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Cars pass by new downtown amenities Saturday at Broadway and Fourth Street such as the new trash can, foreground, and the bus shelter in the background.

Andrew H. Fixmer/Daily Press

Transit mall is done; now can it compete?

Businesses just off the Promenade hope downtown's \$15M facelift will pay off

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

On the day set aside to celebrate the widening of downtown Santa Monica to areas outside the Third Street Promenade, it appeared the expansion will take some coaxing.

Monica Hanley realized early on it will be an uphill job. Hanley, a city employee volunteering for the day's transit mall celebration, stood at attention Saturday, ready to help anyone unfamiliar with Santa Monica navigate its new downtown. She handed out fliers and Big Blue Bus lapel pins outside a bus stop on Fourth Street between Wilshire and Arizona.

She informed passersby of the new Parisian-inspired bus shelters and benches. She extolled the virtues of the improved sidewalks and the ease at which pedestrians can now move about the entire downtown.

The flow was still largely heading towards the Promenade's three-block pedestrian mall.

"I know I'm only one block away but I

feel like I'm a world apart," she said.

Some officials said it might take some time before people become willing to explore areas off the Promenade.

The transit mall is a six-square-block area featuring Ocean Avenue, Broadway Avenue, Seventh Street and Santa Monica Boulevard.

"We will just start to see the benefits now," said John Warfel, a Bayside District board member. "The people have to first realize it's here. They have to see the sculptures and walk down the sidewalks before it really sinks in."

"We keep hoping it's only going to get better. I think everybody is keeping their fingers crossed."

— MAVIS JOHNSON
American Art & Jewelry Manager

On Saturday, the city celebrated the completion of its new \$15 million downtown transit mall, which essentially borrowed the most successful elements of the Promenade and extended them to nearby streets. It also created dedicated bus lanes,

See TRANSIT, page 6

SM black leaders set challenge for peers

BY TRAVIS PURSER
Special to the Daily Press

Pierce Watson, an engineer and a black man, moved to Santa Monica 40 years ago to begin designing aircraft for Douglas Aircraft Co., which then had offices near the airport.

He is a graduate of Tennessee State University. Life has been good for him and his wife, Iva Watson. They own a home. They regularly attend Baptist church.

Retired for 15 years, he likes to reflect on the condition of blacks in Santa Monica. They lack a sense of community, he said, because they lack self-confidence. And for that, they need to better educate themselves.

Nobody was denying that discrimination exists. But the people who celebrated Juneteenth at the Virginia Avenue Park Saturday morning all echoed a similar theme: No matter how flawed the world remains, blacks are responsible for improving their place in it.

"If you've got something to offer, I don't care what color you are, you'll get a job," said Watson. "I speak from experience."

Fifty of Santa Monica's 3,800 blacks

gathered in the park's community center near Pico Boulevard and 20th Street to indulge in a soul-food breakfast, while community leaders, students and entertainers shared their experiences with the audience in sometimes fiery presentations.

The invitation-only event later evolved into a planning session aimed at expanding future celebrations of Juneteenth.

The observance commemorates the June 19th, 1865, anniversary of the emancipation of slaves in Texas. Juneteenth was the first celebration of African-American emancipation. It is sometimes called "Black Independence Day." Television stations in San Francisco aired parades last week, while locally, the event remains relatively obscure.

The city of Santa Monica, NAACP and local businesses paid for the Virginia Park brunch, which was organized by the Juneteenth Committee, a Santa Monica advocacy group.

Scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuits and grits were an appropriate accompaniment to the day's talks, said ex-mayor of Santa Monica, Nathaniel Trives. "How many of

See NAACP, page 6

Wild animals banned for entertainment purposes

By The Associated Press

HUNTINGTON BEACH — This seaside city is set to join a growing list of cities that have outlawed the use of wild animals in circus acts and horses for pony rides.

"It would apply to any display of animals used for entertainment purposes," said Karen Chepeka, an animal-rights activist pushing the measure in Huntington Beach. "There's a huge difference between education and entertainment displays, like having an elephant or lion do tricks, that's not normal behavior for a wild animal."

More than 20 cities across the country, including Pasadena and Encinitas, have passed similar ordinances in recent months.

Circus backers see the ordinances as a wider animal-rights campaign.

"Their true agenda is being uncovered," said Heidi Herriott of Outdoor Amusement Business Association in

Florida, which represents circuses. "Their true agenda is no medical research utilizing animals, no fur, no leather."

"It's clear they're trying to gain momentum, and we think it's important to stop it now," said Catherine Ort-Mabry, spokeswoman for Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, based in Vienna, Va.

"The folks pushing this believe animals should be removed from circuses. They're trying to tell people what to eat, what to wear and how to spend their free time," she said.

Huntington Beach Mayor Debbie Cook said she was impressed with a presentation by animal-rights activists and agreed to back the ordinance.

"All you have to do is watch their videotape and see how some of these circus animals are treated, and you can't help but support it," said Cook, who voted Monday to have the city attorney review a proposed ordinance.

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★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★-Average
★★-So-so ★-Difficult

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Reach out for others at a distance first thing this morning. Check in with associates on the computer. Use your phone to find experts. This afternoon you become the office centerpiece as others swarm around you, seeking help and attention. Tonight: In the limelight.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Deal with others directly and firmly. You might not be comfortable with what is verbalized. Another expresses his or her power through intense listening. In the afternoon, reach out for someone at a distance. You might need to adjust your plans. Tonight: Stop and buy a new CD.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Others seek you out. Brainstorm with another at a distance. News that greets you could be very important. Smile at a potential change in the near future. Your caring results in a better understanding. Another might be quite cantankerous! Tonight: Juggle different demands.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Use care with work and finances. Today's lunar eclipse and Full Moon could hit you quite hard. Juggle different forces, carefully understanding your limits. Use care when dealing with others. You might be a lot more in touch with your feelings than many. Tonight: Just go along with another.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Recognize that another means well. You could be unnerved by what might be happening around you. Work with others, holding your feelings close to your chest. Right now might not be the best occasion to tell it like it is. Use your judgment in a difficult turn of events. Tonight: Focus on one item at a time.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Make sure you do everything at home especially carefully. Allow your imagination and creativity to emerge when dealing with a tough person or two. A child acts up, but if you look around, others are, too. Use your people skills. Tonight: Make light of difficulties.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Understand more of what might need to happen in order to get past a problem. You and another might not see eye to eye. Don't emphasize what is different, but rather what is alike. Use your imagination when dealing with a tough family member. Tonight: Run home. Turn on some music.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Focus on your decisions and finances rather than getting tangled up in the present confusion. Use your ability to do detailed work, making sure you tie up all loose ends. A sibling or neighbor might crash into your day, asking for help. Tonight: Just be there for others.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Use the a.m., when the Force is with you! Others hear you loud and clear, making a difference in how you approach someone important. This afternoon, be extremely careful when dealing with assets and finances. You could make an error. Tonight: Pay bills first.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Handle pressure in your customary low-key manner right now. This morning, clear your desk and get as much done as you can. The lunar eclipse and the Full Moon could add a hectic quality to your afternoon. Be ready for about anything! Tonight: Be spontaneous.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ A morning meeting might be a lot more important than you realize. Carefully consider options that surround a long-coveted goal. Take your time, right now, enacting any plans. Something could backfire when you least expect it. Tonight: Vanish quickly!

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Sink into work, clearing out as much as possible. From this afternoon on, you might find that some high-powered activity surrounds you. Don't make a decision quickly. Events in the next few weeks could whirl around you like a riptide. Tonight: Find your pals.

QUOTE of the DAY

"Sometimes a fool makes a good suggestion."

— Nicolas Boileau (1636-1711)

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LOCAL

Fitness center at Samohi urges kids to be healthy

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Special to the Daily Press

Santa Monica High School has a new facility to make its physical education classes more healthy and less boring.

A new fitness center opened in February and it's exclusively dedicated to girls.

The facility, called "Fit for Life," is funded by the William Simon Foundation. Samohi is the seventh public school in Los Angeles to get such a fitness facility. Simon is the Republican gubernatorial candidate running against incumbent California Governor Gray Davis.

"It's really fun. We were bored of always walking around the track, and now with the treadmills you can even control your pace."

— HEWETT YOHANNI
Samohi student

Samohi's physical education teacher Carrie Rodinoff, who teaches 9th grade classes in the fitness center, said the idea came from Simon's wife, Cynthia.

"She wishes to share her passion (for working out) with the students of Los Angeles," Rodinoff said.

The fitness center has the same equipment of an average weight room, which mostly emphasizes equipment to address hips, legs and aerobics, a girl's "main concern," Rodinoff said.

The room also is equipped with a computer that monitors their exercise activities.

"The kids log on a Web site to see what their results, needs and goals are, based on a previous chart that relates what they eat with their workout sequence," Rodinoff said. "Our goal is teaching the principles of good training and educating them to see what is physiologically good for themselves."

Moreover, the facility may make the girls feel more confident about being in a better shape, which will promote their self-esteem, Rodinoff said.

The fitness center seems to be a success so far.

"It's really fun," said 10th grade student Hewett Yohanni, 15. "We were bored of always walking around the track, and now with the treadmills you can even control your pace."

Yohanni's classmate Stephanie Navarro, 15, agrees the facility is a great addition to the Samohi campus.

"It's good when you leave the steps aerobics class and go straight to the fitness center to work out," she said.

Samohi is working in conjunction with Santa Monica College so that students can get credits from the fitness classes and transfer them to the college.

The fitness center is currently used at restricted times and it's not used as a gym.



Seth Kotok/Special to the Daily Press

The "Fit for Life" facility at Santa Monica High School is designed to balance muscle building with aerobic activities.

Once working out becomes more popular with the students, Samohi's physical education department plans to create memberships so students will continue to use the facility next fall. There also is a plan to expand the center area to a room adjacent the room where the center is currently located.

"We don't know when (it will be expanded)," Rodinoff said. "We're happy we had a good start though."

Samohi still faces a hard reality — kid's awful eating habits. The lack of

regular consumption of fruit and vegetables by the students may restrict their development. Although teachers try to urge kids to quit eating junk food, they know it's a difficult to battle against the American "fast-food culture."

"What can we do when kids go back home and can't find healthy food in the refrigerator?" asks Rodinoff. Considering what kids are having at lunch inside Samohi such as hamburgers and sodas, the school may be the first place to start, she said.



Anybody who's upset today because there's no time in the busy schedule to paddle out, just calm down. Missing the lackluster flatness of a weak, northwest swell is nothing to cry about. Expect knee high waves in the north bay, and inconsistent waist-high sets from Manhattan beach south. Onshore

winds show by afternoon.

Tuesday looks equally small, minimal swell activity reaching LA's beaches.

(Information compiled by Jesse Haley.)

Location	Monday	Tuesday	Water Quality
County Line	1-2'/Poor	1-2'/Poor	A
Zuma	1-2'/Poor	1-2'/Poor	A
Surfrider	0-1'/Poor	0-1'/Poor	A
Topanga	1-2'/Poor	1-2'/Poor	A
Breakwater	1-2'/Poor	1-2'/Poor	A
El Porto	2-3'/Poor	2-3'/Poor	A
Tides:	4:04 a.m. Low / 1.26'	10:38am High / 3.85'	3:06pm Low / 2.18'
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This week's Q-Line question is, **"Can you think of any reason Santa Monica should not completely ban smoking in its parks?"**

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OPINION LETTERS

Editor:

The 'ubiquitous Mr. Larmore' that numerous advocates in support of historic districts and landmarks attempt to demonize as the poster boy for anti-preservation must really be a superman. He is alleged to have single handedly organized a neighborhood to inform themselves by observing the practice of the Landmark Commission and decide for themselves whether, upon reflection, historic district or landmark designation is an appropriate or necessary measure to be applied in addition to all other zoning and ordinances governing their property.

He must further be credited with amazing powers of persuasion over historically independent and sophisticated constituents as are homeowners in this community.

The level of orchestrated response from the Renter's Rights/Green Santa Monica Establishment to characterize a legitimate grass roots effort as allegedly organized by one man for politically motivated purposes must be weighed against the politically motivated efforts of spin control, soft peddling and message suppression of the so called preservation advocates and politicians fearful of an issue not their own.

Grass roots efforts are championed by our Establishment if they agree, but not if they don't, and certainly not if they cannot control the process and outcome. This is a natural tendency of an entrenched power structure, as is the tendency to demonize individuals and groups that oppose or question their policies. All this from the generation now established whose youthful mantra was 'question authority'!

The Landmarks Commission has conducted the public process poorly and has therefore become the inadvertent catalyst of the grass roots effort which merely seeks to temper the landmark process by proposing to insert the little caveat of 'owner consent' when it's your home they're talking about.

The commissioners have communicated, however unintentionally, a dismissive, patronizing, if not arrogant attitude towards the average homeowner. Preservation per se is not at the top of most homeowner's desires for either their home or their neighborhood, which is to say that other priorities such as adequate space, reasonably modern amenities, compatibility with established size and setback ordinances, flexibility in design decisions as a matter of personal expression, not to mention economic considerations, probably come first.

The Commission and City Council owe the public the conduct of a balanced and reasonable process reflecting dissimilar and competing points of view rather than one conducted solely by activists for the cause of preservation. The Commission and City Council would do well to remember that a historic district and landmark designation will have more legitimacy and support if the property owners have chosen to take on the obligation to preserve, rather than having it forced on them 'for their own good.'

The Third Street Historic District was generated along those lines, therefore why not establish owner consent as the rule, not the exception? Both the Commission and the Council have not done their homework by making convincing and balanced arguments in favor of historic districts, without resorting to putting down those who question the idea. Please pay my mortgage and mow my lawn, Mr. Collectivist, if that's where we're heading.

Preservation has a conservative and protectively rigid stance that must be understood for both its benefits and obligations and should not be entered into lightly or soft peddled as a user friendly exercise with lots of tax benefits. I don't agree with all the concerns against historic districts. It's not likely that your property values will plummet with a historic designation, although you may spend a lot of time, and shell out a lot of cash to hire those with expertise in the preservation field to design and present your case only to come up with nothing but a denial and a suggestion by some of your neighbors that maybe this neighborhood is not for you.

Normally in Santa Monica this kind of treatment is slapped on to Big Bad Developers like Target, Trader Joe's, and the 'ubiquitous' Mr. Jacobs, et al. not your average homeowner. The most recent brouhaha over a two car garage in this our only district, however, gives one much cause for concern, when the experts' opinions could make completely opposite findings, both for and against, and nowhere, either at the Commission or Council level, could the 'tie go to the runner'.

To the partisans in this process, the one expert consultant that you agreed with was a scholar at the pinnacle of the profession, while the other was a paid hack. The whole process also spun out into the personal, as is often the case neighbor to neighbor. As a result, I would imagine quite a few people who witnessed the Commission actions and the Council decision to deny the project must wonder if they would ever want to have plans for their homes subject to such a vitriolic gauntlet that is a Santa Monica public hearing. Ergo spin control.

One looks to government for protection from such a situation, not its facilitation. If buried somewhere in our cultural history 'that government governs best that governs least', where exactly does our current Establishment intend to take us, and is it going to be 'for our own good' no matter what we think?

Eric Charles Parlee

Former Santa Monica Planning Commissioner

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LOCAL



The FunHog

By Dan Dunn

Aspen past haunts Fun Hog's present

Hunter S. Thompson introduced me to the word "FunHog," several years ago in a taproom in Aspen, Colorado. I don't remember the exact context, but I believe the Good Doctor used the word in reference to people in the entertainment business — actors, producers, directors, hookers and whatnot.

Up until that point, I figured the most interesting thing Thompson had said was "I hate to advocate drugs, alcohol, violence, or insanity to anyone, but they've always worked for me." But the night I heard him mumble something about the Hollywood jet-set being a bunch of decadent funhogs, I thought to myself, "Well, hot-damn, that's just flat-out genius."

So I stole Thompson's word. And that's just one of many reasons why he won't return my phone calls anymore. Along with my habit of dropping his name to every single person I meet. But more on that later.

It was around the period I was hanging with Hunter S. Thompson (Drop!) in Aspen that I met Tina and — to filch from yet another scribe — those were undoubtedly the best of times, and the worst of times. In a dizzying three-month span, I'd met and befriended my literary hero AND the woman of my dreams. Both relationships would bring me profound joy ... and both would eventually shatter my brittle psyche like a midget tossed through a plate-glass window.

Ever since I left Aspen five years ago, I've gone to great lengths to purge the pain. I tried therapy, yoga, Tony Robbins tapes ... I even dabbled with self-medication — or, as my probation officer refers to it, "drug and alcohol abuse." And progress was made, friends. PROGRESS WAS MADE! Hell, up until a few days ago, I thought I was "pretty much over it" — which is safer than claiming to be "completely over it," because then you'd KNOW I'm entirely full of shit.

So, yeah, I was doing good, all right, and then someone chucked the Midget of Heartache through the glass again. And if you're wondering whodunnit, well, allow me to give you a hint...

"So," Tina said — trying to break five years worth of ice at the Some Young Moon Saloon, while I attempted to quell my exquisite inner pain with copious amounts of Johnnie Walker — "I read in the paper that some screenwriter was just paid lots of money to adapt one of Hunter Thompson's books into a movie ... weren't you gonna do that? You know, before you two had that fight?"

I nodded numbly.

"That would have been great — all that money. If, you know, you two hadn't have had that fight."

I suppressed the urge to vomit.

"Thompson hates 'Hog now," Bottomfeeder interjected. "Left a couple of crazed messages on the machine a while back, threatening to sue him ... or shoot him ... or, maybe both. Something to do with selling out to The Man."

Tina produced a newspaper clipping from her purse. "Yep," she said, reading, "the writer got a couple hundred grand to adapt that book."

"Hog pissed Hunter off because he's got some rich Republican friends, and cuz he drops Hunter's name everywhere," Bottomfeeder continued. "Wait ... did you just say a couple hundred grand?"

"Yep."

"Wow."

"Damn."

Then I did vomit.

"Now might not be the best time for this," Tina said, wiping the puke from my chin in the alley behind the bar, "but the reason I came back after all these years is that I've got something to tell you ..."

You know that moment in a horror movie when the eerie music kicks in? Right before someone gets his head hacked off by a guy in a hockey mask or something nasty like that? Well ...

EXT. ALLEY BEHIND BAR — NIGHT

Tina, wiping the vomit from Funhog's chin, is about to tell him something. She puts on a hockey mask.

CUE EERIE MUSIC.

TINA: I'm getting married, 'Hog ... to Tommy ... you know, your former best friend.

SFX: An ominous sting. The FunHog bites his lower lip. Completely off.

TINA: I know this might be a bit of a shocker, but believe me, Tommy and I want nothing more than for you to be okay with this. In fact, we very much want to have your blessing. Which is why Tommy would like you ...

FunHog -- lower-lipless, bleeding and covered in his own waste — tries to throw himself under a PASSING BUS. He misses, and lands in a puddle of MOTOR OIL. Tina continues assaulting him with RAZOR-SHARP VERBAL DAGGERS.

TINA (cont'd): ... to be his best man.

FunHog, inexplicably, begins laughing. Only it doesn't sound much like laughing because of the MISSING LOWER LIP AND THE BLOOD AND THE MOTOR OIL.

Tina is perplexed.

TINA: Are ... are you okay?

More hysterical laughter.

TINA: FunHog?

Laugh, laugh, laugh! Blood and motor oil spewing everywhere.

TINA: Honey, will you ... will you be Tommy's best man?

He suddenly stops laughing, cocks his head, and eyes her suspiciously.

TINA: FunHog? Will you?

Funhog reaches to the ground, picks up his lower lip and miraculously reattaches it.

FUNHOG: Funny you should ask, babe ...

(Dan Dunn is a Santa Monica resident and writes for Warner Bros. Online. For more Funhog fun, log onto thefunhog.com)

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LOCAL

Downtown businesses optimistic about changes

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installed information kiosks and enlarged the sidewalks.

The facelift is intended not only to reinvigorate the downtown, but also act as a pressure release valve for the Promenade, which often becomes jammed with pedestrians during the weekends.

Many of the improvements are meant to encourage more people to walk, bike or take the bus downtown.

The completion of improvements couldn't come soon enough for some businesses on the target streets. The transit mall took nearly three years for city officials and residents to plan. Downtown establishments struggled through nearly a year of solid construction in front of their stores. In addition to the transit mall project, the city was simultaneously replacing an old sewer line downtown.

Businesses owners ranged from irate to perplexed over the construction in front of their shops and at the difficult traffic patterns and congestion it generated. On Saturday many were just happy to have the construction over. Many others said they now feel optimistic about the future.

"For six months we had to really suffer — we had no traffic in the store," said Mavis Johnson, manager of American Art & Jewelry. "It was really bad."

Johnson's establishment is located at Second Street and Broadway, where some of the worst construction took place. Now, traffic moves smoothly in front of her store and more than a few pedestrians had wandered in.

"We keep hoping it's only going to get better," Johnson said. "I think everybody is keeping their fingers crossed."

Business was more brisk across the

street. Jurassic owner Jeff Marshall said his store has never done better. He said during the city's planning process for the transit mall he was concerned the construction could hurt his business.

"But I ended up doing very well," he said. "I think all the construction actually drew more attention to the shop."

For Marshall the sacrifice of the construction was worth the payoff.

"Just look at all those people walking around right now," he said, gesturing to a group of pedestrians strolling by his storefront window. "What a beautiful treatment the city gave this area."



Photo Credit/Daily Press

U.S. Marine staff Sgt. Matthew Jacobs encourages Gabriel Ramos, 12, as he completes 12 pull-ups Saturday at the Transit Mall celebration.

New meanings are given to emancipation celebration

NAACP, from page 1

you have a single meal every day with every member of your family? It's always important to meet and talk about what you do," he said in his keynote address.

The audience responded to Trives and other speakers with enthusiastic outbursts: "Go on, brother!" "You said it!" "Amen!"

Trives said Santa Monica is a good city for blacks to live in, because its size allows them to stay in touch with the overall black community.

But Santa Monica has fallen victim to "institutional racism" with terrible consequences, he said. "When I grew up in this town, Latinos and blacks were brothers, not killing each other."

While in office in the 1970s, he made it his policy to appoint a "person of color" to every board in the city, he said. "It meant something to us to share the power at the table."

Juneteenth, he said, is not just about celebrating the history of blacks. It is important to respect all cultures, because "when I disrespect one culture, I disrespect myself."

Other community leaders spoke on an array of social issues from education to housing.

Black culture is good at taking care of its own people, but that means blacks

sometimes don't take full advantage of social services available to them, said Barbara Harrison, of Wise Senior Services. For example, black seniors could take better advantage of a neighborhood shuttle service her organization offers.

Right now, many areas of city government, from the airport commission to the housing commission, are trying to fill vacancies. Dr. Dorothy Morrison encouraged blacks to increase their government representation by applying for the positions.

"Nobody's going to come on a white horse and ask you what you want," she said.

Racism is no longer as blatant as it once was, but it has become part of the bureaucratic system, which treats blacks suspiciously at best, said Robbie Jones, an advocate for better education. But she didn't accept that as an excuse for black students to fail in school.

"When you don't do your homework, that's not racism," she said. It was a concept she applied to the entire black community. "I'm not trying to start anything here today. I'm just saying we have to be responsible."

Santa Monica Mayor Michael Feinstein, who declared June 22 to 29 to be "Juneteenth Week," was scheduled to speak at the brunch Saturday, but never arrived. He did appear at the opening of the transit mall.

STATE



Instate road trips to help tourism industry

BY GARY GENTILE
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Deborah Dallinger's hassles as she navigated security checks on her recent European vacation have persuaded her to stick closer to home this summer.

"It's one thing to spend 10 hours on a plane to France, but it's another to spend four hours at the airport," the 52-year-old Walnut Creek resident said. "When I go on vacation, I just want it to be easy."

Dallinger will spend her remaining vacation driving to visit friends in Santa Barbara and staying at her favorite bed and breakfast in Inverness.

Her experience is like that of many Californians who plan to flock to state parks, beaches and bed and breakfasts this summer while doing more driving and less flying.

The steady stream of road trips is helping power California's comeback from the devastating impact of Sept. 11 on the tourism industry.

"Consumers have seen the travel industry brought to its knees post 9-11, and they are looking for values," said Kerri Kapich, vice president of marketing with the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau. "The consumer is in the driver's seat."

Tourism officials in San Diego, for example, are expecting a 2.4 percent increase in visitors over last summer, as attractions, luxury hotels and spas dangle discounts before bargain-hungry tourists.

By comparison, San Francisco, which depends on business and convention travelers for two-thirds of its tourism revenue, expects about 1.4 million less visitors this summer than in 2000.

Many travel officials predicted in January that overall summer travel this year would be down 9 percent from last year. But those projections have now been adjusted by state tourism officials to reflect an anticipated 5 percent drop.

That still means that California will collect about \$4 billion less in visitor spending, which in 2001 reached \$76 billion.

With travel fears gripping the nation after Sept. 11, state tourism officials quickly doled out more than \$12 million on a print, radio and television advertising campaign encouraging residents to rediscover their home state.

It wasn't a hard sell. In the past, California has drawn 85 percent of its tourism trade from its own residents. Now, that trend is becoming more evident elsewhere in the country.

D.K. Shifflet & Assoc. Ltd. has polled 2,400 frequent travelers nationwide since last October. The survey found that people are willing to drive as much as eight hours to avoid the hassles and delays prompted by heightened security at airports.

That's twice as long as they were willing to drive before Sept. 11. Business travelers also are willing to drive as much as 5 hours, also double the pre-attack time.

Destinations such as state parks, national historic sites, festivals and fairs should see more traffic than major cities — a trend that's particularly evident at California's 267 state parks and beaches.

State campgrounds saw an immediate 20 percent jump in reservations after Sept. 11, an indication that people who otherwise might have planned out-of-state trips had decided to stay close to home.

Cuts in camping fees and the statewide tourism campaign launched last year could result in an overall 10 percent increase in attendance at state parks this year to about 90 million visitors.

With new attractions and tempting admission packages, theme parks are looking to continue their steady recovery in the next several months, although most will have a hard time matching last summer's business.

Disney's California Adventure, which opened last year next to Disneyland in Anaheim, is offering a summer concert series featuring such acts as The Beach Boys and The Monkees.

Universal Studios Hollywood will give a free admission to kids 15 and younger with every full-priced adult ticket.

Even bed and breakfast inns in wine country and other locales are also seeing an increase in guests.

Inns offering packages that include dinner at a local restaurant or tours of nearby attractions are tapping into the desire by consumers for deals.

The Inn at Occidental in Sonoma has already seen a return to its pre-Sept. 11 levels and is reporting an increase in guests from out of state as well.

Gas prices rise slightly over two-week period

By The Associated Press

CAMARILLO — Gas prices rose by less than a penny in the past two weeks due mainly to higher prices in western states because of temporarily reduced gas production, an industry analyst said Sunday.

The average price nationwide, including all gasoline grades and taxes, was about \$1.44 per gallon on Friday, according to the Lundberg survey of 8,000 stations.

That was up 0.65 cent per gallon since June 7.

"Since wholesale buying prices are already in a downward correction, further retail hikes may not occur," said

analyst Trilby Lundberg. "Nationally, the pump price direction will be determined mostly by OPEC's upcoming crude oil production decision and whether OPEC members and cooperating countries adhere to agreed quotas."

Prices dropped in most regions of the country. But price hikes in some western states offset falling national prices.

Current prices remain about 19 cents below gas prices a year ago at this time.

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Apologies continue



Lee Celano/Associated Press

Los Angeles Archbishop Roger Mahony touches the head of a parishioner following mass on Sunday at St. Charles Borromeo church in the North Hollywood section of Los Angeles. Cardinal Mahony read a letter apologizing to members of the Catholic church for sexual misconduct by priests during the mass.

Feinstein seeks answers from FBI intelligence

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO— U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein has sent a letter to the FBI asking whether the federal agency is currently conducting unlawful intelligence activities at the University of California.

The letter, dated June 18, 2002, comes as the Bush administration and Congress are expanding the FBI's domestic intelligence powers to prevent terrorist acts.

"We did receive the letter, and we will respond to the senator as quickly as possible," Bill Carter, an FBI spokesman in Washington, D.C., told The San Francisco Chronicle.

On June 9, The Chronicle reported that FBI records, obtained by the newspaper after a 17-year legal battle, showed that the bureau had conducted unlawful intelligence activities at the University of California in the 1950s and 1960s.

Feinstein, a Democrat who is

California's senior senator and a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, gave a copy of her letter to The Chronicle.

In the letter, the senator said she was concerned by court findings that the FBI had repeatedly violated the Freedom of Information Act by delaying the release of bureau records on the University of California and by blacking out public information on its activities.

Feinstein added that she was especially concerned now, following Attorney General John Ashcroft's new policy allowing the Justice Department to defend federal agencies seeking to deny freedom of information requests.

"Many read this as a signal to agencies that future FOIA requests are to be stonewalled," Feinstein said. "As you know, and we have seen from this Chronicle article, FOIA is often the only way the American people can be assured of government accountability."

Beef checkoff program is unconstitutional

By The Associated Press

ABERDEEN, S.D. — A federal judge ruled Friday that the national beef checkoff program violates the constitutional rights of cattle producers by infringing on the First Amendment.

U.S. District Court Judge Charles Kornmann ordered a halt to collections for the checkoff program, which requires cattle ranchers to pay a \$1 per-head fee on cattle sold in the United States for beef promotion and research.

The decision is expected to be appealed.

In his ruling, Kornmann said cattlemen should not be required to pay for commercials — a form of speech — that they oppose. He also said they are being made to pay for ads that benefit others that sell beef such as restaurants and retail outlets.

The checkoff program, which went into effect in 1985, raises more than \$80 million a year. Half the money goes to the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research

Board and half to qualified state beef councils. The groups came up with the popular "Beef: It's what's for dinner" slogan.

Those opposed to the checkoff are upset the advertisements promote beef in general and not American beef.

"When we initiated checkoff dollars everybody thought we were going to get better prices. But it never helped the U.S. producer," said Bob Thullner, one of the plaintiffs and a cattle producer in Campbell County.

The ruling was not welcome news to everyone.

"This is a very disappointing decision for Montana's cattle producers," said Steve Pilcher, executive vice president of the Montana Stockgrowers Association. "We are looking forward to a speedy and successful appeal of this decision, but in the meantime are concerned that the judge clearly didn't understand how critical the beef checkoff is to the future of our beef businesses."

NATIONAL



Dealers block mechanics' repairs

BY NEDRA PICKLER
Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON, Va. — At least a couple of times a week, mechanic Ernie Pride tells customers at his independent repair shop he can't fix their cars because he doesn't know what's wrong with them. Go to the dealer, he advises.

He has the experience and knowledge to service vehicles but lacks the closely guarded information needed to diagnose problems with today's high-tech cars.

Automakers refuse to make much of it available to independent shops that compete with higher-priced dealerships. The practice is raising hackles in Congress and a vigorous defense by the industry.

Figuring out what's wrong with an automobile is no longer as simple as poking around under the hood and examining parts. Computers control many modern vehicle systems,

including the engine, the air bags and the antilock brakes. Mechanics now diagnose problems by connecting a handheld computer to the vehicle.

The computer gives the mechanic a code of numbers or letters that designate the source of a problem. "We just say, 'We're sorry. You've got one option — go to the dealer,'" said Pride, manager of The Car Store outside Washington.

All repair shops must get some emission system codes because of the Clean Air Act.

Some members of Congress worry that higher-priced dealer repair shops are using the codes to corner the repair market. Lawmakers have introduced legislation to require manufacturers to share diagnostic codes with car owners and independent repair shops.

Also, the Environmental Protection Agency is developing a plan to require that automakers pub-

lish online all the codes related to emission repairs.

Cars built since the 1996 model year must have computer-controlled emission systems to meet clean air laws.

"Most vehicles out of warranty are serviced by independent repair shops," EPA spokesman David Ryan. "And the sooner these shops catch emission problems, the better it is for the environment."

A membership survey by the Automotive Service Association, which represents 15,000 independent repair shop owners, found that 10 percent of cars could not be repaired because codes are not available. The number is expected to grow as newer cars replace pre-1996 models.

The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers says that requiring the codes' disclosure would make proprietary information available to competitors and subject to copying.

Joined at the head



LM Otero/Associated Press

Medical personnel wheel conjoined Egyptian twins Mohamed, top, and Ahmed Ibrahim, into North Texas Hospital for Children at Medical City on Saturday. A team of Dallas medical experts will determine whether separating them is possible. The twins were born June 2, 2001, by Caesarean section to the wife of a laborer in a remote village about 500 miles south of Cairo. Connected at the crown of their heads, the boys have been in the care of doctors at the University of Cairo Hospital since shortly after their birth.

Survey says color of the final frontier is 'Cosmic Latte'

BY ANGELA POTTER
Associated Press Writer

BALTIMORE — Good news for coffee lovers: Space, the final frontier, is the color of a latte. So say astronomers Karl Glazebrook and Ivan Baldry at Johns Hopkins University.

In January, the two determined that the universe was a sprightly pale turquoise,

then after discovering a glitch in their software in March, they realized that the average color was actually a milky brown.

Not knowing what to call it, besides beige, they solicited suggestions, prompting nearly 300 e-mails with ideas including Big Bang Beige, Cappuccino Cosmico, Galactic Gold and Infinite Sand.

The winner? Cosmic Latte.

Baldry, a postdoctoral fellow, said he

and Glazebrook both love coffee, which factored into the decision. Cosmic Latte is also appropriate because it's close to "latteo," which "means Milky Way in Galileo's native Italian," the pair wrote on their Web site.

Glazebrook and Baldry discovered the milky coffee hue after gathering light from galaxies as far as several billion light years away. They processed the light, breaking it

into its various colors — similar to the way a prism turns sunlight into a rainbow — and averaging the color values.

Reaction to the name was mixed among coffee drinkers.

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NATIONAL

The presidential pace



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Promoting physical fitness for government workers, President Bush, with first lady Laura Bush at far right, sets the pace for 400 White House staff members at the start of a three-mile race around the parade grounds at Ft. McNair in Washington, D.C., Saturday. The 55-year-old president finished in 20 minutes and 27 seconds.

U.S. luge team's search for new talent strained

BY MARYCLAIRE DALE
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA — At \$25 million a pop, luge tracks aren't likely to become standard equipment in public schools.

The sport boasts just two tracks in the whole country, at the former Olympic venues in Lake Placid, N.Y., and Salt Lake City.

As a result, there is no farm system, and the national team is searching the country for young athletes with the explosive power and Zen-like calm needed to drive a souped-up sled at speeds reaching 86 mph.

"I thought this was the year for luge. And then skeleton came around and stole our thunder. They marketed themselves as the most dangerous sport on ice."

— CHRIS THORPE
Two-time Olympic medalist

"It wouldn't turn!" 13-year-old John McShea of Wayne complained as he veered off a street slalom course during the association's first stop Saturday in Philadelphia.

Luge USA, the sport's governing body, will screen about 800 children, ages 11 to 14, at clinics in eight cities this summer. Coaches will invite 50 to 100 of them to Lake Placid to try out the ice track.

Long arms and fast-twitch muscles help get the sled moving at the all-important start, but the sport is not defined by any one body type. Coordination, balance and mental toughness are essential.

"It'll never be mainstream. It's pure. The fastest person wins," two-time Olympic medalist Chris Thorpe, 31, said Saturday as he helped youngsters on

wheeled sleds navigate the curving, downhill stretch of asphalt in Fairmount Park.

After a few tries, most had figured out how to steer by slightly raising a shoulder or leg to shift their weight.

"I thought it would be hard, but it's kind of fun," said McShea's sister, Molly, a lanky 11-year-old who plays several sports.

Then came some screening tests: pull-ups, standing long jumps and an obstacle course.

Luge USA, with help from corporate sponsor Verizon, pays the training and travel costs of about a dozen team members, estimated at about \$35,000 each per year, and their two coaches and trainer.

Instructor Brenna Margol, 21, saw luge on TV when she was 11 and hunted down a clinic.

"I would say it's 95 percent mental. I see a sports psychologist regularly," said Margol, a Michigan native who was an alternate in Salt Lake City.

She's using the post-Olympic lull to squeeze in a quarter at Drexel University, where she is a freshman business major, before resuming World Cup competition.

Thorpe, who won a silver in 1998 with Gordy Sheer and a bronze this year with Clay Ives, is easing out of the sport to care for his newborn daughter while his wife, former Olympic freestyle skier Kriste Porter, starts medical school in Florida.

But it's tough to give up the 45-second blast of adrenaline. Thorpe said he may switch to skeleton, the headfirst sled race that became a darling of this year's Olympic media.

"I thought this was the year for luge. And then skeleton came around and stole our thunder. They marketed themselves as the most dangerous sport on ice," Thorpe said.

Despite the speed, he insists neither sport is particularly dangerous. Margol crashes about 10 times a year and gets nasty bruises, but has never broken a bone.

Both hope more youngsters come to share their passion for luge.

"It does hurt that there's no access to (it)," Thorpe said. "There are kids out there who would just dominate the sport."

SPORTS



Dodgers bounce Red Sox out of first place

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Dodgers didn't look at this series against the Boston Red Sox as a possible World Series preview — or even a measuring stick against the team that came to town with baseball's best record.

But their three-game sweep of the first series between the teams since the 1916 World Series, capped by Sunday's 9-6

victory, put Los Angeles alone atop the NL West for the first time since Aug. 10 of last season, and dropped the Red Sox out of first place in the AL East for the first time since April 15.

"I don't even think we worried about those guys having the best record," Dodgers left fielder Brian Jordan said. "We just caught them at a good time. They haven't been playing well lately, and we have."

Los Angeles has won its last eight

series and 10 of 11 since getting shut out by Pedro Astacio and Jeff D'Amico of the New York Mets in back-to-back two-hitters May 14-15.

"The chemistry here has been great, and that's the key," said Jordan, who came to the Dodgers last winter from Atlanta along with left-hander Odalis Pezez in a trade for Gary Sheffield.

"You can have a bunch of superstars on your team, but if the chemistry's not there, you're not going to win. Right now our bench players have given us a boost, and they're always ready. And when you've got guys pulling for each other and having fun, you can go a long way."

Dave Hansen drove in three runs in a rare start at first base. Cesar Izturis and reserve catcher Chad Kreuter each had two RBIs for the Dodgers (46-28), who are 18 games over .500 for the first time since Sept. 8, 1997 (81-63).

Hansen, who needs three pinch-hits to break Manny Mota's franchise record of 106, is 7-for-25 with eight RBIs in his eight starts at first and third base.

"You don't go out and find Dave Hansens every day," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said. "He's tremendous, as far as preparation is concerned. You know you're going to get the very best he has to offer, no matter what situation you put him in."

Before the game, Tracy vowed he would not use major league save leader Eric Gagne under any circumstances, following his fourth save in as many days. The offense settled that issue early, staking Andy Ashby to a 9-0 lead with four runs in the second inning and five in the third.

Ashby (7-6) won for the fifth time in seven decisions, allowing five runs and seven hits in 5 2-3 innings. He also had an

RBI single.

Rickey Henderson hit an RBI single in the fifth, and the Red Sox got home runs from Carlos Baerga and pinch-hitter Juan Diaz during a four-run sixth. Diaz's two-run shot was his first homer in the big leagues, and it chased Ashby after 104 pitches.

"I would have liked to have given us a few more innings, especially with the offense coming out and scoring that many runs," said Ashby, who got as much run support in this outing as he received in his previous four starts combined.

Guillermo Mota relieved and gave up just one hit in 2 1-3 scoreless innings.

"We just got in too big of a hole to make it up today," Boston manager Grady Little said. "It was a rocky road right from the start."

Rolando Arrojo (4-2) was charged with nine runs and nine hits in 2 1-3 innings, after allowing only four earned runs over 25 innings in his previous four starts this season. The right-hander moved into the rotation June 1 when an ineffective Darren Oliver was demoted to the bullpen.

"I think we might have gotten a little predictable, but they did a good job of hitting," Boston catcher Jason Varitek said. "They had a good plan against him and they stuck with it. We need to maybe take a look at it and change programs."

Jordan led off the second with a single to left and advanced to third when the ball squirted through Henderson's legs for a two-base error. Hansen followed with an RBI single, and Arrojo walked two batters before giving up a two-out RBI single to Dave Roberts and a two-run single by Izturis.

Arrojo gave up hits to his first four batters in the third — including a two-run single by Hansen, who started at first base while Eric Karros got the day off.

Venice gets dirty



Jesse Haley/Daily Press

Steve O'Brien backflips the first set of three dirt jumps early in the qualifying rounds of the King of Dirt Series during the Core Tour and Music Festival Sunday at Venice Beach. O'Brien stuck landings on a series of break neck, aerial stunts, earning himself third place in pro division. Below, a raucous crowd of young fans fed off the adrenaline rush, cheering more wildly as riders raised their defiant fists in the face gravity.



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INTERNATIONAL

Iranian villagers bury dead after earthquake

BY AFSHIN VALINEJAD
Associated Press Writer

ABDAREH, Iran — In a matter of seconds, Zahra Gholamzadeh lost her husband, son and home. On Sunday, she stood on the rubble of her mud house, recalling how her life was suddenly turned upside by the Iranian earthquake that killed hundreds of people.

"It had a big sound. The horrible sound remains in my ears," she said, sobbing uncontrollably, her surviving son and daughter by her side.

Gholamzadeh was one of the survivors of Saturday's magnitude-6 earthquake that flattened nearly 100 villages in northwestern Iran.

"We lost our dear ones and all we had. In a few seconds, we became miserable. We were never rich but at least we had

something. Now everything has become dirt," she said.

State-run media lowered the death toll in the remote quake zone from earlier estimates of 500 or more, now saying at least 220 were killed. However, estimates from individual villages indicate the number could be higher.

Official Iranian media has reported that more than 1,600 people had been injured. Relief workers have put the figure at 1,300.

The quake struck at 7:30 a.m. when most people were in their homes of brick, stone or mud. It left thousands homeless, mainly in the Qazvin provincial town of Bou'in-Zahra, the quake's epicenter, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Desert and hills mark Qazvin's terrain. The area, inhabited by tens of thousands of people, is rural but is home to many small factories and businesses producing goods ranging from plastics to medicine and food.

Among the hardest-hit places was Abdareh, a tiny village some 140 miles west of Tehran. The quake toppled its mosque, demolished 40 homes and killed at least 20 people.

In nearby Changooreh, only two of the village's 100 houses were intact. The death toll there was at least 120.

At a cemetery overlooking Abdareh, survivors huddled in groups, most covered in dust and dazed with grief. Men, women and children wailed as they placed the dead in rows of graves made by bulldozers.

"There is nothing left to live for," cried Majid Torabi, 16, who lay his head in the dirt beside his parents' freshly dug graves.

About 45 families live in Abdareh, a village surrounded by hills and orchards. A bulldozer driver, his face obscured by dust, said he had retrieved at least 10 bodies from the rubble.

Interior Minister Abdolvahed Mousavi Lari toured the village of Qanuraeh and expressed the government's condolences. The Iranian Red Crescent Society said nearly 100 villages were badly damaged or destroyed.

"Our job was to recover the bodies, but from today we have to think of reconstruction during the summer, before it gets cold in the winter," Lari said.

The quake hit the provinces of Gilan, Tehran, Kurdistan, Qazvin, Zanzan and Hamedan and was followed by several aftershocks, the state news agency said. It was felt in Tehran — Iran's capital — but there were no reports of damage there.

Overnight, survivors lit small fires amid the rubble of villages to warm themselves against low temperatures.

A cry of "Allahu Akbar" — God is



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A military person passes by a building that was destroyed by a 6.0 magnitude earthquake, in Changoor village, Qazvin province, Iran, 300 kms (140 miles) southwest of Tehran, Saturday. A powerful earthquake Saturday flattened nearly 100 remote mountain villages in northwestern Iran, killing at least 500 people, injuring more than 1,600 and leaving thousands homeless. Iranian President Mohammad Khatami's photo hangs on the wall.

great — rose from a small crowd of rescue workers and Changooreh villagers as the bodies of a woman and her 10-year-old daughter — still in her mother's embrace — were found beneath the rubble.

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— ZAHRA GHOLAMZADEH
Earthquake Survivor

About 40 of the 280 inhabitants of Garm Darreh village in western Hamedan

province were killed. About 80 people died in the Qazvin area village of Kisse-Jin.

Major earthquakes are not uncommon in Iran, which lies on a major seismic line. Moderate tremors are reported in various parts of the country almost daily.

In May 1997, a magnitude-7.1 quake killed 1,500 people in the country's north. In February of that year, 72 people died in a quake in the northeast.

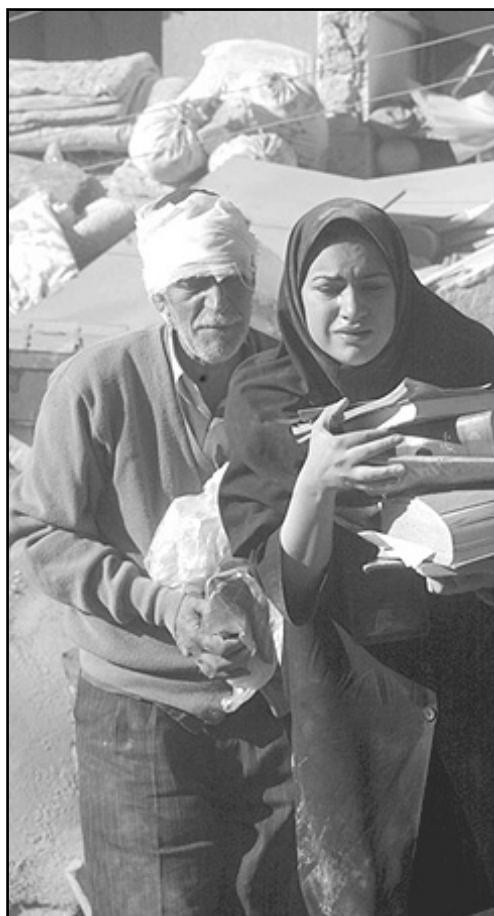
In June 1990, a quake measuring between 7.3 and 7.7 killed at least 40,000 people, and a 1963 quake in the Qazvin area killed 12,225 people.

The Iranian government declared three days of mourning in the quake-struck provinces and established a bank account for public donations.

Pope John Paul II sent his prayers to the victims of the earthquake Iran on Sunday and called for a "generous" international response. Germany offered \$485,000 in relief money.

President Bush offered condolences Saturday to victims "affected by this tragic event."

Iran and the United States have no diplomatic ties and relations are marked by hostility. But Iran has accepted U.S. aid following past natural disasters.



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Two unidentified villagers recover possessions in Changooreh village, Qazvin province, Iran on Sunday. More than 100 people were killed in the village by the earthquake which hit the area Saturday. Official estimates now put the total number of dead at 220, revised from earlier higher estimates as more information became available from the remote quake zone.

Israel arrests hundreds of thousands of Palestinians

By The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli troops are keeping at least 400,000 Palestinians under effective house arrest with round-the-clock curfews and largely barring the media from covering its escalating invasion of the West Bank — an operation that has faced minimal Palestinian resistance and limited international criticism.

The army began "Operation Determined Path" last week, after two suicide bombings in Jerusalem killed 26 Israelis. An earlier wave of Palestinian attacks set off a similar six-week sweep through the West Bank in late March.

But unlike that first extended foray, when Israeli troops encountered heavy fire in several towns and besieged the office of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, the new operation has been comparatively low-key. Troops have steadily moved into the Palestinian areas,

but without the fanfare or the firefights.

The one exception was Qalqiliya, where two Israeli soldiers were killed in a gunbattle as soldiers entered the town Wednesday evening. The troops pulled out, only to re-enter Sunday morning without resistance.

The lack of prolonged gunbattles and extensive aerial bombardments as well as daily pictures of devastation has muted Arab and European criticism this time, in contrast to Israel's last occupation. Key Arab leaders also have been working with Washington and likely will remain quiet at least until after they've heard President Bush's widely anticipated policy proposal on the Mideast crisis.

During the last incursion, Israeli forces went house-to-house searching for suspected militants and carried out mass arrests of Palestinian men.

In the latest drive into the West Bank the tanks and armored personnel carriers have parked in the deserted

streets, and for the most part, have just remained there. The significant exception was the northern West Bank town of Jenin, where many hundreds were rounded up late last week.

One reason for the relative absence of resistance this time is that more than 200 Palestinians, many of them militants, were killed and 1,000 arrested in the first round.

Israel says it must track down suicide bombers because the Palestinian security forces are unable or unwilling to do it. However, the first sweep did not stop the bombings for long.

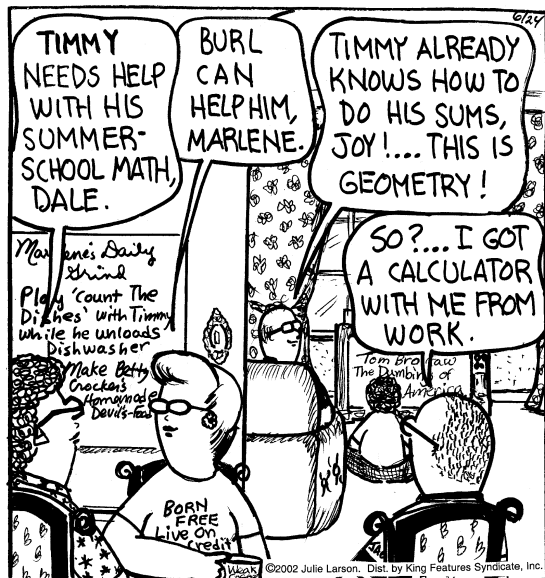
This time around, Israeli troops are using curfews more, in terms of both extent and duration.

Israeli troops have imposed round-the-clock curfews on the five Palestinian cities and towns they control — Bethlehem, Nablus, Jenin, Tulkarem and Qalqiliya — as well as a suburb of Ramallah.

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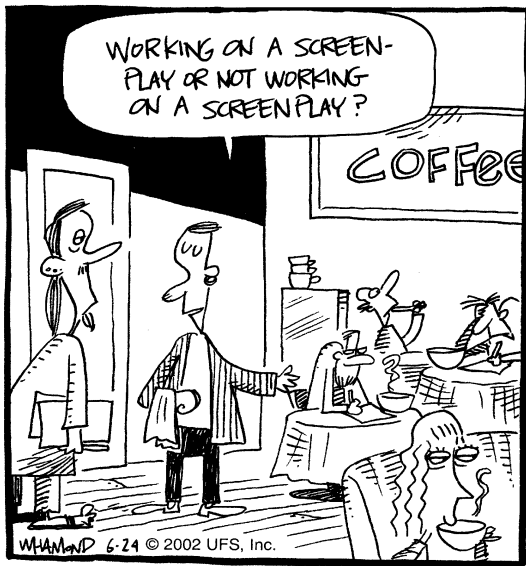
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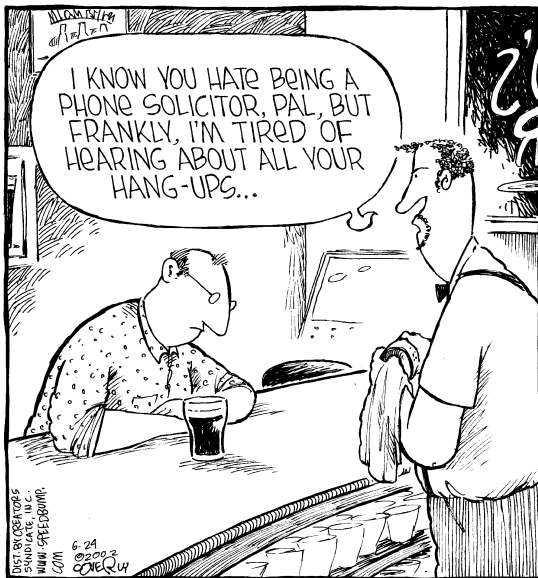
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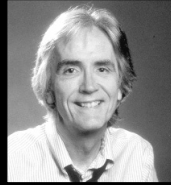
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by Chuck Shepard

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- A 38-year-old angler was killed when he overestimated the height of a cement bridge beam he drove his boat under while speeding at midnight in a no-wake zone (Wilton Manors, Fla., March).
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movies

Loews Broadway Cinema
1441 Third St. at Broadway
About a Boy (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
The Sum of all Fears (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
The Bourne Identity (PG-13) 12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30.

Mann Criterion
1313 Third St.
Windtalkers (NR) 12:40, 4:00, 7:20, 10:40
Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood (PG-13) 11:10, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
Bad Company (PG-13) 11:15, 2:10, 5:00, 7:45, 10:45
Insomnia (R) 11:00, 1:50, 4:50, 7:40, 10:45
My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 11:20, 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street
Spider-Man (PG-13) 11:15, 2:00, 4:50, 8:00, 10:45
Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones (PG) 10:30, 1:30, 4:40, 7:45, 10:50
Scooby Doo (PG) 10:35, 12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:35, 10:00
Undercover Brother (PG-13) 1:00, 3:15, 5:40, 8:05, 10:30
Lilo & Stich (PG) 10:30, 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20
Insomnia (R) 11:00, 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:15
Juwanne Mann 11:30, 1:55, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30.

Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
Thirteen Conversations About One Thing (R) 11:00, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
The Fast Runner: Atanarjuat (NR) 11:30, 3:15, 7:30.

Laemmle Monica
1332 2nd St.
Y Tu Mama Tambien (NR) 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15
Dogtown and Z-Boys (PG-13) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:55
The Importance of Being Earnest (PG) 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45
Sunshine State (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:10.

Friday, June 21, 2002

Friday

community

Santa Monica Antiques Show and Sale will be held at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium located at 1855 Main Street, Santa Monica. 12 p.m. To 8 p.m. Admission is \$6.00. Senior Citizens \$3.00. For more information please call (310)458-8551.

Santa Monica Strutters, a FREE program sponsored by UCLA Healthcare's 50-Plus Program! Walking programs for adults 50 or older looking for safe, low-impact exercise in a comfortable environment. The Santa Monica Strutters meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 8 a.m. To 10 a.m., at Santa Monica Place, Fourth St. and Broadway Ave. in Santa Monica.

Senior Suppers - Discounted meals for people AGE 55 or older are served daily, from 3:30 p.m. To 7 p.m., in the cafeteria at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, 1250 16th Street in Santa Monica. \$3.69 Info only: (310)319-4837.

arts/ theatre

SMARTS - Santa Monica Arts in the schools. Malia Oliver and kindergarten and first grade students from McKinley Elementary present a final dance performance developed through their science studies. 1 p.m., 18th St. Arts Complex, Santa Monica. (310)453-3711.

entertainment

Anastasia's Asylum, 1028 Wilshire Blvd., Santa

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14 Below, 1348 14th St., Santa Monica. If the band stinks, take advantage of commodious booths, pool tables, and fireplace. Full Bar. Over 21. (310)451-5040.

Santa Monica College Emeritus College Band will present "Sounds of Trumpets" - a concert featuring performers ranging from Louis Armstrong to Henry Fillmore at 7:30 p.m. SMC Concert Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd. Admission and parking are free. For further information. Call (310)474-5271 or (310)434-4306.

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Sunset Promotions & Temple Bar Presents: Todd Washington, 9:00 pm, Delta Nove, 10:15 pm, Critical Brass Brass Band, 11:30 pm. Temple Bar, 1026 Wilshire Blvd., (310)393-6611.

Saturday

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Santa Monica Playhouse is proud to present Picon Pie! The World Premiere of a joyous and poignant musical play about the life and loves of legendary Molly Picon. Admission is \$23.50. Show starts at 8:00 p.m. 1211 4th Street, Santa Monica. For more information please call (310)394-9779 or visit www.santamonicaplayhouse.com.

classes

Santa Monica Children's Theatre Co. presents a newly forming musical theatre company for children. Every Saturday from 10:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m., Quest Studios, 19th & Broadway in Santa Monica. Tuition is \$325 per month - covers cost of all classes and productions. Contact Janet Stegman at (310)995-9636.

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11516 Santa Monica Blvd., W. Los Angeles. For more information please call (310)445-4050.

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Music Showcase. UnUrban Coffeehouse. 3301 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, (310)315-0056.

Tom Freund and special guest Scott Miller, 8 pm, \$12.50. McCabe's Guitar Shop. Pico at 31st. (310)828-4403.

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BACK PAGE

South Florida county grapples with terrorism

BY KEN THOMAS

Associated Press Writer

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Jose Padilla, accused of conspiring to explode a “dirty bomb” in the United States, worked at a suburban Taco Bell and discovered Islam here.

Two young Pakistani immigrants from nearby Hollywood allegedly hatched a plan to attack South Florida power plants and a National Guard Armory.

And several of the Sept. 11 hijackers roamed the area’s libraries, gyms and beachfront motels.

They all made their home — at least temporarily — in South Florida’s Broward County, leading some to wonder if this growing suburban and tourist area north of Miami has become a common destination for would-be terrorists.

“If you want to have access to all kinds of things that might appeal to someone who is here for the wrong purposes and want to be able to have a certain level of anonymity, this is certainly the place to be,” said Edward Mandt, dean of the Institute of Public Safety at Broward Community College.

With miles of strip malls, about 7.5 million tourists visiting every year and a growing degree of diversity, many say Broward County, and all of South Florida, is an ideal place to keep a low profile.

“It’s a melting pot. It’s not like in Montana where you would stick out like a sore thumb,” said Ben Graber, a Broward County commissioner. “Here you just blend in with the population.”

Consider the past nine months:

— At least seven of the 19 men who crashed hijacked planes on Sept. 11 had

spent time in the county. Mohamed Atta and Marwan al-Shehhi went to a Hollywood bar the week before the attacks and played video golf. Seven others lived nearby in Palm Beach County’s Delray Beach.

— Pakistani immigrants Imran Mandhai, 19, and Shueyb Mossa Jokhan, 24, of Hollywood were accused this spring of conspiring to bomb electrical transformers and the Israeli Consulate in Miami.

— Safras Jehaludi, a 21-year old computer technician from Miramar, is being held on charges he sent the FBI anonymous e-mail messages threatening to blow up the White House and a Florida power plant.

Broward County’s latest connection to alleged terrorism has surfaced mostly strongly with Padilla, who spent about a year in the county jail and lived in the county for much of the 1990s.

While federal law enforcement officials have questioned whether Padilla became an extremist during his stay in Florida, investigators have sought out those who worshipped at mosques with the young man known then as “Ibrahim.”

Adham Hassoun, 40, was arrested on an immigration violation earlier this month by members of the South Florida Joint Terrorism Task Force. Two newspapers reported that Hassoun and Padilla were acquaintances at Masjid Al-Iman, a Fort Lauderdale mosque.

The cases have cast additional scrutiny on South Florida’s burgeoning Muslim community. Recent census figures do not list Muslims, but the number of Broward County residents listing their ethnicity as Arab increased 70 percent during the decade to nearly 11,000.

Following a meeting Wednesday, Muslim leaders condemned the wave of detainments of Muslim and Arab men nationwide as part of the terrorism investigation and said Muslims are being unfairly targeted in South Florida.

“The community is getting the feeling that there is free speech and the First Amendment in this county, but it doesn’t apply if you’re Muslim or Arab,” said Khurram Wahid, civil rights director for the Florida chapter of the Council on

American-Islamic Relations.

Rafiq Mahdi, the prayer leader of Masjid Al-Iman, said the cases here have raised concern among the 250 to 300 worshippers who gather every Friday night at the suburban mosque.

“We don’t mind the scrutiny. We do want it to be carried out with a degree of recognition of our civil rights as individuals,” Mahdi said. He said Muslims want security concerns to be handled “with a zeal and not a bias.”

Hoax Anthrax letters hits San Francisco

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Powder-filled envelopes purportedly from a fictitious Jewish charity were left at about a dozen San Francisco homes, but the powder was determined to be flour or another starch.

The white, legal-sized envelopes were hand-delivered to Richmond District homes Saturday and slipped through mail slots, police said.

“Special Events No. 2002 of the Jewish Charity Awards” was in the return address space, but no return address was included and there appears to be no known Jewish group by that name.

In the space typically used for the recipient’s address was a 10-digit number and the statement, “If this number matches the number inside, you have

won valuable free prizes.”

Most of the recipients were not Jewish, but at least one recipient had a Jewish symbol on his front door. The homes were located near a synagogue, Temple Emanu-El.

The envelopes were empty except for the powder, which the fire department’s hazardous materials team tested and found to be harmless.

“This definitely appears to be a hoax,” said Battalion Chief James Barden.

“It doesn’t appear they were targeted specifically,” said police Sgt. Rachel Benton. “It could be someone just walking down the street.”

The incident occurred a day after the FBI’s most recent warning that terrorists could use fuel tankers to attack Jewish synagogues and schools

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