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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

London's Daily Mirror revealed in May that "Dr. Death" Harold Shipman, serving a life sentence for killing 15 older patients (and perhaps as many as 200 more), had somehow been allowed to assist sick prisoners in the hospital wing of England's Frankland jail in Durham County. Said one prison source, "This man has spent his career secretly killing (people). Just imagine some poor guy's face when he looks up from his wheelchair and sees Dr. Death is pushing it."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Man is the only animal that laughs and has a state legislature."

— Samuel Butler

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Ocean Park markets permitted to remain

Council to consider hours of operation on individual basis

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

Neighborhood markets in Ocean Park may be allowed to keep their doors open after all.

In response to an upswelling of resident support, the City Council on Tuesday pushed through legislation that will allow the small markets to stay put and even petition City Hall for longer hours.

Though the markets for decades have opened as early as 7 a.m. and closed as late as mid-

night, the Planning Commission recently forbid them from being open before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m.

That law is set to take effect next month.

Hundreds of community members have voiced support for the markets' current hours since the law was passed, saying they lend character and charm to the neighborhood while providing a convenient service.

Council members voted unanimously Tuesday to renew the permits for the markets and said the hours the markets keep should be considered on a case-by-case basis.

"They're an important asset to

See **MARKETS**, page 7

City pays \$800,000 to settle sewer lawsuit

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

The city recently agreed to pay nearly \$1 million to settle a sewer repair lawsuit that has lingered like a green cloud over City Hall for three and a half years.

The whole stink began in January 2000, when city officials realized the lining inside four of six sewer pipe segments U-Liner had finished work on was not made of the smooth material they expected.

"It's not pretty to imagine, but if there are wrinkles and folds and fins, things can get caught up," said Deputy City Attorney Lance Gams. "And that can cause there to be a need for greater maintenance."

City officials pulled U-Liner off its \$450,000 portion of the \$6.7 million overhaul, which was being done to correct damage done in the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

But U-Liner, which said the work was performed adequately, fought back.

The company sued Clarke Contracting — which was responsible for the entire \$6.7 million contract — in June 2001 for the cost of replacing the lining, the balance of its contract, plus attor-

ney fees and costs.

U-Liner convinced nine of 12 jurors in October 2002 to force Clarke to pay the original amount of the contract between the two companies.

"I'm not mad at the city but I wish it'd never happened. We could have spent our time better."

— **JOHN CLARKE**
Clarke Contracting

In their finding, jurors didn't necessarily agree that the work was performed as promised, but felt U-Liner should at least have been given the opportunity to sand down the imperfections and complete the job, Gams said.

Clarke Contracting, in turn, took aim at the city.

It counter-sued for the full U-Liner claim, plus its own attorney

See **LAWSUIT**, page 7



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Top, Carole Krechman, Peacemakers Corps president, addresses students Thursday before cutting the cake, below.

Peacemakers graduate

BY LAUREN WOLMAN

Special to the Daily Press

Thirty teenagers will now head into the world as peacemakers.

The teens graduated from The Peacemaker Corps Association workshop Thursday, where they were trained in conflict resolution, violence prevention strategies, community building and anger management.

Oscar de la Torre, head of the Pico Youth Center, said that he looks forward to working with them to create peace, unity and social justice.

"If all the leaders who lead the nation would learn what you learned, it would be better for humanity and the world," he said.

Other community leaders, including Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom, also attended the graduation. Jennifer Rivera, a participant in

the program, said the information from the workshop was invaluable.

"The program is so important because it helps people get along and gives them easier ways to solve problems and conflicts," she said.

Carole Krechman, president of The Peacemaker Corps Association, said that the participants will now have the opportunity to work as pier ambassadors at the Santa Monica Pier.

Ben Franz-Knight, Pier Restoration Corp. executive director, said their job will be to help visitors find their way around the pier so they will be able to practice what they have learned.

Omar Tapia, another participant, said that he now feels he has the ability to teach others the skills he learned from the program.

"I have been well trained and feel prepared," he said.

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★★-So-so ★-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, July 11, 2003:

Opportunities strike from left and right this year. You might wonder which to grab and which to let pass. You seem to have the ability to hit the bull's-eye at work and with finances. Be happy about your skills. Use them to enhance your well-being, as you easily could become self-indulgent. You might want to reorganize your daily life, whether you are changing your hours at work or just incorporating something new in your life. If you are single, you will meet people with ease, being somewhat happy-go-lucky. You will be more willing to communicate and express yourself from the fall on. If you are attached, your relationship will bloom. You become an even stronger nurturer. SAGITTARIUS puts you through your paces.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Your natural instincts put you in the place you want to be. Impulsiveness becomes you and allows for the natural flow of your libido energies. If you're up for a change in plans, you'll do just that. Others sit back in wonder. Tonight: Twirl into the weekend.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You might question a partner or an associate. Don't be surprised if there is a reversal at the last minute. Do not let anyone feel threatened around you if you want to work with the present flow of energy. Hang in the moment. Tonight: Togetherness works.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Don't even try to close your door today, or you might spend more time getting up to open it. Your popularity crests. You might see a friend or associate in a totally different light. Be open to the fact that someone could be transforming before your very eyes. Tonight: Follow the crowd.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Clear your desk, realizing just how much you need to get done. A nice and easy pace might work, if you don't get too distracted. Consider an expense that will help make your life more pleasant. Tonight: Off to the gym or some other type of workout.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Your winning personality takes you in and out of work, feeling on top of the world. Give your normal 100 percent, and you'll clear out more than your share. Laughter marks your mood, as well as the mood of those who are fortunate enough to be around you. Tonight: Play away.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ If you listen to your inner voice, you'll know which way to go, especially involving a domestic matter. Others will defer to your logic when you explain where you are coming from. Learn to trust yourself more often. Tonight: At home.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You could be delighted by someone's ideas. Don't feel like you have to be in command of every situation. Let go, especially when it involves a special friendship. Go with an impulse. Stop restraining yourself. Tonight: Favorite spot, favorite people.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Take the lead, and others will respond. How you feel with a friend or loved one could change with a lighter attitude. Are you making too much of what's going on? Others seek you out for advice, which you give readily. Tonight: Lead the gang out the door.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Your smile signals that it's the end of the workweek. Others happily join in finishing off last-minute tasks. The possibility of a trip appears on the horizon, if not now, then in the very near future. Adjust to different demands. Tonight: As you like it.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Observe more, and you'll get the results you want. You don't really have to push a close associate or partner to get more of what you want. This person naturally comes through for you. Deal on a one-on-one level. Tonight: Kick back.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Meetings help you structure a project. At the same time, you socialize to your heart's delight — something the Aquarian always enjoys. You move slowly but surely into weekend mode. Plan on joining co-workers this p.m. Tonight: Create the action.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Others eye you with delight, as you seem to be in the position to push a project to the finish line. You also carry the majority of the responsibility. You have the energy and the ideas. Schedule a timeout for yourself in the near future. Tonight: A must show.

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LOCAL

Man accused in Johnson murder pleads not guilty

By Daily Press staff

The man accused of killing a Santa Monica woman pleaded not guilty on Thursday to a charge of capital murder.

Victor Paleologus, 40, could face the death penalty for allegedly killing 21-year-old Kristi Johnson. He allegedly lured her in the Century City Mall by posing as a publicity photographer and telling her she had a good chance of becoming the next James Bond girl in an upcoming film.

Johnson disappeared on Feb. 15 after telling her roommates she was going to a photo shoot in Beverly Hills. She was found dead March 3 at the bottom of a ravine in Laurel Canyon, a remote neighborhood in the Hollywood Hills. Her ankles were bound and she was covered in a sleeping bag.

Johnson's autopsy revealed that she was sexually assaulted and died of strangulation, as well as blunt-force trauma and other contusions, Los Angeles Deputy

District Attorney Eleanor Hunter said.

Six Santa Monica Police officers and three officers from the Beverly Hills Police Department testified against Paleologus during a preliminary trial late last month.



Victor Paleologus

They laid out evidence that the prosecution says links him to the events leading up to Johnson's disappearance. The evidence also establishes a pattern of Paleologus luring at least seven other women by posing as a publicity photographer for a James Bond movie or as a industry executive.

In most cases, Paleologus asked that the women show up to the photo shoots wearing provocative clothing, including black high heel stiletto pumps, a short black mini skirt and nylons, according to testimony.

Paleologus is scheduled to be back in court in downtown Los Angeles on Aug. 11 for a pre-trial conference with his attorney, Andrew Flier.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Last chance to sign up for water workshop

By Daily Press staff

Time is running out to sign up for a free workshop on how to make your business more water efficient.

The luncheon will take place at the Ken Edwards Center, located at 1527 Fourth St., Room 104, on July 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Business owners and operators are invited to learn how water issues impact their businesses, including urban runoff mitigation, city ordinances and rebates currently being offered.

With recent Colorado River water allocation challenges, water contamination issues and pollution prevention regulations, now is an important time for businesses to get "water-wise." Santa Monica's businesses use approximately 400,000 gallons of water each day. This workshop offers insight to current issues and provides practical information on how businesses can save money while saving resources. Attendees will learn about programs and rebates currently offered by the City of Santa Monica and the Metropolitan Water District.

All attendees will enjoy a complimentary lunch catered by Amelia's Café while learning about ways to make a difference in their business and in their community.

If you are interested in attending the luncheon workshop, please RSVP to the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, at (310) 393-9825, ext. 10, or register on line at www.smchamber.com. Space is limited.

Statewide healthcare bill clears Senate

By Daily Press staff

State Senate Bill 921, authored by State Sen. Sheila Kuehl (D-Santa Monica) to



If you're out early enough, you'll get some leftovers — knee- to waist-high sets at the good spots hold steady on Friday.

BAD NEWS: Swell is at its weakest this morning.

GOOD NEWS: There is still a mix of SW ground and NW wind swell to keep our beaches stocked with small waves.

OUTLOOK: A new 3-4' SW will build into the weekend. Saturday should be fun and Sunday will hold, too.

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

Today the water is:

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**Sunrise: 5:50 a.m.
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SUNDAY	4:24	-0.6	3:08	2.5	11:04	3.6	9:29	6.1
MONDAY	4:59	-0.7	3:45	2.6	11:42	3.6	10:04	6.1
TUESDAY	5:35	-0.7	4:25	2.7	(12:22)	3.6	10:41	6.0
WEDNESDAY	6:12	-0.6	5:11	2.7	(1:04)	3.7	11:21	5.7
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provide comprehensive health benefits to every Californian at no new cost to the state's general fund, will be up for consideration in the State Assembly next year after having been passed by the State Senate.

According to Kuehl, the bill would create a single, streamlined reimbursement system for medical care in California and is projected to save the state about \$14 billion in administrative health care costs. It is supposed to insure every California resident with a comprehensive health plan that would include medical, dental, vision, mental health and prescription drug coverage.

Because the bill would cover every Californian, it is touted as offering each patient the freedom to choose among all health care providers. The legislation also would mandate that California government use its purchasing power to negotiate directly with pharmaceutical companies to buy prescription drugs in bulk thus, drastically lowering their cost.

"The more that people know that this bill offers freedom of choice along with comprehensive health benefits and will not burden California's general fund, the more support we gain for it," Kuehl said. "I'm confident that the people of California and their representatives in the legislature will continue to see the necessity for this reform."

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LETTERS

Point the drunks to the north

Editor:

Regarding your article: "City's drunks may soon have new destination" (SMDP, July 7).

Not that I want to be a NIMBYist, but it seems our neighborhood (Pico and Lincoln) currently suffers from a sort of "AIMBY" (where A=Already). You can't be NIMBY if it's AIMBY. Now I have some hint, or clue, as to why all the drunks are hanging out in my neighborhood.

There are a substantial fraction more here than in most other residential parts of our city. Why? I could never figure it out. That never made any sense to me. Panhandling is no good here, as the residents are asked for spare change a dozen times per day. There are no good places to sleep, ever since the CHP cleared out I-10. So how do they come by this neighborhood daily?

According to your article, LAPD and Culver City police ship them over here every day. That's awfully neighborly of them. And now the city of Santa Monica wants to add more to the mix. Twenty-five percent return for treatment and the other 75 percent end up back on our corners over and over again after avoiding jail by a brief stay at a "sobering up" facility. That is supposed to make us more comfortable with the notion?

Sure this project will save money and that's a good thing for the city. I am all for this project, in concept at least. We need all the savings we can muster. However, in paying our dues to society, the burden ought to be distributed evenly around among the citizens. Is this not, at the very least, the most fair option?

To offset this inequity, I have an alternate proposition. Why not put this center in northern Santa Monica? This is a much better option for many reasons.

1) There are no public services facilities in northern Santa Monica and people have a need for these services in this city. It is a travesty for drunks or other transients not to have access to public services in every neighborhood.

2) The views that the drunks may obtain, for example of Santa Monica Canyon, may help aid in their recovery from their addiction or other affliction and perhaps increase their return rates to the facility to 50 percent or higher.

3) One can easily find a place to park such a facility in northern Santa Monica that is not adjacent to several liquor stores. Surely it is cruel to land a fellow with drunk tank across the street from a very well-stocked liquor store.

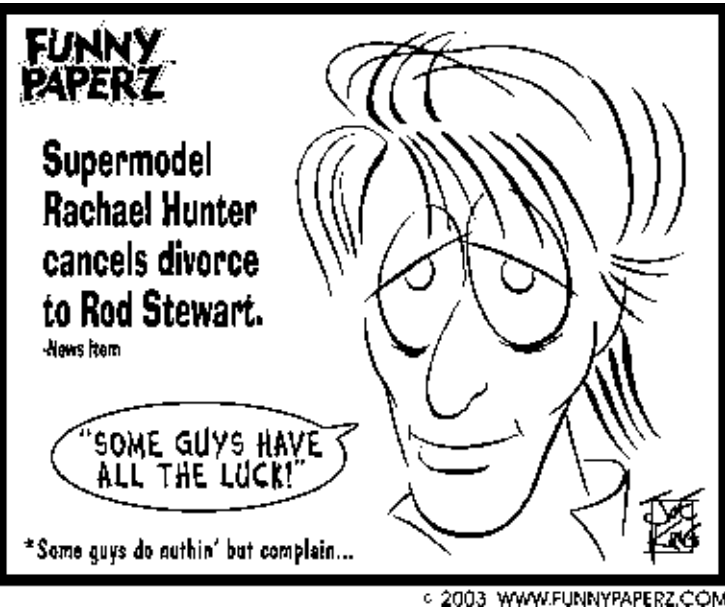
4) Having drunks routinely defecate in their cars or other private spaces will raise the local residents' public conscience about this problem the city faces. Perhaps we can test the idea of putting a port-a-john on every street corner, since in northern Santa Monica such devices are less likely to get in the way of the hustle and bustle, except

for the occasional hot pants jogger with a dog on a leash.

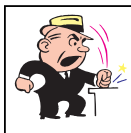
5) LA and Culver City (according to the article) already dump drunks into the Pico and Lincoln area, so we need to spread it out around the city. Our neighborhood will take every other city's drunks (as is the current practice), while northern Santa Monica can take our own city's drunks. Sounds more than fair to me.

Will the city accept this proposition, or will the city continue to crap in the same location over and over again? We vote too. Or does money buy more than a vote in Santa Monica?

John Hernlund
Santa Monica



Treatment centers make city an unfriendly place



MY WRITE

By Bill Bauer

When one thinks of the hospitality industry, luxurious, beach-front hotels come to mind.

But there's another hospitality industry here: the homeless services industry. And, like the big hotels, the non-profit, homeless services industry is aggressively marketed.

Case in point is the new Homeless Youth Drop-in Center, which recently opened at 2012 Lincoln Blvd. near Bay Street. It's a joint venture with Common Ground, an AIDS service organization and the Ocean Park Community Center, the city's largest homeless services provider.

Many of OPCC's operations provide valuable services to the community. OPCC management knows that the best way to maintain market share or to expand is by offering new services and securing funding to support them.

OPCC's Night Light Youth Outreach Program has tried to establish a youth drop-in center for years even though there's vir-

tually no real need for the service.

The homeless services industry defines "youth" as anyone under 25 years old. If you eliminate those over 18 or even 21, the actual number of youth in Santa Monica is very low. In 1999/2000, Night Light counted 40 youth between 12 and 17 years old in the whole westside. According to my sources, "higher numbers are still not there."

The best estimates show that there are not more than two or three truly homeless kids under 18 years old in Santa Monica during an average week. While there seems to be a lot more than a couple of them hanging out on the Third Street Promenade, most of these street kids are adults. Some of them are in their late 20s.

Many are from good homes in tony neighborhoods such as West Los Angeles, Calabasas and the valley. They're called "couch hoppers" — a term derived from the fact they don't want to hang around their own homes, so they sleep on friends' couches and inevitably move to the streets where there's no supervision whatsoever and they can drink, do drugs and act antisocially.

My concern is that a youth drop-in center, with its never-ending handouts, will enable Santa Monica's homeless youth to sustain their existence on the street just as OPCC's

traditional drop-in center currently does for adults. It is inevitable that this youth center will exacerbate the city's homeless problems — especially as it expands.

Even though it currently operates only Tuesday and Friday evenings, OPCC and Common Ground have opened the door. As the old saying goes, "If it's here, they'll come."

As if those living in the Pico and Lincoln area don't have enough problems with homeless youth, the CLARE Foundation is promoting establishment of a Sobering Center at 911 Pico Blvd.

CLARE has the backing of the fire department and St. John's Hospital. The proposed center would be a facility where police and fire paramedics could drop off "chronic public inebriates" to sleep it off. Culver City and the Los Angeles Police Department already bring alcoholics to CLARE for long term treatment.

There are some advantages with the proposal. Drunks would be taken to CLARE instead of a hospital emergency room. This could enable a substantial cost savings for local hospitals and the fire department.

Clients of the center could avail themselves of services no more than five or six visits before they're "termed out."

Critics point out that the facility would

put six to 10 chronic drunks into the neighborhood every day. The program has all the earmarks of becoming another revolving door — with no set goal in mind except for getting a chronic drunk off the street for one night.

With CLARE bound to protect clients' privacy, how will the public or police know when a chronic inebriate has used up his five or six visits, or whether the program is successful at sobering up even a nominal number of inebriates?

Did I mention that CLARE estimates costs in setting up the center at \$189,000 and that similar centers in other cities have budgets of \$150,000 to \$200,000 annually?

Once again, more social services bring even more negative impacts to the community. After all we've done in the last two decades and the hundreds of millions of dollars spent, the problems get worse, not better.

The number of vagrants, transients and social misfits continues to grow as do the number of services. And, for the rest of us, Santa Monica is an increasingly unfriendly place to live, work and do business.

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

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OPINION



The Q-Line

Readers sound off on recall question

This past week, Q-line asked:

"Do you support recalling Gov. Gray Davis from office? Why or why not?"

Here are your responses:

■ "I don't like Gray Davis but the people behind this recall are even worse. The recall is an abuse of the process that is being perpetrated by a bunch of right-wing zealots and opportunists. These opportunists are trying to take over California by stealth. The recall must be opposed."

■ "If a recall election were held today, I would vote no. For one thing, a fall special election is estimated to cost \$25 million or more. Recall supporters don't want the election to be part of the March 2004 Democratic Primary, an election that would cost much less because they fear too many Democrats will be at the polls. Even though I don't want the recall, I think there is a good chance one will occur. I work for a public opinion poll and the people I interviewed for it were panting to oust Davis. The big problem now is that the Democrats do not have a candidate for that election except Davis. And with his 22 percent approval rating, I think he may very well be turned out. California Democrats should face their situation and urge U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein or Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante to run. Otherwise California will have another Republican governor, such as Arnold Schwarzenegger, Richard Riordan or Rep. Darrell Issa, a multi-millionaire who is the number one financial resource behind the recall drive."

■ "I support recalling Gov. Davis, but since this is a one-party state — Democrat — I would support recalling Barbara Boxer, Dianne Feinstein, Cruz Bustamante and all the other Democrats that have led us into the fiscal mess we're now in."

■ "I do not support recalling Gov. Davis from office. Only because it's not his fault because of the budget deficit. The fault is the government of the United States. Our so-called elected president has created this whole problem. It's not only California, it's most of the states in the union. Recalling Gov. Davis will not change anything."

■ "Davis has shown again and again that he is unfit to remain in office. He lacks leadership abilities and has spent us into the poorhouse. It's time to go Mr. Davis."

■ "California fiscal problems have more to do with the Bush gang retaking Washington D.C. than Gray Davis. There are wealthy entities in the United States who have tightened their enormous purse-strings to display their contempt for the Bush takeover. Still, wealthy people have one thing in common: greed. When the red ink starts to flow on to the bottomline, the cash will start to flow again. When the cash flows, taxes flow. Then the economy will stabilize to business as usual."

■ "I do believe Gov. Davis should be recalled. He does not account for the \$38 billion in the last five years. We can't afford to have another \$38 billion if we keep him in office for the next three years."

■ "No I don't support the recall. There's no basis for it. The economy is part of the cause for the California budget deficit. And the energy crisis, the causes of which were contributed to by Enron and the Republican response to it and Bush and his jokers. The recall is a joke and it should be turned down. Anyone with enough money can get something on the ballot."

■ "Why not recall Gray Davis? If they can recall Art Harris and Kelly Olson by the Santa Monica City Council, why not put in all the repressive politicians?"

■ "Gray Davis? No I don't recall Gray Davis."

■ "Yes I support a recall effort. I definitely think lying about weapons of mass destruction to the people merits recall from office."

■ "Voters realize complacency will dictate what happens. What the Republicans are counting on is that all the people who are happy with Gov. Davis aren't gonna go out and vote because it will be too much trouble. And all the Republicans who want Davis out will, thereby ensuring that Davis is removed and Issa or somebody else will be put in power. This is a big waste of time and money."

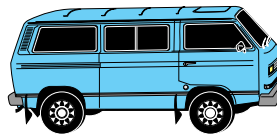
■ "Absolutely. Because he is the leader of the Democratic Party here in California and through that time an energy bill was crafted that guaranteed the type of crisis that was created. Clearly Gov. Davis has been leading the charge to bankrupt this state. Now we're in a hole and he should go."

■ "The recall for Gov. Davis is absurd. We just had an election. Davis won. We're already in a budget crisis, not all because of Davis' government, but because of 9-11, the economy and so forth. To waste valuable time and money on a recall is absurd."

■ "Yes I am in favor of recalling Davis. I did sign the recall petition. I think Davis is trying to make a big thing out of this \$25 million. He should have thought about that five years ago when he started running for office. He has done more harm in his five years than any one governor in the State of California. I wouldn't vote for him if he was the last man on Earth."

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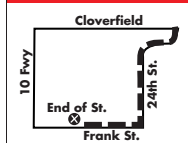


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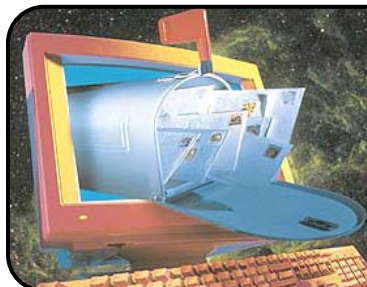
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Home tour goes behind the scenes of local neighborhood

By Daily Press staff

For all of the local architecture history buffs or those who just want to see one of Santa Monica's most unique neighborhoods up close, there is an opportunity this month to take in the sights of La Mesa Drive.

For the first time ever, La Mesa Drive in Santa Monica will be the site of a public house tour, "Great Houses of La Mesa Drive," on Sunday, July 27, from noon to 5 p.m. Located off San Vicente Boulevard, the stately, curving street is home to many architectural treasures, mostly built in the 1920s and 1930s. Mature Moreton Bay fig trees line each side of the street, creating a lush canopy. At night, the street is lit by vintage street lamps.

The original tract of land was opened in 1923 by the Santa Monica Land and Water Company. It quickly became one of the most sought after addresses in the city. The La Mesa neighborhood has been compared to the elegant residential neighborhoods of Pasadena and Hancock Park as they all showcase the finest architecture of the day, and were designed by many of the same architects. Notable architects included John Byers, Paul Williams, Marston Van Pelt and Maybury, Palmer Sabin, Oscar Niemeyer, Lloyd Wright, and J.R. Davidson.

Participants will start at 2034 La Mesa Drive, the second of three homes designed and lived in by Santa Monica architect John Byers. Byers, once head of the



Photo courtesy

Pictured is one of the houses that will appear on the "Great Houses of La Mesa Drive" tour on July 27.

romance language department at Santa Monica High School, was a self-trained builder and architect who studied the native building traditions of Hispanic cultures. He constructed adobe buildings and employed Mexican craftsmen who were experts in creating and installing decorative tile, wrought iron and woodwork.

A more contemporary house included on the tour is that of architect Oscar Niemeyer, a pioneering and influential modern architect from Brazil. He designed the capital city of Brasilia and, in collaboration with Le

Corbusier, created the United Nations headquarters in New York. The Niemeyer house, recently saved from demolition, is purported to be the only private residence that he designed in the United States. Some of the modern furniture he designed remains in the house.

One house on the tour features an outstanding collection of Art Deco decorative arts with an extensive collection of Lalique glass and Deco furniture. Another has interesting movie memorabilia of an eminent film director, now deceased, whose wife still resides in the home. The tour includes a self-guided brochure identifying houses on the street which were built by other noteworthy architects. Participants may walk along the street and view them from the sidewalk. Light refreshments will be served in one of the gardens.

Tickets for the tour are \$50 per person. Street parking is available on the surrounding blocks.

The tour is sponsored by Save Our Neighborhoods, a group that mounted a successful campaign against Proposition A, the anti-landmarks measure in Santa Monica this past spring, as well as the Santa Monica and Los Angeles Conservancies. Proceeds will be used to defray the group's remaining campaign expenses. Any excess funds raised will go to the Santa Monica Conservancy. For reservations and information, call (310) 399-4692.

What to do when you get a notice of default on your property



DAYS ON THE MARKET

By Jodi Summers

Richard Besone, esq. is an established real estate attorney practicing on Los Angeles' westside. He thought that an important subject to discuss is how to avoid foreclosure. So we've made it a two-part series. Today, we talk about notice of defaults, next week we'll talk about how to avoid foreclosure.

"The best way to avoid foreclosure is to pay your bills. When you're buying, be aware of what you are going to have to

pay your lender — know your monthly payment. Look at your budget and say, "Can I make these payments?" If you get into a position where you can't make the payments, then think about selling the property and saving your credit.

Before a lender can foreclose on a property, the lender has to give you a "notice of default." Technically, as soon as you're late in making a payment, the lender can send you a notice of default. Typically, an institutional lender like Bank of America will send you a letter saying you missed a payment. But a more aggressive lender may be more aggressive with the whole situation and immediately send you a notice of default upon nonpayment.

You don't want to receive a notice of default because the lender is going to add on fees and they're going to say you have

to pay those fees before you reinstate the loan. The notice tells you how much you're going to have to pay to reinstate the loan to avoid default.

Once you receive the notice, you have 90 days to pay the reinstatement amount before the lender posts the "notice of sale." If the lender posts a notice of sale, it has to be served on you 20 days before the date of the sale and it has to be recorded 14 days before the sale. When you receive the notice of sale, you can still pay off the note. If you pay off the note, your property is not going into foreclosure. If you cannot pay off the note, you should have been actively thinking about getting together with a real estate agent and selling your property.

Keep in mind, most banks don't want to take over your property. They're in the business on loaning money. They're not in the business of controlling real estate.

You can go to your bank work out a plan to sell the property. The bank can agree to postpone the foreclosure sale to allow you to sell it.

You can show how the bank will be paid if you sell the property. You might want to negotiate a "short sale." A short sale is where the bank receives, not the full amount of the loan, but a major portion of it to its satisfaction. You should contact a knowledgeable professional to negotiate a short sale.

The ultimate problem with foreclosure is there's very little opportunity to take out the equity you have in the property. When there's a foreclosure sale, it's not like when your property is marketed through a real estate broker. Instead, very small amounts of people show at the foreclosure sale auction and they typically don't bid the full market price. The property is not fully marketed and since it's not fully marketed, you don't get the best price."

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LOCAL



City Council agrees that local markets add charm

MARKETS, from page 1

the city," said Councilman Herb Katz, adding that he thinks the markets should be allowed to keep their old hours. "People need a neighborhood market. They add a great help and charm to our city."

Nazmul "Hawk" Haque, owner of the Fair Market, located on Fourth Street near Pacific Street, has lived in Ocean Park for 16 years and said he appreciates the council's decision.

"It's good news," said Haque, who gathered nearly 1,000 signatures since April from residents who support his shop. "I see the council people and they are positive with the stores."

"Anyway, now we have to try to get the regular hours. If we have to pay, we will find a way."

"It's hard," he added. "We already suffer from lost business."

City officials said the markets won't have to pay to have their petitions heard. The Fair Market's request will be heard in October alongside a separate planning issue. The Budget Market, located at Fourth Street and Hollister Avenue, will be scheduled for a hearing as soon as store

owners file a petition.

That leaves just the Marine Market on Seventh Street.

Though it already complies with the city's hours of operation requirements, the Planning Commission in April ordered the Marine Market to implement several upgrades, including restoring its original windows that were boarded up after the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

Neighbors say the cost of the work, which would eliminate two murals on the side of the building, would be extensive and could threaten the livelihood of owners Hong and Young Ahn, known in the neighborhood as "Kim" and "James."

The Ahns have appealed the Planning Commission's ruling and will go before the City Council in October.

All three markets have been in violation of city law for years, said Bruce Leach, a city planner. When the buildings were constructed in the 1920s, there were no zoning laws. When the codes were put into place in 1948, the markets were given 25 years to change into residential use.

But in the early 1970s, the store owners argued they needed more time to convert and they were granted another 10 years to

comply with the laws. Then in the 1980s, residents went to bat for the little markets and they were given conditional use permits that expired in 2000.

But in 1988, a strict new set of zoning ordinances governing neighborhood markets went into effect. Among other things, the ordinances limited the hours of operation of local markets.

The owners' applications for renewals of those permits had been sitting in City Hall for more than two years before the Planning Commission approved the applications in April but held the markets to a list of upgrades and restrictions.

Besides keeping the shorter hours, all three markets were asked to take down signs, clean up surrounding vegetation, repaint walls, maximize parking and institute a variety of small upgrades.

The permits were then sent on to the City Council, which gave its formal stamp of approval Tuesday night, while ruling that the hours of each market should be considered individually.

"The city has recognized the value of these markets," Leach said Thursday. "They're not the typical 7-11 or the typical liquor store. These markets have actually become a part of the neighborhood culture."

City settles sewer lawsuit

LAWSUIT, from page 1

fees and costs, saying the city should be responsible because it mandated that U-Liner be taken off the job.

City officials didn't back down.

"Look we paid for a new project and we didn't want one that'd been compromised," Gams said. "We paid for brand-new lining that was supposed to be smooth — and it wasn't."

In a February 2003 ruling by Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Terry Friedman, the city was found responsible for all U-Liner's claims against Clarke Contracting, plus nearly \$175,000 in lawyer fees and costs.

The total out of pocket for the city was \$794,000, plus any interest accrued after the Feb. 27 judgment. But rather than pay, the city filed an appeal, which was met by a cross-appeal by Clarke.

In the end, Gams was able to fashion a deal with John Clarke, owner of Clarke Contracting, to accept a portion of the interest he was owed for a total of \$810,000.

"We finally were able to reach the resolution that everybody wanted to reach," Gams said. "The appeals will be dismissed and the case will be closed."

As part of the agreement, Clarke also agreed to pay \$11,500 to a business that hired its own workers to mend its connection to the sewer line Clarke Contracting was working on.

"I just wanted to show some good faith to the city," Clarke said Thursday, adding that the incident probably would not preclude him from hiring U-Liner again. "I wanted to settle this and be done with it. I'm not mad at the city but I wish it'd never happened. We could have spent our time better."

Santa Monica City councilmembers in a closed session last month gave the final approval to pay the money and put an end to the legal wrangling.

"The city felt that the contractor wasn't entitled to the money the contractor probably was entitled to," said Mayor Richard Bloom. "The bottom line is it's behind us."

The job in question covered 6,000 feet of 12- and 18-inch sewer pipes on Colorado Avenue and Stewart and 26th streets.

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STATE

GOP contemplates options in Davis recall

BY ERICA WERNER
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Republicans contemplating strategy as the drive to recall Democratic Gov. Gray Davis moves toward the ballot generally agree on two things.

No. 1: The party would be best off uniting behind one candidate.

No. 2: That's unlikely to happen.

"If ever a situation called for a smoke-filled room, this is it," said Bill Whalen, a research fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University and former speech writer for Republican Gov. Pete Wilson.

"In an ideal situation, you would have a smoke-filled room, and party leaders would get together and essentially anoint one person to run," Whalen said. "The problem is the California Republican Party is not really built that way."

Instead, party insiders believe there will be at least two Republicans on the ballot, and quite possibly more. That could lead to Republicans attacking one another, splitting the GOP vote between moderates and conservatives and throwing the advantage to Democrats.

"The focus of this campaign needs to be on the job Gray Davis has done and why he can't be in office for another three years," said Dave Gilliard, director of Rescue California Recall Gray Davis, the main recall committee. "If you have three or four candidates all cutting each other up, the focus will be lost."

Recall proponents say they've turned in enough signatures for a special election this fall, although it could be delayed and held in conjunction with the state's March presidential primary. The secretary of state's office has told counties they have until Aug. 22 to verify the validity of the signatures.

The ballot would pose two questions. Voters would vote yes or no on recalling Davis, and then would choose from a menu of candidates to replace him. Davis' name would not be on that list.

If the recall succeeded, whichever candidate got the most votes would immediately replace him.

So far, the only declared Republican candidate is U.S. Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Vista, a conservative who spent \$1.5 million of his car alarm fortune to bankroll Rescue California. Issa began running campaign radio ads around the state Wednesday.

Other potential GOP contenders are businessman Bill Simon, who lost to Davis in November; state Sen. Tom McClintock, R-Thousand Oaks; actor Arnold Schwarzenegger; and former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan, who is expected to run only if Schwarzenegger does not.

Schwarzenegger adviser George Gorton said Wednesday he thinks the actor will decide to run and make a formal announcement after an election date is set.

Schwarzenegger's entry could keep other contenders out, but the moderate actor likely would be competing against more conservative candidates such as Issa and possibly Simon.

Gilliard said he has urged party leaders to develop a process to endorse one candidate, a scenario Issa also said he favors.

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— DUF SUNDHEIM
State GOP Chairman

State GOP Chairman Duf Sundheim, meeting with reporters Wednesday in Washington, D.C., said he wants potential candidates themselves to help narrow the field but acknowledged he has no authority to force them to talk.

"They should be prepared at some point to sit down and decide what's in the best interests of the state of California and what's in the best interests of the party," he said.

Senior Bush advisers, speaking on condition of anonymity, insisted the White House will stay out of the recall.

However, they said the best thing for Bush in his 2004 re-election campaign would be to have Davis remain in the statehouse so Republicans can run against what they believe is a failed administration.

In plotting strategy, state Republicans said they are assuming there will be Democrats on the ballot.

The state's leading Democrats have said they are united behind Davis and do not intend to run, but strategists from both parties predict that if polls show Davis losing the recall, one or more Democrats will get on the ballot.

"I don't believe for one second that the Democratic state officeholders are going to stay out of this race," Republican strategist Dan Schnur said. "Once the recall is on the ballot, they're going to realize they can't risk their party's future in the hands of a governor with a (low) approval rating."

Republicans said having two GOP contenders would not necessarily be fatal unless Democrats united behind U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who polls show is the strongest possible candidate. Feinstein has said she does not intend to run.



STATE



CALIFORNIA BRIEFS

Homeless to receive compensation for sweeps

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The city will pay nearly \$170,000 to settle a lawsuit filed by dozens of homeless people who claim they were improperly arrested during controversial LAPD sweeps of Skid Row.

About \$75,000 will go to as many as 58 people arrested last November, and the rest will be used to pay for attorneys' fees.

The settlement was approved Wednesday with a 10-4 vote from the City Council. The class-action lawsuit alleged that many of those arrested during the two-day probation and parole sweep were taken into custody without proper documentation of a violation.

The sweeps were "the wrong way to go about getting something done," said Carol Sobel, an attorney representing the National Lawyers Guild, which filed the suit with the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California.

The sweeps are part of Police Chief William Bratton's "broken windows" theory of law enforcement, focusing on smaller quality-of-life crimes as well as felonies.

"(Bratton) believed then and believes now that the department acted appropriately," police department spokesman Sgt. John Pasquierello said, adding that homeless sweeps will continue.

City council member criticized for racist remarks

By The Associated Press

NEWPORT BEACH — The City Council stopped short of asking member Richard Nichols to resign, instead scolding him for making racially insensitive remarks.

In a six-hour meeting that wrapped up early Wednesday, the council voted 4-2 on a resolution asking for his resignation if he can't make decisions free of racial, religious or ethnic influences.

The controversy began last month after Nichols was quoted in a newspaper about plans to upgrade Corona del Mar State Beach. He said he was against expanding the grassy area, saying it was often crowded by "Mexicans" who make it their "personal, private grounds."

About 150 people — of whom 50 spoke — jammed City Hall for Tuesday's meeting. Nichols defended himself after hearing from people on both sides of the issue.

"I am not a racist," Nichols said. "If you think you can label me a Mexican-hater, the evidence just isn't there to support it."

Judy Lee, of Corona del Mar, said she supported Nichols.

"I'm American, not Chinese-American or Asian-American, just American. ... It's political-correctness garbage that divides all of us," Lee said.

Zeke Hernandez of the League of United Latin American Citizens denounced Nichols and thanked the council.

"Mr. Nichols, you took the crown of the sea, Corona del Mar, and turned it into a crown of harm, Corona del Mal," Hernandez said.

Mother attempts to kill children, self

By The Associated Press

RANCHO CUCAMONGA — A mother who allegedly tried to kill herself and her two children by driving her car off a Mount Baldy cliff will stand trial on felony child endangerment charges.

Leigh Catherine Schneberger, 23, risked harming her daughter and son, ages 2 and 5 months, when she drove dangerously on the steep mountain road, a judge ruled Wednesday.

Judge Gerard Brown ordered Schneberger to return to court July 15 for arraignment. She remained jailed in lieu of \$250,000 bail.

Schneberger was apparently upset about a recent dispute with the children's father when she drove her car off the road on June 22.

She and her two children survived the crash because two boulders stopped the car from falling over the edge.

Schneberger's attorney, David Virden, said the crash was an accident. He said visibility was low and skid marks proved that Schneberger tried to stop her car from heading off the road.

But a witness who testified in court Wednesday said that, after the crash, Schneberger told him she was upset over her child custody battle and planned to kill herself and her children within the next several days.

Adelphia pays \$2.6 million of owed money

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Adelphia Communications Corp. is trying to get back in the city's good graces by paying more than \$2.6 million in owed money.

But city officials said the cable operator isn't doing enough, as it owes nearly \$4 million in outstanding cable franchise fees.

The Colorado-based company, which filed for bankruptcy last year, has been in a long-standing dispute with the city over its rates for cable customers and how much it owes in back fees.

Tom Carlock, Adelphia's vice president for law and public policy, said the company's new management is negotiating with the city on a partial payment of the balance.

"We are looking at this as the positive first step to working with the city," Carlock said.

City Councilman Bernard C. Parks said he is disappointed that the company appealed the council's recent decision to reduce cable rates for Adelphia customers.

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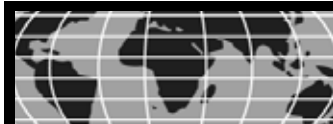
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WORLD BRIEFLY

Search for ferry survivors halted

By The Associated Press

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Crews still haven't even found the ferry MV Nasreen, which went down Tuesday night with 750 people aboard and is believed to be under about 200 feet of water.

"We have not been able to determine where the ferry is. Locating the ferry is our first job before any salvage operation can start," said Abdur Rab Howlader, a regional government administrator.

Hundreds of relatives lined the shore desperate to locate loved ones, while others raised black flags of mourning over their village homes.

Rescue officials said 220 people survived and only four bodies had been found. The exact number of passengers was unclear because ferries do not carry passenger lists and many people buy tickets when on board.

Dhaka's Ittefaq newspaper reported the ferry was carrying more than 1,000 people. Many passengers were sleeping and feared trapped inside the ferry when it sank.

Agent killed while defusing bomb

By The Associated Press

MOSCOW — A Russian security agent was killed early Thursday while trying to defuse a bomb a woman had tried to carry into a cafe on central Moscow's main street, police said.

The attempted bombing came five days after a double suicide attack that killed 16 people, including the two bombers, at a rock concert in Moscow, and it appeared to be another attempt by Chechen rebels to bring their war against Russia to the nation's capital.

The woman was detained after her behavior attracted

the attention of security guards, officials said. Her bag, which contained the bomb, was left on the street.

"The security guards were vigilant," Moscow police spokesman Valery Gribakin told NTV television. "Something in her actions attracted their attention, and they called the police."

Assembly line worker had anger issues

By The Associated Press

MERIDIAN, Miss. — He made threatening remarks at work and was reprimanded. Anger counseling didn't seem to help: co-workers said they continued to fear him.

Doug Williams, the 48-year-old assembly-line worker at a Lockheed Martin aircraft parts plant, had a troubled past long before he walked through the factory this week, spraying gunfire at colleagues.

Five people were killed and nine others injured in Tuesday's rampage before Williams turned the 12-gauge shotgun on himself. That morning he had attended a business ethics meeting on how to get along with co-workers.

"You could see something in his face. He snapped," said Hubert Threatt, a union shop steward who had worked with Williams for 15 years and pleaded with him not to shoot people.

Tuesday was not the first time Williams had had problems at work and company officials know of at least two prior incidents over his 19-year career there, said Dain Hancock, president of Lockheed Martin Aeronautics.

American Jews make 'aliyah' to Israel

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tali Berman was born in America, but surrounded by her baby and belongings at Kennedy Airport, she said she was flying home — to Israel.

"We're Jewish, and it feels like home," said Berman, 27, who was "making aliyah" — making Israel her new home — with husband Joshua and their 15-month-old daughter, Anava.

Berman and her family joined about 330 Jews from the United States and Canada who flew to Tel Aviv on Tuesday. Another chartered jet of about 300 people is leaving later this month.

About 2,040 North American Jews moved to Israel last year, and the numbers are up more than 20 percent this year, according to the Jewish Agency, an Israeli quasi-governmental agency that helps the immigration process.

Social Security policies may help thieves

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Social Security Administration's policies for issuing identification cards and numbers to infants, foreign students and citizens who report lost or stolen cards leave the agency vulnerable to identity thieves.

Congressional investigators at the General Accounting Office, working undercover, were able to use false documents to obtain fraudulent driver's licenses and get Social Security numbers for fake children.

The investigators were to present their findings to a House subcommittee on Thursday.

Social Security Administration officials want to press lawmakers at the hearing for legislation to keep Social Security numbers out of public records provided by state and local governments. The agency also wants to ban the sale of the numbers and limit their use in the private sector.

"The use of the SSN as a student or patient identification number, as part of a car rental contract or to rent a video, must be curtailed," said James G. Huse Jr., the agency's inspector general.

Rep. E. Clay Shaw Jr., R-Fla., chairman of the House subcommittee that oversees the Social Security system, said he will introduce legislation to remedy those and other vulnerabilities. "Identity theft is the fastest growing white-collar crime, and no one is immune," he said.

Two U.S. soldiers killed, one injured in slew of attacks

BY JAMIE TARABAY

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgents launched fresh assaults on U.S. soldiers in Iraq, killing at least two servicemen and wounding a third in shootings and rocket-propelled grenade attacks, the military said Thursday.

A soldier was fatally shot Wednesday evening near the city of Mahmudiyah, 15 miles south of Baghdad, said Spc. Nicci Trent, a spokeswoman for the military.

Another soldier was killed and one wounded Wednesday in a rocket-propelled grenade attack on a five-vehicle convoy near Baqouba, 45 miles northeast of Baghdad, said Lt. Col. Bill MacDonald of the Army's 4th Infantry Division.

The soldiers were evacuated to a nearby medical facility, but one of them died. The military had said earlier that the attack occurred near Tikrit, further to the northeast.

In the city of Ramadi, 60 miles west of the capital, three separate mortar attacks targeted U.S. troops, but there were no reports of casualties, the military said.

The military also reported that a soldier died Wednesday in what it described as a non-hostile gunshot incident. The military gave no more details. The names of the dead and wounded were withheld pending notification of next of kin.

An American soldier attached to the 101st Airborne Division died Monday in another non-hostile gunshot incident near Balad, 55 miles north of the capital. Soldiers at an air base near Balad said on

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condition of anonymity that the soldier had taken his own life.

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U.S. forces have come under increasing attack by insurgents loyal to Saddam Hussein in recent weeks, hampering efforts to return security to the country. The insurgents have also targeted vital infrastructure, delaying the return of vital services like electricity in the capital.

Tikrit, Saddam's hometown, and Ramadi are part of the so-called "Sunni triangle," a swath of land west and north of Baghdad across the Euphrates and Tigris rivers that has been the scene of almost daily attacks on U.S. occupation forces. The area is known to be a stronghold of Saddam supporters, although many residents deny that the former dictator still enjoys a following among them.

Capt. Michael Calvert, a spokesman for the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, which is responsible for Ramadi, said the regiment's base in a former Saddam

palace by the Euphrates River received a mortar round on Wednesday night. He said he knew of no casualties among troops on the base.

Saddam's has not been seen since the overthrow of his regime in April, though several tapes purportedly of the ousted dictator have been aired on Arabic television. American officials are offering \$25 million for information leading to the arrest of Saddam, and \$15 million for each of his sons.

Also in the city, several dozen Iraqi police officers, most dressed in their new U.S.-provided uniforms, marched on the mayor's office to demand that U.S. forces leave the police station, where they have been staying. The police, who say they will quit their posts if the soldiers don't leave by the weekend, claim the soldiers' presence is putting them in danger because they are frequently targeted by insurgents.

The military, meanwhile, said it had seized several large weapons caches at checkpoints around the country.

The largest — including 400 to 500 rocket-propelled grenades — was found in a vehicle on Tuesday on a road between

Ramadi and Asad, west of the capital. The military said it had conducted more than 2,000 patrols and arrested 213 suspects since Tuesday. Most were suspected of common crimes, though some were wanted on murder charges.

The U.S.-led government announced it would begin recruiting members of a new Iraqi army on July 19. Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, in charge of training the new army, said the coalition hoped to have 1,000 soldiers training by August, and 12,000 by the end of the year. They hope to have 40,000 by an unspecified date in 2004.

Establishing an Iraqi army and police is a main goal of the U.S.-led provisional government, which hopes the Iraqi forces will be able to take over at least some of the country's security needs.

In Washington, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Wednesday that the Army's 3rd Infantry Division, which played a central role in capturing Baghdad in April, is beginning to withdraw from Iraq, and will be back in the United States by September.

He did not say whether the troops would be replaced by another American unit, although he said he expects thousands of international soldiers to begin operating in Iraq by late summer or early fall.

Also Wednesday, a committee of female Iraqi academics, activists and sociologists demanded a minimum of 30 percent representation for women in future city councils and the national government. The group, which calls itself the Voice of the Women of Iraq, also said it wanted greater rights and freedoms for women.

SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

By The Associated Press

BASKETBALL

■ **EAGLE, Colo.** — One of the investigators in the case involving Kobe Bryant said the NBA star was taken to a hospital hours after he was accused of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old woman at a mountain resort.

Doug Winters, a detective with the Eagle County sheriff's department, refused to say why Bryant was taken to Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs early July 2. Bryant, 24, is accused of attacking the woman at an area hotel on June 30.

■ **SEATTLE** — The Seattle SuperSonics signed first-round draft pick Luke Ridnour to a three-year contract.

Ridnour was the 14th overall choice in last month's NBA draft.

BASEBALL

■ **MILWAUKEE** — Pittsburgh first baseman Randall Simon was booked for misdemeanor battery for hitting one of the Milwaukee Brewers' popular racing sausages with a bat during a game.

Simon was released, said a spokeswoman for the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department, who asked not to be identified. Simon will meet with the district attorney's office Thursday, and it will be up to prosecutors to determine whether formal charges are filed.

Four people in sausage costumes race between the sixth and seventh innings at Milwaukee Brewers games.

Film of the race showed that when the group went past the Pirates' third-base dugout, Simon took a two-handed chop at the Italian sausage character — portrayed by a 20-year-old South Milwaukee woman — hitting her from behind and causing her to tumble to the ground.

CYCLING

■ **SAINT-DIZIER, France** — Lance Armstrong's team won a time trial at the Tour de France.

Armstrong entered the day in 12th place, and the victory in the 43-mile leg strengthened his position for a record-tying fifth title in cycling's premier race.

The U.S. Postal Service team won the event in 1 hour, 18 minutes, 27 seconds, its first win in the time trial since 1999.

Armstrong's teammate, Victor Hugo Pena, claimed the yellow jersey as overall leader. He is the first Colombian to wear the jersey in the Tour's 100-year history.

OLYMPICS

■ **DENVER** — U.S. Olympic Committee officials have been told they will likely be called before a House subcommittee next week to discuss recommendations made by two groups charged with restructuring the embroiled organization.

USOC spokesman Darryl Seibel said that members of the House Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection Subcommittee have told USOC leaders that the meeting will likely take place sometime in the middle of the week.

It would be the fifth hearing before Congress — second before the House — since a series of resignations and infighting clouded the organization's future.

■ **SEOUL, South Korea** — Officials in the South Korea resort village of Muju said they will seek to host the 2014 Winter Games.

Pyeongchang, about 100 miles east of Seoul, lost to Vancouver in its bid for the 2010 Winter Games. Officials there have said they would try again for the 2014 Games.

Muju is about 110 miles south of Seoul.

HOCKEY

■ **ISTANBUL, Turkey** — New York Rangers forward Roman Lyashenko wrote a suicide note, then apparently tried to cut his wrists before hanging himself, a Turkish police officer said.

Lyashenko's body was found hanging Sunday by a belt in the bathroom at a beach resort in Antalya, a southern Mediterranean province. He had been vacationing with his mother and sister.

The prosecutor's office refused to comment, saying the investigation was ongoing.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

■ **INDIANAPOLIS** — The NCAA will consider a proposal that would allow the selection committee for the men's basketball tournament to set up the brackets to make for the best matchups in the Final Four.

If the plan is approved, the selection committee would determine on selection Sunday which regions will play against each other at the Final Four. In the past, the pairings of the regional champions at the Final Four have been predetermined.

Under a proposal that will go before the NCAA's championship and competition cabinets in September, the selection committee would schedule what it expected to be the most competitive matchups for the Final Four.

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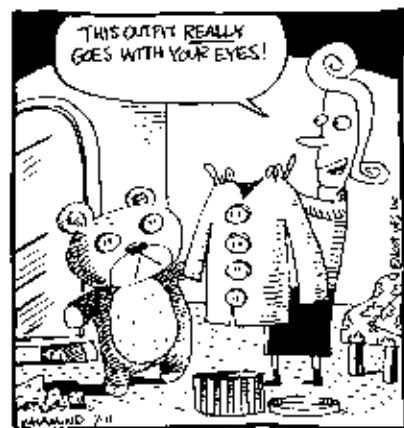
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show on the West Coast. Livermore is famous for her landscapes and figurative paintings with vibrant colors. Her work often carries very personal messages and ranges from floral arrangements to small bars to the stories of Jornada del Muerto Valley in New Mexico. The works are currently on display at Off Main Gallery at the Bergamot Station Arts Center.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Elvis Presley's teeth, hair and records up for sale

By The Associated Press

■ **FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.** — A piece of the King's smile is on the auction block, along with a lock of his hair and one of his gold records.

The tooth, purportedly pulled from Elvis Presley's mouth at a dentist's office, has been on display at a Fort Lauderdale hair salon for about 10 years, along with the other items. Now they're on the eBay Internet auction site.

Bidding on the items started Sunday at \$100,000. Within a few days, bids shot up to \$2 million. The auction was reset Tuesday night because those bids weren't believed to be legitimate, said Anthony DeFontes, curator and spokesman for the collection.

All bidders now must be verified through eBay or DeFontes before their bid can post to the site. As of Thursday morning, there was one bid for \$100,000. The auction ends July 18.

The most bizarre bid so far, DeFontes said, was an anonymous European company that was interested in extracting DNA from the tooth.

"They were talking about the possibility of cloning," he said. "The owner of the tooth is not interested in that. There's only one Elvis."

The lock of the singer's hair, acquired from late-night talk show host Joe Franklin, was saved from his haircut upon joining the military, DeFontes said, and the gold record is for his hit single "Love Me Tender."

■ **LOS ANGELES** — Mickey Gilley, the country

music entertainer and entrepreneur whose Texas nightclub spawned the 1980's "Urban Cowboy" craze, underwent emergency surgery for a burst appendix, his publicist said.

Gilley, 67, was about to board his airplane when he was stricken July 3 at the airport in Branson, Mo., where he has a home and theater.

"I just folded up like a dollar bill," Gilley said in a statement Wednesday. "If I'd been in the air, I don't know that I could have landed the plane. The pain was excruciating."

A friend took him to Skaggs Hospital for the operation, spokesman Sandy Brokaw said. Gilley returned to his Branson home Monday.

Gilley said he felt ill a couple days before his appendix burst, but he'd dismissed it as a flu bug and performed at his Mickey Gilley Theatre.

The singer said he figures things happen in threes, so he's probably in good shape for the rest of the year. In January, he underwent a prostate procedure that had him incapacitated for three weeks; in May, his airplane was destroyed when it hydroplaned off a wet runway into some rocks as he was landing in Branson.

Gilley said he'd immediately resume his performance schedule, which has him performing five nights a week this summer.

His hits include "Stand By Me," "Room Full of Roses," "Window Up Above" and the honky-tonk anthem "Don't the Girls All Get Prettier at Closing Time."

■ **LOS ANGELES** — Gary Busey didn't know Adam de la Pena from, well, Adam, when the comedy writer approached him about doing a television show based on hanging out together.

De La Pena thought Busey was funny in the 1996 movie "Black Sleep" with Chris Farley and David Spade and figured the 59-year-old actor could do comedy.

"Adam brought me this idea. It had no blueprint, no foundation, no script and no outline. Just imagination," Busey said Wednesday at the Television Critics Association summer gathering. "Where I live, my imagination is big so I thought it would be good."

The result is "I'm With Busey," a Comedy Central show that debuted in June. The duo embark on adventures, including an episode in which Busey gives his protegee romance tips. They also attend a driving school and learn self-defense techniques.

Busey has a lot of life lessons to draw on. He was accused of spousal abuse in 2001 by his former wife; he's gone through drug rehabilitation; he had a tumor removed from his sinus cavity in 1997; and he nearly died in a 1988 motorcycle accident.

"I don't feel I'm funny and I'm not trying to be funny, that's what makes it so funny," Busey said. "Some of the standards TV has of restrictions and puritan values are a little bit primitive and this show is going to help us get through that."

Busey was the Oscar-nominated star of the 1978 movie "The Buddy Holly Story." His other films include 1992's "Under Siege" and 1993's "The Firm."

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