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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

(1) In six weddings this year in India, two boys and four girls were married in tribal-custom ceremonies to dogs, which is believed to bring better luck to children who have been cursed by teething first from the upper jaw ("dog teeth"). (Agence France-Presse reported that the four February marriages in Jharkhand state involved, thank goodness, dogs of the opposite gender from the spouse.) (2) In February, a Pakistani tribal council in Kacha Chohan (Punjab state) ordered a 2-year-old girl to marry a man, age 42, to punish the girl's uncle for having sex with that man's current wife (although the marriage will not be official until the girl turns 18).

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 169th day of 2005. There are 196 days left in the year.

On June 18, 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte met his Waterloo as British and Prussian troops defeated the French in Belgium.

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Retro-fit: Skatepark lets loose

BY RYAN HYATT
Daily Press Staff Writer

MID-CITY — School's out for the summer, but Santa Monica skaters have a new destination where they can drop in.

The city of Santa Monica opened the Cove Skatepark on Friday, named after the Santa Monica surf spot that many Dogtown and Z-Boy skaters frequented in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The 20,000-square-foot facility includes ramps, bowls, stairs, a skate pool with tile and coping, an over-vertical bowl and the Douglas Park rail — a stair rail made famous in 1990s skate videos that was salvaged from demolition.

More than 400 people attended Friday's opening, in which guests enjoyed food, music and demonstrations by professional skaters and bike riders. Among those honoring the opening of the park were the famous Dogtown and Z-Boy

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Fabian Lewkowicz/Special to the Daily Press

Pro skaters put the newly opened Cove Skatepark to the test on Friday, taking advantage of 20,000 feet of ramps, bowls, stairs and even a refurbished stair rail.

Parking permits nudged forward

BY RYAN HYATT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Employees may have gained more bumper room in the citywide parking crunch as a program moves forward that would allow some businesses preferential permitting in residential areas.

The Santa Monica City Council voted in favor on Tuesday of developing a program that would allow businesses along certain commercial corridors to obtain preferential parking permits for their employees in nearby neighborhoods. The council instructed City Hall staff members to move forward with the permitting program that would be restricted to residential blocks virtually "vacant" during the weekdays, which is the only time the permits would likely be applicable.

The program would be piloted for a year in areas near Montana Avenue, Pico and Ocean Park boulevards. Staff will return to the council in the next few weeks to determine how to issue and regulate the permits. The permits would either be issued to the employer to maximize flexibility in the program or to the actual motorist in order to minimize abuse — officials warned of a black market of permit swapping occurring if the program is not developed correctly.

If approved in the final stages, the proposal would be the first time in Santa Monica history that a preferential parking program is

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★-Positive ★★★-Average ★★-So-so ★-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Someone understands much more than you are willing to acknowledge. Listen, and you will gain a new perspective through a special partner. You might revise your thinking about a personal matter. Tonight: Go along with and follow through on another's wish.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Others have great ideas. Though you like to be in control, you won't be for now. Don't worry about it. By letting go and running with others, you could have a delightful time. Friends are full of surprises. Tonight: Give up being rigid.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Pace yourself, knowing that even you have limited energy. You might be surprised by someone's request or change of mind. Think in terms of gaining through following a different path. Listen to your heart rather than your head. Tonight: Easy does it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your ideas are easily accepted, though what you expect to happen doesn't. Know that not everything is black-and-white, as you might perceive it. Break into and accept different thinking. Tonight: Decide on a different type of happening.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You might be happiest at home with your sweetie or with someone close. If you decide to invite others over, play it low-key. A small party will make you happier than a big celebration. It is time for some intimate chats. Tonight: Enjoy your immediate surroundings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Make calls early and plan a get-together with friends and loved ones. You might want to mix everyone you know into this party and let it just happen. Someone close acts in an unusual manner. He or she is changing before your very eyes. Tonight: Visit with others. Catch up on news.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ Financial matters punctuate your day. Perhaps you are considering a purchase to make your life easier and more fluid. Do some checking. Also, talk to a couple of people who might have a similar item. Tonight: Treat someone to dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You have a lot going on. Someone clearly is interested in you but has an unpredictable way of expressing him- or herself. Arrange for tickets to the movies, a concert or a play. Your mind needs an escape. Tonight: Your charisma draws in what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Know when to back off. You might have a lot of side projects that you want to clear out. Why not now? You also might need some extra downtime, whether it is reading a book or taking a nap under a tree. Tonight: Easy does it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Friends push and pull for your attention. You might be surprised by how swiftly plans change or by some of the information you hear. Others suddenly open up and start sharing. You have been waiting for this for a long time. Tonight: The fun surrounds you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others turn to you for ideas. Just be careful about what level you commit yourself to. Financial swings seem to be normal for you right now, but you don't need to make them more extreme than they are. Tonight: It could be a late night.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Others seek you out. At the moment, you come up with unusual ideas and plans. Allow your ingenuity and spontaneity to mix. You discover a new side of a friend. Children and people in general open up. Tonight: Try something exotic.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Putting the SOUL back in Santa Monica

By Daily Press staff

The Main Street Business Improvement Association is preparing a day for your soul.

The Fifth Annual Main Street Summer SOULstice is coming, featuring live music, pony rides, a petting farm, a scavenger hunt with prizes, a sidewalk sale, and more. Activities will be in parking lots, courtyards, and on select side streets. Many Main Street merchants will be offering items on sale as part of the Saturday Sidewalk Sale or in-store activities.

The event will take place on Sunday, June 26, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Main Street, between Pico Boulevard and Marine Street.

St. Joe's gets a taste of Italy

By Daily Press staff

Six chefs from three acclaimed Italian restaurants visited St. Joseph Center's Bread & Roses Café in Venice earlier this month to cook delicacies for more than 100 homeless men and women, and to demonstrate the fine art of Italian cuisine to eight graduates from the Center's Culinary Training Program.

It was the beginning of "Italian Summer," a series of special events organized by the Italian Consulate, Italian Trade Commission, Italian Cultural Institute, Italy-America Chamber of Commerce West, and the Italian Tourism Board.

In the morning, Chefs Luca Manderino and Craudio De Marco from La Sosta in Hermosa Beach prepared a meal of prosciutto, mozzarella di bufala campana, Italian mixed vegetables, risotto, and tiramisu for three sit-down lunches for the homeless clients.

In the early afternoon, Chefs Davide Vedovelli and West Hooker of Locanda Del Lago in Santa Monica instructed the Center's culinary graduates in the preparation of risotto with duck breast ragu. "Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day," said Hooker. "Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime."

Later in the afternoon, Valentino restaurateur, Piero Selvaggio, and Valentino chefs Ezio Gamba and Giacomo Pettinari showed the graduates how to prepare swordfish involtini with couscous. Food for the event also was donated by Pecorino in Brentwood, Il Fornaio on the Beach in Santa Monica, and Piccolo Ristorante in Venice.

"It is our idea with 'Italian Summer' to reach the entire community of Los Angeles," said Diego Brasioli, Italian Consul General for Los Angeles. "To present

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SURF REPORT

Saturday and on into Sunday is when our next SW swell is due. Saturday is the building day with dawn patrol sessions expected to see waist- to chest-high sets, then more consistent chest-high+ by late morning. We're also expecting to see some steep angled NW wind swell.

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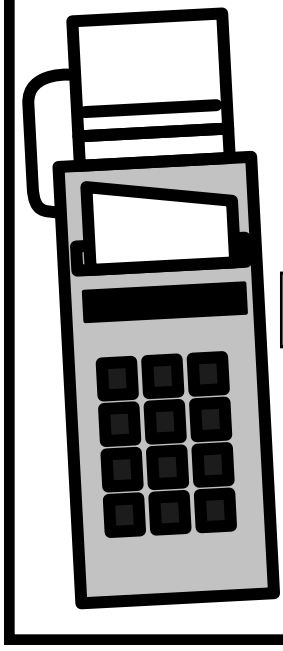
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OPINION

The Q Line

FRESH AIR: RESIDENTS RATE THE OUTDOORS

This past week, Q-line asked:
"What environmental programs in Santa Monica should be given priority?"
Here are your responses:

✆ "First of all, the city should not allow a dog beach. Anyone who thinks all dog owners clean up after their dogs is living in fantasyland. I pick up dog poop off my lawn several times a month, and see it on other people's lawns and sidewalks often. The beach is Santa Monica's most precious land. If some areas are deserted, why not leave them alone? Don't give it to the dogs. The city should stop overbuilding, and do something to solve all the traffic congestion. I also suggest that the trash cans and recycle bins be emptied more often. This would prevent them from overflowing, and the city could recoup some of the bottles and cans to pay for the programs instead of trying to increase rates for homeowners and allowing the homeless to make a mess and get the money for themselves."

✆ "Santa Monica has made good efforts at trying to improve and sustain the environment but most of it is negated by the large homeless and vagrant population lying around our beach, parks, and sidewalks. There has been crying over the ground squirrels and their fleas. How about the 24/7 filth of the disease-ridden bums and the garbage they tote and deposit all over the city? Clean that up, and it may indeed be green again."

✆ "My answer to your green question would depend on the definition of green that you are referring to. Is it the green cash that carpetbagging greed-inspired entrepreneurs mine in Santa Monica on a daily basis, or the plant life and photosynthesis to the atmosphere? Whether it is one or the other, the city of Santa Monica has plenty of both. Still, the answer to any equation is equal to the components of the equation. The components of the Santa Monica equation are traffic jams, parking woes, and overcrowding that is destined to get worse at the completion of the Playa Vista housing projects that will turn beautiful San Vicente Boulevard into a freeway alternate with a quagmire of bumper-to-bumper congestion, especially at the intersection of San Vicente Boulevard and 26th Street."

✆ "Yes, I think more should be done in Santa Monica to fix the pavement because some of them are kind of wobbly. And they also need to plant more trees — jacaranda trees, magnolia trees to make it more pedestrian friendly because this city is world renowned for its environmental Issues. Yes, it's elementary my dear Watson."

✆ "Our city's traffic calming plan, which reduced most two-lane streets to one, and added bumps and mid-street planters, caused a traffic nightmare in parts of our city. The idea was to slow traffic down so that drivers would stop and shop here. However, the slow traffic has added to the pollution and gas consumption and traffic noise. Fire the stupid staff who suggested this mess, and free up the streets like they were."

✆ "Where should the city start? How about litter? The people of Santa Monica, the employees who work here, and the tourists, leave an incredible amount of litter. Our streets are absolutely filthy on either side of both boulevards and downtown as well — and look at the beach. So, the environmentally conscious people of this town should start by not throwing paper on the ground. That would be a terrific start."

✆ "Green is an issue simply because 1) there is too much brown that is too much human waste of all kinds and 2) too much energy and resource use. And the cause of these problems is out-of-control population growth almost everywhere. Until the issue of out-of-control population growth is addressed by stopping it, green — forget about it. Everyone's brown has got to go somewhere, everyone has to use energy and resources. Even if you reduce the amount per person, the inexorable population growth means more brown to deal with, and dwindling energy and resources per person. Greening attempts without population reduction are like tilting at windmills. To get green would mean changing religious attitudes towards birth control, abortion, and infanticide. To get green would require changing business and government attitudes about growth as good boosterism. To get green would mean ceasing subsidizing litters of human spawn, which means ceasing funding for public schools, aid for dependent children, tax breaks for children, and other direct or indirect subsidies. You get more of anything you support and subsidize and that includes children. The only way to make a city-state or country green is to make it child unfriendly. Deal with it. You don't to do it as necessary — fine. Then forget green. You can't have it both ways. Boo-hoo."

✆ "Solar cells would be a good thing to put on roofs of buildings, maybe the city could get a good deal if enough people to go in on it— maybe a bulk discount. New building should be encouraged to include sustainability in their designs — like solar power, rain collecting, energy saving equipment. You see a lot of old buildings and you can't redesign them. With the new buildings you could design them that way on purpose. As for pollution, they could clean up the bay by getting rid of all the bums who use the alleys as a toilet. If they stop using the alleys as a toilet, there won't be as much garbage and filth going into the water."

✆ "In environmentalism, there are few people who are truthful. Statistics, surveys, and reports can all be twisted to fit a fear-induced panic that these supposed natural healing groups broadcast. Why is it that the city is trying again to be the No. 1 green community? What do surrounding cities spend on green efforts? Why aren't efforts made to induce federal, state, or county officials to help become a green community? Again our egocentric council in its quest to be No. 1 in bums, traffic, parking, expensive architectural pyramids, now seeks to be No. 1 in green power. What council and planning board members own environmental-friendly cars that they bought in Santa Monica and paid as much as the rest of us? How about also their kitchen appliances that are also environmentally-friendly? Let private enterprise develop environmental sustainability products, and stop using taxpayer funds to support progress of ideas of organizations that provide high-paying jobs to their CEOs and staff, and future jobs to board members."

✆ "Throw the bums, the mentally ill, and the homeless out of our town. That's where the city should start in correcting environmental problems in Santa Monica."

✆ "I think the city should start by getting rid of all the bums and all the filthy garbage they drag around out of here. Get the health department involved, and stop housing them in decent apartment buildings around the city under section eight, where once again the taxpayers are picking up the tab. And there are decent people paying high rents in the same buildings who have their lives made miserable by their presence."

✆ "The most important environmental issue is what affects the health of every resident, what comes out of the faucet as tap water and goes into our bodies and through our skin when we bathe. We need to stop the city from adding a hazardous waste, toxic fluoridation substance, which also contains arsenic and lead. What else could be more important than that?"

✆ "I think it's ironic that after having spent multi-millions of dollars to clean up MtBE from the city's water supply, that we're now re-contaminating it with fluoride. That makes absolutely no sense. In addition to the fluoride, it comes with a host of other goodies like arsenic and lead, and other things that have been proven to cause cancer or other fatal illnesses. If you want to start to clean up the environment, then start with our water supply, and get the fluoride out."

Road less traveled is still probably good for environment



MODERN TIMES
BY LLOYD GARVER

My wife and I recently bought a hybrid car. The way it works is sometimes its gas engine powers it and sometimes its battery powers it. The car automatically "decides" when to switch to which engine. The car usually gets 40-something miles per gallon. So now we only have to risk spilling gas on our shoes every other week.

We bought the car because we wanted to pay less for gas and we wanted to help the environment. The car is on the cutting edge of what is available to us consumers today. It even has "Bluetooth technology" which I'm told has nothing to do with poor dental hygiene. One of my favorite things is that you don't need to put the key in the ignition to start it. You don't even need to put the key in the door lock to open the door. As long as you have the key in your pocket or your purse or your briefcase or your sock, you can open the door, get in, and push a button to start the car. I love that. Of course, I'm a sucker for gadgets. Keep in mind, I got that robot vacuum cleaner.

Hybrids are pretty popular where we live. In fact, some dealerships have a six-month waiting list. I knew I couldn't handle that. I'm someone who changes lines at the supermarket when I see the person in front of me reach for their checkbook. So, we drove to a dealer in one of those areas beyond suburbia where they have those mini-towns that consist of every car dealership that you can think of and a Denny's. After learning more about the car and driving it, we went home and thought it over for a day or so. Then we went back out there and bought it. Yes, I'm aware of the irony that we drove to a location 35 miles away — twice — because we were concerned about wasting gasoline.

When you have a car that gets great gas mileage, you become obsessed with your car's gas mileage. When you have a gas guzzler — maybe because of denial — you really don't pay any attention to the mileage at all. But my wife and I pay a lot of attention to it with the hybrid. Anytime it dips below 40 mpg or rises above 45 mpg, whoever drove it lasts gets the credit or the blame. "How was your day?" and "You look good in that shirt" have been replaced in our house by, "What kind of mileage did you get?" and "I noticed you got it up to 45.3."

We've found that, like any car, if we press lightly on the gas pedal and drive the car smoothly, we'll get better mileage. Unfortunately, there are other ways to improve the mileage. I will go out of my way to a street that has a hill on it, so I can coast down to improve the mileage. My wife will take a longer route just so she can get in some highway driving. So there are times when we actually drive more miles just so we can be happy that we're getting better mileage.

OK, so we're not using the car as efficiently as we could. But when I drove it off the lot that first day, I wasn't just happy that we had a new car. I was proud that we were doing our part. A big smile came to my face when I realized that the foreign interests who control our energy and the American companies that keep raising the prices at the pump are going to be pretty upset when they hear that the Garvers bought a hybrid.

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Residents weigh in on worker parking plan

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instituted for area employees.

The City Council voted unanimously in favor of developing the policy after an outcry from dozens of individuals representing businesses and residents who were either for or against the program on Tuesday night.

UTILIZING A SCARCE RESOURCE

Councilman Richard Bloom said much of the reason for the turnout had to do with resident fears of a not-so distant time when mothers had to park blocks away from home, carrying their groceries, because of a lack of parking.

He said it was for those reasons that the preferential parking program was developed for residents in the first place back in 1982.

"Every resident remembers a time when you couldn't park on your own block," Bloom said. "I think the fear we are seeing is that we not return to those days.

"If we don't do this right, we will cause a situation that is disastrous, wasting a scarce resource for both residents and businesses."

City Hall has designated five areas in Santa Monica where it would like to pilot the new program. To ensure resident parking does not suffer as a result, staff will likely suggest only 10 percent of the total spaces in the "vacant" areas be considered for employee parking.

The section around Montana Avenue between Lincoln Boulevard and 17th Street — extending north to Alta and south to Idaho avenues — may be considered, according to a staff report. It is estimated that area could comfortably provide 100 employees with daytime parking spaces.

Two sections near Pico Boulevard — from 20th Street to 23rd Street and from 29th Street to 33rd Street — also may be considered for the pilot program, extending south to Pearl Street. Staff estimates that would provide a little less than 100 total employee parking spaces.

The section of Ocean Park Boulevard between 14th and 18th streets also may qualify for a new employee parking zone, extending as far north as Maple Street and as far south as Hill Street, providing approximately 50 additional employee parking spaces.

A small strip between Pico Boulevard and Michigan Avenue on 10th Street also may have some employee permit parking access.

City Hall expects to sell approximately 155 permits in the first year of the program at $120 each, generating $18,600 in revenue to cover administration costs.

The permits may be issued quarterly through a lottery system used to distribute to businesses.

Residential parking permits costs $15. Residents can purchase a permit for each car they own, and two visitor permits.

SURFACING VOICES

Christian Boyce, a 17-year Santa Monica resident, said he disapproved of the proposal mostly because it went against the city's sustainability plan.

He said better public transportation was needed to ensure employees — many of who live outside of Santa Monica — could get to work without contributing to the burden of vehicular traffic and congestion.

"We've got to apply sustainability if we need it," Boyce said. "Otherwise, let's give back (the sustainability awards."

While many at the meeting supported the effort toward sustainable means of transportation and living, some thought forcing employees out of their vehicles is an oversimplification of the issue.

"I would gladly take my bicycle to work, and I'm sure my clients looking at properties would appreciate riding my bicycle, too," said Ryan Flegal, a realtor for Century 21.

Councilman Bobby Shriver said there was a marked difference between businesses and residents because one group is driven by economic factors while the other is motivated by quality of life concerns.

Shriver said the proposed low cost of the program was too inexpensive for the kind of parking opportunities it lends businesses. He added that because businesses are out to make a profit, they should expect a some costs associated with that.

"Businesses are here to make money, and residents are here to live," Shriver said. "I think it's reasonable that (businesses) should have to pay market value for the parking permits, or something close to it, which would be something they could do at their discretion."

The point was well-received by Santa Monica resident Susan Hartley, who argued in favor of keeping parking for citizens.

"Residents should be able to park in front of their homes," Hartley said. "This idea is not well thought out."

Hartley suggested a program be instituted in which employees could park at the Civic Center and receive passes so they can bus to work.

Mayor Pam O'Connor made the case that roads were public property, and as such, parking ought to be open in some capacity to both residents and employees.

It was Councilman Kevin McKeown who brokered the motion that pushed the proposal to further development.

He argued that using a limited number of daytime empty spaces for employee parking may be better than a doomsday-type scenario he described in which the city's main commercial corridors would have to be sold off to big chain stores who could afford the re-development of city streets for underground parking.

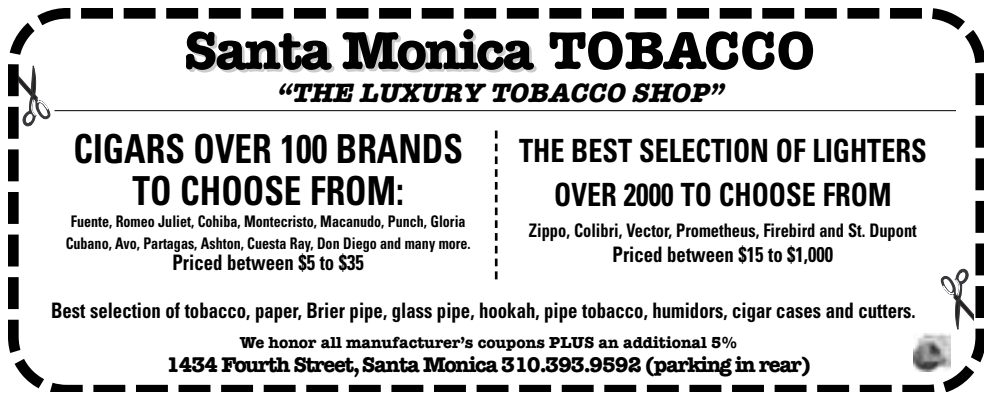
He said the results would be a congestion nightmare and a city that would turn off residents and business owners alike.

He also said that perhaps some of the employee permit parking costs could be used to offset residential parking fees.

City Manager Susan McCarthy said staff would be returning with realistic approaches for enforcement of any employee permit program that is instated.

"Without a reasonable method of enforcement, this is not going to be a win for anybody," McCarthy said.









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STATE

Shaken, not stirred, in the wake of quakes

BY PAUL CHAVEZ
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Four significant earthquakes have jolted California in less than a week, and residents across the state are a bit shaken.

It's not that the quakes — two off the Northern California coast and two in the sprawl east of Los Angeles — have done much damage. It's not even that seismologists warn the cluster foreshadows a catastrophe.

After several years of relative seismic calm, the quakes are more a not-so-gentle reminder that the ground is never as solid as it seems here. And that is sending some residents to the store for survival kits and canned goods, while others are thinking about new insurance coverage and how to safely evacuate themselves and calm their pets.

The shaking began Sunday morning with a magnitude-5.2 temblor in the Anza area of Riverside County, about 90 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles. That was followed by a magnitude-7.2 quake Tuesday night under the Pacific Ocean off Eureka — an unrelated incident that really got people talking after it prompted a tsunami warning.

Thursday brought two quakes that were 10 hours and about 700 miles apart: one of magnitude 4.9 in San Bernardino County and a late-night magnitude 6.6 also centered off the Northern California coast.

As groups of quakes often do, this week's action brought murmurs of the "Big One" — the kind of quake that moves mountains and levels cities.

"I think we're on our way to the Big One," said Jacki Breger, 61, executive director of a Los Angeles charter school who promises that come fall classes, her school's emergency plans will be overhauled. "It makes me really nervous with so much quake activity."

Marian Garcia, 24, isn't taking any chances. She's stuffed two backpacks with sweaters, shoes and canned food and her 4-year-old daughter Natalie now sleeps with her instead of in her own bedroom.

"In case we have to get out there, I want to be close to her," said Garcia, who works at a downtown Los Angeles flower stand.

Phillip Mookerdam, co-manager of the Supply Sergeant store in Santa Monica said customers began walking into his store within half an hour after the magnitude-4.9 quake rattled the region.

"They started calling and walking in, asking whether we carry survival kits," he said.

Sales of those kits — which include solar-powered radios, dry food, water, flashlights and a first-aid kit — have been brisk, Mookerdam said.

In Crescent City, where the 7.2-magnitude offshore earthquake triggered a tsunami warning, some residents also have been stocking up.

Ray's Food Place has seen an increase in sales of canned foods, batteries and water, manager Jeff Wheelon said. People were afraid that a major earthquake or tsunami could lead to road closures or shut down water and electrical systems.

"They want to be able to be more self-sufficient in case roads close and they can't get to the grocery store, or in case the groceries can't get to the stores," Wheelon said.

After Sunday's quake, Riverside resident Christopher Loria went out and bought straps to secure his china cabinet to the dining room wall.

"I was a little embarrassed to buy them because I thought people would think I was doing it just because of the quake," he said. He said he felt vindicated after Thursday's quake.

Elsewhere in Southern California, some owners took their dogs to the veterinarian for tranquilizer shots.

"The ones that are frantic are usually the ones with owners that are frantic too," said Marilyn Lilla, 58, an employee of the General Dog and Cat Hospital in San Bernardino.

Some studies suggest that the San Andreas fault, which leveled much of San Francisco in 1906 and extends more than 800 miles through California, may be about to release pent-up energy. But that's not a consensus opinion — earthquakes just aren't that predictable and a few jolts don't necessarily mean that a huge quake is imminent.

"We don't know whether the Big One is coming," said Tom Jordan, director of the Southern California Earthquake Center.

The last major rupture on the fault's southern portion was 1857.

The flurry of quakes typically leads homeowners to buy earthquake insurance, which only about 14 percent of homeowners currently have.

Though it's too soon after the latest quakes to know for sure, "earthquakes do trigger an interest in earthquake insurance," said Stan Devereux, spokesman for the California Earthquake Authority in Sacramento.

In the aftermath of the Northridge earthquake in 1994, the number of homeowners who purchased quake insurance policies rose to 29 percent, said Pete Moraga, spokesman for the Insurance Information Network of California, a nonprofit trade association that represents insurers.

Thursday's Southern California quake was the first for North Johnson, manager of the minor league Cucamonga Quakes, and several members of his Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim farm team.

The shaking was all that the players and many in the crowd of 3,172 talked who watched the home team lose 6-3 to the Modesto Nuts on Thursday night.

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STATE

Expatriates urge those in Iran to skip election

BY LAURA WIDES
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Iranian exiles are campaigning against Friday's presidential elections in their homeland, urging would-be voters in the Islamic republic and expatriates around the globe to boycott what they call a sham poll.

In Los Angeles, one of 36 U.S. cities where voting was scheduled to take place, half a dozen television and radio stations that for years have criticized the regime are beaming their message into Iran by satellite and Internet.

Reformers say that whether a hardliner or more moderate candidate wins, the election only legitimizes a system in which religious leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has the final word on every important national issue.

"We want to show the world empty streets," said Los Angeles-based TV journalist Homa Sarshar, who works for several of the Los Angeles-area stations which have supported a boycott.

The word also is spread by activists such as Nasrin Mohammadi, 28, a recent immigrant who says her brothers were imprisoned, starved and beaten so severely their feet split open and toenails fell off after their 1999 arrest for leading Iran's student movement.

"I want people to stay home, not only for me, because my family has been destroyed, but so nobody else will have to go what we have gone through," she said through an interpreter, her voice hoarse from repeating her plea. "We want the people of the world to know that Iranians, especially the youth, do not want this regime."

The Bush administration, which has criticized Iran for its nuclear ambitions and said the government sponsors terrorism, calls the election illegitimate in part because many reform candidates were denied a chance to run. None of the seven candidates was expected to gain 50 percent of the vote, which would force a runoff for the first time in Iran's history.

Turnout in Iran was 68 percent in 2001, down from 90 percent in 1997, when since-weakened reformer Mohammad Khatami was first elected. Khatami is not permitted to run this time.

Those expatriates who do want to vote may find it difficult.

People born in Iran or to Iranian parents are eligible, even if they become citizens of another country. But first they have to find a polling center.

In Southern California, where the greatest concentration of the nation's roughly 400,000 Iranians live, few organizations said Thursday they even knew where the poll sites were. No Los Angeles site was listed on a Web site that gave polling place addresses.

Hossein Hedjazi, program director and host at KIRN AM 670 radio station, said he took an informal poll of listeners and all planned to boycott the election.

Hedjazi said he worried that some Iranians age 35 and younger, who make up the majority of the country's 70 million people, may be swayed by Western-style campaigns. Political rallies have featured Iranian rock and American rap. Candidates have given out free Internet access cards. Girls on roller skates have campaigned in knee-length tunics.

Hedjazi said some students may believe that even a conservative such as front-runner Hashemi Rafsanjani, a former president and successful businessman, is better than hardliner Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf, a former police chief.

Reformist candidate Mostafa Moin, who was initially barred from running, has warned that a boycott could pave the way for a totalitarian state, but many expatriates say his win wouldn't change anything as long as Khamenei remains in power.

"Even if 50 percent turnout, they think that this will be a big victory," Hedjazi said of the current regime. "It doesn't matter if they vote for or against them, that will demonstrate their legitimacy."

Water board is opting to block Pacific Lumber's logging plans

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California regulators have blocked Pacific Lumber Co. from the increased logging it says is needed to prevent possible bankruptcy, the latest fallout from a landmark 1999 conservation deal the company now says is threatening its operations.

The State Water Resources Control Board ruled Thursday that the North Coast timber company's harvesting plans were improperly approved by a regional water board without sufficient environmental review.

It sided with environmental groups that said state law requires an additional round of reviews when logging could harm already damaged waterways. Pacific Lumber's operations have stirred anger among Humboldt County property owners living in the Freshwater Creek and Elk River watersheds who complain that erosion from logged hillsides clogs streams with silt.

"Hurray! Thank God. Finally a little justice has been done," said Marianne de Sobrino, who watches logging trucks roll by her home near the Elk River and traveled to Sacramento to attend Thursday's hearing.

Pacific Lumber's attorney, Edgar Washburn, said the Scotia-based company is being singled out unfairly and urgently needs to log more of its land in Humboldt County. The company says it isn't allowed to cut enough trees to feed its new $30 million sawmill, which is running at about two-thirds capacity.

Pacific Lumber estimates it could make about $13.5 million a year by logging the land in dispute.

The company has said its operations are impaired by the terms of the 1999 Headwaters deal in which the state and federal governments bought 10,000 acres of old growth redwood groves for $480 million. The deal included a habitat conservation plan that set standards for how the company would log its remaining 220,000 acres.

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NATIONAL

Oregon resumes issuing medical marijuana cards

BY CHARLES E. BEGGS
Associated Press Writer

SALEM, Ore. — Oregon resumed issuing medical marijuana cards Friday, after a review by Attorney General Hardy Myers.

Myers concluded that a U.S. Supreme Court ruling on June 6 does not invalidate the state's program.

The nation's top court held that federal authorities can prosecute marijuana possession under federal drug laws, even in states like Oregon, where medical use of the drug is legal.

The Human Services Department had continued processing applications — but discontinued issuing registration cards — after the Supreme Court's decision.

"Starting today, we will mail 100 to 150 cards per day until the 547 applications that the program approved since June 13 have been mailed," Grant Higginson, administrator of the DHS Office of Community Health and Health Planning, said Friday. "We are resuming standard operations in the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program."

Higginson said, however, that Myers' opinion also says the state law can't protect marijuana plants from seizure nor individuals from prosecution if the federal government chooses to take action against patients or caregivers.

The state will alert applicants and card holders that, although the state law protects them from state prosecution, it does not protect them from federal prosecution under the federal Controlled Substances Act.

More than 10,000 qualified patients now have registration cards through the state program, one of 11 in the nation.

Patients qualify for the program if a state-licensed physician stipulates that they suffer from one of nine conditions such as cancer, glaucoma, HIV/AIDS, severe pain, or persistent muscle spasms, and that the patient may benefit from the use of marijuana.

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LOCAL



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Edison Language Academy gets a big green thumbs up

BY WINTER JOHNSON
Special to the Daily Press

The lessons imparted by one late local educator will not be lost on the generations to follow.

A Los Angeles-based organization, entitled Olive Branches, has created a symbol of peace and tranquility in Santa Monica — a watershed education garden — in honor of Carol Williams-Kaback, a dedicated PTA president at Edison Language Academy, who died before her dream could be realized.

Olive Branches, whose focus it is to transform the landscape of Los Angeles "one neighborhood at a time," has extended its reach to the Santa Monica public elementary school. The watershed education garden marks a meaningful event in both the school's and the organization's history, as it's the first green space that Olive Branches has completed.

A Community Partners project, Olive Branches was established in 2002 by former reporter Carolyn Ramsay, who seeks to build green spaces in low-income neighborhoods. "Green spaces" include community parks where children can play, community gardens where the hungry can grow food, tree plantings, public gardens and school gardens, according to Ramsay.

Such projects create a unity between the park and its community, as each design reflects the culture, history and ethnicity of the local residents. Named after her daughter Olivia, Ramsay's Olive Branches creates the areas in order to help the environment and bring a peaceful element to neighborhoods.

"The goal of the organization is to help low-income neighborhoods, the neighborhoods that don't get the attention right away," Ramsay said. "People in these types of areas are working all the time and don't have the time to raise money for projects like this."

Through the vision of Williams-Kaback, Olive Branches arrived at Edison. Williams-Kaback died in 2003 of a sudden brain tumor. The school has the highest percentage of non-English speaking students in Santa Monica's elementary schools, at 52 percent, while 62 percent of the students are economically disadvantaged.

Olive Branches was "a good fit," according to the school's interim principal Lori Orum.

Williams-Kaback had a goal to transform the concrete courtyard on the school's campus into a reading garden to encourage student learning. However, she died before she was able to realize her dream. After her death, landscape designer Esther Margulies, partner in Mia Lehrer + Associates and friend of Williams-Kaback, took up the charge along with Orum. Contacting Olive Branches, Margulies asked to raise money and oversee the project. Margulies, also a board member of Olive Branches, designed the garden pro bono.

"When she passed away, there was suddenly a strong desire to preserve her memory at the school that she was so involved in," Margulies said. "She was an incredibly open and friendly person who made communities around her."

The project's funding derived from a variety of joint efforts. Olive Branches raised more than $20,000 in grants and private donations for the $50,000 design and established a maintenance fund at the outset of the project that provides money for future upkeep. The city of Santa Monica gave more than $13,000. Valley Crest Landscape Development, Shaw and Sons concrete contractors and The Garden Detail contractors donated more than $20,000 in labor, plants and supplies to the academy. The Theodore Payne Foundation donated plants.

Olive Branches' work has not stopped with the dedication ceremony in April 2005, however. The non-profit is continuing to raise money to extend a mural to the adjacent library wall. The green space is surrounded by a four-walled mural of the Santa Monica mountains, painted by muralist David Legaspi, that teachers plan to use as a teaching tool on the path of water from rain to the ocean.

Through the efforts of many, the concrete courtyard has now become a watershed education garden, named "Carolina's Garden" in honor of Williams-Kaback. As functional as it is aesthetically pleasing, Margulies has designed a garden that conserves water in every aspect, she said.

The garden includes water conservative plants: native salvias, heuchera, yarrow and a native oak tree.

To assist with cleaning the water before it reaches the bay, the former concrete floor now has spaces in it that allow the water to go through the aquifer, watering the local habitat before it runs into storm drains.

Orum has plans of making the landscape part of a bilingual educational curriculum. The garden already has changed the face of the elementary school. Children go there to read and enjoy the shade on sunny days, and there are regular poetry readings.

There has been a greater understanding of what citizens do to the quality of water, according to Margulies. Edison Language Academy's new garden and organizations such as Olive Branches educate the community about the connection between the water one uses and its effects on the environment.

"We want the kids to be good residents of the ecosystem," said Orum.

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LOCAL

‘Dogs’ of summer land back on wheels

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skaters themselves, with the men passing out autographed mats and photos.

Simon, 9, who lives in Santa Monica, tucked on his white helmet before heading into the fenced skating area.

“I’m glad this (park) is opened, because we’ve had no good places to skate in the area,” Simon said. “Now we do.”

Simon was accompanied by three friends, whose parents drove them up from San Pedro to enjoy the day’s festivities.

The Cove is located in Memorial Park near the corner of 14th Street and Olympic Boulevard and will offer both skating and biking during separate hours. In July, the skatepark is scheduled to be open every day of the month, broken into three sessions from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and closed off for 15-minute breaks in between. Skaters must be 6 or older, and register by obtaining an identification card, sign a waiver and paying for a membership or day use.

A day pass for resident youths up to ages 18 is $3. Adults pay $5 per day. Also available are quarterly passes, which run for three months and cost $20 for resident youths and $35 for adults.

The facility was designed and built by Wally Hollyday and California Skateparks for $550,000. The group is known for the skating facilities it has produced in Fontana and Lakewood, Calif., and Nashville, Tenn.

“This is great for this community. Others are not as fortunate to have something like this.”

RICHARD JEFFERSON
Professional skateboarder

Designers said the Cove is the result of an extensive skatepark survey and included input from skaters and bikers of all ages.

Richard Jefferson, 24, who is sponsored by Maui & Sons, flew in from San Francisco to show his tricks to skate enthusiasts.

Jefferson, who noted that San Francisco opened its first skatepark two years go, said he learned to skate on the streets.

“This is great for this community,” Jefferson said, who has been skating for 11 years and professionally for three. “Others are not as fortunate to have something like this.”



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A pro skater wows the crowd on Friday at Cove Skatepark, located adjacent to Memorial Park.



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Elemental Strings is an audition-only string orchestra comprised of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District students.

Great music made elementary

BY JUNE STODDARD
Special to the Daily Press

One year ago, John Redfield, a cello teacher at Lincoln Middle School, spoke with the Maestro Foundation, founded by Aaron Mendelsohn in 1984, and discussed an idea that has now become a reality affecting 30 Santa Monica families profoundly.

The foundation decided to fund "Elemental Strings," an audition-only string orchestra of 30 elementary students in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District with the goal of encouraging them to continue and bring up the level of incoming middle school musicians.

For the past school year, the orchestra has been based at Lincoln Middle School every Friday afternoon from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., conducted by Peter Park with Redfield, Josephine Liu, Sharon Jackson and Kirsten Bersch coaching the students on pieces for their two orchestra concerts at Lincoln and one concert of four chamber groups held at Mendelsohn's house on June 11.

The event ended with trophies given to three students who practiced an average of one hour a day for the past year, as well as certificates of participation with seals of excellence to each student musician. The performance was followed by a barbecue and pool party for all.

"This program has the potential of rewriting the map of music education in Santa Monica and music appreciation," Redfield said.

Many of the parents were deeply moved, though the children were thinking more about swimming.

The chamber program included works by Corelli, Handel, Dvorak, Purcell and Mozart. Each group played without a conductor and wowed the audience with their confident performance.

"It is my simple belief that to provide a musical experience and outlet requires patience and persistence from parents, teachers and students," Park said at the event. "If you're right-handed or left-handed, the other hand loses its abilities, but when a baby is born both right and left are the same. Talent can be developed when given exposure and opportunity."

The Maestro Foundation has funded many groundbreaking programs in its 21 years of existence, though it has never funded a program for fledgling musicians before. Other programs they fund: Lending program of 80 quality string instruments to serious college musicians; September to May chamber recital series with world renowned musicians; yearly $10,000 scholarship program to a deserving senior at USC to help his or her career develop; music program at Washington Prep in Watts that has been highlighted on Oprah for the majority of its students attending college; the new Maestro Chamber Music Academy for college age students, featuring coaching by professional musicians.

"I hope Elemental Strings will grow into being one of our strongest programs. The fact that this is a year-long cohesive group benefits and inspires everyone," said Julia Cser, executive director of the foundation. "If the students get interested enough they will pursue private lessons.

"I see the motivation in the faces of every child this year."

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"We would like to express our gratitude to the Italian Consulate, the Italian Trade Commission, and all of the other Italian institutions that have made this event so instructive and enjoyable for our clients and our students," said Rhonda Meister, the Center's executive director.

St. Joseph Center provides emergency services, food, child care, job training, and senior services to more than 7,000 homeless and low-income men, women, and children each year in Venice, Santa Monica and West Los Angeles. For more information on Italian Summer, visit www.italiansummer.org. For more information on St. Joseph Center, visit www.stjosephctr.org.

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Cattle eating up what could transmit disease

BY LIBBY QUAID
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — American cattle are eating chicken litter, cattle blood and restaurant leftovers that could help transmit mad cow disease — a gap in the U.S. defense that the Bush administration promised to close nearly 18 months ago.

"Once the cameras were turned off and the media coverage dissipated, then it's been business as usual, no real reform, just keep feeding slaughterhouse waste," said John Stauber, an activist and co-author of "Mad Cow USA: Could the Nightmare Happen Here?"

He contended, "The entire U.S. policy is designed to protect the livestock industry's access to slaughterhouse waste as cheap feed."

The government is now investigating another possible case of mad cow disease in the United States. The beef cow had been tested and declared free of the disease last November, but new tests came up positive, and a laboratory in England is conducting more tests.

The Food and Drug Administration promised to tighten feed rules shortly after the first case of mad cow disease was confirmed in the U.S., in a Washington state cow in December 2003.

"Today we are bolstering our BSE firewalls to protect the public," Mark McClellan, then-FDA commissioner, said on Jan. 26, 2004. FDA said it would ban blood, poultry litter and restaurant plate waste from cattle feed and require feed mills to use separate equipment to make cattle feed.

However, last July, the FDA scrapped those restrictions. McClellan's replacement, Lester Crawford, said an international team of experts assembled by the Agriculture Department was calling for even stronger rules and that FDA would produce new restrictions in line with those recommendations.

Today, the FDA still has not done what it promised to do. The agency declined interviews, saying in a statement only that there is no timeline for new restrictions.

"It's just a lot of talk," said Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., a senior House Democrat on food and farm issues. "It's a lot of talk, a lot of press releases, and no action."

Unlike other infections, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, BSE, or mad cow disease, doesn't spread through the air. As far as scientists know, cows get the disease only by eating brain and other nerve tissues of already-infected cows.

Ground-up cattle remains left over from slaughtering operations were used as protein in cattle feed until 1997, when an outbreak of mad cow cases in Britain prompted the U.S. to order the feed industry to quit doing it. Unlike Britain, however, the U.S. feed ban has exceptions.

For example, it's legal to put ground-up cattle remains in chicken feed. Feed that spills from cages mixes with chicken waste on the ground, then is swept up for use in cattle feed.

Scientists believe the BSE protein will survive the feed-making process and may even survive the trip through a chicken's gut.

That amounts to the legal feeding of some cattle protein back to cattle, said Linda Detwiler, a former Agriculture Department veterinarian who led the department's work on mad cow disease for several years.

"I would stipulate it's probably not a real common thing, and the amounts are pretty small," Detwiler said. But still, if cattle protein is in the system, it's being fed back to cattle, she said in an interview.

Cattle protein can also be fed to chickens, pigs and household pets, which presents the risk of accidental contamination in a feed mill.

The General Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress, said last month that a feed mill, which it did not identify, accidentally mixed banned protein into cattle feed. By the time inspectors discovered the problem and the mill issued a recall, potentially contaminated cattle feed had already been on the market for about a year, GAO said.

Rendering companies, which process slaughter waste, contend that new restrictions would be costly and create hazards from leftover waste. They say changes are not justified.

"We process about 50 billion pounds of product annually — in visual terms, that is a convoy of semi trucks, four lanes wide, running from New York to L.A. every year," said Jim Hodges, president of the meatpacking industry's American Meat Institute Foundation.

While new restrictions stalled, the administration also ignored the advice of its own experts to close the loopholes before allowing Canadian cattle back into the U.S.

Cattle trade "should not resume unless and until" loopholes in the feed ban are closed, according to an internal Agriculture Department memo, written by its working group of BSE experts in the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, dated June 15, 2003, shortly after Canada's first case of mad cow disease.

The ranchers' group, R-CALF United Stockgrowers of America, obtained the memo as part of its lawsuit against the department.

Even though the loopholes remain, the Agriculture Department late last year approved reopening the border. Only a federal judge in Montana is keeping the border closed. He sided with R-CALF, which fears another infected cow shipped south might be carrying the disease, just like the lone U.S. case found in Washington state in 2003.

Today, the department maintains that much has been learned since the memo was written. Lisa Ferguson, senior staff veterinarian for the department, said the memo didn't mean the government thought the feed ban was inadequate "or anything other than what it was, a group of suggestions from a group of employees at that point in time."

"Is our feed ban completely perfect and absolutely airtight?" she said. "No, I don't think anybody would claim that. Could changes be made? Yes, changes can be made."

Some police to rely on feds, despite new law letting them arrest smugglers

BY JACQUES BILLEAUD
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — Some police departments in Arizona will continue to ask federal authorities to arrest migrant smugglers in their communities, even though local police agencies will soon have the power to lock up people who sneak thousands of immigrants into the state each year.

Enforcement of immigration law has long been considered the domain of federal authorities, but state lawmakers, frustrated by the federal government's perceived inaction in repairing America's immigration system, approved a law in March that created the state crime of human smuggling.

Capt. Eben Bratcher, spokesman for the Yuma County sheriff's office, said deputies in Yuma County will continue to contact federal agents when they come across immigrants and migrant smugglers.

If federal agents are unable to respond to a smuggler case, the law will enable Yuma County deputies to take action, Bratcher said. "The actual impact on us is going to be minimal," he said.

Supporters have said the law giving state and local police the power to arrest migrant smugglers should help lessen the burden that illegal immigration places on Arizona, the busiest illicit entry point along the country's porous southern border.

Opponents say the law, which takes effect Aug. 12, won't do anything to confront the mass of problems tied to illegal immigration and will detract from the roles that police departments have traditionally played in investigating thefts, violence and other crimes in their communities.

Another proposal that would have given police even broader authority to enforce federal immigration laws was vetoed last

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State grapples with smuggler crackdown

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month by Gov. Janet Napolitano, who criticized it for not providing any money to carry out such duties.

While immigration emerges as a priority in Arizona politics, Napolitano has planned a July 12 meeting of police, prosecutors, federal agents and others in Arizona to discuss ways state and local government can confront illegal immigration.

Even though immigrants provide the American economy with cheap labor, Arizona and other border states shoulder huge health care and education costs for illegal workers and their families and for locking up immigrants who break the law.

Casa Grande Police Chief Robert Huddleston, whose plans for the new law mirror those of his colleague in Yuma County, said the law would add to his department's duties only if federal authorities decide to leave smuggling cases for local police to pursue. "

Jamie Zuieback, a spokeswoman for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the federal agency responsible for a crackdown on smugglers in Phoenix, declined to comment on the new law's effect.

In response to the law, Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio said he formed a six-person unit to target smuggling bosses.

"I don't expect to concentrate on some guy in a truck with six illegals," Arpaio said. "I want to go after the professional smugglers who do this for money, the top people."

Santa Cruz County Sheriff Tony Estrada, whose jurisdiction includes 50 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border, said he isn't looking forward to spending his office's scarce resources on enforcing the new law, which provided no additional money to police.

"We will do what we can, but we are limited," Estrada said.

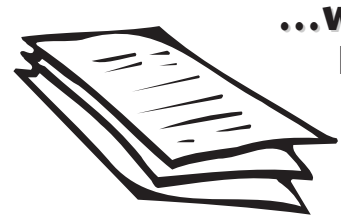
Republican Rep. Jonathan Paton of Tucson, one of the law's top proponents, said he will seek additional money during the next session of the Legislature for border counties to combat migrant smuggling.

Paton said immigration is the top priority for voters in his district, which sits in Arizona's illegal migration path.

"We are giving police the ability to address what we are hearing from constituents," Paton said. "That should be one of their priorities. That's what the public is asking for."

Stephen Yale-Loehr, who teaches immigration law at Cornell Law School, said the new law could be open to a court challenge by people who could claim that federal law trumps state law on matters of immigration.

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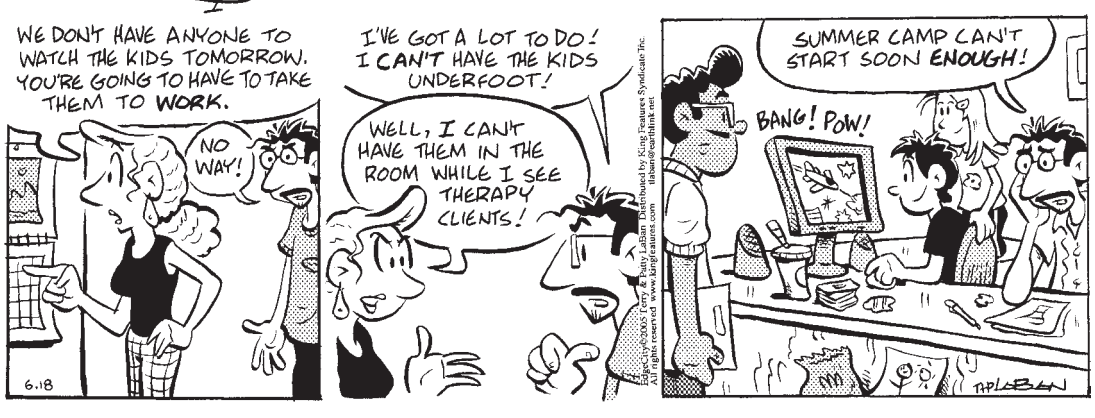
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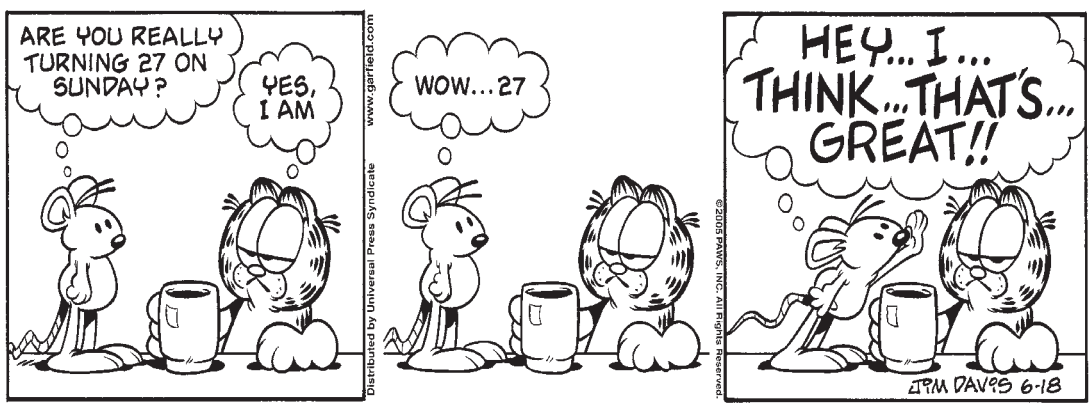
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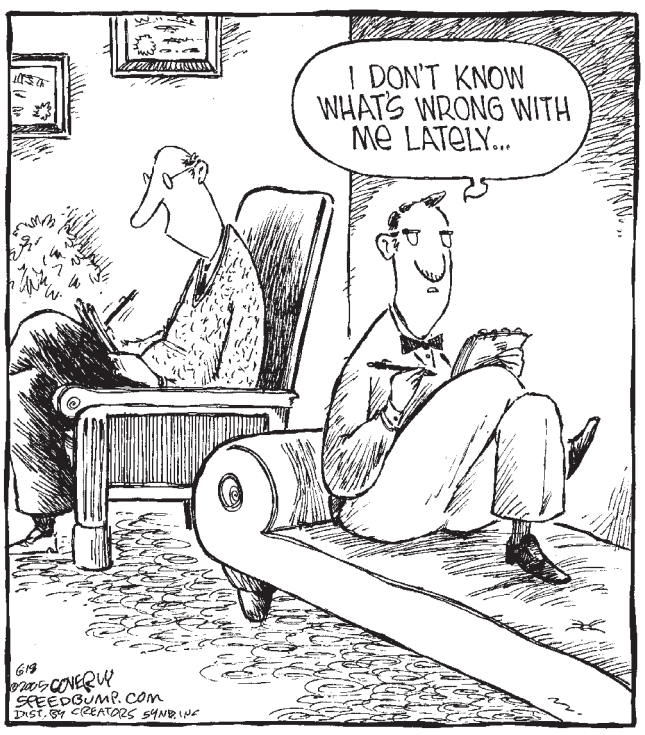
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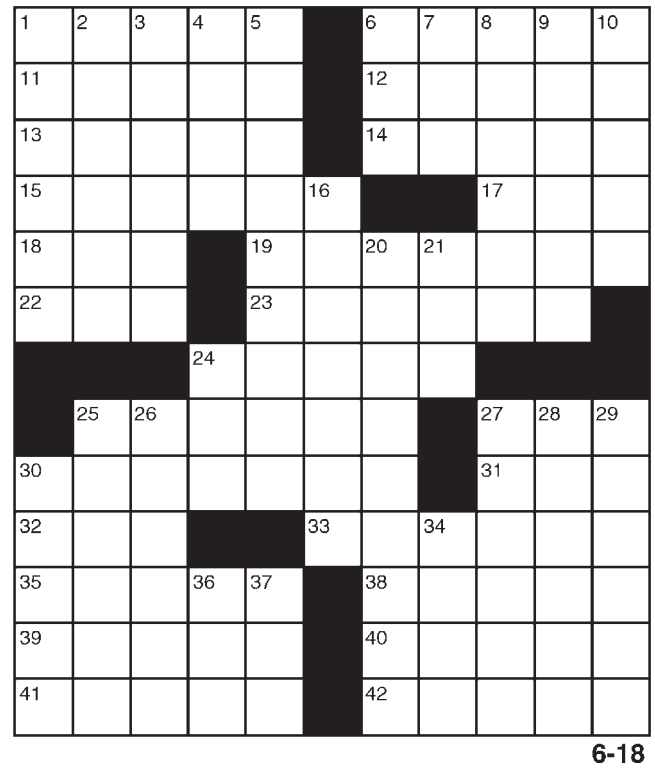
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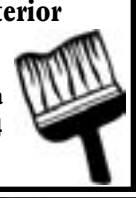
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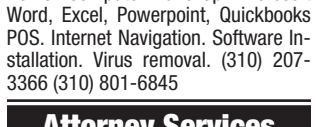
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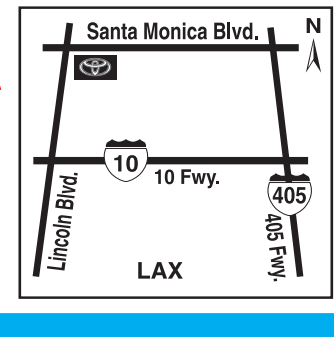
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