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Pico Neighborhood, 9 a.m. — 4 p.m.

The city of Santa Monica's Solid Waste Management Division will conduct, as part of a pilot program, a one-time collection of all residential items placed at the curb or in the alley for free. No hazardous materials such as paint, pesticides, poisons, computers or computer monitors will be accepted. The drop-off locations will be between the east side of Lincoln Boulevard to Centinela Avenue and the south side of Colorado Avenue to the north side of Pico Boulevard.

The Donnas at Safari Sam's

5214 W. Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, 7 p.m.

The Donnas are playing at Safari Sam's, with special guests Donita Sparks and the Binges. Tickets are \$15; \$12 in advance. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit www.safari-sams.com.

'Zoom +/-'

3026 Airport Ave., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

ARENA1 Gallery's latest exhibit, "ZOOM+/-," is a group exhibition that explores how artists locate meaning. The opening reception is tonight. For more information, visit www.santamonicaartstudios.com.

Nikki Forova lives

4437 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, 9 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Forova performs an acoustic concert with Kathryn on viola and Ryan Ashby on Bass guitar. This event is free of charge. For more information, visit www.synergycafelounge.com.

Puppetolio

1255 Second St., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

Puppetolio is a musical revue featuring marionettes and ventriloquism. Shows are always followed by a chance to visit the museum collection and ask questions. All seats are \$7.50. For more information, visit www.PUPPETMAGIC.com or call (310) 656-0483.

Sunday, July 1, 2007

'Rancho Monterey'

2612 Main St., 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.

The California Heritage Museum's current exhibition showcases Monterey and rancho-style furniture, California ceramics and tile, Mexican ceramics and pottery, tourist-ware and costuming, and fine arts by artists including Phil Paradise, Victor Clyde Forsythe and Hernando Villa. General admission is \$5, students and seniors are \$3, and children 12 and under get in free. For more information, call (310) 392-8537.

Throw the kid back

3116 Second St., 8 p.m.

"The Boomerang Kid" is a fully interactive, audience-directed comedy in which the audience controls the fate of the main character, who is trying to make it on his own without the assistance of his parents. Audience members will be asked to make a choice on his behalf, using touch-screen, wireless PDAs to cast their votes. They'll go through the play twice — once in the first act and once again after intermission, and experience two completely different plays. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling (866) 633-6246, ext. 9 or by visiting www.powerhousetheatre.com. Call for group rates.

'A Digital Spring' auction

1332 Sixth St., 1 p.m. — 4 p.m.

All 80 pieces shown in this exhibition were donated to the YMCA in order to help the Senior Programs. Besides those from the Emeritus College, Fabian Lewkowicz, YMCA Board member and photojournalist participated in this venture and donated several of his works. These works will be auctioned to raise funds for the YMCA Senior Programs when the exhibition ends.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

CORRECTION

A series of photographs that ran in the June 28 edition of the Daily Press ("In for a rude awakening," page 3), submitted by a reader, erroneously stated that they were captured this week. The pictures were actually taken close to a year ago.

New law rewards recyclers

Those plastic bags just became valuable

BY REAGAN WHEELER
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE With 19 billion plastic bags being used each year by Californians alone, finding ways to recycle them has become of utmost importance to the environmentally conscious. This weekend, it'll get a whole lot easier.

Beginning Sunday, shoppers will be able to recycle their plastic bags at local stores, provided the business occupies more than 10,000 square feet of retail space and makes at least \$2 million in annual sales — typical of major supermarkets and retailers. The proliferation of recycling bins are the result of the Plastic Grocery Bag Recycling Act, which goes into effect July 1.

Reusable bags will also be made available at the stores to help customers cut down on the initial waste.

Reducing plastic bag waste is not the lone objective of the legislation passed last year by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger — oil dependence is also a major factor, with approximately 4,000 barrels of oil being used daily to manufacture plastic bags. As a result, the amount of waste created each year is a growing worry. At the rate of 600 bags per second, Californians and their plastic carriers are responsible for more than 147,000 tons of waste in U.S. landfills per year.

Customers such as Carol Belmont, a frequent shopper at the Vons supermarket on Broadway, have already begun recycling plastic, among other things. On Friday, Belmont admitted she is worried about the landfills, saying they must be "awful."

Ginny and Frank Ruiz live near an Albertson's in Santa Monica and have seen people take plastic bags from the outside recycling bins.

"We put our bags in the bin at Albertsons," said Ginny Ruizon Friday. "It is a good idea to have them, as long as the bins are inside."

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Photo courtesy of SMC

PLAYING THE FIELD: Corsair Field will once again serve as the staging grounds for 'Celebrate America,' being staged on Saturday. This year's salute to Independence Day marks the 25th anniversary of the family friendly fireworks show at Santa Monica College.

Patriotic pyrotechnics promise oohs and aahs

SMC's annual event touting the Fourth hits the 25-year mark

BY EMILY SKEHAN
Special to the Daily Press

SMC Always a blast, guaranteed.

Fireworks and live music will again fill the night air this Saturday during an early salute to the nation's Independence Day. Santa Monica College's "Celebrate

America" marks its 25th year at Corsair Field, the star attraction of which is the display by Pyro Spectaculars.

The popular outdoor event is free and open to the public, although donations are welcome, and families are encouraged to make a night of it. Spectators can bring their own picnics to enjoy on the lawn or savor refreshments — ranging from Mexican cuisine to southern fried fish — all available for purchase from vendors lining the athletic field.

This weekend's performers include rhythm-and-blues favorites House Brew and JD Hall & the JD Hall band.

"We love watching the kids have a won-

derful time, and getting the grown-ups to participate in the entertainment," said Hall, "It's going to be a major show with lots of oldies-but-goodies."

There will be booths from "just about every local organization in Santa Monica," said SMC events coordinator Carol Evans.

The theme of this year's fireworks show is "The American Journey," according to Pyro Spectaculars representative Paul Souza. Because it is the event's 25th anniversary, there will be a bigger display this year.

"It's a very exciting show" Souza said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Protect the elderly, not buildings
Editor:

I'm what is considered an older – though I prefer “seasoned” – Santa Monica resident, and I'm saddened and disturbed to read about attacks on the elderly that I've seen in your paper recently.

On Monday, it was Bill Bauer's column (“Elderly get shorted by housing policy,” June 25) about how people from outside Santa Monica are being given preference over elderly Santa Monica residents for housing that the city of Santa Monica pays for and builds. But this has been a problem for years, and the city continues to bury its head in the sand and refuses to do anything about the problem.

On Wednesday, it was the article about how the convalescent home on 14th (Street) near Broadway was closing down (“Developing problems,” June 27), forcing its elderly residents to move .

But the most egregious attack this week on elderly Santa Monica residents was in Thursday's paper (“Landmarks prove a source of drama,” June 28). Shamefully, though not surprisingly, many people in Santa Monica are more concerned about preserving old houses that are falling apart than they are taking care of elderly residents who can't find a home.

Spending time and considerable city resources to preserve a 102-year-old house on Ocean Avenue? Spending time and considerable resources to keep relocating an old shotgun house at a reported cost of several hundred thousand dollars?

Where is the outcry, because this surely points to a lack of common sense and common decency from those in our city.

The city's housing policies will continue to harm the elderly, while the zeal for the city to spend considerable and precious resources to keep old buildings is disgraceful.

Saul Cohen
Santa Monica

Holding out until the check clears
Editor:

I enjoyed reading (David Pissarra's) most recent column (“Welfare mothers should be spayed,” June 26). I live off of Social Security and I get Section 8 Housing. I have not had sex with a woman in nearly 11 years because I know, as a poor man such as myself, I could not afford to support any kids. I believe poor people, such as myself, have no business having children. It is not right for society to have to support poor people's kids. I decided a long time ago that I would not be sexually active. Abstinence works 100 percent.

Too bad more poor people, like me, do not understand this.

Mark Leland
Santa Monica

Immigration talks marred by racism
Editor:

An anti-immigration rally took place in Jackson, Miss., to castigate Trent Lott for his moderate stance on the immigration debate. It seems the only people not assimilating in the current debate are the “whites only” crowd. How many Mexicans, blacks, Latinos and tolerant whites do you think were at this Mississippi social? The current debate is not about illegal immigrants, amnesty and speaking English, it is about prejudice and discrimination.

Why are Americans so blind to this fact? Why do they so easily feed into the hatred of a vocal and ignorant fringe element of society?

Is today's immigration frenzy any different than the racial unrest of the '50s and early '60s, except in that brown skin has been substituted for black skin? The ugly scourge of racism is still very much alive and well in America.

Ron Lowe
Santa Monica



Modern Times

Lloyd Garver

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You don't look
a day over 900

OPTIMISTIC SCIENTISTS ARE NOW predicting that the time when people's life expectancy reaches triple digits is going to happen sooner than most of us thought. Experts at a recent meeting of the G8 countries stated, “Most children alive today in the G8 countries will survive to celebrate their 100th birthdays.” That sounded pretty good, but then I read the claims of Cambridge geneticist Aubrey de Grey. He feels that people can live to be 1,000 years old without suffering any of the bad things usually associated with old age. (That “1,000” is not a typo). He went on to say, “I think the first person to live to 1,000 might be 60 already.” Hello! Get in line behind me.

Let's get the more modest predictions out of the way first. Some aging specialists believe that because of our healthier lifestyles, and because of advances in medicine, soon 100 will not be out of reach for most people. Then there is the group who say that living longer is possible if people just join them in “calorie restriction.” They're not just talking about skipping that extra slice of pizza. They suggest that people eat about 30 percent fewer calories than normal while still getting adequate amounts of vitamins, minerals and other nutrients. So, men who are six feet tall will eat only about 2,000 calories a day and weigh 135 pounds. Who would want to live like that? If we make it to 100 on this diet, when our big birthday comes along, we probably won't even be allowed to eat any of our cake.

So, the “live to 1,000” plan of Aubrey de Grey is the most intriguing. As with the “live to 100” predictions, he is not only talking about living a long life, but also a very healthy one. In fact, he believes we'll be able to look and feel like a 20-year old if that's what we want. He says that most people who die from diseases associated with “old age” die because of molecular and cellular damage. He reasons that if that damage can be taken care of, old age — and therefore, death — can be put off almost indefinitely.

Currently, Aubrey and his associates are conducting clinical trials on mice, and he claims they're going well. It's hard for me to be thrilled by the possibility that soon mice will live to be 1,000 years old. But he is optimistic that the mouse trials, followed by the human trials, should only take another 25 years or so. In other words, if we can all just hang on for another 25 years, each of us might be able to live to be 1,000. Just try not to get hit by a car for the next quarter of a century.

Needless to say, there are quite a few scientists who don't take de Grey very seri-

ously. As they plan for the future, they aren't changing their projected retirement age to 865.

But let's give de Grey and those who believe in his theory the benefit of the doubt for a moment. What would the world be like if we lived to be 1,000 or more? Would we benefit from the wisdom of older people who had seen so much? Would human accomplishments be greater than today because everyone would be able to develop to his or her own potential? Would we ever be able to find a parking place?

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And how are parents going to feel about their kids who are just out of college, trying to get into what will be a much more crowded job market? Are they going to want to put up with their kids still living at home, sprawled on the couch for several hundred years, waiting for a job to open up?

The interesting thing about this kind of speculation is that it brings up the idea of whether there is ever an age when people should be considered “old enough” to die. A 20-year-old may feel that a person who is 94 has lived a long and full life, and that nobody should feel bad if he dies at that age. However, when that young person ages and becomes 93, he no longer feels that way about 94. Most of us probably think 1,000 is too old for a person to live.

Will we still think that when we're 999?

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STRA Y talk

A CENTER-CUT, NO-FAT REVIEW OF WHAT WAS SAID THIS PAST WEEK BY FOLKS THE WORLD OVER AND RIGHT AT HOME

"There's a rush to judgment. There's almost a hysteria around us."

— World Wrestling Entertainment's chairman Vince McMahon, on the speculation that steroid rage incited professional wrestler Chris Benoit to kill his wife, son and himself

"I'd hate to see all the money we've spent wasted."

— Ted Winterer, Commissioner for Recreation and Parks, on opening up the Airport dog park to Mar Vista residents for a fee, due to low attendance

"I asked her why, because I'm a 6'1" black man with dark skin and who doesn't go around saying 'Yessah, massa, sir' and 'No, sir, massa' to everyone?"

— Former "Grey's Anatomy" actor Isaiah Washington, on his reaction to being told that some ABC studio employees feared him and that may have led to his firing

"The eviction of any Santa Monica resident is disturbing, but the victimization of medically-challenged seniors is infuriating."

— Councilman Kevin McKeown, council liaison for Santa Monica's Planning Commission, on the proposed eviction of convalescent home patients in order to erect condominiums on 14th Street

"It's a love letter."

— Lynne Spears, mother of pop singer Britney Spears, on being served papers by her daughter asking that she stay away from her grandchildren if she is taking any medications that may cause her to be impaired

"We're using a buddy system."

— Graham Tyler, while camped out in front of the Apple Store on the Third Street Promenade to buy the new iPhone, on coordinating with the next person in line so that they don't lose their place when they go to the bathroom

"Many people think pinkberry is the original, but pinkberry is the most famous."

— Shane Kim, co-founder of YoGreen, an Asian-style yogurt company, which is in direct competition with its well known counterpart

"Given the stance our government made on the war in Iraq and elsewhere, I think we are just getting used to being a target."

— Londoner Andrew Fowler on Londoners' casual reaction to recent car bomb threats

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— Ellen Brennan, Chair of the Pier Restoration Corporation, on the tourism value of the Santa Monica Pier

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The QLine

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ARE TOO FAR OUT

This past week, Q-line asked:
Do you think the city needs to rethink its development strategy as it heads into the future?
Here are your responses:

"OF COURSE THE CITY COUNCIL NEEDS to rethink their so-called strategy for any more building in this city. The fact is they should've done so long ago. There is not much left for them to ruin. Oh, but I'm sure they'll find a way. The city is already too overbuilt and with not much classy or worthwhile changes. The deals have already been made and sealed so we are in more for the same. Good-bye lovely Santa Monica of the past."

"I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE CITY of Santa Monica institute a building moratorium on all construction except for our one. The reason is because of the general plan study for Land Use Circulation Element we don't have based on data for circulation element. Traffic is increasing to the point, passed the tipping point. We all know what traffic is like getting in and out of the city, as well as getting around the city right now. As buildings go up – multi-family going up, for instance, on Main Street – it's imperative that buildings be stopped until we have enough data that we can make the correct decision in implementing the new general plan."

"I THINK THAT THE PLANNING Commission should definitely have a building moratorium for Santa Monica until a new General Plan is approved by the City Council. Santa Monica is growing at too fast of a rate, and the plans barely take into account the residents, the people that live here and work here and make small drives around, take their children to school or go to the hardware store or supermarket. The traffic is getting worse and worse because so many of the people (driving) don't live in Santa Monica. They are coming to work at various businesses and large buildings that are located here. When I first moved to Santa Monica, it was a very nice, quiet town. The promenade was very quiet, nice simple place and now it's being turned into a tourist trap. Just a beach alone is enough of a tourist trap so there should definitely be a building moratorium for Santa Monica and the general plan should be as much slow growth as possible."

"WE ARE OVERDEVELOPED. IT'S A TINY city and its becoming impossible to live. The traffic and the over development and the high-rises going up – by high-rise I mean not 20 stories, but too big; downtown you can't find a parking space. It was a beautiful city at one time and it's headed in the wrong direction. We have lived here since 1971 and we are concerned about over development and we support a building moratorium."

"CONSIDERING THAT THE CITY OF SANTA Monica is already overdeveloped, I suspect that your question of the week refers to the redevelopment of the over-development. Makes sense to me."

"I SUPPORT THE MORATORIUM ON NEW development, which would exempt single family homes, affordable housing and other projects. All one has to do is drive through our city and see the results of over development. Our general plan was adopted over 20 years ago and won't be updated for a few more years. I think we need to take a break until our new plan,

which will reflect the desire of Santa Monica residents, is in place. I believe the only people who want more development in Santa Monica are developers and those who support them on the City Council."

"I'M IN FAVOR OF A MORATORIUM. There's way too much unplanned development going on all over Santa Monica, which would not be approved if our new general plan, reflecting residents' goals, had been adopted by now. If anything, development is being accelerated to take advantage of the ongoing delay expected to last at least another couple of years. Our city hasn't even done our traffic update, which is so key to determining what reasonably should be built. Cities in similar situations facing similar development pressures have used a moratorium to stop over development while they are revising their general plans. Santa Monica should do the same thing."

"THEY'RE ALWAYS BUILDING TOO MUCH stuff in Santa Monica. The problem is that every time they build something they tear down a little building and build and even bigger one with more people, which means more traffic. The only reason they do that is so developers can make more money by probably bribing people to approve their projects to begin with."

"OF COURSE THE CITY NEEDS TO rethink its development strategy. Those cities which are the nicest to live in and visit are small, which Santa Monica used to be. Too bad our City Council members are selling out to developers. Pretty soon there will be complete gridlock with nowhere to park, terrible noise and pollution and lack of light due to all the buildings. The only housing that seems to get approved now is low income so we can have increased crime too and more folks who don't pay taxes. The City Council could care less about what the people think. It's all about them and their greed for more money to waste on all their silly ideas."

"DOES THE CITY NEED TO RETHINK ITS development strategy? Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes, and yes again and forever. They are a bunch of loonies."

"I DO THINK THE CITY NEEDS TO rethink its development strategy. We do want to see a moratorium go into effect. It's really important."

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BY JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Paris Hilton got out of jail Tuesday and immediately got back to being Paris Hilton, summoning a hair salon van to her grandparents' mansion and, by her mere presence, creating a huge traffic jam that angered the neighbors.

It appeared that Hilton's plans to serve God in some way, perhaps by creating a halfway house for former ex-convicts like herself, would have to wait at least a day as she readjusted to the simple life of fame and celebrity.

"There's not going to be a press conference today. I just spoke to Mr. Hilton. They have no plans to make any statement," police Sgt. B. Anthony Roberts told reporters assembled outside the front gate of the estate as Hilton kept a low profile inside.

Although Hilton kept out of sight, her presence was still palpable up and down the block, from the TV satellite vans that took up so much room on the narrow street that cars couldn't pass one another to the fast-food luncheon that was passed along to the assembled masses outside.

"Delivery for Paris from Taco Bell," one of two delivery people who arrived with bags of food said into the intercom outside the front gate.

"Thank you, give it to the media and the police," a voice from inside the mansion replied.

Hours earlier, when she was let out of jail shortly after midnight in a seedy section of Lynwood, Hilton managed to transform the event to almost the equivalent of a red-carpet arrival.

With cameras flashing, she made her so-

called perp walk from jail to a waiting SUV by smiling, waving and strutting past the assembled masses in tight jeans and white stiletto heels. She ignored shouted questions, but occasionally said hi or slapped hands with sheriff's deputies holding the photographers at bay until she reached the SUV and hugged her mother.

From there it was a quick drive to fashionable Holmby Hills, home to Playboy magazine founder Hugh Hefner among others, and a stop at her grandparents' house.

As she stayed inside throughout the day, more than a dozen cars pulled up to the gate and were quickly buzzed inside, their occupants declining to talk with reporters. Among those who entered was her spokesman, Elliott Mintz, who declined to comment.

Hilton was scheduled to break her silence Wednesday night with an interview on CNN's "Larry King Live."

At one point Tuesday, a black Cadillac Escalade carrying balloons and a cake with the words "Welcome Home" in pink frosting arrived at her grandparents' home. At another, a van from DreamCatchers Hair Extensions, for which Hilton is the celebrity pitchwoman, passed through the gates. DreamCatchers receptionist Crystal Armijo confirmed the heiress was having extensions added to her hair.

A makeup artist arrived on foot with a little pushcart filled with cosmetics. A stylist also walked up to the gate carrying several designer bags filled with stuff. As Hilton was unwinding in Holmby Hills on Tuesday, Baca appeared before the county Board of Supervisors to angrily defend his original release of the hotel heiress.

Britain's Tesco fills the order for supermarket in the hood

BY ANDREW GLAZER
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Major domestic supermarket chains promised to open more than 30 new stores in a poor area ravaged by the 1992 riots to spark economic development and provide cheap and healthy alternatives to fast food.

The promise was never kept.

Fifteen years later, British supermarket giant Tesco PLC plans to capitalize on the critical need for grocery stores in South Los Angeles by opening a Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Market in the economically depressed area.

It will be one of about 50 stores the chain intends to open in three western states by the end of the year.

Tesco expects to do good business in the area of Los Angeles that other retailers have abandoned as economic quicksand.

While the site of the South Los Angeles store has not been finalized, Tesco chief marketing officer Simon Uwins said he was confident it would open with others in San Diego, Phoenix and Las Vegas before 2008.

Tesco's stores will offer gourmet-prepared foods along with staples such as milk, bread and organic meat and vegetables. The company's Web site says the stores will be environmentally friendly, using solar panels and spe-

cially designed freezers to reduce emissions.

The opening of another healthy market wouldn't cause many people to look up from their plate of balsamic-dripped heirloom tomatoes in wealthier part of Los Angeles already saturated with Trader Joe's and Whole Foods outlets.

But South Los Angeles residents, who overwhelmingly shop at smaller, more expensive corner markets and discount stores, have clamored for more mainstream supermarkets for decades.

Music store clerk She'ra Randle, 24, applauded Tesco's willingness to invest in her neighborhood. Aside from easing the dearth of food options, the new market will highlight the area's economic potential to other retailers, she said.

"We've had a lack of big companies being around," she said. "It will show people we are moving in some kind of positive direction."

Amanda Shaffer, author of a 2002 report titled "The Persistence of L.A.'s Grocery Gap," said bringing healthy meat and produce to "food deserts" like South Los Angeles benefits everyone.

"People suffering from diet-related illnesses because they don't have a healthy diet affect everyone's taxes and health care costs," said Shaffer, a researcher at Occidental College's Urban and Environmental Policy Institute.

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Mars rover gears up for a risky descent

BY JOHN ANTCAK

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES NASA's aging but durable Mars rover Opportunity will make what could be a trip of no return into a deep impact crater in an attempt to peer further back than ever before into the geologic history of the Red Planet.

The descent into Victoria Crater received the go-ahead because the potential scientific returns are worth the risk that the solar-powered, six-wheel rover might not be able to climb back out and would be forced to end its days there, NASA officials and scientists said Thursday.

The rover has been roaming the surface for nearly 3 1/2 Earth years, or some 1,200 Martian days, so scientists and engineers want to send it in while it still appears healthy

and before the inevitable breakdown of vital parts that would certainly trap it there.

"This crater, Victoria, is a window back into the ancient environment of Mars," said Alan Stern, the NASA associate administrator who authorized the move.

"Entering this crater does come with some unknowns," Stern added. "We have analyzed the entry point but we can't be certain about the terrains and the footing down in the crater until we go there. We can't guarantee, although we think we are likely to come back out of the crater."

Opportunity and its twin, Spirit, have been exploring opposite sides of Mars since landing on Earth's neighbor in January 2004, discovering geologic evidence of rocks altered by water from a long-ago wetter period of the now-dusty planet.

Blasted open by a meteor impact, Victoria

Crater is a half-mile across and about 200 to 230 feet deep — far deeper than anything else the rovers have explored.

"Because it's deeper it provides us access to just a much longer span of time," said Steve Squyres, the principal investigator of the Mars Exploration Rover mission from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

He said it's not known just how much time is represented in the crater's layered walls "but if you have a thicker stack of rocks it's covering more of geologic history, so we're going to see more of the history of Mars here than we've seen anywhere else."

Opportunity's first target will be a band of bright material like a bathtub ring about 10 feet below the crater's rim, which will require a drive of more than 60 feet into the crater.

"It is somehow different from everything else around it," Squyres said of the ring.

"That was the original, pre-impact surface so this bright stuff is the stuff that was in contact with the Martian atmosphere at the time Victoria formed, which may have been billions of years ago," he said. "This is a fairly ancient crater. So this material may preserve in its details information about the interaction of these Martian rocks with the ancient Martian environment."

The rover team has named features along the crater's rim as if it was a coastline and have chosen the rover's entry point at a place dubbed Duck Bay, between Cape Verde and Cabo Frio.

First, it will have to safely cross a ripple of wind-formed material at the lip of the crater, a kind of feature that has given the rover trouble before. The team plans to initially drive only far enough to have all six wheels on the slope and then back up to the top, to analyze how it performed.

In California, debate over sterilizing pets goes to the dogs

BY SAMANTHA YOUNG

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO It began as a well-intentioned idea to reduce the number of dogs and cats euthanized each year in California animal shelters — estimated at about 500,000.

Requiring people to spay or neuter their pets seemed like a commonsense answer to state Assemblyman Lloyd Levine. But since his bill narrowly passed the Assembly earlier this month, it has generated a storm of

impassioned criticism.

The American Kennel Club — the nation's oldest dog registry — threatened to pull the country's second largest dog show from California if the bill becomes law.

Some dog breeders say they, too, will move out of state rather than comply with a law they describe as social engineering for animals.

And one rural county has complained that the sterilization requirement could lead to the demise of the beloved mutt.

"I think what's happening in California is socialism in its prime," said Janet Wahl, who lives east of Sacramento and is considering

moving to Oregon or Washington so she can breed her Havanese and Yorkshire Terriers without rules.

Like other breeders, she fears the government will put itself in the position of deciding which dog breeds can reproduce and which cannot.

Levine, a Sherman Oaks Democrat best known for his bill seeking to phase out the incandescent light bulb, called the criticism of his sterilization bill "flabbergasting."

"My opponents are not bound by fact, not bound by truth, and will use any means necessary to stop this legislation," he said.

His supporters are just as passionate as the opponents: Animal shelter workers have testified in heart-wrenching detail about killing litters of kittens and lovable dogs because there are just too many to place in homes.

Singer Lionel Richie and actress Pamela Anderson have given their names in support. And minutes before the Assembly voted, several wavering lawmakers got a telephone call from retired "Price is Right" host Bob Barker, a longtime advocate of fixing pets.

It worked. The bill passed by one vote before being sent to the state Senate.

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Till the end

Program helps turn farmworkers into California farmers

BY JULIANA BARBASSA
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SALINAS, Calif. Hunched over rows of parsley, Maria Luz Reyes swiftly gathers, slices and binds the fragrant bunches. It looks like just another backbreaking task in the fields, but for Reyes, it's a dream job.

"I always wanted to do this again," said Reyes, who used to help run her father-in-law's ranch in her native Mexico. "If you've run a farm, and you love it, you always want to go back."

Through the Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association, or ALBA, the former packing plant worker learned to run her own farm on leased land and overcome the hurdles facing small agricultural operations. Reyes recently purchased a 10-acre farm of her own, fulfilling a dream she'd nurtured since moving to California 17 years ago.

Experts say programs such as ALBA's, which bring new faces to agriculture, are becoming increasingly important at a time when farmers are aging and bigger farms are pushing out small operations.

The average age of farmers is now 56. About 90 percent of American farms are family owned, but new generations can be hesitant to take over the business, according to a 2007 U.S. Department of Agriculture survey.

The number of large and corporate-owned farms has also gone up, along with their share of production. They're responsible for 75 percent of the value of agricultural production and tend to have more comfortable profit margins than small farms, according to the USDA survey.

ALBA's six-month intensive training program works like a small-farm incubator, giving would-be growers the technical expertise and marketing savvy they need to run a small farm. It leases them land for a few years until they can buy their own.

Other programs working to bring new and minority farmers to the fields include Farms to Grow Inc., which primarily helps minority farmers, and California FarmLink, which connects retiring farm operators with aspiring farmers to keep the land in production.

When a program like ALBA trains aspiring farmers, it has to teach them to handle the challenges small operations face, said Kristin Reynolds, program representative at the University of California's Small Farm Center.

The diversity of crops and the small yields make it difficult for small farmers to work with wholesalers interested in large batches of greens or fruit with a guaranteed delivery date, she said.

Farmers say it's also harder for a small

producer to overcome a big unexpected loss. And they have to be able to balance working in the fields with balancing their finances.

Through ALBA, Reyes has prospered. She learned how to farm organically and sell at a handful of farmers' markets in the region — both niches where small farmers do particularly well. She also figured out how to borrow money to invest in land, something she'd never had to do in Mexico.

"It's very hard to compete with large companies that can guarantee a large amount of product at a certain time, but we're making it work," she said.

IT'S VERY HARD TO COMPETE WITH LARGE COMPANIES THAT CAN GUARANTEE A LARGE AMOUNT OF PRODUCT AT A CERTAIN TIME, BUT WE'RE MAKING IT WORK."

Maria Luz Reyes
farmer

Customers also gain from keeping small farms in operation, Reynolds said.

"They can be more diverse, have more wildlife, grow different varieties of food, and focus on things that can be direct-marketed, that don't have to be shipped, that will be fresher, and picked ripe instead of when they're green," she said.

Juan Perez, 23, who farms two of ALBA's 110 acres as a program graduate, runs a farm-to-consumer delivery system with his family. The direct marketing allows him to take advantage of the personal contact and produce variety he can offer his customers.

He also can experiment with crops that wouldn't likely be found on a larger outfit. Among the dozen or so products he grows are rows of organic epazote, an herb used in Mexican cuisine to spice beans that he felt would sell well among Monterey County's large Hispanic population.

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Immigration bill gets life

Senate moves to give failed bill a boost

BY JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON The Senate voted Tuesday to jump-start a stalled immigration measure to legalize millions of unlawful immigrants.

President Bush said the bill offered a "historic opportunity for Congress to act," and appeared optimistic about its passage by week's end.

The pivotal test-vote was 64-35 to revive the divisive legislation. It still faces formidable obstacles in the Senate, including bitter opposition by GOP conservatives and attempts by some waverers in both parties to revise its key elements.

Supporters needed 60 votes to scale procedural hurdles and return to the bill. A similar test-vote earlier this month found just 45 supporters, only seven of them Republicans. This time, 24 Republicans joined 39 Democrats and independent Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman of Connecticut, to back moving ahead with the bill. Opposing the move were 25 Republicans, nine Democrats and independent Sen. Bernard Sanders of Vermont.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., an architect of the bill, said he was proud of the vote, calling it "a major step forward for our national security, for our economy, and for our humanity."

"We did the right thing today because we

know the American people sent us here to act on our most urgent problems. We know they will not stand for small political factions getting in the way," Kennedy said in a statement following the vote.

Tuesday's outcome was far from conclusive, however. The measure still must overcome another make-or-break vote as early as Thursday that will also require the backing of 60 senators. And there is no guarantee that it will ultimately attract even the simple majority it needs to pass.

The Senate was preparing to begin voting as early as Tuesday afternoon on some two dozen amendments that have the potential to either sap its support or draw new backers.

Republicans and Democrats alike are deeply conflicted over the measure, which also creates a temporary worker program, strengthens border security and institutes a new system for weeding out illegal immigrants from workplaces.

Bush has mounted an unusually personal effort to defuse Republican opposition to the bill, appearing at a Senate party lunch earlier this month and dispatching two Cabinet secretaries to take up near-constant residence on Capitol Hill to push the compromise.

He called the measure a deal worthy of support. "In a good piece of legislation like this, and a difficult piece of legislation like this, one side doesn't get everything they want," he told business leaders and representatives of religious, Hispanic and agricultural communities earlier Tuesday. "It's a careful compromise."

The vote suggested that key senators and White House officials had succeeded — at

least for now — in bargaining with skeptical lawmakers for a second chance to pass the bill. Several senators who have been promised votes on their amendments, including Sens. Kit Bond, R-Mo., Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., Norm Coleman, R-Mo., Pete Domenici, R-N.M., John Ensign, R-Nev., and Jim Webb, D-Va., switched their votes to support moving ahead with the measure.

Still, after a chaotic several weeks in which the legislation survived several near-death experiences, it remained buffeted by intraparty squabbles.

As senators were preparing for the show-down vote Tuesday morning, House Republicans meeting privately on the other side of the Capitol were plotting to register their opposition through a party resolution. The measure never saw a vote for procedural reasons, but an attempt to kill it failed overwhelmingly, signaling deep GOP skepticism.

"It's clear there's a large number of the House Republicans who have serious concerns with the Senate bill," said Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, the minority leader.

Several of the Republican amendments slated for upcoming Senate votes would make the bill tougher on unlawful immigrants, while those by Democrats would make it easier on those seeking to immigrate legally based solely on family ties.

Particularly worrisome to supporters, including the Bush administration, is a bipartisan amendment by Sens. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, Barack Obama, D-Ill., and Max Baucus, D-Mont., that would change the bill's new program for weeding out illegal employees from U.S. workplaces.

More details emerge about alleged killer

BY ERIC W. BOLIN

Associated Press Writer

DENVER More details emerged Friday on the criminal background of a man suspected of killing a 24-year-old woman in the Colorado foothills, including allegations that he ignited a fire in a prison cell with two inmates locked inside.

John Amos, 44, also known as Dennis Cook and Dennis L. Cook, was being held for investigation of first-degree murder in the slaying of Alyssa Heberton-Morimoto.

Heberton-Morimoto, an intern with the Colorado Geological Survey who was working on a mapping project, was found dead late Tuesday in an isolated part of the San Isabel National Forest 75 miles southwest of Denver after pleading for help on a radio call.

Authorities have not said how she died.

Amos was convicted of second-degree murder in Kansas in 1982 and was transferred to a Colorado prison later that year. He was paroled in 2000. In 1992, when he was in the Buena Vista Correctional Complex, Amos was accused of throwing a flammable substance on the floor and door of a cell and igniting it, state Department of Corrections spokeswoman Catherine Sanguinetti said Friday.

The inmates who were locked inside the cell suffered singed hair and were coughing up black ash but had no other injuries, Sanguinetti said.

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Eagle's delisting recalls dark days

By The Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. The removal of bald eagles from federal Endangered Species Act protection has conjured memories in Wyoming of a dark chapter in the birds' four-decade trudge toward recovery.

In 1971, more than 700 of the birds are thought to have been poisoned or gunned down in Wyoming by shooters in helicopters.

"It was really kind of devastating," said Casper resident Bart Rea, a semiretired petroleum engineer and longtime bird enthusiast.

That summer 36 years ago, Rea stored eagle carcasses in his freezer as evidence of the killings.

Hikers found the first two dozen dead eagles in Jackson Canyon west of Casper Mountain. It was eventually determined that the birds died after feeding on animal carcasses laced with thallium sulfate, a poison used widely back then to kill coyotes.

The birds apparently survived long enough to return to their perches. They then died and fell to the canyon floor.

More reports of dead bald eagles streamed in over the summer.

Rea, a member of the local chapter of the Audubon Society, responded to eagle deaths across the state. While retrieving an eagle carcass near the Casper airport, Rea happened to notice a shotgun and spent shells inside a helicopter parked at the airport.

The man turned out to be James Vogan, of Murray, Utah. Afraid he had been discovered, Vogan turned himself in and admitted using the helicopter to help kill more than 500 golden and bald eagles in Wyoming.

"This was the way the whole helicopter shooting incident all broke loose," Rea said.

Vogan later testified about the slaughter to a U.S. Senate subcommittee.

He said a Wyoming sheep rancher named Herman Werner had paid \$15,000 to the flying service that owned the

helicopter. Werner owned one of the largest sheep operations in the state, a spread on the North Platte River between Rawlins and Saratoga.

Vogan's testimony sparked anger. Interior Secretary Rogers C.B. Morton called the shootings a "national outrage."

By that time, bald eagle numbers had declined to about 2,000 outside Alaska, due to the use of the pesticide DDT, which weakened the birds' eggs, and habitat loss.

Eagles have always been a problem for sheep ranchers. But while golden eagles killed 1,800 sheep and lambs in the state last year, bald eagles are not thought to prey on sheep or lambs.

The federal government filed charges against Werner, but they lacked hard evidence to back up Vogan's testimony. No one had found the birds that had been shot.

Interior Department assistant secretary Nathaniel Reed, however, learned that the U.S. Air Force was looking for ways to test its new heat-seeking technology.

Husband convicted in the murder of Nevada's controller

BY MARTIN GRIFFITH

Associated Press Writer

RENO, Nev. The husband of the late Nevada controller Kathy Augustine was found guilty Friday of murdering her by injecting her with a paralyzing drug that FBI experts detected in her system months after her death.

Chaz Higgs, 43, a critical care nurse, had been charged with killing Augustine with an injection of succinylcholine, a potent muscle relaxant used to immobilize a patient when inserting a breathing tube.

His first-degree murder conviction came just two days after he attempted suicide for the second time since Augustine's death last July. He faces up to life in prison without parole.

Higgs showed no reaction as the guilty verdict was read. He stood still, hands clasped in front of him, eyes toward the floor. Augustine family members in the courtroom clapped their hands together once, but said nothing.

The Washoe District Court jury made up of eight women and four men deliberated for more than four hours Thursday night.

They resumed deliberations at 9 a.m. Friday and reached the verdict within three hours.

They were scheduled to take up the penalty phase of the trial later Friday.

"I'm very happy with the verdict," Dallas Augustine, Kathy Augustine's daughter, told reporters. "It's a good point of closure for me. I can move on with my life now, and he can spend the rest of his life behind bars."

Defense attorney David Houston said Higgs' suicide attempt didn't help his defense.

"Good facts, bad jury," Houston said.

Under cross-examination Thursday,

Higgs, wearing bandages on his wrists, told the court that he had slit his wrists early Tuesday because he thought he had cleared his name in earlier testimony about his innocence and wanted to be with his late wife.

He had been free on \$250,000 bail until the latest attempt to kill himself, then was jailed under suicide watch.

Police said Higgs injected Augustine with the drug before calling 911 from their Reno home on July 8. Thanks to a tip from another nurse, forensic scientists at an FBI lab in Quantico, Va., confirmed the presence of succinylcholine in Augustine's urine.

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Kauai monastery meant to last and last

BY TARA GODVIN

Associated Press Writer

WAILUA, Hawaii — In a clearing within Kauai Aadheenam's lush gardens, the ping, ping, ping of metal chipping at stone can be heard as a half-dozen artisans from India put the finishing flourishes on the Hindu monastery's legacy for the ages.

Hand-carved in granite and shipped in pieces to the island from India, the Iraivan Temple is faithful to the precise design formulas defined by South Indian temple builders a thousand years ago.

The \$8 million temple to the god Shiva is the first all-stone Hindu temple outside of India, according to the Kauai monks. The project is a rarity even in India.

The ranks of skilled carvers from India have dwindled in recent centuries, as stone has yielded to concrete and steel. Design modifications in new temples outside India have become a necessity to make worship at the traditionally open-air spaces bearable during the winters in Canada or New York City.

Lush, tropical Kauai, known as Hawaii's Garden Isle, doesn't have that problem.

"Actually it's the first all-stone temple made anywhere in quite a while. I think our architect in India said he's made two in 50 years," said Sannyasin Arumugaswami, a generously bearded monk enveloped in an orange cotton robe.

Construction began in 1990 and could take another 10 years to finish because of the mass of the structure and the skill needed to build it. The temple has already incorporated 80 shipping containers worth of stone

and is surmounted by a gold-gilt cupola carved over three years by just four men.

The temple is the vision of a former ballet dancer and Californian who founded the monastery back in 1970, Satguru Sivaya Subramuniyaswami.

Subramuniyaswami, who died at 74 in 2001, embraced Hindu monasticism in the late 1940s. Today his Kauai monastery is home to 22 monks who spend their days in prayer at the monastery's current Kadavul Temple, tending the monastery's fruit orchards and livestock, or putting out the order's quarterly publication "Hinduism Today."



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Sannyasin Arumugaswami, monk

up to 40,000 hits a day.

"If you start searching Hinduism on the Web you come to us in a hurry," said Arumugaswami, who is also managing editor of the magazine.

The monks do not entirely eschew outside society. They have been deeply involved in community actions, which include helping design and print anti-drug bumper stickers they then donated to Kauai county, said state Sen. Gary Hooser, who lives near the monastery.

"They're very good neighbors. ... They

have a significant presence in terms of building their temple and the monks and the property they have there. But they manage that presence very well, so it's very low key," Hooser said.

The monastery's partially constructed temple now stands at the edge of small valley that plunges down to the Wailua River, a pond and a few rushing waterfalls, and against a distant backdrop of soaring green mountains. Complete with tropical flowers and other plants — some purchased from the National Tropical Botanical Garden headquartered on Kauai — the monastery's landscaped gardens are awe-inspiring.

"Part of the object is to place the temple in just the most beautiful Hawaiian environment possible," said Arumugaswami, explaining that the temple's surroundings are a "natural" temple.

Among the primary tenets of the order — which has about 8,000 temple supporters and several hundred close disciples — is the belief that Shiva is in everything and everyone. The goal is to understand one's oneness with Shiva, and therefore be freed from the eternal cycle of death and rebirth into the physical world.

Subramuniyaswami left specific instructions for the new temple's construction. No machinery may be used to cut the stone, which he believed would destroy the stone's "song." Machines are only used to lift some of the larger stones into place. The guru also required that the temple be built without debt, prompting a fundraising campaign that has so far raised \$10 million toward its goal of \$16 million, half of which would be set aside as a maintenance endowment.



René Pearce

(Eileen Alice McLellan)

1938-2007



René Pearce passed away June 11, 2007 in Los Angeles after a brief illness. Born "Eileen Alice McLellan" in Toronto, Ontario, she moved to the United States in 1959 and became an American citizen in 1967.

René worked as an office manager and consultant, travelled to Mexico and Europe for work, and at one time worked at McConnell Air Force Base. She was a good cook, an avid reader and scuba diver and loved the outdoors. René was also a spiritual seeker who at different times studied Meditation, Logic, Objectivism, Zen Buddhism and Christian Science, among other philosophies. At times she lived and entertained in style and at other times she roughed it, living out of her car or on the street, where she befriended passers-by.

Fiercely independent and reluctant to accept help from others, Rene was a generous soul who at one time sponsored underprivileged teenagers and helped them to attend college.

A long-time resident of Santa Monica, René spent most of the last two years living at the CLARE Foundation and at SAMOSHEL, then found an apartment for herself and her cat two months before she passed away.

Friends describe René as a character, a chain-smoker who loved unfiltered Pall Malls, and a spitfire who didn't care what anyone thought of her, but who would tell you exactly what she thought of you. She described herself as a thinker and as a lover, and often said, "I am in my right place, but not in my perfect place."

René is survived by her twin sister, Marlene Pappas, of Vancouver, BC by her older brothers Jerry and Larry McLellan and her younger brother Bill McLellan, and by eight nieces and nephews and their children.

There will be a Memorial Service on Saturday June 30 from 4-7 PM at Douglas Park, 2439 Wilshire Blvd. (between Chelsea Avenue & 25th Street) in Santa Monica. There is also a memorial website at <http://renepearce.blogspot.com>. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard Santa Monica, CA 90401, 310-458-8600. Please call 310-804-9498 with any other questions.

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Hawaiian chief calls it quits

Linked to a pair of federal investigations, Awana tenders his resignation

BY JAYMES SONG | Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU Gov. Linda Lingle on Friday announced the resignation of her chief of staff, Bob Awana, who is linked to two federal investigations.

Lingle said he resigned Thursday afternoon after they spoke about "his current situation."

"We mutually concluded it was in the best interest of all that he resign his position effective immediately," said the Republican governor. "It is with deep personal and professional regret that I make this statement."

The governor's office said Awana, who has been Lingle's top aide since she was first elected in 2002 and her campaign chairman for the past three elections, would not be made available for comment.

"Bob no longer works here," said Russell Pang, Lingle's chief of media relations in an e-mail.

Awana has acknowledged that he cooperated with the FBI in the arrest of an Indian computer expert accused of blackmailing him for \$35,000. He was also questioned last year in a separate public corruption probe involving a Saipan waste management company in which he has a stake.

Lingle, in a news conference Monday after returning from Asia, had declined comment on Awana, citing the ongoing federal investigations and the fact she had not yet talked with him.

Two weeks ago, Awana confirmed the extortion investigation and told The Associated Press he wouldn't comment on the case, including news reports that the blackmail attempts involved his alleged relationship with a woman in the Philippines.

Radjatta Patkar, 44, who has been living in Japan, is being held in federal custody in Honolulu without bail on five counts of using e-mails to threaten a person. He has pleaded not guilty and faces trial Aug. 21.

Patkar "allegedly requested payment in exchange for not exposing or publishing the purported victim's unseemly e-mails to another person," according to court documents.

Awana, who oversees state agencies from the Republican governor's office, has said that after he reported the extortion to the FBI, he became part of an operation that netted Patkar.



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Linda Lingle, Hawaii governor

Awana has declined to discuss how exactly Patkar attempted to blackmail him, saying those details would be revealed during his trial. He said it stemmed from a trip he made to the Philippines, but did not specify whether it was an official state trip.

In January 2005, Awana was in the Philippines with Lingle on a 34-person "Aloha Week Goodwill Mission" to Ilocos Norte.

In the Saipan case, federal agents last year questioned Awana about a government contract awarded five years ago in the U.S. territory.

Awana denied accusations of bribing Saipan officials to secure a waste management contract worth more than \$1 million to run a landfill from 2002 to 2007.

Awana owns a 16 percent stake in Saipan Waste Management, which was awarded the contract and ran the landfill until 2005, when the contract was canceled by the new governor.

Federal agents seized company financial statements and questioned how often Awana traveled to Saipan before the contract was awarded. They also inquired about company contributions to former Saipan Gov. Juan Babauta's campaign.

Lingle said the state has benefited tremendously from Awana's service.

"I will miss his wise counsel, and I thank him for his leadership and the professionalism he brought to his job," she said. "I wish Bob and his family all the best in the future."

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Commuter ferry to ship out

By The Associated Press

HONOLULU The city's long-awaited commuter ferry service between West Oahu and downtown will be launched Sept. 4, Mayor Mufi Hannemann announced.

The intra-island ferry service is a one-year \$6 million pilot project designed to give residents in the fast-growing communities northwest of Honolulu another commuting option and to alleviate traffic on the H-1 Freeway.

"I think (this is) a good earnest effort on our part to demonstrate that people now on the west side have another option in the morning and in the afternoon," Hannemann said.

The mayor said the service could be

extended if ridership is high.

Hornblower Marine Services will run two 72-foot vessels, named Rachel Marie and Melissa Ann, to ferry passengers between Kalaeloa and Aloha Tower in about an hour.

Additional stops at Iroquois Point and Ocean Pointe are being discussed.

"We may also have to look in terms of more park-and-ride opportunities, which is a longer-term investment," the mayor said.

Plans for mass transit linking West Oahu are years away.

Each ferry can carry 149 passengers and 10 bicycles, but officials have not set a specific ridership goal, city transit director Melvin Kaku said.

The ferries to be used are currently dry-docked in Seattle. The vessels are

to be shipped to Honolulu in early August.

"It will take about a month to do the service prep, the training and of course to be U.S. Coast Guard-certified," Hannemann said.

Buses will shuttle passengers to the Kalaeloa pier from Waianae, Kapolei and Makakilo. From Aloha Tower, buses will go to the University of Hawaii to Waikiki via Ala Moana Boulevard.

A single regular bus fare of \$2 will pay for the entire journey, including the bus rides. Bus passes will be honored.

The federal government is expected to cover \$5 million of the \$6 million cost to operate the ferry system, which is a year behind schedule.

Firefighters can't contain Maui blaze

By The Associated Press

OLOWALU, Hawaii Firefighters on Maui had believed they had gained the upper hand on a wildfire that destroyed at least one house, but then more evacuations were ordered Thursday in a subdivision near Lahaina, island officials said.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency authorized funds to help fight the blaze. Regional administrator Nancy Ward said flames were threatening residential areas near Lahaina, a popular oceanside tourist destination.

Sen. Daniel Inouye's office said the FEMA declaration means the fire has such destructive force that is considered "a major disaster" for the island. Officials estimated that by Thursday afternoon, 1,400 acres had burned and flames were still threatening Olowalu and Launiupoko subdivisions southeast of Lahaina.

The Red Cross reopened two emergency shelters at Maui High School and the Lahaina Civic Center that had housed more than 500 residents and tourists overnight after the

blaze broke out Wednesday behind the Olowalu Store.

An additional 120 residents and tourists spent Wednesday night at Kahului Airport because their pilot was unable to reach the airport with the closure of Honoapiilani Highway. The only thoroughfare in the area was closed again late Thursday afternoon after being reopened in the morning. It remained closed until Thursday night, police said.

Police Lt. Wallace Tom said the blaze also cut off landline telephone service to West Maui. Residents were advised to use cell phones or to go to the Lahaina police station, where radio communications was available.

The blaze, which initially led to the evacuation of several homes and businesses in Olowalu Village, had been reported 80 percent contained earlier Thursday afternoon, according to Mahina Martin, Maui County's public information officer. No injuries were reported.

Leona Nahooikaika said she and seven members of her family fled their home before it was engulfed by flames Wednesday.

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ON THE LAM: Fugitive Paul Edward Carpenter, pictured here in 1998, is wanted in connection with a murder by the beach.

Police post new reward for old crime

By Daily Press staff

CITYWIDE Federal investigators are hoping to breathe new life into a cold case, offering a reward for information leading to the capture of a fugitive wanted in connection with a murder that rattled Santa Monica nearly a decade ago.

The FBI is offering a \$20,000 reward for assistance in nabbing Paul Edmond Carpenter, an accomplice in the murder of a German tourist who was enjoying his last day of vacation in the United States in 1998.

Carpenter has been wanted for attempted robbery and murder since February 1999, when he was charged on both counts by local and federal authorities for the murder of Horst Fietze. Investigators believe Carpenter fled to San Diego, and then South Carolina following the murder. Today, he could be overseas.

Fietze and three friends were in Santa Monica on Oct. 12, 1998 when they were believed to have been accosted by Carpenter and three accomplices, attempting to rob the German tourists as they were walking on Appian Way near the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel.

When Fietze resisted, one of the four accomplices — all believed to be associated with the Rolling 30s Street Crips gang — shot and killed Fietze, said Lt. Ray Cooper, who oversees the Office of Criminal Investigations for the Santa Monica Police Department.

The four suspects were identified a few months later and three were convicted in 2000, including Lamont Santos, who is currently serving 57 years to life in prison. Santos, apprehended in South Carolina, is believed to be the gunman. The other two accomplices were arrested in Oklahoma and in Los Angeles, near the Coliseum, respectively.

Carpenter has managed to elude police since the shooting, leading authorities in 2000 to South Carolina, where he was wanted for arson and carjacking.

"We went down there and believed he was there at the time, chased him around there ... but were not able to apprehend him," Cooper said.

Carpenter is described as a black male, 5 foot 9 inches tall, weighing about 160 pounds. He has gone by several aliases, including Lamar Johnson, Paul Jason Edmond Carpenter and John Talar Anderson. Carpenter has used several birth dates as well, including April 14, 1977; April 14, 1978; July 13, 1977 and June 14, 1977.

"There is nothing that led to his arrest over the years," said Laura Eimiller, the public information officer for the FBI. "We've had multiple leads that investigators had worked and continue to work."

"Obviously it's a cold case, and we're hoping the rewards generate some leads."

Anyone with information on Carpenter's whereabouts are encouraged to call a hotline at 1-888-CANT HIDE.

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Recycling laws are in the bag

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The considerable waste resulting from plastic bag use likely won't disappear anytime soon, but Sunday will mark a first step with grocery stores, pharmacies and other major retail outlets throughout California being required to provide the recycling bins inside for plastic items.

The costs of litter collection are anticipated to decrease as well. At present, the collection for California's beaches, highways, cities and counties costs the state more than \$300 million annually.

Many stores had already begun complying with the new law well before the July 1 enforcement date.

"We're excited that other retailers will be joining us," commented Marlyn Denter, a spokeswoman for Safeway, Inc., which owns the Vons chain. "We recycle 26,000 tons of plastic every year."

With the amount of plastic Vons recycles in one year, the company could fill two Rose Bowls. Of those hundreds of tons, 40 percent is grocery bags. On Friday, the manager at the Broadway store manager noted that a good number of customers were checking out with the reusable bags. Ironically, Vons' stores package their nylon bags in plastic.

One of the main goals of the legislation is to not only reduce plastic bag usage and waste, but to encourage shoppers to use environmentally sound reusable bags. Mark Murray, executive director for Californians Against Waste (CAW), hopes companies will use their "marketing ingenuity" by offering customers incentives to bring their own bags or charging for plastic bags.

Customers at Wild Oats can choose to receive a nickel back for any bag they bring in for recycling or donate the money in the form of a wooden nickel. The funds are sent to local non-profit groups.

The CAW had been the main group spearheading Assembly Bill 2449 for the better part of a decade. The non-profit focuses its efforts on environmental issues, such as

waste reduction and recycling.

This marks the first time they've been successful in getting retailers to participate in a "take back" program, said Mark Murray.

The "take back" aspect of the program places the responsibility for the cost, maintenance, emptying of the receptacles and delivery of the bags collected to a recycling facility on the store, at its own expense.

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Mark Murray

executive director for Californians Against Waste

"Finally, we were able to compromise with the retailers to finance this pilot program," said Murray. "The take back requirement is in the place of an advanced disposal fee program, which retailers have historically opposed."

Plastic bags are litter-prone due to their physical attributes. With a car window open and nothing holding a bag down, it is apt to fly out, becoming roadside waste. Murray believes that most bags are not purposefully disposed of incorrectly, but the problem still exists, despite intention.

"The bottom line is that a lot of plastic bags get inadvertently littered before they (consumers) even get home," Murray said Thursday.

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LEAVING IT BEHIND: Plastic bags are discarded in the alley just east of the Third Street Promenade on Friday afternoon. Starting Sunday, plastic bags can be recycled at local grocery stores statewide.





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Sexy seniors show they're old hands at it

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

IN THE BEDROOM After 45 years of marriage, Evelyn Freeman could hardly believe she'd get aroused just by looking at her husband, but that was the case one recent afternoon when the 90-year-old laid eyes on 92-year-old Al as he sauntered into the bedroom dripping wet, wearing only a teeny, tiny piece of cloth.

"I was amazed at how deeply, sexually turned on I was," said Freeman, a former director of peer counseling at the Center for Healthy Aging in Santa Monica, where earlier this week, she joined other seniors to talk about the somewhat taboo topic of sex amongst the elderly.

"People say that there's nothing like the excitement you get from a new love affair," Freeman added, "but I found that the attraction I have for Al is deeper and more powerful than any affair.

"Yes, attraction changes over time ... it has only grown stronger."

For many, the thought of their parents having sex is enough to make them cringe, but bring grandparents into the mix and the younger generation may start to feel downright queasy.

Seniors having sex — it's hard for many to believe or accept, but it's happening, probably a lot more often than one would think.

"I'm always thinking about sex," said Bert, an 83-year-old who did not want to give his last name, because like all gentleman, he doesn't like to kiss and tell. "I'm just as aroused now when I see a pretty woman as I did back then."

With a longtime lover of 16 years, Bert isn't alone. Seniors all over are getting it on behind closed doors, according to studies by the AARP, and interviews with sex therapists who work with older couples on remaining intact with their sexuality.

"Just because we get older, our desire for intimacy doesn't disappear," said Nieli Langer, author of "Love & Sex: Are We Ever Too Old?"

"We all have a real stumbling block in our country when it comes to recognizing that sexuality is a fundamental dimension of all human beings," Langer added. "Whether you are 25 or 65, the need for love, sex and belonging are normal, natural and vital for life."

With 78 million baby boomers marching towards retirement, more focus is being paid to issues affecting older Americans. While television and movies focus mostly on young lovers, the reality is, those with gray hair and wrinkles are still belly-slapping between the sheets.

More than half of seniors surveyed by AARP said they were "extremely" or "somewhat" satisfied with their sex life and 60 percent agreed that sexual activity is a critical part of a good relationship. Of those sur-

veyed, 84 percent disagreed strongly that sex is only for younger people.

"I have guys coming in here with canes and in wheelchairs, and I say, 'Hey, buddy, more power to you,'" said Georgia Woo, co-owner of Secret Desires, a sex shop on Lincoln Boulevard. "The majority of our older customers are men coming in to buy lingerie or toys for their partners, usually vibrators and strap-ons."

It is believed that the elderly are having more sex now than ever before, and not because the deed has become more acceptable in the mainstream. Advances in the treatment of erectile dysfunction and the creation of drugs like Viagra and Cialis have made it easier for older men to get and sustain an erection.

"I was going to say it gets harder, but I should say it gets tougher to perform and you have a fear that you won't be able to consummate," said Bert, a Lothario in his prime who

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Bert, sexually active senior

now has sex at least once a week, which he admits is good enough for him. "It's not like it was when you were younger. You can't do what you used to and sometimes you don't have an orgasm. You just can't, but that's OK because I can get as much enjoyment — well, maybe not as much — but I do get pleasure from making my partner have an orgasm."

Bert, like many his age, had an operation on his prostate and as a result, he ejaculates into his bladder, which reduces the impact of his orgasm. Irv, a 77-year-old widower with a steady girlfriend, has to use a pump to sustain an erection. He said this does not allow him to have an orgasm, but he is able to pleasure his mate.

"It's not the most comfortable thing," Irv said of his pump. "But it gives you a large



meaning lovers need to focus on the mental just as much as the physical, since it may take more to get aroused than when they were young.

Basically, foreplay plays an even more important role the older we get. It may take some effort, but it's worth it in the long run.

"Sex is related to a lot of factors and variables in longevity," Britton said. "It has been shown that heart disease, particularly in men, decreases when people have a healthy sex life. It has also been reported that men who have regular orgasms enjoyed a death rate half of those who did not.

"There's all these reasons to continue having sex, and as the population gets older, hopefully there will be more studies so we can learn more about aging and its affects."

Seniors know they have a long way to go in dismissing the perception that sexual desire decreases with age, especially in a day and age when sex has permeated society to the point that young men and women are basing their self worth on whether or not they attractive.

The only thing they can do is talk with the younger generation and shed some light on the subject, said Evelyn Freeman "We have to work to make sex not such a dirty word," she said. "We have to let younger people know that if you like sex, that's not going to change when you get older."

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THE THRILL AIN'T GONE: Contrary to popular perception, many seniors insist that sex drive and physical needs don't drop off with advancing years. More than half of seniors surveyed by AARP said they were "extremely" or "somewhat" satisfied with their sex life and 60 percent agreed that sexual activity is a critical part of a good relationship.

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As darkness descends on the Santa Monica shoreline (above), the crowd on hand gets energized by The Ventures, who headlined the kick-off of the 23rd Annual Twilight Dance Series at the Santa Monica Pier on Thursday. (Below, left to right) Bob Spalding on the bass, Gerry McGee on lead guitar and Don Wilson on rhythm guitar get to jamming. The Ventures have been playing together since 1959.





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13 READER'S THEATRE PROJECT

(11am, Community Room, Level 3)
The Reader's Theatre Project brings children's picture books to life with professional actors, dancers and musicians.

14 MOSAIC DESIGNS

(Noon to 4pm, Center Court, Level 1)
An afternoon filled with gluing seeds, beans, cereal and pasta shapes to create interesting mosaic designs.

20 WONDERWORLD SILLY SCIENCE

(11am, Community Room, Level 3)
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21 BIRD WHISTLES

(Noon to 4pm, Center Court, Level 1)
An afternoon filled with using scrap art materials to furnish a fun bird blower whistle!

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28 TISSUE PAPER FLOWERS

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4 PAPER KITES

(Noon to 4pm, Center Court, Level 1)
A fun-filled afternoon of making highflying paper kites! Kids will be able to decorate it and watch it soar!

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11 FLY A FLAG

(Noon to 4pm, Center Court, Level 1)
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TIME TO DECLARE: The Tom Nolan Band jams during last year's 'Celebrate America' at Santa Monica College. On tap for this year's Independence Day celebration on Saturday are House Brew and JD Hall & the JD Hall band.

Fireworks to fill the summer sky

FROM CELEBRATE PAGE 3

"Celebrate America" has been the only Independence Day celebration of its kind in Santa Monica since a city-wide fireworks ban was enacted more than a decade ago. The event continues to be a local favorite, with audiences from across Los

Angeles gathering in and around the college to view the star-spangled pyrotechny.

"It's SMC's big valentine to the community," said Public Information Officer Bruce Smith. "It offers an early start to the city's Independence Day festivities."

The event is great for families with kids, Smith said, because it takes place at a

safe, contained public location.

The patriotic extravaganza will be staged at 16th Street and Pico Boulevard. Gates open at 5 p.m. and entertainment begins at 6 p.m., concluding with the fireworks display at sundown.

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Group hug for a familiar face

Matthews returns to SMMUSD a year after his departure

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS A familiar face returns.

Following a string of departures by key administrators in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) last year, one former district official is getting a welcome back hug from his former colleagues.

The former assistant superintendent of human resources, Mike Matthews, was appointed on Thursday to reassume the same title and duties, effective July 1.

At one time a possible candidate to replace former Superintendent John Deasy, Matthews left the district at the end of July 2006 to become the vice president of Extreme Learning, a Northern California-based company developing afterschool programs for students struggling academically.

Working hundreds of miles away from his home in Malibu, Matthews said the job became "geographically challenging."

When Superintendent Dianne Talarico learned recently that Douglas Staine, the director of human resources, was leaving SMMUSD to become the assistant superintendent of human resources for another school district, she contacted Matthews, with whom she had kept in touch since arriving in August 2006.

"I had lunch (with Matthews) within a month of my arrival back in August, and in September, I indicated to him that at that time I was sorry we didn't have the opportunity to work together because I thought we would've worked well together and would've been a great team," Talarico said Friday.

The pair met several times after Staine resigned, Matthews stating that he would be happy to return, Talarico expressing that she "would be thrilled to have someone of his caliber back on the team."

Matthews joined the district in 1993 as the principal of Malibu High School, moving to the central office 11 years later to become the assistant superintendent of human resources. He became the interim superintendent when Deasy left SMMUSD to become the superintendent in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Initially interested in becoming a permanent replacement for Deasy, Matthews decided about a month before resigning that he would not enter his name for consideration, learning that the Board of

Education wanted a candidate with several years of experience as superintendent.

Upon his departure, Matthews said that his decision to leave had nothing to do with the superintendent search.

Even after leaving the district, Matthews had deep ties to the community. His wife, Jill Matthews, teaches fourth grade at Juan Cabrillo Elementary School, and his son will be a junior at Malibu High School in the fall.

There have been many changes in the district since Matthews left, with the arrival of two new school board members, a new chief academic officer and an interim chief financial officer.

Matthews left the district intending to return to public education in about three to five years. His timetable just went a little faster than originally planned.

"I INTENDED TO COME BACK, I DIDN'T KNOW IF I WOULD BE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO COME BACK TO THIS DISTRICT."

Mike Matthews
assistant superintendent

"I intended to come back. I didn't know if I would be fortunate enough to come back to this district," Matthews said. "I feel very fortunate to be back home."

Former colleagues have embraced Matthews' return, welcoming him back during a Board of Education meeting on Thursday night.

Harry Keiley, the president of the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association, worked with Matthews at Malibu High School when he was still teaching high school government and Matthews was the principal. They continued that working relationship when Keiley became the president of the teachers union and Matthews was elevated to the position of handling human resources.

"I think it says something about the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District," Keiley said on Friday, referring to the significance of Matthews' return. "You don't realize how good things are until you are away from it for a while."

"This is a special place — a small district where people know each other and care about each other."

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Memorial for vets takes shape

Inaugural plot is set for one-of-a-kind tribute to soldiers

BY RACHEL D'ORO | Associated Press Writer

BETHEL, Alaska In the middle of a dirt field in this Western Alaska hub town lies a grave, a wooden cross at its head, a small American flag at the foot.

This is the inaugural plot of the new Veterans Memorial Cemetery, which will serve the Kuskokwim River town of Bethel and 56 largely Yup'ik Eskimo villages in the vast region. Members of the local American Legion post spearheaded construction of the two-acre site as a community effort being hailed by national legion officials as the only one of its kind among nearly 15,000 posts.

"As far as we know, it's unprecedented that a post would go out and raise their own funds," said Alec Petkoff, a Washington, D.C., spokesman for the legion. "They were

able to make sure they got the cemetery they wanted and one that their veterans wanted. We certainly applaud the effort."

The project is almost as old as the 30-member George H. Hohman Jr. Post 10, named after a former Army man and Alaska legislator who died last year. Hohman, whose ashes are buried at the new cemetery, was the only Alaska state lawmaker ever to be convicted of bribery. But around here the Bethel Democrat was revered for bringing millions of public dollars for education and other benefits to rural communities.

The post was resurrected in late 2004, a decade after the previous post languished and was formally dismantled. Led by post commander Sam Shields and vice commander Sam Blankenship, the post rallied locals to help build the cemetery on land provided by the city.

"This what the soldiers deserve," Shields said. "If you see all

the sweat, tears and blood just to get into the military, and the sacrifice, you know they deserve this, a nice place to be buried."

Scores from around the region are expected to attend a formal opening ceremony at the site Saturday (July 7).

A Yup'ik chief will bless the grounds and Alaska Natives from other villages will perform traditional dances. Everyone present will help plant 300 spruce, birch and other trees around the borders of the two-acre cemetery. Poppies — a universally recognized symbol of military sacrifice — will be scattered about. Hot dogs will be served.

Ultimately the cemetery entrance will be marked with a sign saying "You are not forgotten" in English and Yup'ik. Near the burial grounds will be a gazebo, barbecue grills and benches — a setting post officials envision for remembrance feasts so important to many Alaska Natives.

"We want this to be a living cemetery, not a sad cemetery," said Shields, a former Army drill sergeant at Fort Benning, Ga.

Forecasters predicting more rain for flood-weary regions

BY ANGELA K. BROWN

Associated Press Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas Flood-weary residents hoping for a reprieve from the sustained, heavy rains that have soaked parts of Texas may have to wait, as forecasts called for more of the same on Friday.

The storms, which were being blamed for at least 11 deaths in north and central Texas since last week, have swollen rivers and forced the evacuation of thousands of people from their homes.

There was a more than 60 percent chance that the rains would continue in the affected areas Friday, said Jesse Moore, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth.

"The storms are very efficient rain producers, and if you happen to be under one of them you can pick up 1 1/2 or 2 inches an hour," Moore said. "Right now with the ground being saturated, it's all run-off and that causes the flash flooding we've been seeing."

Evacuation orders were issued Thursday for about 2,000 residents near the flood-swollen Brazos River in Parker County. The

river was more than 2 feet above its flood stage early Friday. Officials said it could rise farther still if they opt to open a flood gate at the Possum Kingdom Lake dam to relieve pressure on the dam.

In San Antonio, there were 52 street closures and 43 calls for high-water rescues, although it's unclear how many people were rescued, said Sandy Gutierrez, a spokeswoman for San Antonio's Emergency Operations Center.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, acting governor while Gov. Rick Perry is out of the country, surveyed flood damage Thursday in Marble

Falls, which received 19 inches of rain in a six-hour period the previous day.

Despite periods of drizzle, residents began clearing the debris, rubble and mud from the streets.

"We're through the crisis point and now we're at the point it's time to roll up our sleeves and get dirty," Mayor Raymond Whitman said.

Most of the town's 7,200 residents remained without running water after flash floods damaged the city's water treatment plant.

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FIGURE SKATING

Kwan even finds time for skating

BY NANCY ARMOUR
AP National Writer

A few days after taking her last final, Michelle Kwan was on a plane for a week-long diplomatic mission in Russia. Then there was a quick trip to Florida for a scholarship dinner.

Now she's finally back home in Los Angeles _ just in time for summer school.

"I wake up and I'm like, 'Where am I?'" Kwan said Tuesday. "I can't just lay out on the beach all summer. I get bored."

More than a year after leaving the Turin Olympics in tears, a groin injury derailing her quest for that elusive gold medal, the nine-time U.S. and five-time world champion hasn't ruled out a comeback.

But she's not putting her life on hold while she decides what she wants to do, either.

Kwan, who turns 27 next month, just finished her first year at the University of Denver, where she's majoring in political science. She has an apartment off-campus, friends who don't know a lutz from a loop, and entire weekends free to do fun stuff, like snowboarding.

"I don't feel any different. But the focus, the priorities are a little different because it used to be the core was skating," she said. "Now I have time to really get to know people in Denver, my classmates, my friends. Spending time going snowboarding, which wouldn't have even existed if I skated."

"To be able to do stuff like that is really neat."

There's also her budding career as a diplomat. Kwan was at a White House dinner for Chinese President Hu Jintao last year when she mentioned to Secretary of State

Condoleezza Rice that she was studying political science at Denver. Rice, who earned her Ph.D. at Denver, later asked if she'd like some real-world experience.

As a "Public Diplomacy Envoy," Kwan's task is to try to improve the United States' image abroad by sharing her experiences as a skater. She made her first trip, to China, in January, and spent a week in Russia, traveling to Moscow, Volgograd and Elista.

“PEOPLE HAVE DIFFERENT STORIES. FOR ME, THE STORY IS OF AN ATHLETE.”

Michelle Kwan
figure skater

Though no future trips are planned, she hopes to make one after her fall classes.

"People have different stories. For me, the story is of an athlete," she said. "It's really a great thing when I can encourage (people) and inspire them a little bit, to push them to dream big and pursue their dreams. And really, any goal or dream they have can come true. You see them listening and thinking, 'Ah, I think I can do this.'"

Kwan has no illusions that her trips will bring about world peace or an end to the nuclear standoff with North Korea. The teenagers she met in Russia wanted to know if she lived in New York or Hollywood.

BASEBALL

Bonds' bat-boy son on DL during dad's run at history

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Barry Bonds' son, a bat boy for the San Francisco Giants, is on the disabled list for his dad's home run chase.

Nikolai Bonds tore two ligaments in his left ankle last week when he dunked during a pickup basketball game and came down on someone's foot — and now the 17-year-old is hobbling around the clubhouse in a walking boot for the initial stage of what is expected to be a two-month recovery.

That means he might not be in a Giants uniform working as a bat boy when his father breaks Hank Aaron's home run record, as the younger Bonds has been for many of his dad's other milestones in recent years.

"He'll still be there," Barry Bonds said. "It's not serious. I don't think anything's that serious at 17. Who says he won't be down there. Who knows? We're not there yet."

Bonds' pursuit of Aaron's record has slowed significantly since his quick start this season. The San Francisco slugger had hit 11 homers by May 8, but has only hit four in 111 at-bats since then. His last, No. 749 of

his career and 15th this season, came Friday against the Yankees.

Bonds wasn't scheduled to start Wednesday afternoon's series finale against the San Diego Padres, and the Giants have a day off Thursday.

"He's just going to try to do it quick," Nikolai Bonds said. "That's what I would do. That's the smartest thing to do. I'll still be there."

The younger Bonds has had a front-row view for many of his father's milestones, so watching history from the stands would be a new perspective.

"Seventy, 71, 72, all of those, and 660," he said, referring to when his dad broke the single-season home run record in 2001 and then tied godfather Willie Mays for third place on the career list with No. 660 in 2004. "I wasn't there for 700, but I was there for 715 and also 714 in Oakland."

For this milestone, Barry Bonds might be blowing a kiss and waving to Nikolai the way he does to his two daughters and wife, Liz. Typically, Nikolai is waiting for his dad with a congratulatory hug at home plate.

"We'll probably all come down on the field and give him hugs," Nikolai said. "I'll still be there with him."



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Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / ns

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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	C	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A+	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	F	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	A	ns	Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A	ns			

LEGEND

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‘Grey’ matter

Ex-‘Anatomy’ star claims race factored into firing

“Grey’s Anatomy” star **ISAIAH WASHINGTON** said racism was a factor in his firing from the hit ABC series after he twice used an anti-gay slur. Washington, who initially used the epithet during an onset clash with a co-star, told Newsweek magazine that “someone heard the booming voice of a black man and got really scared



and that was the beginning of the end for me.” He tried to make amends by expressing remorse and volunteering to enter a counseling program to understand how the confrontation got out of hand,

he told Newsweek. “My mistake was believing that I would get the support from my network and all of my cast mates across the board. My mistake was believing I could correct a wrong with honesty and sincerity,” he said in the interview posted online Thursday. “My mistake was thinking black people get sec-

ond chances. I was wrong on all fronts,” he said. His unwillingness to act like a submissive black at work was part of the problem, Washington said. “Well, it didn’t help me on the set that I was a black man who wasn’t a mush-mouth Negro walking around with his head in his hands all the time,” he said.

“I had a person in human resources tell me after this thing played out that ‘some people’ were afraid of me around the studio. I asked her why, because I’m a 6-foot-1, black man with dark skin and who doesn’t go around saying ‘Yessah, massa sir’ and ‘No sir, massa’ to everyone?”

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Parker says the cake will be made in France

For **TONY PARKER**, only French-made wedding cakes will do. The NBA champion, set to marry “Desperate Housewives” star Eva Longoria next week, is staying coy about plans for the event. Speaking to reporters Thursday in Paris, the San Antonio Spurs point guard shrugged off questions about the wedding date and venue, believed to be July 7 at a French chateau. “I don’t care where I’m going to get married,” he said. “It’s a girls’ thing.” To other queries, he replied: “That’s a question you should ask Eva.” He dismissed one rumor: that the wedding cake would be flown in from the United States. “Why take a cake from the United States ... if it is France that makes the best cakes?” he asked. While Longoria picked the wedding site _ believed to be the luxurious chateau de Vaux-le-Vicomte _ Parker said he was taking charge of the food and music. And that’s all he would say. Parker, who was voted the most valuable player of the NBA finals earlier this month after the Spurs won their fourth title in nine seasons, wanted to talk about basketball. “I think that this is just the beginning,” he said.

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NO SMALL FEAT

DANNY DEVITO will receive a special award for his outstanding artistic contribution to world cinema at the 42nd Karlovy Vary International Film Festival. The festival in the western Czech spa of Karlovy Vary opened Friday with 14 mostly European movies competing for the Crystal Globe top prize. Oscar winner Renee Zellweger was to present an award to Czech director Bretislav Pojar at the opening ceremony. DeVito, 62, will present “The Good Night,” directed by Jake Paltrow, which is screening in the festival’s competition.

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The Big Sky (NR)
7:30
Only Angels Have Wings (NR)
7:30

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Live Fre or Die Hard (PG-13)
10:25am, 12:15, 1:20, 3:25, 4:20, 6:30, 7:20, 9:35, 10:30
A Mighty Heart (PG-13)
10:45, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20
Sicko (PG-13)
10:10am, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

AMC 7 SANTA MONICA
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Evan Almighty (PG)
11:30am, 12:15, 2:00, 2:40, 4:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
Knocked Up (R)
11:20am, 2:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:15, 10:00, 11:15
Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13)
12:40, 2:00, 3:30, 4:50, 6:15, 7:45, 9:15, 10:35
Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG-13)
11:30am, 3:00, 6:30, 10:00

LANDMARK NUWILSHIRE
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Black Sheep (NR)
12:30, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00
Golden Door (Nuovomondo) (PG-13)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45

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Once (R)
12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
Paris, I Love You (Paris, je t'aime) (R)
1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 9:55
Waitress (PG-13)
12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15
You Kill Me (R)
12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

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Rise of the Silver Surfer (PG)
DLP-Digital Projection
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Fantastic Four:
Rise of the Silver Surfer (PG)
12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
Nancy Drew (PG)
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Shrek the Third
DLP-Digital Projection (PG)
11:20am, 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
Surf's Up (PG)
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★ Dynamic ★★★★★ Positive ★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult

Choose different, Taurus

Happy Birthday!

This year you could waver back and forth about what might be the best course of action. You often wonder whether to head in the intellectual direction or down the emotional path. You are likely to try out different styles. Until 2008, focus on health, diet and routine events. A new hobby could evolve.

Born Today

Boxer Mike Tyson (1966)
Olympic swimmer
Michael Phelps (1985)
Actress Susan Hayward (1919)



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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Your ability to cover more than one base might be tested. Learn to delegate with diplomacy, especially in the realm of your personal life. Tonight: Do what you must, and relax as soon as possible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Communication comes in from out of left field. You have a lot to share, but so much news, so many calls and e-mails might easily have many struggling to just maintain and be responsive. Take a deep breath. Tonight: Choose different.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Your possessiveness emerges with a partner or situation. You might not be able to hold on. Let go. Trust in your abilities and let go. Tonight: Another's desire puts a smile on your face.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ The Moon impacts no sign like it does Cancer. You might feel between a rock and a hard place with the Full Moon. Relax. Tonight: Others want your company. Say "yes!"

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★ Know when to go on retreat. Consider taking a hike or exploring a flea market. You find recycling, possibly by yourself, an excellent way to recharge. Perhaps you can avoid today's frantic energy. Tonight: Just make it easy!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Just as you are about to land where you want, you stop in midair. Why? Perhaps another option shows up. Children, friends and loved ones all clamor for your attention. Stop and decide what suits you. Stay in control of your plans. Tonight: A spontaneous party!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You might act as if you are in a pressure cooker. Certain threads of your life could become loose and demand your attention. Choose what really is a high priority in your eyes. Tonight: Home is where the heart is. Invite a loved one over.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Venture past the obvious. Take off ASAP if you want to do some traveling. A fresh sense of direction could color your choices. Tonight: Swap news and jokes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ A purchase or expenditure comes to the forefront. If you have been overspending, you'll certainly get a sense of the costs. Don't get carried away with the moment. Someone attempts to pull the wool over your eyes. Tonight: Fun need not be expensive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ The Full Moon highlights you. While others might flounder, you certainly are centered. Use care trying to please others. Tonight: Count on picking up the tab.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ Know when to kick back. Sideline an important project. Distancing yourself from others could be the effective and wise choice. Tonight: Fly solo.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You could be surprised by what heads down your path. Though you might be preoccupied or in your head, make every effort to pull out. Surround yourself with people. Go to the beach or consider a baseball game. Tonight: Where the happening is!

Janric Classic Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty
SILVER

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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I CALL RED T-SHIRT GUY WITH NECK TATTOO.

I SEE HIM AND RAISE YOU BLACK TANK TOP GUY WITH CREW CUT.

HMMM...I THINK YOU'RE BLUFFING.

Yes, you win. I'd never go out with him.

The Other Coast

By Adrian Raeside

HOW CAN A MOTOR HOME BE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY?

TURF ROOF.

Garfield

By Jim Davis

I NEED GUIDANCE

YOU'RE LAZY

I NEED GUIDANCE ON WHERE TO GET A LONG STICK SO I CAN HIT JON WITHOUT GETTING UP

Dog eat Doug

By Brian Anderson

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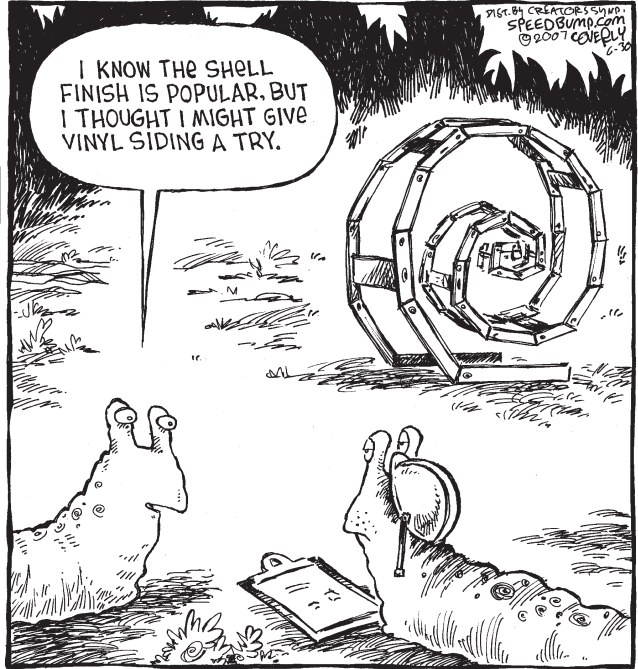
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 1 Fresh-water fish
 - 5 Donated
 - 9 Madame Curie
 - 10 Deal maker
 - 12 Kitchen output
 - 13 Three-card game
 - 14 "I'm not kidding"
 - 16 Smelting need
 - 17 Buddhism branch
 - 18 Member of the wedding
 - 20 Unlikely learner of new tricks
 - 22 Culp/Cosby series
 - 23 Open-mouthed
 - 25 Leg part
 - 28 Tea type
 - 32 Selfish endeavor
 - 34 Lingo suffix
 - 35 Short stroke
 - 36 Serene
 - 38 Up
 - 40 Slip
- DOWN**
- 1 Library table
 - 2 In the area
 - 3 Edges
 - 4 Sphagnum source
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 - 6 In the past
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 - 8 Catch
 - 9 Passover bread
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 - 15 Smash
 - 19 Stadium part
 - 21 Silly
 - 24 Hot, in a way
 - 25 Closet wood
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 - 27 Threw
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Yesterday's answer

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Jackpot: \$91M

Super LOTTO
2 21 31 38 44
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Jackpot: \$19M

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EVENING: 9 8 9

DAILY DERRY
1st: 08 Gorgeous George
2nd: 03 Hot Shot
3rd: 05 California Classic
RACE TIME: 1:47.92

NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Benoit Derosiers, 51, who police said was so inebriated that he could barely speak when stopped for DUI and who had trouble standing, beat the charge in Provincial Court in Sudbury, Ontario, in April when he proved to the judge a "legal necessity" for driving drunk: He had just attempted suicide and thus was forced to rush himself to the nearest hospital in order to get psychiatric care to head off another attempt.

■ The relatively recent creation of almost-obscene wealth has precipitated a crisis in Britain and New York City because the resulting demand for professional butlers far exceeds the supply. Longstanding butler schools in both countries are running at capacity, turning out debonair, refined manservants at salaries that may exceed \$100,000 (plus, in the U.S., an extra \$20,000 or so for one who speaks "British"), but fortunes are being created at an even faster pace, so that, increasingly, multimillionaires are just having to make do without one, according to recent reports in The Wall Street Journal and The Independent of London.

■ In May, a curious Joe Heckel of Cincinnati and his son took apart the heavy punching bag Joe had bought for their boxing practice and to their surprise found it full of, not sand or plastic pellets, but men's and women's underwear (some used). According to a May report on WLWT-TV, the manufacturer, Technical Knockout Inc., eventually contacted the Heckels and admitted that it had experienced a "quality" problem and that the people who had thought up the bag-stuffing idea had been fired.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1422 Battle of Arbedo between the duke of Milan and the Swiss cantons.

1520 The Spaniards are expelled from Tenochtitlan.

1651 The Battle of Beresteczko ends with a Polish victory.

1688 The Immortal Seven issue the Invitation to William, beginning the struggle for English independence from Rome which would culminate in the Glorious Revolution.

1758 Seven Years' War: Battle of Domstadt.

1805 The U.S. Congress organizes Michigan Territory.

WORD UP!

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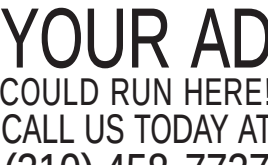
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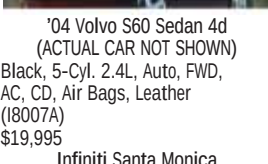
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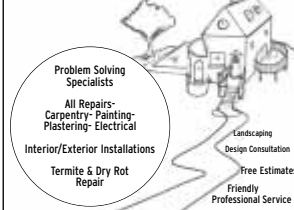
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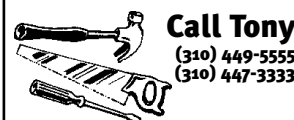
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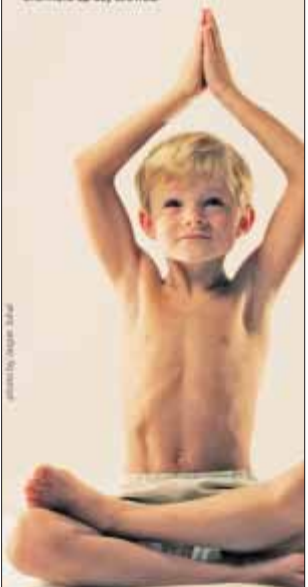
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