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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Retailers in Los Angeles, New York and Miami say more and more young, urban, heterosexual men are choosing to dress in women's tight, low-slung jeans and to use stylish lotions, fragrances and hair-care colors and products, according to June reports in the Los Angeles Times and New York Times. Some marketers call men who are eager to embrace their feminine sides "Metrosexuals" and point to English soccer star David Beckham (who braids his hair and paints his fingernails) as an icon. On July 15, the Bravo cable channel will air a makeover show, "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy."



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I have enough money to last the rest of my life, unless I buy something."

— Jackie Mason



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Police prepare for large crowds today

By Daily Press staff

Because of its enormous popularity in the past, a fireworks event will not take place today in Santa Monica.

But there are plenty of displays going on in neighboring communities that should be visible from Santa Monica. (See page 5).

The city canceled its fireworks 12 years ago because the crowds became too unruly. Hundreds of thousands would pack the beaches, drink all day and linger around the city waiting for the fireworks. Police and fire personnel couldn't handle the load so the city put an end to the festivities.

The city did, however, try a different approach to the celebration. Called "Dawn's Early Light," the fireworks were held at 5 a.m. But that celebration was stopped when the coastal fog didn't cooperate and no one could see the show.

"We will have maximum deployment and, should a significant event occur, we are prepared."

— LT. P.J. GUIDO

Santa Monica Police Department

Despite that there are no parades or fireworks, hundreds of thousands are still expected to come to Santa Monica today. And local law enforcement officials say they are ready for anything.

Santa Monica police will be out in full force, with concentrated patrols downtown and on the beaches.

"We will have maximum

See HOLIDAY, page 5

Tests will likely keep ex-officer out of prison

By Daily Press staff

An ex-Santa Monica police officer who allegedly had an ongoing sexual relationship with a minor will undergo a series of psychological and physical tests over the next three months.

Gregory McElveen, 55, will return to court Sept. 30 to be sentenced for one count of performing a lewd act upon a child, court officials said.

In the meantime, he will remain in custody at county jail and most likely avoid going to state prison, where his lawyer feared he would be in danger because of his status as a registerable sex offender and a former police officer.

If sent to state prison, McElveen would be kept in the facility's general population area for the 30-to-90-day intake period, said Andrew Stein, his attorney, who added that he could then be held in protective custody.

McElveen is currently being detained at the Twin Towers Correctional Facility in Los

After being arrested by LA County sheriff's deputies Feb. 26, McElveen was charged with performing a lewd act upon a child, two counts of penetration with a foreign object and two counts of oral copulation.

Angeles with bail set at \$215,000. Stein said he hopes McElveen will serve out his sentence there.

After taking the case over from a public defender at McElveen's April 28 sentencing hearing, Stein continued the case three times. He scrapped plans last week to withdraw

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Three pointer?



Jason Auslander/Daily Press

Tony Sakatian gives his grandson Brandon Olivia, 10, pointers on his game at Reed Park in Santa Monica.

Team attempts to make 'cosmic call' to aliens

BY LESLIE HOFFMAN

Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Will E.T. phone from home?

A Houston company hopes so. This weekend, officials with Team Encounter plan to beam into space what they claim is the most powerful greeting ever sent from Earth, trying to reach out and touch someone — or something.

Team Encounter will place its "cosmic call" Saturday to possible extraterrestrial neighbors using a 230-foot diameter radio astronomy dish in Evpatoriya, Ukraine, and a temporary mission control set up at the International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell, N.M.

The message will be a digital mixed bag: text, photos, and audio

and video clips from paying customers and school kids all over the world. The intended targets are five stars deemed reasonable candidates for harboring life-supporting planets.

The message doesn't lack for its own star power, featuring an introduction by newsmen Hugh Downs, a greeting from Sally Ride, America's first woman in space, and a music clip from rocker David Bowie.

"We've gotten everything from jokes to great musical scores," said Charles Chafer, president of Team Encounter. "We got one drawing of a kid's Nintendo because he wanted ET to know how kids play."

The company, which seeks to be the world leader in public space

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, July 4, 2003:

Venus bestows the unusual gift of drawing others to you. Understand what makes you happy through experimenting, exchanging ideas and being more open to different styles. Your ability to communicate will be enhanced this fall onward, creating greater possibilities. Others find you easy to talk to. A sibling could play a bigger role in what goes on around you. If you are single, you're likely to meet a special person with ease during this year. You will socialize more than ever. If you are attached, your relationship will flourish this year. You both seem to experience a special ease when talking to each other. VIRGO draws you out.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Be sensitive to a family member who most definitely puts you on a pedestal. Use this special day to connect on a deeper level. Others naturally come to you asking for help, perhaps help pitching in for the holiday events. Tonight: Keep the partying close to home, and you will enjoy yourself.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your imagination takes you to a new level as you deal with a child or loved one. In the next few weeks, you will develop a particularly gentle and caring style of reaching out to people. Others cannot help but respond. Tonight: Start the weekend in style.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Deal with the basics. You will have the ability to make money and prosper through an innate talent or asset. You have what it takes. Others express enthusiasm about an idea that involves property and/or an investment. Tonight: Put your feet up.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Venus moves into your sign, making you numero uno. Make a special effort to get others out to join you. Your sensitivity to others' moods adds to your popularity. Keep communication flowing, allowing a new twist in your life. You don't have a choice, anyway! Tonight: Light your firecrackers.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Expenses will go overboard if you're not careful. You enter a period where you could be overly sensitive, interpreting another's reaction far differently than how he or she intended. Check out new acquaintances carefully. Tonight: Your treat.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Consider possibilities that surround a child, loved one or new friend. You might be seeing a relationship change before your very eyes. Schedule time with a special person as well as friends. Celebrate the Fourth at home. Tonight: As you like it.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Think of time as an ally and use the moment well. Others seek you out, but do pick who and where with care. Although this is a national holiday, you need to take a greater stand in your plans. Make it OK to be alone, or make only a must appearance. Tonight: You might decide to call it an early night.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Friends call you, whether to pitch in or to party. Others rally around you, no matter who, what or where. Zoom in, making a happening even better. Don't forget someone at a distance. Reach out and touch a reclusive pal. Tonight: Help others get into the party mood.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You seem to bring others together, no matter where or who. Opt to be the focal point, drawing friends and family together for this Fourth of July. You're the firecracker that gets the party started. Tonight: Count on going till the wee hours.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Reach out for someone quite special at a distance. In fact, many will hop into your car for this long weekend of celebration. Others cannot appreciate you enough for what you do and offer. Now is the time to ask. Tonight: Let another ask, too.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your ability to nurture others and help them relax is a special gift, which you opt to use right now. A partnership or an association loosens up considerably as a result. Someone in your immediate circle might have a crush on you. Tonight: Create your own fireworks.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Others run with the ball, all you need to do is appear at the right time or place. Single Fish discover a new attraction and/or someone discovers them — if not now, then in the immediate future. Attached Fish live the moment to the max. Tonight: Make the party a real celebration as you add your own snap, crackle and pop.

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LOCAL

Movie producer faces child abuse, DUI charges

Merv Adelson's attorney says he may have had stroke

BY RICK CARROLL

Special to the Daily Press

A Los Angeles television and film producer faces a misdemeanor charge of child abuse after he allegedly ran his SUV into two cars, two trees and a parking sign last week in a Colorado resort town.

Mervyn Lee Adelson, 73, a prominent figure in the entertainment world also faces charges of driving while under the influence of drugs and reckless driving from an incident that occurred on June 8 in Aspen, Colo.

The child abuse charge is connected to the allegation that Adelson was recklessly driving his vehicle while his 2-year-old daughter was with him. Adelson, according to a summons on file at the Aspen Police Department, "permitted his daughter, age 2, to be unreasonably placed in a situation that poses a threat of injury to the child's life or health."

Adelson, a part-time Aspen resident, is the former husband of television journalist Barbara Walters. He is considered an influential figure in the entertainment and communications industries, having co-founded Lorimar Telepictures, a producer of television programming and major motion pictures.

In 2001, former Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu awarded the Sheba Humanitarian Award to Adelson, who also served as vice-chairman of Time Warner from 1990-2000.

Adelson could not be reached for comment. His attorney, Richard Cummins of Aspen, said Adelson apparently had a "mini stroke" on the morning in question.

"I've had him see a physician," Cummins said last week. "There may be an area of his health that affected his motor skills."

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— RICHARD CUMMINS
Attorney

Cummins said he believed Adelson also was taking prescription drugs the morning of the incident. Cummins said Adelson would "absolutely" fight the charges. He has not yet appeared in court.

One witness to the event, Aspen resident John Callahan, called Adelson's trip in his 1996 Suburban "one of the strangest things I've ever seen."

Callahan, who was on his way to Sunday morning mass with his wife, called 911 on his cell phone after Adelson's trip came to halt, which didn't come before he hit two vehicles, two trees and a parking sign, police said.

According to an accident report, Adelson was traveling east on Highway 82 with two wheels on the sidewalk of a bridge. When Callahan pulled over, Adelson's Suburban struck it in the left rear, the report says.

Adelson's journey then continued east on Main Street, where he swerved across and hit another vehicle. He then continued driving and took a right on Monarch Street and hit two trees and a parking sign before coming to a stop, the report says. No one was injured.

surf report

Enjoy the heat and celebrate the holiday, because the Fourth this year will be something of a dry spell, surfwise.

BAD NEWS: Your bro forgot to pick up the beer.

GOOD NEWS: A mixture of S, SE and SW swell will keep the best summer breaks stocked with fun-sized waves through the weekend.

OUTLOOK: A storm to the SE of New Zealand will produce a SW swell, showing on the 11th-13th.

E-mailer Dave says: "The sets at Malibu, after the work monkeys bailed, were waist-high and glassy (on Thursday)."

Get stoked on an epic sesh? Get burned by a bad report? Write us at wood@smdp.com and tell us what the surf is doing at your local break.

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SUNDAY	4:24	-0.6	3:08	2.5	11:04	3.6	9:29	6.1
MONDAY	4:59	-0.7	3:45	2.6	11:42	3.6	10:04	6.1
TUESDAY	5:35	-0.7	4:25	2.7	(12:22)	3.6	10:41	6.0
WEDNESDAY	6:12	-0.6	5:11	2.7	(1:04)	3.7	11:21	5.7
THURSDAY	6:51	-0.4	6:09	2.8	N/A	N/A	1:48	3.8
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OPINION

The QLine

Residents think city is too loud

This week, Q-line asked:

"Should the noise laws in Santa Monica be more restrictive? Is it already too loud here?"

Here are your responses:

■ "They want to make another ordinance, this time for noise laws? The city can't even enforce the ordinances they just recently made. For instance, sleeping in doorways, smoking on the parks, eating in the parks, etc., etc.. They need to start enforcing the ordinances that they already have in the books instead of making another new ordinance. It seems to me that the City Council has nothing better to do with their time. They need to get the police department out here and enforce the laws. I was down in the Palisades Park recently and a guy was smoking a crack pipe. They saw me looking at him so I guess they put the pipe away and then they started smoking cigarettes. I thought there was an ordinance against smoking cigarettes. All you have to do is go into the Palisades Park and there's all kinds of cigarette butts lying around and wouldn't you know it, there wasn't any park enforcement or a policeman around. I'd like to know where the police hang out. That's a big mystery."

■ "Yes, it is already too noisy in Santa Monica. I frequently make a mental evaluation that it is like living in the back ward of an insane asylum. It's actually worse. Lately there are more and more loud motorcycles in Santa Monica on our

residential streets, especially on weekends. And they always seem to ride around in noisy packs. Another pesky annoyance are these new city pick-up trucks with their back-up beepers always on full throttle. And it seems like they back up more than they go forward in residential areas once again, early in the morning and late at night. These complaints are only two of the many noise assaults on our citizens. There are many. I'll defer to others to fill in the gaps."

■ "I believe that you've hammered those poor people over at the airports too much already. I think if you check, you'll find that most of the people who are complaining about the noise bought their property well after the airport was in effect. They knew that they were buying into a noisy atmosphere. Nobody forced them to do it. It's been cut back an awful lot in the past few years and they just won't be satisfied. I think you've beat that thing to death."

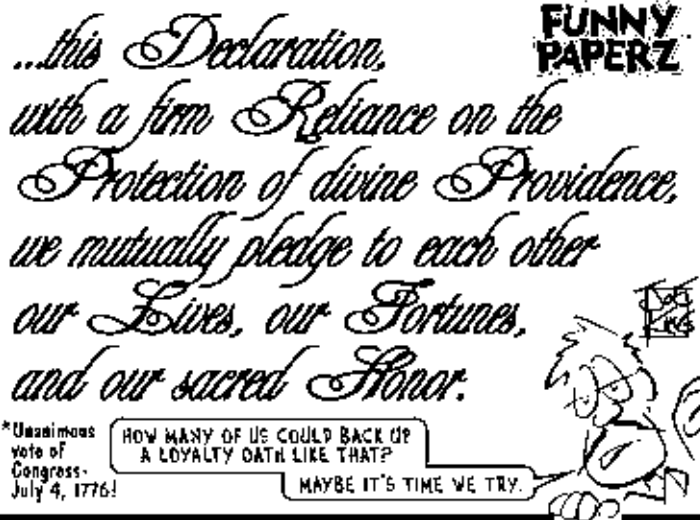
■ "Yes, I think noise pollution is one of the worse types of pollution there is. This goes from the drunkard standing outside of your door at 2:30 on a Saturday morning yelling or screaming, to people having parties like what happened to me

last weekend. They were partying until 3:20 in the morning and the only reason that the cops came is that after the third phone call to the police department, I said I'd go over there and take care of it myself. The police were there within two minutes. I think this is something that should be looked into and the City Council should be investigating this instead of spending all that crap on the traffic calming on Wilshire Boulevard."

■ "Yes, I think the laws should be more restrictive. Noise, particularly from cars, trucks, buses, etc., is more than an irritant, it's dangerous. Loud menacing automobile noises foster a confused and hostile

environment that invokes cruelty and crime rather than community and kindness. The most pleasant thing about the Promenade is its almost complete absence of gasoline powered engines and their attendant noises and pollutants. Why not make other streets car-free? Places to escape menacing traffic noise and vibrations in the city are few. While sitting on the beach the other day just north of the pier, there were only brief moments of silence punctuated by longer intervals of frequent and loud engine noise from low-flying aircraft. Noise is more than an inconvenience, it's an insult and robs us of something that, in many other cultures and traditions, is considered sacred: Silence."

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Why does City Hall want Olsen off Planning Commission?



MY WRITE
By Bill Bauer

Probably one of the year's most closely watched appointments will be Kelly Olsen's reappointment to the Planning Commission.

His reappointment by City Council, Tuesday evening, July 8, is anything but a slam-dunk. The acerbic Mr. Olsen has ruffled feathers for the last four years. By being critical of many of the city's policies — especially in relation to code enforcement — he has locked horns many times with Suzanne Frick, the city's powerful Planning Director.

He's clearly on the side of the common folk and continually supports neighbors by protecting their interests and supporting community livability issues.

Eighteen unpermitted signs plastered on Cellular Fantasy's "landmark" building at 26th Street and Wilshire Boulevard last year particularly offended Olsen. He said the Planning Department was, "looking the other way and endorsing this kind of behavior." He accused the city of "political spinelessness" and "economic

backlash because City Hall doesn't want to harass businesses who have lawyers ..."

Railing at the special business interests and favored individuals who seem to get away with everything is a favorite Olsen theme.

I got a kick out of Olsen's reaction two years ago when the Gaucho Grill, on the Third Street Promenade, requested an amended Conditional Use Permit to include sidewalk dining and alcohol service.

The Gaucho Grill already had tables and chairs on the sidewalk and their recently renovated interior sat 131 persons, not the 91 capacity the city had approved.

Suzanne Frick suggested "remediating the situation by modifying the CUP." I remember Olsen shaking his head and saying that it was wrong to keep amending CUPs in order to make gross violations legal and conforming.

Olsen believes excessive noise complaints and other nuisance violations are a reason to not amend or extend alcohol CUPs or continue granting permits to those who don't play by the rules.

This flies in the face of the pro-business Frick who is often quoted as saying that alcohol drives the city's economic engine. Santa Monica has the third highest concentration of alcohol licensees in the state. Her department recently supported administrative or in-house approval of down-

town alcohol CUPs which eliminate public forums such as the Planning Commission.

Olsen recommended last year that the city explore and adopt a citywide alcohol policy. The City Council put his suggestion at No. 35 on a list of 36 priorities.

Olsen also angered staff last year when he discovered that a proposed Trader Joe's at Wilshire Boulevard and Euclid Street was too big for the property — part of which was zoned residential and couldn't be utilized for commercial purposes.

It was a stupid staff error. If Olsen hadn't called it to the attention of the Planning Department, the project would have been administratively approved and likely built as proposed. Such a mistake makes the city liable, permits a project in violation of the city's own codes and places undo parking and traffic pressures on the entire neighborhood.

The preverbal "crap hit the fan" when city officials found out that Olsen was cooperating with the Los Angeles District Attorney's office in their current investigation of possible criminal conduct in the Planning Department.

The Planning Commission's recent request for an outside independent audit of the department was the capper.

I've heard rumors for years about vanishing complaints, ongoing violations ignored and certain businesses and friends

of the department who are beyond scrutiny and whose backs are protected. Maybe that's why, in researching this piece, I was told that Olsen will be ousted — because of the opposition led by higher ups on staff are determined to get a big thorn out of their paw.

Most of his fellow commissioners and Santa Monicans for Renters Rights leaders seem to be behind him although there is no love lost between Olsen and architect and SMRR steering committee member Ralph Mechur — a recipient of some classic Olsen criticisms.

So how's the City Council going to vote? Councilman Mike Feinstein seems to be the swing vote but is leaning negative. Councilpersons Ken Genser and Kevin McKeown and Mayor Richard Bloom are reportedly for Olsen with Councilpersons Bob Holbrook, Herb Katz and Pam O'Connor against him.

I don't always agree with Olsen, however, I respect his standing up for the "little guy" — a rare quality in a city-appointed commissioner.

Failure to re-appoint Kelly Olsen would be a great disservice to the community and raises the specter of a cover-up.

(Bill Bauer is a longtime Santa Monica resident and a freelance writer.)

LOCAL



Plenty of festivities outside Santa Monica

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deployment and, should a significant event occur, we are prepared," said SMPD Lt. P.J. Guido.

Officers will be on foot, horses, all terrain vehicles and in patrol cars. Saturation patrols looking for drunk drivers will be conducted at various locations throughout the city all weekend, Guido said.

SMPD expects to respond to hundreds of calls that range from public drunkenness to assaults to lost children. And officers will be briefed throughout the day as developments occur, Guido said.

Despite that alcohol is not allowed on the beaches and fireworks are illegal in Santa Monica, police expect to find many violators. People caught will be cited and their alcohol or fireworks will be confiscated.

Los Angeles County Lifeguards also will be at maximum staff, said Capt. Garth Canning.

LA County will call up its 650 on-call lifeguards to work, as well as its 160 full-time lifeguards to monitor the beaches and oceans. There will be late night patrols and a dive team will be available at all times.

"We have more lifeguards than any other day," Canning said. "It's the biggest weekend for us."

Parking lots in Santa Monica will close at sunset, except for the lot on the Santa Monica Pier and the one just to the north at the beach.

What's happening today:

Malibu has three firework displays, all of which can be seen from the Santa Monica Bay.

The fireworks, entirely funded by private individuals, will be held at Broad Beach near Zuma, Malibu's Surfrider Beach and the beach near Duke's restaurant. All of the shows will kick off at about 9 p.m.

Marina Del Rey also will have fireworks, which begin at 9 p.m.

Fireworks will explode from a barge anchored in the main channel of Marina Harbor. Pre-recorded patriotic music will be played through loud speakers set up in

Burton Chace Park, located at 13650 Mindanao Way in Marina Del Rey. The music will be recorded with the Loyola Marymount University's radio station, KXLU 88.9 FM. The show will last for approximately 20 minutes.

The best place to see the fireworks will be from Burton Chace Park.

Between 5,000 to 10,000 viewers are expected. Another view of the fireworks can be seen from parts of the Fisherman's Village, Mariner's Village, and the north side of the Marina. For information, call (310) 305-9511.

Venice will have an open parade to celebrate its 98th birthday. Participants can assemble at 10 a.m. at Beyond Baroque, located at 681 Venice Boulevard. Starting at 11 a.m., the parade will head west on Venice Boulevard, turn north onto Abbot Kinney Boulevard, and then south on Ocean Front to Windward Avenue. There will be a short program on the history and mystery of Venice with a community anthem sung by Silvia Kohan on Windward Avenue. Participation is free.

Other events:

Pasadena: Taste of America-America Fest at the Rose Bowl, located at 1001 Rose Bowl Drive. The largest fireworks display in Southern California will kick off at 9 p.m. Prior to that, there will be food from all corners of the world, live music, games and rides for kids. Festivities start at 5:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be purchased at the Rose Bowl or by calling (213) 480-3232. Kids, 5 years old and under, are free. Parking also is \$15.

Redondo Beach: Enjoy surfside Fourth of July festivities on the Redondo Beach Pier. Live music begins at 5 p.m. and the fireworks start at 9:10 p.m. The ocean skyline is lit up for half an hour from a floating barge in King's Harbor. Park on site for \$10 or use the free park and shuttle service at the Redondo Beach Library and Redondo Union High School.

Studio City: Log onto studiocity-chamber.com for events and times.

Former cop pleads guilty

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McElveen's guilty plea and instead accepted the 90-day diagnostic study.

In the meantime, McElveen is earning time credits to use against whatever sentence he will ultimately face.

McElveen, who retired from the SMPD in May of 1999, served with the department for 19 years. He allegedly began a 10-month sexual relationship with the 15-year-old daughter of another SMPD officer in August 2000.

After being arrested by LA County sheriff's deputies Feb. 26, McElveen was charged with performing a lewd act

upon a child, two counts of penetration with a foreign object and two counts of oral copulation.

He pleaded guilty to performing a lewd act upon a child April 14 and agreed to spend one year in state prison as part of the plea, which dismissed the four other counts against him.

With good behavior, which can cut a state prison sentence in half, McElveen would have been eligible for parole in six months.

When the diagnostic study is complete and he goes in front of the judge for sentencing, he will have been in custody for more than seven months.

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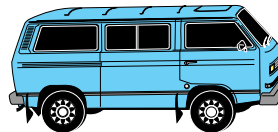
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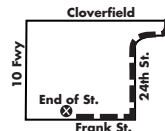


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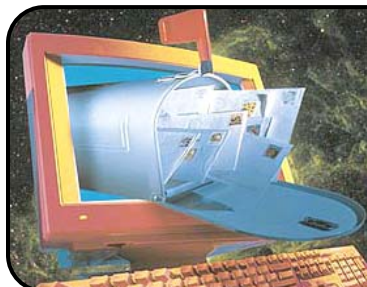
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ENTERTAINMENT



Music Scene

Crowd blown away by blues band at Harvelle's

BY GREGG WILLIS
Special to the Daily Press



The Delgado Brothers band blew the blues away last Friday night at Harvelle's Blues Club in Santa Monica, with their superior musicianship and soul stirring songs keeping the dance floor packed with sweaty happy people all night long.

Early in the evening, drummer-vocalist Stevie Delgado commented on the reasonable \$10 cover charge and promised that the band would give \$200 worth all night long. Delgado, his friends and brothers made good on that promise.

They played with self assurance — as if they were seasoned pros. Combined with an enthusiastic crowd, the Delgado Brothers made for a classic night at Harvelle's.

The sound and continuity of the group has a lot to do with their roots in El Monte and at Rosemead High. Brothers Bobby, Joey and Stevie Delgado are joined by childhood friend Ray Solis on percussion and Dave Kelley on the Hammond B3 organ. They have played together for almost 20 years.

Guitarist Joey credits older brother Bobby with providing their early musical influences.

"He turned us on to all the great stuff when we were kids," Joey said, adding the list includes Freddy, B.B. and Albert King, Little Milton, Eric Clapton, Peter Green from early Fleetwood Mac and of course John Mayall and the Bluesbreakers.

"Growing up in El Monte we didn't really get a lot of Latino influence, we all spoke English and it wasn't until we played in Northern California that people started calling us that Latino blues band," Joey laughed.

The Delgado Brothers' musical stew has been simmering for quite awhile and some very tasty music is the result of years of playing together. Their music calls to mind early Fleetwood Mac, Santana, Los Lobos, Stevie Winwood, or even the J. Geils Band, yet their music is distinctive and unique.

Joey Delgado is one of the finest guitar players in L.A., or anywhere else for that matter. He provides the stellar musicianship that places this band into an elite status. Joey is a stylist, capable of playing any type of music, with an awesome technical talent, backed up by passionate playing that comes straight from the heart.

Little brother Stevie has a wonderful voice, full of feeling, sweet and spiritual, with a playful side that is endearing and fits the spirit of their music so well. He writes the lyrics and Joey writes the music to their songs. Older brother Bobby has the wisdom and musical chops to hold it together on bass guitar and Dave Kelley on the Hammond B3 is sublime as an accompanist and incredible as a soloist. Ray Solis tops off the musical mix with a frenzied, rhythmic style of percussion that anchors, energizes and flavors the music.

British Blues musician John Mayall's last album, "Along For The Ride," contained two songs by the Delgado Brothers — "If I Don't Get Home" and "Something About My Baby."

The band used the royalty money to self produce a CD, which was recorded in the living room of the family home in El Monte.

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— JOEY DELGADO
Delgado Brothers guitarist

"My mom was in the nursing home and we wanted to do something special there before we sold the house," Joey recalled.

Joey doubled as production coordinator and John Avila served as recording engineer. True to family, the band's label is called "Bell Asher," after the nickname of the Delgado Brother's mother and to acknowledge the street that they lived on.

The resulting CD, "A Brothers Dream," could be the key element that ensures that the Delgado Brothers take their rightful place in the national and international music world. Make no mistake, this is a band that is capable of blowing away any crowd, anywhere, anytime.

The music of the Delgado Brothers has a universal appeal that will captivate any music lover.

There are currently labels interested in the CD, but no firm offers have been made yet. That could change soon, as the nationally syndicated radio show, "Blues Deluxe," will feature a song off the CD, "Leave Me Alone," on the Sunday, July 6 broadcast, which ensures national exposure.

The band also is excited about the Aug. 1 CD release party at the Mayan Theatre in L.A., which will be sponsored by Latino Weekly.

"We have never played before a primarily Latino audience before," Joey said. "And we are very excited about the opportunity."

The band also is scheduled to appear at a festival in British Columbia over the Labor Day weekend.

Hats off to Harvelle's for once again providing world class entertainment at local prices. Proprietor Cevin Clark continues to prove that he's committed to bringing the best entertainment possible to Santa Monica. Let's hope that the future success of the Delgado Brothers doesn't keep them from coming back to Harvelle's again and again.

(Gregg Willis has toured as a driver for bands such as Jack Bruce, Dave Mason, David Bowie, The Who, REO, Def Leppard, Prince, Van Halen, George Benson, J. Geils Band and many more.)

STATE



CALIFORNIA BRIEFS

State's credit rating sliding

By The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — Just two days after the state Legislature missed its budget deadline, a pair of Wall Street's most powerful credit agencies issued new warnings Wednesday that California's battered credit rating may be downgraded because of the budget deadlock.

Analysts from Standard & Poor's Rating Services issued a "credit watch with negative implications" on \$33.5 billion of California's debt because of the lack of progress on adoption of a new budget.

Moody's Investors Services said they had placed California under review for possible credit downgrade and also cited the political climate surrounding the state budget as the cause.

California already suffers with the nation's lowest credit rating and the new warnings from Wall Street only raise the stakes of the ongoing budget battle.

A lower credit rating would mean state taxpayers would have to pay a lot more to borrow money in the future and might have trouble even finding banks that would agree to make more loans.

S&P analyst David G. Hitchcock said his company's designation could be removed if a budget is adopted soon, but he warned his agency would monitor the state's cash condition for significant changes.

Gov. Gray Davis said if both rating agencies downgrade California credit, the first impact would be that the state would have to pay a \$33 million penalty to a group of banks that are backing up an \$11 billion bond issue made earlier this month. Davis noted that other borrowing planned for this fall could also be disrupted if a budget is not passed by July 15.

Soldiers return home

By The Associated Press

CORONADO — One month after sailing home from war in Iraq, dozens of sailors from the USS Constellation celebrated a second homecoming Wednesday. They became U.S. citizens.

In all, 216 Navy men and women from 42 countries took the oath of citizenship aboard the 41-year-old warship, which will be decommissioned next month. About 170 of them were assigned to the Constellation, which returned June 2 from a six-month assignment in the Persian Gulf.

The naturalization ceremony was one of 50 being held nationwide this week for about 9,500 new citizens.

Citizenship applications from members of the armed forces have moved to the top of the pile since last July, when President Bush signed an executive order that lifted a required three-year wait to be eligible. The Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services says it has accepted about 7,500 applications for expedited citizenship from military men and women but officials didn't know how many of those have been approved.

Soldier killed in ambulance remembered

By The Associated Press

WHITTIER — A 21-year-old soldier who died when the ambulance he was riding in was struck by a grenade was remembered fondly Wednesday by hundreds of friends and relatives as a man who put two things first: Dedication to family and country.

Spc. Paul T. Nakamura, who was assigned to the Army's 437th Medical Company, was part of a team transporting a wounded soldier when their ambulance was attacked June 19 on a highway about 20 miles south of Baghdad.

He "was very dedicated, committed, faithful, loyal to family, loyal to nation," Pastor Pancho Juarez told some 300 mourners at a cemetery chapel in this suburb just east of Los Angeles.

"He paid the ultimate price for what he did," Juarez added.

Four posthumous medals, including a bronze star and a Purple Heart, were awarded to his family during the service at Rose Hills Memorial Park.

Some mourners came from as far away as Japan to honor Nakamura, who had served in Iraq, Kuwait and other parts of the Middle East.

Some Republicans oppose recall effort

By The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A small group of Republicans plans to raise money to oppose the recall of Democratic Gov. Gray Davis, saying it could lead to an "endless cycle of political instability."

"It could destroy whatever shred remains of civilized political discourse in this great state," GOP consultant Scott Barnett said in announcing the formation of Republicans Against the Recall.

Barnett was joined at a news conference outside a state office building by developer Mike Madigan and Bill Marvin, a former chairman of the San Diego County Republican Party, who said he was no fan of the governor.

"I'm not here to praise Caesar and I'm also not here to stick a knife in Caesar's back," Marvin said. "I'm here in defense of the process."

The state GOP should focus its efforts on helping President Bush win California in next year's election and electing Republicans to the legislature, he said, instead of gambling on a recall.



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REAL ESTATE

Real estate booms in 2003



DAYS ON THE MARKET

By Jodi Summers

The real estate market in Santa Monica for the first six months of this year shows some interesting changes. Overall sales were typical — a total of 462 properties changed hands, compared with 496 for the same period of 2002 and 354 in 2001.

According to the Los Angeles Times, condo prices in zip codes 90402 and 90405 have dropped from a year ago. In zip code 90402 — the average home price was up 14.5 percent to an average of more than \$1.4 million. On the other hand, condos in the area saw a 7.1 percent drop to an average price of \$760,000. In zip code 90405, home prices are up an incredible 46.1 percent from a year ago, for an average selling price of \$770,000, but condos have dropped in price by 20.7 percent to an average price of \$329,000.

Meanwhile, homes in 90404 saw a 5.1 percent rise to an average price of \$433,000 and condos rose 12 percent to an average price of \$383,000. Homes located in zip code 90403 have gone up 11.6 percent to an average selling price of \$1.3 million and condos have gone up 13.6 percent to \$455,000. Condos in 90401 have gone up 8.1 percent to an average selling price of \$327,000.

In the first six months of 2003, 78 properties that had a list price of more than \$1 million sold in Santa Monica, up from 67 in 2002, and 40 in 2001.

"Sometimes I wonder where these statistics come from, because they don't jibe with what I'm seeing in the marketplace," said real estate agent Mike Beare, a Santa Monica condo specialist. "I'm noticing a steady increase in prices. I don't notice any signs of prices declining."

What's so strange about the reported drop in condo prices in certain parts of town, is that according to DataQuick Information Systems, throughout the Southland, April was the fifth strongest month for real estate in the last 10 years. Overall, throughout the Southland, real estate prices are up 19 percent from a year ago.

"The statistics are broadly based. Sales

counts are strong in every category from entry-level on up to prestige. Appreciation rates are strong across the board also," said DataQuick president Marshall Prentice.

Nationally, average housing prices rose 6.9 percent in 2002 and a total of 38.3 percent from 1997 to 2002, according to statistics from the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight.

In Southern California, prices have risen more than 100 percent in many neighborhoods. The L.A. Times reports that Glendale zip code 91204 had the largest rise in suburban home prices — 108.5 percent in the past five years.

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— MIKE BEARE
Real estate agent

This rise in real estate prices — and perceived portfolio equity — and the drop in interest rates have raised home ownership rates to record levels. According to Federal Reserve data, at the end of 2002, homes in the United States were worth \$13.64 trillion, 92 percent more than a decade ago, while our mortgage debt more than doubled to \$6.05 trillion.

"What's going on is portfolio adjustment," says Karl Case, a professor of economics at Wellesley College and co-founder of Case Shiller Weiss, the country's premier housing researcher.

Despite the reported drop in condo prices, Santa Monica owners should take heart, over the past three decades, national home prices have never declined from one year to the next, though their rate of growth has sometimes lagged that of inflation, according to CNN/Money.

(If you have local real estate questions, e-mail them to Jodi Summers at jodis@boardwalkreality.com, or call at (310) 309-4219).



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NATIONAL



Scientists inquire about Yellowstone geysers' activity

BY BECKY BOHRER
Associated Press Writer

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. — Steam wafted over Hank Heasler as he stood on a boardwalk and watched water from Steamboat Geyser shoot into the air with an attention-grabbing “WHOOSH!”

“This could be it,” the park geologist said excitedly, squinting against the morning sun at the impressive spray. But Heasler had no better idea than the tourists around him when the world’s tallest geyser would next erupt.

Unlike Old Faithful, Steamboat is anything but predictable. It’s gone as few as four days and as many as 50 years between major eruptions — noisy, powerful spectacles that can send hot water 300 feet or higher and churn out dense steam for hours.

Recently, though, it has been more active — its two eruptions so far this year came just weeks apart — and the emergence of a forceful new thermal feature nearby has scientists like Heasler wondering: What’s happening in Norris Geyser Basin, where Steamboat is located?

“That’s the million dollar question. It’s changing more than anyone has noticed before,” Heasler said. “Are we noticing because we’re looking? Or because something is abnormal?”

Researchers are trying to find answers. They’ve installed monitoring devices throughout the basin — near features such as Steamboat and in creek channels that collect water runoff from geysers — to gather data on such things as water temperature and flow levels, basic informa-

tion that, they say, was previously lacking and could help unlock the mysteries of Norris.

Among them: What’s bubbling beneath the shallow surface of the volatile basin and why has the basin floor been steadily bulging upward over the past few years?

Adding to the intrigue is Norris’ location. The basin — filled with hot springs, geysers and steam vents called fumaroles — is outside Yellowstone’s caldera, formed by the last volcanic eruption about 640,000 years ago and considered the hotbed for geothermal activity in the park.

Some 10,000 hot springs and geysers pock the park’s landscape, their telltale steam often visible to tourists traveling park roads. But the Norris basin is frequently passed by, viewed from the car by motorists headed south to Old Faithful.

Perhaps the reason Norris is so dynamic, researchers say, is that there’s molten material beneath the basin. Or, maybe, hot water from the caldera has pushed north to Norris.

The trouble is, very little is known about the inner workings of Norris, where a geyser eruption can trigger the draining — it looks like the flushing — of a nearby pool.

Scientists for years have studied features within the basin — Steamboat, for example, or Echinus, the world’s only acidic geyser. But the basin’s “vital signs,” things like the amount of heat it puts out or the volume of water it generates, are hard to come by.

Relying now on grants, researchers hope to continue monitoring efforts for at least the next three years, using what they

find with satellite imagery and other information, such as climate data, to help piece together the puzzle.

“Our goal is to understand what’s driving the volcanic system, and are there indications it could be moving into a period of unrest?” said Jacob Lowenstern, a researcher for the U.S. Geological Survey and scientist-in-charge of the Yellowstone Volcano Observatory, a consortium that monitors the volcano and regional earthquakes.

Better understanding the Norris basin in west-central Yellowstone and its volatility is important to ensuring visitor safety. But nothing that’s happened so far is reason for alarm or indicative of some looming threat, he said. Steamboat’s renewed eruptions and the basin rising several centimeters in the past few years could just be normal activity, Lowenstern said.

Steamboat’s first major eruption was reported in 1878. It flared up occasionally after that before lying largely dormant from 1911 to 1961. The 1960s and the early 1980s were fairly active, observers say.

Then it was quiet until it erupted in May 2000, researchers say, followed by two eruptions in 2002 and two more again this spring — on March 26 and April 27.

Paul Strasser, a self-proclaimed “geyser gazer” from Colorado, has returned to the park religiously to document even the minor stirrings of Steamboat since seeing the first of two major eruptions in 1982.

Though Strasser doubts it will ever be predictable or that its activity is somehow linked to the inner workings of Norris, he believes Steamboat may behave a certain way leading to an eruption.

Officials wait by phone for call

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missions, made a scaled-down call to the cosmos in 1999. Chafer said the transmissions are efforts to reach out and “to join the galactic community.”

Choosing Roswell as the place for mission control this year was obvious. The southeastern New Mexico community has become a UFO Mecca since the purported 1947 crash-landing of a suspected alien spacecraft on a local farm.

At 5 p.m. Saturday, Team Encounter officials will send a message from the Roswell museum to the Ukrainian site,

telling scientists to begin the transmission, which will take about 15 hours to send.

The cosmic call will be a featured event at Roswell’s UFO festival this weekend — an event that draws thousands of true believers and curious onlookers every year.

But sponsors don’t expect a response — if there is one — anytime soon. The message will take two years to reach the nearest star, and 14 years to reach the furthest, Chafer said. He expects the soonest an answer might arrive would be five years.

“We’ll sit here by the phones,” he

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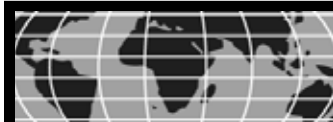
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WORLD BRIEFLY

Premier offends Germany chancellor

By The Associated Press

BERLIN — Germany's chancellor demanded an apology Thursday from Italian premier Silvio Berlusconi for saying a German member of the European parliament would make a good Nazi concentration camp guard in a movie.

Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, in remarks to parliament in Berlin, said the comparison "is a misstep in both content and form, and completely unacceptable."

"I expect the Italian premier to formally apologize for this unacceptable comparison," Schroeder said.

There was no immediate response from Berlusconi, but Italian news reports quoted him as saying he planned to speak to Schroeder by telephone Thursday afternoon.

The German government was infuriated by Berlusconi's jibe. It was directed at a Social Democratic member of the European Parliament during an appearance Wednesday to mark the start of Italy's six-month presidency of the European Union.

The European parliamentarian, Martin Schulz, referred during a question-and-answer session to the Italian leader's use of an immunity law to sidestep bribery charges in an Italian court.

"Mr. Schulz, I know there is a producer in Italy who is making a film on the Nazi concentration camps. I will suggest you for the role of kapo," Berlusconi snapped back. "You'd be perfect."

Let the games begin

By The Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — The 2,002 rooms are wired for high-speed Internet access. The 3,650 slot machines spit out tickets, not coins. The shower stalls are built for two — nudge, nudge, wink, wink.

Then there's the Mixx, a restaurant-nightclub featuring private club rooms, available for rent by couples seeking a little privacy.

After three years of construction and a price tag of more than \$1 billion, the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa opened its doors about 11:30 p.m. Wednesday, three hours earlier than expected.

The joint venture of Las Vegas casino companies Boyd Gaming Corp. and MGM Mirage is the first new

casino-hotel to open in Atlantic City since Trump Taj Mahal in 1990.

Actor Stephen Dorff, joined by "Sopranos" actor Joe Pantoliano and surrounded by Borgata executives and scantily clad "Borgata Babes" cocktail waitresses, rang in the start of gambling.

The 43-story casino, which sits on a sprawling 40-acre off-Boardwalk site, hopes to dazzle gamblers with technology and amenities previously unseen in Atlantic City.

"I'm very impressed," said City Councilman Craig Callaway. "They've raised the bar so high that the other Atlantic City casinos will have to do more to compete, and that spells success for the whole city."

Bush pressures Liberia president

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush has stepped up U.S. pressure on Liberia's president to resign while holding off on a decision on possibly sending peacekeeping troops to the troubled African nation.

As foreign leaders called on Bush to send U.S. troops to the country founded by freed American slaves, the president sharply denounced Liberian leader Charles Taylor from a White House podium Wednesday.

"One thing has to happen: Mr. Taylor needs to leave the country," Bush said. "In order for there to be peace and stability in Liberia, Charles Taylor needs to leave now."

But Bush and Secretary of State Colin Powell said Wednesday they had not decided whether to send peacekeepers to the West African nation, as U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and other world leaders have urged. Annan has said he would like to see the United States lead a multinational peacekeeping force in Liberia, which has been wracked by months of fighting between forces loyal to Taylor and rebel groups trying to oust him.

High court ponders Second Amendment

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court is being asked to overturn an appeals court ruling that said the Constitution does not guarantee people a personal right to own a gun.

The court's past rulings on Second Amendment gun

rights — many in the 1800s — are a mess that should be straightened out when the justices return from their summer break, an appeal being filed Thursday at the court said.

The appeal relates to one of two closely watched cases from the liberal-leaning 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. The high court will also decide later this year whether to review a 9th Circuit ruling that banned teacher-led reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools because of the phrase "under God."

The gun case includes an unlikely group of challengers — not the National Rifle Association or other organized groups, but some rugby teammates and friends. They include a police SWAT officer, a Purple Heart recipient, a former Marine sniper, a parole officer, a stockbroker and others with varied political views. They had sued the state over laws banning high-powered weapons.

The 9th Circuit panel said the amendment's intent was to protect gun rights of militias, not individuals. A more conservative appeals court in New Orleans has ruled that individuals have a constitutional right to guns.

Israeli troops kill militia fighter

By The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli troops killed a militia fighter in the West Bank and closed a recently reopened junction in the Gaza Strip, casting a shadow over a handover of territory to Palestinians under a U.S.-backed peace plan.

The army said it was closing the key Gaza junction in response to the firing of four anti-tank shells at the nearby Jewish settlement of Kfar Darom. Four people were wounded by shrapnel, it said.

Israel filed a formal complaint with the Palestinian Authority about the incident, saying the shelling was a violation of a security agreement on the pull out, the army said.

The developments came despite important peace moves — including the withdrawal Wednesday of Israeli forces from the West Bank town of Bethlehem — which had raised hopes for an end to 33 months of bloodshed.

Early Thursday, Israeli troops killed a militant from the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a militia linked to Yasser Arafat's Fatah section, when an arrest turned violent in the West Bank city of Qalqiliya, the army said.

Palestinian security sources identified the man as Mahmoud Shawar, an assistant to Ibrahim Mansour, the leader of the Brigades in Qalqiliya. Mansour was arrested. The army said both men were armed and that one was killed when he tried to flee arrest.

Three dead in ambushes in Iraq, several soldiers injured

BY JIM KRANE

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An Army truck hit an explosive west of Baghdad on Thursday, injuring six U.S. soldiers, and attackers ambushed patrols in the capital, wounding three other Americans. The violence also left two Iraqis dead and several wounded, including a 6-year-old.

In Baqubah, northeast of Baghdad, an explosion went off during a demonstration by Iraqis angry over the U.S. military's detention of the town's top Shiite cleric. One person was killed and several wounded.

The violence comes a day after President Bush vowed that anti-American attacks would not keep the United States from fulfilling its mission in Iraq. American troops have been targeted daily in the past weeks by ambushes and hit-and-run attacks, blamed on Saddam Hussein loyalists and others.

In Ramadi, 60 miles west of Baghdad, a two-Humvee convoy struck an explosive, wounding six soldiers, said Sgt. Patrick Compton, a U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad.

Later Thursday morning, an ambusher fired a grenade at a U.S. Army convoy in downtown Baghdad, wounding two soldiers; troops who returned fire killed an Iraqi bystander and injured others, wit-

nesses said.

As the convoy moved along Baghdad's Haifa Street, a man fired a rocket-propelled grenade while standing in a car's sunroof; the grenade exploded beneath an Army Humvee, said Saddam Juwad, 22, a bystander. Most of the soldiers jumped from the Humvee before the explosion, Juwad said. One soldier who appeared to be injured was evacuated, Juwad and other witnesses said.

Another limping U.S. soldier sobbed and shook as a comrade helped him into a car.

As the attackers sped away, U.S. soldiers began firing wildly, Juwad and other witnesses said, killing the driver of another car. As a Humvee sat burning in the street an hour after the attack, witnesses pointed to a pool of blood on the street where the victim had fallen.

"We heard an explosion. I threw myself to the ground and my brother was shot," said Fuad Hassan Alwan, a bystander at the scene. "The Americans shot at us. My brother has two bullet wounds and he is now in the hospital."

In a separate ambush Thursday, a sniper fired on a patrol in the west Baghdad neighborhood of Kadamiyah, wounding a soldier from the Army's 1st Armored Division, Compton said. Soldiers fired back, killing the attacker and wounding a six-year-old boy who was

with the man, Compton said.

The soldier and the boy were in stable condition in a military hospital, Compton said.

In Baqubah, witnesses said a plastic bag filled with explosives blew up in the middle of a crowd of a few hundred Iraqi demonstrators, who were quietly protesting the U.S. Army's detention of Ali Abdul Kareem al-Madani, the city's top Shiite cleric. Witnesses said one man was killed and five wounded.

But Capt. Josh Felker of the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry division said the explosion occurred when a grenade blew up in a man's hands, injuring three bystanders. Felker said the man may have been preparing to toss the grenade over a wall surrounding a local government compound that also houses a U.S. military office.

After the blast, protesters screamed and ran in different directions. U.S. soldiers patrolling from atop a nearby building fired into the air.

Kahtan Adnan, an aide to al-Madani, said U.S. troops raided the cleric's home in Baqubah, arresting him, his son and eight others at the home. On Thursday morning, many of the cleric's books were strewn about on the floor of the home and several vehicles outside had their windshields smashed.

Witnesses said the U.S. troops caused

the damage.

"I am an Iraqi Muslim," said Qassem al-Saadi, one of the demonstrators demanding al-Madani's release. "They humiliated our leader and desecrated his holy books."

Compton said he had no information about arrests in Baqubah.

Also Thursday, a soldier from the 1st Armored Division died in a non-combat incident, the military said. The soldier's name was withheld until relatives are notified.

Anger at the U.S. troops has been high, especially in Fallujah, 35 miles west of Baghdad, where an explosion at a mosque killed at least 10 people on Monday. Locals blamed the United States, but Central Command said Wednesday that the explosion was "apparently related to a bomb manufacturing class that was being taught inside the mosque."

In another development, the Iraqi National Museum briefly opened its doors to the press Thursday. Looting at the museum provoked an international outcry after Baghdad fell on April 9, but U.S. occupation authorities say many of the museum's most important items — including the world-famous treasures of Nimrud — have been accounted for. Still, scores of items remain missing, said museum director Donny George.

SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

By The Associated Press

OLYMPICS

■ **PRAGUE, Czech Republic** — Vancouver was awarded the 2010 Winter Olympics. The International Olympic Committee selected the British Columbia city over bids from Salzburg, Austria, and Pyeongchang, South Korea.

With a simple majority needed for victory, Pyeongchang got 51 votes in the first round, followed by Vancouver with 40 and Salzburg with 16. But Vancouver picked up Salzburg's votes in the next round and defeated Pyeongchang 56-53.

Canada has hosted two previous Olympics — the 1976 Summer Games in Montreal and 1988 Winter Games in Calgary.

BASKETBALL

■ **MILWAUKEE** — T.J. Ford became the first of this year's NBA first-round draft picks to sign, agreeing to a four-year contract with the Milwaukee Bucks.

The 6-foot point guard from Texas was the eighth overall selection in last week's draft. Terms of the contract were not disclosed but according to the 2002-03 NBA rookie scale, a four-year deal for the No. 8 pick would be worth about \$7 million.

■ **HOUSTON** — Jeff Van Gundy, the new head coach of the Houston Rockets, hired Patrick Ewing as an assistant. Ewing was the star center under Van Gundy with the New York Knicks.

In 1994, Ewing and Van Gundy, then an assistant on Pat Riley's staff, lost in seven games to the Rockets in the NBA Finals. Ewing spent last season as an assistant with the Wizards.

Tom Thibodeau, who has spent the past seven seasons as a coach with the Knicks, Steve Clifford and Andy Greer were also hired as assistants. Clifford and Greer also coached with the Knicks last season.

BOXING

■ **LAS VEGAS** — The heavyweight fight between four-time champion Evander Holyfield and James Toney will be held Saturday, Oct. 4 at the Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino, Promoter Dan Goossen announced.

Showtime pay-per-view will telecast the fight.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

■ **TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** — Former Florida State quarterback Adrian McPherson pleaded no contest to gambling and theft charges under a deal in which he avoids jail time but will serve 30 months of probation.

McPherson had faced up to 20 years in jail on charges stemming from allegations he stole a blank check, filled it out and cashed it.

Under the agreement with prosecutors, he also will have to perform at least 25 hours of community service and serve 90 days on a county work detail.

HOCKEY

■ **SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.** — The Phoenix Coyotes signed goaltender David LeNeveu to a multiyear deal. Terms of the contract weren't released.

LeNeveu was selected by the Coyotes in the second round with the 46th overall pick in last year's entry draft. He guided Cornell to the NCAA Frozen Four where his team lost to New Hampshire in the semifinals.

■ **NEW YORK** — Longtime referee Paul Stewart and linesmen Gerard Gauthier and Wayne Bonney retired from the NHL.

Stewart, 48, was the first U.S.-born former NHL player to become an NHL referee and last season became the first American-born referee to work 1,000 regular-season games.

SOCCER

■ **CLEVELAND** — AC Milan backed out of a soccer match against Glasgow Celtic that was scheduled for July 25 in Cleveland.

The Champions Cup winner has six competitions in the next year, and the packed schedule will prevent the team from traveling to the United States on time to play in Cleveland.

Organizers said a match will be played between Glasgow and a yet-to-be announced team.

TRACK & FIELD

■ **COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.** — A track and field athlete has accepted a two-year suspension after testing positive for banned substances, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency announced.

Andrew Eggerth, 25, of Ramsey, Minn., tested positive for 19-norandrosterone and had an elevated testosterone-epitestosterone ratio at an indoor track meet in Saskatoon, Canada, on Feb. 9.

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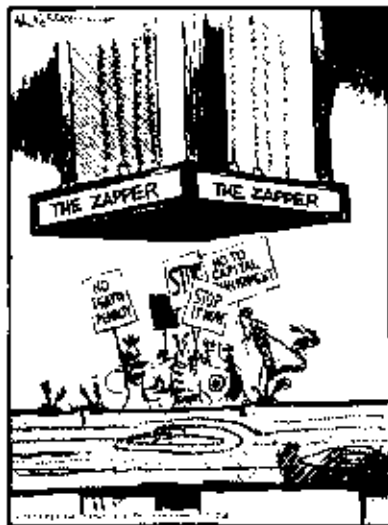
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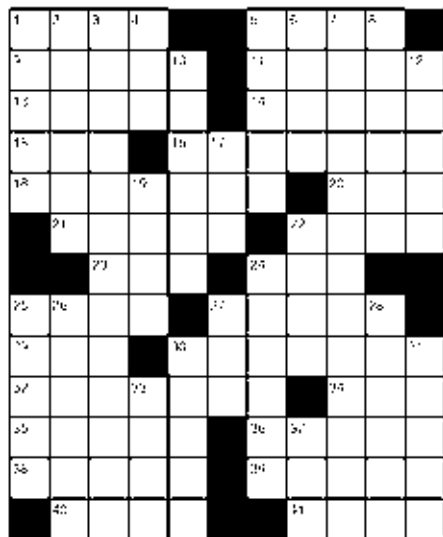
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Martha Stewart gets top spot in hall of fame, despite indictment

By The Associated Press

■ **NUTLEY, N.J.** — It was a tough call, but Martha Stewart has earned a spot in the township's Hall of Fame.

The home decorating diva will be among the first group of inductees this fall, even though some residents say her recent legal problems are reason enough to reconsider the honor.

Stewart was among nine people — including two college professors, a supermarket magnate and a pharmaceutical president — who were named to the hall last week. The former Martha Kostyra graduated from Nutley High School in 1959 and worked as a model and stockbroker before setting up a catering business and eventually establishing a multimillion-dollar lifestyle company.

She stepped down June 4 as chief executive of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, the same day she was indicted on charges of lying to investigators and deceiving her company's shareholders during a probe into her sale of ImClone Systems stock.

"There was much discussion about (Stewart's nomination), I'll tell you that," Ruth Bedford, a lifelong Nutley resident and chairwoman of the judging panel, told The Record of Hackensack for Thursday's editions. "We talked about what she has managed to accomplish."

To be considered, nominees must have been born in the Essex County community, graduated from its high school or lived there for at least 10 years. Residents submitted ballots that were reviewed by a selection committee, which announced its decision last week.

It's unknown whether Stewart, 61, will attend the induction ceremony in September, but most people hope that either way the focus will be on the hall, not Stewart.

"I would hope that one way to look at this is to say that Nutley recognizes people who have accomplished

things," said fellow inductee Eileen Poiani, mathematician and vice president for student affairs for St. Peter's College in Jersey City.

■ **HONOLULU** — Thirty years after their family vacation was almost ruined by the curse of an ancient tiki doll, the Bradys are back in Hawaii.

"Is this like an acid flashback or what?" joked Barry Williams, who played oldest son Greg on "The Brady Bunch."

Several original cast members from the '70s sitcom have been in the islands this week filming a 90-minute documentary for the Travel Channel. Robert Reed, who played father Mike Brady, died in 1992.

"The Bradys are the foremost family in television history," said executive producer and creator James Romanovich. "I thought with the 30-year anniversary of their filming in Hawaii, it would be great to bring them back and have them be themselves in a 'Real World'-style show."

Cast members have visited most of the locations the TV family toured 30 years ago. Even famed island crooner Don Ho makes a surprise appearance, just as he did in the 1973 episode, and sings a song with Carol Brady herself, Florence Henderson.

"It's like a wonderful children's book that you loved as a child that you want to share with your children," Henderson told the Honolulu Star-Bulletin for Thursday's editions. "When another generation comes along and finds the show, their parents know it already, so it gives the family something to relate to."

Other cast members taking part are Christopher Knight (Peter), Mike Lookinland (Bobby) and Susan Olsen (Cindy). Producers said Ann B. Davis, who

played wisecracking housekeeper Alice, is retired and doesn't like to travel.

The documentary is scheduled to air early next year.

■ **CHICAGO** — The city of Chicago is dedicating its annual Fourth of July holiday fireworks show to longtime advice columnist Esther "Eppie" Lederer.

Known to readers across the country as Ann Landers, Lederer died of bone marrow cancer on June 22, 2002. She was 83.

To commemorate her life and work, Mayor Richard M. Daley will declare Thursday "Eppie Lederer Day" and dedicate to her the lakefront fireworks show and Grant Park Orchestra concert.

Maggie Daley, the mayor's wife, said she came up with the idea for the tribute after remembering that Lederer and her twin sister, Pauline Phillips, were born on July 4. Phillips, also known as Abigail Van Buren, followed Lederer into the profession as writer of the Dear Abby column.

"A lot of us have been thinking of a way to honor her, certainly Rich and I have since she passed away, and I think this is the best thing," she said in an interview with the Chicago Tribune, Lederer's former publisher.

Mrs. Daley said it will be the first time the fireworks show has been dedicated to a Chicagoan. "What we're doing is very, very Eppie," she said. "It'll be a great celebration, a great birthday party for this woman who was really a piece of Chicago."

The first Ann Landers advice column Lederer wrote appeared in print Oct. 16, 1955, in the Chicago Sun-Times. In 1993, she was considered the world's most widely syndicated columnist, appearing in more than 1,200 newspapers worldwide with 90 million readers daily.

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