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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In April, two former Cornell University entomologists, in what they said was a show of respect, named three new species of beetles that feed on slime mold after President Bush, Vice President Cheney and Defense Secretary Rumsfeld. "We admire these leaders," said Quentin Wheeler, for their "courage" "to do the very difficult and unpopular work of living up to principles of freedom and democracy" The *Agathidium bushi* are found in Ohio, Virginia and North Carolina, while the *cheneyi* and *rumsfeldi* are native to Mexico.

■ In the Stephen King novel, "Christine" was the name of the demonic car, but Christine Djordjevic of South Haven, Ind., is the owner of a car that started and drove off, unattended, in March and crashed into her neighbor's home. Police concluded that the culprit was Djordjevic's remote starter, which had been installed by the previous owner imprudently, in that, on stick-shift cars, it can work in gear.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 185th day of 2005.
There are 180 days left in the year.
This is Independence Day.

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence.
In 1939, baseball's "Iron Horse," Lou Gehrig, said farewell to his fans at New York's Yankee Stadium.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If the American Revolution had produced nothing but the Declaration of Independence, it would have been worthwhile."

SAMUEL ELIOT MORISON
AMERICAN HISTORIAN (1887-1976)

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SM cyclists reach a 'critical mass'



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Hundreds turn out on Friday evening to join in a Santa Monica Critical Mass ride. The gathering is a monthly bicycle ride to celebrate cycling and to assert cyclists' right to the road. The Critical Mass concept started in San Francisco in 1992 and has spread to cities all over the world.

By Daily Press staff

SM PIER — Last Friday's critical mass of hundreds of cyclists who gathered here was an organized coincidence with no leaders and no set agenda, its supporters say.

At 6:30 p.m., Santa Monicans gathered at the pier and rode throughout the city, sending a message that they want their road back.

The last Friday of every month in more than 100 cities around the world, cyclists, roller bladers and boarders come together for what's been dubbed a festive rolling celebration. People come together for many reasons, — to assert their right to cleaner air, less congestion, safer roads, and to celebrate and ride in solidarity with other cyclists and like minded individuals, Critical Mass organizers say on their Web site.

The Critical Mass concept

In every city that has a Critical Mass ride, some locals just picked a date, time, and location for the ride and publicized it, and thus the ride was born.

started in San Francisco in September 1992 and has spread to cities all over the world. Biking, walking, and other non-polluting forms of transportation will make

See THE MASSES, page 8

Bordering on criminal?

(Editor's note: This the first article in a three-part series that shows signs of vulnerability along U.S. borders after the Sept. 11 attacks. An Associated Press' probe follows border activity in three countries. Today, a report on a restaurateur in a Mexican border city who ran another business on the side — smuggling hundreds of Lebanese compatriots into the United States, some with connections to Hezbollah. On Tuesday, activities found at the Texas-Mexico border. On Wednesday, a look at the lack of security surrounding the Canadian border.)

PAULINE ARRILLAGA AND
OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ

Associated Press Writers

TIJUANA, Mexico — The men flocked to the cafe under the sign with the cedar tree, symbol of their Mideast home. In this alien border land, it was the beacon that led to an Arab "brother" who would help them complete their journey from

Lebanon into America.

They would come to find Salim Boughader Mucharraffille — the cafe owner who catered to some of Tijuana's more affluent denizens, including workers at the U.S. consulate. His American customers were unaware that the boss of La Libanesa cafe ran a less reputable

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A blow for freedom



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Trombonist Don Gustafson (left) and trumpeter Norman Major, of the Main Street American Band, perform Saturday at 'Celebrate America,' held at Santa Monica College.

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Mark Cundy: 'I just felt like walking'

BY WINTER JOHNSON

Special to the Daily Press



If there is a slender man pushing a baby stroller on the sidewalk, donning a bright yellow cap and fluorescent yellow workman's vest with "World Walker" emblazoned on his back, he's not a father walking his child, he is

Mark Cundy, world walker for cancer research.

Embarking on the third walk in his tri-continental series, Cundy is currently on his way from Santa Monica to New York, trekking more than 2,300 miles in an effort to raise money for his cause. Utilizing a Polish baby stroller to carry his needed supplies, Cundy

has walked from London to Moscow, and Melbourne to Sydney over the last year, leading to his total of 2,300 miles.

From Southend-on-Sea, a small seaside town outside of London, Cundy was an employee of GE in England when cancer touched his

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Your chattiness could carry many through an awkward moment or two. What someone says might get your dander up. Try to think in terms of the way this person thinks. You'll understand much more. Tonight: You're likely to chat till the wee hours.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Someone puts pressure on you. Though you might feel this tension financially, you could also feel disappointed by this situation emotionally. While out and about, you project creativity and don't let others see this hassle. Tonight: Treat yourself, for a change.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You have the personality to draw out others' points of view. Merging your creativity and imagination allows many possibilities. If someone wants to go in a different direction, let him or her. Variety is the spice of life. Tonight: You know what you want. Go for it.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You could feel pressured and very tired. Though summer isn't the right season, you might have a Scrooge attack. Take some time away from others. Don't let negativity interfere with your relationships. Tonight: Early to bed.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You say exactly what you think or feel. Others respond to your openness. When you're around, the good times flow. Others relax and lighten up. They see what they normally don't. Dreams can happen in this climate. Tonight: You could go till the wee hours.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You might be the chief cook or organizer. Whatever you do, you do well, with excellence and efficiency. You have an idea for a get-together. Carry through with it. Pressure builds with a willful family member. Tonight: The lead actor.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Travel might figure into your plans. On the other hand, others might be coming to visit you from a distance. Whatever you do, use that touch of creativity you are known for. You make whatever happens fun. Go with a change of plans. Tonight: Look beyond the obvious.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Listen to a partner or friend. In fact, follow his or her lead. You will know what to do. Remember, you can only stretch your budget so far. Keep that in mind, and make plans that don't break the bank. Tonight: Spend time with your special person.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You need to flex more with those around you. Tremendous ideas and suggestions come from them. Allow your love of music or your imagination to come out. You might not be realistic right now. Tonight: Go along for the ride.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Someone has to organize all the trailing ends and keep them together. You will naturally be in the right place at the right time to do just this. You like giving of yourself, especially in a non-financial manner. Tonight: Slow down. There is a tomorrow.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Your imagination sets fire to those around you. If you are single, flirtation seems natural. You meet many people, but remember not to neglect your friends, please. You might hear about not paying attention to the festivities and the gang for a long time. Tonight: You could be up till the wee hours.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Pressure comes from someone in charge. Though this person means well, he or she could rain on your parade. You're happiest when close to home. Invite others over for a little get-together. Tonight: Don't worry about tomorrow.



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Mystery photo



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The first person to accurately describe where this photo was taken will win a 30th anniversary limited edition JAWS DVD, recently released by Universal Studios. E-mail answers to editor@smdp.com.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMPL celebrates Harry Potter books

By Daily Press staff

Who said reading isn't fun?

Santa Monica Public Library presents a Harry Potter Extravaganza, featuring games, crafts, prizes, and much more at the Montana Avenue Branch, 1704 Montana Ave., on Saturday, July 30, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"Library staff and services aim to instill a love of reading and books in children," said Ellen Braby, coordinator of youth services at the library. "J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series sparks imaginations and inspires children to tackle 700-page books. It's encouraging to see and it's cause for a celebration."

Children ages 8 and up are welcome at the event and encouraged to wear costumes. For more information, call (310) 829-7081, or visit www.smplkids.org

Help save a life

By Daily Press staff

The Red Cross needs your blood.

The American Red Cross has recently seen a decline in blood donations, and is currently appealing for Type O-negative blood.

Type O-negative blood is the "universal" donor, and is often used in emergencies. Currently, the Red Cross has only enough to sustain a seven-hour supply of O-negative blood.

The Red Cross also is dangerously low on other types of blood, being far from what officials normally deem an adequate supply.

"If a large-scale disaster caused hundreds of traumas, people could die from lack

See BRIEFS, page 8



SURF REPORT

In SoCal, most all breaks are seeing ankle to knee high surf with an ever so rare waist high set wave at standout west facing breaks.

Tracking significant SW'er for around the 14th-15th...

Monday the 4th is looking like a repeat of Sunday with minor NW wind swell in the water. Once again, it should be a small surf day with the best size at breaks with westerly exposure, but that's not saying much.

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WEDNESDAY	4:41	-0.7	3:28	2.6	11:27	3.6	9:43	6.0
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This past weekend, hundreds of cyclists took to the road as part of an awareness effort. The group that organizes the monthly rides, "Critical Mass," aims to get more people out of their cars and onto other forms of transportation. They also want better planning for alternative transportation.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Does Santa Monica have adequate streets and routes for bicyclists? Do you feel safe riding your bike here?"

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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Give the dogs a break

Editor:

This year I made a donation to Heal the Bay. Although this is by no means one of its largest contributions, it is sizable for me. In fact, it is the largest charitable donation that I have ever made to any one organization. I am an avid sea kayaker and have been for 15 years, spending what little vacation time I have paddling out to and around the Channel Islands. The Santa Monica Bay is my training ground and I paddle here every weekend here year round.

I feel that Heal the Bay is a wonderful and necessary organization that I hope to support any way that I can for many years to come.

Recently I have been informed about Heal the Bay's stance against AB 359 — the proposed dog beach pilot program at Dockweiler.

My mother always says that we have to choose our battles. I don't think that this is one that Heal the Bay should fight. In addition to my love of kayaking, I am also a responsible dog owner who loves my pet and enjoys sharing time with her on the beach. I have driven all the way to Orange County to take my dog to the beach. This is not a very environmentally responsible use of a car, but I have few other options.

My experience at the Huntington Beach Dog Beach has been a good one and I cannot say that I have ever seen dog feces on the beach there. I am aware that not all dog owners are responsible, however there are other owners who pick up the slack, so to speak.

A dog beach at Dockweiler seems to me like a great idea and I am sure that there are other Heal the Bay members who feel the same. I am not asking that all beaches be open to dogs, but I do feel that there should be at least one in the Santa Monica Bay so the dog owners need not drive excessive distances to spend some quality beach time with their "best friend." You will find that there are also many volunteers who are more than willing to make sure that the beach at Dockweiler stays clean.

I think that there are much bigger battles to be fought against developers along the coast who are ruining what is left of our undeveloped stretches of beach line in Los Angeles, Malibu and Ventura, or against industrial polluters or even the use of streets, alleys and storm drains as toilets by LA's homeless population. If you walk into a Home Depot and see the walls of pesticides and fertilizers, paint thinners and solvents that are undoubtedly being used irresponsibly and are ending up in the Bay, there is a battle to be fought, albeit a tough one.

I am asking that Heal the Bay reconsider its stance against dog beaches.

Kevin Katz
Venice

All you need is love

Editor:

We always take chances when we try to solve problems without forming a committee, a team, a coalition, or a partnership. As the old saying goes, "There is safety in numbers." OK?

OK. Then why is the homeless problem in Santa Monica, after decades, getting worse? Why has it not been solved, or at least minimized? Easy, we've been forming the wrong people groups to make decisions. People whose bread is buttered by their friends, bosses and neighbors. Men and women who strive to do more in money, prestige and networking than they do caring or loving.

Please don't misunderstand me, I'm not trying to belittle those in charge, they were most likely raised in this manner. What I am trying to do is awaken a spirit we all have inside — a spirit that the great spirit shares with all humans — rich, poor, man, woman, moral, immoral, successful, or homeless.

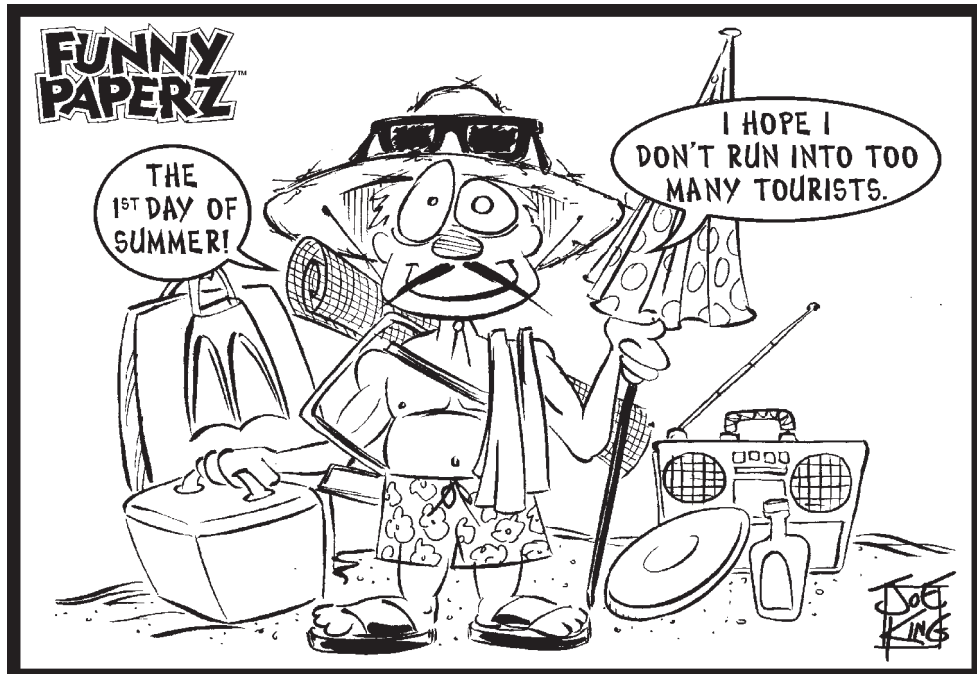
The Apostle Paul said it best in I Corinthians 13:13: "We must always retain our faith, hope and love." The Beatles put it on the map, one word to solve the homeless problem, in fact, all problems: "All you need is love."

If you have love for all mankind, then you would never, never pass by an elderly woman lying in an alley without caring or helping. I'm not talking money or food, but at least acknowledging her, and maybe calling the police to see if they can suggest a solution.

I know this will take a few minutes out of an already hectic day, but the reward gained now and in the future, will bring a light to your spirit, a change in your heart, and before you know it, your piggybank will be overflowing with good deeds and love.

This will make God smile, and what better partner to have to help us solve all the problems in Santa Monica?

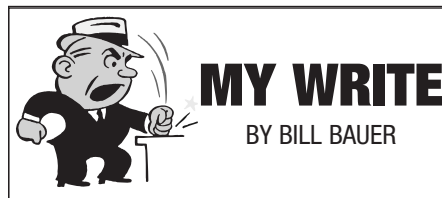
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Fired up over no fireworks



Another Fourth of July is here. If you're planning to go down to the beach watch the fireworks tonight, forget it. We haven't had fireworks there for years.

Some of you might remember, the evening July 4 fireworks display at Santa Monica Pier was canceled because of concerns about public safety. Then it was moved to the wee hours of the morning. "Dawn's Early Light" also was terminated after a couple of unpleasantities made it clear that even an ungodly early hour wouldn't halt violence and the potential for a tragic incident.

It's a shame that fear of crime, violence, gang shootings and other mayhem keep people away from many popular events and places. Avoiding difficult, dangerous or challenging situations is something many of us now do consciously.

It's become much more relaxing to just stay home with the TV and a DVD than to go out, fight traffic, parking, long lines and the crazed walking wounded vagrants who get in your face and spoil an evening. I observed recently a well-scrubbed, mid-American tourist family react in disgust as a couple of punker street kids simulated intercourse in the middle of the Third Street Promenade. Think they'll ever come to Santa Monica, again? I think not.

Many of my friends, and myself, now stay away from downtown Santa Monica, not so much because of fear of being victimized by criminals, but for not wanting to be harassed by the mentally ill, drunks and vagrants. That's in addition to avoiding the hassles of gridlocked traffic and impossible parking.

The City Council seems powerless to do anything meaningful about any of this. Take the some 1,100 vagrants and drunks on our streets daily. All City Hall can do is throw more money at them. They just approved \$370,000 more in annual homeless spending, including \$170,000 for staffing and another \$200,000 to hire a regional "homeless czar." This isn't going to do bupkes to solve the problems on our streets.

Traffic is another good reason for not going out. Local traffic increases 2 to 3 percent annually. I constantly hear complaints such as "it took 30 minutes to drive

Wilshire Boulevard from Berkeley Street to Third Street during rush hour and on weekends." One evening last spring, it took me 45 frustrating minutes to drive from 14th Street and Montana Avenue to Gilbert's El Indio restaurant at 26th Street and Pico Boulevard for dinner. Never again.

City Hall seems to be hell-bent on gridlocking everything it can. The City Council last week approved traffic "improvements" — or should I say "impediments" — for Colorado Avenue between 20th Street and Centinela Avenue. They were passed unanimously and virtually without discussion.

As usual, everything is done to benefit pedestrians but nothing to keep vehicular traffic moving. A mid-block crosswalk between the Water Gardens and Yahoo Center — formerly the MGM Plaza — is a classic example. Of course, no one suggested a pedestrian bridge, such as those on the strip in Las Vegas, across Colorado Avenue to connect the Water Gardens and Yahoo Center — and making those developments pay for it.

This City Council couldn't move staff's proposal — which also included narrowing Colorado Avenue east of 26th Street, curb extensions and flashing crosswalks at key intersections — fast enough. Brace for even more gridlock in the future.

Plans are to "traffic calm" Santa Monica, Olympic and Ocean Park boulevards. Why not? Then all the east/west streets can be gridlocked like Wilshire with its new, palm tree festooned traffic islands or the traffic-choked Pico slalom course.

Reducing a street's ability to carry traffic doesn't improve vehicular flow. Does City Hall care? Naww. Remember all those councilperson's campaign promises last election? They said they'd "fix traffic problems and get things moving again." Guess what? They lied.

As traffic worsens, we will stop going out or stay close to home. Those in City Hall will be happy as long as the tourism boom continues. Despite the vagrants and the worsening traffic outlook, nothing will get fixed as long as city coffers fill with tourist tax revenues — that's until the next economic downturn.

Then, there will be weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth. Me? I'll be flaking out on the couch with DIRECTV and a bowl of popcorn. The heck with 'em all.

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

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COMMENTARY



Out-of-town guests get a dose of Southern California reality



COMMON SCENTS

BY CAROLE ORLIN

I just said good-bye to some good friends from back east who came to visit us and catch a first-hand glimpse of the Southern California lifestyle. It has been nearly five years since we last spent time together. We had an interesting visit, to say the least.

After the initial shock of seeing our vagrants — nationally recognized as our “homeless problem” — lying all over the streets, parks and alleys, my friends actually became quite adept at stepping over bodies, allowing them to finish looking through the trash before adding ours to their selection, and ignoring the more aggressive ones around our parks and beautiful Promenade.

After touring the Promenade and being harassed by the vagrants, we made our way back to the car. We were doing a decent job of navigating the heavy traffic for about four blocks before the driver of a car in the left lane abruptly decided he wanted to enter a parking structure on the right. He performed this maneuver without checking his rear view mirror, and proceeded to hit my car. Fortunately, only the car was damaged. So the next day of my friends' visit was spent going to different body shops to get estimates for the damage.

By now my friends were getting a little frayed around the edges, but, optimist that I am, I suggested we go to the famous Santa Monica beach for some sun and surf — during the afternoon of course, because the vagrants have it in the mornings. Off we went, only to find out the water quality was poor, so no swimming for us. Oh well, we decided to head up to Malibu to enjoy the beaches there. Unfortunately, the PCH was packed, so

we decided to turn around after almost an hour of enjoying the view of the ocean. Since we were not moving, the view really did not change too much. That's OK. We were getting hungry anyway, and decided to go out to dinner.

I had been telling my friends for days about my favorite restaurant, Babalu on Montana Avenue. Unfortunately, when we got there, we found it was closed due to a fire. Plan B: we decided to try this fairly new restaurant I had been hearing about that also was on Montana Avenue. Luckily, we were able to get a late reservation, and by then, we were really hungry. We were seated immediately by a wonderful wait-staff, and our menu was explained to us. We ordered, just salivating in anticipation. Our appetizers came, which was strange, since we didn't order any. Upon closer inspection, we saw that it was the main course, all five bites of it. Now, I'm all for nouvelle cuisine and I appreciate an attractive presentation, but there was more presentation than cuisine. After our mini-meal, we went to TCBY for dessert. OK, tomorrow is another day.

Well, we woke up to “June gloom,” which I don't mind at all, but it kind of put our friends in a major depression. So we turned on the television, and there it was, one of California's finest forms of entertainment: A high-speed car chase. Our friends had never seen a car chase before, except of course, for the O.J. chase. Again, after the initial shock, they really got into it. By the time the chase was concluded, the sun was shining, and we were getting ready to go out. Just then, my friends were treated to their first earthquake. It just lasted a few seconds, and they seemed to take it in stride. However, I did notice they slept with their shoes on that night. Also, they are not drinkers, but they seemed to be in the mood for wine, a lot of it. So that night, we had a lovely time drinking and discussing earthquakes. One question they kept coming back to was whether we thought “the big one” might

come while they were here. I assured them that they had nothing to worry about, but I think I had lost credibility with them at that point.

The next morning we awakened, and I was ready to continue our adventures. Unfortunately, my friend's allergies had kicked really kicked in. Our lengthy rainy season this year made for a heavy allergy season. But the trooper that she is, she did not complain a single time about her headache, runny nose and itchy eyes. Only once did she let a sob escape. At this point, I decided to put off our Venice Beach walk for fear it just might send them over the edge. So we stayed in and reminisced about the East Coast. Actually,

they reminisced more than we did, and they were only away for a week.

It came time for them to leave. I think they were counting the hours. As we said our good-byes, my friends gave me a kind of “better you than me look.” I don't think the real Southern California matched their ideal. But that's OK. Actually, I thought it was a pretty good week here. I love Southern California, warts and all. Besides, we have more than enough people moving here anyway.

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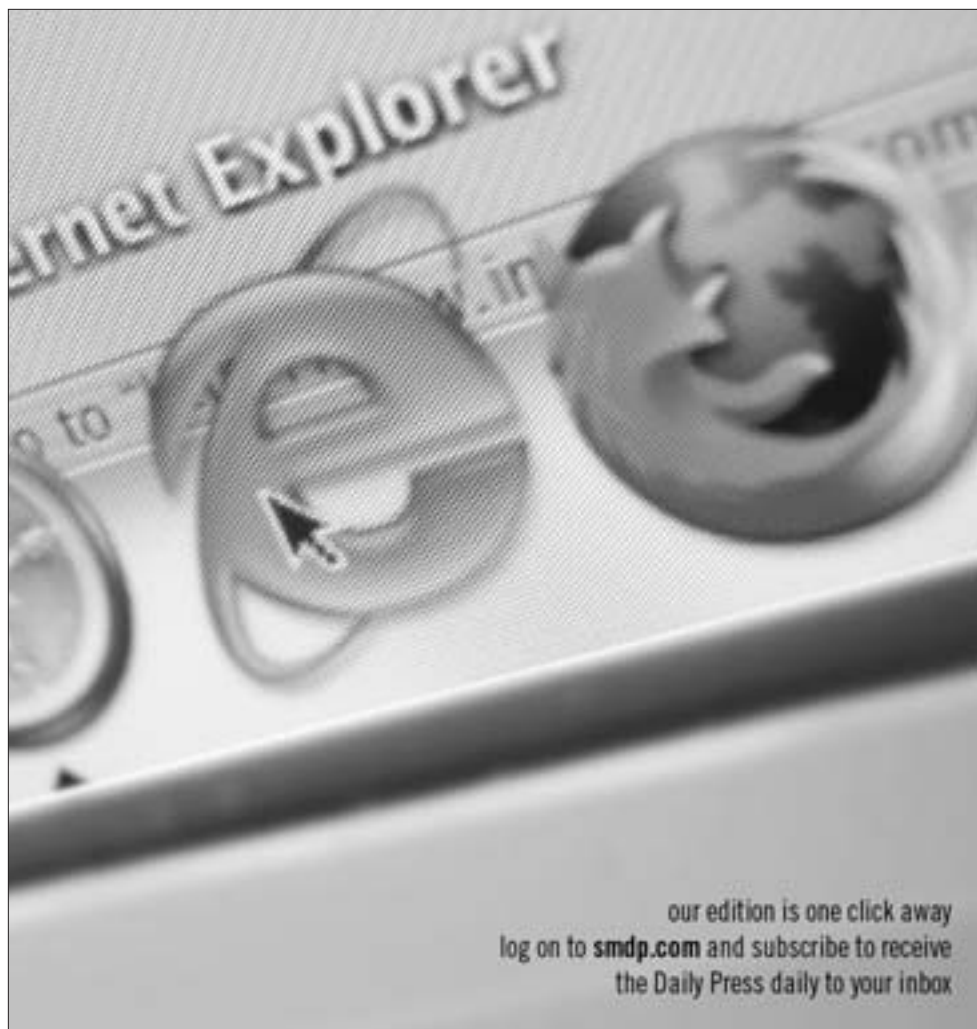
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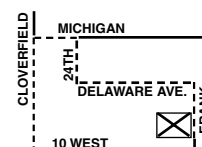
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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

“Know before you Go” is a weekly update on construction projects throughout Santa Monica. Here is a run-down of this week’s construction projects initiated by City Hall:



Sewer video inspection

The civil engineering division will be video inspecting sewer mains at various locations throughout the city. There will be minor detours around work vehicles and there may be some temporary alley closures for short periods of time. The work should last for less than a day at any one location.

Street and park lighting project

Work continues on upgrading street lighting with new fixtures and circuits. The contractor is currently installing new poles and lights. Construction for the project occurs in the sidewalk area and may impact pedestrians, vehicles and park visitors. Parking restrictions also will be in place immediately adjacent to the work areas. This work is currently scheduled to occur on Colorado between Ocean avenues and Sixth Street; Fifth Street from Colorado Avenue to Santa Monica Boulevard; between Seventh Street and Euclid Avenue; Santa Monica from Sixth to 12th streets; and Wilshire Boulevard from Seventh to Euclid Streets, as well as Marine and Clover Parks.

Seismic retrofit of parking structure 5

Seismic retrofitting is underway on parking structure five, on Fourth Street between Broadway and Santa Monica Boulevard, to bring it up to current code requirements and enable it to better withstand future earthquakes. Additional work will improve access for those with disabilities. During construction, the parking structures will remain in full operation, and parking will be available. However, there may be some added congestion around the entrances and exits.

Beach pedestrian access

The Idaho Avenue stairs between Palisades Park and the beach are closed for cleanup and repair.

Cingular Telecommunications lines

Cingular is installing telecommunication lines on San Vicente Boulevard between 17th and 19th streets. There may be detours around the work area.

Civic Center parking structure

Construction of a new 900-space Civic Center public parking structure located on Fourth Street, next to the Public Safety Facility continues. Construction will require the closure of Avenida Mazatlan and the Fourth Street sidewalk. One lane of southbound Fourth Street is subject to closure while work is occurring.

Franklin Reservoir roof strengthening project

The project involves the strengthening of the Franklin Reservoir roof. During the course of the project, Franklin Street will be closed to both vehicles and pedestrians between Lipton and Montana.

Gas Company main replacement

Southern California Gas Company is replacing a four-inch main on Ocean Park Boulevard between 14th and 16th streets. There will be detours around work areas. Follow posted signs. LADWP electrical transmission line repair

The City of Los Angeles Department of Water & Power has begun emergency electrical transmission line repair at 2677 Centinela Ave., just north of Ocean Park Boulevard. LADWP anticipates that repair work will take several months. The target completion date is Aug. 30. Construction crews will work from approximately 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily. During construction, one lane of Centinela just north of Ocean Park Boulevard will be blocked. There also may be some impact to parking along Ocean Park Boulevard between South Bundy Drive and Centinela Avenue. Call LADWP at 1-866-546-9997 for more information.

Main Library

Construction is underway on the new main library, located at 601 Santa Monica Blvd. During construction visit the temporary library at 1324 Fifth St. or any of the branch libraries. There is currently no sidewalk access on Santa Monica Boulevard, Sixth Street, and Seventh Street adjacent to the project.

Memorial and Los Amigos park building replacement

Demolition of existing park buildings and construction of new restrooms, concession stands and storage buildings. Park buildings will be inaccessible during construction. Memorial Park is located at Olympic Boulevard and 14th Street and Los Amigos Park is located at Fifth and Hollister streets.

Virginia Avenue Park

Major renovations at the park, located at the corner of Pico and Cloverfield boulevards, are expected to continue through the fall 2005. The park is closed at this time. This project also includes construction of new turning lanes, traffic signals, striping, and irrigation and landscaping on Cloverfield and Pico boulevards adjacent to the park.

(For more information, log on to http://santa.monica.org/engineering/projects/kbug_project_list.asp or call (310)458-8721.)



COMMUNITYPROFILES

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life, taking a cousin and uncle from him in 2004. Cundy saved money for four months before he quit his job in September, and began to walk a month later. In order to “warm up” for his mission, Cundy walked from London to Amsterdam in 2003.

A lover of Bruce Springsteen, the British sense of humor and tea, Cundy, 39, has no wife or children, but gives his “mum and dad” a ring once a week as he crosses his planned-out destinations.

The Daily Press recently caught up with Cundy on the Third Street Promenade before his trek.

What prompted you to start walking for cancer research?

“There are two principal reasons behind it. First of all, I wanted to raise money for cancer charities, initially Cancer Research UK back home in England, but I am also supporting the national and regional charities of each country that I walk through. For here, it’s the American Association for Cancer Research and also the Pediatric Cancer Foundation. The charity angle was one of the reasons behind it. The other was that I just wanted an adventure. I guess I had my mid-life crisis early. Also, I’ve lost two family members last year to cancer, my cousin and my uncle, and my best friend lost his brother as well. So unfortunately, it was an easy choice of what charity to support. My cousin died when he was only 29, which is appalling. It’s terrible at any age, but when you get older people, you kind of expect them to slow down a little bit. When someone dies in their twenties, that hits you. He was the only other member of the family in my generation, which is quite significant. My uncle died last year. He was a great guy. That was a big loss. And my best friend’s brother was also about our age.”

Do you have a monetary goal?

“Initially I did, but what I had to bear in mind was the level of coverage that I can enjoy. I’ve been on national television in the UK, Germany and in Poland; 11 newspapers in Australia, and four back home. But if you don’t get the coverage, then people don’t know, and then they can’t make donations. So I’d like to raise 50,000 pounds for Cancer Research UK, and as many thousands I can for different charities around the world.”

What career did you have before you started these walks?

“I was head of training and development for the GE Company ... I had a really good job, to be honest with you. I had a couple of previous adventures — I worked for the Epcot Center in Florida for a year in the UK pavilion. I also spent a year living in Thailand. I was in Bangkok teaching English, and I always thought there was one last adventure in me. I figured before I get to 40 would be the best time to do it.”

Why walking?

“I like grand gestures. I like big things, and things that are significant. When I decided to walk, it was a Geldoff moment. I was at home in England and watching TV, and I saw the advertisement for Cancer Research UK: ‘Can you donate two pounds for cancer research?’ And that was my Geldoff moment. No, I don’t want to donate two pounds, I want to donate loads of money, hundreds of pounds, thousands of pounds. But I

thought, ‘What can I do?’ I’m not rich, I’m not famous, I can sing a little bit, but no one is going to pay to hear me. So I said, walk. Let’s walk.’ This is my millennium project, to walk around the world, but because I am funding it myself, I had to snip it to a tri-continental walk.”

What mistakes did you make from previous walks?

“I got the blisters and indigestion, so I learned all the lessons from that. Now I put Vaseline on my feet every morning — that’s the trick. If you walk, if you run, if you jog, put Vaseline on and you’ll get no blisters. Two pairs of socks, two thin pairs of socks, because if you’re just wearing socks then it’s rubbing against you, but if you have two, then it’s sock on sock, and again you don’t get blisters. Also, it’s been Nike shoes all the way, and I wish they would sponsor me, but they’ve said ‘no’ twice. I’ll keep knocking on the door. I’ve also learned not to eat lunch. I just have breakfast around 7:30 or 8 a.m. and then I’ll walk through all day and have dinner at around 6 p.m. I’ll have nothing to eat during the day. I don’t actually get hungry, but I do drink plenty of water.”

What about your living accommodations? Do you stay in a hotel or camp out-doors?

“I stay wherever I can. I don’t have a tent or anything like that. I need to have walls around me when I finish. I’ve joined a few Web sites, and they put up a one-page profile offering travelers a place to stay. I’ve had about 20 places to stay, which is great because I don’t have any big sponsors behind me. No backers, so the day-to-day expenses I’m paying for myself. This is my life savings, going down, down, down. Essentially what happens is that I arrive in the target town that I’ve set aside for the day and then I look for a place to stay. So there’s nothing planned out ahead of time. It’s only been four occasions where I’ve turned up somewhere where there was nowhere to stay — no hotels, motels, guest services, nothing. Two were in Germany and one was in Poland — I don’t speak either language, so that was tricky. What I do in those cases, I would take a taxi to where I’ve just come from or the next town or the nearest hotel, and then early morning I take another taxi to come back again so that I pick up exactly where I left off. The guy that I am staying with in Santa Monica I met online, as well as the person whose home I’m on my way to. I’ve also got another stop in Fontana. Where I’ve got to look for somewhere to stay is in West Covina, and then Ontario.”

Is this your first time in Santa Monica?

“It’s my first time on the West Coast, actually. When I worked in Florida, I had a few trips. I went to New York, I saw Washington D.C., I went to Key West, and I went to Mexico, but I’ve never been to the West Coast. I love it here. I arrived on June 23 at about 9 a.m., and I don’t sleep on planes so I was slightly comatose, but I said, ‘I’ve gotta get out, I’ve gotta have a look around.’ I had a walk on the boardwalk, I went down and I saw the beach. It’s a really lovely place — it’s clean, the people are really nice.”

What is your philosophy on life?

“I hate clichés but to use a cliché, there is good and bad everywhere, and you can fall into so many traps. If you look for the goodness in people, you will find it. If you go looking for trouble you will find it as well, whether you are out in the field or someone who sits at home and doesn’t do

anything. I’ve met people in work and in my travels, and whether they are male, female, black, white, gay, straight, whatever, if somebody is nice to me, they will get it back from me. It somebody isn’t, I will ignore them. I avoid confrontation, I don’t like arguments.”

Describe an experience that made you say, “I am not at home.”

“Well I’ve had quite a few experiences that made me say, ‘What am I doing? Why the hell am I doing this?’ One of my most interesting evenings was when I was in the Belgian monastery. I was staying with a couple in Antwerp, and they said there was this monastery and they allow travelers to stay there. I went to this monastery, and I don’t have any fervent religion about me, but I’m open and accepting. So I knocked on the door of the monastery, and this guy looks through a hole and says ‘yes?’ I said, ‘Hello, I’m from England!’ So they let me in. The air of piety about this place, it was palpable. I mean no TV, no accouterments of modern living at all. I was wearing these white trainers that squeaked and echoed as I walked through the place. The first thing I did was take those off. But it was such a completely different lifestyle, from getting up at 4 a.m., to the chanting and prayers, that it was almost as if they had been untouched by the decades. It was like stepping back in time. And going through Eastern Europe was quite interesting as well. I mean Russia — I don’t mean to be rude about any one place I have been, but Russia was appalling. I mean desperate. You go to Moscow, which is a nice, bright, clean, modern working capital city. But I had to spend 26 days walking through Russia in order to get to Moscow. For the other towns, the pavement on the streets was a loose collection of concrete slabs, the houses were crumbling, the metal frameworks were jutting out in places where the concrete had tumbled away. You just look at it, and you can see how decades of communism meant that all of the money was sucked into Moscow, and even with the passing of communism, the nouveau riche grabbed all the industries, leaving the masses in poverty. I wasn’t surprised to see people drinking beer at 8:30 in the morning with no job. And you move from different emotions, the first one being, ‘These poor people.’ Each town was horrible. Russia was all brown. And then you think, ‘If you were born into this, you probably accept it as normal life. Maybe they don’t know any different.’ Then you see the satellite dishes on the side of the buildings and you think, ‘They must see what the rest of the world lives like.’ But they’re very proud people. I wouldn’t have missed it for the world to go there. I mean, my image of Russia was the Red Square, the Kremlin ... Seeing the reality of life in these provincial towns was quite an experience.”

What does your family think of your quest?

“That Saturday morning when I went home and told them what I was going to do, they were thrilled. They have been and remain concerned for my welfare, but they support me. After the year in Florida and the year in Thailand, they weren’t shocked that I would do something like this. But we keep in touch and I phone them once a week.”

What challenges do you expect to face during your walk across America?

“The heat. The incredible heat. When I was in Poland I walked in the snow. The snow actually comes in sideways in

Poland, because the wind is whipping it so much. So there I am with my hood up trying to avoid it. But I’m going to be going through California, through Arizona then through New Mexico and Texas during June, July and August. So what I’ve done is that I’m going to make sure that I’m not doing more than 15 miles a day. I’ve cut it right down to the bone to start with, and then I’m going to step it up as I get to the middle of the country. I’m probably going to be looking at getting up at 4 a.m. most days because I only walk during daylight. So hopefully between 5 a.m. and 10 a.m. I will get to the place I want to get to. If not, I come off the road and find a diner or hotel and hang out for three or four hours and drink lots of cokes, and then after 3 or 4 p.m., carry on from there. Without a doubt, the biggest challenge will be the heat.”

How has this tri-continental walk changed your life?

“Completely. I have never felt such a complete and utter sense of freedom as I have when doing this walk. Freedom tends to be talked about in a collective context, or even a regional, or national context, but individual freedom is not something a lot of people experience during their lives. But I was in Australia, and I had just walked completely through the outback. I looked in front of me, and there was nothing. Not a building in sight. I looked behind me, there was the same, to the side there were trees and flat land. There was not another human being around me, which could be a bit scary. I walked to the next town, grabbed a cup of tea, and went outside at about 10 p.m., looked at the stars that I had never seen so clear and said, ‘This is freedom.’”

When do you plan on finishing these walks? Is there a definitive end?

“I have it all planned out. The end of my walks will be Oct. 29 to Dec. 17, when I walk back to Buckingham Palace.”

What are your future goals?

“To write a book about the experience. If the book is published and sells in sufficient numbers, I will have the opportunity to choose what I want to do next. If the book is not successful, I’ll have to go back to GE. Once I finish walking, I am going to have a nice Christmas with the family, and then I’m going to spend two weeks knocking out this book. I write in my journal every day about everything that’s happened. It’s getting pretty thick at the moment. It’s actually going to be an editing job, picking out the highlights. Hopefully people will be interested in it, and then that will give me the opportunity to do more traveling, more writing, and that’s where I hope to go with it. If that doesn’t work out — then I’m fully qualified to do a human resources position in training and development.”

What's your advice to someone wanting to raise money for a cause?

“Whatever you are planning to do, the first thing to do is see it. See the vision, see where you want to be. Don’t start planning logistically, don’t discuss it with too many other people because they will either freak out or they will tell you why it can’t be done, or they will tell you so many of their ideas that it ceases to become your own. Spend time in quiet contemplation seeing exactly what it is you want to do, whether it’s a walk, whether you want to build something, write something, just see the end product. Then preparation, preparation. If I just decided one day to get up and start walking I would have failed a long time ago.”

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LOCAL

Cyclists in NYC embroiled
 in lawsuit with government

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Santa Monica cleaner, healthier and more community-oriented, organizers say.

Once a month, they take to the streets with their message that bicycling is a viable form of transportation. As their movement grows, they hope to touch more people until they reach a "Critical Mass," a large enough force to make the decision makers and transportation planners listen to them.

Critical Mass has no leaders and no centrally-organized licensed rides. In every city that has a Critical Mass ride, some locals just picked a date, time, and location for

the ride and publicized it, and thus the ride was born.

Some Critical Mass riders try to tie up traffic as much as possible and be otherwise confrontational with motorists. But organizers say those riders are missing the point about Critical Mass — it's celebration of cycling, not a war against motorists, and asserting their right to the road, not denying others their right to the road.

Since its inception, police in cities all over the world have cracked down on Critical Mass. Sometimes the crackdowns have resulted in police assaulting and injuring cyclists, and arresting and ticketing cyclists.

The city of New York filed a lawsuit earlier this against Critical Mass, in an effort to end their rides in the city.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Surfing pros to instruct local children throughout the summer months

By Daily Press staff

This summer, let your kids learn how to hang 10.

Roxy will host a surf camp for local Santa Monica children. Girls and boys, ages 6 and up will learn from pros about ocean science, coastal ecology, beach profiles, surf etiquette, surf techniques and how to rip.

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Do you know the way to U.S.'s 10th largest city?

BY RACHEL KONRAD

Associated Press Writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Despite a sputtering economy and stinging inferiority complex, Northern California's biggest town is now one of the 10 largest cities in the nation.

San Jose (population 904,522) passed Detroit (population 900,198) for 10th place the Census Bureau reported Thursday, reflecting a decades-long population boom throughout the West, as well as the Rust Belt's battle to reverse an exodus to better schools and lower crime in far-flung suburbs.

But officials in the self-declared "Capital of Silicon Valley" say the local boom signifies more than demographics. They hope the Top 10 status transforms sprawling acres of office parks and residential enclaves — immortalized in Dionne Warwick's 1960s hit, "Do You Know the Way to San Jose?" — and provides an antidote to this city's long-standing identity complex and relative obscurity.

"Getting bigger doesn't always mean being better, but in this case I think it does," San Jose Vice Mayor Cindy Chavez said Thursday. "We've broken the ranks of the Top 10 and managed to maintain our status as the safest city in the country, and I think that sets a different benchmark for what it means to be a big U.S. city. What we've done is impressive, and residents should be proud."

San Jose has unique boasting rights among America's Top 10. More than 40 percent of working residents have a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 25 percent nationally. Residents have received more patents than people in any other big city, according to Washington-based nonprofit Partners for Livable Communities.

The city has absorbed hundreds of thousands of immigrants, mostly Latin Americans and Asians, with whites now comprising less than half the population. But unlike urban areas in the East, where minority communities are relatively impoverished, San Jose has the highest average disposable household income of any large American city, Partners for Livable Communities reported last year.

For the fourth year in a row, San Jose ranked the lowest of 32 cities with populations of more than 500,000 for murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault and motor vehicle theft, according to 2004 FBI statistics. The same survey ranked Detroit as the most dangerous city, with population front-runners Philadelphia, Dallas and Phoenix close behind.

Despite its achievements, San Jose has been hard-pressed to shake its low-key reputation — or rather, its lack of reputation. Even during the late '90s dot-com boom, suburbs such as Cupertino (home of Apple

Computer Inc.), Palo Alto (home of Stanford University) and Menlo Park (home to the world's premier venture capital firms) were the favored haunts of techno-elite.

San Jose faces another seemingly insurmountable challenge: It's only 50 miles from the nation's 14th largest city, San Francisco, which remains one of the country's favorite tourist destinations. Although San Jose has the Tech Museum of Innovation, the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum and the Guadalupe River Park & Gardens, what city can compete against the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Golden Gate Bridge and Fisherman's Wharf?

"San Francisco has been in the limelight since 1849, and it was the capital of everything west of the Mississippi — it was a huge presence in the psyche of the world, and we can never replace that," said David Vossbrink, communications director for San Jose Mayor Ron Gonzales. "We still have to say 'San Jose, California' because, you never know, someone may confuse us with the capital of Costa Rica."

Although San Jose eclipsed San Francisco as the biggest city in Northern California in 1989, it has remained in the shadows. It's one of only two cities in the Top 10 list that doesn't have a professional baseball franchise — a crown jewel that even Oakland has. Its only major professional team, the Sharks, didn't play last season because of the National Hockey League lockout.

San Jose lost a bid last month to house California's publicly funded stem cell research venture, the Institute for Regenerative Medicine. A 29-member committee selected San Francisco, ranking San Jose behind San Diego, Sacramento and even tiny Emeryville as potential headquarters.

The economic downturn of 2000 has also stung San Jose, which has a 5.5 percent unemployment rate, compared to 5.1 percent nationwide.

San Jose's self-esteem crisis may date from its founding in 1777, when El Pueblo de San Jose de Guadalupe was little more than an orchard for the mighty Presidio of Monterey. It became the first incorporated city in California — but then lost its title as state capital in 1852, after only three years.

But that doesn't mean San Jose — which had fewer than 100,000 people in 1950 — will grow in obscurity forever.

David Crosson, president and CEO of History San Jose Museum, said the city's blockbuster growth may force civic boosters to rethink how they perceive and promote the city.

In the 1930s, the local chamber of commerce touted the area as the "Valley of Heart's Delight," a reference to

the orchards that produced apricots, plums and other goodies. By the '90s, officials switched to Silicon Valley, reflecting an estimated 6,600 technology companies that employ more than 250,000 people within the city limits.

"San Jose has always identified itself in marketing campaigns with the region, rather than the city itself," Crosson said. "The new ranking gives us an impetus to think about what it means to be a large city — not just an economic entity but a cultural entity with unique responsibilities to residents."



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Top women players looking to conquer poker's main event

BY ADAM GOLDMAN

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LAS VEGAS — No woman has won the prestigious no-limit Texas Hold 'em main event at the World Series of Poker. In fact, in the tournament's 35-year history, only one woman has made it to the final table.

But this year, several women have established themselves as top contenders ready to conquer the world of green felt and show this no longer is just a man's game.

"I think that this is the first year that it is actually possible," said Shirley Rosario, who runs the poker-babes.com Web site. "If a woman wins this year, they'll finally have to stand up and recognize that we can compete with them on their level."

Topping the list is Jennifer Harman of Las Vegas, one of the most feared players at any high-stakes table. She finished second in a World Series of Poker circuit championship event this year.

She is among the women who should be taken seriously when the cards are shuffled at the World Series of Poker's most well-known event beginning Thursday at the Rio hotel-casino. An estimated 6,600 players will compete for about \$62 million, with a first prize that could reach an eye-popping \$10 million.

"She definitely has a shot," said Daniel Negreanu, perhaps the world's best poker player. "She's been tearing it up. Jennifer is already among the greatest players in the world — men or women. She's a killer. She's a pit bull in a Chihuahua's body."

Joining Harman is Annie Duke, who beat out her older brother and eight other poker legends last year to win \$2 million at the World Series of Poker's Tournament of Champions.

And watch out for Cyndy Violette and Kathy Liebert, an expert at throwing off opposing players with her quizzical expressions and the first woman to take home \$1 million in a poker tournament.

Mirroring poker's national surge in popularity, the main event at the World Series of Poker has grown dramatically among both men and women. Three years ago, only 631 people registered to play.

But since then poker has exploded, thanks to the game being dealt into homes through nightly TV shows and a pair of poker phenoms who learned how to play on the Internet and won in 2003 and 2004.

Suddenly, one of the most difficult card games became accessible, and anyone willing to practice could become a winner — a big winner.

Also, Harrah's Entertainment Inc., the largest gambling company in the world, bought the rights to the World Series of Poker and created the popular championship circuit. Company officials decided to move the tournament to the Rio's cavernous convention hall and announced this will be the last year the finals are held at the historic Binion's Gambling Hall & Hotel.

Cowboy gambler Benny Binion began the poker tournament in 1970 to establish the world's best player. Then, only grizzled veterans stood a chance of being crowned king. Binion probably never imagined a woman could win the World Series of Poker's most prized bracelet.

Last year, Suzanne Carpenter finished

21st among the 2,576 contestants who entered the main event — which requires a \$10,000 buy-in. Women made up about 5 percent of the 2004 field, said Nolan Dalla, the tournament's media director.

Dalla expects that figure to rise slightly this year, meaning the top women players still face very long odds.

"We are all very competitive," said Liebert, who won a "Battle of the Sexes" episode on the Game Show Network in March. "It's a long shot for anybody. You gotta play your best game and you can't be afraid to lose."

Even winning this year's ladies no-limit hold 'em event that had more than 600 entrees — almost three times the number in 2004 — was no easy task. Actress Jennifer Tilly took the title and \$158,625 on June 27 by topping Liebert and Violette.

Liebert and Violette both have finished in the money in some of the other World Series of Poker events held in Las Vegas in the days leading up to the main draw. Violette won \$295,970 in a \$2,000 no-limit hold 'em showdown after finishing second among 1,403 players.

Such success at the table has earned women players respect — sometimes grudgingly — from men.

Duke no longer has to endure a guy sticking his tongue in her ear or others making sexually charged comments — unsavory tales from her poker past.

"I'm easy to yell at because I'm not going to beat you up," said Duke, a mother of four who graduated from Columbia University and went on to study cognitive psychology at the University of Pennsylvania.

Duke said men like to think they can steamroll women and it's "odious" to them to lose to a woman player. Those attitudes can create advantages and disadvantages in a woman's game, according to Negreanu.

"The average woman overcompensates and is too aggressive," he said. "They often assume men are trying to bully them. The key for women, they have to gauge which ones are the male chauvinists."

When facing a woman, men fall into two traps, he said.

"They play nice-nice with women or resent the fact the women are there," Negreanu said.

They play nice, Duke added, thinking they can get a date.

Harman's ability to read her fellow players makes her the favorite among the women.

She plays at the Bellagio hotel-casino in Las Vegas, home to some intense poker games. Some nights she'll gamble a half-million dollars of her own money. She doesn't blink when it comes to raising someone a few hundred thousand dollars.

"I have very good instincts," she said. "I play in the highest cash games in the world against the best pros in the world. You have to have instincts. I can size up eight or nine players in no less than a half hour."

Even with that, Harman, Duke and the other women will need more than ability if they want to make history. "You have to be very patient to win this tournament," Duke said, "and get really lucky."

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Exec goes against grain to develop golf courses

BY JEFF BARNARD

Associated Press Writer

BANDON, Ore. — Mike Keiser stopped to point out a giant dandelion growing in the path overlooking the classic seaside links golf courses he carved out of the sand and gorse in this remote corner of the Oregon Coast.

"You can't go to a golf course and see a weed like this," Keiser said of the gorse, a brushy weed. "It's part of the wildness here. It's part of the wildflower thing. They don't build them like that in the United States."

First with a recycled-paper greeting card company before the environment became a hot-button word, and now with a Third World-class golf course in a state better known for rain than sunshine, Keiser has risked going against the grain and found success.

A monument to the ancient roots of golf as it was played in Scotland and Ireland, the Bandon Dunes Golf Resort has become a hot destination for golfers around the world and a bright spot in a local economy still trying to find its feet after the collapse of fishing and timber.

Two courses — Bandon Dunes and Pacific Dunes — are on Golf Digest's Top 100 in the country. A third, Bandon Trails, opened in June, and is drawing rave reviews. They are all links courses, carved out of seaside sand in a tradition that grew out of knocking a little ball with a stick around the poor lands between the sea and farm fields. And there are no fairway homes to spoil the view. That would violate Keiser's unspoken compact with golf enthusiasts.

Keiser, 60, grew up spending every daylight summer hour caddying or playing golf at East Aurora Country Club outside Buffalo, N.Y., where his father was a stockbroker. His father had taken up ten-

nis because it was compact time-wise. But the son chose golf, because it was not.

"If you are a kid, or a kid at heart, that's the Tom Sawyer beauty of it," said Keiser. "It takes a long time to play."

Facing the draft after majoring in romance poetry at Amherst College, he joined the Navy and served stateside blowing up old bombs. Afterward, on the last night of a ski trip to Colorado, he dreamed of starting a business based on recycled paper. Keiser's wife wanted him to go to Harvard Business School, but his college roommate, Phil Friedmann, liked the idea.

In 1971, a year after the first Earth Day, they pooled \$500 each and started Recycled Paper Greetings, Inc., in Chicago. Though Keiser's father saw no future in the venture, he guaranteed half the \$15,000 first printing bill.

The company has grown to 850 employees with \$100 million in sales that rank it third behind Hallmark and American Greetings, said Keiser, who remains an owner and regularly shuttles between the company's headquarters in a former dairy building and Bandon Dunes.

Keiser, a major contributor to the Republican Party, describes himself as a classic liberal, "in the Founding Father sense," and a fervent capitalist.

"Every once in a while, you have a product that people love. In the capitalist system you get rich," he said. "I like that system. I don't like a system where you take a risk and there is no reward."

The rewards allowed Keiser to indulge his passion for golf — he carries a 12 handicap — traveling the world, playing the top courses and choosing the best with the comparative skills he used to study literature in college. He decided the best were the classic links courses of Scotland and Ireland, and the best way to enjoy them was to walk.

In 1986, he bought 60 acres along Lake Michigan near his summer home and, inspired by Pine Valley Golf Club in New Jersey, built a 9-hole links course.

Howard McKee was an architect sent to Chicago to design a world's fair when he met Keiser. The world's fair never happened, but McKee and Keiser became friends, clearing brush together Saturday mornings and arguing politics. McKee, who had a vacation house in Oregon, agreed to look for a piece of property where Keiser could build a full-size links course and persuaded him to look West. The first course, Bandon Dunes, opened in 1999.

"It was a series of good luck, serendipitous events and — I think, in his case — being able to take great risks," said McKee, now a partner in Bandon Dunes and resort architect. "The vision was malleable, but the principles don't change. It's honoring the land. It's building on the natural environment here that gets discovered if you spend time with it. The key is not to violate it."

That does not make Keiser an environmentalist, McKee said, though he buys land and conservation easements to protect wildlife habitats and special places with a program he calls Bandon Biota.

Keiser took a chance on the designer of that first Bandon course, David McLay Kidd, who back then was a 26-year-old working for Gleneagles Golf Developments in Scotland.

"On most other projects you say to the crew 'The client is coming tomorrow,' (and) there is somewhat fear and dread," said Kidd. "I would say, 'The jet is fueling,' and it was like, 'Let's go. Kick the thing up a notch.'"

Keiser admits to a few sleepless nights. "What was the Oregon brand? Rain. You go to St. Louis and try to sell Bandon Dunes in March, they look at you and say, 'Why do I want to go there when I can go to

Florida or Arizona?'" said Keiser.

"My best friends in confidence, rather than say, 'You're stupid, you're crazy,' would say, 'Why don't you have a market survey done?'" said Keiser. "My response was, 'Why should I spend \$50,000 on having a market survey done to tell me there is no market, when I'm going to build it anyway?'"

Keiser figured he could open the first course for \$3 million, though McKee persuaded him to spend about \$15 million, including rooms and facilities. Not wanting to give a boost to competitors, he won't say how much he has sunk into the three courses. Thanks to his personal financial success, Keiser needed little outside financing.

"If you want to give something a try, you need your own money," said Keiser.

As it turned out, the rain was overrated, and no deterrent to a golf destination that was different.

Keiser would have been happy to draw 10,000 rounds of golf a year, but soon was getting 30,000. Last year, the two courses drew 70,000 rounds, said general manager Hank Hickox.

All this although the fairways turn a little brown in the summer and able-bodied golfers have to walk, in the links tradition.

"It works because it is so natural and wild," said Keiser. "It is a good walk spoiled. But it is a good walk, first and foremost."

Dana Woudenberg, a private investor, and Jed Billings, CEO of a highway construction company, belong to several country clubs around Phoenix, but came to Bandon Dunes on a golf safari that began at Pebble Beach, to see what all the buzz was about. They found Bandon hard to get to, but worth the trouble.

"It's nothing like back home, but that's why we're here," Woudenberg. "He took a huge risk to do it this way."

Golf resort has economic impact on Oregon coast

BY JEFF BARNARD

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BANDON, Ore. — Coos County is still struggling to rebuild its economy after the collapse of timber and fishing, but one bright spot has come from an unlikely source — high-end golf.

While mills on Oregon's southern coast were closing and fishing boats tying up to the dock in the 1990s, Chicago businessman Mike Keiser found a piece of property outside this seaside town of 3,000 where local folks liked to drive ATVs and shoot guns.

Keiser saw it as a place to build a classic links golf course, like the ones he loved in Scotland and Ireland.

Six years after the first course opened, golfers in private jets fly in from around the world to play three world-class links courses at up to \$225 a round at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort.

"It's an entirely different kind of development than we've had in the county, and

almost from the day it opened it became a big part of the economy, and it's getting bigger all the time," said Coos County Commissioner John Griffith, a former logger and newspaper reporter.

"You can't measure it with all the classic yardsticks," he said. "You are having people come who are used to making investments and they're used to risk. People who often see potential that others miss. In that respect, I think it's a different kind of thinking that it has brought."

Real estate prices were already rising, but in the last couple of years, Bandon Dunes has put the market "on steroids," said real estate broker David L. Davis.

"Where you could buy a lot in a certain residential area for \$39,000 or \$42,500, I just sold one of those properties for \$145,000," said Davis.

Davis credits the surge to Bandon Dunes attracting people with a lot more money who consider local prices a bargain.

Once the resort has finished hiring for

the third course, which opened at the beginning of June, the complex will employ 460 staff, 250 of them full-time, with a payroll of \$9.2 million, plus 325 caddies, said general manager Hank Hickox. Full-time employees receive medical and dental coverage, and everyone is eligible for retirement and profit-sharing benefits.

Last year, with two courses open for play, the resort registered 70,000 paid rounds of golf, and expects to do 100,000 with three. The resort offers 225 rooms and four restaurants.

More than an hour's drive from Interstate 5, Oregon's main north-south corridor, Coos County has had trouble attracting industry, especially after the collapse of the timber and ocean fishing industries. But that hasn't stopped the golfers.

So many are flying into North Bend Municipal Airport, 30 miles north, that the facility is undertaking a \$32 million expansion to upgrade runways, the termi-

nal and control tower, said executive director Gary LeTellier.

"It's driven by Bandon Dunes," LeTellier said.

By offering health and retirement benefits, Bandon Dunes raised the bar for tourism-related jobs, said Julie Miller, executive director of the Bandon Chamber of Commerce.

Natalie Speidel left a job as an analyst in a corporate travel agency in the San Francisco Bay Area to join her mother in Coos Bay, and was happy to land a bartender job at Bandon Dunes.

"What bartender gets profit sharing?" she said.

For all the upside Bandon Dunes provides, the county is still struggling.

Guy Tauer a regional economist for the Oregon Employment Department, said the number of jobs, 22,030 last year, has remained relatively flat. The unemployment rate was 9.1 percent, higher than the statewide average of 7.1 percent and 11th highest among 32 labor markets in the state.

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Accused smuggler tells all from prison

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business on the side.

Until his arrest in December 2002, Boughader smuggled about 200 Lebanese compatriots into the United States, including sympathizers of Hezbollah, designated a terrorist organization by U.S. authorities. One client worked for a Hezbollah-owned television network, which glorifies suicide bombers and is itself on an American terror watch list.

“If they had the cedar on their passport, you were going to help them,” Boughader told The Associated Press from a Mexico City prison, where he faces charges following a human-smuggling conviction in the United States. “What’s the crime in bringing your brother so that he can get out of a war zone?”

A report released by the Sept. 11 commission staff last year examining how terrorists travel the world cited Boughader as the only “human smuggler with suspected links to terrorists” convicted to date in the United States.

But he is not unique.

After Boughader was locked up, other smugglers continued to help Hezbollah-affiliated migrants in their effort to illicitly enter from Tijuana, a U.S. immigration investigator said in Mexican court documents obtained by the AP.

Another smuggling network that is controlled by Sri Lanka’s Tamil Tiger rebel group — a U.S.-designated terror organization — tried sneaking four Tigers over the California-Mexico border not long after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, said Steven Schultz, of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE. The four were caught.

An AP investigation found these are just some of the many pipelines in Latin America and Canada that have illegally channeled thousands of people into the United States from so-called “special-interest” countries — those identified by the U.S. government as sponsors or supporters of terrorism.

The AP reviewed hundreds of pages of court indictments, affidavits, congressional testimony and government reports, and conducted dozens of interviews in Mexico and the United States to determine how migrants from countries with terrorist ties were brought illegally to America — and how the smugglers they hired operated.

Many of the travelers, unassociated with any extremist group, genuinely came fleeing war or in search of work. But some, once in the United States, committed fraud to obtain Social Security numbers, driver’s licenses or false immigration documents, court records showed.

One, Lebanese carpenter Mahmoud Youssef Kourani, admitted spending part of his time in the United States raising money to support Hezbollah — at least \$40,000, according to an FBI affidavit.

U.S. homeland security officials maintain they know of no cases of al-Qaida operatives using smuggling operations to enter over the northern or southern boundaries, though they warn that intelligence suggests the terror group is eyeing the borders as a way in.

“Several al-Qaida leaders believe operatives can pay their way into the country through Mexico ...,” Jim Loy, deputy secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, told a congressional committee in February. Further, he said, “entrenched human smuggling networks and corruption in areas beyond our borders can be exploited by terrorist organizations.”

The Boughader case and others show just how easy it would be.

Smugglers employ recruiters and facilitators in such “special-interest” countries as Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt,

Iraq and Pakistan. One immigrant testified in a 2002 case about a “market of passports” in Iraq where individuals could illegally purchase travel documents.

These “special-interest” smugglers use staging areas and transportation coordinators in such places as Quito, Ecuador; Lima, Peru; Cali, Colombia; and Guatemala City. They pay for foot guides, drivers and stash-house operators in Mexico and the United States.

They have moved people by plane — into suburban Washington, D.C., Florida, California. And they have crossed clients in vehicles or on foot into Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California and over the Canadian border.

They have partnered with other smugglers transporting Mexican or Central American migrants.

“People from places in the Middle East will hear about who to go through, and they tend to be people from their same country, but once you get into the system we saw associations that really were driven by, ‘What’s the most effective way for me to move my product?’” said Laura Ingersoll, an assistant U.S. attorney in Washington, D.C.

“A Mafia,” is how one of Boughader’s clients, Roland Nassib Maksoud, once described the business.

Maksoud, a liquor distributor, traveled from Lebanon to Mexico on a legal visa in late 2000, he told investigators in Mexican court documents. Two compatriots passed along Boughader’s name for help crossing the U.S. border.

Boughader informed his newest client the fee would be \$2,000 up front, plus another \$2,000 once Maksoud was in the States. In January 2001, Maksoud was taken to a house on the Mexican side where migrants of “different nationalities” were awaiting passage, he told investigators. One morning, he was crammed into the trunk of a vehicle and driven through the border port of entry.

Other people-couriers, including convicted smuggler Mohammed Hussein Assadi, use altered passports to fly clients to the United States. Assadi schooled his Iraqi customers to carry nothing identifying them as Arab. He advised one migrant to shave his mustache, still another to get a “European” haircut, U.S. court records showed.

Central and South America are popular transit points. Assadi, an Iranian, worked from Ecuador.

Bribery is also common. Boughader’s clients told U.S. and Mexican investigators they paid thousands to obtain fraudulent visas from Mexico’s consular office in Beirut.

Former U.S. immigration supervisor Maximiano Ramos admitted taking \$12,500 to smuggle immigrants from the Philippines, home of the al-Qaida-linked militant group Abu Sayyaf. From 1996 to 2002, at least 40 migrants were diverted from connecting flights at Los Angeles International Airport and escorted out by security guards while Ramos was on duty.

Linda Sesi, an assistant ombudsman for the city of Detroit, is awaiting trial on charges of conspiring with four others to smuggle more than 200 migrants from Iraq, Jordan and other Middle Eastern countries into the United States from 2001 until last September.

Some say human smuggling is too risky to be used by terror operatives. But a former Sept. 11 commission counsel, Janice Kephart, said smuggling already is a chosen transportation mode for such groups.

Intelligence suggests that since 1999 human smugglers have facilitated the travel of terrorists associated with more than a dozen groups, according to the Sept. 11 commission travel report that Kephart helped write.

Terrorist groups, including al-Qaida, “use human

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Minuteman organizing to ‘protect’ borders well off the Mexico line

BY TRAVIS REED
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Wally McCormick never really thought that at age 68 he’d become a political activist. But there he was last month, outside a suburban bank with about 100 people at a protest he helped organize for a cause he says he’s prepared to die for.

This particular action targeted banks that allow illegal immigrants to use identification cards issued by the Mexican government to open up accounts. Others are planned for businesses and even the state for allegedly hiring undocumented workers.

For McCormick, a Utah Minuteman organizer, it’s always about illegal immigration, which he blames for the spread of new diseases, booming crime, unemployment among American citizens and crippled social welfare systems.

He says he’ll keep doing it “until America is safe again and back in the hands of its citizens.”

McCormick is one of a handful of Utah men who participated in the national Minuteman Project’s April action stationing citizens on the U.S.-Mexican border in Arizona. He and others have zealously brought the Minuteman Project home, with a Utah chapter that he said drew about 50 people to each of its first two meetings.

It’s an issue gaining steam nationally, and organizers say they’ll have 14,000 to 20,000 border guards at an upcoming patrol in October.

For McCormick, that zest extends to Utah, which has no international border and is 500 miles from Mexico. Even so, he told a reporter his group is prepared to shut down Utah’s more than 1,400 miles of state borders “if it comes to that” to enforce immigration laws, though no firm plans for such action have been made yet.

“The first thing they do when they walk over that line down there is they break a law,” McCormick said, referring to the illegal entry itself. “Why are we giving them all these benefits when they’re all criminals? That’s aiding and abetting.”

Tony Yapias, a community activist and former director of Utah’s Office of Hispanic Affairs, said the group is fabricating numbers to scare people.

“Because of the color of our skin, they have targeted us. They’re not targeting Asians. They’re not targeting Europeans or Canadians,” he said.

McCormick said he’s been called a bigot and vigilante, but insists all he wants to do is protect the country from what he sees as its single greatest threat — not immigration, but illegal immigration by undocumented workers who absorb medical and other benefits while collecting tax-free wages off the books.

State Rep. Duane Bourdeaux, D-Salt Lake City, said everyone had a right to First Amendment expression, but he worries the immigration rhetoric will inflame racial tension.

“If these groups are continuing to grow, it’s going to divide our community,” he said.

Since returning from the Minuteman border watch, McCormick and other organizers have staged protests and lobbied the Legislature and state officials, hoping to keep the issue squarely in the public eye.

Marc Rosenblum, a political science professor specializing in immigration at the University of New Orleans, likened the Minuteman trend to earlier political movements of the last two centuries when citizens complained about an invasion of unskilled workers who didn’t speak English.

“I think the real motivating factors that inspire the Minutemen and others ... are much more cultural than economic,” he said.

Nations deemed ‘special interest’ because of alleged terrorism links

By The Associated Press

Following are the 35 countries the U.S. Border Patrol considers of “special interest” because of alleged sponsorship or support of terrorism, according to internal data provided by Border Patrol sources. Illegal immigrants apprehended from these nations are subjected to criminal database checks as well as additional probing from immigration or FBI investigators with

federal Joint Terrorism Task Forces.

Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, North Korea, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tajikistan, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan and Yemen.

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A closer look at smuggling from nations with terror ties

By The Associated Press

Some smuggling operations involving countries with terror ties under investigation or previously dismantled by U.S. investigators:

IRAN TO ARIZONA:

A 39-year-old Iranian man was arrested May 26, 2005, for allegedly trying to smuggle other Iranians into the United States over the Arizona-Mexico border. Last September, the FBI began investigating Zeayadali Malhamdary, a tailor in Mesa, Ariz., after an informant accused him of trying to enlist his services to bring migrants from Iran to America, according to a court affidavit.

An undercover agent, posing as a smuggler, subsequently recorded phone calls in which Malhamdary allegedly offered to pay him \$12,000 to insert fraudulent Mexican visas into Iranian passports to help the migrants get from Iran to Mexico and then over the border, the affidavit states.

During a meeting in late March, Malhamdary allegedly told the undercover agent he had previously smuggled about 60 Iranians into America. At another meeting in May, when the agent returned the doctored passports, Malhamdary allegedly instructed the agent to pick up three Iranians at the Mexico City airport then take them to the border town of Nogales and arrange to sneak them into Arizona and transport them to the Phoenix area.

At one point, the government contends, Malhamdary told the undercover officer that he needed a source for Mexican visas because other Iranian clients were turned away from a flight into Mexico due to improper visas. "This had negatively affected (Malhamdary's) reputation with the Iranians seeking to use his services as an alien smuggler," the FBI affidavit states.

Malhamdary, a legal permanent resident of the United States, has pleaded not guilty, and trial is pending.

THE MICHIGAN MISSION:

In September 2004, five defendants were indicted on federal charges of smuggling more than 200 illegal immigrants from Iraq, Jordan and other Middle Eastern countries into the United States from 2001 to 2004. The defendants include Sterling Heights, Mich., residents Neeran "Nancy" Hakim Zaia and Basima "Linda" Sesi, Iraqi-born naturalized U.S. citizens.

The defendants are accused of providing counterfeit passports and fake documents to fly illegal migrants from the Middle East to Dulles International Airport outside of Washington, D.C., using South American countries as transit points.

Zaia, the indictment says, recruited clients by promising them help in obtaining legal visas to the United States. Instead, they were provided visas to South American countries, including Ecuador and Peru, then flown to Dulles and delivered to their final destination, often Michigan. The suspects are accused of bribing an immigration official for Ecuadorean visas to further the operation.

Zaia advertised her services in Arab-language Detroit media outlets, including a magazine and radio station. She also recruited in Iraq and Jordan, and ran an Amman-based travel agency where she and a cohort met with clients, court records allege.

Sesi, who worked as an assistant ombudsman for the city of Detroit, is accused of acting as a point person between Zaia and migrants, taking payments and transferring smuggling fees — including \$10,000 to an undercover agent posing as a smuggler.

Prior to the Sept. 11 attacks, Zaia collected a \$9,500 down payment to bring three migrants from Baghdad to the United States. A month after the terror assault, she raised the price, demanding an additional \$12,000 for her services, according to the indictment.

The defendants are awaiting trial in Washington, D.C.

THE GUATEMALAN EXPRESS:

An Egyptian man described by U.S. authorities as one of their most wanted people-smugglers was arrested July 2, 2004, at Miami International Airport on charges of transporting dozens of illegal immigrants into the United States since 1997, primarily from the community of Bata, Egypt.

A federal indictment alleges that Ashraf Ahmed Abdallah — aka "Juan Manuel" — ran his operation from Guatemala City along with his Guatemalan wife, Sara Luz Diaz Gamez. Abdallah employed a recruiter in Egypt, as well as transportation coordinators and stash-

house operators in Ecuador, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Mexico, the indictment says.

Once recruited in Egypt, migrants were allegedly directed to travel to Brazil, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and other Latin American countries on tourist visas, and from there to Guatemala, the base of the operation.

Court records say Abdallah would house the migrants in Guatemala before transporting them to Mexico for illegal entry over the border into Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. A typical fee was \$8,000 per migrant, records say, and Abdallah allegedly kept the migrants' passports to guarantee payment of the final installment of their fee upon their arrival in the United States.

Abdallah and Gamez are awaiting trial in Washington, D.C.

CANADA CONNECTION:

Last October, a federal judge in Seattle sentenced a Pakistani cab driver to 17 months in prison after he pleaded guilty to smuggling Pakistani and Indian citizens over the border from Canada. Investigators with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement learned through an informant that Muhammad Qasum Lala was smuggling anywhere from six to 10 people several times a week from Canada into the area around Blaine, Wash. Lala, who lived in Surrey, British Columbia, charged about \$3,000 a person, court documents say.

In May 2004, Border Patrol agents began surveillance of a Victorian-style bed and breakfast in Blaine that the informant said Lala had used while transporting migrants. It was called the Smuggler's Inn. Lala was arrested outside of the inn on May 31, 2004, after illegally transporting nine migrants into the United States and staying the night with them at the inn.

Several of Lala's Pakistani clients told immigration agents they had traveled to Canada and applied for refugee status, but then heard through friends about a man (Lala) who could get them into the United States.

In a separate case in 2003, Choudhry Muhammad and Mohammad Rana pleaded guilty to federal charges in New York after admitting their roles in a scheme that smuggled people from Pakistan into the United States via Canada in trucks for fees of \$15,000 to \$30,000 per migrant.

Muhammad told authorities the scheme had operated since at least 1997 and was overseen by a Pakistan-based boss who funneled profits into a Brooklyn, N.Y., bank account. Muhammad alone collected fees from successfully smuggled clients or their families 40 times.

Muhammad was sentenced to a year in prison on each of two charges. Rana, who admitted that his nephew was smuggled into the United States as part of the operation, was placed on probation for five years.

"OPERATION SHADOW:"

A year after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Maher Wazzen Ahmed Yusuf Jarad pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit alien smuggling for transporting Middle Eastern migrants, primarily Iraqis, to the United States.

Former Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner James Ziglar told the Sept. 11 commission that Jarad, operating out of Quito, Ecuador, was the head of a large smuggling organization known to smug-

gle Iraqis, Syrians, Palestinians and Egyptians.

He operated from at least October 2001 through February 2002, when authorities interdicted the Ecuadorean vessel "Esperanza" sailing to Guatemala with dozens of U.S.-bound illegal immigrants, including Ecuadoreans and Iraqis.

Jarad worked with associates in Jordan, Guatemala and Mexico, and stashed migrants in an apartment in Quito before transporting them out of the country, according to court records.

He was sentenced to 15 months in prison after agreeing to testify against another smuggler, Mohammed Hussein Assadi.

"OPERATION CHIVA:"

Mohammed Hussein Assadi transported hundreds of people from "special-interest" countries, primarily Iraqis, into the United States from 1999 through January 2002 via commercial airliners, according to former INS commissioner Ziglar's testimony and court records.

Assadi's ring provided migrants with stolen, photo-substituted passports — often from European countries whose citizens did not require U.S. entry visas. Assadi instructed clients to carry nothing identifying them as Arab, and advised them to alter their appearance and mannerisms to look more European. He told one client to shave his mustache, another to dye her hair blonde, court records say.

An Iranian, Assadi was based in Ecuador and often used aliases, such as Antonio Roosevelt Choez Arreaga, and spoke numerous languages, including Farsi, Arabic, Spanish and English. Maher Jarad testified at Assadi's 2002 trial.

Assadi used bribery to ensure that local airport and immigration officials did not prevent the departure of his customers aboard flights to the United States, according to a synopsis of the case written for the U.S. Department of Justice.

He transported customers out of Venezuela, Colombia and elsewhere. Assadi instructed the migrants to destroy their travel documents while en route to the United States and, upon arrival, surrender to U.S. immigration authorities and make a plea for asylum.

"Assadi exploited the common knowledge that lack of sufficient detention space would result in the release of most of his clients during the asylum review process, thereby achieving his objective of getting them into the country," the DOJ case synopsis says.

Assadi was arrested in January 2002 in Colombia preparing to put an Iraqi couple and their children on a flight to Miami with altered passports. A jury convicted him in October of that year, and he was sentenced to 30 months in prison.

Jarad testified, and government prosecutors confirmed, that Assadi took over the smuggling pipeline from another people-mover — Iraqi George Tajirian. In 1998, Tajirian admitted in U.S. federal court that he smuggled more than 1,000 Palestinian, Jordanian, Syrian, Iraqi and Yemeni illegal immigrants into the United States. He made some \$50,000 a month working with a corrupt Mexican immigration officer who guided migrants through Mexico and over the border, according to court records.

Border security shows signs of weakness

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smugglers and document forgers to a great extent," Kephart said. "It only makes sense that they would transfer that to infiltrate the United States."

Dismantling groups smuggling people from countries with terrorist ties is a priority, said John Torres, ICE's deputy assistant director for smuggling. But often when one smuggler is busted another eagerly fills his shoes.

Following Boughader's arrest, smuggling of Lebanese through Tijuana ceased for several months, ICE investigator Ramon Romo said in court documents filed in Mexico. Then intelligence in April 2003 revealed that five members of Hezbollah were preparing to cross the border, Romo stated. Mexican authorities made some arrests.

Others have made it through. Kourani entered the United States via the Lebanon-Tijuana pipeline, paying \$3,000 in Beirut to get a Mexican visa, according to court documents. On Feb. 4, 2001, he and another man were smug-

gled into California in the hidden compartment of a vehicle.

Last month, Kourani was sentenced to 4 1/2 years in prison for conspiring to provide material support to a terrorist group.

Boughader acknowledged transporting a Lebanese man who worked at al-Manar, a global satellite television network owned and operated by Hezbollah and included on the U.S. State Department's Terror Exclusion List.

"I regret that what I was doing is against the law," said Boughader, a Mexican of Lebanese descent, "but I don't regret what I did to help people."

People are still getting such help.

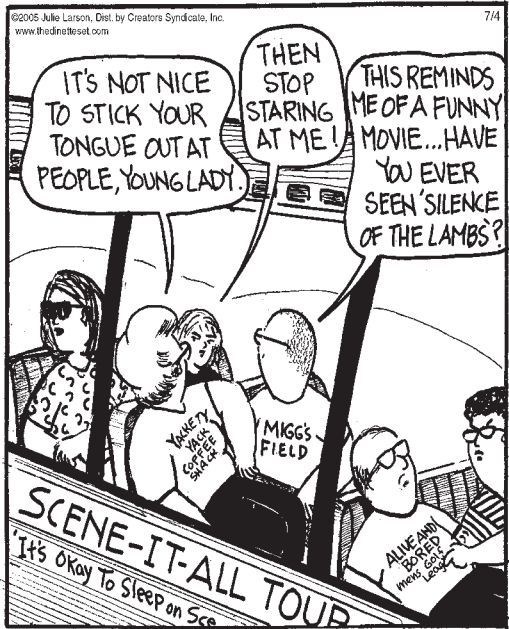
"The checks they do at the border are still very bad," Boughader said, "because, regardless of everything, it is still easy to cross."

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Pauline Arrillaga, an AP national writer, reported from Phoenix. Olga R. Rodriguez, AP's correspondent in Monterrey, Mexico, reported from Tijuana and Mexico City.)



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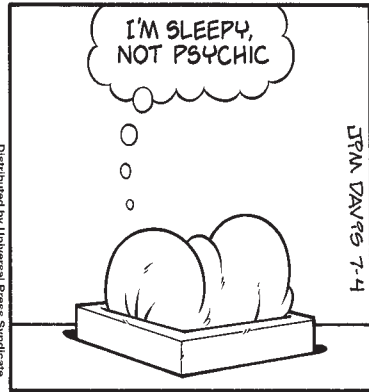
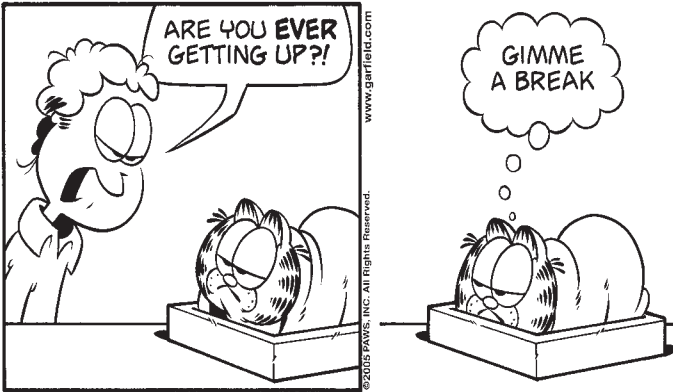
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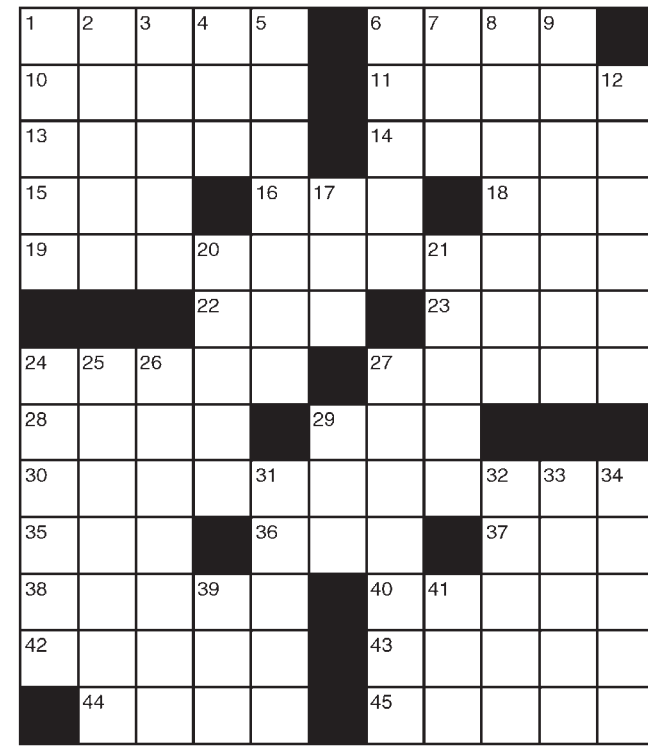
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1482485 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PKCM Corporation, 3015 Walnut Grove, #151, Rosemead, CA 91770. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : PKCM Corporation, 3015 Walnut Grove, #151, Rosemead, CA 91770 This Business is being conducted by, a corporation. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/1/2005. /s/: PKCM Corporation, CFO, Eva Chen

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1455304 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as P.S. 2, 24502 3/4 Lyons Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA 91321. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Aurelia Silveira, 11909 Centralia Rd., Lakewood, CA 90715 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Aurelia Silveira

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1455365 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Old Town Realty, Old Town Financial, 703 S. Glendora Ave., Suite 2, West Covina, CA 91290. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Ricardo Gonzalez, 1032 Spring Meadow Dr., West Covina, CA 91791 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)6/21/2005. /s/: Ricardo Gonzalez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1441119 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LA Aqui Meat Market, 1883 Daly St., Unit 106, Los Angeles, CA 90031. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Rafael Nunez, 1883 Daly St., Unit 106, Los Angeles, CA 90031 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)6/17/2005. /s/: Rafael Nunez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1469790 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Kingz Records, 545 E. Vine Ave., West Covina, CA 91790. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Henry Nunez, 1196 W. Casad Ave., West Covina, CA 91790 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Henry Nunez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1441164 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Gala Mart, 12219 Alpine Ave., Lynwood, CA 90262. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Hugo Munoz Valencia, 12219 Alpine Ave., Lynwood, CA 90262 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Hugo M. Valencia

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1457960 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Ethix, 14342 San Ardo, La Mirada, CA 90638. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Jarris James Dominguez, 14542 San Ardo, La Mirada, CA 90638, Steve Lee, 14342 San Ardo, La Mirada, CA 90638 This Business is being conducted by, a general partnership. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)8/12/1999. /s/: Jarris Dominguez This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 6/21/05. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 7/4/2005, 7/11/2005, 7/18/2005, 7/25/2005

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1441133 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as El Mirto P.S. , 2843 E. Coolidge St., Long Beach, CA 90805. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Maria R. Nunez, 2843 E. Coolidge St., Long Beach, CA 90805 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Maria Nunez

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1469773 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Computers-4-U, 11819 E. Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Bhupinder Baber, 1298 E. 53rd St., Long Beach, CA 90805 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Bhupinder Baber

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1457973 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Community Landlords Co., 3015 Walnut Grove., #151, Rosemead, CA 91770. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Eva Chen, 8053 Newmark Ave., Rosemead, CA 91770 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)1/1/2000. /s/: Eva Chen

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1441175 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Baubles & Beads, 646 Fairview Apt. 15, Arcadia, CA 91007. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Patricia Slocum, 646 Fairview Apt. 15, Arcadia, CA 91007 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Patricia Slocum

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1441134 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Andys Landscape P.C., 2841 Coolidge St., Long Beach, CA 90805. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Juan Joel Roman, 2841 Coolidge St., Long Beach, CA 90805 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Juan Joel Roman

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1338108 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as SalesAid, LLC, 269 S. Beverly Dr., #1025 Beverly Hills, CA 90212. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : SalesAid, LLC, 269 S. Beverly Dr., #1025 Beverly Hills, CA 90212 This Business is being conducted by, a limited liability. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: SalesAid, LLC, Owner, Sheldon A. Krancher

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05 1487842 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Decoulution, Decoulutions, 608 Idaho Avenue, #3, Santa Monica, CA 90403. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Udo Pfeiffer, 608 Idaho Avenue, #3, Santa Monica, CA 90403 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Udo Pfeiffer

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 05-1534022 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Lone Wolf Music Supervision, 7421 Beverly Blvd. #8, LA, CA 90036. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : Margaret Lindsay Wolfington, 1481 Shenandoah St. #101 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein../s/: Margaret Lindsay Wolfington This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on . NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 7/4/2005, 7/11/2005, 7/18/2005, 7/25/2005

Petition for Change of Name:
Conformed Copy of original filed in Los Angeles Superior Court April 22, 2005: John A. Clarke, Executive Officer/Clerk By J. Sunga, Deputy Case # BS096318

Petitioner or Attorney: Arleen Amy McDermott, 1516 Colby Ave., #6, West Los Angeles, CA 90025. Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Superior Court, 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Petition of Arleen Amy McDermott for change of name. To all interested persons, Petitioner for a decree changing names is as follows: Present name: Arleen Amy McDermott filed a petition with this court for the proposed name of Niki Amy McDermott. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: 6/1/05 at 9AM, Dept. 1A Room 548. Signed this day 04/22/05 by Murray Gross, Commissioner, Judge of the Superior Court. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the Santa Monica Daily Press on the following dates: 06/27/05, 07/04/05, 07/11/05, 07/18/05.

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