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1st: 01 Gold Rush
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RACE TIME: 1:48.37

**NEWS OF THE WEIRD**
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

The “indecent” CBS drama “Without a Trace” for which the Federal Communications Commission is proposing a \$3.3 million fine of the network and affiliates was apparently complained about by only two (at most) actual viewers of the estimated 8.2 million who watched it that December 2004 night, according to FCC records that CBS cited in a June filing to the commission. Those two (and 4,209 complaints from people who apparently only heard about the show) did not start arriving at the FCC until 12 days afterward, which coincidentally was the day that a family watchdog organization began alerting its members about the show. The same CBS program had aired in 2003, with no complaints.

TODAY IN HISTORY
Today is the 181st day of 2006.
There are 184 days left in the year.

On June 30, 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt signed into law the Pure Food and Drug Act and the Meat Inspection Act.

QUOTE OF THE DAY
“The good Lord set definite limits on man’s wisdom, but set no limits on his stupidity — and that’s not fair!”
KONRAD ADENAUER
GERMAN STATESMAN (1876-1967)

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Getting the party started



Santa Monica Police SWAT officers Robert Sparks, 33, (left) and Brent Crafton, 29, show off their all terrain vehicle for kids during the 2nd annual PALpalooza at the Santa Monica Pier on Wednesday. The event benefits the Police Activities League.

Teens roll up their sleeves

With the summer heating up, job opportunities beckon

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK — While they could have been cruising the promenade or relaxing at the beach, Sasha Tirado and Gabby Bildibia decided to come here and look for summer jobs.
“We need the money,” said Bildibia, 15, as she and Tirado, 16, stood outside the teen center, where youth can meet with counselors to

help them write résumés, prepare for job interviews or sign up for summer programs like free salsa dance classes, cultural arts workshops and field trips to the Getty Villa and Watts Towers.
“My mom was telling me, ‘Girl, your clothes are getting expensive. You’re getting expensive. Get a job,’” Tirado said laughing. “She’s right. We have cell phone bills. We want to buy clothes, and I like to get my nails done.”
Money isn’t the only reason the two Pico Neighborhood teens are

seeking employment. The two said they desire the experience that comes with holding down a steady job, even if that means working fast food, at the local bowling alleys or at retail stores in Santa Monica Place.
“Most of our friends are working already,” said Bildibia, who along with Tirado interviewed at a local bowling alley, but decided to keep looking elsewhere.

See **TEEN JOBS**, page 7

Widower intent on making bus companies pay

KEVIN UEDA
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN — The case involving a woman run over by a Big Blue Bus on Ocean Avenue last summer appears bound for the courtroom, where a jury will likely decide what

compensation the woman’s husband should receive in the wake of a series of wrongful death suits.
Oscar Seanz, the widower of Maria Carrera, filed a wrongful death complaint against the Big Blue Bus company and bus driver Consuela de Jesus Orantes in

January, according to court reports. Another suit was filed against the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, as one of their buses may have played a part in the August 29, 2005 accident.
Each of the four parties are expected to be represented in a Santa

Monica courtroom today, with a case meeting on the docket. Mediation may be set for a later date.
The plaintiff’s attorney, Danilo Becerra, doesn’t seem to hold out too much hope for an out-of-court

See **BIG BLUE SUIT**, page 7

Absent Jackson is still a presence

BY MICHAEL J. TITTINGER
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM COURTHOUSE — Michael Jackson is either a forgetful genius on par with Albert Einstein or a backstabbing businessman with a selective memory, according to attorneys on opposing sides of the \$3.8 million lawsuit being brought against the pop superstar in Los Angeles Superior Court by a former associate.

While both camps insist the breach of contract suit is not about Michael Jackson’s character, just the performer as businessman, the eccentricities of the entertainer and his atypical behavior were ripe for discussion during opening arguments here on Thursday that featured Jackson’s voice via a phone message and parts of his videotaped testimony.

Thomas C. Mundell, who is representing Jackson in the case, began by telling the jury a story about the late scientist Einstein, who was renowned for his brilliance and endeared for his forgetfulness. Jackson, argued Mundell, is a musical genius who operates in a similar fashion and won’t recall the details of a business partnership his side claims was terminated two years before much of the earnings claimed by F. Marc Schaffel were generated.

In the morning, Howard King, who represents Schaffel, painted the

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Extremes define your day. You seem to be an all-or-nothing person at the moment. Do something just for yourself. Fundamentals count. A partner or associate pitches in, helping you see all the possibilities that surround you. Make an extra effort. Tonight: Put your feet up.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Knowing when to use your instincts could determine your success or failure. Knowing when to back off and go with the flow could also be a factor. Use your innate skills, and you will be pleased with what occurs. Tonight: Step back.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Sometimes you cannot put a halt to your innate creativity. You might have a hard time turning in another direction, as you are on a roll. Do you really want to? Others cheer you on. Listen to those around you. Positive vibes flow. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** You have a winning style. Take charge and handle key people as directly as possible. Friends and associates play a big role in what goes down in the near future. Trust your judgment. Tonight: What makes you happy. Honor what you want.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Stay anchored, knowing what you want to happen. Get as much accomplished as you can while you have the energy. Use your creativity to add to the pleasant or humorous quality of your life. Understanding helps you make a difference where it counts. Tonight: Easy does it.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Step up to the plate knowing full well what feels appropriate. Your instincts and knee-jerk reactions play a strong role in your decisions. A partnership needs time and respect; follow through. Tonight: Know that others might be checking you out.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Talk through a problem. Listen to what is happening with someone you care about enormously. A child or romance could be dicing up your life. Just let it happen. You know what to do and where to go. Trust your intuition. Tonight: Happy with friends.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Taking an overview and detaching will ultimately draw the reactions you desire. You could be taken aback by someone who is overly challenging. You can handle this person. Trust yourself. Tonight: Schedule a movie or some other happening where you don't need to talk.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Expenses demand your attention. Work with your sixth sense when dealing with funds and people. You know when something is enough. Yes, you will have a tendency to go overboard, but still, you might be much more grounded than you realize. Tonight: Easy does it.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Deal with others directly, and you'll draw positive results. Do nothing halfway and remain positive. Don't hesitate to take the lead. Others will respond even if you think you might be a touch bossy. Tonight: Dinner for two.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** You swing well with changes and the moment. You hear a lot; you say a lot. Sort through good will, facts and flirtation. As a result, you will be able to make positive decisions. You will get the true story. In fact, you might know it already. Think positively. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Others are only too happy to accommodate your efforts. You might be thrilled by the different perspective you gain if you just roll with what is happening. Romance, children and creativity are highlighted. Tonight: Sort through the possibilities.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

A little bit of night music

By Daily Press staff

Care for a night of music under the stars and by the sea?

The Performing Arts Center and Music Academy (PACMA) of Santa Monica College presents “Classical Music on the Pier,” a free concert featuring three orchestras, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 5.

Co-sponsoring the event are K-Mozart-105.1 FM and the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp.

The featured acclaimed ensembles are the Santa Monica College Orchestra Winds, Young Musicians Foundation Debut Orchestra and Los Angeles Flute Orchestra. The Santa Monica College Orchestra Winds features the wind section of the popular orchestra that performs year-round in Santa Monica.

The Young Musicians Foundation Debut Orchestra is the second-oldest pre-professional training orchestra in the nation and is comprised of 71 of Los Angeles’ most talented 15- to 25-year-old musicians. For more than 50 consecutive seasons, the orchestra has performed free concerts throughout Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles Flute Orchestra is a 12-member professional ensemble founded in 1999. It has performed throughout Los Angeles.

PACMA is an arts education and community outreach organization that designs unique and innovative arts education programs for children and adults. It is in charge of a 541-seat performing arts hall and music academy currently under construction at SMC’s Madison campus on Santa Monica Boulevard at 11th Street.

For information, call (310) 434-3430.

Girls flex their muscles

By Daily Press staff

Dozens of local girls will build their trade skills this summer.

Middle school girls will empower themselves as they learn to cut pieces of plywood with the jigsaw, assemble cut wood with a nail gun, and braise metals to create a one-of-a-kind, functional work of art at Rosie’s Girls, an award-winning summer camp program offered by the city of Santa Monica.

Rosie’s Girls is a trades exploration program for girls entering sixth through eighth grades, designed to build self-esteem, physical confidence, interpersonal cooperation, and leadership skills through learning and applying basic skills in carpentry, welding, and other trades, as well as a range of physical challenges. Rosie’s Girls Santa Monica is held at the city maintenance yards, 2500 Michigan Ave.

During both the first and second session of Rosie’s Girls, held in Santa Monica July 10-28 and Aug. 7-25, participants will build working lamps and hope chests. In addition to practicing their skills in shop-based activities, participants also apply themselves in “real world” public service work, enabling them to trim trees in local parks, rappel down the three-story fire department training tower, and fill potholes in the city’s streets. Girls also will have the opportunity to work on community projects for local social service agencies. This summer the girls will build a playhouse for toddlers of high school students and garden boxes for domestic abuse victims.

This summer Rosie’s Girls will debut its supplementary apprentice, a.k.a. A-Team, program designed for alumnae 14 years and older who have previously completed two or more Rosie’s Girls summer sessions. Through a rigorous application and interview process, eight apprentices were chosen in May 2006 to utilize the many trades and leadership skills learned during their own time in Rosie’s Girls to be positive role models and tutor current participants with the guidance of staff. At the completion of the full session, each apprentice will receive a \$100 stipend, sponsored by the Women’s Foundation of California Los Angeles Donors Circle. This year Rosie’s Girls continues to be a recipient of the Women’s Foundation of California Los Angeles Donors Circle’s \$10,000 grant. The grant provides scholarship funding for girls who would otherwise not be able to afford the Rosie’s Girls program.

CORRECTION There was an error in the June 28 edition of the Daily Press. In a discussion about a maintenance contract for the Public Safety Facility, the City Council discussed the living wage law, which applies only to those firms with contracts with City Hall. There was a similar ordinance passed that applied to the beachfront and downtown districts, but that law was rescinded via referendum in 2002.



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BEAR MOUNTAIN
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MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

NEW SNOW (24 Hrs)	BASE DEPTH	LIFT HOURS	RUNS OPEN	LIFTS OPEN
0"	36"-60"	7:00 AM - 2:00 PM	35	3/28

CONDITIONS: MACHINE GROOMED, SPRING, CORN

MOUNTAIN HIGH
CLOSED

MT. BALDY
CLOSED

SNOW SUMMIT
CLOSED

SNOW VALLEY
CLOSED

SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 60°

SWELL FORECAST (3-5 FT)
WE HAVE A MODERATE SW SWELL DUE ON SATURDAY AND SOME OF THIS SWELL WILL CREEP IN TO PROVIDE SOME SURF.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
SW BUILDS FRIDAY, PEAKS SATURDAY...

TIDE FORECAST FOR JUNE IN SANTA MONICA

DAY	LOW 1	LOW 2	HIGH 1	HIGH 2
1	8:19 AM	7:48 PM	12:25 AM	3:59 PM
2	9:10 AM	9:39 PM	1:23 AM	4:47 PM
3	10:04 AM	11:05 PM	2:40 AM	5:21 PM
4	10:42 AM	N/A	4:03 AM	5:45 PM
5	12:09 AM	11:19 AM	5:25 AM	6:14 PM
6	1:01 AM	11:54 AM	6:39 AM	6:35 PM
7	1:36 AM	12:32 PM	7:39 AM	7:05 PM
8	2:13 AM	1:05 PM	8:28 AM	7:29 PM
9	2:49 AM	1:39 PM	9:18 AM	8:05 PM
10	3:31 AM	2:10 PM	10:04 AM	8:35 PM
11	4:05 AM	2:51 PM	10:49 AM	9:16 PM
12	4:46 AM	3:32 PM	11:36 AM	9:57 PM
13	5:30 AM	4:19 PM	12:22 PM	10:42 PM
14	6:21 AM	5:16 PM	1:14 PM	11:27 PM
15	7:04 AM	6:26 PM	2:07 PM	N/A
16	7:58 AM	7:49 PM	12:25 AM	2:57 PM
17	8:43 AM	9:25 PM	1:31 AM	3:45 PM
18	9:38 AM	10:59 PM	2:52 AM	4:35 PM
19	10:24 AM	N/A	4:25 AM	5:15 PM
20	12:10 AM	11:16 AM	6:01 AM	5:57 PM
21	1:10 AM	12:05 PM	7:20 AM	6:39 PM
22	2:02 AM	12:49 PM	8:27 AM	7:21 PM
23	2:49 AM	1:39 PM	9:27 AM	8:02 PM
24	3:32 AM	2:19 PM	10:13 AM	8:42 PM
25	4:13 AM	3:06 PM	11:00 AM	9:26 PM
26	4:58 AM	3:43 PM	11:39 AM	10:00 PM
27	5:36 AM	4:25 PM	12:20 PM	10:42 PM
28	6:08 AM	5:10 PM	1:04 PM	11:16 PM
29	6:45 AM	6:05 PM	1:45 PM	N/A
30	7:21 AM	7:03 PM	12:00 AM	2:21 PM

The Q-Line

Leaving the light on.

Last week, the Bayside District Corp., which manages downtown along with City Hall, hired an outside consultant to design a plan for remaking the Santa Monica district into a thriving West Coast destination. While still in the early stages, two things have become quite apparent — it’s going to require community support and it’s going to take a whole lot of money.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know:

What must downtown Santa Monica do in order to compete with other cities as a major Southern California hotspot?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rent control responsible for high rents

Editor:

A recent article by Alan Toy (SMDP, June 15, page 4), a member of the Santa Monica Rent Control Board, claims that property owners cause skyrocketing increase in voluntary-vacated apartment. Of course, the amount of rent charged in an open market is a direct result of supply and demand and, indirectly, the cost of housing production and maintenance. Many residents are aware that the rent control board and Santa Monicans For Renter's Rights (SMRR) do everything in their power to raise market rents and the cost of housing restricting supply and raising fees. Let us review some relevant SMRR and rent control actions.

1. Restriction in supply of market housing by conversion to low-income housing or construction of low-income units on parcels of land that could be used for market-rate housing. This city law stipulates that 30 percent of all housing in Santa Monica shall become low income (one in three residents to become low income). This restriction is responsible for huge increases in the cost of new housing, as well as making a growth industry out of Santa Monica low-income housing.

2. Low-income housing fees averaging \$24.21 per square foot (see <http://pen.ci.santa-monica.ca.us/housing/AHPP.htm>) for all new multi-family housing of two units or more. This raises the cost of a new housing by about \$24,210 per 1,000-square-foot unit at the rate of about \$200 per month.

3. Severe downzoning in parcels available for market rate housing but huge upzoning in parcels for low-income housing. Parcels in Ocean Park, as well as several other city areas, have been downzoned so that one can build less than 50 percent of the number of existing units. On the other hand, low-income units are allowed building more than 400 percent of the number of units allowable for market rate housing. This restriction is also responsible for huge increases in the cost of new housing.

4. Unwise rent control regulations increase tenant evictions causing tenants to unnecessarily suffer huge rent increases in order to secure market rate housing. The rent control board has enacted many tenant protections which make it almost impossible to evict a troublesome tenant. Often the property owner has only the Ellis option in getting rid of the troublesome tenant but at the cost of evicting all other tenants. Also, the rent control board has kept some rents dangerously low. In today's environment it is difficult to pencil out a new apartment building based on market rents. So, rents that are substantially below market provide an awfully strong motivation for property owners to convert buildings for use by their families or for selling out to condominium developers.

In conclusion, Alan Toy is part of the group of people that are directly responsible for high market rents. Unwise rent control regulations increase friction between property owners and tenants and thus eliminate any fun from owning rental property. It is no accident that many property owners get fed up and do an Ellis to get out of the reach of the rent control board.

George Balanis
Santa Monica

A U.S. flag can be mended, but the Constitution cannot

THE SOAP BOX BY BENNET KELLEY



A flag is a very powerful symbol. It represents who we are and what we stand for. On Sept. 11, like many Americans, one of my first reactions was to hoist the flag as a way of saying to besieged New York and Washington and to the world that we are one as Americans. Five years later, however, the Republicans are using the flag as a tool of division with this week's vote on a Constitutional amendment banning flag burning despite the fact that there have been only nine such events since Sept. 11.

The Republicans hope to position themselves as the only true patriots by defending a piece of cloth from desecration while they repeatedly desecrate all that the flag represents by attempting to criminalize dissent and promote indefinite detentions, torture and warrantless surveillance. Of course, these are the same Republicans who claim to support our troops, while cutting their benefits and funding for the VA; and who also claim to represent middle-American values while protecting overseas tax loopholes that enable corporations to avoid paying billions in taxes each year.

Interestingly, many of the self-appointed defenders of the flag are also defenders of another flag which flew in battle against Old Glory — the Southern Cross, more commonly known as the Confederate battle flag. When the Southern Cross was placed on a white background as part of the new Confederate flag its meaning was clear, as The Savannah Morning News proclaimed that it would "be hailed by the civilized world (as a) white man's flag" and as symbol of "our higher cause, the cause of a superior race." This flag was carried into battle on behalf of a government whose cornerstone, in the words of Confederate Vice President Stephens, "rests upon the great truth that the negro is not equal to the white man."

After the war, all southern states except for Mississippi abandoned use of the Southern Cross until 1954 when the Supreme Court delivered a fatal blow to segregation in Brown vs. Board of Education and the "white man's flag" was resurrected as a symbol of southern defiance. In Georgia, for example, the leader of the effort to add the Southern Cross to the state flag has since

conceded it was intended to demonstrate defiance of the Brown ruling. Similarly, Alabama Governor George Wallace first flew the Southern Cross over the statehouse in 1963 to protest a visit by his nemesis U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

Trent Lott, Ann Coulter and other defenders of the Southern Cross are quick to argue that the flag "represents value(s) — virtues — that exist independently of the institution of slavery." Senator Lott's recent praise for the 1948 Dixiecrat segregationist campaign and Ms. Coulter's statements calling for the repeal of the Emancipation Proclamation and nostalgia for "when our enemies were white," however, suggests that these values are not American values.

The defenders of the Southern Cross simply ignore the fact that the flag has principally been embraced by those who wish to defy or subvert the Constitution, rather than protect and defend it. When this flag was reintroduced to state capitols, it had a clear meaning to its people — it was a "white man's flag" that was and remains a symbol of slavery and defiance of the Federal government.

It should be beyond debate that no person or state that claims to uphold the principles of the Constitution should embrace the Southern Cross as a symbol of pride and its display should elicit the same disgust as flag desecration. The Republicans' continued defense and exploitation of the "white man's flag" only demonstrates that this week's push for a flag burning amendment has everything to do with distracting voters from the Republicans' sorry record and nothing to do with patriotism or defending our flag.

Defending our flag means remembering that our founding fathers intended to permit the free expression of views regardless of whether these views were compelling or ignorant, inspiring or contemptible. This is the discomfort of democracy which our founders asked us to bear and, in doing so, we demonstrate to the world that the liberty they fought for is alive and well.

It is scary that the Republicans came within one vote of narrowing the Bill of Rights for the first time in our history. Had they prevailed one can only wonder what rights they would restrict to win future elections. Fortunately, enough members of Congress had the courage and sense to recognize that a desecrated flag can be easily replaced, but a desecrated Constitution cannot.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY JACK NEWORTH

Don't worry, be Yappy

During warm summer evenings, Main Street in Ocean Park is teeming with locals and tourists, enjoying the nightlife. One popular tradition is "Happy Hour" at such renowned watering holes as Chaya Venice, the World Cafe and La Vecchia. Weighted down with cell phones, pagers and blackberries, sexily dressed people gather at the end of the work day for drinks, conversation, or romance. To passersby, it looks like a whole lotta shakin' goin' on.

But the latest socializing trend on Main Street has gone to the dogs. Literally. It takes place at the hip animal boutique Tails of Santa Monica. Every Thursday, between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., they feature "Yappy Hour," where dogs gather at the end of their "work" day, looking for ... a milk bone? The owners of Tails, Jenna and John Wicks, generously set out light refreshments for the humans, and doggie treats for the K-9 corps. The gates are shut, the leashes come off, and the schmoozing begins. To passersby it looks like a whole lotta sniffin' goin' on.

I attended last week's Yappy Hour along with my best buddy, Oscar, the golden retriever. I couldn't help notice similarities between human, and doggie, happy hours, though the canines seem to dispense with the formalities. Almost immediately they get, for lack of a more genteel term, rather "nosey" with each other. That would definitely cause a fuss at the human happy hour.

Otherwise the pooches mingling seemed very human-like. As they worked the room, it looked like they were engaging in social chit-chat. I could have sworn I heard a wheaten terrier say to a Chihuahua, "So, do you live around here?" And I thought I over-

heard a black lab say to a poodle, "Yeah, I'm a dog during the day, but nights I'm workin' on a dynamite screenplay."

One thankful difference between doggy and human happy hour is the marking of territory by males. (I'm referring to the dogs.) This behavior could present quite a problem at the ultra trendy Chaya Venice. How would it look if a male said to his friends, "You guys go get a table, I'm going to mark some territory at the end of the bar." I think it's safe to say the rest of the party would be probably not be getting that table.

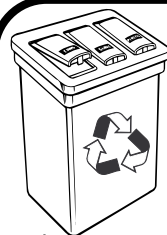
Despite the number of fidos at Tails that evening, they got along famously. I started to have hope for world peace. Then I realized, I had drunk too much Chablis.

But there was one tiny problem. A young schnauzer was trying furiously to get friendly with Oscar in the biblical sense. Oscar gave him such a scolding, the little guy wound up with his tail between his legs. Of course it was doomed from the start. Oscar is male, plus the severe height difference presented insurmountable problems, no pun intended.

Fortunately the incident was soon forgotten. If it had been humans, say at the World Cafe, I would have expected law enforcement, not to mention an unflattering write-up in the newspaper.

"Tails of Santa Monica" is located at 2912 Main St. Santa Monica. If you have a pooch, have him or her bring you by to say hello. Just be prepared for a whole lotta sniffin' goin' on.

(Jack Neworth can often be found riding his bike on the boardwalk with Oscar running alongside. To reach him, e-mail Jackneworth@yahoo.com.)



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A tale of two Jacksons in SM Courthouse

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entertainer as a manipulator who reneged on oral agreements and employed a "foggy" memory when confronted with documents he signed empowering Schaffel to act on his behalf.

Jackson, who will not appear in person at the trial regarding his finances, is a steady presence nevertheless — his voice replayed on a phone call to Schaffel, his signature scrawled across documents displayed on an overhead projector, and his appearance on a videotaped deposition from London that was rebroadcast for the jury.

Appearing in a dark shirt and speaking deliberately, Jackson testified on a tape dated Sept. 23, 2005, that he recalls Schaffel's wanting to be paid, but hedged on knowing his former associate's actual duties.

"I knew he wanted something. I remember letters stating what he should be paid," said Jackson, speaking softly. "He wanted me to sign things. I was sure he got money, he always seemed happy. He was smiling a lot."

King told the jury that the evidence will show "a different side of Mr. Jackson" than the entertainer's lawyers would have them believe, one who was acutely aware of just who was on his payroll and who was responsible for managing his affairs.

"Marc, I don't want any ifs, ands or buts,"

began Jackson, who sounded angry in the phone message that allegedly referred to a charity record he empowered Schaffel to produce. "Everything's done. The song's done. It's all done. So, do it now! You've got to listen to me musically. This is my department."

According to King, the call proves that Jackson had entrusted Schaffel to produce his record "What More Can I Give?" in 2001, a communal recording with other popular artists such as Celine Dion, Mariah Carey, Usher, Luther Vandross and Justin Timberlake that has never been released. Much of the case on Thursday centered on the handling of the sale, production costs and publishing rights to the session.

Jackson's camp contends Schaffel was a glorified "gopher" who had no experience in the music industry, with Mundell indicating it would be preposterous to allow him to produce such a complicated recording session that included in upwards of 20 major label recording artists.

"Michael Jackson is a trusting, gullible, almost childlike man," said Mundell, explaining that a slew of advisors surround the entertainer to protect the forgetful genius. "He's a hard guy to take advantage of ... but if you want to rip off Michael Jackson, the way to do it is get close to him. You have to become his friend."

Mundell claims Schaffel befriended Jackson, then took advantage of that trust by demanding reimbursements and repayment of loans of which Jackson was not aware.

Schaffel is seeking a total of \$3.8 million for circumstances surrounding the 2001 recording session, as well as compensation he says he's due from producing a pair of television specials about Jackson for the FOX network. He also wants reimbursement for two cars — a Bentley worth \$240,000 and a Lincoln Navigator worth \$80,000 — his lawyer claims he surrendered to Jackson in efforts to help out the financially strapped star in return for the owed production payments.

Opening arguments got underway in the late morning after a pair of alternate jurors were selected, rounding out the six-man, six-women panel who can expect a trial as long as 10 days in the Santa Monica Courthouse.

Following the jury's being sworn in, Judge Jacqueline A. Connor acknowledged the sensationalism aspect of the case.

"When this is all over, you can write a screenplay or a book, whatever, you just got to make us look good," she said with a smile. "But until then, don't talk to anyone about the case."

Jackson's decision to bypass the courtroom and appear solely through recorded media didn't sit well with at least one prospective alternate juror, a music promo-

tions manager who was ultimately dismissed.

"If it was me, I'd be here making sure my money wasn't going to be taken from me," he said. Asked if he was reassured that Jackson's top advisor, attorney L. Londell McMillan, was representing him in court, the 22-year-old replied, "It's not his money. It's Mr. Jackson's money. He's going to get paid no matter what happens."

McMillan, seated at the opposite end of the council table, just shrugged and smiled.

Schaffel's attorney seized on that sentiment in concluding his opening statement.

"After all the evidence has been heard and the cases made, I'm going to have at least 10 questions I'll wish I could have asked Mr. Jackson if he was sitting right there," said King, pointing towards the empty witness stand.

Among the witnesses King intends to call to the stand are Alvin Malnik, a Florida businessman who performed services for Jackson free of charge, and reportedly loaned the singer \$7 million in 2003.

"Jackson will deny ever borrowing from Malnik," said King, alluding to the taped deposition, excerpts of which will be played throughout the proceedings. "So we have a witness in Mr. Jackson who does not remember getting \$7 million three years ago."

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Widower's case appears headed for court

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settlement.

"In this kind of case ... sometimes these losses are so great that only a jury can fairly decide what justice is," Becerra said.

The 47-year-old Carrera, who was on her way to work in Santa Monica as a housekeeper, was struck in the crosswalk at the intersection of Pico Boulevard and Ocean Avenue, according to the court report. At about 7:55 a.m., Orantes stopped at a red light and allowed pedestrians to cross, before making a right turn onto Ocean Avenue. Then, she heard a sound similar to breaking glass.

When she checked to see what happened, Orantes reported that Carrera's body was beneath the front, driver's-side wheel of the bus, Becerra said.

"The driver really has no explaining as to

how (Carrera) got under her bus," Becerra said. "Those Santa Monica buses, they're pretty well-designed; they got big glass fronts, nice glass windows. If you don't see somebody, there's a reason for it."

It is possible that an MTA bus behind the Big Blue Bus turned into opposing traffic to get ahead of it and distracted Orantes, Becerra said.

Deputy City Attorney Lance Gams said the exact details of the incident will remain unclear until further depositions are taken and discoveries filed. Among those slated for depositions are two witnesses to the accident, the MTA driver, and a passenger who was on Orantes' bus, Gams said.

One witness was vacationing in Santa Monica when the incident occurred and is back in Iowa, but will fly out to take the deposition in late August, said Becerra.

The police report listed a passenger on the bus that was unaware of the accident.

"He didn't see, feel or hear anything," Gams said. "He was surprised afterward that the bus pulled over."

Meanwhile, Becerra said that attempts to secure the name of the driver of the MTA bus have proven unsuccessful.

"The only thing I got from them (the MTA) were threats that if I didn't dismiss the case, I would pay their costs and their attorneys' fees," Becerra said. "I've been doing this for 32 years, so I said that if \$15,000 isn't worth it (one person's life), then I have no business doing this."

MTA's defense attorney, Nazila Levy, could not be reached for comment.

Saenz's unlimited claim exceeds \$25,000 in damages against the Big Blue Bus, Orantes and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan

Transportation Authority, according to court files.

Becerra declined to state how much Saenz is seeking.

"This is the kind (of lawsuit) where the main loss is the relationship, the love ... the companionship," Becerra said. "There's also an economic component because she was contributing to the household, and she was planning to get her degree and further contribute to the household."

Carrera planned to stop working and attend school when her husband received his degree in engineering, which could be another year, Becerra said.

"This little unit (family) ... really represents what America is all about," Becerra said. "They were doing it the right way; they were doing all of the things that a family does to get ahead, then this happens."

Teenagers toil: No work and no pay makes Johnny a dull boy

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"Those who aren't are lazy, sitting at home watching TV," Tirado added. "Those who aren't working don't have any money to do anything anyway, so we thought we might as well work. The resources are here. Why not use them?"

Economists are predicting teens will have no trouble finding employment during the summer months — even those who are just now starting to apply — because businesses are looking to add employees to their workforce, which includes plenty of internships as well.

Jack Kyser, the chief economist for the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp., and long considered the guru of the local economy, said Santa Monica will be a great place for teens to seek employment as tourism seems to be booming thanks to a weak U.S. dollar, which attracts tourists from overseas. Kyser said teens should look to hotels and businesses affiliated with beach activities for job opportunities, not to mention the traditional venues such as movie theaters, fast food restaurants, grocery stores and retail.

"I think the buzz is back about traveling to Southern California, and Santa Monica is certainly a popular destination," Kyser said. "There are going to be a lot of opportunities out there."

When Will Crishon isn't beating police officers from the Youth Services Division in a game of pool at the teen center, the 16-year-old can most likely be found working at his new job at Playland Arcade at the pier.

When talking about his new gig with police and staff at the teen center, Crishon appeared proud of his position at the arcade and the fact that he was hired right after filing his application — the result of being polite and respectful to management.

"It's nice have a job," Crishon said, even though it takes him away from his friends for about 40 hours a week. "You get a little money in your pocket and it's just good to stay busy, you know, stay occupied."

Ricardo Nunez, 17, who has been working at Vons bagging groceries, said he's been working for the last two years because it's a way to keep him out of trouble.

"It's a lot of work, 40 hours a week, but it's cool," Nunez said. "I'm not running around on the streets."

With schools closing earlier this week, thousands of teens and their younger siblings will have many opportunities to get into trouble, said Oscar de la Torre, director of the Pico Youth & Family Center, which offers free summer programs to keep teens away from negative influences that can take hold when there is no supervision.

"In Santa Monica, there are a lot of kids coming from other areas outside of the city and that can cause issues of youth violence," de la Torre said. "Law enforcement has to be very vigilant, particularly in the evenings around the pier and the promenade and young people need to be aware of who they are hanging around with."

de la Torre said the main thing is for kids to stay busy, either through employment, enrollment in summer programs "or catching up on their reading."

"My best recommendation is to read a book," de la Torre said.

While jobs may be available, kids still have to be motivated and be prepared to work hard to find the right place for them.

Some resources available include job counseling at Virginia Avenue Park, which includes job placement through Jewish Vocational Services. The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce is also a resource, as it is working with City Hall on linking teens with local businesses.

The chamber, in conjunction with City Hall and the school district, held a job fair earlier this year at Santa Monica High School, where many students were able to find jobs, said Betty Macias, the director of Virginia Avenue Park. The chamber and City Hall are currently following up with youth who attended the job fair to see how many have received jobs.

City Hall also provides listings of positions with the city. As of Thursday, City Hall was still looking for part-time workers to fill three positions, including junior lifeguard, police cadet and video intern — each ranging in pay from \$6.75 an hour to \$11.50 an hour. These are part-time, entry level positions that would be ideal for teens.

Chris Dale, the human resources manager at Pacific Park, said he is looking to hire anywhere from 200 to 400 people to help operate rides, games and food service stations at the amusement park. Pacific Park participated in the Samohi job fair and has done its own outreach to schools in Santa

Monica and elsewhere looking for youth to fill positions created during the busy summer months. And this summer is shaping up to be a good one. Dale said.

"We've definitely seen a huge increase this summer," he said. "The positions we need filled are perfect for students just starting out because they offer a fun place to work. We're near the beach, near many of their friends and it's just a great opportunity to take part in the fun of the summer season."

Those who are not old enough to work, or are looking to let loose now that school's out, can still enroll in summer camps or par-

ticipate in weekly classes at city facilities or private organizations.

The Police Activities League, or PAL, offers free boxing classes, cardio training and other physical fitness classes at Virginia Avenue Park. PAL also takes kids on field trips to amusement parks, hosts computer classes, basketball and origami.

"There's a whole diatribe as to why kids should be working or involved in something," said Patty Loggins-Tazi, director of PAL. "The more busy kids are, the less time they have to get into trouble. And that goes for us adults too."

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Nude bicyclist registers a wind-aided time

ON TUESDAY, JUNE 20, AT 1:28 A.M., Santa Monica police officers responded to the 3200 block of Ocean Park Boulevard regarding a man riding his bike in the nude. When officers arrived, they spoke with a security guard who said that, while on patrol, he saw a man riding in a parking lot without any clothes. Officers checked the area and located the suspect, who, by this time, had donned underwear. Officers contacted the suspect, placed him under arrest and booked him for indecent exposure. He was identified as Thomas Arthur Silva, 41, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$5,000.

ON FRIDAY, JUNE 23, AT 1:13 A.M., police responded to the corner of Sixth Street and Ashland Avenue regarding a report of a woman who was yelling and crying. When officers arrived, they spoke with the woman, who said she her boyfriend slapped her in the face while the two were sitting inside her car. Officers detained the boyfriend, who was still at the scene, and after a brief investigation, placed him under arrest for domestic violence. The suspect was identified as Jesus Jimenez Hernandez, 21, of Redondo Beach. His bail was set at \$100,000.

ON FRIDAY JUNE 23, AT 2:56 A.M., officers responded to the 900 block of Georgina Avenue regarding a report of suspicious activity. A witness reported seeing three subjects looking into vehicles, apparently in an attempt to break into them. Officers patrolling in the area of 10th Street and Carlyle Avenue saw the suspects, who allegedly began to flee once the officers made contact. The suspects were quickly apprehended and identified by the witness who made the initial call. Officers located a car that had been broken into and found the suspects to have in their possession items from that vehicle, including video games, sunglasses and other personal property. The suspects were arrested. Two of the three were juveniles and were released to their guardians — one from Los Angeles, the other from Houston, Texas. The adult, identified as Juan Carlos Solis, 19, of Santa Monica, was booked for burglary and held on \$20,000 bail.

ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, AT 8:35 P.M., officers stopped a man for riding his bicycle on the sidewalk, a violation of the municipal code. In an attempt to identify the bicyclist, officers discovered he had an outstanding felony warrant from Florida for conducting lewd and lascivious acts with a minor. He was arrested and booked for the warrant and municipal code violation. He was identified as Collie Dean McCall, 45, a transient. No bail was set because of the warrant.

ON TUESDAY, JUNE 20, AT 10:35 P.M., officers responded to the 3100 block of Ocean Park Boulevard — Ed's Airport Service auto shop — regarding a report of malicious mischief. When officers arrived, they spoke to a witness who claimed to be the owner of the business. He said he was inside his office when he heard a commotion in the parking lot. When he went out to check on the ruckus, he said he saw a woman damaging three vehicles. Apparently, the suspect — intoxicated and distraught over the death of her mother — broke the rearview mirror and dented the right, front fender to a BMW; broke windshield wiper blades, snapped an antenna and tore off the rearview mirror of a red Cadillac; and damaged the paint, hood and right fender of another Cadillac. The damage was estimated at \$1,645. Officers arrested the woman, who was booked for vandalism and public intoxication. She was identified as Tina Bettis, 42, a transient. Her bail was set at \$20,000.

ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, AT 3:13 P.M., police responded to the 500 block of Wilshire Boulevard regarding a report that a missing teenager had been found. When officers arrived, they spoke with a woman who made the report, who said that while she was walking on Wilshire, she was looking inside a restaurant and saw her daughter, who had stolen her car several weeks ago and never returned home. The woman said her daughter had a drug problem, according to police. Officers contacted the daughter and located the vehicle. With the permission of the mother, officers searched the car and found two baggies of methamphetamine. The daughter was arrested and booked for possession of a controlled substance. She was identified as Rachel Ann Martin-Holland, 19, of North Hollywood. Her bail was set at \$10,000.

ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, AT 1:05 P.M., police responded to the 1100 block of 14th Street regarding a robbery in progress. When officers arrived, they spoke to a witness who said he saw a man stacking up cinderblocks to stand on and watched him try to remove a screen from a window and a residence. When the witness confronted the man, he allegedly told the witness that he thought the residence was vacant and he was just looking in. He then walked away. Police located the man a short time later in the 1100 block of 15th Street and after being identified by the witness, he was arrested and booked for attempted burglary, a violation of his parole. He was identified as Raymon Ramirez, 44, a transient. No bail was set.

ON SUNDAY, JUNE 25, AT 9:44 A.M., police responded to the 100 block of 17th Street regarding a burglary investigation. When officers arrived, they spoke to the victim who said she walked into her apartment and saw a man standing in her living room rummaging through her belongings. The woman confronted the suspect who ran out of the apartment, striking the woman with his shoulder as he fled, knocking her down, police said. She jumped to her feet and ran to her bedroom to wake her boyfriend. He chased after the man but did not catch him. Officers apprehended the alleged burglar in the 1200 block of alley 12. He was booked for attempted burglary. He was identified as Kyu Sik Kim, 31, a transient. His bail was set at \$50,000.

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Threatening prosecutor didn't work

A man accused of threatening a prosecutor handling the case of a slain 11-year-old has accepted a plea bargain.

Kevin Ray Baines, 20, pleaded guilty Wednesday to one felony count of making criminal threats and will face a year in jail and five years' probation, officials said.

"The message was sent that you can't threaten prosecutors," said state prosecutor Randall D. Einhorn.

Authorities said Baines threatened Deputy District Attorney Cheryl Kersey, the prosecutor in the shooting death of Mynisha Crenshaw.

Armed investigators began to accompany Kersey to court after the threat was received via the Internet on May 19.

One of the defense attorneys in the case, Daniel Mangan, filed a motion June 9 to have Kersey recused as prosecutor, arguing the threats could create bias against his client, Patrick Lair.

Baines is scheduled to be sentenced July 27.

RIVERSIDE

Teacher cops to sex with student

A middle-school math teacher pleaded guilty to charges stemming from a sexual affair with a 13-year-old female student, officials said.

Raymond Ricardo Fields, 27, pleaded guilty this week to two felony counts of committing lewd acts with a child under the age of 14, according to court records. He is scheduled to be sentenced July 14.

Fields, who originally pleaded not guilty to the charges, was placed on administrative leave after his May 3 arrest and has since resigned from his job, Val Verde Unified School District spokesman Mike Bazan said. Fields taught at Tomas Rivera Middle School.

Fields' attorney, public defender Sara Jewett, did not return a call Thursday seeking comment.

RIVERSIDE

Former deputy is in deep

A third woman has leveled sexual abuse allegations against a former sheriff's deputy who is already charged with similar crimes against two women, officials said.

Prosecutors Wednesday filed additional charges against John Wayne Leseberg stemming from an Oct. 31, 2005, incident, according to court records.

Leseberg, 42, resigned from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department May 24, spokesman Sgt. Earl Quinata said.

Leseberg is now charged with two counts each of sexual penetration with a foreign object by threat of a public official, sexual battery and assault by a peace officer, court records show.

He faces about 18 years in prison if convicted of all charges, Supervising Deputy District Attorney Valerie Zucker said.

Leseberg had an unlisted phone number and it wasn't immediately clear Thursday if he had an attorney.

SANTA ANA

'Prophet' defense was nearsighted

A mentally ill man who said he was obeying a "prophet" when he stabbed his mother multiple times was sane at the time of the slaying, a jury found.

The Superior Court jury determined Wednesday that Jamie Balint, 35, knew what he was doing and knew it was wrong when he attacked his mother.

The same jury last week convicted Balint of first-degree murder for the Dec. 23, 2003, killing of Pamela Balint, 55.

Huntington Beach detectives determined that Jamie Balint struck his mother with a barbell weight and stabbed her more than 70 times with scissors and a vegetable peeler.

Deputy Public Defender Scott Sanders said Jamie Balint was schizophrenic and delusional and did not understand what he was doing.

Deputy District Attorney Ebrahim Baytieh agreed that Balint was mentally ill but said, "That does not make him legally insane."

Balint faces up to 28 years to life in state prison at his Sept. 29 sentencing.

Dead birds may have been frightened into fatal plunge

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press Writer

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Bird rescuers believe dozens of dead and sickly baby terns washed up suddenly on beaches here after something scared them out of their nests on an abandoned barge and into the water, where they couldn't swim.

Rescuers with the International Bird Rescue Research Center collected the bodies of about 200 Caspian and elegant tern chicks after getting calls from lifeguards earlier in the day, said Christina Verduzco, a wildlife rehabilitator.

The birds were all about a month old and many hadn't

even grown feathers yet, she said. The team also found 10 living terns, she said.

Verduzco said rescuers discovered an abandoned barge Wednesday about two miles off the coast that was home to hundreds of tern nests. She said they now believe something — a loud noise or the intense heat — scared the chicks out of their nests and into the water, where they couldn't swim.

"That is the closest source that we know of. We don't know what made them jump the barge, but more than likely that's where they came from," she said. "They don't even have their flight feathers in, they're all shaft, so there's no way these could survive in the water."

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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS



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Producer Max Palevsky (left), and actors Jane Fonda and George Segal will be at the Aero.

Fun with Max, Jane and George at Aero

By Daily Press staff

The Dick and Jane books showed how to be obedient and ordinary, but this Dick and Jane are anything but.

To honor philanthropist Max Palevsky and benefit a local organization dedicated to preserving Santa Monica’s heritage, there will be a special screening of the original 1977 film “Fun With Dick and Jane” on Monday, July 17. Illustrating many of Palevsky’s favorite themes, “Fun With Dick and Jane” is a satiric take on an upwardly mobile couple who are suddenly thrust down the financial drain when Dick is fired from an Enron-esque corporation whose director has been lining his pockets with money intended for loyal employees and gullible stockholders. To exact some sweet revenge, Dick and Jane go on a comic crime spree that raises the hopes of whoever has been wronged by the power elite. Dick and Jane stick it to the man and become local heroes.

After screening the film at 7 p.m., the audience is invited to join actors Jane Fonda, George Segal and Ed McMahon in a question and answer session hosted by the editor of Variety, Peter Bart who served as executive producer of the film with Palevsky. A champagne reception will follow.

A man well ahead of his time, Palevsky — computer visionary, film producer, art collector, political activist and major philanthropist — is to be honored at the Max Palevsky Theatre at the Aero, 1328 Montana Ave.

He was executive producer of several films including Academy Award-winning “Marjoe;” the Hemingway adaptation “Islands in the Stream;” “Fun with Dick and Jane” (the original and remake); Marcel Ophuls’ “The Memory of Justice” and Costa-Gavras’s “State of Siege.”

“Movies are important cultural documents equal to novels or poetry,” Palevsky has said. “There should be a place where people can always go to experience them onscreen.”

In commitment to that cause, Palevsky’s donation of \$500,000 underwrote the renovation of the 1940 Aero Theatre in Santa Monica.

Jane Fonda said of the film: “‘Fun with Dick and Jane’ is a whacky comedy, rooted in reality. Even at its funniest, it takes a long overdue look at a situation in which many Americans have found themselves. We all know couples like Dick and Jane, living beyond their means, juggling bills, getting by on credit cards and time payments.”

The Santa Monica Conservancy will be hosting the event and receiving the proceeds. The Santa Monica Conservancy is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the architectural, cultural and historical heritage of Santa Monica.

Tickets are \$30 for Santa Monica Conservancy members, \$35 for non-members, or \$45 for the screening and a discounted new Conservancy membership. Tickets will be sold online until July 14 at www.smconservancy.org, or by mail with check payable to Santa Monica Conservancy, P.O. Box 653, Santa Monica, CA 90406. Prepaid tickets will be held at the door. Tickets will be sold at the Aero only on July 17, if available.

SANTA MONICA ART PALETTE
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Welcome to the Santa Monica Art Palette for the weekend of June 30. The goal of the Art Palette, created by City Hall’s cultural affairs division, is to showcase the many eclectic arts and cultural opportunities available in Santa Monica every week, highlighting one or more of the many happenings within our borders. Enjoy your stay.



The Fourth of July is here again, bringing with it two of Santa Monica’s most treasured events — the annual Twilight Dance Series on the pier and Celebrate America at Santa Monica College. It really is summer and what better place could you hope to start the hottest season of the year?

Once again, the line up of artists for the Santa Monica Pier’s Twilight Dance Series is outstanding. On Thursday, the series got off to a start with Pancho Sanchez, one of the top Latin band leaders around, a true champion of the conga. Plan your Thursdays all the way through Aug. 31 so that you don’t miss a single evening of free concerts.

It’s Fourth of July Weekend and everyone we know is looking for fireworks, hotdogs, and red, white and blue bunting. Here in Santa Monica, we’re lucky enough to have one of the 10 best Independence Day celebrations in the southland taking place at Santa Monica College. Festivities are held a bit early, July 1 this year, but the spirit is as jubilant as you’ll find anywhere.

Festivities kick off Saturday at 5 p.m. at SMC’s Corsair Field at 16th Street and Pico Boulevard. Parking is \$5 but the event is free. You can bring your own picnic or purchase dinner from one of the vendors and enjoy the rock and roll rhythms of the Tom Nolan Band and the jazz sounds of Anthony Long.

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Tickets are still available for Friday night’s Jackson Browne concert at Barnum Hall on the Santa Monica High School campus. The concert is a special benefit for For The Arts, an agency working to provide comprehensive arts education in all of the Santa Monica schools.

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We’d like to make a special mention of the new Art Trek Map created by the cultural affairs division in partnership with the Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau. This comprehensive listing of every gallery, theatre, museum, public artworks and other art venues in Santa Monica can be found at key tourist destinations throughout Santa Monica. If you would like to subscribe to the Santa Monica Arts Palette, send a blank e-mail with the word “Subscribe” in the subject line to: artpalette.mailbox@smgov.net



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Susquehanna raging

BY MICHAEL RUBINKAM
Associated Press Writer

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — Officials worried about pressure on the town’s levees ordered up to 200,000 people to evacuate the Wilkes-Barre area after the Susquehanna River was swelled by a record-breaking deluge that has killed at least 12 people in the Northeast.

Besides those evacuees, at least another 11,000 people were ordered to leave their homes in New Jersey, Maryland and New York as rivers and streams surged over their banks, washed out roads and bridges and cut off villages in some of the worst flooding in the region in decades. In the Binghamton, N.Y., area, an entire house floated down the Susquehanna.

The Pennsylvania levees appeared to be performing exactly as intended Thursday and the Susquehanna crested at just over 34 feet, well below the top of the 41-foot flood-wall. The rain-swollen river began a slow retreat at 6 p.m. Wednesday and was not expected to rise again despite the possibility of more showers and occasional thunderstorms along the East Coast.

A second crest predicted for early Thursday did not materialize, leading officials to preliminarily declare victory.

“It is definitely going in the right direction and we couldn’t get better news,” said Luzerne County public safety chief Alan Pugh.

Although the bulk of the rain moved out of the region, some streams were still rising from the runoff.

The rains have been blamed for four deaths each in Maryland and Pennsylvania, one in Virginia and three in New York.

Wilkes-Barre, a city of 43,000 in northeastern Pennsylvania coal-mining country, was devastated by deadly flooding in 1972 from the remnants of Hurricane Agnes.

Emergency officials had been keeping a close eye on the river, hoping the levee system the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers finished overhauling just three years ago would hold. They ordered the evacuations just in case.

“We’re confident that the Army Corps of Engineers did a great job building the levee system, but water is a powerful force,” said Mayor Tom Leighton.

Retirees Richard and Janet Yahrae were rousted from their high-rise apartment building Wednesday afternoon and wound up spending the night with 275 others at a high school-turned-emergency shelter.

They didn’t mind, and didn’t even complain about the uncomfortable narrow cots: “The dike’s never been tested. Who knows if it’s going to hold or not?” said Richard Yahrae, 71.

A dozen helicopters from the Pennsylvania National Guard, the state police and the Coast Guard were sent on search-and-rescue missions, plucking stranded residents

from rooftops in Bloomsburg, Sayre and New Milford. Hundreds of National Guardsmen prepared to distribute ice, water and meals ready to eat.

Flooding closed many roads in the Philadelphia area, including the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

The soaking weather was produced by a low-pressure system that has been stalled just offshore and pumped moist tropical air northward along the East Coast. A record 4.05 inches of rain fell Tuesday at Binghamton, N.Y., and over the weekend the same system drenched the Washington and Baltimore region with more than a foot of rain.

Earlier this week, floodwaters in the nation’s capital closed the National Archives, the IRS, the Justice Department and other major government buildings, and toppled a 100-year-old elm tree on the White House lawn. The National Archives, several Smithsonian museums and some government office buildings were still closed Wednesday.

An estimated 2,200 people were ordered to evacuate the area around Lake Needwood at Rockville, Md., which was approaching 25 feet above normal. Engineers reported weakened spots on the lake’s earthen dam.

In the Binghamton area, a swollen creek carved a 25-foot-deep chasm through all four lanes of Interstate 88, about 35 miles northeast of the city, and two trucks were killed early Wednesday when their rigs plunged into the gaps, officials said.

Thousands of people were evacuated from communities across New York state, including 1,500 people from the Binghamton area. Whole villages north of Binghamton County were isolated by high water.

Lourdes Hospital in Binghamton transferred all its patients, about 90, to two other hospitals, said spokeswoman Kathy Cramer.

After touring the region by helicopter, New York Gov. George Pataki said the heavy rain caused “unparalleled devastation” and estimated that property damage in his state would total at least \$100 million. He declared states of emergency in 13 counties and activated more than 300 National Guard members to help with evacuations and rescues and conduct traffic.

Along the Delaware River, more than 1,000 people left low-lying areas of Trenton, N.J., and state employees in buildings along the river left work early.

Trenton’s water filtration system was shut down because of debris floating down the Delaware, and Mayor Doug Palmer called for conservation, saying the city had only about two days of drinkable water. The river was expected to crest Friday at nearly 8 feet over flood stage, the fourth-highest level on record for Trenton.

New Jersey Gov. Jon S. Corzine declared a statewide emergency Wednesday evening.

The seeds of hope are accompanying sweet melon season

BY ELLIOTT MINOR
Associated Press Writer

CORDELE, Ga. — Thanks to weeks of dry, sunny weather, Georgia farmers have produced one of the sweetest watermelon crops in memory, just in time for the cookouts and fireworks shows of the nation’s 230th birthday celebration.

Farmers have had to settle for as little as 3 cents per pound some years, but prices this season are ranging from 7 to 9 cents, said Bill Dorough, manager of the State Farmers Market in Cordele, a major shipping point for Georgia watermelons and cantaloupes.

“The crop is 100 percent better than last year,” said Dorough. “It’s as good as I’ve ever tasted — cantaloupes or watermelons.”

Because of the timing of Georgia’s harvest, the state is a major East Coast supplier of the watermelons that Americans traditionally chill and slice at holiday picnics.

About one-quarter of Georgia’s \$42 million watermelon crop is shipped from the Cordele market, which is running at a frenzied pace these days. Most are shipped directly from packing sheds scattered throughout southern Georgia.

Farmers arrive at the market all hours of the day or night with pickup trucks and wagons brimming with watermelons while large refrigerated trucks roll out and head north on Interstate 75 with their perishable cargos.

Sweaty laborers toss melons for hours in the 90-degree heat, transferring them to 18-wheelers that will rush them to supermarkets in Chicago, New York, Washington and other Northern cities. Some buyers, such as J.O. Turner, the assistant manager of the Piggly Wiggly supermarket in Butler, buy smaller loads. He’s been a Cordele buyer for 25 years.

“They’re the best I’ve ever seen,” said Turner as workers loaded his pickup truck. “They’re sweeter than I’ve ever tasted. I guess the dry weather has helped.”

Warm, sunny weather increases the sugar content in watermelons. The lack of rain this spring reduced disease threats, but since most of the crop is irrigated, the melons were not deprived of their main component — water.

Although watermelons are often viewed as a fruit, they are technically a vegetable, related to cucumbers, pumpkins and squash. They’ve been harvested for at least 5,000 years, and today more than 1,200 varieties are grown in 96 countries.

Americans consume more pounds of watermelons, which are 92 percent water, than any other melon, according to the National Watermelon Promotion Board. Consumption peaks during the Fourth of July celebration.



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Environmentalists sue to stop Navy sonar

BY AUDREY MCAVOY

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — Environmental groups sued the federal government on Wednesday to prevent the Navy from using active sonar during maritime exercises off Hawaii next month, saying the sound could harm whales and other marine mammals.

The Natural Resources Defense Council asked a federal court in Los Angeles to issue a temporary restraining order unless the Navy takes "effective measures" to protect marine life when it uses high-intensity, mid-frequency active sonar to hunt submarines in the drills.

"It's not a choice between environmental protection and military readiness," said Joel Reynolds, senior attorney for the council. "The military can train but it has to do so consistent with the law and the law requires

protection of the marine environment."

Navy lawyers haven't had a chance to look at the lawsuit and couldn't comment, said Jon Yoshishige, a spokesman for the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Connie Barclay, a spokeswoman for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA, declined to comment on the suit, but said the agency was confident the Navy's efforts would protect dolphins and whales.

In April, NOAA said Navy use of sonar during maritime exercises off Hawaii in 2004 may have contributed to the mass stranding of more than 150 whales in Kauai's Hanalei Bay. The report, however, did not say definitively that the sonar caused the whales to gather in the bay.

NOAA on Tuesday granted the Navy a permit to use sonar during war games this

time involving over 40 ships in Hawaii waters. The exercises are scheduled to start next week and last through late July.

The Navy, in turn, agreed to several measures to limit the impact its sonar might have on whales and dolphins.

Those steps include not using active sonar in coastal waters — except when the sailors train in channels between Maui and the Big Island and between Kauai and Niihau.

The Navy also plans to lower the sonar's power when marine mammals are nearby.

But the environmental groups say these steps don't go far enough.

Reynolds said the Navy should put greater distance between its sonar-emitting ships and marine mammals. He added the Navy should have more observers on the lookout for whales and dolphins.

The Navy says its sailors need to practice

tracking and fighting enemy submarines to ensure national security.

The Pacific Fleet has made anti-submarine warfare a top priority as more countries, including North Korea, Iran, and China, have been acquiring quiet diesel-electric submarines that are increasingly difficult to track.

Environmentalists say sonar systems endanger marine mammals and fish, especially whales. They cite a 2000 incident in the Bahamas, when at least 16 whales and two dolphins beached themselves.

Eight whales died and scientists found hemorrhaging around the cetaceans' brains and ear bones, which could have been caused by exposure to loud noise.

Joining the Natural Resources Defense Council in the suit are the International Fund for Animal Welfare, Cetacean Society International and Ocean Futures Society.

Cargo container fire was source of reservation casino explosion

BY NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS

Associated Press Writer

WORLEY, Idaho — A large cargo container that caught fire was the source of an explosion Thursday at an Indian casino in northern Idaho, tribal police officials said.

The metal container was used as additional storage by the casino, and the fire also destroyed a nearby casino pickup, Chief Keith Hutcheson of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribal Police. He would not say what caused the fire nor what was stored in the container,

but said it did not appear to be arson.

"There's no suspicion of that," Hutcheson said.

Several fireworks stands operate on the Coeur d'Alene reservation, but Hutcheson would not say if any fireworks or explosives had been stored in the container.

Authorities also declined to say if anyone had been injured in the fire, or if anyone in the region was missing. Though the container is about 150 yards from the casino and hotel facility, the fire did not interrupt casino operations, he said.

The blaze began inside the container at

about 9:30 a.m., he said. It was completely extinguished by 10:45 a.m.

The explosion came on the same day that the former chief operating officer of the Coeur d'Alene Casino, David Matheson, was scheduled to hold a press conference to discuss his efforts to change the tribe's constitution to allow higher gaming profit stipends to be paid to tribal members.

Matheson was fired in May, but in the days before he was dismissed he sent a letter to each of the tribe's 1,900 members saying that the casino was profitable enough to

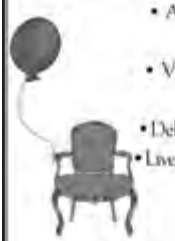
increase the tribal member payments from about \$2,000 semi-annually to about \$1,500 a month, The Spokesman-Review reported.

But Chief James Allen, the Coeur d'Alene chairman, has called the plan "ill-considered and misguided," and claims the plan would bankrupt tribal departments, the newspaper reported.

And Matheson claimed in a press release that an earlier press conference was canceled after he received a death threat. The threat was purportedly made on a Web blog, but the man who maintains the blog has said no threatening material was posted.

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Israel takes five

BY SARAH EL DEEB

Associated Press Writer

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israel on Thursday delayed a planned ground invasion of northern Gaza, possibly signaling diplomatic developments in its effort to win the release of a soldier held by gunmen affiliated with the Palestinians' ruling Hamas party.

Israel earlier rounded up dozens of Hamas Cabinet ministers and lawmakers, while pressing ahead with the military campaign in Gaza it launched Wednesday in response to the capture of Cpl. Gilad Shalit.

One of the militant groups that seized Shalit said it had killed an 18-year-old Jewish settler, whose body was found buried in the West Bank with a gunshot wound to the head.

Israel has focused its incursion so far on southern Gaza, where the military thinks the 19-year-old Shalit is being held. It dropped leaflets over northern Gaza on Wednesday night, warning of an impending incursion.

On Thursday, security officials said the invasion had been delayed.

At a meeting of security officials, Defense Minister Amir Peretz said significant diplomatic developments were possible, but did not indicate whether there had been a breakthrough, they said. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss policy with the media.

Other government officials said a decision had been made to give diplomatic efforts more time _ in part to defuse possible international criticism of a broad ground campaign in Gaza.

There has been no sign of life from Shalit since gunmen seized him Sunday during an attack on an Israeli military post near Gaza. His capture and Israel's subsequent military incursion into Gaza threatened to bring the two sides to the verge of all-out war.

While a ground invasion in the north was put on hold, Israeli aircraft pounded suspected weapons factories, militant training camps and empty areas in southern Gaza, and heavy artillery fire from southern Israel exploded in the north.

Aircraft also went after a car that witnesses said was carrying an Islamic Jihad activist, but the militant escaped before the missile struck.

No deaths or serious injuries have been reported in any of the attacks since the operation began.

Several miles away, Palestinian militants blew a hole in a wall near the border with Egypt, and men claiming to be affiliated with Hamas claimed responsibility. Security personnel on both sides of the border took up position to keep people from streaming across.

Even after taking power in March, Hamas has continued to refuse to renounce violence and recognize Israel. Israel said the arrests of its officials Thursday was intended to undercut the group's ability to carry out attacks.

The Israeli military said 64 Hamas officials, including the deputy prime minister, were arrested in the early-morning raid in the West Bank. In all, eight of Hamas' 23 Cabinet ministers and 20 of its 72 lawmakers were rounded up, Israeli and Palestinian officials said.

Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regev said the officials were not taken as bargaining chips for Shalit's release, but because Israel holds Hamas responsible for attacks against it.

"The arrests of these Hamas officials ... is part of a campaign against a terrorist organization that has escalated its war of terror against Israeli civilians," Regev said.

When asked if the Hamas officials would be freed if Shalit were released, Maj. Gen. Yair Naveh, the head of Israel's central command, saw a direct link.

"I think so," Naveh said. "The decision to arrest them came from the political level ... and I think the political level's perspective could change" if Shalit were to be freed, he said.

Naveh also confirmed that the Palestinians' deputy prime minister, Nasser Shaer, was among the Hamas officials rounded up. Palestinian officials said Palestinian parliament speaker Abdel Aziz Duaik was also detained.

Asked if more arrests were in the offing, Naveh replied, "The dam has been broken on this. ... We won't favor anyone and we will act against in the future."

Regev urged the Palestinian leadership to release Shalit to "avert this crisis."

"We have a responsibility as the government of Israel to all our young people doing national service, those young men and women, that if they're ever taken hostage, we as a government will do everything we can to bring about their release," Regev told CNN.

"We have no government, we have nothing. They have all been taken," said Saeb Erekat, an ally of the moderate Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas. "This is absolutely unacceptable and we demand their release immediately."

The Popular Resistance Committees _ one of the groups holding the soldier _ provided no information on Shalit in a new statement, but insisted on swapping him for Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails.

"Today, tomorrow or after that, there will be no option but to give in, and admit to the right of our prisoners to freedom, and our people's right to an honorable living. Wasting time is not in their interests and for sure, they are the losers," said Abu Mujahid, a spokesman for the group.

Israel has said it would not negotiate Shalit's release and has rejected militants' demands to free Palestinian prisoners in exchange for information about him.

The PRC said it killed Eliahu Asheri, kidnapped in the West Bank. An Israeli military official said he was shot in the head shortly after being abducted Sunday.

Government spokesman Asaf Shariv said Asheri's killers would be arrested, and Israel would try to bring them to trial. "Their days as free people are numbered," Shariv said.

Although the Israeli military campaign against Gaza was touched off by the soldier's capture, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's government has also been alarmed by a surge in the number of homemade rockets fired on Israeli communities bordering Gaza.

Israeli warplanes, tanks and thousands of troops began moving into southern Gaza overnight Tuesday, knocking out Gaza's only power station, making main roads impassable and bombarding the strip with heavy artillery fire.

On Thursday, Israeli aircraft aimed a missile at a car carrying Palestinian militants, the military said, but Islamic Jihad activist Majdi al Dahdouh jumped out of the car before the missile struck and escaped, witnesses said.

Residents said an Israeli Apache helicopter fired a missile at an electrical appliances store near the southern town of Khan Younis before daybreak. Inside, computers, refrigerators and other appliances were charred, but Israel said it struck a weapons manufacturing and storage facility.

Farmer Nabil Abu Muammar, 39, said his home and farmland were razed after residents near Gaza's southern tip were warned over loudspeakers to leave the area. Other homes and fields in the area were also flattened.

The military denied flattening homes or farmland, and it wasn't immediately possible to reconcile the two accounts.

Israeli aircraft also struck two militants' training camps in southern Gaza, witnesses said.

Olmert has threatened harsher action to free the soldier, but said there was no plan to reoccupy Gaza, which Israel evacuated last summer.

In southern Gaza, militants detonated a land mine that blew open a large hole in a wall near the border with Egypt, witnesses and officials said. Men carrying loudspeakers claimed to be with Hamas' military wing, but there was no way to verify that.

Security personnel on either side of the border prevented people from crossing.

It was unclear why the wall was breached, but shortly after Israel quit Gaza last summer, thousands of Palestinians broke through that same Israeli-built obstacle and poured into Egypt in defiance of government attempts to secure the border.



Utah energy company plans 4,000 wells for Colorado-Wyoming area

By The Associated Press

CRAIG, Colo. — Questar Corp. said it plans to drill 4,000 oil and gas wells in a 150,000-acre area along the Colorado-Wyoming border over the next 30 years.

Drilling could start as early as 2008, the Salt Lake City-based company said Wednesday.

About 60 percent of the drilling would take place in Wyoming, while the rest would be in northwestern Colorado, said Vincent Rigatti, Questar Market Resources general manager. The majority of the wells would pump natural gas.

He said most of the sites are on Bureau of Land Management property. BLM could issue a final environmental impact statement by June 2007 and give the company permission to drill in early 2008, he said.

Rigatti said he has been discussing the plans with local officials and doesn't expect fierce opposition because drilling has taken place there since 1920s.

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On Iraq, they offered support to the new permanent Iraqi government and commended its new national reconciliation initiative, which some U.S. politicians have criticized as too accommodating toward insurgents.

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Hicks finds his hottie

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK



HICKS

Two weeks after Taylor Hicks discussed his first crush as a young boy, the woman from his past has contacted People magazine. The “American Idol” winner told People in a recent interview that he never forgot his first crush: “I was in the second grade; she was in the sixth.” He added that ever since, he’s always liked older women.

After reading the article, the woman, Christy Lee Worsham, called People. She’s now married, and was surprised she had made such an impact on Hicks. “He was such a fun kid,” Worsham, 32, said. “I’m married. But I’d like to reconnect. He was like a brother to me.”

Hicks, 29, was ranked as the “hottest bachelor” by People earlier this month. He then said he was on the lookout for another love interest: a mystery blond woman he briefly exchanged glances with on an airline flight.

A spokeswoman for People, which set up an e-mail and mailing address to help track her down, said Thursday there had been no luck yet.

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates
Thief picked the wrong Pitt

A Jordanian salesman who tried to use an identity card with Brad Pitt’s photo was on trial in the Emirates, a newspaper has reported. The 29-year-old salesman allegedly forged the card with the Hollywood actor’s picture and an Arabic name in an attempt to steal more than \$22,000 left unclaimed at an exchange house where his brother worked as a teller, according to a report Thursday in the daily Gulf News. The man, who told police he did not know who Brad Pitt was, said in court Wednesday that he downloaded the photo from the Internet, the newspaper reported. Police were reportedly alerted by an informant. Dubai’s public prosecutors charged the man with

forgery and embezzlement. A spokesman for the prosecutor’s office was not immediately able to comment on the trial.

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.
A French roast Kiss



KISS

Kiss, the rock group known for putting their brand on everything from action figures and bobble heads to lunchboxes, now is marketing French Kiss Vanilla, Demon Dark Roast and Rockuccino at the first Kiss Coffeehouse. Bandmates Paul Stanley and Gene Simmons, sans the trademark makeup, greeted a crowd of hundreds Tuesday to mark the opening of their coffeehouse in this beach town. “You can live to rock, but you have to eat to live,” Stanley told the crowd. Some fans drove from as far away as Colorado and Oregon. One came from Poland. “I can’t believe I just met them,” said Adrian Czarnbey, who introduced the band at a news conference. “It’s just like seeing Jesus for me.”

Fans were in line as early as 8:30 a.m. for the grand-opening party nearly 12 hours later. The coffeehouse poured its first cup of Rockuccino on Saturday. Stanley, 54, said Myrtle Beach was the best place to launch the enterprise. “We’re bringing coffee to a whole ‘nother generation,” he said. The two band members drove up in a stretch limousine, then shook hands with fans as they made their way to a news conference and receiving line. Simmons, known for sticking out his tongue while performing, declined to do so on Tuesday. “I would,” the 56-year-old rocker said, “but I noticed the floor’s kinda dirty.”

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WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.
DMX is M.I.A.

The rapper DMX failed to show up in court Wednesday to face a bevy of bad-driving charges, and a judge who had granted him two postpone-

ments said she had had enough. City Court Judge Barbara Leak issued an arrest warrant for DMX, whose real name is Earl Simmons and whose albums include “It’s Dark and Hell Is Hot” and “Flesh of My Flesh, Blood of My Blood.” “We have granted him a number of courtesies,” the judge said. “It ends now.”

The rapper’s lawyer, Stacey Murray, promised that he would come to court Thursday. She said DMX, 35, had flown to New York from Arizona for the court appearance but apparently became ill. DMX was pulled over in White Plains on June 2 for speeding and making unsafe lane changes in a 2001 Chevrolet Suburban, police said. Once he was stopped, police said, officers found he was not wearing a seat belt and did not have a driver’s license. Nine days later, he was ticketed for driving a 2006 Suburban on the shoulder of the Hutchinson River Parkway in Harrison.

On June 16, police in Scottsdale, Ariz., cited him for carrying a concealed handgun outside a nightclub. They said he pulled the gun from a holster and put it under the front seat of his 1964 Chevrolet convertible.

NEW YORK
Genie out of the bottle



FRANCIS

“General Hospital” is giving fans much to talk about: the reunion of Luke and Laura Spencer, the ABC soap opera’s most popular couple. Genie Francis, who originated the role of Laura nearly 30 years ago, will return to the show — and to the fictional town of Port Charles — to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Luke and Laura’s wedding, which was seen by 30 million viewers on Nov. 16, 1981, ABC announced Tuesday. Francis, 44, will appear in a series of episodes beginning in the middle of October, the network said. “I’m very happy to be returning to my ‘General Hospital’ family and look forward to portraying a role that means a lot to me as well as the fans who have supported the character throughout the years,” Francis said in a statement.

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The Da Vinci Code (PG-13)
12:25, 3:50, 7:20, 10:15
Nacho Libre (PG)
12:00, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
Superman Returns (PG-13)
10:15am, 11:30am, 12:30, 1:35, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:00, 10:50, 11:30

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12:50, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50
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1:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10

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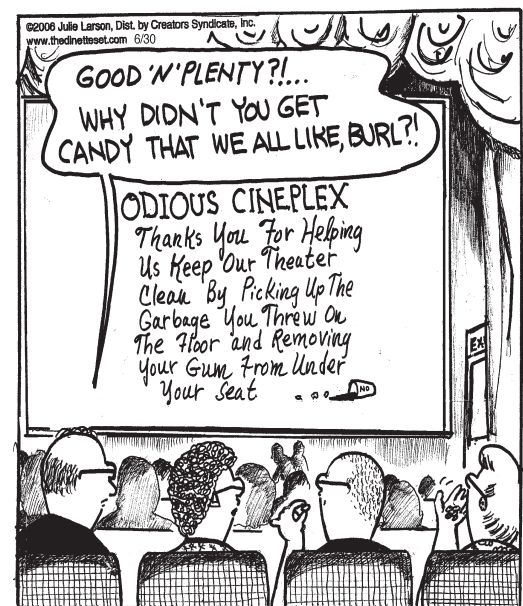
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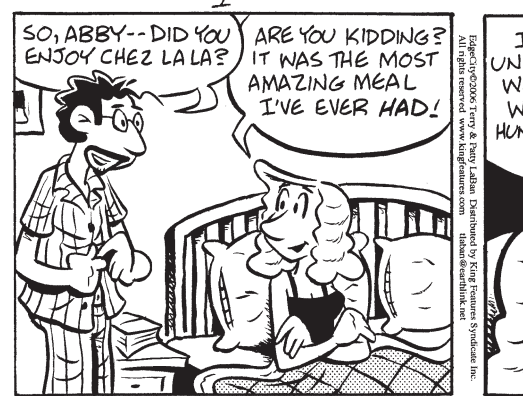
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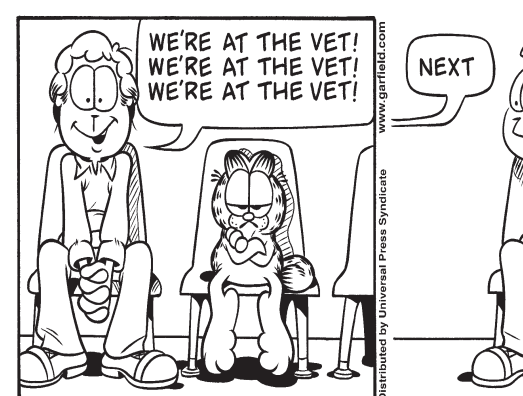
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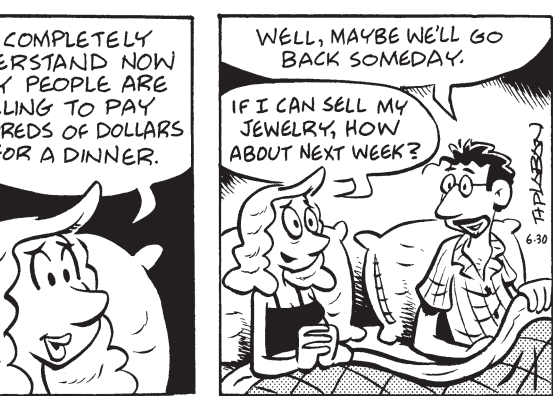
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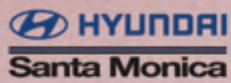




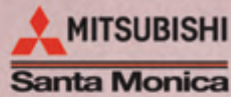
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