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Garment workers protest local stores



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Garment workers protest Saturday in front of Promenade retail store bebe.

By Daily Press staff

About 75 Chinese and Latino garment workers rallied outside two local stores accused of using sweatshop labor.

Joined by living wage advocates, Saturday's protest was meant to symbolize a new joining of forces to combat sweatshops throughout the Los Angeles region.

The group — organized by the Garment Worker Center — targeted the retail stores Forever 21, located inside the Santa Monica Place Mall, and bebe, which is on the Third Street Promenade, for using sweatshops in downtown L.A. and El Monte, respectively.

Workers said they were paid sub-minimum wages with no overtime, allowed

no breaks, and forced to toil in dirty and unsafe conditions to make women's and junior's clothing.

"Garment workers experience the same exploitation everywhere," said Bik Kwan Chan, a garment worker, in a prepared statement. "I want ... retailers to know, we will never give up the fight for fair wages."

Latino garment workers launched a national boycott against Forever 21 last November after filing a lawsuit against the company a month earlier. Since then workers have conducted weekly protests against the company.

The group pledged to hold protests in front of the Santa Monica stores every week until their demands are met.

New group to fight for historic districts

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER

Daily Press Staff Writer

A new group has formed to fight a possible ballot initiative that would make the city's historic home preservation process voluntary.

Consisting of members of the city's Landmarks Commission and various other community leaders, the Santa Monica Conservancy organized in response to some homeowners' attacks against the city's landmarks ordinance.

Part of the group will consist of a non-profit organization that will research Santa Monica's past and provide residents with information about their neighborhoods.

The other part of the group will concentrate on advocacy — fighting the ballot initiative, solidifying the city's preservation policies and protecting the city's current stock of historic homes.

"This is a group of people in the community that feel it is important the we learn more about our history and exceptional architecture in the community," said Sherill Kushner, one of the group's organizers. "We decided to explore what is out there and what needs to be saved."

Supporters of the group say they have long talked about the need for such a conservancy group in Santa Monica. But it wasn't until some homeowners north of Montana Avenue opposed to a possible historic district being created in their neighborhood organized into "Homeowners for Voluntary Preservation" that landmarks supporters were spurred into action.

Conservancy supporters say the homeowners' group is spreading misleading information about the city's preservation policies to incite a political rebellion. They say of the six neighborhoods north of Montana with the potential for historic designation, none so far have been proposed.

Without the permission of the property owner, the city allows the Landmark's Commission to designate single family homes as landmarks, or as having historical significance. Owners of designated homes are held to stringent regulations when they want to make exterior renovations to their homes.

The commission can create historical districts in certain areas of Santa Monica where a concentration of older homes exist.

Many homes with historic value are being knocked-down throughout the city to make room for larger, more modern buildings, a recent city-sponsored study found.

Consultants who prepared a report of homes north of Montana Avenue characterized Santa Monica as losing its older historical properties and advised city officials to make decisions about how they want to preserve the remaining buildings before they are demolished or significantly altered.

Nearly two-thirds of the homes identified as historic in 1986 have either been demolished or altered enough to render them historically insignificant, officials said.

Homeowners for Voluntary Preservation is circulating a petition in an effort to allow homeowners a choice as to

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Experts cite ways to ease global warming

BY JIM WASSERMAN

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Smoother-rolling tires, quick-shifting transmissions and even credits for telecommuting. These are ways California may curb carbon dioxide emissions if Gov. Gray Davis targets the nation's largest vehicle fleet to fight global warming.

Though California's proposed war on tailpipes doesn't begin until 2009, experts and automotive authorities say there are countless ways to wage it. They cite prospects for more hybrid gas-electric cars and engines that shut down at traffic lights.

They also tout cleaner-burning natural gas.

But first Davis must sign the contentious global warming bill that narrowly passed the Legislature last week. The bill proposes the nation's first state government crusade against carbon dioxide in vehicle exhaust.

Davis has said "in all probability," he'll sign the bill, which triggered bitter opposition from global automakers. They call it a "backdoor" attempt to force higher fuel mileage from more than 2 million cars and trucks sold annually in

See CLEAN AIR, page 7

Beach cities to use dredged sand to fill in eroded beaches

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A coalition of beach cities wants to shore up the eroded coastline of Ventura and Santa Barbara counties by bringing in sand from land-slides, construction projects or harbor dredging.

The project could be the first in the nation to place material on sand-deprived beaches as soon as it becomes available, said Christopher Webb, a coastal scientist in Long Beach who is working on the project. The approach must first be approved by various regulatory agencies.

A month ago Port Hueneme city officials signed off on the plan.

"This is a pilot idea; no one's ever done it before," Webb told the Los Angeles Times. "The goal is to put sand back into the coastal system to augment a loss of sand over the years. It's just a little baby step in the right direction to solving the problem."

Using sand to fight beach erosion can take a permitting process as long as nine months for each deposit.

The Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Ocean and Nourishment wants to work out the permits ahead of time for "opportunistic" sand replenishment on six beaches from Goleta to Port Hueneme over the next five years.

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★★-So-so ★-Difficult

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Head in to work knowing what you need to accomplish and exactly what you want. This type of focus drives an unusually successful day. You have reason to be pleased with yourself. Make a personal call late in the afternoon. Tonight: Do an errand or two on the way home.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Honor what might be going on with your finances. You work hard, but you might want to decrease your expenditures. Others might believe the answer is a pay raise or a new job. Carefully explore your options without slamming any doors. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You melt boundaries and make friends with ease. Use your special skills when dealing with others. Discussions prove to be animated and allow you new insights as a result. Being able to flex with a difference of opinion will separate you from others. Tonight: Smile away.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Continue to maintain a low profile right now. You will absorb much more information as a result. Your thoughts prove to be valuable and important, but others cannot hear them just now. Timing is everything. Understand what is going on with a loved one. Tonight: Now express your ideas. Success greets you!

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You say the right words at the right time. Emphasize networking and positive interactions. Realize that when someone shares, he or she is most serious. Look for results, and you'll get just that. A meeting could be inordinately significant. Tonight: Where the action is.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Pressure might be intense when dealing with others. A boss means business in no uncertain terms. You might not be able to fudge on any details or take a long break right now. Respond to the demand, and you'll be the office darling. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ A contact at a distance might be touchy or very difficult. Knowing when to say enough could make all the difference. Seek out other resources if you feel the need. Creativity is a resourceful trait that will lead to success in your case. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ How another views a matter could be quite different than how you do. An agreement might be difficult to reach with this person. Explore your options carefully. Don't think this is the only avenue you have to go down. Given space, this person will loosen up. Tonight: Play it low-key.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Because you understand much more than others do, you're able to handle a difficult associate. In fact, this person might just be a bit down or sad. Your caring, nurturing and empathy mean more than you realize. Tonight: Plan on some quality time with a loved one.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ No one has to tell you to get serious about work. That seems to happen naturally. An associate wants to thank you for a job well done. Carefully think through a decision involving finances and a possible bonus. Tonight: Exercise tension away, then join friends.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ A loved one is absolutely serious about what he or she thinks. On some level, you might feel as if you've had an ultimatum placed on you. Try not to be reactive. Diplomacy can and will change the situation given time. Tonight: Call it an early night.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Getting motivated might be difficult at first. Stop. Add something especially fun or pleasurable to your day. Get away from the old grind. An associate is delighted by your change in attitude. Flow with a child or loved one. Tonight: Spend special time with a loved one.

QUOTE of the DAY

“A little inaccuracy sometimes
saves tons of explanation.”
— H. H. Munro (1870-1916)

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LOCAL

The Q Line

During the construction of Santa Monica's \$15 million transit mall, driving downtown could be a tricky endeavor. No turn signs combined with closed lanes made for some of the worst congestion the city has seen.

The situation seemed at times almost ironic, since the new transit mall is intended to better integrate mass-transit and "streamline" traffic snarls.

Two weeks ago, the city celebrated the end of the construction and the beginning of its new downtown. However, with sum-

mer fully upon us, the new traffic system is being put to the test for the first time.

This week Q Line wants to know:

"Now that construction is complete, is driving downtown any easier? If not, what do you believe should be done to better alleviate congestion?"

Call (310) 285-8106 with your response before Thursday at 5 p.m. We'll print them in Friday's paper. Please limit your comments to a minute or less; it might help to think first about the wording of your response.



A decent amount of leftover swell puts surf in the waist- to chest-high range today, essentially a repeat from Sunday. Dawn patrol holds the most promise for consistency, but expect plenty of good sets during the afternoon too. There should be small wind swell waves at northwest exposures, knee to waist high.

Tuesday, a new west by southwest swell shows, though near shore islands shadow most LA County spots.

(Information compiled by Jesse Haley.)

Location	Monday	Tuesday	Water Quality
County Line	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Zuma	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Surfrider	1-2'/Fair	1-2'/Fair	A
Topanga	1-2'/Fair	1-2'/Fair	A
Breakwater	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
El Porto	1-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Tides:	3:24 a.m. Low / -0.43'	9:49 a.m. High / 3.49'	2:15 p.m. Low / 2.29'
			8:29 p.m. High / 6.07'

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Promenade to begin a concert series of its own

By Daily Press staff

Beginning this month, the Third Street Promenade will have a free summer concert series of its own.

Officials at the Bayside District Corp., the non-profit that manages the Promenade in partnership with the city, announced they will team-up with Los Angeles night club Spaceland to bring up and coming bands to Santa Monica.

For many years, the Santa Monica Pier has a summer concert series of its own called the "Twilight Dance Series."

The concert's stage for the new series will be set-up in the Promenade's center court, which is the geographical center

of the three-block outdoor shopping mall between Broadway and Wilshire Boulevard.

The first band, Irving, is scheduled to perform on July 19 beginning at noon and running 4 p.m. The concert series will continue through the next month on alternating Fridays on August 2, 16, and 30.

All concerts in the summer concert series are free. Parking is free for two hours in any public parking structures on Second and Fourth Streets.

For additional information on events in Downtown Santa Monica, visit the Bayside District Web Site's "What's Happening" section at www.downtownsm.com.

New \$400K SM visitors center opens next month

By Daily Press staff

A \$370,000 visitor's center is scheduled to be opened in the Santa Monica Place mall next month.

The Convention & Visitors Bureau has signed a five-year lease on the center, the first to open since 1963. The center will assist in servicing more than 100,000 estimated visitors that come to the existing kiosk at Palisades Park each year.

The 1,500-square-foot facility marks the culmination of the bureau's 10-year plan to expand its walk-in services to drive visitor spending in Santa Monica.

"Harnessing the important international travel by offering a multi-lingual staff, instant hotel reservations and dining/retail suggestions will extend the travel experience in Santa Monica and increase citywide revenues," said Debbie Lee, a spokeswoman for the visitor's bureau.

The current visitor's center has operated continuously for 39 years. In 2000,

the five-person staff served 93,869 visitors and in 2001 that number jumped 268 more visitors a day.

The visitor's center in the mall will have three to four people staffed full time, as well as volunteer staff. Visitors can make instant hotel reservations and use interactive computer displays featuring transportation, hotels and restaurants. Internet access, a community room for local groups and a retail outlet is slated for the near future to generate revenue to offset operational expenses.

It is estimated that about 14 million visit Santa Monica Place every year. The visitor's center will be where the former Japan Travel Bureau was located. The center was funded by a one-time city grant of \$225,000 in 1997 and an additional \$50,000 was recently awarded to offset operational expenses. Lee said the annual operational costs for the center are \$200,000.

The center will be open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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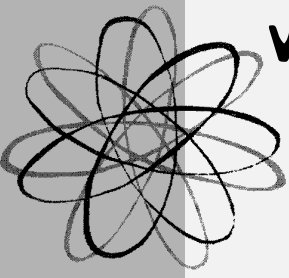
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OPINION LETTERS

Hotels give back to the community

Editor:

A recent demonstration against the Doubletree Hotel involving students, among others, leads us to believe that many of our neighbors are not aware of the general support Santa Monica hotels bring to our schools and city.

Over the past 12 months, our hotels have donated well over \$200,000 to Santa Monica schools in various forms. From books and school supplies, to food and beverages, function rooms, overnight accommodations and cash, the hotels have always been stalwart supporters of education for the children in our community. We have also donated products to local residents and schools, and have always contributed heavily during the holidays for Santa Monica families who are less fortunate.

In addition to those donations, we have organized reading nights for elementary schools, in which the books, food and time of hotel employees were donated for the evening. We have financially backed educational programs which, without the support of our Santa Monica hotels, could not have been introduced to the students in our community.

Several of the larger hotels have even adopted schools, which allows the employees of the hotel properties to become intimately involved in helping with fund raising and tutoring, and providing for all kinds of needs which may arise. The goal of these partnerships between schools and hotels has been to assist and make a positive difference in the schools and the lives of the students and parents.

In addition to bringing approximately 2,000 jobs to Santa Monica, our hotels provide many summertime jobs to students, providing them with professional mentoring, interesting and worthwhile work, and better wages than they could find in many other workplaces. Some of the larger hotels participate in the job fair at Santa Monica College, hiring graduates for promising positions and careers.

Our efforts to be involved in our schools and community are met with gratitude and enthusiasm by the many who have benefited from them, and we plan to continue to set a strong example of integrity and community service for our neighbors.

The hotels in Santa Monica bring to our community a significant tax base, jobs that pay excellent wages and benefit packages, beautification of surrounding areas, generous donations to community-related causes and many visitors who spend money in Santa Monica shops, restaurants and businesses.

We have been, and will continue to be excellent neighbors, steadfast supporters of education, and active contributors in our community.

Sincerely,
Klaus Mennekes - Casa del Mar
Armella Stepan - Shutters on the Beach
Bob Buescher - Holiday Inn
Sig Ortloff - Le Merigot
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LOCAL



The FunHog

By Dan Dunn

Writing for writing's sake

So I was talking with Fisher the Agent the other day, and he asked me a philosophical question: Why do writers write?

I thought about this for quite some time, and eventually arrived at a clever, Edmund Hillary-esque explanation for the craft. Why do writers write? Because it's NOT there.

When I relayed this perspicacious nugget to Fisher, he surprised the hell out of me with some heretofore undetected drollery.

"Oh, there's something THERE, all right," Fisher quipped. "It's the writer's elephantine EGO telling him the world needs to hear what he has to say."

I made a note to add that line to the "Fun Things To Do With Mud" script, and then hung up on Fisher. Hell, I couldn't be bothered with his exasperating "How's the script coming along?" routine ... not with Tommy's bachelor party just a few short hours away.

A FEW SHORT HOURS LATER ...

"You sure this place is safe, 'Hog?'" Tommy asked nervously, as we made our way to the secret back room at Fonzo's Knuckle Lounge and Strip-A-Torium. "A lot of these people look like they should be in prison."

It was just like Tommy to be afraid of a few hookers and recently paroled hit men. From the moment I met the guy in Kent's Pub outside of London, I knew he was what the British refer to as a "poofter." Hell, even Darby the heavily tattooed and pierced barkeep at Kent's agreed with me. And if the wimpy Brits think you're soft, you've got an Osama's chance in New York of surviving the secret back room at Fonzo's Knuckle Lounge and Strip-A-Torium in El Segundo.

Hell, if it hadn't a'been for me and my AK-47, Tommy the Poofter would have never even made it out of that Indonesian brothel, and it's for damn sure he never would have gotten an honorable discharge from the Merchant Marines. But, hell, those are other stories for other times. Especially with Glenda the Dirty Ho scheduled to arrive in just a few short minutes.

A FEW SHORT MINUTES LATER ...

It's one thing to have people refer to you as a Dirty Ho; it's quite another to introduce yourself thusly. And then it's another thing altogether to have the unsavory moniker stitched on the lapel of your motorcycle gang jacket.

"Tommy, I'd like you to meet ..."

"Glenda the Dirty Ho?!!" He seemed to be a bit, um, surprised.

"So you can read, congratulations!" Glenda spat, as Tommy stared incredulously at the dangerously chaotic voluptuousness that is the most infamous call girl in all of Southern California. "But can you work the thrill drill, Sparky?"

Then, before he could utter a word, she dragged him into the back room.

"Have fun, Tommy!" I yelled after them. "She's my bachelor party present to you!"

I figured there was no point in mentioning that I'd paid Glenda the Dirty Ho to kill my former best friend Tommy ... he'd find out in a few seconds.

A FEW SECONDS LATER ...

Glenda the Dirty Ho emerged from the back room, covered in sweat and breathing heavy. Despite his Poofter-nicity, Tommy must have been a tough kill.

"Whatcha do with the body, Glenda?"

"Well, first I put his thing in my ..."

"Wait, wait, wait ... you didn't have to fool around with him before you killed 'em. I'm not paying extra for that!"

"I didn't kill him," Glenda said, in a gentle, womanly tone I never imagined I'd hear coming from the harsh likes of a grizzled biker ho. "We fell in love. He's out back on my Harley waitin' for me. He wanted me to tell you thanks and good-bye."

(Next week: The poop hits the fan ... and it's more fun than even a FunHog deserves!)

(Dan Dunn is a Santa Monica writer. For more FunHog fun, log onto thefunhog.com).

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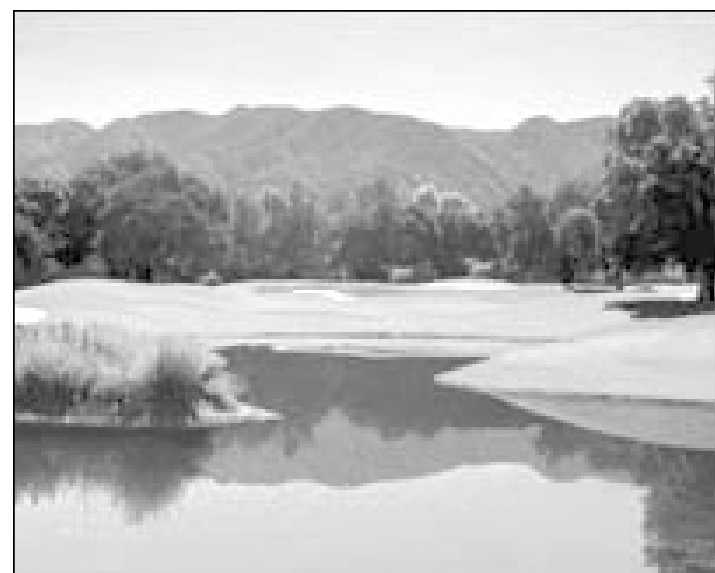
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For Tom Hanks, movie-stardom is tough work

BY SEAN DALY
Special to the Daily Press

CHICAGO — Tom Hanks doesn't particularly care for the movie star treatment. Especially when he's working.

On location last spring for the new Mob drama "Road To Perdition," the two-time Oscar winner had no entourage, no special caterer and no custom-built dressing room.

"He had the exact same trailer as everyone else," says director Sam Mendes. "Most days you'd go in there at lunchtime and he'd be cooking his own chicken and rice and beans."

But don't call Hanks a master chef just yet.

"It has got to be crock pot sensibility or I can't do it," he laughs, during an early morning interview at The Ritz Carlton Hotel. No biggie. He is, after all, one of the most successful actors of this generation.

That's why the Concord, Calif. native was honored last month with the American Film Institute's 30th Life Achievement Award — at the ripe old age of 45.

"Tonight we're calling it the Mid-life Achievement Award," pal Steve Martin quipped during the cable-televized gala, playfully attributing much of Hanks' success to his ability to weather the ups and downs of Hollywood.

"After 'Forrest Gump' failed to take in \$600 million, Tom bounced right back with 'Saving Private Ryan.'"

And that's just the tip of the iceberg. "Sleepless In Seattle," "Big," "Philadelphia" and "Cast Away" also were blockbusters, and remain staples at video stores across Canada. But Hanks is no less proud of what he calls his "clunkers," movies like "Turner and Hooch" ("I can't get enough of that Hoochie pooch") and "Joe Versus The Volcano."

"You know, two thirds of that is a fabulous movie," he defends, sipping from a fresh brewed cup of coffee.

"There is a period of time in your career where you just can't believe you are being asked to make any movie. So you think

it's impossible to say no."

Dressed casually in blue jeans and a light green plaid button down shirt, Hanks says he had no second thoughts about signing on for "Road To Perdition," which opens in theaters July 12. He is cast largely against type as Michael Sullivan, a 1930s Chicago hit man, who seeks revenge against the man who killed his wife and son.

The role nabbed Hanks for a cool \$20 million and paired him for the first time with one of his big screen idols — Paul Newman. He describes their first meeting in early 2001 as "an out of body experience," adding, "From now on the world is a different place for me because I'm on film with Paul Newman."

Not surprisingly, there was no conflict or sense of competition between the two film icons, Newman shared.

"We respected each other's territory. He pissed on his tree, I pissed on my tree, and then someone yelled 'action.'"

Newman, 77, stars as Mob boss John Rooney,

who becomes a sort of surrogate father to Hanks' Sullivan.

(Interesting footnote: Newman's wife, actress Joanne Woodward played Hanks' mother in the 1993 drama "Philadelphia.")

Hanks admits he had to pack on a few extra pounds to play a Midwestern meat and potatoes man. His secret? "I ate a lot," he grins. "And I stopped paying attention to that Devil's scale."

This is not the first time Hanks had to manipulate his weight for a role. He gained almost 30 pounds for the baseball drama "A League of Their Own" — mostly with the help of a nearby ice cream shop — and another 50 pounds for the opening scenes of "Cast Away." The real trick, he says, was getting back to his normal girth. "At meals I would eat a little chicken breast and maybe a scoop of rice. It's all about portions; nothing was bigger than the palm of my hand."

Still, Hanks insists no physical challenge comes close to the work involved in raising four children. He

admits "it would be difficult to go off and make a movie and be away from my kids for five months and actually make my relationship with them better than it was."

But things have gotten much better in recent years.

"My oldest son (actor Colin Hanks) is 24," he tells the current issue of Time. "Throughout the vast majority of his youth and adolescence I did not have a clue as to how to be a father or a parent. I was at that point in my career where it was all about getting work."

At the time, Colin and his sister Elizabeth, 20, lived with their mother, Hanks' first wife, Samantha Lewes. (They were married for seven years before the actor tied the knot with actress Rita Wilson in 1988).

"With my younger kids (sons Chester, 11, and Truman, 6), now that I'm 45, it's of paramount importance to me that I have much more concrete security and stability. I have much more ability to provide for them now. With my older kids I simply wasn't able to do it."

Remembers Colin: "I hated him when I was a kid, just like every kid (hates their father). But he's my dad. He changed my diapers, yelled at me when I was in trouble, and wanted me to get good grades. But I respect what he's done. Who wouldn't?"

The younger Hanks says his father never pressured him to become an actor. In fact, he even steered clear of giving his son a helping hand.

"He never made any calls for me, not a single one, not even to help me an agent," Colin says. "I never asked him for a single thing. I did everything on my own."

So imagine Hanks' pride when he showed up last summer in Los Angeles to watch Colin make his first leading man appearance in the teen comedy "Orange County."

"It was like being stoned!" Hanks exclaims. "I was laughing and crying through the entire thing. Understand when he was 5 or 6 years-old I was doing 'Bosom Buddies' and he'd come down to Paramount studios and we'd have lunch and we'd hang out."

"Now I'm driving back to Paramount and my son's picture is on the side of the soundstage bigger than life and I'm watching him come down the press line ... I was both giddy and sobbing with emotion at the same time."

As for the rest of the Hanks clan — "I hope they get more exercise than I do and floss their teeth more often," he smiles, pretending to dodge the question. "But if they all went into (acting), I think it would be a wonderful thing, provided that they love it."

After all, a passion for the craft is what continues to drive Hanks nearly 22 years after earning just \$800 for his big screen debut in the horror-thriller "He Knows You're Alone."

"I'm not in this for power or influence or cold, hard cash," he says. "Although I have a little bit of all three."

Does that leave anything left to accomplish in the "second half" of his career?

"I was hoping to come up with the Polio vaccine, but I heard this Dr. Salk guy found it first," he laughs. "So all this is more than enough."

(Sean Daly is a Santa Monica-based writer and is president of Showtime Entertainment.)

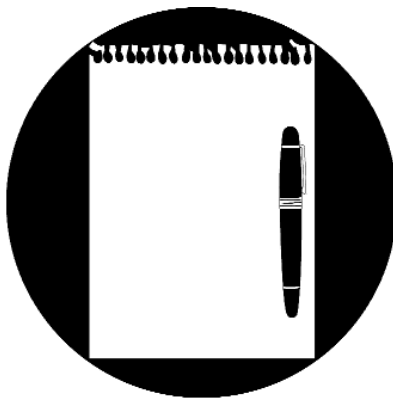
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STATE □ LOCAL

Conservancy group to take city-wide stance

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whether their homes should be classified as landmarks, or structures of merit. The group needs 6,000 signatures to place the measure on the November ballot.

Committee members believe the current law constitutes an unwarranted intrusion on personal freedoms. They believe the designation will cause their homes to deteriorate in value and it will prohibit them from making alterations or remodeling their homes.

Organizers of Santa Monica's conservancy group say they want to model the effort after organizations in Los Angeles

and the Santa Monica Mountains. Currently, a handful of members meet several times a week writing the organization's bylaws, developing a membership base and launching its Web site.

They hope to formally launch the organization at a gala event in September.

"We are really fortunate in this community to have a large number of capable and learned preservationists," Vavra said. "Not only has this whole issue — the backlash against the landmarks commission, especially — point out the need for the conservancy, it has also helped bring all these people together around the same issue and brought about a critical mass."

State Assembly debates stricter air standards

CLEAN AIR, from page 1

California. Fewer than 13 percent now get more than 30 miles per gallon, according to the California Motor Car Dealers Association. It also opposes the bill.

The legislation by Assemblywoman Fran Pavley, D-Agoura Hills, requires the California Air Resources Board to write regulations by 2005 to "achieve the maximum feasible reduction of greenhouse gases."

A consortium of 13 American, European and Japanese automakers, the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, is now vowing to explore "any option" to block the bill if it becomes law, including lawsuits, a public referendum or new legislation next year. Industry lobbyists have long maintained that no technology exists to remove carbon dioxide, a natural non-toxic byproduct of internal combustion, from vehicle exhaust.

But environmentalists, exulting in their narrow legislative victory, claim the state has plenty of options to rein in vehicle emissions — and hope other states follow its lead.

Among suggestions are financial incentives for fuel-efficient tires that increase mileage by 5 to 8 percent, and greater use of natural gas fuels to cut carbon dioxide emissions by 20 percent.

"There are continuously variable transmissions that shift through large number of gears and smoother transmissions that are not on the market, but are on the shelf," offers Russell Long, director of the Bluewater Network, the San Francisco-based environmental group that sponsored the bill.

Jerry Martin, spokesman for the Air Resources Board, which would write regulations to implement the law, says automakers won't have to invent new technology. He cites technical improvements already in motion to make cars cleaner and more efficient. Among them: variable cylinder valve timing to cut carbon dioxide emissions about 5 percent and cylinders that stop when unnecessary to keep the vehicle moving — cutting emissions up to 6 percent.

At Torrance-based Toyota Motor Sales USA, officials are banking on plans to sell 300,000 hybrid gasoline-electricity vehicles a year worldwide by 2005. Many of those would land in California, a company spokesman says.

"That's one very obvious way that

Toyota plans to deal with fuel efficiency and lower emissions levels," says John Hanson, Toyota's national product news manager. Many of those cars already get up to 50 miles per gallon, he says.

Hanson says the next generation of hybrid vehicles, expected before 2009, will raise fuel mileage even higher, even for larger vehicles such as sedans and mid-size sport utility vehicles.

American Honda Motor Co. also touts its fuel efficiency as a primary tool to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

"Honda has the highest average fuel economy of any major manufacturer," says Ed Cohen, the firm's Washington, D.C.-based vice president of industry and government relations.

Cohen notes numerous other ways to trim emissions and fuel burning, including lightweight materials to cut weight, four-valve cylinders to cut fuel consumption, integrated starter-generators that shut off the engine at traffic stops and bigger batteries to run the vehicle's "amenities," while drawing less power from the engine.

General Motors Corp. referred calls to the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers.

More reductions will come from trimming nitrous oxide emissions — 300 times stronger than carbon dioxide — from catalytic converters designed to curb smog.

"My guess is in newer cars emissions are going to be lower," says Tom Durbin, assistant research engineer at the Center for Environmental Research and Technology at the University of California, Riverside.

Solutions that aren't in the mix include new taxes on gasoline or sport utility vehicles. The Air Resources Board also can't force carmakers to sell lighter vehicles, require lower speed limits or make Californians drive less. Those bans were added to the bill to undercut an auto industry advertising blitz that suggested all were possibilities.

Levin admits that California's efforts will trim less than 1 percent of the world's "greenhouse gases" which contribute to global warming. Even in California, she says, new emission limits won't keep up with dramatic growth projections for driving and fuel consumption.

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STATE

Friends mourn deaths of victims in shooting at LAX

BY PAUL WILBORN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Friends and relatives gathered Sunday to mourn the two victims of the July 4 shooting at the El Al ticket counter at Los Angeles International Airport. Amid tears and prayers they condemned the shooting as an act of terrorism.

"This morning we say our final shalom to Yaakov, a man who valued Jewish tradition beyond all else," Rabbi David Adatto told hundreds of black-clad mourners outside the storefront Orthodox synagogue that Yaakov Aminov helped found in Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley.

"She was one big smile. A loving person. She loved children, all she wanted to was settle down and have children," family friend Joe Knoller said at a service later in the day for Victoria Hen.

Aminov, 46, a father of eight who left a pregnant widow behind, was gunned down along with 25-year-old Hen, who worked behind the El Al counter. Hen's boyfriend had planned to propose marriage to her next week.

FBI officials said Sunday they still didn't know why Egyptian-born Hesham Mohamed Hadayet targeted the ticket area of Israel's national airline, and it remained unclear whether Hadayet hated Jews, as a former employee claimed.

"We hope that people can make the distinction between one crazy person and a whole community of 6 or 7 million people in the United States."

— **SABIHA KHAN**
Council on American Islamic Relations
Spokeswoman

U.S. authorities said nothing pointed to terrorism, but many in the crowds gathered to grieve for Aminov and Hen said that was how they explained the tragedy.

"Yaakov Aminov died because he was a Jew, because a culture of hatred has been fostered," said Rabbi Aaron Tendler, one of the speakers at Aminov's service. "There is no isolated terrorism anymore," said Rabbi Yitzchok Adlerstein.

Speakers at Aminov's synagogue, Yad Avraham in North Hollywood, included Mayor James Hahn and Michael Shabtai, the Israeli friend Aminov, a diamond jeweler, took to the airport in his final act of generosity.

"He was my best friend, a true soul mate," Shabtai said in Hebrew through an interpreter.

Outside the funeral chapel in the Mission Hills section of the San Fernando Valley where Hen's body lay a few people held signs reading "Stop terrorism now" and



Ann Johansson/Associated Press

Nissan Aminov, 22, center, son of Yaakov Aminov, who was one of two killed in the July 4 shooting at the El Al ticket counter at Los Angeles International Airport, is comforted by family and friends outside Yad Avraham synagogue in North Hollywood, Calif., before a memorial service for his father on Sunday. Michael Shabtai, the friend that Yaakov took to the airport prior to the shooting, stands far right.

"Vicki's murder was an act of terrorism."

"It is a very tough moment for us but we will survive. We will come through," Hen's family rabbi, Samuel Ohana, told mourners at the Groman-Eden Mortuary.

Hen was being buried after her service, but Aminov's body was taken to the airport to be flown, on El Al, to Israel. Burial was planned there for Monday.

Arab Americans in the Los Angeles area have condemned the killings as a crime. The Web site of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee posted a statement denouncing the attack in the "strongest possible terms."

Quietly, however, some Southern California Muslims said they fear the high-profile killing could revive the anti-Arab discrimination felt in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"We hope that people can make the distinction between one crazy person and a whole community of 6 or 7 million people in the United States," said Sabiha Khan, a spokeswoman for the Council on American Islamic Relations in Anaheim.

She praised the FBI for its careful handling of the investigation and said people across the Muslim community were speculating about Hadayet, a limousine driver who immigrated to California from Egypt 10 years ago. He lived in Irvine with his wife, Hala, and their sons Omar, 14, and Adam, 8.

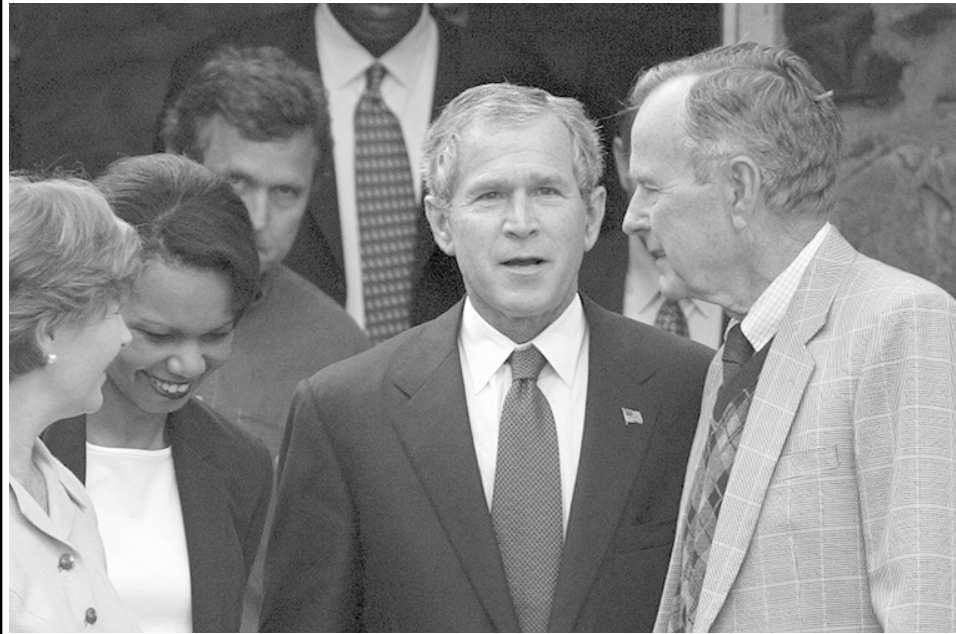
Hadayet wasn't known at the major mosques in the area, according to the Muslim Public Affairs Council in Los Angeles.

"We are horrified by what happened," Khan said. "We pray for the victims and their families because nobody should ever die like that."

NATIONAL



Like father, like son



J. Scott Applewhite/ Associated Press

President George W. Bush and first lady Laura Bush, far left, leave Sunday worship services at St. Ann's Episcopal Church with his father, former-president George H.W. Bush, right, in Kennebunkport, Maine on Sunday. The president's National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice is second from left and the president's brother Marvin Bush is third from left. The president is celebrating his 56th birthday over the Independence Day holiday weekend with family at their home on the Maine coast.

Many grandparents now act as primary caregivers

BY GENARO C. ARMAS
Associated Press Writer

THURMONT, Md. — Hunched on the living room floor in front of a Lego set, 5-year-old Michael Simmons turned and waved at his grandmother. "Look, Grandma," he said, holding a newly built toy in hand.

Pat Owens smiled and nodded approvingly. With Michael's parents out of his life, the 59-year-old Owens has joined the more than 2.4 million grandparents found by the 2000 census to be primary caregivers to a grandchild.

It was the first time the once-a-decade count tracked such living arrangements.

The closest the census had come in the past to addressing this issue was to estimate the percentage of children under 18 living in a grandparent-headed home. That was 6.3 percent in 2000, compared with 5.5 percent in 1990, 3.6 percent in 1980 and 3.2 percent in 1970.

That data, however, did not cover how many of those grandparents were the main caregivers for their grandchildren.

The 2000 census long form asked if a grandparent was responsible for "most of the basic needs" of a grandchild in the home. Yes was the answer from 42 percent of the nearly 5.8 million grandparents living with a grandchild.

Figures showing the number of children in a grandparent-headed home in 2000, released last year, was based on data from all census forms as was the case for the data covering 1990, 1980 and 1970. Analysis of the additional data obtained from the long form used in the 2000 census was not available until recently.

For Owens and many other grandparents, returning to the "parent" role is not what they had planned for at this stage of life.

"Did we envision raising him? No. It's very hard," said Owens, who lives in small town about an hour north of Washington that is best known for Camp

David, the nearby presidential retreat.

She took custody of Michael two years ago and has not heard since from his mother — Owens' daughter.

Owens said Michael's father has no contact with the boy, but recently started to provide child support.

Grandparents often step in after a grandchild's lose contact or end up in jail, said Amy Goyer of the Grandparents Information Center with AARP, an advocacy group for older Americans.

Others assume responsibility when a child's parents die or divorce — leaving many grandmothers and grandfathers with unforeseen financial burdens.

Owens says being able to watch Michael grow up in her own home — and not a foster home — is worth it.

"I don't want to make it sound like it's easy because there are some tough, tense times. But I'm very proud of the fact that all the grandchildren still play together and go to school together," said Owens, who has other grandchildren in the area. "That is the most important thing."

The census statistics are derived from the long-form questionnaire, a survey distributed to about one of six households in 2000. Other questions covered topics such as income, education and commuting.

The majority of families with children are headed by married couples, according to data released last year from short-form questions asked of all U.S. residents. That percentage declined from 76 percent of such households in 1990 to 72 percent in 2000.

The three-part long-form question on grandparenting was added to the latest census to comply with welfare changes passed in 1996. Many grandparents on limited incomes who are raising grandchildren struggle to support a young child.

"A lot of grandparents doing this are ready for retirement," said W.L. Smith, a 62-year-old retired government worker from Boise, Idaho, who has raised his 18-year-old granddaughter for the past 10 years.

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NATIONAL

Severe Texas flooding forces more evacuations

BY T.A. BADGER
Associated Press Writer

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas — From the air Sunday, Gov. Rick Perry saw firsthand the devastation days of torrential rain have brought to central and southern Texas: houses surrounded by a sea of roiling, muddy water, uprooted trees and overturned vehicles.

And the bad news just kept coming. Floodwater that devastated the San Antonio area spilled into even more houses Sunday as it flowed toward the Gulf of Mexico.

"The devastation is extensive," the governor said after his helicopter tour. "Obviously when the water goes down we're going to see the impact on residential property is going to be substantial."

About 160 miles to the north, residents of Brownwood frantically piled sandbags around homes and businesses as water rushed through downtown. Lake Brownwood was 7.65 feet above its spillway Sunday and was expected to crest overnight a foot or more higher.

The governor said Sunday the death toll from the week of flooding had risen to 12, up from eight. The flooding has been blamed for tens of millions of dollars in property damage. In some places, rivers have crested as high as 28 feet above flood stage.

Perry said he would seek federal aid for 17 counties. President Bush has already declared 13 Texas counties federal disaster areas.

Also Sunday, forecasters said the first tropical depression of the season could be forming in the Gulf of Mexico with the potential for additional rain in Texas.

Severe flooding hit the Abilene area following an unexpected storm that dumped a foot of rain Saturday. Most evacuees began returning to waterlogged homes Sunday.

Meanwhile in Brownwood, about 75 miles southeast of Abilene, about 3 feet of water lapped up against dozens of motels, restaurants, drugstores and shopping centers.

"It'll hurt this area because it'll take several days for the water to recede," City Manager Gary Butts said.

In south-central Texas, where more than 30 inches of rain fell in places last week, water levels were dropping in the Hill Country and San Antonio.

In areas where evacuees were return-

ing, the overflowing rivers were still a threat, said William Ayres, a spokesman for the Texas Division of Emergency Management in Austin.

"It's still a very dangerous situation," Ayres said Sunday.

Residents of New Braunfels found varying degrees of water and mud in their houses. While some used kayak paddles to scrap the mud away, others carted it off in wheelbarrows. Ripped out carpets rested in mounds on driveways along the Guadalupe River.

"I'm at least going to rebuild. I can't sell it like this," said Fred Maxwell, who said floodwater rose to 3 feet above the second floor of his home.

To his surprise, Steve Dean found only a little water on the floor of his house on the bank of the river. The house stands on reinforced stilts rising from the foundation of a house destroyed by the record flood of 1998.

"It's not as bad as what we thought," said Dean, whose neighbors' homes were carried away by the river on Friday and Saturday. "I thought when the water started getting up higher, it would take (the house) off those concrete columns."

The Guadalupe and other rivers originating in the Hill Country were flooding cities and croplands across a low-lying coastal plain leading to the Gulf of Mexico on Sunday.

Large numbers of cattle were believed to be isolated or drowned along the San Antonio River, which was expected to crest 30 feet above flood stage by Monday at Goliad. The river flows south from the city of San Antonio through a broad expanse of crop and ranch land before emptying into the Guadalupe River near the gulf.

About two dozen houses were expected to be flooded in Goliad County, said Mary Jane Martin, a spokeswoman for the sheriff's office.

In Abilene, where the city in one day got about the equivalent of half its usual annual rainfall, residents had scrambled to get out of their homes as several creeks cutting through the city became torrents.

Even as the water began receding Sunday, Abilene authorities were warning residents not to wade or drive through the snake-infested deep water. There was a chance of several more inches of rain Sunday.

Boy killed by blast of unknown device in Georgia

By The Associated Press

CUSSETA, Ga. — A 5-year-old boy died Sunday of injuries suffered when an explosive device blew up near a truck trailer where he was playing with his sister.

Little was known about what caused the blast, said John Bankhead, spokesman for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

Sammy Evans died at a Columbus hospital. His 7-year-old sister, whose name wasn't released, was treated for minor injuries and released, officials said.

The device exploded Saturday night while the children, visiting from Philadelphia, Miss., were playing outside their great-grandmother's palm-reading shop, Bankhead said.

"Whether they were playing with it and dropped it or it just went off, we don't know," Bankhead said.

"We have to interview the girl," he said.

Cusseta is a couple of miles outside the Army's Fort Benning base, but is about 10 miles from the main entrance.

There were no signs the blast had any connection to Fort Benning, Bankhead said.

SPORTS



Baseball's All-Star week tinged with trouble

BY BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer

MILWAUKEE — At every turn, this All-Star game is tinged with trouble.

Tom Glavine pulled out of playing, but plans to follow the progress of a union meeting where major leaguers will talk about possible strike dates.

Sammy Sosa, Barry Bonds and Richie Sexson showed up Sunday at Miller Park — on the scoreboard, at least. In baseball's own ad, they appeared as crazed, puffed-up cartoon characters, making them look as if they were on steroids.

Even the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel provided a rude welcome as the event came to commissioner Bud Selig's hometown. A headline in the newspaper's business section read: "For all we owe Seligs,

it's time they left."

Not exactly a classic funfest going into Tuesday night's midsummer classic.

"I think that we're in a sport that is tumultuous as baseball has been for nearly a decade," former Brewers star Paul Molitor said before managing the U.S. team in Sunday's minor league Futures Game.

"Being the commissioner of baseball is certainly not an enviable job at this particular juncture," he said. "Different storms have made their way over baseball at different times, and he's the man on top, so he's going to receive the brunt of the criticism, whether it's about Yankee dominance, interaction with steroid use, whatever it's going to be."

Truth is, the most memorable part of All-Star night might be the tributes to Ted

Williams, Darryl Kile and Jack Buck.

Baseball was still working Sunday to put the finishing touches on its remembrance of Williams as a great hitter and military hero.

The Hall of Famer, who died Friday, was always linked with the All-Star game. The Boston Red Sox great played in 18 of them and drove in a record 12 runs, three with a two-out, bottom-of-the ninth homer in 1941 that sent him skipping around the bases at old Briggs Stadium in Detroit.

In fact, Tuesday night will be the 56th anniversary of the 1946 game at Fenway Park, where Williams went 4-for-4 with two home runs, including a shot off one of Rip Sewell's famed "eephus" pitches.

Not chance, by the way, that Boston pitcher Derek Lowe will consider tossing a blooping pitch against the NL to evoke

memories of Williams.

"No way," Lowe said. "I wouldn't know how to throw it."

There are plans for a pregame tribute to Kile and Buck. Kile tragically died last month a day before he was scheduled to pitch for St. Louis; earlier that week, Buck died after a Hall of Fame career as an announcer for the Cardinals.

Pitcher Matt Morris was the only St. Louis representative on this year's NL team, but decided Sunday to pass up playing.

Morris has given big leads in his last two starts, and allowing 11 runs in 10 2-3 innings, and has struggled since Kile's death.

"It's just better for me for the second half not to pitch," Morris said. "Mental, emotional, physical — all drained into one."

Morris, however, intends to be on the bench at Miller Park for the game.

Bertogliati wins first stage, takes on Armstrong

By The Associated Press

LUXEMBOURG — Switzerland's Rubens Bertogliati won the hilly first stage of the Tour de France on Sunday, taking the leader's yellow jersey from three-time champion Lance Armstrong.

Bertogliati, of the Lampre-Daikin team, surged to the lead with just over a half-mile remaining and finished just ahead of the main pack, which included Armstrong. He finished in 4 hours, 49 minutes, and 16 seconds.

"It's incredible. I'm very happy, and I don't know what to say," Bertogliati told France-2 Television.

Armstrong, the U.S. Postal Service team rider who began the stage in the yellow jersey after winning Saturday's prologue, finished in the same time as



Laurent Rebours/Associated Press
Lance Armstrong from Austin, Texas, foreground left, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey leads the pack as it ascends the Wormeldange climb, during the first stage of the Tour de France cycling race on Sunday.

Bertogliati. But the Swiss rider had bonus seconds taken off his overall time for placing first, and moved past Armstrong in the standings.

Armstrong, seeking a fourth straight Tour title, was 3 seconds behind Bertogliati in the overall standings.

Thousands of fans lined the 119.4-mile route to cheer riders through the countryside and medieval towns of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, one of Europe's smallest countries.

Johan Bruyneel, leader of the U.S. Postal team, said Armstrong had not put a high priority on retaining the leader's jersey early in the 21-day race. The Tour ends July 28 in Paris.

"We won't defend the yellow jersey if it's too hard," Bruyneel said. "We'll just let the race go and see what happens."

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INTERNATIONAL

Angry Protestants fight Northern Ireland police

BY SHAWN POGATCHNIK

Associated Press Writer

PORTADOWN, Northern Ireland

Protestant hard-liners battled riot police Sunday after being barred from parading through the main Catholic section of Portadown, an annual confrontation that often triggers sectarian violence across Northern Ireland.

The rioters, cheered on by several hundred members and supporters of the Orange Order brotherhood, injured 24 officers, four seriously, the Police Service of Northern Ireland said.

Police charged into the mob after rioters battered down most of a 7-foot-high steel barrier across the roadway. They

arrested three men and fired three plastic bullets, seriously injuring a rioter's arm. Several other Protestants suffered bruises and small cuts.

The violence abated once British army engineers, protected by the riot police, erected a taller steel barrier. Police later fired water cannons at young men trying to cut through barbed-wire fences in surrounding pastures.

The violence dashed police hopes that this year's standoff with Orangemen could end peacefully, as it did last year. It also set the tone for a potentially dangerous week involving hundreds of divisive parades by the Orange Order, the province's major Protestant fraternal group.

Police and politicians predicted that the

marches, combined with the militant Catholic opposition they inspire, would exacerbate street tensions in Belfast, where rioting frequently has erupted in the most polarized neighborhoods in recent months.

Local Orange Order leaders, wearing bowler hats and orange vestments, attended their traditional church service at a rural Anglican church outside Portadown before marching downhill to the barricade blocking their 2,000-strong parade from passing Catholic homes on nearby Garvaghy Road.

Assistant Chief Constable Stephen White told Orange leaders that police were enforcing an order from the government-appointed Parades Commission,

which every year since 1998 has banned Orangemen from entering the Garvaghy Road in hopes of preventing clashes.

Portadown Orange leader Harold Gracey told the crowd from a podium in front of the barrier, "We are staying on this hill night after night, Sunday after Sunday, until this problem is resolved."

The Orange Order, founded in 1795 near Portadown, was instrumental in the founding of Northern Ireland 80 years ago as a predominantly Protestant state linked with Britain.

But the organization's influence has waned in recent years, particularly since its leadership rejected the 1998 Good Friday peace accord establishing a joint Catholic-Protestant government for the territory.

Three injured in first run at San Fermin bull festival

BY MAR ROMAN

Associated Press Writer

PAMPLONA, Spain — About 2,000 people joined in the world's most famous running of the bulls on Sunday, making a perilous dash through the narrow streets of Pamplona while being chased by charging bulls.

Three people, including a 19-year-old American girl and a 20-year-old Australian, were hospitalized after being gored during the early morning run through the narrow cobblestone streets of Pamplona's old quarter.

The unusually high number on the course slowed the run to some seven and a half minutes, more than twice the normal time, giving the bulls more time to be distracted and increasing the danger.

Jose Maria Perez, a 32-year-old Spaniard, was the

most seriously hurt, with an injury in his thigh. Australian Luke Versace and an American identified as Elinzey Sain, 19, from Kansas, both got hit in their left knees at the end of the run.

Three others received treatment for cuts and bruises from falling.

Six bulls, which weight more than 1,000 pounds each, left the corral and began their 900 yard run at 8 a.m. The course ends in a bullring where the bulls were to face matadors in the afternoon.

As the bulls looked to attack anything that came within sight, the runners and the people overlooking the run from the balconies, screamed in panic as runners raced and scrambled to safety.

More than 1,000 people, mostly men wearing white pants and red kerchiefs, normally take part in the daily

runs but this number shoots up on weekend days during the festival.

"I never run so fast in my life. It's really scary when you see the horns of the bulls nearly touching you," said 28-year-old Craig Barry from Port Lincoln, Australia, who had slept two hours in a park before the run after drinking all night with friends.

"People have told me it was not dangerous, but it is... At one stage I had the bull very close to me and at that moment I thought God will decide if I live or die," said a jubilant Benin Jackson, a graphic artist from Puerto Rico. "It's the biggest rush of your life."

The fiesta, famed for its all-night street parties, dates back hundreds of years but gained world fame from Ernest Hemingway's 1926 novel "The Sun Also Rises."

Bush's call leads Palestinians to the defense of their embattled leader

BY SUSAN SEVAREID

Associated Press Writer

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — At a barber shop where men come for a trim during a break in the Israeli curfew, President Bush's demand for a Palestinian leader other than Yasser Arafat strikes a chord — of anger and stubborn resistance.

"The people only want Arafat — Arafat or nobody," unemployed laborer Mohammed Yousef Hiraime, 33, says to nods of agreement among the half-dozen men at the shop.

The mood in this store, its front plastered with posters of young "martyrs" who died challenging Israel's soldiers or killing its citizens, is confirmed by politicians and analysts in the West Bank and Gaza Strip — Palestinians, at least for now, are digging in against what they view as unacceptable U.S. interference.

Even Arafat's critics — and there are many — say they would rather keep him in power than buckle to Bush's demand that he be replaced with a leadership "not compromised by terror."

If any such alternative leadership exists, it has yet to make its existence publicly known.

Arafat's political weakness is apparent: Palestinians gave him an approval rating of only 35 percent in May, and his control of militants or even his own lieutenants is questionable. Last week, it took Arafat two days of wrangling to fire an unwilling security chief.

Yet despite accusations that his Palestinian Authority is ineffectual and corrupt, Arafat at 73 is still revered by many as a guerrilla hero who for almost four decades kept the Palestinian cause on the world's agenda.

Although Palestinians speak relatively openly of their frustrations with their leadership, many are reluctant to directly criticize Arafat.

Palestinian analysts say the new rallying around Arafat is genuine, and doubt any strong competition will emerge in January elections, lest it be seen as divisive at a time when Palestinians are under siege. Arafat is likely to dismiss more aides and shepherd new faces into the legislature. But whether that will satisfy the U.S. administration isn't clear.

"His opponents stand alongside him because they feel that defending him is defending the national dignity," said Ali Jarbawi, a political scientist at Bir Zeit University near Ramallah.

A poll by the Jerusalem Media and Communications Center, a Palestinian research group, showed only 47.5 percent of Palestinians said they expected Arafat to be re-elected. Arafat was identified by 25 percent as the personality they trusted most, while 24.5 percent said they don't trust anyone. The margin of error was 3 percentage points.

But that was before Bush's speech. Palestinians expect the next polls to show a strengthened Arafat.

Jad Isaac, director-general of the Applied Research Institute in Bethlehem, said Bush either grossly misread the Palestinian mood or is not genuinely interested in peace. Either way, he says, Bush's call has set back prospects for change.

Ordinary Palestinians, he said, want "a modern Palestinian state where there are elements of rule of law, transparency, good governance, accountability..." With Arafat's administration, he said, "Regrettably this is not the case."

Palestinian officials say there may not even be an election as long as Israeli forces remain in Palestinian areas. And a mid-January vote gives Arafat's critics too little time to field candidates without seeming disloyal to the national cause, Isaac said.

"If the Americans would not have interfered, there would have been a real chance," he said.

Perhaps the most popular Palestinian political figure today is Marwan Barghout, a senior member of Arafat's Fatah organization. He is jailed by Israel as a terrorism suspect.

Jibril Rajoub, ousted last week as West Bank security chief, is prominent but has pledged loyalty to Arafat.

Gaza police chief Ghazi Jibali is said to be considering running for office, but does not have broad support and is wanted by Israel for allegedly planning attacks.

The Islamic extremist group Hamas is well organized and its suicide bombings tend to pick up street support at times of heightened confrontation with Israel. Though Hamas has not ruled out running in elections, it is not expected to do so.

Afghan turmoil



Sergei Grits/Associated Press

Afghan army officers adjust the Afghan national flag that covers the coffin of slain Afghan Vice President Abdul Qadir during a ceremony at Jalalabad airport, in Afghanistan, 93 miles east of Kabul on Sunday. Thousands welcomed the body of Qadir back to his eastern stronghold Sunday as armed men patrolled the area to prevent trouble at the funeral of the longtime Pashtun leader who was assassinated in Kabul Saturday.

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The Dinette Set by Julie Larson



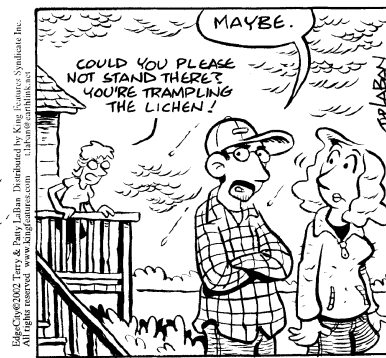
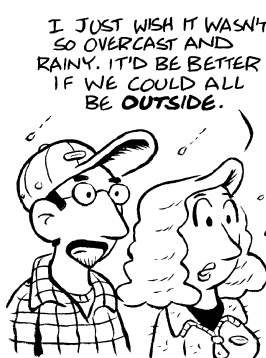
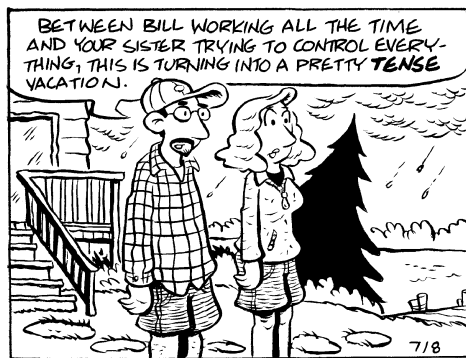
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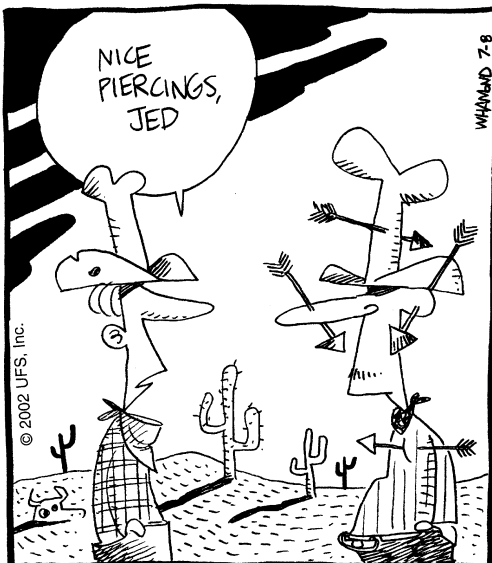
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Saturday's answer

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- 10 Wear away
- 11 Makes a road
- 13 Gave a PG to
- 14 "Three Sisters" sister
- 15 "— a Wonderful Life"
- 16 Chapeau
- 18 Barrister's concern
- 19 Japanese ritual
- 22 Hurried flight
- 23 Formerly
- 24 Keep away from
- 27 Take the wheel
- 28 Jazz bit
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- 36 Golf need
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- 40 Formal observances

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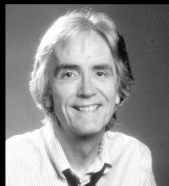
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- 43 Bring together
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- 2 Make addresses
- 3 "— luck!"
- 4 Citrus drink
- 5 Lucy, for one
- 6 Malice
- 7 Sticky stuff
- 8 The Devil
- 9 Act of remorse
- 12 Finn's friend
- 17 Chair part
- 20 "Cheers" regular
- 21 Car part
- 24 Secret stuff
- 25 Brutal
- 26 Not connected, in a way
- 27 Become serious
- 29 Hive resident
- 31 One of the Kennedys
- 32 Al Yankovic song
- 33 Assists
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- 39 Baseball's Hodges
- 41 — big way

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Cats may not be allowed in Canadian prisons

- Correctional Service of Canada was recently rethinking its policy of permitting inmates to keep cats in their cells in two British Columbia prisons after guards complained of dirty litter boxes during prisoner shakedowns and after several drug-sniffing dogs in the facility had gotten hurt tangling with the cats (Mission, B.C.; May).
- Apreviously docile Siamese cat went nuts and mauled a family of four and its baby sitter over several hours, repeatedly launching itself at family members and clawing them bloody, until police subdued it (Dartmouth, Nova Scotia; May).
- To deal with a flood of mice in the British Parliament, a motion was introduced in June "to invest in a House of Commons cat to try to tackle this problem."



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Calendar

Monday, July 8, 2002

movies

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

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

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

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

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

Today

Theatre / Arts

Santa Monica Playhouse is proud to present Picon Piel The World Premiere of a joyous and poignant musical play about the life and loves of legendary Molly Picon. Admission is \$25.50. Show starts at 6:00 p.m. 1211 4th Street, Santa Monica. For more information please call (310)394-9779 or visit www.santamonicaplayhouse.com.

Music / Entertainment

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14 Below, 1348 14th St., Santa Monica. If the band stinks, take advantage of commodious booths, pool tables, and fireplace. Full Bar. Over 21. (310)451-5040.

Almost Vaudville. 2 pm and 5 pm. UnUrban Coffeehouse. 3301 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, (310)315-0056.

No Cover. DJ Sets By: Mason, 10:00pm. Temple Bar, 1026 Wilshire Blvd., (310)393-6611.

Jorma Kaukonen & Blue Country, 7 pm. \$17.50. McCabe's Guitar Shop. Pico at 31st. (310)828-4403.

Tuesday

Community

Senior Suppers - Discounted meals for people AGE 55 or older are served daily, from 3:30 p.m. To 7 p.m., in the cafeteria at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, 1250 16th Street in Santa Monica. \$3.69 Info only: (310)319-4837

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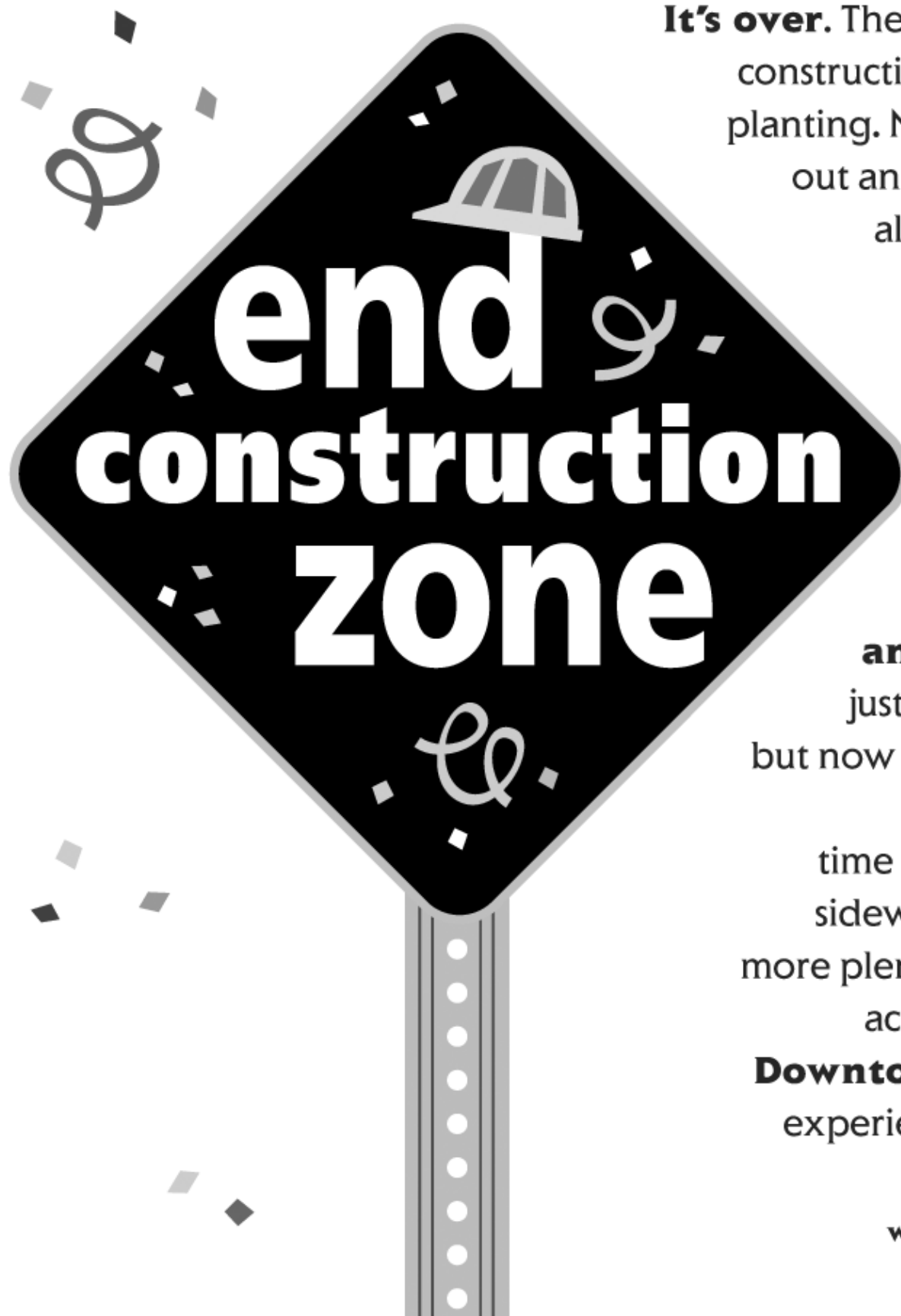
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