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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

In May, a second Indian mayor, Amarnath Yadav of Gorakhpur, was removed from office because "he," a eunuch, had run as a female but was declared by a court to be just an effeminate male and thus ineligible to seek a female-reserved electoral office. Also in May, the South African Rugby Football Union fined its Golden Lions about US\$4,000 for momentarily having only two black players on the field, when league rules require a minimum of three at all times.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"They say you can't do it, but sometimes it doesn't always work."

— Casey Stengel

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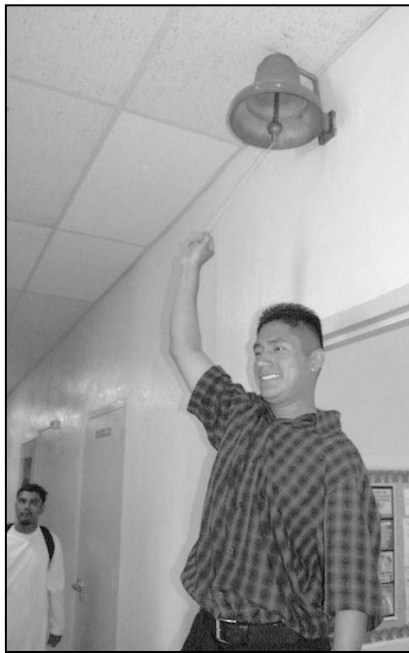
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Never a dull moment at Olympic High



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press
Flavio Garcia, 20, graduates from Olympic High School last week by ringing the graduation bell.

Continuation school allows students to work at own pace

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

When Flavio Garcia graduated from Olympic High School last week, he didn't walk the line, he rang the bell.

It was far from a typical graduation ceremony, but nothing at Olympic is typical.

Students study at their own pace at the school and the size of the student body depends on what day it is, said Olympic's principal Suzanne Toyryla.

Last week, 126 students attended Olympic. There was one graduation and two new students.

Garcia, a 20-year-old Mexican immigrant, showed up to the school — located at Lincoln and Ocean Park boulevards — last Thursday afternoon so he could climb the step ladder and ring the graduation bell while his classmates congratulated him in the hallway.

When Garcia came to Olympic in October 2001, he was barely able to speak English and worked two jobs to help support his family. At the time, Garcia had finished two years worth of high school. But after completing another year last summer, Garcia had to go back to Mexico to be with his family. He returned two

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Santa Monica Police Sgt. David Thomas plays the piano for Olympic High School students last week while they celebrate their last class together. The SMPD taught a criminal justice class at the school this past semester.

County hatches plans to end homelessness within 10 years

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

There are more homeless people in Los Angeles County than there are residents of Santa Monica. Local officials want to change that.

Responding to a call by President George W. Bush to end homelessness in 10 years, a group of politicians and community leaders have formed "Bring L.A. Home."

The committee, led by Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom, Los Angeles Mayor James Hahn, Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca and other community leaders, announced its mission Thursday at a meeting on Skid Row.

Los Angeles County has the largest homeless population in the nation with more than 84,000 counted in 1990, when the most recent survey was taken. Santa Monica, where more than 1,400 homeless reside, has 84,404 residents, according to the 2000 Census.

New York has the second largest homeless

population in the U.S., with roughly 60,000.

The new group aims to tackle chronic homelessness by boosting intervention offerings and launching a series of programs designed to deal with the underlying reasons behind homelessness, Bloom said.

"It gives one pause to think of that many people every night without a roof over their head," Bloom said. "It's a lot of people."

Plans for tackling homelessness will be developed over the next 12 months. Bloom said Santa Monica will serve as a model because of its long history of dealing with transients.

"Santa Monica is largely considered to be providing leadership from a political and programmatic perspective to ending homelessness," he said, adding that roughly 65 percent of the local homeless population suffers from substance abuse.

Santa Monica currently spends about \$2 million each year on services for homeless people, Bloom said. The City of Los Angeles

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Lawyer wants to keep former cop out of state prison

Man pleaded guilty to affair with 15-year-old daughter of colleague

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

The sentencing of a retired Santa Monica police officer who allegedly had a long-term sexual relationship with a minor was continued last week for the third time.

Andrew Stein, the private attorney for Gregory McElveen, 55, said he is hoping to keep his client out of state prison where his status as a former police officer and a registerable sex offender would make him a target for assault by other inmates.

If sent to state prison, McElveen would be kept in the general population area of the facility for the 30-to-90-day intake period, Stein said, after which he could be held in protective custody.

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You have the get-up-and-go this year to complete any project you take on. Be careful about what you decide to do. Make sure your immediate and long-term goals mesh. Learn to look past the obvious and take a complete overview. Travel and education might play into this scenario. Don't hesitate to risk and take a new opportunity. If you're single, you could meet someone quite exotic and different in the next few months. Take your time with this relationship, though you could value one-on-one relating on a whole new level. If you're attached, your bond will intensify from adding diversity into your life and plans together. Plan on that special trip. AQUARIUS likes you.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★★★ You have every reason to assume the reins of control at work, but something might be bothering you on a subliminal level. You sense a change, but it is more within. Late today, Mars, your ruler, changes signs from Aquarius to Pisces. Plan on some reflecting time. Tonight: Join a pal for dinner.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ Do needed research and follow up with key calls. While a boss or parent could push you hard, you might have difficulty getting along. Your energy will change in the next 24 hours when you focus on the end results. Tonight: Meet a friend.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ You might want to follow through on a discussion with someone at a distance. Take your time with each person you meet during the day. Make sure you fit the right nuts and bolts, as work is about to take off. You won't have a lot of time. Tonight: Relax to a favorite piece of music.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ Defer to others, because you might feel like you have little other choice. You could learn a lot from how others react in the same situation. Help yourself get past the immediate need to blame someone else. Detaching becomes easier each day. Tonight: Spend time with your favorite person.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Dig into work and avoid the general restlessness you feel with those around you. If you think you have a legitimate issue with a partner, addressing it right now could cause more of a problem than a solution. Resolve issues in the near future. Tonight: Go along with another's request.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ Your creativity mixed with your drive could make this a most effective day. Your high energy could become stressful if you don't take a walk or use this high-voltage energy positively. A co-worker could be feisty. Tonight: Off to the gym.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ If you can work at home, do so. You need a relaxing atmosphere to let your creativity flourish. You get a lot done very quickly in that environment. If at work, you might want to close the door and create more peaceful surroundings. Tonight: Make it an early night.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ According to many, you speak your mind way too easily. On the other hand, others know where you stand. Make calls and reach out for others. Allow your efficiency to speak. Others share many different ideas than you. Tonight: If you can, call it an early night.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Deal with finances and finally make a long-overdue decision, whether you're comfortable with it or not. Focus on getting the job done. You'll be able to get past a problem with ease later on. Don't take a family member for granted. Tonight: Buy a card for a loved one on the way home.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ You're empowered by the planets right now. Do what you can to clear out extra problems. You might be overwhelmed by what comes down the pike later on. One item at a time — OK? Tonight: Treat yourself.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ You might not be in the mood to deal with others. Close your door and screen your calls. You might be amazed at how much you can get done if you're focused. Expect others to seek you out anyway. Postpone meetings until later in the day. Tonight: Strut your stuff.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ Focus on others. Meetings might prove more important than you realize. You might want to wait until tomorrow before instrumenting a key change or project, when Mars will be in your sign. You'll have all the energy you need. Tonight: Get extra R and R.

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Catch of the day



John Wood/Daily Press

A young fisherman shows off his catch Saturday at Huck Finn Day. The annual event, sponsored by the Santa Monica Jaycees, was held at Reed Park at Lincoln and Wilshire Boulevards and featured a pool filled with trout, which children could fish for.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

'Rally for Education' set for Tuesday

By Daily Press staff

While the Santa Monica and Malibu communities are still celebrating the victory of Measure S, a school funding measure that will replace about half of the funds lost by an expected \$13 million cut in state education funding, education advocates are looking to the cities to do their part to help further close the funding gap.

A wide coalition of city voters are urging the City Council to double its current contribution to schools. The City Council, which is not obligated to give any money to the school district, normally gives \$3 million. Last year, it gave \$4.5 million for a similar budget crisis.

The City Council is expected to make a decision about school funding at its June 17 meeting, when hundreds of school supporters plan to rally at City Hall.

The rally will take place immediately prior to the Santa Monica City Council voting on its final 2003-2004 budget. Organizers hope the rally will send the message that more than two-thirds of Santa Monica voters approved taxing themselves with a new parcel tax that will generate \$6.5 million annually for the next six years for the district. School supporters are asking City Council members to help close the funding gap caused by devastating state budget cuts.

"The citizens of Santa Monica recently reaffirmed their unwavering support for excellent public schools by approving Measure S," said school board vice president José Escarse. "It has been evident for some time that most of these citizens also expect the city to do its part by contributing more money to the schools."

The "Rally for Education" begins at 6 p.m., on Tuesday at Santa Monica City Hall, located at 1685 Main Street.

Superintendent John Deasy and entertainer Jackson Browne will speak at the rally.

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surf report

NW wind swell will come up a bit more today and be joined by slowly building S swell that will be biggest by sundown. Northern L.A. spots see surf mainly in the 2-foot-to-3-foot range, with some occasional bigger sets at best combo breaks. The new S swell will be good for very occasional shoulder high sets at best breaks by sundown.

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MONDAY	12:02	1.6	(11:36)	0.7	5:33	3.8	6:19	5.4
TUESDAY	12:59	0.7	12:22	1.0	6:49	3.8	6:55	5.9
WEDNESDAY	1:50	-0.2	1:06	1.3	7:56	3.9	7:33	6.4
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President Bush recently laid out a plan to end homelessness in the United States within 10 years. That plan was discussed last week at a meeting of U.S. mayors held in Denver.

Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom, along with Los Angeles Mayor James Hahn and other area leaders, have convened a committee to deal with homelessness as a regional issue.

Many argue that other cities won't deal with homeless people and rely on

Santa Monica to bear the brunt of the problem.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "What can be done regionally to alleviate Santa Monica of its growing homeless population?"

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School is continuous education for teachers and students

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weeks ago to finish the two classes he needed to get his 220 credits required to graduate.

Thursday morning, Toyryla was in her office planning the second annual senior celebration to be held on Wednesday.

"They won't be on stage at Samohi on June 19," she said. "But here, every one is included who has 180 credits or more so they can be recognized."

Olympic administrators believe giving special attention to students is crucial to their success.

As a continuation school, Olympic students—who range in age from 15 to 20 years old—have had a rough go of it in their short lives.

"Some of our students have had an interesting journey to get to graduation," Toyryla said. "The circumstances in their lives have been chaotic ... they learn coping skills to get them through life."

Just an hour before Garcia's graduation, between five and 10 cops showed up on campus after a student stole some items from a nearby store and ran back to school.

"There isn't enough time to celebrate before it's time to deal with the next situation," Toyryla said.

About 30 percent of the students are on probation. More than 20 percent of the population are special education students. Half of the students work to support families. Some are pregnant, some of their parents have died, some come from abusive and broken homes and others are in trouble with the law.

"I tell my teachers to take their vitamins," Toyryla joked.

SANTA MONICA'S 'OTHER HIGH SCHOOL'

While it's treated by some as the step-child of Santa Monica's other public schools, many in the community don't even know a second high school exists. Olympic, part of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, is rarely discussed by administrators or the community at-large.

As a result, the school doesn't get the attention it needs.

Physical education classes are held in the school's parking lot. The biology classroom has no labs. The campus lacks enough fences. The classrooms barely have enough books. The school hasn't had a custodian for two weeks, which means teachers and administrators have been taking out their own trash.

"It's not the usual whine and moan thing here," Toyryla said.



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

From left to right: Amelia Tomlin, Samantha Pinatel and Michelle Melendez work on a class project last week in their English class at Olympic High School.

"We just do it."

It doesn't seem to bother Toyryla that Olympic isn't recognized in the community as much as other schools are. She understands that continuation schools are a breed of their own.

"Some districts celebrate their continuation schools more than our district," she said. "It's not good or bad."

'ONE ON ONE' EDUCATION

But despite all of its needs and lack of acceptance, Olympic's faculty and students are proud of what happens on campus every day. Toyryla, who came to Olympic in 1997 after a stint as assistant principal at North Hollywood High, is especially proud of her staff.

"They have gone from a deficit position and have really worked hard together to get it where it is," she said.

When Toyryla first showed up at the school, she realized quickly that it needed attention. The school lacked enough teachers and resources, among other things.

"Ever since Ms. Toyryla has gotten here there's been an upward cycle," said Jack Casey, a 24-year Olympic teacher who is one of two faculty members who has remained at the school since Toyryla became principal.

As Toyryla walks through the hallways, it's evident she knows every student and their circumstances.

At 10:30 a.m., walking to the biology classroom, Toyryla approaches a student who was just arriving at school.

"What are you doing in the morning that you can't get here at 9 a.m.?" she asked. The student said he didn't get out of bed in time but that he hadn't learned the bus schedule. Toyryla suggested he call the bus company that night and figure it out.

"We know our kids," she said. "We try to get to know them and give them a safe place to be."

Because most students lack positive relationships with adults, the methods Olympic's seven faculty members use to relate to them is key.

"They come here with so much personal baggage and this is their first chance to succeed and many of them do," Casey said. "A lot of people succeed here that wouldn't otherwise."

If a student is late or cuts class, their guardians are called that day.

"Some kids at Samohi get lost for an entire semester," Casey said. "That doesn't happen here."

The benefit of education at Olympic versus Santa Monica High School is that teachers can offer personalized instruction with a student body of only a

couple hundred instead of the 3,400 students at Samohi. Classroom sizes at Olympic range from 15 to 20 students.

"It's individual learning instead of crowd control," he said. "I love the kids here ... they remind me of myself when I was younger."

Kids sign a contract at the beginning of the year and their progress is measured against themselves, not other students.

"It's an opportunity to reinvent or change yourself," Toyryla said. "You have to do what works for them and some students do better in a small environment."

Toyryla recently toured other continuation schools throughout Los Angeles. Her experiences affirmed what she already knew about the needs of students there.

"You have to have teachers that can reach out to them and build a relationship," she said.

Olympic science teacher Anthony Fuller, who was laid off because of budget cuts but hopes to be reinstated by the school board, said he's doing his job when he makes a connection with his students.

At the beginning of his third period biology class, students open their textbooks and begin studying on their own. Fuller points to the back of the classroom where chairs are stacked up on counters and explains that

next year he hopes to make the area a biology laboratory for students.

WHAT TO DO WITH OLYMPIC?

School board members, who say they are aware of Olympic's challenges, think more has to be done to improve the school. The first step is acknowledging its existence.

"I know it's a priority and I think there will be big changes in the next year," said school board member Shane McLoud. "There is a collective agreement that we know all of the students' needs aren't being met. We are throwing around ideas on what to do with that school and some of its students."

Oscar de la Torre, a school board member and founder of the Pico Youth and Family Center, said many of the kids that come to his community-based organization in the poorest part of town also are Olympic students.

The fact that Olympic is barely known by the community is a result of institutional racism in the community, he said.

"Within the culture of the school district historically, it hasn't been given the attention it deserves," de la Torre said. "I think Olympic High School has improved but my goal is to have a real alternative school with good resources."

While Olympic falls under the umbrella of the school district, it is funded differently. Some of its resources and staff are provided through grants and community-based organizations.

An alcohol and drug panel is convened every Monday by a local Alcoholics Anonymous group and counselors are brought in regularly as part of city-funded programs that are administered by Saint John's Health Center and Didi Hirsch, a community mental health center.

A new criminal justice class was created this past semester, which was taught by Santa Monica Police officers. Officers came to Olympic for an hour Monday through Friday to teach the class about civil rights, the law and the police department.

The officers and students celebrated the final day of the class last Thursday with the SMPD buying tacos for them and Sgt. Dave Thomas providing entertainment by playing the piano.

By all accounts, the students appreciated what they learned, said Olympic student Liz Kelso.

"I thought it was going to be a bunch of cops talking about bull-shit," she said. "But now I understand my rights more and interacting with the officers to build relationships and learning to

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LOCAL



New committee to try and solve homeless problem

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spends more than \$14 million, most of which comes from the federal government, said Robin Conerly, deputy director of the L.A. Homeless Services Authority.

L.A. County also spends tens of millions on homeless services and special needs programs, such as mental health and social services, Conerly said.

Though the new group may seek additional governmental grants, its main objective is to focus the energy and resources that are already devoted to addressing homelessness, said Jose Quinonez, a planner at LAHSA.

Santa Monica City Councilman Kevin McKeown said he was glad to see a regional approach to the problem and that Santa Monica currently sets the standard for providing social services to homeless.

"We have long felt that our resources were not being matched by our neighbors," McKeown said. "Clearly, one city can't solve a regional or national problem."

The new group will form a committee of politicians, government workers, homeless advocacy groups, businesses, religious leaders, labor representatives and homeless people. Its first meeting will be held in July or August.

"It gives one pause to think of that many people every night without a roof over their head."

— RICHARD BLOOM
Santa Monica Mayor

Smaller meetings will then be held throughout the county to gather community input on the most efficient and effective way to deal with homelessness, Quinonez said.

"In one year we will release a plan that will take the region of L.A. County towards the goal of ending homelessness within the decade," he said.

While the new group works to fulfill the president's charge, Bloom said there will always be some people who simply choose to be homeless.

"We're never going to end every social problem that exists," Bloom said. "But as a regional and national community we have failed in the past to address homelessness."

Retired cop still in custody

SEX OFFENDER, from page 1

McElveen is currently being held at the Twin Towers Correctional Facility in Los Angeles, a county jail, with bail set at \$215,000. Stein said he hopes to negotiate a plea so that McElveen can serve out his sentence there.

Since taking the case over from a public defender at McElveen's April 28 sentencing hearing, Stein has continued the case three times. He said he plans to present a motion to withdraw the guilty plea McElveen agreed to in April and hopes to renegotiate his client's sentence so it can be served in county jail.

In the meantime, McElveen is earning time credits to use against whatever sentence he will ultimately face.

McElveen, who retired from the SMPD in May of 1999, served with the department for 19 years. He allegedly began a 10-month sexual relationship with the 15-year-old daughter of another SMPD officer in August 2000.

After being arrested by L.A. County sheriff's deputies Feb. 26, McElveen was charged with performing a lewd act upon a child, two counts of penetration with a foreign object and two counts of oral copulation.

He pleaded guilty to performing a lewd act upon a child April 14 and agreed to spend one year in state prison as part of the plea, which dismissed the four other counts against him.

With good behavior, which can cut a state prison sentence in half, McElveen would have been eligible for parole in six months.

McElveen is scheduled to go in front of

"I'm hoping that cooler heads will prevail."

— ANDREW STEIN
Defendant's attorney

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Michael R. Hoff at the Van Nuys Courthouse on June 27.

Cheryl Gaines, the prosecutor on the case, said she is concerned for McElveen's safety but that no good reason to reopen the case has been presented to her. She plans to ask the judge to hold McElveen to the plea he agreed to in April.

"It seems to me that there should be some type of procedure that would separate him from the general population just for his personal protection," she said.

Stein blamed the prosecutor's reluctance to renegotiate the plea on the father of the victim, a Santa Monica police officer who Gaines said reported McElveen to the L.A. County Sheriff's Department. That officer is not being named to protect the identity of his teenage daughter.

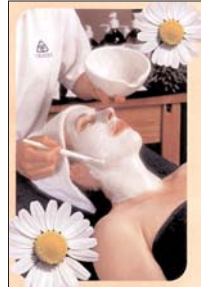
"He wants my client to be in danger," Stein said. "He wants my client to be harmed. Who wouldn't? The feelings he feels are natural but they're self-centered and very selfish."

"I'm hoping that cooler heads will prevail."

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LETTERS

Absentee landlords are part of the problem

Editor:

The Santa Monica Police Department deserves a giant thank you from the peace-loving residents of the Pico neighborhood. They've done a great job in arresting the alleged perpetrators on the recent spate of shootings in the Pico in a very short time. I have also noticed a much increased police patrol presence in recent weeks.

Bill Bauer had some interesting things to say about the situation in the Pico. I find it astounding that the Community Corporation does not do criminal checks on residents of its projects. Is this true, Ms. Ling? If so, why?

Given the high percentage of public housing in the Pico and the history of violence in the area, such negligence seems inexcusable and I wonder if the Community Corporation is putting itself in the legal liability zone by doing something any reasonable landlord would do before renting its property to a tenant. Perhaps the Community Corporation should change its policy before legal action is taken by some litigious person.

The city does seem slow in enforcing building codes. I have called several times about a ratty-looking duplex with broken windows and weeds on the eastside of the 1700 block of 18th Street owned by Massoud Saleh and Mahmoud Salarkia of 2632 Lincoln Blvd., (assessors ID # 4274-027-024, purchased on Oct. 29, 2002 for \$455,000) and nothing has been done. Residents should flood the building department with complaints at (310) 458-8355. Eventually they'll have to do something. Absentee slumlords in the Pico should not be tolerated.

Richard Tuttle
Pico resident

A plan for the Pico neighborhood

Editor:

The Pico Neighborhood Association offers the following plan to address the problem of gun violence in the neighborhood. It asks the City Council, police department and residents to take responsibility, make a commitment and play an active part in solving this on-going problem.

There are five main areas of focus: Police presence, tenancy consequences when violent crimes are committed, physical improvement of the neighborhood, public housing and a resident awakening and vigilance.

1. Police presence. The reactive policy of "response/increased presence/withdrawal" by our police must be replaced with a policy that emphasizes a continuum of involvement. By working together, the neighborhood and the SMPD can build an effective deployment but the attitude of defensiveness and denial by both police and residents must stop. Department resources must be allocated to establish a Pico plan that builds cooperation, and a commitment must be made to breaking the recurring cycle of violence.

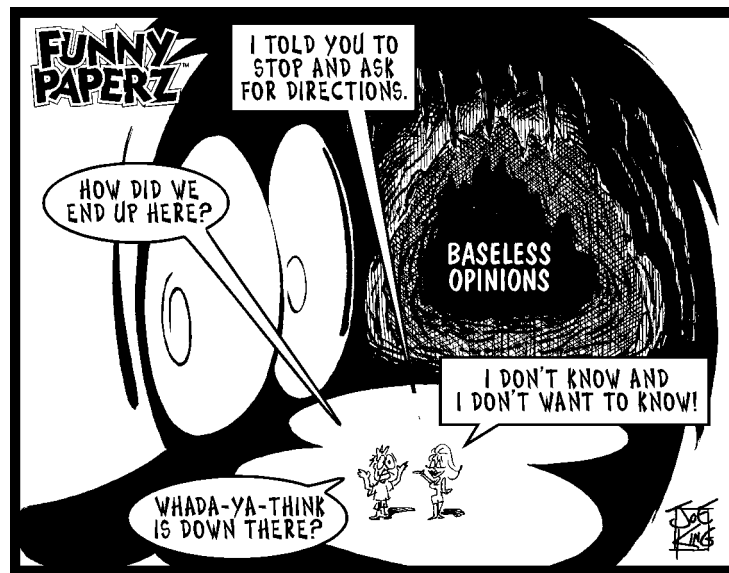
2. Tenancy consequences when violent crimes are committed. The City Council should implement an ordinance or charter amendment that allows for eviction for ten-

ants committing a violent crime or illegally discharging a weapon within the city. This effort in "tenant protection" is consistent with existing policy, as it will help protect the safety of law-abiding tenants. By assisting the landlord when an eviction is needed, this policy would have a positive budgetary impact by reducing the cost of law enforcement resulting from dangerous chronic violators.

3. Physical improvement of the neighborhood. The concept of environmental improvement as outlined in the "broken window" theory of James Q. Wilson and George Kelling needs to be implemented in the Pico neighborhood. The Pico neighborhood saw little of the recent years' efforts at civic improvement. Street planting and maintenance, utility placement, graffiti abatement, large object trash collection, traffic control and code enforcement in the neighborhood should all be given resources for improvement that are at least equal to the rest of the city.

4. Public housing. Santa Monica's public housing policy needs revision. Criminal background checks must be conducted for prospective tenants of public housing. The

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Responding to criticism of city's homeless people

I would like to respond to Mr. Bauer's last column about the homeless issues in Santa Monica.

I feel this man is so out of touch with the issue, he has to over-emphasize certain facts of homelessness. He has to bring up the worst fact of homelessness. He never seems to focus on the homeless who are and have been doing positive things with their lives.

Case in point — those of us who work on the cart pushing program and those who work for the farmer's market. Myself and two other men work everyday to set up the vending carts on the promenade. We work to make money for food, hygiene items and to save to get our lives together.

There are three other people who have gotten their lives together with the cart program and are living in apartments. Through the help of a friend, I have even

gotten off the streets, have a bank account and pay rent to him until I can save the money for my own place.

Mr. Bauer also fails to mention the fact that he and other building owners have increased the rent so that no one who is of moderate or low income can afford an apartment in this area. He also fails to mention that there are at least 16,000 apartment vacancies through Westside Rentals alone. Also, the retail vacancy rate being the highest in Los Angeles County.

This makes me wonder where he gets his facts about homelessness. He mentions Chief Butts saying the majority of homeless are straight-out criminals. Well Mr. Bauer does not know that some homeless have never had a criminal record until they became homeless.

Also the SMPD has been using surveillance to give homeless tickets for littering, knowing the recipient of the ticket rarely shows up in court so he/she will wind up with a warrant. This might happen over and over until there are enough warrants to put the person in jail. Even this is only for the night or for the weekend. And when the person goes to court he gets time served and released.

He also fails to mention that most of the transient parole violators are on skid row, which has a homeless population of at least 10 to 15 times the homeless popu-

lation than Santa Monica. The county jail is right there and most of the parole violators land there first and that is where most of them stay and hide in the larger homeless population.

The Delta Airlines incident, which he mentions, was all of three stewardesses talking about the homeless feeding in front of City Hall on Saturdays. And Mayor Bloom is pretty much correct, it is very safe on the streets of Santa Monica than most other places like let's say Venice Beach at night.

I also know someone who works in one of the beach hotels and he said no one ever tells their guests it's not safe after 10 to be on the streets. I don't think that would be a good way to keep repeat business, do you?

Then he mentions about it only being a matter of time before a transient maims or murders a senior citizen or child. He forgets the murder/suicide that happened in an apartment across the street from his own residence. He also fails to mention the fact that more people have been killed in drive-bys and gang shootings in the Pico neighborhood than have been killed by the homeless population since 1998.

And as far as why people stay away from the downtown area, I have heard more of the people who come here say it is just like any other mall that they have

been to than complain about the homeless.

As I have stated many time before, people like Mr. Bauer and Mr. Street are so out of touch with society and the street as a whole they have to dig and dig to find ways to make the reader think like they do.

I have challenged Mr. Bauer to come out here for one month with nothing but what he can carry on his back and see first-hand the reality of the homeless situation. But like most of his ilk, he fears what he does not understand and sees himself as above it.

Well, Mr. Bauer, I have succeeded in getting off the street, as well as still working on getting my education. I will never give up on this and have the love of several friends, many of whom are not homeless, to thank for this.

I also think you have a major problem with people in general. You seem to stand against everything that is community-oriented unless there is a buck in it for you. Maybe you should learn that there are other people in this world besides you and some of them do care about things other than money and power.

(Charles Springer is a formerly homeless person, a freelance writer and an artist living in Santa Monica.)

OPINION



LETTERS

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over concentration of low- and very low-income only deed restricted rental properties in the neighborhood must stop. Mixed income and ownership-assisted housing is needed to restore a proper housing mix. Political biases should be set aside and public review brought back into the process of our public housing department.

5. A resident awakening and vigilance. All residents of Santa Monica, particularly Pico residents, must be vocal about solving the problem of on-going violence. Pico residents must awaken to the need for civic involvement and commit to improving the quality of community life.

Board of Directors
Pico Neighborhood Association

Put the city on a diet

Editor:

Santa Monica is slowly moving itself towards a transportation heart attack. The City Council approves every artery-clogging (traffic calming/pedestrian safety) device that the transportation department can think of to slow down cars. Eventually rush hour traffic in the city will cease to flow, sapping the life out of Santa Monica. The citizens of Santa Monica need to take preventative action in order to reduce the artery clogging ways of our city so that there is less fat coming from City Hall. In 2004 let's vote to put Santa Monica on a diet.

Dan Kolhoff
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Measure S was a start but more funding is needed

An open letter to the Santa Monica City Council:

We can breathe a bit easier now with the tremendous success of "S," yet our community public schools are still facing destructive cuts to programs and personnel.

Measure S will provide just half of the \$13 million needed to maintain present program and staffing levels. Our schools desperately need our City Council to double its financial commitment.

Why does this concern you? Isn't it the state's job? Yes. Are they doing their job? No.

There is little hope for a state budget anytime soon and when it does finally appear it will fall far short of providing the resources necessary to do those things demanded of our public school system. California's schoolchildren would be fortunate indeed if their political leaders decided to fund education at the national average — no frills, just average.

How important are our public schools to our community? According to the EdSource report, "The Civic Purposes of Public Schools," "School and curriculum have an enduring impact on the development of civic knowledge."

It is essential to the best interests of our community that our public schools be not merely adequate, but excellent.

How important are our public schools to the voting public? Improving education is the top priority for Californians, according to a new public opinion survey released on Jan. 31 by the Center for the Future of Teaching and Learning. Further, the survey reports that 76 percent of Californians, reflecting all demographic groups, say that more should be spent on education.

National surveys report education as the number one priority too, ranked ahead of health care, national security, Social Security, job creation and tax cuts.

But until we succeed in making education the top priority of all those politicians who say education is their top priority, we desperately need your commitment. Having been to your budget workshops earlier this year and to your budget study

sessions last week, I don't see the city's financial situation precluding increased support for our community schools.

According to your document "2003-04 and 2004-05 budget reduction impact statements," you are contemplating cutting 31.8 positions for 2003-04.

1.) 60 percent of these positions are currently vacant.

2.) 30 percent result from closure of the Main Library, currently being rebuilt.

You are, in reality, looking at laying-off 4.8 people. Not a pleasant prospect, to be sure. Imagine laying-off 130-plus people.

The Council was particularly upset about cuts to Community & Cultural Services, yet all but one of the 5.9 FTEs to be eliminated are already vacant. That leaves two part-time jobs on the block, one of which was going to go anyway with construction at Virginia Avenue Park.

The result: You're losing a .5 FTE administrative staff assistant (as-needed) in Cultural Affairs. Having fields renovated less frequently and reducing some arts grants and support for awards and celebrations pales in comparison to what is going to happen at your community schools.

You might respond, "Just because the positions are vacant doesn't mean we don't want to fill them."

Sure, but the point is we are already getting along without them. You are trimming what was cut from public schools 25 years ago and that was only the beginning of many years of drastic reductions in staffing at our schools. Every one of the more than 130 people who are about to lose their jobs in our school district are desperately needed.

Chief Butts responded to questions about whether he wasn't understaffed at the pier and in the Pico neighborhood. He replied that he is at full strength. He's going to lose a couple horses.

Asked about pro-active responses to gang violence in the Pico neighborhood, Chief Butts spoke of a "cycle" where

criminals get arrested, go through the system and return after years in jail to old haunts and old habits — and to teach the next generation.

He spoke of the need for interventions and support in the schools and I have to point out that our over-crowded classrooms have precious little in the way of counselors, psychologists, assistant principals and tutors who can help an overburdened teacher make the difference between success and failure in school. Anticipated cuts will only make things worse.

After-school, Saturday school and enrichment classes will be cut. Summer intervention classes are far too crowded, with a too-high pupil-to-teacher ratio. Libraries and computer labs will be closed — not only after-school, but in all likelihood during school. Overworked counselors and assistant principals and support staff will be laid off. Teachers would like to outreach — make home visits — but how is that possible with a caseload of 150-

200 students?

As the youngsters experience failure and despair in school and have no place to go after school except the neighborhood, they become ripe for instruction in the "real" world by the O.G.s (old gangstas).

Our schools need more resources, not less. Our community pays the price.

You are obviously sick of being asked for money. Understand that when your community looks at your budget of hundreds of millions and sees \$50-\$60 million go out of the general fund every year for capital projects, \$150 million sitting in the Big Blue Bus capital fund (for only \$38 million of projects), a \$70 million police station, \$34 million for 200 units of low-income housing a couple years ago, \$10 million yearly to subsidize section 8 housing, the endless street and sidewalk improvements (no — they're not all paid for by grants, the general fund coughs up around \$5 million annually), \$1 million (02-04) to "revitalize"

alleys by replacing asphalt with cement, \$20 million to renovate City Hall (yes, bonds, but they aren't free — nor is the extra \$6 million from the general fund), grand plans for completely re-doing Santa Monica Place and the Civic Center, \$30 million to retrofit parking garages, an aggressive RDA that skims the cream off property taxes that once went to public schools — the following things happen:

1. you don't look broke;
2. education doesn't look like your top priority.

Granted, I don't hear everything that you hear, but from what I hear the budget does not reflect the priorities of your community. You have options:

1. Revise the budget to reflect education as a real priority;
2. Put a fair tax/revenue stream proposal before the voters;
3. You're proud of our bond rating — use it.

If the city were half as adept at developing a revenue stream for its schools as it is at getting and keeping cash for capital projects we wouldn't be in this mess.

The city has a financial stake in this too: Nearly \$20 million of general fund revenue comes from property tax payments. Research shows that approximately 35 percent of a property's value is derived from the reputation of its local public schools. If the reputation of the school district declines and the bubble bursts, the city stands to lose \$7 million yearly.

I am begging you to take this seriously. The state is dysfunctional. The community is looking to you.

Please consider the context of this request: It is shameful that the world's fifth largest economy is derelict in supporting its schools. We cannot tolerate this. How can we expect Santa Monica's children to compete, let alone reach their full potential, with this lack of support?

How can other states spend \$12,000 yearly to educate a child, and we spend half that much? How do we tell our children that that's all they deserve? There must be a way — and we are relying on your leadership to show us the way.

Guest
Commentary

By Rick Gates

Reduced City Budget Set for Adoption

To narrow the gap between escalating costs and declining income, the Santa Monica City Council will consider both expenditure cuts and revenue increases in adopting the 2003/04 municipal budget on June 17. Review the budget online at www.santa-monica.org or at city libraries.

BUDGET HEARING
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LOCAL

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Samohi awards parents, helpers for service

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica High School PTSA presented Honorary Service Awards to parents and community members at the final PTSA meeting of the year on June 10. Faculty and staff recipients were announced April 10.

This year seven parents were honored with awards. They represent many other parents and adults who give of themselves to make Samohi a better place. All students are enriched by parent participation.

The Samohi PTSA is pleased to announce the 2003 Parent and Community Honorary Service Award recipients.

■ **Very Special Person Award:** Carolyn Beug — In Memoriam. Carolyn was the quintessential sport “mom” at Samohi. Cheering for the entire track and cross-country teams, bringing snacks and water, purchasing team sweats, hosting end-of-the-year awards banquets at her home.

She was heading home, after settling her twin daughters, Lindsey and Lauren (Samohi '01) back East in colleges, when the world changed on Sept. 11, 2001. She was on one of the planes that hit the World Trade Center, personalizing the event for many who never knew her.

Her nurturing spirit and generosity benefited many at Samohi. Her husband, John Beug, accepted the award. He continues to support many programs at Samohi, honoring Carolyn's memory and benefiting students.

Individual Honorary Service Awards:

■ **Paige Coleman.** Paige has been instrumental in co-chairing the Grad Nite celebration at Samohi for the past two years. If a call goes out for volunteers, Paige will be there with a ready smile, calm manner and supportive word. She is the master of the possible and often behind the scenes. She and her husband, Woody, have done much for the continued success and growth of Grad Nite. While she is stepping down as co-chair, she will continue behind the scenes before her granddaughter comes to Samohi in a few years.

■ **Sharon Hall Johnson.** Sharon has been an active PTSA Board member as well as serving as president of the African-American Parent Student Staff Support Group, helping give voice to the many concerns of parents and students of color, while embracing the entire Samohi community. She is supportive of student leadership opportunities, helping guide our youth to greater potential by organizing events that showcase and expand their experiences and help them grow. In April, she coordinated the first-ever PTSA-sponsored Student Health Fair, along with senior parent Cynthia Oredugba.

Continuing Service Awards:

■ **Colleen O'Beirne Brydon.** Colleen is incredibly active in PTSA at varying levels and at many schools. She has been PTA president at Webster (in Malibu). She has been (and is) on the PTA Council in membership and other capacities. At Samohi she has spear-headed the development of the PTSA “Viking Voice” parent newsletter for the past two years, elevating it to the vital communication link for all parents. With the PTSA co-presidents, she cultivates stories and information that, along with the other means of communicating information to the parents of the over 3400 students, enhances a sense of community.

■ **Vala Glick.** Val is well known to probably every swim team and water polo participant and parent. If fundraising is needed, she will be there. She is an energetic, well-respected parent voice on committees and she is not shy. Val has served on the Prop. X committee at Samohi for four years, overseeing the complex capital improvements, including the new music building, the new cafeteria and the renovated quads. Her sense of humor and clear, no-nonsense manner is well suited for decision making. Along with Paige, she has been co-chair of Grad Nite for the past two years.

Gold Oak Service Awards:

■ **Gretchen Goetz.** Gretchen has been a co-president of the Samohi PTSA for the past two years. Always gracious, with a welcoming smile, she attends numerous meetings with administration, planning, doing work behind the scenes as well as cleaning up after meetings, finding chairpersons for committees and doing crisis intervention with committee chairs. The amount of work she does is impressive and all this on top of running her own graphics art business full time and attending both girls and boys water polo and swim meets and choir concerts. She will be stepping down from her presidency, but taking on other important roles to benefit all students.

■ **Jean Sedillos.** Jean is amazing. She has been on the district fine arts advisory committee since its beginning in 1997. She had a dream: To turn a dilapidated, badly damaged, unsafe Barnum Hall into a showcase and its rightful central position on the campus. There was no money, but that did not stop her. Now, six years later, two years after her last daughter graduated from Samohi, she is still fundraising and overseeing the details. But this year saw the much-awaited re-opening of Barnum — and this is the lady we have to thank. Her tenacity and effort are rare. While her daughter, Holly ('01), did not get to make music with her classmates in the “new and improved” Barnum, current students have had that opportunity and they love it.

Funds are donated in the name of the honorees to the HSA Program at the California state PTA, providing resources for the scholarship and grant programs of the state PTA, which further benefit youth.

The Honorary Service Awards recognize service and dedication of both individuals and organizations for outstanding service to children and youth. They are awarded only by PTA districts, councils, units and the state PTA. Nominations are sought from all members of the community, including parents, students, faculty, staff and administrators. A committee determines the winners.

For more information, contact Louise Jaffe or Cheri Orgel, PTSA co-presidents, at 310-395-3204.

NATIONAL



Wave flips fishing boat

By The Associated Press

GARIBALDI, Ore. — A large wave flipped over a charter fishing boat carrying 19 people off the northern Oregon coast Saturday, killing at least nine, the Coast Guard said.

Two people were missing several hours after the capsizing. Rescuers searched near a long, rocky jetty at the mouth of Tillamook Bay, an area known for high waves and swirling currents.

Eight survivors — a female and seven males ages 13 to 48 — were brought to Tillamook County General Hospital suffering from hypothermia and needing oxygen because of near drowning. All but two were released, and one of those still in the hospital was there just for observation, officials said.

"They hit a wave wrong and the boat capsized, that's what I was told," nursing supervisor Heather Scovell said. "They're cold, in shock."

The 32-foot Taki Too capsized in 15-foot breaking surf as it sailed out of the bay past a 1,000-yard jetty shortly after 7 a.m., said Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Paul Painter.

Prairie dog is 'super-spreader'

By The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — A single prairie dog infected with monkeypox before health officials identified the virus may have been responsible for spreading monkeypox to half of the human cases in Wisconsin, a state health official said Saturday.

"A lot of people got exposed over time," said Robert Ehlenfeldt, acting state veterinarian. "That exposure would have happened before we knew what we were dealing with."

State epidemiologist Jeff Davis said Friday that the prairie dog had been linked to three confirmed human cases, six probable cases, nine suspected cases and a case of monkeypox in a rabbit, which infected one of the humans.

"Clearly a super-spreader if there ever was one," he said.

Ehlenfeldt took a more cautious approach Saturday, saying the prairie dog

probably was not more contagious than other prairie dogs with the disease; it just had more contact with humans.

Uranium may endanger troops

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The widespread use of depleted uranium weapons by U.S. and British forces in Iraq could pose serious health and environmental risks to troops and residents, nuclear and medical experts warned Saturday.

Dr. Helen Caldicott, president of the Nuclear Policy Research Institute, which organized the gathering, said the hazards of using the radioactive material included severe consequences for kidney function and environmental pollution.

Some experts on the health risks of depleted uranium weapons called for them to be banned. Others came close to the Pentagon's assurances that so-called DU weapons do not pose an "unacceptable health risk" to U.S. troops.

Depleted uranium, which is left over from the process of enriching uranium for use as nuclear fuel, is an extremely dense material that the U.S. and British militaries use for tank armor and armor-piercing weapons. It is far less radioactive than natural uranium.

Grenade attack trial to begin

By The Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — A deadly grenade attack on troops sleeping in their tents in Kuwait is all the more jarring for survivors and relatives because of the man accused: a fellow U.S. soldier.

An Article 32 hearing, similar to a civilian grand jury, begins Monday for Sgt. Hasan K. Akbar, who is charged with killing two officers and injuring 14 others in the March 23 attack.

"It was worse than an act of treason," said retired Chaplain Maj. Thomas G. Westall, a friend of the family of one of the men killed, Air Force Maj. Gregory Stone. "The sheer cowardliness is unexplainable."

Akbar, from the 101st Airborne Division's 326th Engineer Battalion at Fort Campbell, has the right to testify on his own behalf but the Army has not said

whether he is expected to do so.

Akbar, 32, could face the death penalty if convicted in a court martial. He faces two counts of premeditated murder and three counts of attempted murder.

AmeriCorps to cut funds

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — AmeriCorps is planning to cut funding for some of the more than 2,000 nonprofit and other groups that rely on grants from the community service organization, a spokesman said Saturday.

On Monday, the Corporation for National and Community Service — which oversees AmeriCorps — will announce its first round of program grants for the coming year, leaving off the list some programs that have received funding in the past, said Sandy Scott, spokesman for the corporation.

He declined to say how many groups would be affected in advance of the announcement.

Bush expected raise millions

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush begins raising money in earnest this week

for his 2004 re-election effort with a two-week, cross-country sprint expected to take in millions of dollars.

First lady Laura Bush and the president's 2004 running mate, Vice President Dick Cheney, also will hit the fund-raising circuit.

In all, the president is expected to raise \$200 million or more for his primary campaign over the next several months, at least twice the record \$100 million he collected for the 2000 primaries.

The Republican will be helped by a doubling of the individual contribution limit to \$2,000 in the new campaign finance law, effective with the 2003-04 election cycle.

Helping Bush are fund-raising volunteers, including the "Pioneers" who played a key role in 2000 by raising at least \$100,000 each. A new class of fund-raisers, known as the "Rangers," will collect at least \$200,000 each for Bush's campaign.

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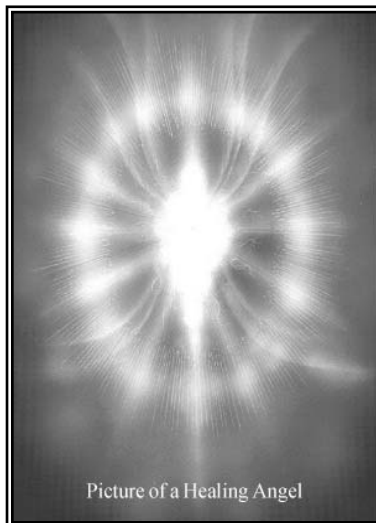
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Raid in holy city kills five suspected terrorists

BY FAIZA AMBAH

Associated Press Writer

MECCA, Saudi Arabia — Saudi troops and security agents raided a Mecca apartment building where terror suspects had holed up, killing five of the suspects, arresting seven — including one wearing a suicide bomb belt — and seizing a large cache of weapons, a Saudi newspaper reported Sunday.

Five police officers and security agents were killed in the Saturday night violence that started when traffic police tried to stop a car, according to the Okaz report.

Okaz did not say if any of the suspects had been linked to the May 12 suicide bomb attacks on Western residential compounds in the Saudi capital Riyadh, which killed 26 people, nine of them Americans. Nine attackers also died. U.S. and Saudi officials working together in the investigation have linked the Riyadh bombings to al-Qaida, the Muslim extremist terror network blamed for the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

Saudi Interior Ministry officials contacted by The Associated Press had no immediate comment Sunday on the Okaz report of violence in Mecca, Islam's holiest city, 450 miles west of the capital.

Another Saudi daily, Al-Riyadh, had a similar report from Mecca on Sunday. Saudi newspapers are independent but government guided.

Security was unusually tight in Mecca Sunday, with troops stopping cars for searches and to check drivers' identification on the outskirts and at checkpoints scattered throughout the city. A number of police patrolled inside and outside Mecca's Al-Nur hospital, where those wounded in the raid had reportedly been taken.

Okaz did not name its sources. It said those killed or arrested were later identified as "wanted terrorists," but did not name any or give their nationalities.

The newspaper said traffic police tried to stop a car but were fired on and a chase ensued during which two traffic police officers were killed. Okaz did not say why the police found the car suspicious.

The suspects fled to an apartment building about three miles from Mecca's main mosque. Army troops and security agents surrounded the building and evacuated residents before storming in, killing five suspects. Among the seven arrested was a man wearing a suicide bomb belt, Okaz said. Three soldiers were killed and five, including a colonel, wounded in the raid, the report said.

A "huge" cache of weapons and explosives was found,

Okaz reported but did not give details.

Witnesses said helicopters hovered over the area into the early hours of Sunday. Sunday afternoon, dozens of police and special forces troops armed with rifles could be seen around the three-story apartment building, whose facade was pocked with bullet holes. Residents who had been kept out overnight were allowed back in the area after stopping at a police post to have their identities checked and cars searched.

Saudi officials launched a nationwide hunt for terror suspects after the Riyadh attacks, but have reported violence in the campaign on only one occasion. On May 31, Yosif Salih Fahd Ala'yeeeri was killed in a gunfight with police in northern Saudi Arabia. He was allegedly carrying a letter written by al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden.

Earlier, Saudi authorities had announced a number of arrests in Medina, Islam's second holiest city, 540 miles west of the capital. Saudi authorities had said the arrests were peaceful, but security in and around Medina has been tight.

Last week, a Western diplomat said at least seven suspects linked to the Riyadh bombings have died since those attacks, some in clashes with Saudi authorities. The diplomat had no details.

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Israeli, Palestinian officials meet as U.S. monitors arrive

BY RAVI NESSMAN

Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM — Israel will pull its troops out of some areas of the Gaza Strip and hand over security to Palestinian officials as part of an effort to revive peace moves badly damaged by a week of bloody violence, an Israeli official said Sunday.

The difficulty of ending the violence was underscored early Sunday by a fire-fight between Israeli soldiers and Palestinians in the Gaza town of Beit Hanoun, one of the areas Israel reportedly planned to leave, that killed one Palestinian and wounded seven others.

Maj. Gen. Amos Gilad, a senior Israeli defense ministry official, presented Israel's withdrawal plan to Palestinian security chief Mohammed Dahlan during a meeting late Saturday, an Israeli official said on condition of anonymity.

It was the first such meeting since a June 4 summit in Jordan, where President Bush helped launch the "road map" peace plan, which calls for an end to 32 months of violence and the creation of a Palestinian state by 2005.

"It was positive, and there was a possibility of progress," Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath said of the meeting. However, everything depended on the Palestinians getting militant groups to agree to end attacks on Israelis, he added.

A delegation of Egyptian security officials arrived in Gaza on Sunday to meet with militant leaders to discuss such an agreement. Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas was to have a role in the talks, Shaath said.

Since the road map was launched, renewed violence — capped by a bus bombing by Hamas and a string of Israeli helicopter raids aimed at Hamas leaders — has killed 63 people.

In the first phase of the plan, Palestinians are to stop attacks against Israelis and disarm militants, and Israel is to dismantle many of the roughly 100 settlement outposts in the West Bank.

Last week, Israeli troops dismantled 10 uninhabited outposts. However, settlers set up four more outposts in recent days,

Dror Etkes, an official with the Israeli group Peace Now, said Sunday.

Meanwhile, U.S. officials worked to salvage the peace plan.

A team of 10 to 15 U.S. officials, headed by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State John Wolf, arrived in the region to supervise implementation of the road map. Wolf was to meet with Dahlan and Abbas in Gaza on Tuesday, Israel radio reported.

Dov Weisglass, an aide to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, was to meet Monday in Washington with Condoleezza Rice, Bush's assistant for national security, Israeli officials said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell and other senior representatives of the so-called Quartet — the United States, United Nations, Russia and the European Union — plan to hold talks in Jordan on Thursday.

Powell told a group of Arab Americans in Washington on Saturday the United States was committing to working to peace in the region.

"If we don't move forward, if we don't take this opportunity, if we don't punch through this current wave of violence, then where are we?" he asked. "We're nowhere — with two peoples killing one another day after day after day."

As a first step, Israel offered at the meeting with Dahlan to withdraw from areas of northern Gaza, an Israeli official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

If the Palestinians are able to prevent militants from launching homemade rockets from those areas into Israel, the Israelis will then gradually withdraw from the other areas of Gaza it occupied during the recent violence, Israeli media reported.

Dahlan told Gilad he was working to get the militant groups to stop attacks, and said the Palestinians were ready to assume security responsibility in areas from which Israel withdraws, Palestinian officials said.

Israel also asked Dahlan to ensure that attacks against Israel stop, and told him that if Israel is attacked, it will respond, Palestinian officials said.

Dahlan demanded Israel stop targeted killings and release prisoners, the officials said.

SPORTS



New York Mets beat Angels 8-0 in Anaheim

By The Associated Press

ANAHEIM — Steve Trachsel pitched his second career one-hitter and rookie Jose Reyes hit a grand slam for his first major league home run as the New York Mets beat the Anaheim Angels 8-0 on Sunday.

Jerome Burnitz drove in three runs with a pair of homers for New York. The foundering Mets took two of three against the defending World Series champions in the first interleague series between the teams that began play a year apart during the Kennedy administration.

Trachsel (5-4) earned his sixth shutout and 17th complete game in 292 career starts. The right-hander ended a personal two-game slide just 10 days after the Milwaukee Brewers hit four home runs against him at Shea Stadium to snap his four-game winning streak.

He threw 119 pitches, 70 for strikes to finish the first complete game for a New York pitcher this season.

Trachsel also pitched a one-hitter for the Chicago Cubs on May 13, 1996, beating Houston 6-0 at Wrigley Field. This was the 20th one-hitter by a Mets pitcher, and the first since Shawn Estes did it April 26, 2002, a 1-0 victory against Milwaukee at Shea. They have never had a no-hitter.

Trachsel got out of the first two innings with double-play grounders by Garret Anderson and Scott Spiezio before retiring the next 11 batters. But David Eckstein lined a 1-2 pitch into right field

with two outs in the sixth for Anaheim's only hit.

Eckstein continued to third when the ball got past Roger Cedeno, but was stranded as Jeff DaVanon popped out to first.

Jarrod Washburn (6-7) lost his fourth straight at home, allowing seven runs and six hits over 5 1-3 innings in his shortest outing of the season. The left-hander, who led the Angels' staff last season with 18 wins, fanned four of his first six batters before giving up a single to Vance Wilson and a walk to Tsuyoshi Shinjo that loaded the bases for Reyes.

The 6-foot, 160-pound switch-hitting shortstop, playing in only his sixth big league game after Tuesday's promotion from triple-A Norfolk, pulled a 3-2 pitch into the lower seats in the left-field corner to give the Mets a 4-0 lead.

The only other player in Mets history whose first major league homer was a grand slam was a former Angels pitcher — Jack Hamilton — who hit one off a former Met — Al Jackson — on May 20, 1967, against the St. Louis Cardinals at Shea Stadium.

Burnitz made it 5-0 in the fourth with a solo homer, then added two more in the sixth with his 10th home run and ninth on the road. It was the Mets' 36th homer in 33 games.

Reyes, who was 3-for-4, drove in New York's final run with a groundout in the eighth.

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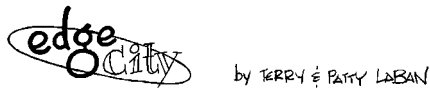
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Former child star David Nelson questioned by FBI

By The Associated Press

■ **LOS ANGELES** — David Nelson is not an easy name to have these days, even if you're a former child star.

The nationwide dragnet for terrorists across the country has caused men with this name to be pulled off airplanes, questioned by FBI agents and harassed when traveling by air.

Even the former child star of ABC-TV's "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet" was stopped by a ticket agent at John Wayne Airport in Orange County in December while en route to visit his daughter in Salt Lake City.

Now a Newport Beach film producer, David Nelson, 66, told the Los Angeles Daily News that after airline ticket agents stopped him, two police officers quickly recognized him, and he was allowed to board his flight.

"I don't think (terrorists) have the middle name 'Ozzie,'" he recalled telling an agent.

A so-called "no-fly" list was introduced after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and is meant to prevent potential terrorists from boarding planes. The TSA gets names from law enforcement officials and hands the list over to airlines to screen passengers.

A spokesman for the Transportation

Security Administration would not say whether the name David Nelson was on the list.

Spokesman Nico Melendez said the problem is due to a name-matching technology used by many airlines. He said it's not the name but letters in the name that are randomly flagged by the software.

■ **PHILADELPHIA** — Boxing legend Muhammad Ali joined Gov. Ed Rendell in raising a well-traveled American flag at the National Constitution Center on Saturday, less than a month before the museum's scheduled public opening.

The flag, which has flown in all 50 state capitals, five U.S. territories and Washington, D.C. during the past several months, was unfurled at its final destination in the center's grand hall, said Joe Torsella, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center.

Ali's wife, Lonnie, spoke on behalf of the former heavyweight champion, who suffers from Parkinson's disease. She discussed Ali's refusal to enter the Vietnam War draft because of his religious convictions.

Ali, who converted to Islam in the 1960s, was stripped of his boxing title when he refused induction into the military.

"Today he is living testament that the

Constitution works," Lonnie Ali told the crowd.

■ **WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.** — Four-time Winston Cup champion Jeff Gordon reached a divorce settlement that guarantees his former wife at least \$15.3 million.

Brooke Gordon waived alimony and will get the money from the sale of two properties, including the couple's oceanfront home in Highland Beach, according to court documents.

It was unclear when the properties would be sold or how the couple would divide other assets, which include boats, an airplane and cars.

Brooke Gordon filed for divorce in March 2002 after seven years of marriage, citing marital discord. She was "extremely pleased" with the settlement, said her lawyer, Terry Young.

Jeff Gordon also said he was happy with the terms.

In early court filings, Jeff Gordon estimated his worth at about \$48.8 million and his 2001 earnings at more than \$18 million.

Generally, Florida law requires assets amassed during a marriage to be split evenly, but Jeff Gordon contended he should not have to split the couple's estate

because he risked his life to collect it.

■ **PORT ORANGE, Fla.** — An animal rights organization is receiving help from actress Bea Arthur in its criticism of animal research conducted by an area chiropractic school.

Dozens of employees at the three campuses of the Palmer Chiropractic University System received taped telephone messages Thursday from the star of former television shows "The Golden Girls" and "Maude."

Arthur said in the recordings that the Davenport, Iowa-based Palmer "mutilates" cats and asked its employees to oppose the school's chiropractic research. The calls were made on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

PETA's Web site urges supporters to contact Palmer officials. Employees at Palmer College of Chiropractic Florida, the branch in Port Orange, said PETA's campaign has led to dozens of "abusive" letters, e-mail messages and phone calls.

"It's outrageous. (PETA) encourages people to call and harass us," Palmer spokesman Randy Heuston said in a telephone interview Friday. "They have placed their philosophy of animal rights above medical, chiropractic health care progress."

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