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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

A 21-year-old man and his teenage accomplice were arrested in Austin, Minn., in April, after allegedly burglarizing the Tendermade Restaurant; officers called to the scene noticed that the cash register tape had come unspooled outside, and they followed the 100-foot-long roll into some bushes, where the two were hiding. And in Honolulu, in April, Gavin Bolosan, 26, was arrested and charged with stealing a woman's purse and using her credit card at a Longs drugstore (but he was caught after he filled out the Longs credit card ID form with his own name and address).



THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.



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Nancy Reagan walks with her children, Patti Davis and Ron Reagan, toward a makeshift memorial outside of a Santa Monica funeral home on Monday. The Reagan family spent a few minutes outside of the mortuary before heading to the Simi Valley.

Ronald Reagan begins his final farewell journey

By staff and wire reports

MID CITY — Nancy Reagan on Monday morning intently studied the messages left in her husband's memory outside a local funeral home before retrieving her husband's body.

Mrs. Reagan, accompanied by daughter Patti and son Ron, as well as other family members, paused on her way into the funeral home as she passed a display of impromptu remembrances. American flags, flowers and jars of jelly beans — Reagan's favorite treat — were left along with notes, stuffed animals and candles in the spontaneous shrine.

Mrs. Reagan, 82, read some of the messages. "Thank you for changing the world," said one handwritten note.

Roxanne Kubicek, 42, gave officers guarding the mortuary a card for Mrs. Reagan.

"I just wished her lots and lots of love," she said. "I admired the beautiful

love that they have. I told her that their love will last for all eternity."

Peggy Sheffey, 85, said she drove to the funeral home from the nearby Mar Vista area to "just feel closer" to the man she had never seen in person.

"He's a wonderful man," she said, choking back tears. "He was so real, absolutely real. Down to earth. He didn't just think of himself. He thought of everybody else."

Once at Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, the mourning wife and former first lady touched her cheek to the flag-covered casket, then made way for Americans by the thousands to pay respects to Ronald Reagan before a cross-country journey to a state funeral in Washington.

A steady, near-silent stream of people — some saluting, some praying — circled through the rotunda of the Ronald

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Outcome of arson trial in hands of jury

Local business owner awaits verdict

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

LAX COURTHOUSE — Lawyers made their final arguments Monday in the trial of Anthony Wayne Smith, an ex-Raider accused of setting fire to a Santa Monica furniture and antique store in a calculated act of rage.

Prosecutors alleged Smith, 36, lit the blaze with amateur fire bombs after arguing with the business owner over the value of an item he left to be sold on consignment. Smith, a defensive end with the Raiders in both Los Angeles and Oakland, maintained his innocence and accused police of conducting a weak investigation.

At the core of the case are a handful of partially burnt pieces of mail bearing Smith's name and address. The papers were stuffed into five-gallon water jugs, which were then filled with gasoline, lit on fire and thrown into the store, investigators said.

The February 2003 fire gutted Simply Sofas and Lona Antiques, conjoined stores on the 2300 block of Lincoln Boulevard. Property damage has been estimated at \$900,000 and merchandise lost in the blaze at about \$1.2 million. The buildings have stood vacant since the fire, though signs have advertised them as available to rent.

"It is a revenge fire," said Deputy District Attorney Jean Daly, who paced back and forth in front of the jury box, jabbing her hand into the air. "The littlest things in the world can set off the worst consequences — and this is the perfect example."

Owner Marilyn Nelson, 56, sat in the courtroom

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\$485K to be spent tonight at City Hall

(Editor's note: This is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures which appear on the upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agenda. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past).

By Daily Press staff

COUNCIL CHAMBERS — The \$485,363 in spending expected tonight can be interpreted as standard government expenditures: Parking meters, consultants, a dump truck, employee insurance and costs associated with transporting prisoners from jail to the courthouse.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Go within for answers. You might be shocked by what you see. New beginnings become possible if you are honest with yourself. You also might overreact to someone close to you. Play it cool. Assume the positive. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your ability to focus on what you desire brings results that mean something to you. Unexpected actions bring forth what you want. The unexpected will work in your favor. Buy a token gift for a loved one. Tonight: Hook up with your friends.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Take charge and get what you need together. Others respond to your personality and positive ways. Examine your long-term goals, but be ready for some swift changes. Walk in where others fear to tread. You make sense out of chaos. Tonight: Don't count on getting in early.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You might meet someone today who is not all he or she seems to be. Check this person out carefully. News and information could determine which path you head down. Anything is possible. Detach and don't react. You will do well. Tonight: Relax to music or a movie.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Express your ability to relate to someone who might be touchy or difficult. Think in terms of gain and growth through letting go. Your ability to walk through confusion and create sanity will help you weather any storm. Tonight: Let someone else tell it like it is.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Openly investigate what might be happening. You could have difficulty determining what you want from a situation, but let others expound. You will react, and that will help give you some direction. Others, particularly a supervisor, are drawn to you. Tonight: A surprise could happen. Be available.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You have an especially enticing manner that attracts others. You might want to pull back some, especially as chaos reigns at work or in your daily life. Look for solutions rather than hanging on problems. You express unusually dynamic thinking. Tonight: Choose a stress-buster.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ A partner might want to dote on you, but somehow you might be uncomfortable with the attention or the way this person handles him- or herself. Be appreciative, but guide this person in a new direction. Tonight: Ever playful.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Pressure builds on the home front — so much so that you might opt to take a few personal days. You have many more options than you realize if you let go of your rigidity. Float with the moment. Tonight: Lock the doors. Turn on the answering machine. Cocoon, if possible.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Investigate what would be possible if you opt for a very different approach. You might need to process the issue yourself and see where you are holding back or being inordinately controlling. Let go, my dear Goat. Tonight: Go with spontaneity.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You see finances as a major hassle, and this could be true. Be honest about how you have contributed to this situation. Work on self-discipline. Understand that there are many ways of having a good time and not spending a fortune. Tonight: Study your spending. Get a notebook. Write down even the littlest expense.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your twists and turns could be driving yourself and others batty. You're changing and transforming. Others don't know who is going to appear next. Don't fight this change. Trust that your inner goodness will come to light. Tonight: Do something that pleases you.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Seniors to have their own day

Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica Family YMCA will host the Second Annual Y Community Senior Day on June 10. The activities include exercise classes, water classes, dance classes, seminars and a health fair.

The exercise class will start at 8:30 a.m. and the health fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A swim cap is required for water exercise classes. Exercise classes require appropriate attire and tennis shoes.

Four seminars will be offered, starting at 11 a.m. and the last one will meet at 2 p.m.

Admission is free.

Santa Monica Family YMCA is located at 1332 Sixth St. The event will held in the Cayton room, community room and senior center, second floor.

For more information call Lidia Magarian, senior director at (310) 393-2721, ext. 109.



Scout prepares goodwill for soldiers in Iraq

By Daily Press staff

In an attempt to move up in the Boy Scouts ranks, a Santa Monica boy is reaching all the way to Iraq for his community service.

Trevor White, eyeing the title of Eagle Scout, is collecting donations for soldiers in Iraq. Rick Crocker, who works for the Santa Monica Police Department — also a reservist in the United States Marines — has been activated to serve in Iraq. Since arrival, his communications with his friends and associates back home have suggested that there is a shortage of, and need for, a variety of personal items which would help the troops endure the rigors of their highly stressful environment.

White is coordinating donations by asking the community to buy suggested items and bring them to a donation drop-off location at the Santa Monica Fire Department Clover Field Station until June 12. Clover Field Station is located at 2450 Ashland Ave.

This is a list of needed supplies for the servicemen and servicewomen:

New (unopened) items only:

Wet Ones (any kind of wet wipe)

Lip balm

Coffee

Gatorade (powder form)

Trail mix

Moisturizing lotion — unscented for the guys, scented for the women

Sunscreen

Chewing gum

Batteries (AA)

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Write us at wood@smdp.com and tell us what the surf is doing today at your local break.

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MONDAY	8:05	-0.9	7:46	2.8	12:28	5.8	3:15	4.0
TUESDAY	9:04	-0.4	9:26	2.6	1:35	5.1	4:15	4.3
WEDNESDAY	10:00	0.0	10:59	2.1	2:53	4.5	5:05	4.6
THURSDAY	10:52	0.5	N/A	N/A	4:19	4.0	5:48	4.9
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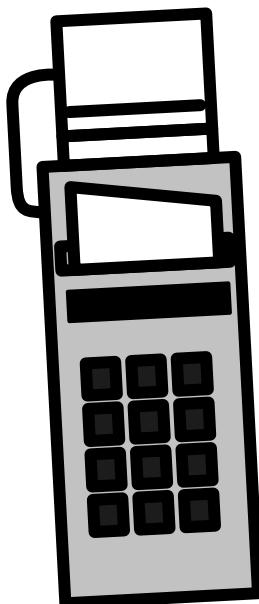
The **Q**Line

Recognizing that Santa Monica College and the Santa Monica and Malibu communities face a shortage of parks, physical education, recreational and other facilities, college officials are considering a \$175 million bond measure for the fall ballot to fund a wide range of local projects. Two years ago, voters passed a \$160 million bond measure at SMC that funds nearly two dozen projects, and the local school district recently completed building and renovating nearly \$100 million worth of new facilities using money that

was generated by a school bond passed by voters in 1998.

So this week, Q-line wants to know, "Would you support another bond measure to build more facilities at SMC and local schools? Why or why not?"

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A fraternity brother of Smith's, along with more than a dozen religious leaders and friends from St. Augustine's By-the-Sea, an Episcopalian Church on Fourth Street in downtown Santa Monica, came to show support for Smith. Smith and his wife Teresa, who have three children, were regular church goers and active volunteers.

"My client is not guilty of this terrible offense," said Houchin, who stood at a podium and shuffled yellow legal papers, speaking in a light Southern drawl. "There is no motive for him to do anything, anything like that. What you've heard is he's the suspect from Jump Street ... Mr. Smith is not guilty of arson, ladies and gentlemen."

Houchins last week laid out an alternative explanation as to why Smith's mail may have appeared in the fire bombs. The documents could have been mistakenly left in an alley behind Simply Sofas by immigrant day laborers Smith hired to help transport items between his franchising business and a storage space in Lancaster, and his condo in a Marina del Rey highrise. Smith had moved to Oakland with the Raiders in the mid 1990s, and much of his mail was taken to storage by an assistant.

Daly contested Smith's version of events, accusing him of not remembering key details about the workers he hired, and adding the trash would have been picked up at least once between his Jan. 28 visit to the store and the Feb. 13 fire. She maintained the fire was lit after a dispute between Nelson and Smith occurred over a Washington Monument statue he left at the store. The statue, which was worth several hundred dollars, ended up broken. Neither side took responsibility.

"What is the purpose of this arson? To send a message that, 'No, you are going to pay for the full amount. I was right. You were wrong, Mrs. Nelson,'" Daly told the

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THE PRISONER SHUFFLE

While it's not the largest expense tonight, transporting prisoners is expected to be an ongoing cost to the Santa Monica Police Department.

It's expected to cost City Hall \$70,000 next year to transport prisoners from the Santa Monica Jail to the Airport Courthouse near LAX. Because of countywide cut-backs, no criminal cases will be heard at the Santa Monica Courthouse as of June 11, and virtually all criminal case hearings involving SMPD arrestees will occur at the Airport Courthouse beginning June 14.

Even though the Santa Monica Courthouse is located within 200 feet of the Santa Monica Jail, all arrestees will have to be taken to the Airport Courthouse for their

jury. “What she did not know was that she was dealing with an individual that had an anger problem, that did not like to be told how things were going to happen ...

"Did he intend for (the mail) to be found? No. He was unlucky — he was purely unlucky," Daly added. "Had he been thinking without revenge he would have thought, 'I need to grab other paper and put it in the bomb.'"

Houchin rebutted Daly's claim that the trash would have been collected, saying the dumpsters were locked and the boxes may have been overlooked by trash collectors. He also raised a series of questions, mostly targeting Santa Monica Police Department Sgt. Robert Almada, the lead investigator in the case. Houchin accused Almada of leaving key details out of his report and of immediately putting Smith on the defensive during two taped interrogations in July of 2003 at police headquarters.

One of the details that became an issue late in the week-long case is a 1996 North Carolina house fire that killed Smith's step-mother and step-sister, and left his father severely burned. Smith argued he told Almada about the fire during questioning. Almada denied knowledge of it, saying it would have been noted in his reports.

The 1996 fire is important because prosecutors allege Smith, when shown photocopies of the mail in the firebombs, hung his head and began to weep, saying 'I'm sorry. I'm so sorry.' Smith said he didn't cry, but instead became emotional and said he was sorry because Almada had claimed two firemen were hurt. Almada denied saying any firemen were hurt, though two firemen did have to jump from the roof.

Deliberations are expected to resume in the case today. If convicted, Smith faces a maximum of nine years in prison. Smith has been held in lieu of \$1 million bond at the Twin Towers jail in downtown Los Angeles since his July 2003 arrest.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Keith Schwartz, who is presiding over the case at the Airport Courthouse near LAX, urged lawyers earlier in the trial not to drag out their cases, because of juror conflicts. At the start of trial, officials estimated a verdict would be delivered by jurors no later than Wednesday of this week.

"There could be a lot of deliberations on a case like this, because there's a mountain of evidence," Judge Schwartz said Thursday.

arraignments and other court proceedings .

Prior to 2000, all misdemeanor and felony criminal cases involving SMPD arrestees were filed and processed at the Santa Monica Courthouse. Since 2000, the Los Angeles County Superior Court, in an effort to consolidate its operations and reduce its costs, has been transferring more criminal cases, and more of the resources used to hear them, from Santa Monica to the Airport Courthouse, city staff said.

The City Council is expected tonight to approve an agreement with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to transport the prisoners. The annual cost for the proposed agreement includes \$67,000 for basic service costs and a \$3,000 contingency for unusual but possible prisoner-related expenses incurred by the sheriff's department, according to city documents.

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LOCAL

Transferring prisoners will cost up to \$70,000 a year

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Since the transfer of all SMPD arrestee criminal hearings to the Airport Courthouse will begin June 14, additional costs will be incurred for the current month, city staff said. Those costs are estimated to be no more than \$7,500 — approximately \$5,600 for basic prisoner transportation services, \$400 for any extra services such as transportation of a prisoner to a location other than the Airport Courthouse, and approximately \$1,500 for the one-time expense of providing additional security equipment needed for initiation of the new service.

With three different alternatives in front of them, city staff figured using the sheriff's department was the most inexpensive option.

The SMPD considered having the court hold arraignments via video, but the logistics and costs were too high. Arraignments could be conducted through a video link between the jail and a designated courtroom. SMPD staff would be required to outfit and service at least three areas in the jail to accommodate prisoner movement, defense attorney visitation, and the arraignments. Video equipment would have to be installed in the jail and in a courtroom at the Airport Courthouse, and at least six phone lines would be required, city staff said. Jail employees would be responsible for paperwork that would normally be completed by court personnel, potentially requiring two new staff positions. And as many as half of SMPD's arrestees might not qualify for video arraignments and would still have to be transported to the Airport Courthouse.

The SMPD also considered transporting its own prisoners, but that plan also had fundamental flaws. The SMPD currently transports felony prisoners to the Airport Courthouse for arraignments using an overtime detail three days a week at an approximate cost of \$72,000 annually. The SMPD currently has one heavy-duty jail transportation vehicle capable of handling 15 prisoners in three separate enclosures that are secure from each other.

While the vehicle is adequate most of the time, there are many days when the number of prisoners would exceed the existing vehicle's capacity, requiring two round trips to the Airport Courthouse, according to city documents. One round trip to the Airport Courthouse requires at least two SMPD staffers for about three hours. An in-house "Court Services Unit" with employees working straight time hours to transport pre-arraignment arrestees to the Airport Courthouse would potentially require four police officer positions and one police sergeant position, city staff said. Transferring sworn personnel from other units to create a new

unit during a time when SMPD must freeze numerous positions because of budgetary constraints could significantly impact the SMPD's ability to perform its core functions, city staff said. Additionally, SMPD personnel who would be implementing the new court services program would not have the years of experience and the extensive support system that the sheriff's department already has for prisoner transfers, city staff said.

Under the terms the agreement, the sheriff's department would make one pick-up at SMPD on each court date to transport both male and female pre-arraignment misdemeanants, felons, and Santa Monica warrant arrestees to the Airport Courthouse. The typical sheriff's department prisoner transfer bus can seat the largest probable number of SMPD arrestees, according to city documents. SMPD would be required to provide security for loading of the sheriff's department bus, and would be responsible for the custody of all arrestees until they were physically on the bus.

PARKING IT

Coming in as the largest expense is \$240,123 for parking equipment at the Main Library, which is supposed to be done in the fall of 2005. The library includes a 530-space underground parking garage and it will be equipped with a standardized system called SkiData. City officials say standardization makes data collection and maintenance more efficient and accurate.

TRUCKIN'

Coming in as the second largest expense that the City Council is expected to spend is \$169,990 for a new asphalt truck.

The compressed natural gas powered truck will be used by street maintenance crews to patch, repair and maintain the city's streets, alleys, sidewalks and parking lots. It will replace a 1994 patch truck which is no longer cost effective to maintain, city staff said.

INSURANCE FOR LIFE

The City Council is expected to authorize a one-time increase of \$30,000 for this year to a contract with Hartford Life Insurance Company, which provides city

employees' life insurance and long-term disability insurance.

City Hall currently provides most of its employees with life and long-term disability insurance benefits. When City Hall entered into an agreement with Hartford Life Insurance Company, Hartford provided a guaranteed rate for three years, with a total savings of \$165,000 over the previous carrier. The contract stipulated that the total amount of the agreement would not exceed \$615,000 for each year. The cost of premiums are, in part, based on eligible employees' earnings and on the number of employees in each bargaining unit covered. Since 2002, the city's employee census and earnings have changed, with a corresponding increase in premiums.

MORE INFORMATION NEEDED

The \$72,000 contract with Matrix Consulting Group, which is evaluating the uilding department's inefficiencies, may get another \$2,250 tacked onto it. City officials requested more information from the consultants, specifically additional interviews with people who use the department.

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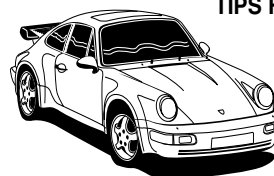
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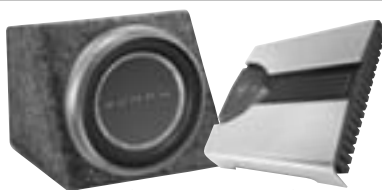
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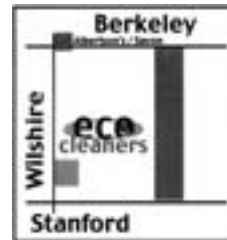
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Offended by disrespect

Editor:

I'm a lifelong Democrat who did not vote for Ronald Reagan for either governor or president. And I often disagreed with some of his conservative opinions and policies. That said, I nevertheless had a deep and enduring respect for Mr. Reagan as a public servant who made an important and lasting contribution to our state, nation and the world.

And that is why I was terribly offended by two of your headlines in today's paper (SMDP, June 7, page 1) concerning the time Mr. Reagan's body was laying in a local mortuary while being prepared for burial.

Only in a city like Santa Monica, which is overrun by mean-spirited liberals, would a newspaper run a headline that likened this solemn occasion to a "Presidential circus," or in another headline suggest that "Funeral home seals Reagan legacy."

There was nothing circus like about the occasion. Rather, there was a heartfelt and respectful outpouring of sympathy for the family and remembrance for an important national and world leader by the young and old, and by those who supported Mr. Reagan and those who did not. And you are quite wrong. Mr. Reagan's legacy is not going to be sealed in a funeral home, as your insulting headline suggested, but his legacy is sealed and honored and will live on in the history of this nation and the world.

You owe all of us a sincere apology. Your depiction of Mr. Reagan did not afford him the dignity and respect he earned and deserves.

Saul Cohen
Santa Monica

Respect lost by headline

Editor:

Your article caption "Presidential circus comes to town" (SMDP, June 7, page 1) is a flippant way to refer to the funeral arrangements for any human being, ex-president or not. Whether or not you agree with some of his politics, more respect is warranted.

Sunny Kreis
Santa Monica

Staying off the street

Editor:

Since I read the first response to the story on the young couple who is homeless in Santa Monica I have wanted to write (SMDP, May 24, page 1).

This is my story of being young and homeless.

I was orphaned at the age of 10 and dumped on some distant cousins. After several years of not being able to do anything right or worthy in their eyes, I ran away and was put in foster care.

I was not taught one living skill by any adult. I hadn't a clue how to have a banking account and balance it. I hadn't the self esteem to get a job. I was lost socially because I had no roots. When I left foster care I was 17 years old with just a high school education and no money. I struck out into the world on my own. In the dead of winter, I slept in the doorways of businesses in a small farming community located in upstate New York. I needed parental permission to get housing, but I had no parents. I needed references to get a job but had no family to vouch for me. I would have used my foster parents as references. Unfortunately, they convinced me I wasn't the sharpest pencil in the box. I don't believe I would have received a glowing reference from them.

I was even more certain that no one would hire me. I tested for the Army and the Navy but never followed through. (A good thing because I had major issues with authority). I had myself declared an emancipated minor and worked a furniture factory job for a short while, but it was hard labor, loading wood into different molding machines and saws. I skipped work like I skipped school and was let go. I floated around for a year or more, always looking to escape but had no where to escape to. I ended up getting pregnant and having a son. Though I didn't care if I was homeless (because I didn't care about me), I fought to make a home for him.

I spent years in tears trying to do what was right for my son. Remember, I had no life skills, no one to turn to and "ask how do you do this?" I lived by my mistakes, and my son suffered my poverty. After eight years of ruining my life and my son's life, I went to the Catholic church and told the nuns all that had happened. I pleaded with them to find a righteous home for my son. He was adopted under open adoption so I could know he was doing well and he would know that I did not abandon him but gave him a life he deserved. He is 27 years old now and father of two. A good man just as he was a good son. A man I am proud of and a son well loved. And my social and economical superior.

For me I still struggle in my poverty. I work low-wage jobs, often trading work for a place to stay, or some other daily need. I have worked 100-hour weeks to have a bed and a meal — nothing more. I live in a residential hotel right now and any second I could be homeless. Today I worked 10 hours and came home with \$5 after expenses.

Laziness is not my problem. It is not having a stable life. I have moved about 80 times in my life. I have no family, no one to give a good report of me and my life. I pay cash for everything. I have never had a credit card because I do not have banking accounts.

I wish I could say there is a happy ending —that I became a brilliant lawyer or a renowned doctor, but the truth is I just make it from one day to the next. I am forever facing the prospect of being homeless. It is one illness or struggle away. It is a hard

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City Hall perpetuates the problem of homelessness



DOSE OF REALITY
 BY MATTHEW GLASSER

What comes to mind when you think about life in Santa Monica? Do you revel in the beauty of its beaches and its wonderful weather? Do you ponder the plethora of leisure time activities? Judging from many of the articles and letters that grace the pages of this paper, many of you equate Santa Monica with homelessness.

The reality is that Santa Monica is a great town if you are homeless. The city has great weather, an abundance of places to sleep, tons of tourists and visitors who willingly donate their spare change, and plenty of restaurants who dump their left over food in places that are easily accessible.

Even if City Hall ended all of its public and private social service programs that feed and assist the homeless, the city would still have a lot to offer to those who are destitute. So if you want to end the problem of homelessness, you will have to offer the homeless something more

appealing than the status quo.

There seems to be two schools of thought concerning the city's response to the homeless situation: City Hall is doing too much to help the homeless and has therefore become the community of choice for the homeless. Or City Hall doesn't do enough to help the homeless and should be more concerned about this portion of the population.

While the two sides spend their time arguing who is correct, the homeless continue to be homeless and the rest of the community continues to deal with the consequences of living with a large homeless population in their backyard.

Here's my take on the situation. City Hall is doing too much of the wrong thing and not enough of the right thing when it comes to really solving the homeless situation. Passing out food at the park may make us feel good about ourselves, but it only perpetuates the problem. These programs don't address the root causes of homelessness and they don't do a thing to help people improve their lives. It offers the homeless their next meal and little else.

Some argue that law enforcement doesn't do enough to move the homeless out of Santa Monica, while others believe that they should adopt a "live and let live" philosophy when it comes to enforcing

homeless ordinances. Again, relocating the homeless from location to location or city to city is not a solution. It's a perpetuation of the problem and it's a cowardly way to deal with this issue. Let's not pass the buck. Santa Monica has a history of progressive thinking and social action. They should use it to help those in need.

The problem is that Santa Monica has been looking for a simple solution to an incredibly difficult dilemma. Homelessness isn't a lifestyle — except for those still following the remaining members of the Grateful Dead. People are generally homeless for one of three reasons: They can't afford a place to live, they are addicted to drugs and alcohol and spend their money on those vices, or they are mentally ill and incapable of living a normal life without medical assistance.

A few years ago, City Hall conducted a census of the homeless population. They found that more than 1,000 people were homeless and living in the city limits. But they didn't take the time to find out why these 1,000 people were homeless. They missed a great opportunity to understand the causes of homelessness. And as a result, they are now unable to develop solutions to address those causes.

If Santa Monica wants to solve its homeless situation then officials are going

to have to do more than simply offering food programs and implementing law enforcement initiatives. They are going to have to understand the people who live on their streets and determine why they are homeless. Only then will we be able to make progress in improving the lives of those living on the streets.

If someone is homeless because they can't afford rent, the solution is to provide these folks with affordable housing and job training. If they are addicted to drugs and alcohol, the city will have to get them off those drugs and teach them how to make a living. And if they are mentally ill, we need to make the tough decision to institutionalize them until they can be treated by medical professionals.

Unfortunately, even with the best intentions, there are those who will choose not to get help and will continue to be homeless. Santa Monica will never completely solve the problem. But if it understands the people behind the homeless label and develops programs that actually offer these people a future, they may actually make a significant dent in the size of the homeless population.

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OPINION



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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life with little or no reward. For some born into this world, this is just life.

The letters I read were a spit-in-the-face of that young couple. Not one word of encouragement, not one job offer, not one suggestion on how to move forward, not one realistic goal for them to obtain.

I heard a young man in pain searching for his rightful place in this world, struggling to balance the insecurity of youth in a world of elders. Perhaps you have to be there to understand.

Linda Deskin
Santa Monica

Who's the monster?

Editor:

In his June 1 column, Matthew Glasser forcefully argued that the war against Iraq was justified even if weapons of mass destruction are never found. Saddam Hussein was enough, he said.

"Hussein wasn't going to stop his campaign of terror until some stood up to him." Glasser also goes on to cite other 20th century and 21st century "monsters," including Mao Tze Dong of China and Pol Pot of Cambodia, who could warrant war.

Yet Glasser doesn't include the U.S. in his list of countries producing "monsters." What about the women and children who were slaughtered by American soldiers during the Viet Nam conflict? Or what about what happened at the Abu Ghrai and other prisons in Iraq as well as those in Afghanistan? Although these actions probably would not result in war, they may generate hostility intense enough to lead to conflicts. No country can be excluded from those that grow "monsters."

Joanne Gamlin
Los Angeles

Power to the people

Editor:

"A patriot must be ready to defend their country against its government." — *Edward Abby*

I would like to respond to Mr. Glasser's article which appeared in Tuesday, June 1, 2004 in the Santa Monica Daily Press.

My name is Vincent Garofalo and I am one of the two political activist who works

on the Third Street Promenade in Santa Monica giving out political bumper stickers, buttons and literature.

Mr. Glasser says, "This brings me back to the activists who I always seem to run into on the Promenade. Some people call these anti-war folks liberals or Democrats. But I think that's being unfair to the left. These people are so far left that they've almost come full circle. You know the types I'm talking about. These folks who compare President Bush to Hitler. Or claim that he is worse than Saddam Hussein. They are the ones who believe we deserve what happened on 9-11 because of our foreign policy. In fact, some of them have such contempt for our country that compare our fighting men and women to terrorists. And they wonder why they are so out of touch with the majority of the population. I am sure many of them would fit right in France. I guess the people who don't believe that violence and war are ever necessary never spent much time studying history."

First let me say that I love my country. Secondly, I am not a pacifist and realize unfortunately wars may have to be fought. But, make no mistake about it, I don't believe this war with Iraq was justified. The Bush administration has misled the American people from day one. Let me state the facts. There are no weapons of mass destruction. There was never a connection with Bin Laden and Saddam Hussein on 9-11. There was no mobile biological weapons labs in Iraq. Secretary of State Colin Powell says, "the CIA was wrong about the presence of mobile biological weapons labs in Iraq before the invasion by U.S.-led coalition forces last year. In the case of the mobile trucks and trains there was a multiple sourcing for that. Unfortunately, that multiple sourcing over time has turned out to be not accurate." (NBC's Meet the Press, Sunday, May 16, 2004)

And I asked Mr. Glasser, do you remember the American Revolution? A war I agreed with and felt was justified for the young Americans. The French were our allies and as a matter of fact, helped the Americans defeat the British Empire in the 1700s. I say just because the French don't agree with this war in Iraq is no reason to bash or hate them. Personally I say, "Viva La France," for being a good and honest friend to the USA in these difficult times.

Furthermore, we activists have never said Mr. Hussein was a nice guy. He is an evil human being who does not care about his people or the country of Iraq. But don't forget the CIA helped Saddam Hussein with the war with Iran in the '80s, and the CIA knew Saddam Hussein was using biological weapons against Iran.

In closing, I would like to say Mr. Glasser, you are always welcome to stop by my table and share your political views, but please do not stereotype me. I am an individual who thinks for himself and is not afraid to go against the mainstream with his political views. Also, I never said I had the answer to these complicated questions. But I will continue to scream and shout and expose George W. Bush and his evil empire for the lies he tells to the American people.

Power to the people.

Vincent Garofalo
Santa Monica

Business development first starts with a plan



LEGAL NEWS & VIEWS BY DAVID PISARRA

Frequently I am approached by people who want to start a business. They come to me, hat in hand, with an idea, a dream and want to know where to start. So I am going to do a series on a company that I started and own a large piece of, but will change the names and particulars to avoid any impropriety I will take from my real world experiences.

The first step in any new business is the business plan. This is the blueprint for how the company is to begin and then grow. It really is a large document, made up of many smaller documents that all fit together. It starts with an executive summary of what type of business is proposed, how it will make money, what the projections are for breaking even, start up expenses, and where the start up capital will come from.

Usually when an entrepreneur approaches me and I ask for a business plan, I receive a very simple spreadsheet that lists the cost of the product, how much it will retail for, and the amount they expect to sell in a week, thus showing the business making a huge profit from the outset. This is typical new entrepreneur enthusiasm, which is usually matched with a thought of how much free

time they will now have as their own boss.

These numbers are complete fantasy land and will be ignored.

Primary in any inquiry is the question of, "is this company doing a legal business?" You'd be surprised how many times I am asked to partake in a venture that is illegal.

In the subject case, I was approached about starting a medical testing company. This company will test subjects for a condition in a non-invasive (this is crucial) manner. Meaning no blood, no needles, no little cups, just a person having some measurements taken, and then a doctor reviews the results and makes a diagnosis.

There are other companies doing this so I wanted to be sure of several facts with the first being that ownership would be allowed for non-medical doctors. This is where the research part of a business lawyer's life takes off. I had to find out who would regulate this. The Medical Board of California is a good starting point, and they said it was not a requirement that a doctor own the company, since we are not performing medical procedures. This is why the "non-invasive" was important. This type of business does allow for ownership by non-medical doctors, so that first hurdle was jumped.

Next up would be the Federal Government. Because we would be billing Medicare for the services we render on some patients, they will have a say in what the requirements are for their vendors. The first step in dealing with the government is always "fill out the form." So by looking to the forms required, we can determine

what they will, or won't, allow. There is a form that allows a company to get a payment number from Medicare. That form sets out the parameters of what is needed. I read through the form, and since it didn't require a doctors name as the owner, we were allowed to move forward.

Now that I know the company is a legally viable business, I need to find out if it is economically viable. To do this, we look at the potential market for the service. This particular medical test is for a sleeping problem. So conceivably everyone who sleeps is a potential patient. But that is an unrealistic number. I had to come down to what the real numbers are so I can determine how many we can expect to see as potential patients.

The condition we are testing for is sleep apnea. It is where a person stops breathing in the middle of their sleep. It is a potentially fatal disease that contributes to heart disease but in most cases, renders people tired all the time, which can lead to dangerous driving, premature death and an unhealthy lifestyle. The main recognizable symptoms are snoring and fatigue upon waking.

So to do my research I began where I was taught to look — people I know and the man on the street. I asked questions of people around me. People who are over 30 and/or over 30 pounds overweight, are a higher risk group for this disease, so I needed to look at the increase in obesity in America, and an aging population as keys to what the potential market would be. It was big, really big.

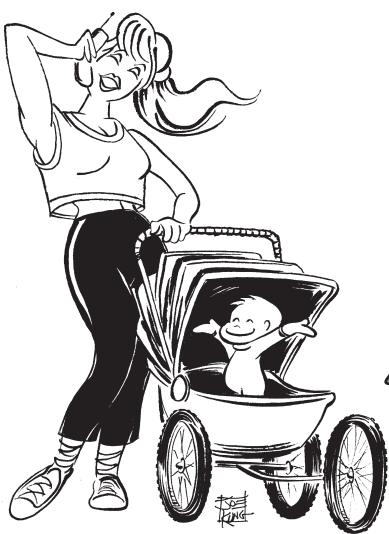
The next phase of the analysis is "how

do we make money?" Once I have identified an ability, and a need, it becomes evident that we must look at the financial aspects of this project. What can we charge and who will pay for it are key questions. This is where competition comes into play. There are other companies out there who do the test, but what do they charge? Since this is a test that Medicare will reimburse, they have a dollar amount that they pay. There is no negotiation on this point with Medicare, so that price is fixed. The insurance companies will pay a higher price but they have their own limits on what they will pay. We had to determine what the price points were for those two revenue sources and build the pricing structure into a model.

We knew that we had certain fixed costs, such as rent, staffing costs, a tax burden on the staff, utilities, equipment leasing, marketing materials, and administration costs. We also had certain start up costs, such as incorporation fees, Web site purchasing, graphic design, the legal costs of my time in doing the analysis, consultant fees for meeting with technicians, cabling people, lease procurement costs and the office supplies.

Next week I will cover in greater detail the above categories and how one determines what values to plug into the business plan.

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



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GUEST COMMENTARY | BY JON S. MATSUNAGA, M.D.

Exercise do's and don't during pregnancy

QUESTION: I'd like to stay in shape as much as possible during my pregnancy. How much can I safely exercise and are there any risks involved?

ANSWER: During pregnancy, women should stick to low-impact exercise routines and sports in order to help avoid injury, particularly to the joints, which are stressed by the extra weight gain. Hormonal changes impact the joints as well, making them looser and thus more vulnerable to injury.

Two of the safest workouts for pregnant women are swimming and aqua aerobics. The buoyancy of the water takes the weight off the back and joints, helping relieve some of the discomfort of pregnancy. During hot summer months, water sports also have the added benefit of helping women avoid over-heating during exercise, which can be harmful.

In addition, low-impact exercises such as walking, low-impact aerobics, riding a stationary bike and using a stair-climber are permissible, as long as you don't overdo it. I tell my patients to keep a low-impact aerobics

workout to 30 minutes or less, while making sure that their heart rate does not exceed 120 beats per minute. A heart rate of more than 140 is too high, indicating that you need to take it easier and slow down your workout. A good rule of thumb to follow is that if you can talk during your workout, you're fine. If you're too out of breath to speak, you are overdoing it.

Exercises to avoid include any sports that involve the risk of falling, such as horseback riding, and any high-impact sports, including tennis or volleyball, which also involves sudden changes in direction that put unnecessary stress on joints. Pregnant women should not scuba dive under any circumstance, as scuba diving poses major health risks due to pressure and oxygen changes during diving.

According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, pregnant women should not exercise without their physician's permission if they suffer from high blood pressure, pregnancy-induced hypertension, heart disease, vaginal bleeding,

early contractions or premature rupture of the membranes. You should also consult your physician before starting any new exercise routine or sports activity.

Finally, you should stop exercising immediately and notify your physician if you experience any of the following symptoms:

- Vaginal bleeding or unusually heavy discharge
- Dizziness or faintness
- Increased and pronounced shortness of breath
- Sudden pain anywhere in your body
- Extremely rapid heartbeat (more than 140 beats per minute)

(Jon S. Matsunaga, M.D., is an ob/gyn specialist and chair of the ob/gyn department at Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica. For more information on Saint John's, contact the health center at (310) 829-5511 or visit the hospital's Web site at www.stjohns.org).

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*New session start today! Tots (crawling to 24 months) – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.; Babies (6 wks. to pre-crawling) – 11:30 – 12:30 a.m.

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The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-826-5774 - no pre-reg required, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Storytelling

The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge – 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052

10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4 at this neighborhood coffee shop.

Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.

Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m., next session June 23 – Aug. 11; six-week series for 3-5 year olds with adult.

Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.

Lap Time - 10:00 & 10:30 a.m., for children ages 0-2.

Toddler Story Time – 11:15 a.m., for 2 year olds.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. –392-3804.

Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144

Border's, Westwood – 11am – 310-475-3444.

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STATE

Reagan remembered for his grace and humor



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

The hearse carrying the former president's body leaves Santa Monica and heads to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

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Reagan Presidential Library, where the body of the nation's 40th president will lie in repose through Tuesday before traveling to Washington. After Friday's state funeral, the body will return to California for a hilltop burial service at sunset.

A Marine Corps band played "Hail to the Chief" as eight armed forces members carried the casket into the presidential library, past a 10-foot-tall sculpture titled "After the Ride" depicting Reagan as a smiling cowboy with a Stetson in his hand.

The journey began in Santa Monica at Gates Kingsley & Gates Moeller-Murphy Funeral Home, where the mahogany casket was placed aboard a hearse for a 40-mile drive to the library in Simi Valley.

Clusters of people watched from overpasses and road-sides as the motorcade headed north, then west on the Ronald Reagan Freeway, its path cleared by motorcycle officers. One banner hung along the route declared, "God bless you Ronald & Nancy." Another proclaimed, "God bless the Gipper."

Flags at half-staff fluttered under an overcast sky as the casket was carried into the library rotunda before a brief family service.

"As we were in procession, I couldn't help but think of the love and the outpouring that has begun in the nation for a great president, a great world leader and a faithful servant of almighty God," said the Rev. Michael Wenning, retired senior pastor at Bel Air Presbyterian Church, where Reagan had worshipped.

When the service ended, Mrs. Reagan, dressed in a black suit and pearls, walked to the casket, placing her left cheek against the flag's field of stars. Her daughter, Patti Davis, hugged her tightly and other family members

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STATE



Leaders from around the world remember Reagan

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joined them, placing hands on the casket.

Soon after the family departed, the first of many chartered buses arrived, bringing members of the public who had been waiting — in some cases for hours — for a chance to pay respects to Reagan, who died on Saturday after a 10-year struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

Between noon and 5 p.m., more than 9,200 people passed by the casket, said Melissa Giller, chief of staff for the library foundation. The library had prepared for 2,000 visitors an hour for 30 hours.

Twenty-seven buses shuttled mourners about five miles from a college, which was shut down to provide parking.

Among the early arrivals were Arnold Schwarzenegger, like Reagan an actor-turned-governor, and California's first lady, Maria Shriver, a member of the Kennedy clan. Both crossed themselves.

Mourners, including many children, stood quietly in line as they waited to enter the library, then moved rapidly past the casket flanked by an honor guard representing all branches of the military. Some people carried carnations or tiny U.S. flags; dress ranged from dark suits and ties to Hawaiian shirts and sunglasses.

Mauchese Franklin, 31, from Laverne, said he had wanted to visit Reagan's library for years and was sad that his trip resulted from the former president's death.

Standing with his 8-year-old son, Franklin recalled that as a boy he stayed up late to listen to election returns from Reagan's presidential campaign.

"I couldn't wait to turn 18 to be able to

vote," he said. "I can actually say he's the reason I am a registered Republican, even though everyone else in my family is a Democrat."

Besides Mrs. Reagan, Ron and Patti, others attending the service at the library included Reagan's son, Michael, and his family; Dennis Revell, husband of Reagan's late daughter Maureen; and Merv Griffin, the veteran entertainer and family friend.

On Wednesday, the former president's body is to be flown to Washington, D.C. Following a ceremony Wednesday night in the Capitol Rotunda, the body will lie in state there. Friday will be a national day of mourning, with all federal offices and major financial markets closed. The state funeral will be held at Washington National Cathedral; President Bush will deliver a eulogy and former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev will be among the mourners.

The body will then be returned to Reagan's library in Simi Valley for a private burial service Friday evening. Reagan will be buried in a crypt beneath a memorial site at the library some 45 miles north of Los Angeles. Praise for Reagan, and condolences to his family, streamed in from across the world. In a jarring contrast, a Cuban government radio station assailed Reagan's policies and said he "never should have been born."

At the United Nations, Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Reagan "will be remembered for his leadership and resolve during a period of momentous change in world affairs, as well as for the warmth, grace and humor with which he conducted affairs of state."



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Colleen and Michael Reagan on Monday read the notes left at a memorial honoring the former president, which were placed in front of a Santa Monica funeral home.



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Nancy Reagan watches military personnel place her husband's casket into a hearse parked in the driveway of Gates Kingsley & Gates Moeller-Murphy Funeral Home in Santa Monica.

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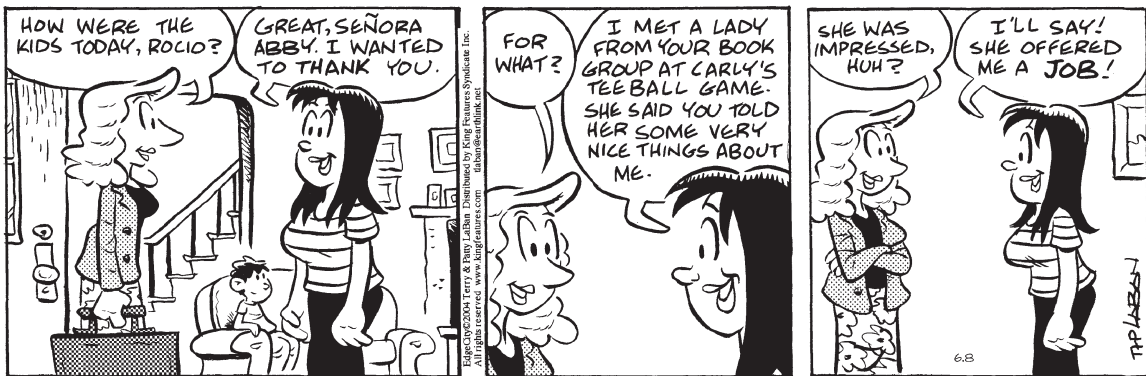


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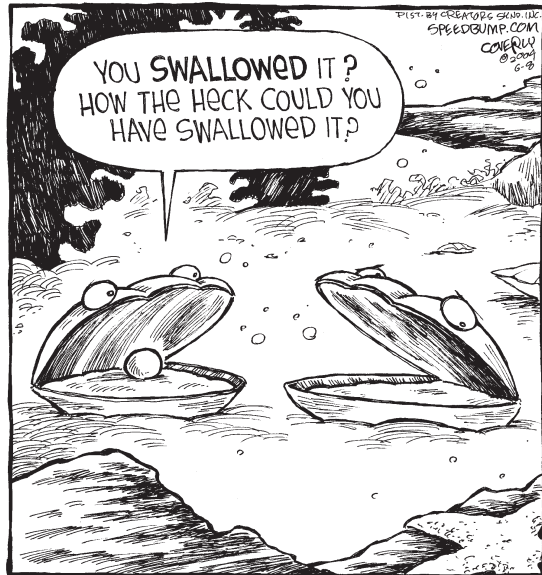
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The Melbourne City Council is considering renaming Corporation Lane, a narrow downtown alley, AC/DC Lane as a tribute to the band.

“They are probably the most successful Australian band ever and they really do have a connection to Melbourne,” council city services committee chairwoman Kimberly Kitching said Monday.

One of the band’s famous video clips, for the song “Long Way to the Top,” was filmed on the back of a truck in a Melbourne street.

She said the council would make a decision on the name change within the next month, but it had already received broad community support.

■ **SAN ANTONIO** — The silence is ending for the San Antonio Symphony, which plans to play its first post-bankruptcy concert on Sept. 17.

The symphony canceled its 2003-04 season last May and filed for bankruptcy protection, blaming its financial troubles on a poor economy and reduced gifts from donors.

It emerged from bankruptcy in April and announced details of its upcoming 2004-05 season on Friday. The season will

be a first for music director Larry Rachleff, who was appointed in late 2002.

Twelve classical programs were scheduled, down from 16 in recent seasons. The symphony also has planned eight pops concerts, four weeks of Young People’s Concerts and a two-week run of “The Nutcracker” with Ballet San Antonio.

■ **CANBERRA, Australia** — Peter Garrett, the former lead singer of the disbanded Australian rock group Midnight Oil, has been touted to run in the next federal election.

Sunday newspapers gave front page coverage to the prospect of Garrett, a leading environmentalist and longtime political activist, becoming the highest profile candidate for the safe Labor Party seat of Kingsford Smith in Sydney.

Garrett could not be contacted for comment Monday.

Labor leaders have welcomed the possibility of Garrett joining their team and bringing with him crucial environment-focussed voters.

Prime Minister John Howard has yet to announce an election date which could be as early as August 7.

■ **GRAND BLANC, Mich.** — Here’s a playing partner who doesn’t come along often: Tiger Woods.

Someone won a chance to play with Woods with a \$30,100 bid in the 2004

Buick Open charity auction. The auction was held May 27 through Saturday on eBay. The winner, whose name was not yet known, has until June 19 to claim the prize.

The winner will play with Woods at the 2004 Buick Open Pro-Am on July 28 or at the next Buick-sponsored golf tournament in which Woods plays, Buick Open spokesman Al Abrams said Sunday.

Woods has not committed to play in this year’s Buick Open. He won in 2002 and tied for second last year.

The Buick Open is July 26-Aug. 1 at Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club in Grand Blanc.

■ **WASHINGTON** — Washington Redskins coach Joe Gibbs remembered Ronald Reagan as a man who had “guts.”

“I mean, he made a lot of decisions that nobody thought was right, and he said, ‘We’re sticking to it,’” Gibbs said Sunday.

“I think you’ve got to admire him, and that he really did change the face of the world.”

The White House twice hosted the Redskins as Super Bowl champions during Reagan’s time in office — in 1983 and 1988.

Television footage from the 1988 meeting showed Reagan connecting on a pass to receiver Ricky Sanders as he streaked across the South Lawn of the White House.

Reagan died Saturday at 93.

■ **LONDON** — Alex Kingston says she’s being axed from “ER” for being too old.

The British actress, who plays Dr. Elizabeth Corday on the long-running NBC medical drama, said she was told recently that after seven years on the show, her contract would not be renewed.

In an interview with Radio Times magazine, the 41-year-old Kingston said the program was increasingly focused on young characters, “and apparently I, according to the producers and the writers, am part of the old fogies who are no longer interesting.”

“In that respect it’s a shame. It’s fine to have young med students, but you need to have figures of authority, people of different ages, races, shapes and sizes,” she said.

Kingston said being let go “was a shock and obviously upsetting, but it’s just your ego that’s upset. Then I got over it.”

The actress, who starred as a warrior queen in the British drama “Boudica” last year, said she plans to return to Britain for film and television work.

“Scariness comes from not knowing whether I can do it anymore, because I’ve been playing one role for so long,” she said.

“Admittedly, I’ve done little bits and pieces, but I’m very excited about getting back to the U.K.”

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