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Young boy drowns in local swimming pool

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

An unsupervised 5-year-old boy drowned in a Santa Monica resident's backyard swimming pool Wednesday.

Santa Monica Police officers responded at 2 p.m. to a home at 334 20th St. when the boy's mother found the child submerged at the bottom of the pool.

According to police, the mother worked at the home as a housekeeper and did not notice that the boy had gone into the pool.

The responding officers initiated CPR until paramedics arrived. The boy was transported to the UCLA-Santa Monica Hospital where he was pronounced dead by an attending physician, police said.

Police believe the drowning was accidental but an investigation is on-going, said SMPD Lt. P.J. Guido.

Neighbors of the home wouldn't comment on the drowning. None of them said they heard anything until police and paramedics arrived.

"It's a real tragedy," said one neighbor who did not give his name. "It's a shame, a real shame it happened."

The owners of the yellow-stucco residence were not at home much of the day and did not return phone calls left by the Daily Press.

One woman stopped by the home about noon Thursday to leave a dozen bright pink and orange flowers at the door.

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In the backyard, toys and floatation devices were scattered around the edge of the kidney-shaped pool. And by late afternoon, water was being pumped out of it and into the street.

City officials quickly showed up and went into the backyard to shut off the water pump by the pool. Only about two feet of water had been drained before officials shut it off.



Andrew H. Fixmer/Daily Press

More than 200 mothers and their children march Thursday to protest school district disciplinary policies they feel are discriminatory. The group, 'Mothers for Justice' want parents more involved in how their children are punished.

School's discipline policies called 'discriminatory'

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
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More than 200 mothers and their children marched Thursday to protest against how their kids are disciplined by Santa Monica-Malibu Unified administrators.

The newly formed group, "Mothers for Justice," organized because they feel

the district's discipline policies unfairly target minority children. The school district's annual discipline report to the state showed that Hispanic and black children were suspended from its schools far more than white students.

Members of the group are asking

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City's cable operator declares bankruptcy

Residents' cable service won't be affected, city officials say

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Because of off-the-books borrowing by its founder, Santa Monica's cable service provider filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection this week.

Adelphia Communications Corp., the nation's sixth-largest cable company, filed for bankruptcy on Tuesday in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York — a week after the company missed \$96 million in bond interest and preferred stock dividend payments.

The company — which operates in 3,500 communities nationwide — has 1.2 million subscribers of basic cable service in the Los Angeles and San Diego areas. Adelphia offi-

cials said service will not be interrupted to any of its customers during re-organization of the company's business affairs.

**"Any new franchise
would have to
abide by the same
agreement and
it would require
the city council's
approval."**

— KATE VERNEZ
Assistant to the City Manager

"This action was taken to stabilize Adelphia's financial foundation and to continue quality of service to our cus-

tomers," said Erland E. Kailbourne, Adelphia's chairman and CEO, in a prepared statement.

Adelphia officials stress that its local employees will continue to be paid and receive health insurance benefits, and local franchise authorities, programming suppliers and other vendors will continue to be paid.

Santa Monica renewed its five-year franchise with Adelphia last month, settling a two-year dispute for \$3 million with the company over service problems.

The company also promised to provide better customer service, wire 44 public buildings — including City Hall, public school buildings and Santa Monica College — for cable and cable modem service, and adding three public access channels for local and regional government, as well as for educational purposes.

No increased costs stemming from the agreement's conditions or from the settlement can be passed along to local consumers.

City officials said they entered into the contract with Adelphia specifically in case the company filed for bankruptcy or sold off its Southern California franchises — which company officials said they have not ruled out.

"It gives us a firm legal standing in being able to control the franchise more closely," said Kate Vernez, assistant to city manager Susan McCarthy. Vernez was involved in the negotiations with Adelphia. "Any new franchise would have to abide by the same agreement and it would require the city council's approval."

But after signing the agreement with Santa Monica, the company's financial troubles only grew deeper and more tangled since it was revealed last year that billions of dollars was being borrowed by the family of the company's founder John J. Rigas.

Adelphia had been scrambling to sell assets or lure investors to ease a cash

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♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ You're like a racehorse waiting to leave the gate. Once running, you'll hop over one hurdle after another. A misunderstanding occurs that forces you to change your plans or head in another direction. You're certainly adaptable right now, as you realize there are many paths to the same end. Tonight: Christen the weekend.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Touch base with bosses and superiors before you fly out the door. You might be an unstoppable force right now, as you get ready to cruise on out. Carefully recognize limits that involve finances. You also could easily misunderstand someone. Tonight: A must show.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Realize that you might need to absorb another perspective in order to come to an agreement with someone. How you see a changing personal situation might be revised by a misunderstanding or power play. Just don't get into it! Tonight: Try something new.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Deal with others independently. You could hear many different perspectives as a result. What someone says might worry you inordinately. Carefully consider your options with this person. Count on the unexpected. Tonight: Have a long-overdue discussion with a loved one.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Others seek you out. A meeting, which you knew was serious, could prove to be stressful, as two people go at it. You might be uncomfortable with what you hear. Slow down and figure out what needs to be done. Is peace really possible? Tonight: You have a very wild friend. Follow his or her lead!

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Just because another wants something to be a certain way, isn't sufficient reason for you to go along with him or her. If you disagree, say so, even if it means a certain amount of uproar and adjustment. Emphasize the job. Concentrate on each item. Tonight: Join a pal.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Someone could go into an uproar when you least expect it. On top of that, you might have a difficult time understanding what is going on here. This uproar could stem from an intrinsic misunderstanding. In fact, the same words might mean something different to each of you. Tonight: Creatively explore a problem.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Basics count with a loved one or family member. This person counts on you living up to your word. Your discomfort with a money matter needs to be addressed. Carefully think through a decision with a loved one. You might not agree with his or her perspective.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ If you have a strong reaction to someone, pull back and do some thinking. Not everything is as you see it. Carefully consider your options surrounding a misunderstanding. Be generous in spirit as well as financially. You'll have a better day. Tonight: Swap war stories with a pal.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You might cause yourself more anxiety than you need to. Stop and calm down before getting upset by someone and what he or she thinks. You could be overreacting. Deal with the facts you have. Worry less and trust yourself. Tonight: Avoid a power play.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Use the favorable lunar force to charge in and complete your work and errands. A problem might ensue between friends and a loved one. You might need to juggle two interests or two people. Use care around jealous people. Tonight: Flee the day-to-day stuff.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ You might be overwhelmed by another and what is going on. Slow down and step back from a problem involving a boss or parent. You aren't going to change this person's view. Know what you expect from a family member. Tonight: Chill out, please.

QUOTE of the DAY

**"In Mexico we have a
word for sushi: bait."**
— José Simon

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Water logged



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The Santa Monica Fire Department and the city's water crew work frantically to shut down a fire hydrant on Pico Boulevard and 10th Street on Wednesday while thousands of gallons of water gushed into nearby buildings and onto the street. At about 6:45 p.m., a car struck the hydrant after it was involved in a collision with another vehicle. The hydrant broke off and struck a woman's foot while she was waiting at a nearby bus stop, said fire department spokeswoman Jill Barnes. She was transported to Santa Monica Hospital with minor injuries. It took about two hours to shut the water off, which at times sprayed 40 feet into the air, Barnes said. That proved to be problematic for CLARE, an outpatient rehabilitation center, because more than a foot of water gathered on top of the building's roof. The building was evacuated for fear that the roof would collapse, Barnes said. The fire department first tried to park a fire engine over the broken hydrant in an effort to block the gushing water, but officials feared the pressure would be too much for the emergency vehicle. A backhoe was then brought in while crews tried to turn the water off, officials said. Crews had a difficult time shutting the water off because so much debris had gathered around the valve that they couldn't get the proper tools below the street. Finally, crews brought in a special piece of equipment that had a hose attached to it, which sucked up the debris so crews could access the valve.



There is a light at the end of the tunnel. Forget this northwest wind swell that has left local breaks flat and washed out. A small southwest swell is approaching shore.

Today, expect knee high surf at good spots. But Friday the new swell should begin to show and there will be inconsistent waist high sets.

Best time today to catch some clean wind swell waves will be the evening low tide at about 5 p.m. or 6 p.m. A spring suit or rash guard will suffice as water temperature enters the mid-to-high 60s.

(Information compiled by Jesse Haley.)

Location	Friday	Saturday	Water Quality
County Line	1-2'/Poor	1-3'/Fair	A
Zuma	1-2'/Poor	1-3'/Fair	A
Surfrider	0-1'/Poor	1-2'/Poor	A
Topanga	1-2'/Poor	1-3'/Poor	A
Breakwater	1-3'/Poor	1-3'/Poor	A
El Porto	1-3'/Poor	1-3'/Poor	A
Tides:	6:11 a.m. Low / .79'	1:01 p.m. High / 3.79'	5:17 p.m. Low / 2.67'
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Third Street supervisor to be honored

By Daily Press staff



Eddie Greenberg

Eddie Greenberg, a longtime Third Street Promenade and parking structure maintenance supervisor will be honored on Monday at the 25th anniversary public service tribute acknowledging his years of work, dedication and commitment to the city.

The free event is open to the public and will be held at 1457 Third Street Promenade at the fountain area just north of Broadway Avenue at 11 a.m.

The tribute is being organized by a few close friends and co-workers of Greenberg. A cake is being donated by the Broadway Deli.

Fourth of July comes early

By Daily Press staff

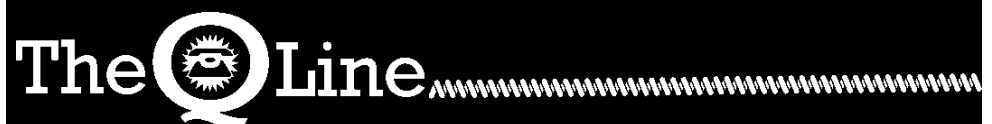
Fourth of July celebrations came early this week when many residents noticed fireworks in the Ocean Park neighborhood Wednesday night.

The fireworks were part of an event held at the Santa Monica Pier and was not city-sponsored. The Santa Monica Police Department received a few calls about the fireworks. Officials want to remind citizens that it's illegal to possess, use, sell or distribute any type of fireworks that emit flames, sparks or smoke.

The SMPD will issue a citation and confiscate all fireworks pursuant to the Santa Monica Municipal Code

Although Santa Monica doesn't feature its "Dawn's Early Light" fireworks show at the beach any more, Santa Monica College will host a fireworks display on Saturday.

"Celebrate America" will be held on Saturday at 5 p.m. Picnic on the Corsair field, enjoy entertainment and special exhibits. The evening ends with a fireworks show. The event is free, refreshments can be purchased at the venue and on-site parking is \$4. Call the SMC events office at (310) 434-3000 for more information.



Public polled on smoking ban in public parks

Santa Monica's Recreation and Parks Committee recommended the city council ban smoking in all 15 of its public parks. Beverly Hills declared its parks smoke-free zones two years ago and Los Angeles is currently moving forward with plans to do the same. Meanwhile, recent scientific studies suggest second-hand smoke contains far more carcinogens than previously believed.

Here are your responses to this week's Q-Line question:

"Can you think of any reason Santa Monica should not completely ban smoking in its parks?"

■ "I can think of a few reasons why some people will say that Santa Monica should not completely ban smoking in its parks. Probably the same dooms day scenario reasons when some people complained about banning smoking in movie theaters, airplanes, restaurants, and bars. But the truth is that Santa Monica and cities throughout America should have

made our public parks smoke free years ago! It's a health concern and an environmental concern as well. In fact, studies are now showing that outdoor smoking areas can be unhealthy too. Thanks much to our dedicated recreation and parks commissioners for recommending

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"A slice of NY in your own backyard."

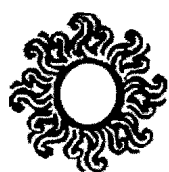
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OPINION

LETTERS

Don't throw the baby out with the bath water

Editor:

I attended Tuesday's (6/25) meeting at Franklin School to better understand why some homeowners are so worked up against the Landmarks Commission. I listened intently to first-hand accounts from victims of a flawed landmark review and designation process — one that applies to anyone seeking a demolition permit for a structure that is more than 40 years old. In contrast to the hysterical alarmist rhetoric contained in promotional fliers, at the meeting I heard some legitimate complaints. So, I asked around, and am happy to report that many of the problems cited have already been fixed with modest administrative changes.

For example, one owner complained of inadequate notification (of the hearing regarding landmark status of his home). Staff acknowledged the problem and fixed it. Now, announcements are much clearer and have complete information. Another owner complained that he had obtained a demolition permit, but because it had expired, he needed to re-apply. When it came before the Landmarks Commission, they had no idea of the previous action. Again, staff acknowledged the problem and fixed it. They now provide commissioners with a form that lists all previous actions taken with regard to the property in question. Unfortunately, this owner was further delayed because staff unintentionally neglected to tell him that the state required an environmental assessment. They have since modified their procedures to reduce the likelihood of such an oversight in the future.

A more basic concern expressed at the meeting was that the landmark ordinance does not compel commissioners to weigh heavily the desire or concerns of the owner when considering a designation, even if they do so in practice. Most likely, since this is consistent with the intent of the ordinance, a text amendment could fix it, and is not difficult to achieve. Perhaps the most troublesome aspect of landmark designation has to do with incentives, especially for homes that may be historically significant, but are substantially deteriorated. The most vocal spokesman of the evening complained that his "structure of merit" suffered crumbling foundation, termite damage, and needed general maintenance and repairs. Myself, having previously restored a 110-year old Victorian home in Michigan, I know that federal funding was at one time available to help with some of these types of things; and, while no one comes unsolicited to your door with the cash in hand, I obtained confirmation that such aid does still exist.

Balancing private property rights and the public good always requires negotiation and compromise. If it is EVER appropriate for the public to intercede in order to save a monument or historical treasure from destruction by its owner, then we must have some sort of landmarks ordinance. If we need to protect individual homeowners from a potentially overzealous landmarks commission, then we must build those safeguards into its language.

Since it was explained at the meeting that there is insufficient time to qualify the Voluntary Preservation measure for the November ballot, I hope both sides would consider getting together to calmly and respectfully analyze and fix any problems with the landmark ordinance and/or staff procedures, rather than going down the costly road of throwing out the baby with the bath water.

Pam Vavra
Santa Monica

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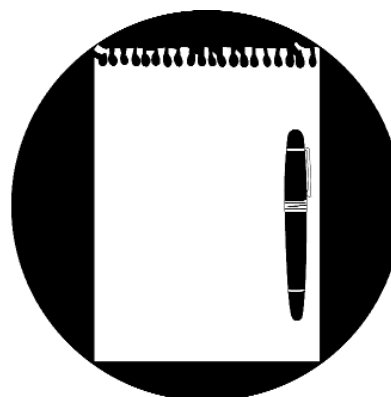
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OPINION



'Faces of Ground Zero' photo tribute a must see

The Faces of Ground Zero: A Photographic Tribute to America's Heroes is an exhibit worth seeing. Whether you have to sit in traffic on the 405 or Sepulveda Boulevard, one should go to the Skirball Cultural Center and Museum to see this collection of 58 photographs taken by Joe McNally.

The color photos stand nine feet tall and four feet wide. They stand taller than the average human and capture the not-so-average person on film.

This exhibit includes photographs of people who were at Ground Zero. There are photos of people who survived the explosion, implosions, and collapse of buildings. There are portraits of family members who lost loved ones, pictures of firefighters, religious people, politicians and others who helped out at Ground Zero.

There are photographs of the many people who helped save lives, who sorted through the rubble hoping to save lives, searched for bodies and provided medical aid and grief counseling.

They are portraits that convey intense moods: The exhausted, the sullen, the courageous and the honorable. The pictures are of hard working employees and of people who volunteered their time and services. There are photos of people that were suffering through horrible situations and losses.

It is hard to imagine how they could have been prepared to deal with the results of the Sept. 11 disaster — no matter how much training they may have had.

Fireman looked through debris to search for survivors. People spent days inhaling dangerous materials, lifting concrete and metal. Though they

are trained for it, they hope they never have to actually do it.

The pictures capture expressions, character and spirits of people at a time in their lives that they will never forget.

McNally, a photographer whose pictures have appeared in National Geographic, Sports Illustrated and Life magazine, contacted hundreds of people and shared with them his intentions in taking the portraits. With the help of others, more than 250 people agreed to have their picture taken with a one-of-a-kind, 12-foot by 16-foot by 12-foot Polaroid camera.

Realizing firefighters and others at Ground Zero had a limited amount of time for pictures, McNally set up his equipment at a studio in Manhattan and let the subjects know it would only take a few minutes for them to be involved in the project.

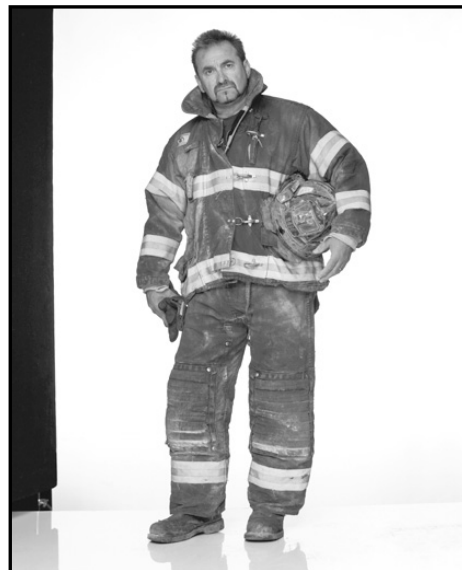
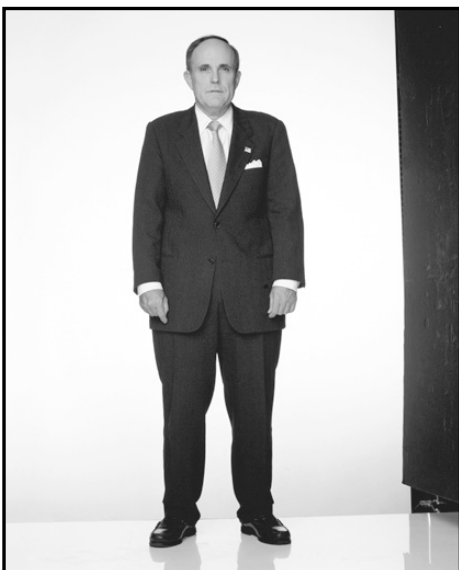
If you stare at the photos of these service-oriented people you can think about their compassion for others, the spirit, commitment and dedication they must have had to keep going back day after day to Ground Zero.

While each person in every photo has a story to tell, collectively the people represent those that must be incredibly happy to be alive. These are Americans that did and will continue to give more than 100 percent to their fellow human beings.

One thing that does not show up in these photos is an answer to the question — why did this tragedy have to happen?

Joe McNally's photographs remind us that Americans, whether they are strangers or family, on the job or volunteers, will always be there to help each other in a time of crisis.

Guest Commentary By Jonathan Persky



Above: Kerry McGinnis, 30, kennel manager of the Humane Society of New York. Below: Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Louie Cacchioli, 51, firefighter, engine 57, are one of many portraits on display.

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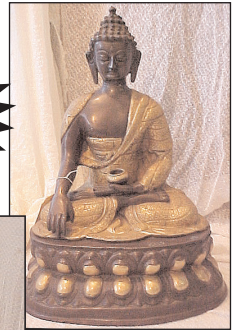
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Franklin Smith/Special to the Daily Press

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LOCAL

The QLine

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a public park smoking ban. Thanks in advance to our City Council. I know they will act in a timely and supportive manner and our council members will not compromise the commissioners' strong recommendation."

■ "Is smoking in front of City Hall going to be included or excluded? What is the definition of a park? Is the front of City Hall a defined park? Where will the smokers from City Hall smoke? I ask the question, or will they be exempt?"

■ "There is no reason Santa Monica should not completely ban smoking in its parks or anywhere else in the city. It's uncomfortable and a hazard breathing second hand smoke while trying to enjoy strolling the Third Street Promenade. People light up immediately upon exiting a non-smoking establishment with no regards for non-smokers. Smoking should only be lawful in one's home, not apartment, and only if the smoker is single."

■ "The Santa Monica government should remember that communism is dead and to tell people what they can or cannot do is very un-American. Whether a person wants to smoke in his house or outside is his business and none of Santa Monica or anywhere else. Questions like these scare the hell out of me."

■ "Here is an answer to your question. Basic freedom. That's not a function of government! They should do something about the homeless in the park. They smell more than smoking."

■ "Here are a few reasons Santa Monica should not ban smoking in its parks.

1. It might hurt the tobacco companies and their rich executives.
2. It might decrease profits from the medical industry, who treat lung disease, emphysema and other tobacco related illnesses.
3. It might detract what some people might assume is their constitutional right to smoke anywhere and everywhere."

■ "Let's see, can I think of any reason Santa Monica should not completely ban smoking in its parks? Let me think. Give me minute. Hmmm ... I'm still thinking. Well, I can't think of any good reason! In fact, I think it's a great proposal to ban smoking in our wonderful parks."

■ "Everyone knows that cigarettes are bad for oneself but I think this law goes much too far. It is draconian and do-gooding gone berserk."

■ "Smoking should not be banned anywhere outside."

■ "There is no evidence that a person could get cancer because of a chance encounter with someone smoking in a park. The idea is ludicrous. Second-hand smoke may be an issue when people are subjected to it for long periods in confined spaces, such as offices. It cannot be an issue outdoors even if you choose to sit next to a smoker on a park bench. Of course our council will pass this recommendation because of their need to control every aspect of our lives. Council Bloom's recent comments that this may only be a first step and that there are more places that they can think of to ban smoking. If council members were truly concerned about the effects of smoking, they'd be calling the prohibition of tobacco related products nationwide. However, tobacco is not yet an illegal substance and those who use it should not be hounded as criminals. By the way, I do not smoke and never have."

■ "I am far from a smoker's advocate. All I can say is the City Council is going a little too far to ban smoking from public parks. It's absurd! Is that all they have to do with their time? To ban smoking outside? What they really need to ban is poisoning our city water with fluoride."

■ "Santa Monica should not completely ban smoking in its parks. It ought to have smoking in designated areas. It's a more or less a natural place for someone to go smoke and be by themselves. It's a good form of meditation for them."

■ "I think the logical solution would be to have a smoking section inside each of the parks. I think banning it completely would be unfair. Smoking is legal. They only have outside left in this state. I'm a smoker. Leave us something. I know there are children in the parks but it's only the fair thing to do."

■ "The City needs to ban sleeping in the parks first!"

■ "Has anybody ever seen a gardener in Santa Monica using a leaf blower or hosing down a sidewalk? Both are illegal activities prohibited by Santa Monica law. Both are beneficiaries of zero enforcement by our officials. What is the point of passing a law banning smoking in our parks if it is hollow with no enforcement? Who is going to write up citations on the homeless, for example, who are nothing more than live-in ashtrays with nothing but a view. It is pointless to pass another feel good green law unless vigorous enforcement protocols are specifically mandated and implemented. Based on precedent, they won't be. So why bother with a park smoking ban, if it is just going to be another political claw of hot smoky air."

■ "I think smoking is OK outside. Don't blow it in my face."

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LOCAL

Cable agreement gives city more control with service

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crunch as the Securities and Exchange Commission and two federal grand juries investigated debts amassed by the Rigas family, which relinquished control of the company last month.

The company said it reached an agreement for a \$1.5 billion loan, arranged by J.P. Morgan Chase Bank and Citigroup USA Inc. and spread among a large number of banks, that would allow it to continue operating while it reorganizes.

Adelphia reported to the SEC in late May that it appeared the company had guaranteed \$3.1 billion in loans to the Rigas family, much of it used to buy now-devalued Adelphia stock. The company said even those figures may change because the Rigases refused to review or provide information for the filings.

The company has said that the Rigas family for years had almost unfettered access to Adelphia's coffers, using company cash or assets to help it buy and run

the Buffalo Sabres hockey team, expand the family's own personal cable company holdings, acquire timberland and invest in a golf course near the company headquarters in Coudersport in rural northern Pennsylvania. Many of the deals were never approved by Adelphia's board, the company said.

In May, Rigas and his three sons stepped down from executive positions, and gave up seats on the board. The family also agreed to turn over \$1 billion in assets and divert cash flow from family-controlled cable companies to try to help the company make debt payments.

Adelphia's stock was delisted June 3 by the Nasdaq Stock Market for failure to file financial reports, and the company fired its accounting firm, Deloitte & Touche, naming PricewaterhouseCoopers to replace it. The company also revealed that both subscriber totals and cash flow figures for the past two years had been overstated.

(The Associated Press contributed to this story.)

School administrators to address discipline policies

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school district administrators to re-examine their disciplinary policies in order to balance how they are carried out along racial lines, and to involve the parents more — particularly before calling the police.

"We're here today because we are tired of having our kids sent to prison instead of college," said Maria Loyola, one of the group's organizers. "We're tired of having our kids placed into police custody instead of being placed into classrooms."

The group marched across the Pico neighborhood on the city's east side to the school board meeting chanting, "Not probation, education."

Once in front of the school district's offices on 16th Street and Olympic Boulevard, two mothers of children who were recently arrested by Santa Monica police while they were at school spoke about their frustration with the school district's policies.

"Our children are being pushed into prison and withheld education," said Toyka Harris, mother of a 13-year-old John Adams Middle School student. "Administrators call the police on our children."

"They took my son to jail," she said. "I can't live like that."

It is unclear what Harris' child was taken into police custody for.

The group also released a report on institutionalized racism and its impact on students of color, which they say reveals that African-American and Latino students are suspended and expelled in disproportionate numbers. They also say the report shows how officials are more like-

ly to involve police in school disciplinary matters if the student is of color.

"It's a culmination of abuse of authority and disrespect toward a community that has suffered enormously for poverty, social neglect and violence," said Oscar de la Torre, a Pico neighborhood activist and former Santa Monica High School counselor. "We need to make a real push for reform."

School board and district officials declined to comment as they prepared themselves for the night's meeting, which included adopting its budget and approving a ballot initiative that would increase property assessments in Santa Monica and Malibu to \$300 per parcel. Administrators have not avoided the issue in the past and have previously told the media they are working to address the issue.

Samohi students testified before the large crowd saying the feel they are targeted because of their race.

"I have witnessed on a daily basis the discrimination and racism at the high school," said Moises Castillo, a newly elected Samohi student representative to the school board. "They may not be forcibly pushing us away, but they are not making us feel welcome either."

Sophomore Miguel Rosas described walking down the hallway between classes and being stopped repeatedly by teachers and administrators.

"And even if I have a pass, they always have to ask me like a hundred questions," he said.

"They're always targeting minorities for things they don't even do," Rosas said. "It's always complete disrespect from them."

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STATE



Fiery roadside



Associated Press

Big rigs on southbound Interstate 15 try to make their way back north on the southbound lane as flames race up the hills in the Cajon Pass on Wednesday, near San Bernardino, Calif. Both side of Interstate 15 were closed to traffic.

State remembers Landers earthquake after a decade

BY ANDREW BRIDGES
AP Science Writer

As the Earth shook, Mara Cantelo ran from her home in time to see her white pickup truck bounce clear of the ground and the branches of a nearby Joshua tree sway more violently than they ever had in the Mojave Desert wind.

Nearby, a gash 53 miles long opened up on the desert floor, as an earthquake tumbled buildings, snapped pipes and ruptured asphalt roads.

The June 28, 1992, magnitude-7.3 earthquake was the largest to hit the contiguous United States in 40 years. It was felt across the West and is thought to have triggered other earthquakes as far away as Yellowstone National Park.

Just three hours after the major earthquake, a violent aftershock hit. That quake, a magnitude-6.5, struck just 30 miles to the west, high in the San Bernardino Mountains.

"It was unbelievable, I was standing in the living room holding the TV up, trying to find my wife and dog. We spent the entire day in the front yard," said Jay Tunnell, advertising manager at KBHR-FM in Big Bear Lake.

The quakes killed one person — a 3-year-old boy caught in the collapse of a masonry chimney — and injured 400. About 4,000 buildings and businesses were damaged and another 100 destroyed. Estimates pegged the toll of the earthquakes at nearly \$100 million.

"We never expected anything like that, really. You prepare for it, you talk about being prepared, but you never expect it to happen to you," said Cantelo, who as a volunteer with the American Red Cross helped serve 68,000 meals over the next month to victims of the earthquakes.

Both quakes struck in the morning — the first at 4:57 a.m. near Landers, about 110 miles east-northeast of Los Angeles. It was the largest in the 48 continental states since the magnitude-7.7 Tehachapi quake near Bakersfield on July 21, 1952.

The aftershock followed at 8:05 a.m., five miles southeast of Big Bear Lake.

Thomas Henyey, emeritus director of

the Southern California Earthquake Center, said the Landers earthquake changed the way seismologists thought faults behaved.

"Our feeling had been that earthquakes broke individual fault segments," Henyey said. Instead, the Landers quake ruptured five or more adjacent faults, he said.

"It was a real surprise to us. What it said was no longer do ruptures stop at these junction points, but they can jump and grow into much larger events," he said.

Landers also triggered quakes hundreds of miles away: seismic areas near Mount Lassen, the Napa Valley and Mammoth Lakes rumbled for days and weeks after Landers.

"It was really the first earthquake that convinced the scientific community that you get triggered earthquakes at great distances," said Susan Hough, a U.S. Geological Survey seismologist. "There had always been the question whether these things were just a coincidence."

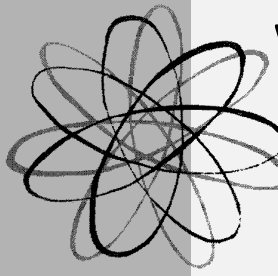
Today, a decade after the one-two punch of the Landers and Big Bear earthquakes, the scars are mostly healed.

Major state earthquakes during past 50 years

By The Associated Press

- Kern County, near Bakersfield July 21, 1952, magnitude-7.5.
- Borrego Mountain April 9, 1968, magnitude-6.5.
- Sylmar, Feb. 9, 1971, magnitude-6.6.
- Imperial Valley, Oct. 5, 1979, magnitude-6.4.
- Superstition Hills, near Salton Sea, Nov. 24, 1987, magnitude-6.2.
- Loma Prieta, San Francisco Bay area, Oct. 17, 1989, magnitude-7.
- Landers, June 28, 1992, magnitude-7.3.
- Northridge, Jan. 17, 1994, magnitude-6.7.
- Hector Mine, near Joshua Tree, Oct. 16, 1999, magnitude-7.1.

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NATIONAL

Supreme Court overturns freedom of speech restraints on state judge candidates

BY GINA HOLLAND
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Thursday struck down limits on what some judicial candidates may tell voters, a landmark free speech ruling that could heat up court campaigns around the country.

Nearly 40 states elect some judges, and also restrict what they say or do while campaigning to promote an image of fairness and independence for courts.

The Supreme Court, in throwing out strict limits in Minnesota on a 5-4 vote, said the rules impose an unconstitutional gag order.

Minnesota is one of nine states that had banned would-be judges from announcing views on "disputed legal or political issues." Most other states keep candidates from divulging their positions on issues that might come before their court.

Justice Antonin Scalia, writing for the majority, said "there is an obvious tension" between the state's popular elections for judges and the limit "which places most subjects of interest to the voters off limits."

"We have never allowed the government to prohibit candidates from communicating relevant information to voters during an election," he wrote.

The case presented a tricky free-speech question at a time when races for state courts have become expensive and often partisan battles. This year, 33 states are holding high court elections, potentially the most costly ever.

The ruling should affect the eight states that have similar provisions: Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Maryland,

Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico and Pennsylvania. Other states may also have to change their rules.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg took the unusual step of reading a long, strongly worded statement critical of the decision.

"I do not agree with the court's 'an election is an election' approach," she said. "Judges are not political actors, and the First Amendment does not require that they be treated as politicians simply because they are elected."

The Minnesota restrictions had been challenged by Republicans and a three-time candidate for the state high court who contends that state rules leave voters with little useful information about candidates.

Lawyers in the case are also involved in one of the legal challenges to the nation's new campaign finance law. That fight too is headed to the Supreme Court.

Greg Wersal, the candidate who contested the rules, said the lifting of the restrictions will improve elections. "When people go to vote, they will have a reason to vote," he said. "I think it's fantastic."

This case pitted the First Amendment guarantee of free speech against the sanctity of the judiciary. It put justices in the uneasy position of deciding if states have a compelling interest in controlling elections for court.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is the only court member who has been elected to a judgeship, as a superior court judge. The justices are appointed to lifetime terms.

O'Connor joined Scalia in overturning the rules, along with the other conservative members of the court: Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, Justice Anthony M. Kennedy and Clarence Thomas.

Man returns wallet to Las Vegas casino

By The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A soft drink deliveryman who returned a found wallet to a downtown Las Vegas casino said his good deed was punished by a security guard who handcuffed him and accused of theft.

Michael Payne, 39, told the Las Vegas Review-Journal that he was detained and questioned for an hour before the guard let him go, telling him he was trespassing on casino property and banning him from returning to the Western Hotel and Bingo Parlor.

"Like I'd want to go back to a place where you get handcuffed for trying to do something nice for a stranger," Payne said.

Western security chief Pat Carter said little to the newspaper about why he detained Payne on Sunday, but said the hotel was investigating whether the wallet had been stolen.

Las Vegas police were not involved. "There's no story here," Carter told the Review-Journal when asked why Payne was held in custody.

The wallet owner, Thomas Dykens, 57, of Williamsport, Pa., who has been vacationing in Las Vegas, told the newspaper on Wednesday that he left the wallet on the roof of his car Sunday after visiting an automatic teller machine.

Dykens, a retired pressman for the Washington Post newspaper, said the wallet was returned to him on Tuesday. He said he was uncertain why anyone would suspect it had been stolen.

"I'm sure sorry this guy had to go through all that," Dykens said. "I'd like to say ... thank you for being honest and forthright. Not many people would've done that."

Western General Manager Ray Tagliaferri said Payne was detained for good reason, but would not elaborate. He said security officers handcuff people to protect themselves and customers.

Payne said he saw the wallet fall from atop Dykens' car in a grocery store parking lot on Sunday morning. He said Dykens' driver's license, debit and credit cards, ATM receipts, and a ticket for a free meal at the Western were in the wallet, but it held no cash.

"The date on the meal ticket was May 22nd, so I thought this guy might still be in town," Payne said. "The quickest way for me to get it back to him (was) to just go down there."

Las Vegas police spokesman Tirso Dominguez said that if Payne brought the wallet to a police station, he would have been asked how he got it, but probably would not have been taken into custody.

SPORTS



From W.Va. to Wimbledon: J-Mo claims upset

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

WIMBLEDON, England — Now appearing in the Upset Spotlight at Wild Wimbledon, where nearly anyone, it seems, can be a star for a day: Jeff Morrison.

He's ranked 98th, hadn't won a Grand Slam match 'til this week, and left West Virginia to pursue a career in tennis instead of the family trade — waste water and sewage treatment.

Morrison subtracted yet another top-10 player from the second round Thursday, serving and volleying to near perfection in a 6-3, 7-5, 7-6 (5) victory over French Open finalist Juan Carlos Ferrero.

It came 24 hours after — though not on the same scale as — losses by Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi and Marat Safin to players ranked lower than 50th. For the first time, just three men seeded 1-10 reached Wimbledon's third round.

"The depth in men's tennis is great, and what happened yesterday showed that. You see guys going on big courts and beating seeded players," Morrison said. "It makes you realize you can achieve the same thing."

Seven seeded men were sidelined Thursday, including No. 10 Guillermo Canas, who blew six match points in losing 4-6, 2-6, 7-6 (7), 7-5, 10-8 to Feliciano Lopez.

Putting a momentary stop to the tournament's topsy-turvy nature were No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt and No. 4 Tim Henman, who stayed on course for a semifinal showdown.

Two-time women's champion Venus Williams won in straight sets, as did 2001 finalist Justine Henin and Monica Seles. But No. 5 Kim Clijsters bowed out to Elena Likhovtseva 7-6 (5), 6-2.

Williams and sister Serena paired to win a first-round doubles match in straight sets.

The 23-year-old Morrison lost in qualifying last week and got into the main draw when Tommy Haas withdrew because his parents were in a motorcycle accident.



Dave Caulkin/Associated Press

Monica Seles returns to Paraguay's Rossana Neffa-De Los Rios during their Women's Singles, second round match on the Centre Court at Wimbledon on Thursday. Seles won the match 6-4, 6-0.

Success on this stage can be fleeting: Mario Ancic, the 18-year-old protege of Goran Ivanisevic, beat No. 7 Roger Federer in the first round but lost to Jan Vacek on Thursday.

That, perhaps, is why Morrison made sure he soaked up every sound, sight and smell at Centre Court.

"I was looking around a lot, just saying, 'Oh my gosh, here I am. Who would have ever thought that I would be here?'" he said. "The first 30 minutes of the match, I was a little awestruck."

And why not? Morrison played just four hours a week until he was a junior in high school, when he left Huntington, W.Va., to join a tennis academy in South Carolina.

"I definitely knew I couldn't be the player I wanted to be staying in Huntington," Morrison said.

After the match ended when Ferrero's forehand sailed long, Morrison sat in his

chair and put his head back, reveling. Ferrero packed quickly, stopped beside Morrison and gestured toward the locker room door, as though to say, "Hey, are you coming?"

Morrison never played on a grass court until last year but looked like an expert against No. 9 Ferrero. His volleys enjoyed joystick-controlled precision and his serve had great movement.

There was a juncture, though, when the match seemed to be slipping away.

Leading 5-1 in the second set, he lost four straight games, the last ending when he slammed a sitter well wide.

Morrison slumped against the net for a minute, his head on the tape, his arms and racket draped over it, looking like a mari-onette with no one to pull the strings.

Exasperated? Nope — he smiled when he lifted his head.

"I'm my best when I act like did out

there today. I felt like I was still up a set, at 5-all," he said. "I find that smiling is a great way to relieve stress."

He broke right back, served out the set at love with a 122 mph ace, and then won the tiebreaker with six of the last seven points.

"For me, six months ago, six weeks ago, I would have never fathomed beating a top 10 player on a Grand Slam court," said Morrison, who defeated James Blake to win the 1999 NCAA singles title as a sophomore at Florida. "It's so exciting."

He's two victories away from a quarterfinal against U.S. Open champion Hewitt, who was animated as always and didn't lose serve once while topping Gregory Carraz 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-2.

"Tiger Tim," as Henman is known, enthralled a packed and prodding Centre Court crowd by beating Scott Draper 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3, totaling 50 winners to just 18 errors.

Yells of "C'mon, Tim!" filled pauses between points, and fans did the wave during changeovers. The Union Jack and red-and-white England colors were everywhere: flagsticks, T-shirts, 2-foot-high jester's hats, even capes tied around necks.

Henman himself was anything but staid, hopping excitedly after many crisp volleys, and even smacking a hand against his racket in a clapping motion to incite the fans.

"When I was down a set, things weren't looking pretty. I needed a lift and I certainly got it," he said. "I know how advantageous, how positive they can be. And I'm going to use everything I can."

Henman has played two qualifiers — Draper had lost 11 straight first-round Grand Slam matches before Tuesday — and now can't face a seeded player until the final four.

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Israeli helicopters attack Hebron headquarters

BY SUSAN SEVAREID

Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM — Israeli helicopters fired missiles Thursday at wanted men holed up in a fortress-like Palestinian Authority compound in the West Bank city of Hebron, as Palestinian officials fumed at a string of threats and condemnations from President Bush.

Palestinians called Bush's threat to deny future aid and his unwillingness to rule out military action against Yasser Arafat rash and dangerous. Holding up funds will jeopardize the reforms Bush demands, they said.

"Delaying aid from the international community would also delay the reforms that we already have started within most of our organizations and sectors, in particular in education and the health system," West Bank security chief Jibril Rajoub said.

In addition, lumping Arafat with the likes of the Afghan leadership that protected terror mastermind Osama bin Laden is "dangerous," Rajoub said. "The Palestinian Authority is not the Taliban movement."

Smoke rose Thursday from the back of the Palestinian Authority complex in Hebron after the missile strike. Israeli forces had been targeting the building with machine-gun fire for three days and warned they would overrun it if those inside refused to come out.

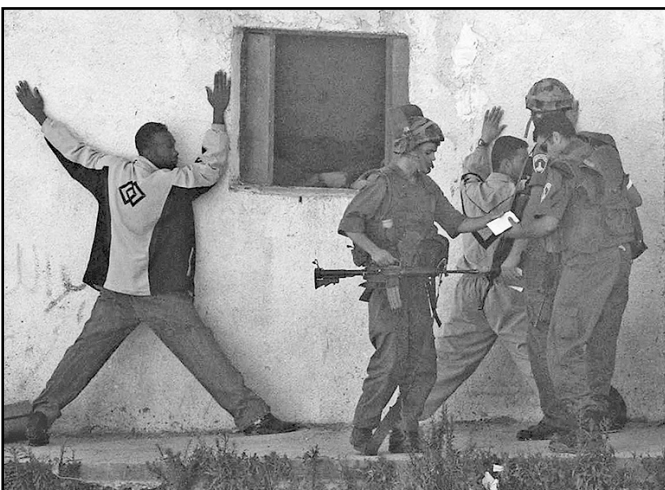
Israel also admitted for the second time in a week its forces "acted improperly" in firing on Palestinians violating a curfew. Three children in the West Bank town of Qalqiliya were wounded, including a 9-year-old in critical condition with brain damage.

Palestinian witnesses and security officials said tanks fired after a curfew break arranged with Israeli authorities to allow high school students to take final exams. Apparently after seeing the students on the streets, others headed out to the market, Palestinians said.

Soldiers opened fire on the children, the military said. Civil administration spokesman Maj. Peter Lerner confirmed the intention was to lift the curfew for students.

On June 21, the army said its forces erred in killing four Palestinians, including three children, after a rumor spread the curfew had been briefly lifted.

In Jerusalem, police said Thursday that two Jewish settlers, arrested on suspicion of involvement in a rampage in a West Bank village that left a Palestinian dead, have been released without being charged.



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Israeli Army soldiers search Palestinians who were found in a house next to the Palestinian local government compound in the West Bank town of Hebron on Thursday. The men were released shortly afterwards. Israel's army called Thursday on Palestinians holed up under fire for a third day inside the compound to surrender, warning it will overrun the battered Hebron government complex if those inside refuse to come out.

A number of settlers went through the Palestinian village of Hawara on June 21, firing rifles randomly, witnesses said, after the funerals of five Israelis killed by a Palestinian infiltrator at the settlement of Itamar a day before.

Meanwhile, Palestinians fumed over Bush's latest remarks.

Bush's plan for bringing peace to the region, laid out Monday, centered on a call for new Palestinian leaders "not compromised by terror." Since then, Bush has also threatened to deny U.S. aid to the Palestinians and refused to rule out military action against Arafat.

Such talk left Arafat's aides angrily accusing Bush of being rash, bending to Israeli interests and worsening the situation.

"It's enough for the Palestinians to face an (Israeli) army armed with all the American weapons," said Cabinet Secretary Ahmed Abdel Rahman. "If President Bush meant to do what he said, this will be a rash act that will cause a lot of harm in the region."

Rajoub said rebuilding security institutions left near ruin after Israel's six-week military campaign, which ended in May, will cost \$20 million alone. "When we talk about the Palestinian security apparatus, we are talking about a completely destroyed security system that needs equipment, training and facilities," he said.

The Palestinians outlined sweeping changes for financial, judicial and security branches this week following calls from Bush, Palestinians, Israelis and the international community for an overhaul of the Palestinian Authority.

On Thursday, Arafat signed the necessary orders for combining and reducing the number of security branches and placing them under Interior Ministry control.

Israeli Defense Ministry spokesman Yarden Vatikay played down Bush's refusal to rule out the use of U.S. military force.

"I don't think anyone is seriously talking about a military option," Vatikay said. "I think that he (Bush) understands very well that the leadership of the Palestinian Authority is touched with terror from head to toe."

In Hebron, Israeli military officials have said 150 people inside the Palestinian government compound have surrendered, including at least 20 top fugitives, during short breaks in the Israeli siege of the building. About 40 people, including at least 15 wanted men, remained inside Thursday, the officials said.

Hebron is one of seven main West Bank population centers to come under the tight grip of the Israeli military after two suicide bombings last week in Jerusalem killed 26 Israelis. At least 700,000 Palestinians are confined to their homes while Israeli forces search for weapons and carry out arrest sweeps.

"We know that a few wanted persons are inside and we intend to apprehend them," army spokesman Brig. Gen. Ron Kitrey told Israel Army Radio. "We prefer to do it without a battle, but if it proves necessary, there will be one."

Israel is considering expelling the families of West Bank suicide bombers to the Gaza Strip to discourage others from carrying out such attacks, the Justice Ministry said Thursday.

Since Palestinian-Israeli violence erupted in September 2000, 251 Israelis have been killed in 71 suicide bomb attacks. In the past, the Israeli army has bulldozed the homes of Palestinian suicide bombers.

Mexican soldiers cross border to pursue drug smugglers

BY JULIE WATSON

Associated Press Writer

SONOYTA, Mexico — Mexico has been sending more soldiers to the U.S. border to combat drug smuggling, and some are raising alarms on the other side by carrying their operations into the United States.

Even more worrisome, critics say, are recent shootings involving an American tourist, a U.S. Border Patrol vehicle and migrants. They fear the troops are overzealous and so poorly trained that they are a hazard to innocent people in both countries.

Two of the shootings were on Mexico's side of the border, and the one on U.S. territory occurred in a remote area where the border isn't marked well. It is along such stretches that Mexican troops have strayed onto the U.S. side — as American officers also occasionally cross into Mexico.

Since Sept. 11, some American lawmakers have urged President Bush to deploy U.S. troops along the borders with both Mexico and Canada to guard against terrorists and to stop the flow of illegal immigrants and drugs.

Now Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., who has complained to Mexico's president about the border incursions, suggests U.S. troops are also needed to protect Americans from Mexican forces.

In April, an 18-year-old Texan was wounded by a Mexican soldier as he and his

father drove across an international bridge over the Rio Grande after visiting the Mexican city of Reynosa. Human rights activists said the soldier fired because the car rolled over a cone marking a checkpoint and was being driven erratically.

On May 17, a U.S. Border Patrol officer said Mexican soldiers drove a Humvee across the poorly marked border into the Arizona desert across from Sonoyta and shot at his marked official car. The bullets shattered a window of his Chevrolet Tahoe.

On June 14, a Chevrolet Suburban carrying 23 Latin Americans intending to sneak illegally into the United States was riddled with bullets as it headed across the Baja California desert toward the border. The group — eight of whom were injured, including three who had to be hospitalized — fled into the United States, where they told police they believed the shots came from a Mexican army patrol.

Mexico's Defense Department, which won't say how many soldiers are patrolling the 2,000-mile border, declined to comment on the shootings. The U.S. government hasn't commented on the incidents, although the Border Patrol says it is investigating the shooting involving its officer.

Human rights activists in Mexico say the soldiers aren't trained for police duties and contend they are becoming overzealous and careless because the military is immune from public scrutiny. The military has its own legal system, and tradi-

tionally the army answers only to the presidency.

"The soldiers are not prepared to do the kind of work that they are doing," said Arturo Solis, director of the Center for Border Studies and the Promotion of Human Rights in Reynosa. "They're young kids who are committing abuses and the government is protecting them. They should go back to their barracks. That's their place."

Many of Mexico's enlisted soldiers are 16-year-olds with little more than an elementary school education. Their training consists largely of "marching around and learning about the history of the military," said Roderic Camp, a political science professor at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, Calif., who studies the Mexican military.

"Although they're very obedient to their lieutenants and captains, they could easily make these kinds of errors of judgment," Camp said. "They don't have a lot of hands-on training."

Last month, Tancredo sent a letter to Mexican President Vicente Fox denouncing the military's behavior along the border.

Tancredo also questioned whether all the border crossings are accidental: "To the best of your knowledge, are the incursions undertaken to protect the traffic of drugs across the border and into the U.S.?"

Writing back, Mexico's ambassador to the United States, Juan Jose Bremer Martino, called the tone of Tancredo's let-

ter "surprising."

"Beyond the unpolite and inadequate tone of your communication, I must stress that Mexico has not had and does not have a policy of military incursions in any other nation," he wrote.

Both U.S. and Mexican officers have inadvertently crossed the border at times and sometimes patrolled the wrong country in areas where the boundary is unclear. Mexican soldiers wander across the border 20 to 25 times a year, the U.S. Border Patrol says. Border Patrol officers also have crossed into Mexico while chasing migrants.

Before taking office in December 2000, Fox had pledged to get Mexico's military out of drug interdiction operations, but during his administration the army has played an increasing role in the drug fight.

Camp said Fox had no alternative because Mexico's police forces are too corrupt. "He didn't have any other professional agency that could do it," Camp said.

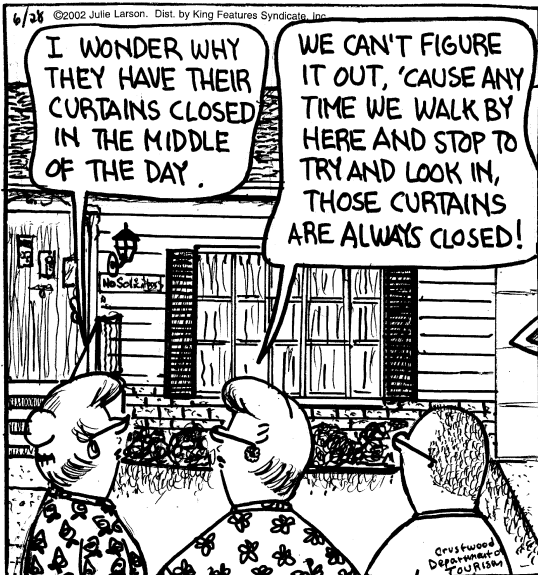
Camp doesn't think the incidents are likely to affect relations between Mexico and the United States.

He noted the army under Fox has won some important battles against trafficking. Although Mexican army officers have been linked to drug smugglers in the past, soldiers in March captured one of the country's most-wanted drug lords, Benjamin Arellano Felix.

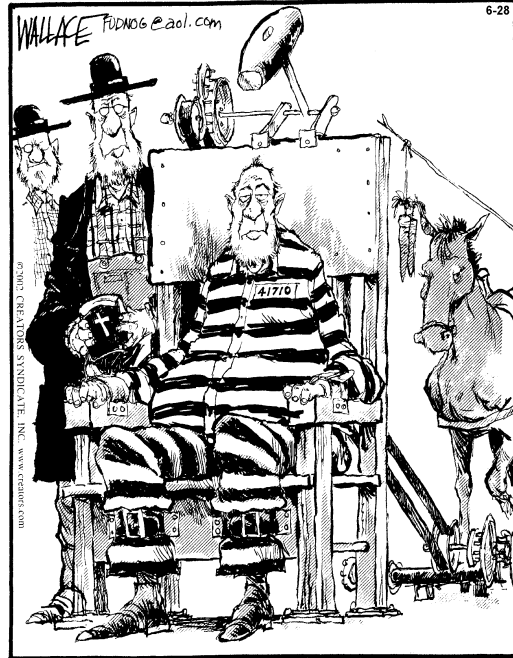
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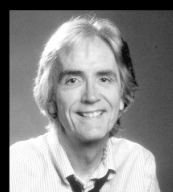
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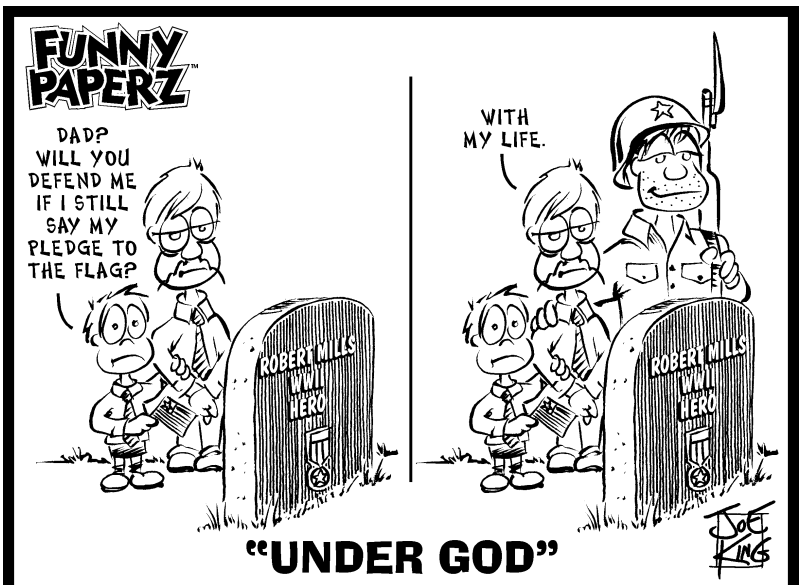


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by Chuck Shepard

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movies

Loews Broadway Cinema
1441 Third St. at Broadway
About a Boy (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00. *The Sum of all Fears* (PG-13) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45. *The Bourne Identity* (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30, 10:15, 11:45. *Juwanma Man* (PG-13) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30 7:00.

Mann Criterion
1313 Third St.
Windtalkers (NR) 4:00, 10:10. *Minority Report* (PG-13) 11:30, 12:30, 3:15, 4:15, 7:00, 8:00, 10:30, 11:15. *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood* (PG-13) 11:10, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15. *Bad Company* (PG-13) 12:40, 7:20. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* (PG) 11:20, 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40. *Insomnia* (R) 11:00, 1:50, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street
Lilo & Stich (PG) 10:40, 12:55, 3:05, 5:25, 7:35, 9:30. *Hey Arnold! The Movie* (PG) 10:30, 12:40, 2:55, 5:00, 7:10. *Mr. Deeds* (PG-13) 10:55, 11:55, 1:45, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 7:50, 9:50, 10:30. *Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones* (PG) 10:30, 1:35, 4:40, 7:45, 10:50. *Scooby-Doo* (PG) 11:05, 1:20, 3:35, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15. *Spider-Man* (PG-13) 11:00, 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:40.

Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
The Fast Runner: Atanarjuat (NR) 11:30, 3:15, 7:30. *Lovely and Amazing* (R) 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30.

Laemmle Monica
1332 2nd St.
Y Tu Mama Tambien (NR) 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15. *The Emperor's New Clothes* (PG) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40. *Sunshine State* (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:10. *Pumpkin* (R) 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05.

Friday, June 28, 2002

Today

Community

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.

Galleries / Arts

Los Angeles Arts Academy, Summer Art Camp in Santa Monica & Westchester. Ages 5 to 13 years old. Lots of fun: art, acting, singing, karaoke, drawing, sculpture, drum circles, field trips & more! June 24 through August 16, M-F, 9 a.m. To 3 p.m. (except field trip days). Now enrolling! laarts@earthlink.net.

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.

Music / Entertainment

Anastasia's Asylum, 1028 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica. Board games, cushiony sofas, a full veggie menu, juices, teas, and coffee that grows hair on your chest. No cover. (310)394-7113.

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All improv nite: - The Senior's Show- 65 year olds and up play improv games! 7 p.m. Adde Essence, 8 p.m. Off The Wall, 9 p.m. Unusual Suspects, 10 p.m. Comedy Underground, 320 Wilshire Blvd. *The showtime entrance is in the alley. Show info/Reservation line: (310)451-1800. No drink minimum!

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

Eric Lynn, 9:00 pm, **Brotherhood Of Groove**, 10:15 pm, **O-Maya**, 11:30 pm. **Temple Bar**, 1026 Wilshire Blvd., (310)393-6611.

Bluegrass Bash (The Cache Valley Drifters, Pat Cloud & The Instant Brothers) 8 pm, \$16. McCabe's Guitar Shop. Pico at 31st. (310)828-4403.

Saturday

Community

Bay Days Festival presented by Heal the Bay and LA county. Enjoy a "free" beach experience with attractions that include, environmental education booths, marine aquarium displays, a sports and health pavilion. The evening will conclude with a grand finale concert featuring Dave Wakeling and more. 11 a.m. To 7 p.m. Winward Plaza, Venice Beach. Located at Winward Ave. and Ocean Front Walk.

The Pico Neighborhood Association's 22nd annual neighborhood wide meeting will take place at Virginia Avenue Park (located between Pico Blvd. and Virginia Avenue at 22nd Street in Santa Monica) from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. This event, also known as the Annual Assembly, invites the entire Pico Neighborhood (roughly the 90404 zip code) and the Association membership.

Theatre / Arts

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.

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BACK PAGE

‘Minority Report’ depicts near future in technology

BY GARY GENTILE

AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Which of the following are real and which are science fiction?

—An ATM that gives you access to your accounts by scanning your retinas.

—A supermarket checkout counter that lets you pay for groceries with the touch of your thumb.

—Holographic billboards that call out to you by name as you walk by.

—Electronic magazines that deliver news instantly over a wireless network.

The first two exist today; the others are images from the year 2054 as depicted in Steven Spielberg’s new movie, “Minority Report.”

Indeed, many of the film’s futuristic visions, including a holographic greeter at the Gap and animated cereal boxes, could become real using technology being developed today.

Already, personal video recorders, such as those made by TiVo and SONICBlue, can collect information on individual households’ viewing habits, allowing advertisers to more precisely target their messages.

And the next generation of cell phones will have position detection capability, allowing retailers, such as Starbucks, to ring customers as they approach a store and offer time-sensitive discounts.

In 1999, Spielberg convened a three-day think tank to pick the brains of 23 futurists about likely changes technology would bring during the next 50 years.

“The futurists that I assembled around that table didn’t agree with each other on every point, but one of the several things they did unanimously agree on was that the entire advertising industry is going to recognize us as individuals, and they’re going to spot-sell to us,” Spielberg said. “They will sell directly to you.”

With inventions such as personal video recorders enabling consumers to tune out “dumb” ads, today’s

pitchmen are anxiously searching for personalized approaches that depend on an increasingly sophisticated knowledge of customer habits and desires.

From Amazon.com, which uses “cookies” planted on your hard drive to track purchases, to supermarket loyalty cards that deliver coupons based on past buys, people are already sacrificing some privacy in exchange for convenience.

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— **RUSS WILCOX**
E Ink Corp., general manager

“It’s a question of how much do we want to sacrifice our ability to hide and how much do we want to be uniquely served — that’s one of the trade-offs we are making,” said Peter Schwartz, chairman of Global Business Network and the head of Spielberg’s “think tank.”

In one key scene in “Minority Report,” detective John Anderton, played by Tom Cruise, is fleeing agents of the Pre-Crime police unit chasing him for a murder he is foretold to commit. As he runs down a street, electronic billboards scan his retinas and hurl personalized pitches his way.

“John Anderton, you could use a Guinness about now!” one billboard shouts.

In another scene, Cruise enters a Gap, where his eyes are again scanned, triggering a holographic version of the Gap’s greeter who asks if he was satisfied with his last

purchase.

In the future, it seems, the eyes are the window to the wallet.

Much of the technology portrayed in the movie is already being developed and tested, including flexible computer screens thinner than a business card that can receive images over a wireless network.

“The ability to have billboard-size displays, newspapers that are updating themselves, packaging able to animate, these are all quite possible within 10 to 15 years,” said Russ Wilcox, general manager of E Ink Corp., a Cambridge, Mass.-based company developing so-called digital paper.

Early in the film, Anderton pours a bowl of “Pine & Oats” cereal at home, triggering the animated characters to sing the product’s theme song. Frustrated because he can’t make the characters shut up, Anderton flings the box at the wall in one of the dark movie’s lighter moments.

Later, as Anderton dodges authorities, the pervasive retinal scanners are used by police to locate him. Society, it seems, is moving that way.

Since Sept. 11, security devices have been installed at some airports that snap photos of travelers and compare them to a database of suspected terrorists.

In addition, retinal scans and other biometric devices are being discussed to help maintain homeland security.

That technology could conceivably be repurposed for commerce.

“It’s amazing how events have caught up with us after Sept. 11,” said Alex McDowell, the production designer for “Minority Report” who began imagining the world of 2054 in 1998.

“We know we want security, and we’re willing to give up some of our civil liberties to have that,” he said. “And Pre-Crime is really, in the end, the total loss of civil liberty. That’s the extreme of it and the consumer-driven part of the film is the parallel extreme.”

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