

Most of the 22-member Governing Council backed al-Yawer, the current Governing Council president. A graduate of the Petroleum and Minerals University in Saudi Arabia and of Georgetown University, he is a prominent member of the Shammar tribe, one of the largest in the Gulf region that includes Shiite clans. He enjoys the support of Shiite and Kurdish council members.

Insisting on Pachachi would have risked a major breach with the Americans' Iraqi allies at a sensitive period as Washington prepares to hand control of a

still-unstable, war-ravaged country to an untested leadership.

Coalition spokesman Dan Senor insisted the Americans had not shown a preference for Pachachi, a claim that many council members dismissed as untrue.

Pachachi, 81, told reporters he turned down the presidency for "personal reasons." He said the president "must have the support of all levels of the Iraqi people and all quarters."

The dispute over the presidency delayed for a day for the announcement of the new government by U.N. envoy Lakhdar Brahimi, who has been mediating negotiations for weeks.

At the welcoming ceremony, Brahimi acknowledged that negotiations to establish the new government had been "very precise and difficult."

Brahimi said the two vice presidencies went to Ibrahim al-Jaafari, of the Shiite Muslim Dawa party, and Rowsch Shaways, speaker of parliament in the Kurdish autonomous region in Irbil.

In the newly announced Cabinet, Kurd Hoshiyar Zebari retained his post as foreign minister, and Kurdish official Barham Saleh, who is close to the Americans, was named deputy prime minister for national security affairs.

Adel Abdel-Mahdi, an official of a powerful Shiite political party, was named finance minister; Hazem Shalan al-Khuzaei became defense minister; and Thamir Ghadhbhan took over as oil minister.

With more than 800 U.S. military dead since the Iraq war began in March 2003, Washington is eager to see a government that can tackle the security crisis, including a year-old Sunni revolt in Baghdad and areas north and west of the capital and a Shiite uprising to the south.



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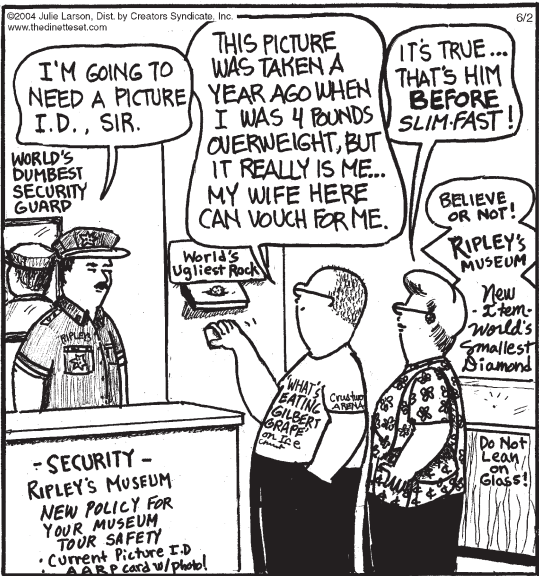


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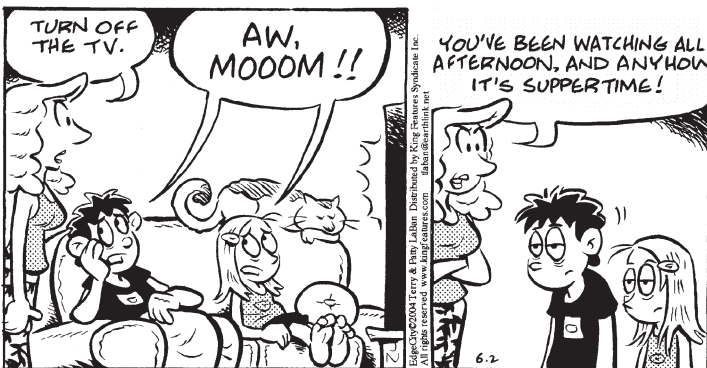


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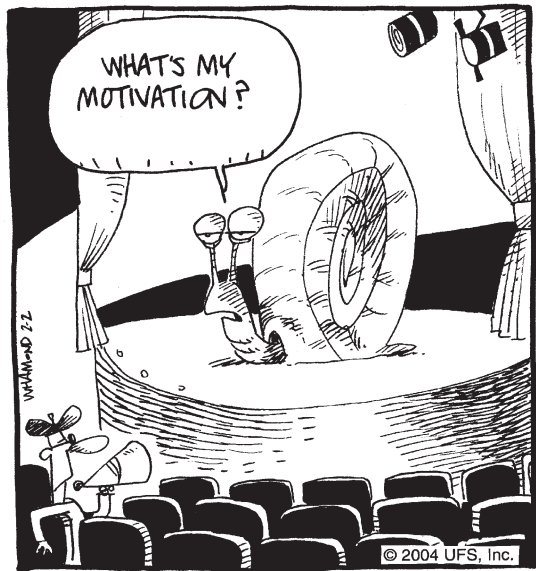
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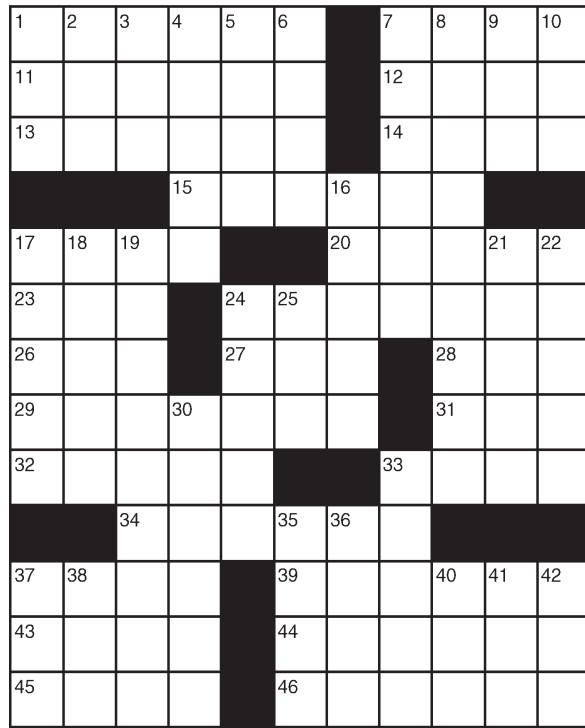
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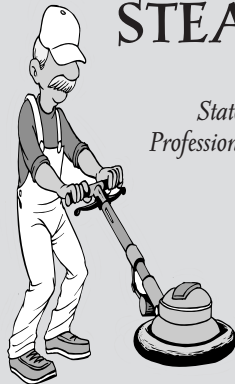
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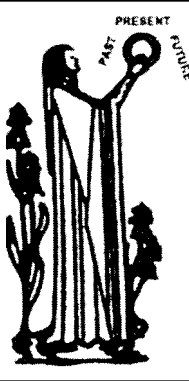
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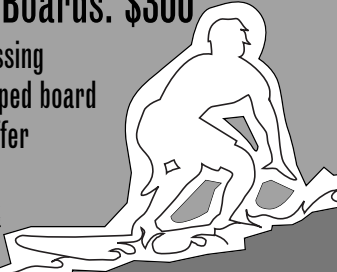
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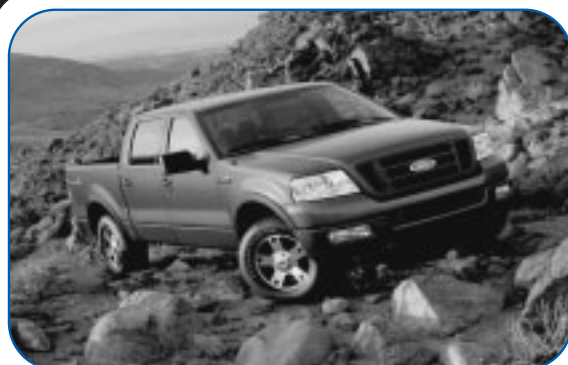
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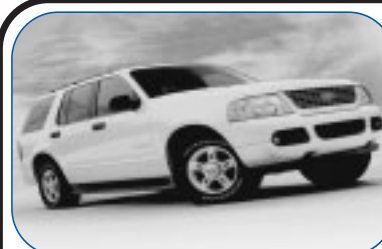
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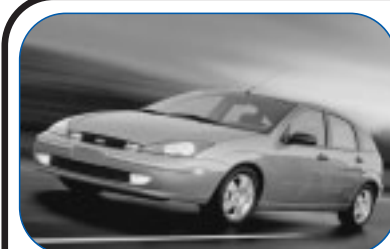
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