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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

A 5-year-old boy in Broward County, Fla., preparing to enter kindergarten, is believed by gender-identity experts to be the youngest kid in the country whose family supports his decision to live completely as the other sex (according to a May profile in New Times Broward-Palm Beach). The parents doubt that the unnamed now-girl (dubbed “Nicole Anderson” in the article) is “just going through a phase,” because of “her” early, constant, and insistent female preferences and comments, e.g., “I want the fairy princess to come and make my penis into a vagina.”

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 166th day of 2006.
There are 199 days left in the year.

On June 15, 1215, England’s King John put his seal to Magna Carta (“the Great Charter”) at Runnymede.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“In trying to make something new, half the undertaking lies in discovering whether it can be done. Once it has been established that it can, duplication is inevitable.”

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Keep the coast clear

KEVIN UEDA

Special to the Daily Press

SM BEACH — By the time the Fourth of July winds down, it’s the sand that needs to be liberated. According to city beach supervisor Paul Davis, beachgoers celebrating the nation’s independence tend to litter Santa Monica’s beaches so densely that they become invisible.

See **CLEAN BEACHES**, page 9

No foam party zone

Council finds plastic not-so fantastic, seeks sweeping ban

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Ordering take-out from a favorite local restaurant may never be the same, as elected officials here look to ban all unrecyclable Styrofoam and plastic products used to store food.

Despite pleas from representatives with the restaurant and plastics industries, the City Council voted unanimously on Tuesday in favor of drafting a ban on expanded polystyrene (EPS) food packaging within the city limits. The ban, which targets Styrofoam cups, plates and clamshell take-out containers, would

apply to all public, private and non-profit entities that use such products. There are approximately 300 individual restaurants and food service businesses currently holding business licenses in the city, 122 of which use no EPS food packaging,

See **STYROFOAM**, page 8

Yankee doodle dandies



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Kindergarten students from Grant Elementary belt out a rendition of ‘Grand Old Flag’ during a Flag Day Ceremony at Santa Monica Place on Wednesday.

Wheels of justice: Injured skater getting paid

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — A woman who tripped over a hose and injured her shoulder while in-line skating on the beach bicycle path will receive more than \$57,000 as part of a settlement with City Hall.

On Tuesday, the City Council

offered to pay \$57,500 to Wendy Maceri to help cover medical expenses, as well as the pain and suffering she endured during her recovery from surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff. Maceri, a special education teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District, is expected to receive a similar payout from Cavalia, a circus-like show that was staging performances

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■ A Big Blue suit

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just north of the Santa Monica Pier at the time of the accident. Cavalia, was one of two other parties named in the civil suit, according to Louis J. Cutrone, Maceri’s attorney.

Cutrone said he would not release the terms of the settlement agreement

until it was approved by the court. Deputy City Attorney Anthony Serritella said the settlement included two payments of \$57,500, one from City Hall, and the other from Cavalia, a traveling Cirque du Soleil-like show incorporating live music, projected images, 69 performers and 37 horses.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might want to emphasize where you can make a difference rather than where you can't. Your creativity surges, and you might want to indulge. Extremes hit. You could be sorely tempted to spend and overindulge. Tonight: Find your friends.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Good intentions easily could tumble to the wayside if you're not tuned in or know what you want. Evaluate knowledge with an eye to new professional beginnings. Have you had a dream or long-term desire? The time is now to go after it. Tonight: A must appearance.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Take an overview and, at the same time, resist taking someone's actions or words personally. You will be a lot happier as a result, as will others. Moodiness and extremes hit those who don't think before they act. Tonight: Take in a movie.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Gain comes through friends and a close associate. You might not know exactly what works or what to do. Follow a friend's advice, and you won't go wrong. Relate closely to one individual. Tonight: Togetherness works.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You feel renewed and able to relate on a much deeper level. Listen to those you care about. Act positively, and you'll draw out someone who is important to you. Suddenly, someone cannot indulge you enough. Tonight: Follow another's lead.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ A project that you thought was destined for failure gets another life. You have reason to smile. Let others in on your good news. You can forgive and forget nearly anything. Consider if this attitude really works. Tonight: How about a workout?



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Work with someone who is ready, willing and able. To move a project forward or make plans with someone who is enthusiastic is nothing less than a pleasure. Your creativity comes up and allows you to veer in a new direction. Tonight: Ever playful.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You might want to rethink a problem with an eye to positive change. You might not agree with others, but you do discover that there is a better way. Be willing to forge ahead in a new direction. You delight many. Tonight: At home.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Speak your mind, and others listen. The snafu might be that they hear only what they want to hear. Extremes hit out of the blue. Think positively about what is going on. Listen to others and try to hear what they are saying. Tonight: Chat up a storm.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Expenses could be more than you'd expected, even as you read this horoscope. You might want to rethink a decision with an eye to security -- yours. Financial matters might not be as you think they are. Tonight: Say no to a risk.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You are personality plus. You might not care when you put a halt to a situation. You might want to do something very different. Laugh and relax with someone you care about. Don't worry about tomorrow. Tonight: Live it up.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ Know when to pull back and handle a situation more clearly. You might find that your intuition could mislead you. Listen to others, and you'll get results. Talks might wander from one topic to another. Try not to be controlling. Tonight: Out and about.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS



PACMA Luncheon Vlad Elakovic/Daily Press

Acclaimed artists and community members joined SMC officials in celebrating the midpoint of construction of the long-awaited Performing Arts Center & Music Academy of Santa Monica College on June 9 at the Loews Beach Hotel in Santa Monica. From left to right (back row): SMC President Dr. Chui L. Tsang; donor Laurie Benenson; and SMC Trustee Herb Roney. Front row: Eric Owens, star of the Los Angeles Opera production of 'Grendel'; child prodigy Marc Yu; SMC Trustee Dr. Dorothy Ehrhart-Morrison; and Dale Franzen, PACMA director.

Performing Arts are taking shape

By Daily Press staff

In the works for years, the multi-million dollar performing arts center now called the Performing Arts Center and Music Academy — formerly known as the Madison Theater — has reached its midpoint in construction.

Friends of the Performing Arts Center and Music Academy (PACMA) of Santa Monica College gathered June 9 at a Santa Monica hotel to celebrate the midpoint of construction of the much-anticipated project. Featuring a luncheon, as well as a performance by child piano prodigy Marc Yu, recently seen on Oprah, the event at the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel drew a crowd of about 70. Also attending was Eric Owens, star of the Los Angeles Opera production of "Grendel," which opened this month.

Others joining in the festivities, who were greeted by SMC President Dr. Chui L. Tsang, were Malibu Mayor Andy Stern; Misti Kerns and Tim Kittleson of the Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau; Barbara Stinchfield, Santa Monica city cultural and community affairs director; and several prominent supporters, including celebrity dermatologist Dr. Ava Shamban, Emmy Award-winning comedy writer Marc Flanagan, and visual artist-writer Jenny Okun.

Loews hosted and underwrote the event, and hotel officials announced they have adopted PACMA as part of its "good neighbor program."

"We have a strong commitment to furthering the arts within our community, and PACMA is an exciting addition to the Santa Monica theater scene," said John Thacker, Loew's general manager.

The facility, formerly called The Madison Project, is a 541-seat performing arts hall and music academy currently under construction at SMC's Madison campus on Santa Monica Boulevard at 11th Street.

"We are so happy to be nearing the completion of the facility, which will be a truly unique arts and education center," PACMA Director Dale Franzen said. "We're planning some incredibly exciting programs at the center."

Franzen thanked all who have been instrumental in providing contributions and support for the project, which is scheduled to be completed in fall of 2007. She said that the first season in the new theater is expected to be announced in early 2007.

"I have inherited this wonderful project, a center that is so needed by the community," said Tsang, who has been in the SMC chief executive position nearly four months.

The theater will feature both student work and professional engagements in music,

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7	1:36 AM	12:32 PM	7:39 AM	7:05 PM
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22	2:02 AM	12:49 PM	8:27 AM	7:21 PM
23	2:49 AM	1:39 PM	9:27 AM	8:02 PM
24	3:32 AM	2:19 PM	10:13 AM	8:42 PM
25	4:13 AM	3:06 PM	11:00 AM	9:26 PM
26	4:58 AM	3:43 PM	11:39 AM	10:00 PM
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The Q Line

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With last week's news that the United States had taken out the most wanted terrorist in Iraq — Abu Musab al-Zarqawi — coalition forces scored a much-needed uptick in positive publicity. The fallout of al-Zarqawi's demise has been varied, with some saying it is a harbinger of better days ahead, while others point to it as a signal to start turning over authority to the Iraqis.

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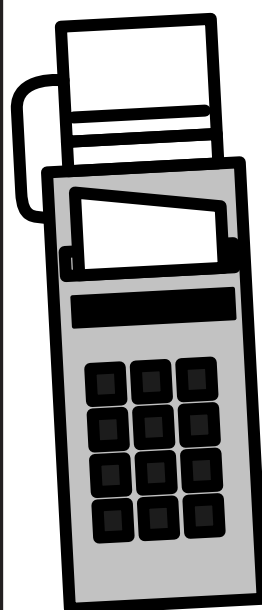
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Pacific Northwest serial killer charged in California case

By The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — A serial killer who stalked the Pacific Northwest was charged with strangling a woman in California in 1993 and dumping her body near a highway overpass.

Keith Hunter Jespersen, 55, was known as the “Happy Face Killer” for drawing happy faces in letters to an Oregon newspaper in which he boasted of his crimes. He is serving two life terms for murders in Oregon and Wyoming.

Santa Clara County prosecutors said Jespersen boasted of the slaying in a 1997 letter, but they withheld filing charges as they tried to determine the victim’s identity.

“We knew he wasn’t going anywhere,” prosecutor David Tomkins said.

Prosecutors said Tuesday they haven’t decided whether to pursue the death penalty, adding the decision partially depends on Jespersen’s willingness to name the victim, who remains unidentified. Jespersen claimed he met her at a truck stop, had sex with her and strangled her before driving off.

The body was so badly decomposed that authorities could only determine she was a white woman in her 20s or 30s.

“We’re hoping someone out there knows her,” Tomkins said. “She deserves a name.”

Gold-digger is pretty deep

By The Associated Press

MONTCLAIR, Calif. — A homeowner digging for gold in his front yard said he got “carried away” and ended up with a 60-foot-deep hole, authorities said.

Norm Enrique, 63, began digging 10 days ago after his gold detector reported a positive hit near his front patio. He told authorities he only intended to go down 3 or 4 feet.

Fire officials called to the scene Tuesday found two men

that Enrique hired were inside the unreinforced hole, using a bucket and rope to remove dirt.

“We told him, ‘You’re done,’” said Montclair Fire Capt. Rich Baldwin. “It’s amazing no one got killed.”

Officials from the state Occupational Safety and Health Administration likely will visit the property Wednesday to determine how to shore up and fill the hole, authorities said.

Enrique will be required to hire and pay for a licensed engineer, Baldwin said.

‘Gay mountains’ stand test of time

By The Associated Press

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, Calif. — An 11,000-acre ranch in mountains described glowingly in John Steinbeck’s “East of Eden” will be shielded forever from development under a \$4.2 million deal with a land trust.

The Gabilan Ranch, part of a range compared to “the lap of a beloved mother” in the Nobel Prize-winner’s 1952 classic, would remain undeveloped under a deal expected to close Wednesday selling the development rights to the Nature Conservancy.

The property, located in northern San Benito County, features oaks, hawks and wildflowers and has been family owned for 77 years.

“The ranch is the glue that holds our family together,” said Lauren Boyle of Los Gatos, one of the owners. “It means so much to our family — too much to ever sell it or divide it up.”

The property will not be open to the general public but will continue to welcome plant researchers.

In the novel, Steinbeck described the Gabilan Range as “light gay mountains full of sun and loveliness and a kind of invitation, so that you wanted to climb into their warm foothills almost as you want to climb into the lap of a beloved mother.”

The ranch once included Fremont Peak, where pioneer John C. Fremont first raised an American flag over California in 1846 and challenged its Mexican governor. The peak is now part of Fremont Peak State Park.

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STATE BRIEFS

Illegal immigrants can't work with city

By The Associated Press

HIGHLAND — Businesses doing business with the city cannot employ illegal immigrants.

The City Council unanimously approved a resolution Tuesday that demands firms doing business with Highland do not knowingly give jobs to illegal immigrants.

"Basically, we don't have any enforcement rights or enforcement privileges, but I think it will put the federal government on notice that we plan to obey the law," Councilwoman Jody Scott said.

Mayor Ross Jones noted the resolution makes clear that city officials can declare a breach of contract and move to terminate any deal with a business that knowingly hires an illegal immigrant.

The resolution also puts the council on record with the viewpoint that strict enforcement of laws such as the 1986 Immigration Control and Reform Act would preserve job opportunities for native-born workers and legal residents.

City harbors tunnel visions

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Routes for \$3 billion twin tunnels linking the Foothill Freeway in Pasadena with the Long Beach Freeway in Alhambra were unveiled by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

The 4 1/2-mile link would ease traffic congestion, improve air quality and save old neighborhoods where residents have been opposed to a ground-level freeway segment.

The \$550,000 preliminary study released Tuesday said construction of an underground 710 freeway extension with four lanes in each direction was physically, environmentally and financially feasible.

The study called it "one of the biggest and longest highway tunnels in the Western Hemisphere." The tunnels may require a toll to help pay for construction.

"All we are doing now is starting some conversations," said Doug Failing, director of the California Department of Transportation in Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

Caltrans and MTA officials plan a June 22 community meeting on the project in Pasadena.

SoCal doctors caring for Russian amputees

By The Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS — Young Russian amputees would likely wind up being street beggars if it wasn't for the help of Southern California doctors, therapists and a charitable Ventura County nurse.

Health of Fatherland, a Moscow nonprofit organization with an office in Thousand Oaks, has paid for 18 disabled Russian children to get help in the United States the past six years. One of them was Larisa Yarovaya, a 15-year-old who received a prosthetic arm at Shriners Hospital for Children in Los Angeles last month.

"If somebody doesn't help the kids like the Larisas of the world, they have no chance. They're destined for the streets and begging," said Carol Rich, a Ventura County nurse and Health of Fatherland vice president.

Rich recently flew to Russia and brought back Larisa and two Russian orphans, 8-year-old Aleksandra Litvinova and 11-year-old Gennadi Kimaev, to connect them with U.S. medical aid. Aleksandra and Gennadi, who have cerebral palsy, received five weeks of free physical therapy at Xcelerate Physical Therapy in Thousand Oaks.

Larisa stayed at the Ronald McDonald House in Hollywood during the week, and with Rich on weekends. Aleksandra and Gennadi stayed with Terri and Dave Battson in Thousand Oaks.

The Battsons are working to adopt Aleksandra and Gennadi.

Rich, 61, met visiting Health of Fatherland founder Dr. Vladimir Voropaev, 55, at Calvary Community Church in Westlake Village six years ago.

"We have shared this passion for children," Rich said.

In the past six years she has traveled to Russia five times to bring children to Southern California for treatment.

"We can get the medical end of it taken care of," Rich said. "We just have to get the kids here."

Calvary Community Church paid the orphans' travel costs. Rich said it cost \$4,000 for each child's airfare, lodging, insurance and travel expenses.

"There's a spot in all of us that needs fulfilling, and this has definitely filled a spot in my life," Rich said. "It's what nursing is all about."

School district to take a hit

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Enrollment continues to drop in the nation's second-largest school district with an anticipated drop of 20,000 students next year expected to cost the district tens of millions of dollars in state funding.

The enrollment projections were contained in Superintendent Roy Romer's \$7.5-billion budget proposal submitted to the Board of Education. About 20,000 fewer students will attend classes next year at the roughly 690 traditional campuses.

District enrollment at traditional campuses will drop to about 678,000, marking the fourth consecutive year the district has lost students on those campuses.

At the same time, the number of students attending independently run charter schools in the district was expected to rise by about 5,000, bringing the district's overall head count to about 712,000 children.

Nearly all the funding a school district receives from the state is based on enrollment, so the decline in traditional schools will cost the district an estimated \$114 million. At the same time, the district will save about \$40 million in costs because there will be fewer students to serve.

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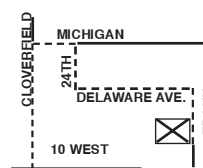
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rent Control costs and fees justified

Editor:

The Rent Control Board has taken a lot of hits lately, most of them based on faulty understanding and political agendas, so I want to respond in the interest of providing some balance to the SMDP’s coverage and published letters to the editor.

Some of the letters and opinions printed have claimed that the board is bloated and that staff is overpaid. They have also implied that the board staff don’t do much to deserve their salaries and benefits. Neither is true.

The salaries of the Rent Control Board employees are comparable to — and in many cases lower — than other Santa Monica City employees with analogous positions and with similar seniority. In fact, our legal staff are paid considerably less than the City Attorney’s staff on average. Our general counsel’s salary is almost \$40,000 less than the high range of deputy city attorneys’ salaries and our counsel is responsible for a wide range of legal areas, not just a narrow specialization that the deputy city attorneys’ job descriptions cover.

Our senior administrator is one of the finest administrators in this or any other city. Her highly competent staff and attorneys have protected rent control against a series of attacks over almost three decades. They have fought for tenants’ rights in courtrooms all the way up to the Supreme Court and back several times. In the vast majority of the cases, the tenants of Santa Monica have been extremely lucky that our fine attorneys are far more competent in the courts than the attorneys of those who would happily eliminate rent control in order to maximize the profits they think they have been cheated out of for 25 years.

The \$11 registration fee has been in place for 13 years. Meanwhile, to keep within its budget and to respond to changing workload demands, the board has downsized its staffing over the past several years. In 2003/2004, the agency had 30.5 positions. In 2004/2005 there were 29.40 positions, in 2005/2006 28.80 positions, and in 2006/2007, the agency has budgeted 27.80 positions.

The board itself discusses at length every new contract for each of our employee groups. All of our decisions are included in the public record. We have, in my tenure, negotiated downward almost every first contract proposal we have been given. Why? Well, in large part because we didn’t want to raise the registration fees. It certainly wasn’t because we weren’t happy with the work our terrific staff perform day in and day out. They are some of the most dedicated and professional people I have ever had the pleasure of working with. By the way, there is a 9/80 working schedule for all City Hall employees, not just the Rent Control Board. This means people work longer days in order to have every other Friday off. The benefits of this kind of arrangement for the city and for the employees are far too numerous to go into in this letter.

We on the board are all aware that the decisions to raise rents by 4 percent, raise the registration fees \$2 a month and add an extra energy charge for renters in master-metered apartment buildings are going to be hard for some Santa Monica residents. In order to meet our legal mandates, we have to allow reasonable rent increases which roughly match the inflationary factors that are relevant to the housing industry. The rising costs of gas and energy alone account for 25 percent of this year’s general rent increase. Four percent is not one of the highest rate increases we have ever given, but it is painful, nevertheless. Being on the board is kind of like being between a rock and a hard place. It is pretty thankless. But I am grateful for having had two terms to help keep a lid on the not so attractively changing face of our still-lovely city.

The real pain for me however, is in seeing the kinds of skyrocketing rents charged by landlords when vacancies occur. That is the reason that affordable housing is rapidly disappearing from Santa Monica, not the \$2 regulation fee increase, or the 4 percent adjustment. Without this excellent group of agency employees, rent control would have been beaten back or eliminated years ago and all of us would be at the mercy of the free market whims of property owners in a desirable beachside community. The threat to Santa Monica’s renters was good reason to create rent control in 1979 and it remains just as reasonable and necessary in today’s rampantly out-of-control real estate market. Without it, any hope of maintaining demographic diversity in our city will be lost forever.

Alan Toy
Member, Santa Monica Rent Control Board

All on the same page

Editor:

Your recent article, “A Place in the Sun,” provided a good overview of the Chronic Homeless Program (CHP) and the multiple challenges facing both the individuals trying to leave the streets and live independently, and the service providers who work diligently to support them in finding and maintaining permanent homes (SMDP, June 10-11, page 1).

There is one glaring error in the article. It states, “Before the program, providers such as OPCC, Step Up On Second, the St. Joseph Center and the CLARE Foundation were working almost entirely independent of one another ...” This is simply not true. In fact, all of those providers, and several others who serve low-income and homeless individuals and families, have worked together very collaboratively and effectively for many years. This is done through formal and informal cross referral agreements; sharing program space and providing services through specialized programs where each partner agency brings their particular expertise to the collaboration. Many of these agencies have been successfully working together on a variety of programs and services for decades.

The success of the CHP is that it is built on the strength of the existing service network by having the city staff take a coordinating role in bringing the various city departments, particularly human services, police and fire, into the network. By identifying high utilizers of police and paramedic services, the CHP team can focus resources on those individuals and track the outcomes. The additional rental subsidies have expedited the move into housing for this select group, which is good for them and for the community.

Without the infrastructure and cooperation provided by all of the existing service providers, the CHP would be another good idea mired in bureaucracy. Instead, dozens of people have been housed and more are on their way to once again living indoors.

John Maceri
Executive Director, Ocean Park Community Center

Drawing the line

Editor:

Thank you for your attention to my red line project (SMDP, June 10-11, page 1). An important correction, or perhaps I should say amplification. You stated that the red line I am drawing on the sidewalks of Santa Monica “depicts the fallen soldiers of the war in Iraq.” Yes, it does, and it also depicts the fallen teenager shot at Venice High last week, the many young people killed in gang violence in our cities including in Santa Monica each week or month, and all the other casualties of the enormous numbers of wars and violent conflicts that exist in the world today. I do this for myself and for all the other people who cannot forget that concurrent with our ordinary lives is a tragic level of violence and misery to recognize and commemorate. I invite Daily Press readers to visit www.aredlineconnectsus.org for suggestions on ways to participate.

Abby Sher
Santa Monica

GUEST COMMENTARY BY MARK VON WODTKE

Grad students hold the keys

Why make communities more sustainable? We all experience air pollution in the South Coast Air Basin which affects public health. We are becoming aware of the consequences of global warming that is melting ice in Greenland and Antarctica and raising sea level. The warming of the Pacific Ocean and the Bering Sea is changing weather patterns in California which can result in less snow pack and more runoff from our local mountains. The cost of water rises as demand for limited supplies of potable water increases. Severe storms and draught affect both natural ecosystems and agriculture.

Factory-farm produce is picked prematurely, processed, packaged and trucked an average of 1,500 miles — all relying on fossil fuels. This food — grown with chemical fertilizer, pesticides and herbicides which are all poisons — has been found to have diminished nutrient quality, and increasingly results in obesity and degenerative diseases.

The cost of electricity, which is produced mostly with coal and natural gas, is increasing 8 percent this year. The cost of natural gas, used for cooking as well as heating homes, schools and offices, has gone up even more. Hurricanes, oil spills, terrorist attacks, and political unrest around the world trigger increases in what we pay for gasoline. The cost of fossil fuel will continue to rise as global demand increases and supplies peak and start to decline. Billions of dollars we spend on energy leaves our state economy to support energy traders, and foreign governments in oil producing countries linked to terrorism. Those who control oil are wealthy enough to lobby our government and purchase control over critical industries.

While we need to become more energy independent to protect our economy, we also need to develop and protect our information and transportation infrastructures. Sustainable communities are walkable and bicycle-friendly places — conducive to daily exercise which provides many health benefits. Being able to work locally and telecommute, or use public transit like the Metrolink has growing importance as freeways become more congested. Sustainable communities are well-connected to the web with wireless communication, as well as connected to public transit. Sustainable communities make use of local resources — such as solar energy to produce electricity, heat water and, with passive solar heating and natural ventilation, provide comfortable places to live and work. National, state, as well as local leadership should make sustainability a priority. We can integrate sustainability into local policy and planning.

How do we integrate sustainability? Graduate students of landscape architecture at Cal Poly Pomona in my “landscape design and natural processes” class found many ways to make communities more sustainable through regenerative design. They explored the possibilities of sustainable ideas through various roles landscape architects and others can implement. These endeavors were envisioned within the contexts of Claremont with its general plan updated to include sustainability, and in Santa Monica which already has a Sustainable City Plan. These projects demonstrate ways that communities can become more sustainable through support of local policies and plans that encourage these important endeavors. Here is how these graduate students envision more sustainable communities with clean air, healthier lifestyles, renewable energy, local water sources, fresh local organic food, sustainable development, innovative recycled products and public art.

CLEAN AIR, HEALTHIER LIFESTYLES AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

Lifestyles Of Health and Sustainability, also known as the LOHAS movement, is growing around the world. Building upon this significant trend, Yarnie Chen and Debbie Enos worked as catalysts for change to encourage people to get beyond their car and consumptive lifestyles. Assuming the roles of advocates and writers, the landscape architecture students provided a vision for a walkable, bikeable, livable and workable Claremont. They see ways to enhance the Claremont Depot as the hub of our transit-oriented district by building commercial space integrated with a bridge over the railroad tracks. In addition to providing access to the train platforms, it would provide a better pedestrian connection.

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tion between the north and south segments of the Claremont Village. Their Web site provides access to ideas developed in this graduate class and relevant links to sites on the Internet that show what other communities are doing. Their Web site, www.catalyst4change.org, is an open forum for members of the community to participate in and affect positive change.

Matthew West worked as if he were an energy coordinator for the city of Claremont. This regenerative studies student proposed a program designed to promote energy efficiency for Claremont households which would save homeowners money while reducing local air pollution and the production of global greenhouse gases. The program provides a variety of packaged options for people to integrate into their homes and lifestyles. Those options include ways to improve the energy efficiency of homes with better windows and insulation, ways to enhance the microclimate benefits of landscaping with shade trees; ways to use solar energy to provide electricity and hot water; and ways to reduce the consumption of gasoline by using plug-in hybrid cars, neighborhood electric vehicles, and folding bicycles that can be taken on buses and trains. This program could help Claremonters make use of incentive programs and financing to pay for the home improvements through savings in energy costs. By using money they now spend on energy to pay for the improvements, homeowners could not only reduce their impact on the environment, but also increase the value of their homes and protect themselves from raising energy costs in the long term.

LOCAL WATER

Raphael Garcia provided innovative designs to clean water biologically. The administrative building at Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Garden is an ideal site to demonstrate the benefits for biological black water treatment for irrigation. Composting units and constructed wetlands with native plants can process water from toilets and sinks, leaving fertilizer and clean water for use in the garden. As well as being highly

functional, it also can be aesthetically pleasing and educational to the public.

Sarah Lopez and Dave McIntosh pursued an entrepreneurial role to find local sources of water and entities that can use them. Creating sustainable local water supplies can reduce the need to import water. This could be done by using storm water and high-nitrate wells for irrigation. Tapping into the storm drain in Indian Hill Boulevard can provide water for irrigation. Just north of the new 210 Freeway, Cal Trans has built a large storage reservoir linked to this storm drain that could capture and detain runoff to feed to biological treatment ponds constructed in Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. This could provide water for irrigation systems in the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, the Claremont Golf Course, Cuahella Park and the high school. Funds are available to help public entities, such as Cal Trans and communities, meet the mandate to clean up storm run-off. If recovery of storm water were made a part of the Claremont General Plan, Claremont has the potential to tap into and biologically clean storm water to also irrigate Oak Park Cemetery and parks throughout the community. Using run-off for irrigation could save the community considerable money.

FRESH ORGANIC FOOD

Kim Wehinger and Elizabeth Swick carried out the role of advocates to establish TERRA Community Gardens. Because current practices related to the procurement of food entail a variety of actions that are detrimental to our physical, community, and environmental health, the students are advocating Teaching Environmental Responsibility and Respect through Agriculture (TERRA) to address the concern with a vision for a network of community gardens which link public schools, parks, community centers and residences. The gardens would provide local produce, community building activities and garden space, while reducing energy usage and costs associated with waste management and increasing health benefits from exercise and good nutrition. High-nitrate well water could be beneficially used to irrigate this community garden as well as Larkin Park and the Junior High School. The students have a wonderful vision for developing a community garden near the Joslyn Senior Center. They also show how the

community garden concept could apply to other parks throughout the community.

C.C. LaGrange and Emily Briscoe aimed to increase the amount of fresh local organic produce available by creating a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farm in Claremont. A multi-phased plan could begin with the establishment of the Claremont Backyard Fruit Exchange, which could generate interest in fresh local organic produce; and culminate in Bee's Bliss Farm, a four-acre CSA farm producing fresh herbs and vegetables for members throughout the year. Farm design and daily operation could incorporate existing natural processes and utilize many of Claremont's currently under-utilized resources, such as harvesting solar energy to produce electricity, storing storm drainage for irrigation, and building soil from recycled organic material to help ensure the long-term sustainability of Bee's Bliss Farm.

ROOF GARDENS

Sonya Reed and Eric Zentmyer worked as if they were researchers to provide a model for green roofs and rooftop agriculture in the City of Santa Monica. The roof gardens could recycle gray water from buildings or use rainwater stored in cisterns for irrigation instead of imported potable water. Widespread adoption of green roofscapes in cities across America has the potential to reduce the energy needed to heat and cool buildings. Because roofing under plantings lasts longer than roofing exposed to the sun, less waste roofing material would go to landfills. Roof gardens improve air quality by filtering particulates, absorbing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen, while reducing evaporation of volatile chemicals from asphalt roofing materials. Slowing and filtering run-off from roof surfaces also reduces storm drainage and improves the quality of water flowing into the ocean. Attractive green roofs that provide fresh local food are in harmony with Santa Monica's Sustainable City Plan. Santa Monica could be first in Southern California to implement a citywide Green Roof Program.

RECYCLED PRODUCTS

Ana Tabuena assumed the role of an entrepreneur who owns a landscape architecture and product design firm called anttSTUDIO. This student created an interlocking modular landscape product made

from a recycled kit-of-parts that may be put together in a "Lego-like" manner for a variety of landscape applications. This product, called anttBUILT, could reduce slow-to-decompose trash Santa Monica sends to landfills, increase public awareness regarding issues of sustainability, create visibility for recycled products through their use in the landscape, and provide economic and social benefits to the city of Santa Monica.

PUBLIC ART

Mario Benito, who assumed the role of an artist, visualized a "Baleen Bridge" for Santa Monica. The public art proposal consists of a bridge that filters storm drainage. The pedestrian bridge over the Pacific Coast Highway could link the Third Street Promenade Business District with the beach and coastal bike paths. By integrating solar electricity, wind and even micro-hydro turbines, it could produce electricity for lighting and pumping water for irrigation of landscape on the bridge. An important element of the bridge is to take run-off from the Wilshire Boulevard storm drain and filter out litter and other solids before they reach the ocean. The bridge would bring awareness to the issues of litter and its effect on the environment and water quality in Santa Monica Bay. Funding could come from a combination of grants for cleaning storm water, providing renewable energy, establishing safer bicycle access, and creating public art. Concessions on the bridge could provide activity and revenue — just as they do on the Santa Monica Pier.

Log on to www.catalyst4change.org for links to the projects. You are welcome to browse the graphic plans and images students have generated and comment on the blog the students have set up to gather community reaction. We will share this information with the city of Claremont Planning Department and the consultants working on the Claremont General Plan. We also will share the projects with the city of Santa Monica. We want to help Claremont, Santa Monica, and other communities become more sustainable.

(Mark von Wodtke, FASLA is a professor emeritus of landscape architecture at Cal Poly Pomona, where he has taught for 36 years. He is a principal of the Claremont Environmental Design Group Inc., an architectural, landscape architectural, and planning firm.)

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Taking the Fifth to clean the city's beaches

CLEAN BEACHES, from page 1

This year, however, there might just be more to celebrate on Fourth of July weekend than the nation's independence.

The second annual Clean Beaches Week — from June 29 to July 5 — is a national event aimed at cleaning and heightening appreciation for beaches along the 30 coastal states, according to Walter McLeod, president of the Clean Beaches Council.

"We focus on that week because the fourth is traditionally a beach holiday, especially since environment and clean beaches are at the heart of what it's all about," McLeod said.

The core of the Clean Beach Council's concerns is the cleanliness of beaches — a facet often neglected during celebrations.

"The fourth has been, historically, a trashy holiday," McLeod said. "People are celebrating our independence, which is a great thing, but in the process, they neglect to be better stewards of the land that they cherish."

"We want to instill the same pride in the nature aspects of our environment as our independence."

July 5 has the most trash of any day in the year, according to Davis.

"There's so much trash you can't even see

the sand," Davis said. "There's so much debris covering the sand."

Each day at 5 a.m., a cleanup crew of about 23 rake the beaches of Santa Monica to clean up the sand, sweep handicap ramps and check the childrens' swing sets in preparation for the onslaught of sunseekers.

"(There is) another crew that does graffiti every day: gang writing, sometimes artwork," Davis said.

Despite the ban on cigarette smoking on the beach, Davis' morning cleanup crews find those scattered about the sand too.

"We still find 'em," Davis said, adding beer bottles, paper cups and fast food trash is also routinely collected.

"The thing that pisses me off, I guess you could say, is the diapers," he said.

In addition to litter and maintenance, Clean Beaches Week is also about health, recreation and transportation.

"Environment is the core issue, but we are also focusing on the health benefits of seafood over other not-so-healthy food choices," McLeod said. "People should choose healthier diets."

Also stressed are environmentally friendly activities, such as surfing, volleyball and ultimate frisbee, and also traveling via foot,

bicycle or carpooling.

"Most people who go to the beach in the summer — there are 180 million — drive to the beach," McLeod said. "It's important to conserve fuel, and cut down the emissions related to cars and transportation."

Cities involved with Clean Beaches Week come forward on a voluntary basis, McLeod said. So far, the responses have been overwhelming.

On July 5, the final day of the event, a beach cleanup will be staged nationwide from 9 a.m. to noon.

A list of events that will take place in Santa Monica can be found at <http://www.cleanbeaches.org/events>, which receives submissions by local groups and individuals organizing activities for the event.

On Tuesday night, the City Council asked staff to draft a sweeping ban on all plastic foam packaging for food-related items throughout the city, including to-go boxes, and plastic cups, plates and utensils.

"We definitely advocate for plastic bans, whether they be local or statewide," said Kirsten James, a staff scientist with the city's Heal the Bay organization. "Our main focus is the impact on marine life."

If approved, all non-recyclable food pack-

aging — signified by the number six within the triangular recycling insignia on the bottom of packages — would be banned in the city.

Plastics used in food utensils and containers are usually found during beach monthly clean-ups, said Kirsten James, a staff scientist with the city's Heal the Bay organization.

"If there's recently been a rain event, then we find a lot of stuff that's come in stormdrains from inland," James said. "We find a lot of trash ... a lot of cigarette butts, a lot of plastics, a lot of plastic bags, tons of Styrofoam pieces."

"We find just about everything down there: bottles, cans, Doritos bags."

Heal the Bay, which hosts its own nationwide beach clean-up on Sept. 16, advocates the ban on all unrecyclable food packaging.

Davis said that in past years, he has tried to change the national beach clean-up day from September, when there are fewer people and less trash on the beach, to July, when the trash load is at its heaviest.

"In September, the beach is fairly clean and summer's winding down ... whereas July 4, it's the biggest beach day of the year," Davis said. "We tried, but they wouldn't go for it."

"Hopefully, with Walter's help this year, we should be all right," he said. "I'm hoping."

No home for foam

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and it has been incredibly successful for us," she said. "We passed on the idea to customers and they really seem to appreciate that."

Amsden said Santa Monica is known for being one of the most environmentally conscious cities in the world, and therefore, should approve the ban and publicize it to show tourists the council is serious when it comes to conservation and recycling.

Santa Monica is not the only city that has considered banning Styrofoam and other non-recyclable plastics. Cities like Portland, Ore., Berkeley and Malibu have also instituted some form of a ban. In Malibu, the restriction on Styrofoam use by establishments that sell food was passed in September 2005, and took effect 30 days later, said Jennifer Voccola, an environmental programs analyst for Malibu, who is overseeing the implementation of the ban.

"Everyone has been pretty receptive" to the ban, Voccola said. "If businesses are still using polystyrene, they are waiting until they make their next order."

Under the ban being drafted by staff at

City Hall, restaurant owners and others effected would be given a year to comply and would be allowed to use up the remainder of their EPS inventory without the prospect of being punished.

Exactly what that punishment will be has not been decided. City staff is to come back to the council with a plan on how to enforce the ban.

In Malibu, there is a fine structure for violating the ban, but so far, no fines have been handed down because restaurants and other businesses that sell food are allowed 12 months to comply. That time has not yet passed, according to Voccola.

Enforcement will be included with storm water inspections that occur annually, Voccola said.

Malibu has not examined what impact the ban has had on marine life.

"We are working on litter as a whole," Voccola said.

The ban is expected to come back to the council within the coming weeks. City staff believes implementation of the ban will not create a significant impact for local businesses or City Hall. Staff estimates the total annual budgetary impact related to the implementation of the ban will be roughly \$31,000 for supplies and materials.

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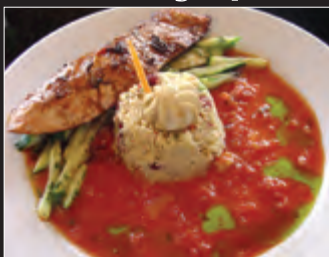
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Chef wants Big Blue to shoulder the blame

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WEST LA — Ponciano Lopez's ritual of riding the bus to go shopping and eat lunch each Tuesday may never be the same after a bus allegedly struck him while he was standing on the curb last year.

Lopez, a Santa Monica resident of 17 years, filed a lawsuit against the Big Blue Bus Company for injuries he claims he sustained when a city bus hit him near Main Street and Ashland Avenue.

The 34-year-old is suing the city of Santa Monica, which operates the bus company, for \$25,000 in medical expenses and pain and suffering, according to Mohammad Nadim, Lopez's attorney.

Both sides will attempt to settle the case out of court during a mediation proceeding at the West Los Angeles

Courthouse on July 5.

"If they are smart, they should offer this guy some money and resolve it," Nadim said. "If they're not smart, they'll try this guy."

However, Deputy City Attorney Debra Kanoff wonders if the incident even occurred in light of the bus driver never having come forward to claim responsibility, which is against policy and carries consequences.

But Nadim insists Lopez's injuries — dislocations of his left shoulder and left elbow — are very real.

"When he came to my office, it (his arm) was in a sling, behind him," Nadim said. "He said he couldn't move his shoulder. Doctors gave him electric muscle stimulation. After four, five months of therapy ... he's OK now."

On March 1, 2005, Lopez was standing between the bus bench and the curb near the intersection of Main Street and Ashland Avenue when a No. 1 bus came too close to the curb

and struck him on the left side of his body, Nadim said.

While Lopez continued working in the kitchen at the Stop and Go Cafe on the Third Street Promenade, where he has worked for the past decade — serving dishes and garnishing plates with his uninjured right hand — his medical bills amounted to about \$8,000, Nadim said. The remainder of his claim is for pain and suffering.

Nadim, meanwhile, is trying to find out who was driving the bus in the alleged incident.

"(The) city's hiding the identity of the driver from us," Nadim said, adding he hoped to find out within the next two weeks. "After this incident ... I guess they transferred the bus driver."

The driver would also likely be sued, said Nadim.

"They're resisting ... I'll get it from them by force," Nadim said.

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City settles suit with injured skater

SUIT SETTLED, from page 1

"My client is happy," Cutrone said. "She wasn't looking to get rich. Sometimes plaintiffs get injured and they think they've won the lottery. That's not the case here."

Maceri, who frequently skates on the bike path, claims City Hall and Cavalia were responsible for her accident — which occurred Nov. 5, 2004 — because they failed to warn those on the path about a "dangerous condition" north of the pier.

Maceri said she was in-line skating with two friends when she tripped over a hose strewn across the bicycle path. The hose, which Maceri said was the size of those found on fire trucks, was being used to pump water out of an adjacent parking lot that had been flooded by Cavalia's operations. The water was being pumped out by PumpMan, Inc., according to Cutrone and Serritella.

Attorneys for City Hall argued that the city is not liable for the accident because it was not responsible for placing the hose over the bike path. Attorneys also argued that Maceri was illegally using the bike path to in-line skate, which is prohibited. All skaters are considered pedestrians and, therefore, not allowed on the bike path, Serritella said.

The council decided to settle the case, Serritella said, because it would have cost significantly more money to fight the suit if it had gone to trial.

"We think the total settlement is a fair compromise of the claim," Serritella said.

Representatives for Cavalia and PumpMan could not be reached for comment.

When asked whether or not PumpMan Inc., which does not have to pay penalties as part of the settlement, was being let off the hook, Serritella said City Hall "will be evaluating what remedies (it) has available against PumpMan."

Juvenile draw



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MATTER OF CIRCUMSTANCE: St. Monica's Class of '06 included 13 'lifers' and 16 other students.

It was elementary

BY TOM GRUBISICH

Special to the Daily Press

They called themselves the "lifers."

Nine years ago, they were playful kindergartners at St. Monica Catholic Elementary School. Now, standing before schoolmates, teachers, parents and guests, they were confident, gracious and sometimes impish eighth graders telling, in their own words, the story of their nine-year journey.

The 13 "lifers" were joined by the 16 other members of the class of 2006 at the St. Monica Elementary's annual graduation breakfast on Friday, June 9, in the school auditorium. The 29 graduates didn't have to wear their required school uniforms, and, sitting at the center table, they were served breakfast by seventh graders.

On Sunday, June 11, the 11 graduating boys and 18 girls donned blue caps and gowns and received their diplomas after an afternoon mass in St. Monica Catholic Church.

The Friday breakfast didn't have the circumstance and pomp of graduation day, but it had plenty of heart.

The first lifer to speak was Ricki Boulle, 15, who will be enrolling in Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks and wants to be a lawyer.

"An amazing set of teachers gave us a great start on the road of our education," Boulle said. "We cherish our kindergarten memories. We learned our ABCs, basic numbers, how to respect each other and how to write our names."

Thirteenth and last was Colleen White, 14, who is enrolling at Notre Dame Academy in West Los Angeles in the fall and wants to be

either an astrophysicist or physio-therapist.

"Our great teachers have taught us the most important life lessons that we will take with us for the future," Colleen said. "The lifers of 2006 would like to thank all the people that helped (make) us into the people we are today, helping us to exceed boundaries and overcome obstacles in our growing years. It's been great."

All the graduates joined in singling out their teachers and other mentors for all they've helped them with over the years.

Principal Joan Morris opened the breakfast program by saluting parents who gave more than the minimum requirement of 30 hours of volunteer time. The parents — in some cases mother and father together — received a red rose when their names were called out.

The breakfast wrapped up with a fade-in, fade-out slide show that included snapshots of the 29 graduates — first as sunny-faced babies or toddlers, then as blossoming eighth graders who had conquered algebra, researched carbon dating and were introduced to Puccini ("Madame Butterfly") and Shakespeare ("A Winter's Tale," "A Midsummer Night's Dream").

With its 168 photos, the slide show was a kaleidoscopic chronicle of the graduates' last year at St. Monica Elementary. Paola Sessarego, the eighth-grade homeroom teacher, produced the show with her fiancé, Robert Etoll.

"I started taking photos the first day of school," Sessarego said. To get the baby and toddler shots, "I threatened parents," she said. "The kids didn't know."

The slide show unfolded to a soundtrack consisting of Sarah McLaughlin, Queen, Bette Midler and Israel Kamakawiwo'ole.

Identity of driver unknown

BIG BLUE SUIT, from page 10

Kanoff countered that she does not know the driver's identity and that she has no incentive to withhold the driver's name.

"I'd love to know it," Kanoff said. "Tell him (Nadim) when he finds out, I'd like to know."

According to Kanoff, she has worked on previous cases that involved the Big Blue Bus, in which she has always provided the drivers' names.

"I don't know why I would choose this case to act any differently than in the last 25 years," Kanoff said. "I can't think of anything more ridiculous than to do something like that. It doesn't benefit the city."

There have been civil lawsuits in the past in which the incidents alleged proved to be false, Kanoff said.

"If a driver doesn't come forward, there's a good possibility that it didn't happen," Kanoff said. "The drivers are far from rewarded for not coming forward when acci-

dents happen."

In his deposition, which was in Spanish, Lopez claimed the incident occurred on Main Street and Ashley Street. But there is no Ashley Street in Santa Monica.

After driving to the site of the alleged incident, Nadim clarified that the intersection was Main Street and Ashland Avenue.

"There's no way he (Lopez) could lie ... it's just the way he talks," Nadim said. "I've done this for 19 years. This guy is one of the most honest people I have seen in my life."

Because the initial information provided in Lopez's deposition was inconsistent with a later report, Kanoff said there is further chance that the incident never happened.

"I intend to mediate it in good faith, as I have for the past many years," Kanoff said. "I'm certainly not going to agree that this case happened on Main and Ashley."

If the case is not resolved in mediation, it will move toward a one-day judge trial on Oct. 16.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

District wants advisors

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica residents have to help shape how the local school district spends taxpayer money.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education is accepting applications to fill two vacancies on the district's Financial Oversight Advisory Committee.

The committee meets once a month and expects the following of applicants: a broad perspective; financial, management, legal expertise or experience; residing, employed, or working within the geographic boundaries of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District; business process orientation; communicates clearly information resulting from the committee's work; and not currently serving as an elected official.

The Financial Oversight Committee was originally formed in answer to the community's desire for increased communication and understanding of the district's financial operations and need to generate additional revenue for the district.

All attempts will be made to have the composition of the committee reflective of the student population.

The application deadline is July 14 at 4 p.m., and the appointment by the board of education is Aug. 17. Parents and community members are invited to apply. Applications may be obtained from the district Web site at www.smmusd.org, under "I Want to Know About DAC" in the drop down menu; or you may obtain a copy in the superintendent's office at 1651 16th St.

Saab helps Angel Flight

By Daily Press staff

The general manager of Santa Monica Saab last week handed over the keys to a new 9-7X to Jim Weaver, the executive director of Santa Monica-based non-profit Angel Flight West, which arranges free air transportation for people who need medical treatment.

"We welcome Saab's enthusiastic support of the mission of Angel Flight," Weaver said. "Their partnership brings us new capabilities to serve those in need."

Angel Flight West will have use of the vehicle for a year and it will be used by the group's "Earth Angels" — non-pilot volunteers who meet patients at the airport, drive them to the hospital and then pick them up again for their return flight — as well as by staff when representing Angel Flight to the aviation and health-care communities.

The gift is one element of a new partnership between Saab Automobile USA and Angel Flight America, the umbrella organization that includes Angel Flight West. Angel Flight America flies more than 90 percent of all medical/emergency "mercy flights" in the United States. Volunteer pilots fly their own or rented aircraft and pay all the expenses associated with the flight. In 2005, Angel Flight West arranged more than 4,000 flights in the 13 Western states, including nearly 700 that had Santa Monica Airport as a departure or destination point.

In addition, Saab also presented the national organization with a \$75,000 check in a ceremony prior to the opening of the New York International Auto Show in New York City.

Keeping cool amid ups and downs



MARKET MATTERS
BY BRIAN HEPP

Changes in the economy occur regularly, but unfortunately they rarely follow any set schedule and they can be hard to predict. At times you might wish you could figure out some way to know when economic conditions were about to change, or what adjustments you should make in your portfolio when a shift appeared to be on the horizon. It's a tricky topic, and even economists disagree about the nature and causes of economic cycles. But we can at least take a look at some of the issues you need to be aware of, and help familiarize you with how it all works.

Some people tend to refer to changes in overall economic conditions as "economic cycles" or "business cycles." However, it could be a misnomer to label these changes this way. Because they are not, in fact, predictably cyclical, some economists prefer to call them "economic fluctuations." Regardless of the terminology you choose to identify them with, changes in economic activity generally follow four phases:

■ Advance or expansion. When times are good and the economy is growing, we typically see indications such as falling unemploy-

ment rates and factories taking advantage of excess capacity, to name a couple. While the news during this phase is typically positive, you may soon start to see signs of problems ahead. If inflationary pressures begin to creep in, this is typically when the Fed raises interest rates to help keep the economy from overheating.

■ Peak. By the time we get to this point, the economy tends to be operating at full employment, factories have used up their excess capacity, and inflationary pressures are building. When rising labor and materials costs squeeze companies' profit margins, the Fed will usually move more aggressively to slow growth by raising rates to help ease inflationary pressure.

■ Decline, slowdown or recession. Ideally, action by the Fed to tame inflation should allow the economy to gradually adjust to a sustainable long-term growth rate without the threat of inflation. In reality, however, the combination of the Fed's tightening and the need to correct accumulated imbalances in labor and materials supplies typically slows growth to a level that's actually below the economy's long-term potential. Unemployment rises, factories slow down, and inflationary pressures ease.

■ Trough. At this point in the cycle, inventories are depleted. The Fed lowers interest rates to help stimulate the economy, and businesses and homeowners refinance mortgages to take advantage of lower rates. Companies will eventually purchase new

equipment and expand operations, helping inventories to grow and marking the beginning of a new expansion.

As you can see, there are some telltale signs that can at least give some idea of where the economy is in its cycle. However, to make matters more complicated for you as an investor, the stock market tends to move in advance of the economy, usually in response to investors' anticipation of what they see down the road. The biggest challenge is knowing when the shift to the next phase will occur, because predicting the market and the economy is a bit like forecasting the weather.

As an investor, your level of concern for economic fluctuations will depend on several factors. You may pay less attention to them if you have a long-time horizon and your portfolio is positioned to weather the ups and downs. Alternatively, you may be able to enhance your returns if you can figure out how to sell investments that do poorly in the next anticipated phase and purchase those that typically do well. Working with a financial consultant could prove valuable if you decide to employ such a strategy.

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State of emergency in need of remedies

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD

AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON — Half a million times a year — about once every minute — an ambulance carrying a sick patient is turned away from a full emergency room and sent to another one farther away.

It's a sobering symptom of how the nation's emergency-care system is overcrowded and overwhelmed, "at its breaking point," concludes a major investigation by the influential Institute of Medicine.

That crisis comes from just day-to-day emergencies. Emergency rooms are far from ready to handle the mass casualties that a bird flu epidemic or terrorist strike would bring, the institute warned Wednesday in a three-volume report.

"If you can barely get through the night's 911 calls, how on earth can you handle a disaster?" asked report co-author Dr. Arthur Kellerman, Emory University's emergency medicine chief.

That ERs are overburdened isn't new. But the probe by the IOM, an independent scientific group that advises the government, provides an unprecedented look at the scope of the problems — and recommends urgent steps for health organizations and local and federal officials to start fixing it.

Topping that list is a call for coordinating care so that ambulances don't waste potentially lifesaving minutes wandering from hospital to hospital in search of an ER with room. The idea is to set up regionalized systems that manage the flow much like airports direct flight traffic. That also should direct patients not just to the nearest ER but to the one best equipped to treat their particular condition.

Other recommendations:

■ Congress should establish a pool of \$50 million to reimburse hospitals for the unpaid emergency care they provide to the poor and uninsured.

■ Congress should ensure that more of the nation's disaster-preparedness funding goes to the hospitals and emergency workers who will provide that care. Typical government grants to hospitals for bioterrorism preparation are \$5,000 to \$10,000 — not enough to equip one critical-care room. When it comes to getting ready for a bird flu outbreak, few hospitals even have the ventilation equipment needed to isolate patients. And emergency medical services received only 4 percent of the \$3 billion distributed by the Department of Homeland Security in 2002 and 2003 for emergency preparedness.

■ The board that accredits the nation's hospitals should establish strong guidelines to reduce crowding and ambu-

lance diversion.

At the root of the problem: Demand for emergency care is surging, even as the capacity for hospitals, ambulance services and other emergency workers to provide it is dropping.

There were almost 114 million emergency room visits in 2003, up from 90 million a decade earlier. During the same time, the total number of U.S. hospitals decreased by 703, and the number of ERs by 425. And the total number of hospital beds nationwide dropped by 198,000, as hospitals strive toward more outpatient care — which in turn leaves fewer beds for ER patients to move into when they're seriously ill.

Too often, busy ERs stabilize those patients and then have to leave them lying on gurneys in the hallway for 48 hours or more until a room becomes available and they can be admitted to the hospital. That's not only a time of misery for the

patient, but it means less timely care and potentially poorer care, without the specialized equipment and expertise available to inpatients, the report found.

Children have even scarcer help. They make up more than a quarter of all ER visits, yet one survey found only 6 percent of emergency departments had all the supplies needed, such as child-size equipment, to treat them.

Before getting to the hospital, the EMS system is fragmented. How well-trained and prompt local paramedics are varies greatly; there are no nationwide standards. Many ambulance services can't even effectively communicate with hospitals or other first responders because of antiquated equipment.

The American College of Emergency Physicians called the report groundbreaking but said Congress must heed recommendations to fund the necessary improvements.



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Iraqis launch major security crackdown

BY SAMEER N. YACIOUB

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Tens of thousands of Iraqi police and soldiers searched cars and secured roads in Baghdad on Wednesday as Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki launched a major security crackdown aimed at ending the violence that has devastated the capital.

Despite the stepped up security measures, however, a parked car bomb struck the northern district of Qahira, killing at least four civilians and wounding six, police Lt. Ali Mitaab said.

The crackdown, which army officials said was dubbed Operation Forward Together, began a day after President Bush paid a surprise visit to Baghdad, promising continued U.S. support for Iraqis but cautioning them that “the future of the country is in your hands.”

Iraqis encountered more checkpoints and soldiers as they drove to work Wednesday morning, causing traffic to back up in some areas, although noticeably fewer cars were on the streets elsewhere.

Al-Maliki called on Iraqis to be patient with the security measures and promised Iraqi forces would respect human rights and not single out any ethnic or sectarian group.

“We are only going to attack areas that are dens for terrorists,” he said during a news conference to formally unveil the plan in Baghdad.

Maj. Gen. Mahdi al-Gharrawi, the commander of public order forces under the Interior Ministry, said his forces had not encountered any resistance, even in some of the capital’s most volatile areas.

“The people are feeling comfortable with the security measures and they are waving to us,” he said. “Until now, no clashes have erupted and no bullets have been fired at us.”

Osama Ahmed Salah, a 50-year-old Sunni university professor in western Baghdad, said he hoped authorities would not randomly target the minority sect.

“The security plan operations should not depend on false information and they should not be sectarian or directed

against a specific kind of people,” he said. “The operations should be well-prepared and they should not be conducted in a way that humiliates citizens.”

Security officials said Tuesday that 75,000 Iraqi and multinational forces would be deployed throughout Baghdad, securing roads in and out of the city, establishing more checkpoints, launching raids against insurgent hide-outs and calling in airstrikes if necessary.

Al-Maliki also has announced plans for an extended curfew and a weapons ban, saying he would show “no mercy” to terrorists a week after al-Qaida in Iraq leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi was killed in a U.S. airstrike northeast of Baghdad.

The government did not say how long the crackdown would last and declined to give precise numbers about checkpoints and troops on Wednesday, citing security concerns.

Al-Gharrawi said Tuesday that the operation was the biggest of its kind in Baghdad since the U.S. handed over sovereignty to Iraq in June 2004.

The Iraqi army launched a similar crackdown dubbed Operation Lightning in May 2005, deploying more than 40,000 Iraqi police and soldiers, backed by American troops and air support. However, violence continued to spike and many Sunnis were alienated by the heavy-handed tactics concentrating on their neighborhoods.

The extended curfew is expected to curtail what few social activities Baghdad’s 6 million residents have left. But those activities were already restricted in many neighborhoods where the streets are not safe at night.

Bush’s visit, meanwhile, prompted a noisy protest in Baghdad on Wednesday by hundreds of followers of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. The demonstrators raised Iraqi flags and pictures of al-Sadr while chanting “Iraq is for Iraqis” and “No to the occupation.”

Al-Sadr led two armed uprisings against U.S.-led forces in 2004 and frequently has criticized the foreign military mission.

Abdul-Hadi al-Daraji, one of al-Sadr’s closest political advisers, accused Bush of breaching Iraq’s sovereignty by arriving in the country without notice. Bush’s trip was made under incredibly tight security and only a handful of close aides knew about it in advance. Al-Maliki himself did not

know the president was in Baghdad until five minutes before they met.

“Even the Iraqi prime minister wasn’t informed about the visit by the American president to Iraq,” al-Daraji said in an interview with Al-Jazeera TV. “These violations by the U.S.A. ... are in fact rejected by the Iraqi people.”

He also demanded that U.S.-led troops be withdrawn from the country.

Bush said Tuesday that the U.S. military presence — now at about 132,000 troops — would continue for a while. “I have expressed our country’s desire to work with you, but I appreciate you recognize the fact that the future of the country is in your hands,” Bush said.

Despite Wednesday’s protest, the visit was welcomed by many Iraqis.

“It is truly a surprise visit, but it is a good gesture and a step forward on the path of establishing security and stability,” author Abbas al-Rubai said in Baghdad.

Baghdad’s residents have suffered most from the suicide attackers and other bombings and shootings that plague the country on a daily basis and al-Qaida in Iraq has been increasingly focusing its attacks on the capital rather than on U.S. targets in western Iraq.

Authorities said they have specific intelligence that would help them focus the new security measures. “Baghdad is divided according to geographical area, and we know the al-Qaida leaders in each area,” al-Gharrawi said.

Despite the security crackdown, he warned insurgents were likely to step up their attacks.

“We are expecting clashes will erupt in the predominantly Sunni areas,” al-Gharrawi said. “The terrorists will escalate their violence especially during the first week as revenge for the killing of al-Zarqawi.”

Civilians have also complained of random violence and detentions by Iraqi forces, especially the police, which are widely believed to have been infiltrated by so-called sectarian death squads.

Al-Gharrawi said there were plans for a single uniform to distinguish legitimate forces in the coming days. “There will be a special uniform with special badges to be put on the vehicles as a sign that it belongs to our forces,” he said.

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Hilton gets to know herself

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Paris Hilton says she's enjoying The Single Life.

Hilton, who stars in E! Entertainment Television's "The Simple Life" opposite ex-friend Nicole Richie, told "Live With Regis and Kelly" on Tuesday that she's "single for the first time" in her life.

"I always have a boyfriend all the time, so I've never really got to know me and, like, have time for myself because I spend all my energy on the boyfriend," the 25-year-old hotel heiress-actress said.

Hilton, who ended her engagement to Greek shipping heir Paris Latsis last year, recently broke up with Stavros Niarchos, another Greek shipping heir.

What has she learned by not having a man on her arm?

"I'm a very strong woman. I don't need a man. I can be on my own," she said.

As for her rivalry with Richie — the two have feuded publicly in the past year — Hilton said she hopes they'll patch things up.

"I've known her 20 years," Hilton said. "I look at baby pictures. It makes me sad that she's, you know — we're going through something right now and we'll make up one day."

"The Simple Life — 'til Death Do Us Part" airs Sunday nights (10 p.m. EDT). The reality show moved to E! after Fox declined to air a fourth season. A new format allows the feuding friends to have nothing to do with each other.

LOS ANGELES — Richard Chamberlain, a fan favorite playing handsome leading men such as Dr. Kildare and Father Ralph in "The Thorn Birds," is relishing his switch to evildoer in his latest project.

Chamberlain plays a corrupt governor who will stop at nothing, including having his adopted daughter killed, to get what he wants in "Blackbeard," a Hallmark Channel original movie

airing Saturday.

"I am a very bad guy in this and it's great fun," he said. "Playing leading men is wonderful, but the parameters are very narrow. Character work allows you so much more freedom and it's such a joy for me."

"Blackbeard" reunites Chamberlain and Rachel Ward for the first time since their pairing in the acclaimed 1983 TV miniseries "The Thorn Birds."

"One of the great excitements for me in taking this job was because I knew Rachel was going to be on board," Chamberlain said.

However, the duo doesn't have any scenes together.

"We got to see each other in Thailand where we were filming and catch up after all these years and it was wonderful," he said.

LOS ANGELES — An appellate court tossed out a \$3.75 million default judgment against "Golden Girls" star Rue McClanahan because the plaintiff's lawyer served her agent with the complaint rather than her attorney.

The 2nd District Court of Appeal unanimously ruled Monday in favor of McClanahan, who had been sued for slander by former documentary filmmaker Dirk Summers. There had apparently been a dispute over a \$200,000 loan the actress, a former Oklahoma resident, made to Summers.

Although Summers' complaint eventually got to McClanahan's lawyer, the three-judge panel concluded the circuitous delivery method was improper.

"Accepting Summers' rationale would constitute a judicial repeal of California's statutory law governing service of process and the adoption of only one rule: 'A summons may be served on anyone, anywhere, by any means which results in actual notice of the action in time to defend,'" Justice Earl Johnson wrote. Justices Fred Woods and Laurie D. Zelon joined in the opinion.

Summers filed suit in 2003 claiming he had

been unable to obtain work because of McClanahan's defamatory statements about him after a failed business project. He sought \$1.7 million in damages for past and future lost earnings, \$1 million for damage to his reputation and \$1 million in punitive damages.

Summers' lawyer, Eugene Paolino, left a copy of the complaint at the office of McClanahan agent Barbara Lawrence and he mailed the agent another copy.

The agent sent a copy of the complaint to McClanahan attorney John C. Edwards, but the lawyer didn't answer the complaint because he believed it was improperly served.

Superior Court Judge Rolf M. Treu later entered a \$3.75 million default judgment against McClanahan. The judge later rejected Edwards' request to set aside the judgment, concluding McClanahan was served even though there was a technical error.

The 2nd District Court of Appeal sent the case back to Treu to give McClanahan time to respond.

McClanahan played Blanche Devereaux from 1985 to 1992 on the hit NBC series, which also starred Bea Arthur, Betty White and Estelle Getty.

LAS VEGAS — Comedian Jerry Lewis postponed a July engagement to perform live after suffering a heart attack Sunday that a casino spokeswoman described as "mild."

"At present, he is under hospital care and is expected to make a full recovery," said Candi Cazau, spokeswoman for the Orleans hotel-casino in Las Vegas, where Lewis was to perform July 13-16.

Lewis, 80, is also suffering from "a touch of pneumonia," Cazau said in a statement.

A call to Lewis' manager, Claudia Marghilano, was not returned Tuesday.

Last week, a wise-cracking Lewis appeared healthy at a news conference in Las Vegas when he announced his first return to live performances in five years after a battle with pulmonary fibrosis, a crippling lung ailment.

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The Da Vinci Code (PG-13)
11:45am, 12:35, 3:00, 4:00, 6:30, 7:30, 10:00, 11:00
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Art School Confidential (R)
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In 1775, the Second Continental Congress voted unanimously to appoint George Washington head of the Continental Army.

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In 1844, Charles Goodyear received a patent for his process to strengthen rubber.

In 1849, James Polk, the 11th president of the United States, died in Nashville, Tenn.

In 1864, Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton signed an order establishing a military burial ground, which became Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1904, more than a thousand people died when fire erupted aboard the steamboat General Slocum in New York's East River.

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In 1978, King Hussein of Jordan married 26-year-old American Lisa Halaby, who became Queen Noor.

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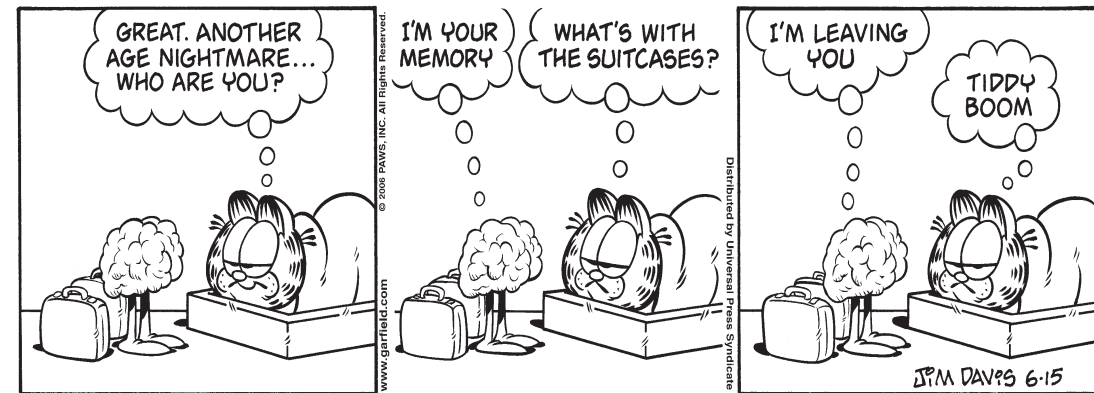
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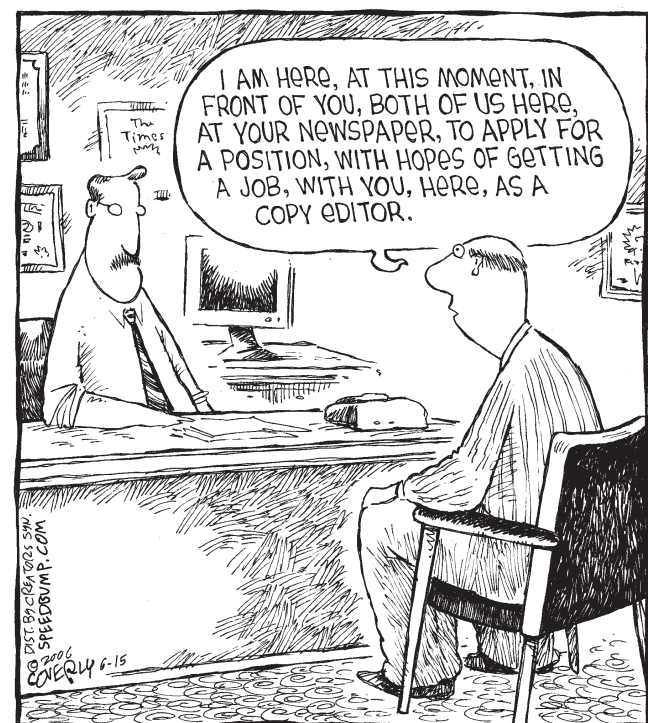
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