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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Enrique Mora of Montclair, Calif., said that within a few days of his gold detector's having sounded in his front yard, he had dug a hole six stories down (but had come up empty). He said he had only planned to dig three or four feet, but got "carried away," according to a June Associated Press report.

■ Martinsburg, W.Va., physician John C. Veltman, 52, was arrested in May after he (likely intoxicated) commandeered a backhoe and hit a building and a tree and crashed through two fences. Veltman allegedly told an arriving police officer, "I am a (expletive omitted by the Martinsburg Journal) medical doctor, and you are below me."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 201st day of 2006.
There are 164 days left in the year.

In 1810, Colombia declared independence from Spain.
In 1861, the Congress of the Confederate States began holding sessions in Richmond, Va.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The things we know best are the things we haven't been taught."
MARQUIS DE VAUVENARGUES

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STAPLES

A soul staple sashays in for Twilight show

By Daily Press staff

SM PIER —Tonight hundreds of people will experience the "the epitome of soul" during the 22nd Annual Twilight Dance Series.

The sweet sound of soul and gospel with singer Mavis Staples is the highlight of tonight's free outdoor concert at the Santa Monica Pier.

Staples possesses one of the most recognizable and treasured voices in contemporary music. Rock artist Prince once called her "the epitome of soul."

Staples began her career in her family group, The Staple Singers, singing at local churches and on a weekly radio show. As the band grew in popularity they became a voice of the civil rights movement. Staples' father was a friend of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Since starting her solo career with her 1969 self-titled album, Staples has embraced rhythm and blues while never relinquishing her gospel roots. She is a Rock and Roll Hall of Famer and was named one of VH1's 100 Greatest Women of Rock and Roll.

In 2003, Staples was nominated for Grammy for her collaboration with Bob Dylan. Staples also has recorded with Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles, The Band, Los Lobos and Marty Stuart. She has appeared with everyone from Bill Cosby to presidents Kennedy, Carter, and Clinton, to Janis Joplin, Pink Floyd, Santana, and Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers.

Opening for Staples is innovative blues guitarist Rick Holmstrom. Holmstrom's background as a traditional blues guitarists landed him in the spotlight. He has played with

See **TWILIGHT**, page 8

SM is chiefly speaking

Search to replace outgoing top cop begins in Sacramento

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — A search firm has been selected to uncover the city's next chief of police, replacing James T. Butts, who will take over as the director of law enforcement for the

county's airports.

City Manager Lamont Ewell said Wednesday he has hired, for \$17,500, the Sacramento-based Peckham & McKenney to assemble three panels — each comprised of residents, the business community and a high-ranking city official — to

give input on what qualities the next police chief should possess.

The firm, which recently helped the city of Menlo Park in San Mateo County select its new chief, will then look for candidates from across the

See **CHIEF**, page 8

Getting their Bard on



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Dash Pepin, who plays the character of Edmund, and Camron Robertson, who will portray Edgar, rehearse the final scene of 'King Lear' on Wednesday at Miles Memorial Playhouse. The free play opens tonight.

Victims shared a common Bond

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN LA — One after another, women who said they were approached by Victor Paleologus to be poster girls for a fictitious James Bond film told jurors here Wednesday that the man on trial for the murder of a 21-year-old Santa Monica woman more than three years ago was very polite, respectful

and, at times, charming.

The defendant typically dressed in a suit and tie, drove a Mercedes Benz, and was never short on compliments, particularly about the women's legs, the witnesses said

See **MURDER TRIAL**, page 9



JOHNSON



PALEOLOGUS

Cops get their man in Adelanto

By Daily Press staff

POLICE HDQTRS. — Police have arrested a man believed to be responsible for the sexual assault of a Santa Monica woman last September.

Christopher Troy Malray, 44, was arrested in Adelanto on Monday by San Bernardino Sheriff's deputies, who then contacted Santa Monica Police Detectives.

Shortly after 9 p.m., on Sept. 1,

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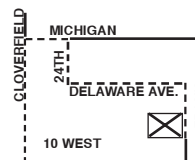
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You are fiery and direct, but you easily could lose your temper and say things that you later regret. Though you can apologize, you cannot make people forget. Use your high energy to get a project done, or maybe to jog! Tonight: Out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your expenses could have you stepping back and taking a deep breath. Which is a good idea, because you will want greater control, and a risk could be a problem. Be sensible and direct. Say no to risks. Creativity peaks, as does romance. Tonight: Do only what you love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You are a virtual powerhouse and have your hands full. You might find someone a touch combative. This person could trigger you if you allow him to. Don't. Think positively, and you'll get positive reactions. Count on that. Tonight: It's your call.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Know when to pull back and handle a problem. The more you say, the more entangled you become in a mess. You will be able to pull back and make stronger choices if you allow yourself to. Think positively. Tonight: Some time to yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Think before you leap into action. Aim for more of what you want, and you'll succeed. Friends might want you to join in, and, at the same time, you could find yourself wound into too many financial commitments. Tonight: Be with the one you love.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Could you be volatile and difficult? Could you be the source of your own problem? Be realistic about what you are doing and take charge. Your attitude could make a big difference. Others will follow your lead. Tonight: In the limelight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Listen to another perspective; otherwise, your reaction could be a bit stormy and cause a problem. Be willing to imagine what it's like to be someone else. Think twice about what you want to do. You might save yourself a problem this way. Tonight: Say yes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You will want to work with someone directly. You might not be sure of what you want and where you are heading. Work with someone without deferring to his or her bad mood, but instead helping this person change it. Tonight: Relax to a movie or music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You might want to defer to a boss or authority figure, especially when you see how set in his ways he might be. On some level, it could be informative to see how other people deal with this person. Tonight: If you are smart, you will just go along for the ride.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You might want to see a situation differently but could be hard-pressed to get past someone's barriers. Try to stop being reactive by doing something nurturing. Listen more. Tonight: Get some extra rest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might want to relax and let your hair down. The problem might revolve around someone's judgment. You might not be comfortable with what you are hearing. Honor who you are. Trust that everything else will fall into place. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Your ability to understand what is going on could change because of someone's angry approach or words. It might be wise to bypass the emotional feeling and look at what is important. Tonight: Stay centered.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Lonely woman at center of one-woman show

By Daily Press staff

Although it’s not a laughing matter in real life, the trials and tribulations of a “fornicationally challenged” woman will take center stage next week at a Santa Monica playhouse.

The one-woman show — about an attractive, talented, funny and recently divorced woman who can’t get satisfaction — will debut at the New York International Fringe Festival in August.

But before it leaves for the Big Apple, there will be a local send-off on July 27 at 8 p.m. The play is written and performed by Judi Lee Brandwein, and developed and directed by Mark Travis.

Tickets, on sale for \$20, will benefit the Save-the-Playhouse Campaign.

The show is for a mature audience, and will be shown in the Main Stage of the playhouse located on 1211 Fourth St.

Reservations required. Call (310) 934-9779 ext. 1 or visit SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com.

A Chekere summer experience

By Daily Press staff

Join Chekere, a collective of musicians, for an evening of blended musical stylings.

The performance consists of “bata,” a style of music that is played by a set of three drums and introduced to America through slave trade; the medium-fast paced “rhumba guanguanco,” along with jazz, samba and salsa.

Performers include Yvette Summers and Richie Marquez on percussion, Edwin Livingston on bass, Darryl Diaz on piano, Kevin Moore on drums and Arturo Solar on trumpet. All aforementioned musicians have played with Grammy Award winners.

An exhibit of paintings, “Celebrating the body nude, Barbara Fritsche’s ‘Palette Art Gallery’ by gallery owner Barbara Fritsche will be on display in the theater lobby.

The show will be at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 6 in the Lincoln Theater located on 1501 California Ave.

Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door, and are \$25 for orchestra seats or \$20 for house.



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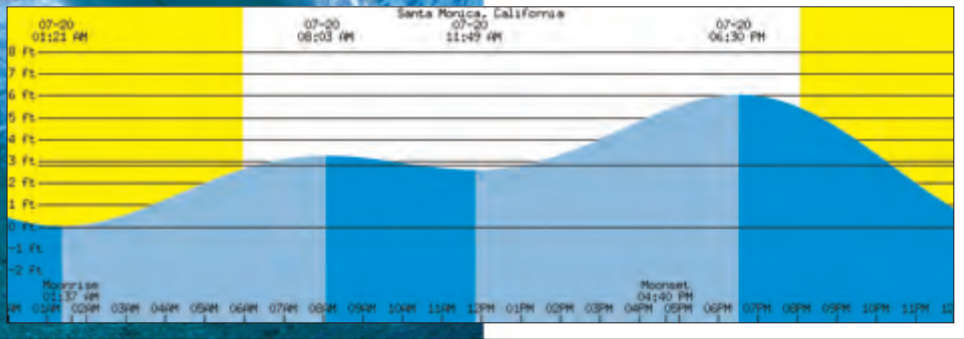
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The  Line

Market on the rebound ...
Last week marked the three-year anniversary of the Farmers’ Market crash, when an elderly driver plowed through the bustling market on Arizona Avenue, killing 10 people and injuring more than 50 more. The criminal and civil cases against the driver, Russell Weller, have been delayed numerous times, with a September trial date now scheduled.

This week, Q-Line wants to know:
“From what you know of the case, what is the best possible scenario for the defendant, the victims, the city and the Farmer’s Market to close this painful chapter in the city’s history?”
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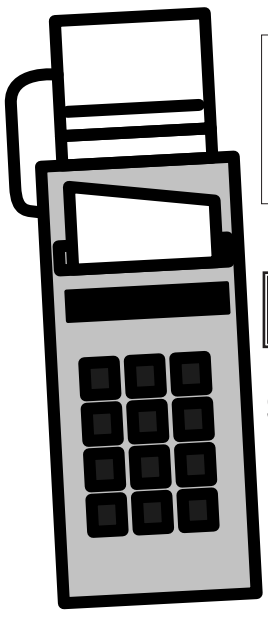
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Golden Rule applies to Santa Monica, too

Editor:
I am a former resident of Santa Monica and I still work in Santa Monica. After reading all the comments on homeless that I have seen in your paper, I felt that I had to say my thoughts on the matter. To be honest I am a little tired of all the lack of human concern that I have read from my fellow readers. The Santa Monicans who turn a blind eye to the issue of homelessness need to reexamine the problem.

First off, it must be understood that this is not just on the shoulders of Santa Monicans, this is a national issue that every man woman and child who calls himself or herself American needs to deal with. I used to live in Santa Monica for 10 years and have seen just about every corner of the city. I've been to and seen a lot of the hangout spots for the homeless population such as the Promenade, Memorial Park and the pier. I've talked with many of them over the years and have had many interesting moments. I've seen drunken bums who want cigarette money; I've met good people who have just given up on normal society, folks who are just not with us mentally anymore, and people that we as a community have given up on. I've met nice homeless, homeless who have threatened my life, and homeless who just need a friendly ear to listen to them.

With all my years dealing with this issue firsthand, I feel comfortable sharing my thoughts here. As I understand it, years ago Santa Monica welcomed the nation's homeless with open arms in hopes of helping them out. It was a great idea, but it is unrealistic for a single city to take on the entire nation's homeless. You can not label every homeless on the streets 100 percent, but for the most part there are a few distinct groups. There are of course the mentally crazy. The people who need help but have been cast aside. Yes, they can be violent a lot of times, but it's not totally their fault. They need help in a mental institution, but lack of government funds has put them on the streets. Then there are the veterans. Yes, the same ones who gave their lives so we could have it so nice. And I don't mean gave up as in dead, I mean gave up as in before they went off to war they had lives worth living, and since they have come back have found their once happy lives ruined. Many say that it is the ultimate disrespect to burn the flag. I say it's more of a disrespect to kick these brave folks that gave up all for us. Then there are folks who have lost their way in life, more times than not thanks to drugs or drinking, and again, they need a hand from their fellow man. Then there are the people who are just plain lazy, but the main difference between them and some lazy rich kid who is living off of mommy and daddy is chance. I mean, the roles could easily be reversed there. And lastly, the people who have just been dealt a bad hand by life. Yes, within all these groups there are mean people and nice people, people who would give you the world if they could and people that would stab you in the back if they ever got the chance. But that is the point of this — they are people like you and me. The biggest difference between the homeless and non-homeless is the hand a fate that life has given us. Some will never give up being homeless, that is a fact of life. But there are many out there who would and they need help. I dare say that any man or woman who would mock the homeless, if given the same life experiences, would end up homeless themselves.

So what do we do about it? Well, as I said, Santa Monica, or any city, can not do this alone. Also, it's not fair to expect the government to do it all, nor is it realistic. Bottom line: Us private citizens will have to do this ourselves. If ever the golden rule applied, it's here. Those with money and power especially will have to step it up. Look to the examples of men like Warren Buffet and Bill Gates. They are giving money to people in need outside of this country, but we have plenty of problems right here at home. But you don't have to have money to make a difference. Just a change in attitude will be a start. Instead of flipping the finger at the homeless guy you pass by, wish him a good day. Not always easy, I've done it, but the change in your own mind frame will go a long way. We in the Santa Monica area can't do it alone, of course. But with all the tourists that come here and all the folks moved here from different states, we need to get the word out to them. Until every community in this country stands up and decides that they will do something, it will never get better. Stop waiting for Uncle Sam to deal with it and do it yourself.

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BY SETH BARNES

I am an innocent victim.

In this age of terror, we are all part of a global community where evil knows no borders, where upstanding citizens are snatched under cover of darkness and held at the mercy of their captors. At this very moment one such thug has invaded the sanctity of my home. I have been bound, gagged and made to perform unspeakable acts that violate every principle close to my heart.

My "To Do" list is staring me down. I have no choice but to comply with his vile wishes. I am his hostage.

This feeling, of course, is nearly universal. After all, Americans lead notoriously busy lives and notoriously love to complain about that very fact. But I suspect that nagging chores, the little tasks that suck up the balance of each day, have been bothersome since beginning of time. Man has been battling this scourge since he was able to walk upright. The invention of fire, the wheel and written language were revolutionary back in those days, but think of all the annoying chores the original Homo Sapiens had to knock back to even get started on the advancement of mankind.

All these millennia later, the obsessive compulsive organizer in me can't see past those ancient "To Do" lists: Gather large sticks and armful of small twigs. Find two perfectly complimentary sticks that when rubbed together just so, will bring forth the miracle of fire. Find 12 perfectly shaped stones for the fire pit — anyone who's been camping knows what a pain in the rear this can be. For the perfect wheel, scout out a recently fallen tree with a smooth surface and firm core, then whittle away at it with a blunt tool for two to three days. And I don't even really want to get started on the arduous process of creating a coherent written language. Let's just say it requires a lot more organization and planning than heading down to Staples to buy a pen and pad of paper.

When you really think about all the mundane grunt work that our society has been built on, it's amazing the human race is still plugging along. You'd think our ancestors would have given up from sheer boredom long ago.

In our modern world, the "To Do" list is much more personal and boring. For instance, as I look over my list for today, it doesn't look like I'm tackling any of the world's complex problems. Instead I'm going to settle for washing last night's dishes, picking up a sack of dog

food and trying to ascertain why the motion-activated light on my porch isn't working. If all goes well, as I settle down on my couch after a long day of nicking tasks off my list, I may clip my nails — hands and feet.

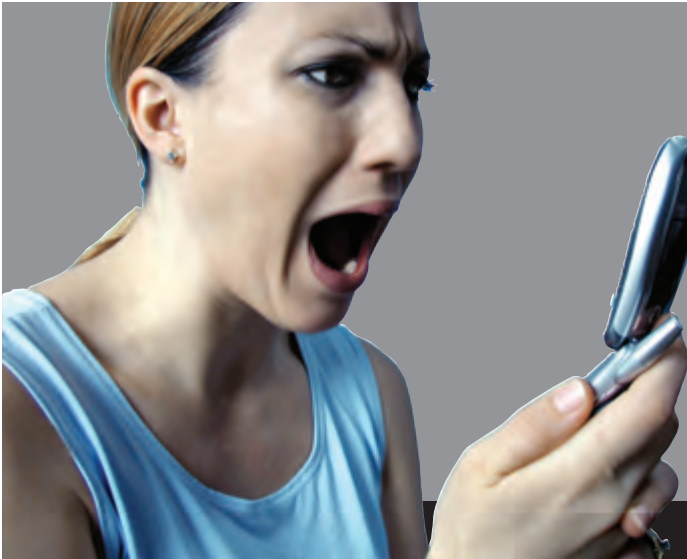
Part of my problem may be an inability to leave anything off my "To Do" list. Admittedly, most people just go ahead and "do" some of the stuff that I "schedule." For instance, it probably would be a lot easier if I just filled the ice cube trays when they were empty as opposed to assigning myself this action in my daily planner. Most people would probably just go ahead and set the table before dinner. My thinking on the matter is "what if I forget?" So inevitably "set table for dinner" is entered in my personal project management system as if I had to set aside time to write a software program to successfully lay out the silverware and place mats. Of course, the ultimate humiliation on this matter is that after 27 years on this planet, and thousands of dollars in tuition bills, I'm not entirely confident about proper layout for a table setting. One little macabre trick I taught myself is that the knife goes on the right hand side where it's easily accessible — for a right-handed person — in case you're suddenly pulled into a switch-blade fight as you're eating.

I suppose the more important you are, the more exciting your "To Do" list is. A cancer researcher spends his or her day tackling a vicious disease that randomly afflicts millions. The Pope spends his day as a conduit to God for millions of followers. A CIA officer spends his or her day doodling aimlessly in a notebook, and then our government spends millions of dollars putting those doodles into action.

While our government spends its time and resources on big picture problems such as terrorism and poverty, my nagging "To Do" list is ever expanding. Is it too much to ask for a little assistance? Can't we find a place in the massive federal budget to alleviate some of the thousands of chores that bog down average Americans each day? Perhaps we could replace the Department of Homeland security with the Department of Little Helpers. These brave men and women would fan out across the country to assist citizens with the frustrating responsibilities of everyday life.

Sure, I'm as frightened as the next guy of a massive terrorist attack. And if I hit a rough stretch, it would be nice to pick a slab of food stamps and receive a monthly check in the mail while I chill out on my couch. But what about the growing pile of laundry in my bedroom? Who's going to do something about that?

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A schooling for city in terms of priorities



ENOUGH IS ENOUGH
BY JENNA LINNEKENS

It seems that the city's support of education is tentative at best.

It is clear that the current City Council must continually be pushed by devoted educational activists and community members for the critical funds needed to reinforce the crumbling foundation that is known as our educational system. It is the "holder of the purse strings" that should view this educational debacle as one of its top priorities. It is imperative to look at the immediate effects of a successful educational system, as well as the long-term effects.

By allocating more funds that would be supervised by a "community watch group" we would be assured that the money would go directly to specific areas that would avoid misappropriation. This would result in a significant increase in employed graduates, decreased crime and less homeless.

My grandfather used to say, "without your health, you have nothing." I agree. However, I think it is equally true that "without an education, you have nothing." Every child deserves basic and fundamental preparation to allow him or her the opportunity to be an active and positive part of society. The City Council must empower the school board by loosening its "purse strings" and reinstating the crucial arts and athletic programs. These programs have proven to strengthen children's self-esteem, as well as their ability to work in groups. The number of young people who would engage in gangs would be significantly reduced when they are enriched by arts programs.

We also have so many children with special needs who deserve our attention. I wonder if Santa Monica restaurants, stores and the like are being supportive and willing to employ these special kids? We need to form a community wide awareness that we have high-functioning kids that have special

needs that can, and want, to work. How would you feel if you could not go outside and run, take your favorite yoga class or do whatever it is you like to do? Imagine all you could do all day long was perform your daily work duties with no outlet for your creative instincts? Without these critical classes and activities the students of Santa Monica's public school system have to go through this drudgery every day.

We must also focus on increased after-school programs. These are not new ideas, but we must take them more seriously. There needs to be a demand by our community. Enough really is enough. To have a functioning and successful society we must start with a basic right to learn and to express ourselves.

I will share a personal story with you. I grew up in Los Angeles. My mom moved to a particular area so that I could attend the public school in the area. Kindergarten and first grade was super. Second grade was approaching and bussing began. The district wanted to bus me to a school hours away from my home that had a very low reading percentile. My mom, who has a lifetime teaching credential, decided to change professions and found a teaching position at a school that would allow me to attend. I am very grateful to the academic community that welcomed us.

Many families have to use life savings, take multiple jobs, or take out second and third mortgages to fund their children's educations. It is not right that a wealthy city like Santa Monica cannot provide more enriched educational programs and activities for the children of its community.

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is going through big changes. With a new superintendant on the way and three seats up for grabs in the coming election, along with three seats available on the City Council, it is our responsibility to speak up and take action in the name of change. We must insist that the school board and the City Council act as a united front that will allow great change in our special city.

(Reach Jenna Linnekens at jlinnekens@yahoo.com.)

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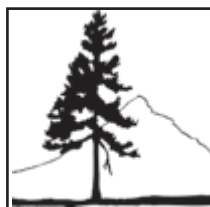
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'Bumfights' bully convicted

By Daily Press Staff

LOS ANGELES — One of two young men charged with mounting attacks on two homeless men after viewing "Bumfights" was found guilty on Wednesday of two counts of assault.

Justin Edward Brumfield, 20, faces up to 11 years in state prison for the assault charges, and could face more if prosecutors decide to retry him on one count of attempted murder, according to the District Attorney's office.

A mistrial on the attempted murder charge was declared by Judge Sam Ohta when the jury deadlocked. Prosecutors will decide whether to retry Brumfield by Aug. 1, the next court date.

A separate trial for co-defendant William Alexander Orantes, 20, is scheduled to begin Aug. 9.

"Bumfights: Cause for Concern" was an independently produced video and DVD, released in 2002, which pitted homeless men

against one another in fights and encouraged them to take part in dangerous stunts. The four producers were subsequently brought up on charges for paying participants to commit felonies.

A Los Angeles Superior Court jury found Brumfield guilty of assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury and assault with a deadly weapon — a baseball bat. The jury also found that the assault left victim Ernest Adams with a brain injury.

Brumfield was convicted of beating one victim, striking him in the arm with the bat, at 9th and Wall streets. He was also convicted of attacking Adams, beating him in the head and causing major injuries to the brain. Adams lost sight in one eye as a result of the attack.

Both attacks occurred on Aug. 16, 2005.

A security guard who happened upon the scene, called police and followed the men's Toyota Corolla. The pair was subsequently arrested by LAPD.

Deputy District Attorney Michael Lebovich prosecuted the case.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTED DEVELOPER FEE STUDY AND STATUTORY SCHOOL FACILITY FEE INCREASE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, following (2) prior public sessions, the Governing Board of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, at its June 15, 2006 Board Meeting, adopted a Developer Fee Justification Study for the District and increased the statutory school facility fee ("Level I Fee") on new residential (from \$1.93 to \$2.63 per square foot) and commercial/industrial (from \$.31 to \$.42 per square foot) developments (as approved by the State Allocation Board in January 2006). Also, the Board of Education clarified/amplified (for SMMUSD) the existing rules to terminate the "disaster" waiver provision beyond the owner of record at the time of occurrence by limiting said waiver benefit to the owner who suffered the loss. Further, the adoption eliminates the cap of 5,000 square feet for residential construction. The new rates will become effective August 14, 2006.

Materials regarding the Study and the Level I Fee are on file and are available for public review at the District Office located at 1651 16th St., Santa Monica, CA.

STATE BRIEFS

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES

Supervisors gang up on sheriff

County supervisors withheld support from a plan by Sheriff Lee Baca to ask voters to raise sales taxes to fund a crackdown on gang violence.

Baca presented his plan Tuesday for a ballot measure that would raise \$325 million with a quarter-cent sales tax hike.

Supervisors told him to come back in 45 days with another way to fight gangs.

"We currently have the budget necessary to make gang suppression a top priority without going back to the taxpayer for additional resources," said Tony Bell, a spokesman for Supervisor Mike Antonovich.

Supervisor Don Knabe said it would be difficult to get voter approval for a tax hike when the Sheriff's Department can't recruit enough deputies to fill its current large number of vacancies.

Baca said he was hopeful about resurrecting his sales tax increase for the 2008 ballot.

SAN BERNARDINO

Man sentenced for deadly boating crash

A man who admitted being drunk during a boating accident that left a man and his 10-year-old son dead was sentenced to three years probation.

Robert Padilla of Corona was sentenced Tuesday after pleading guilty in April to one count of boating under the influence, causing injury.

San Bernardino County Superior Court Judge Joseph Brisco also ordered Padilla to forfeit his driver's license and attend counseling and alcohol education programs.

Padilla was driving a speed boat that crashed into a catamaran on Lake Havasu on June 16, 2004, officials said.

Steven Patchett, 48, and his son Tyler of Simi Valley were killed. Another son, Stephen, 20, was seriously injured.

Steven Patchett's ex-wife Sheila, who was vacationing with the family at the time of the accident, said she was disappointed that Padilla would serve no jail time but glad his plea deal called for a felony conviction.

Padilla's lawyer, Debra S. White, said her client agreed to the deal in order to prevent the pain of a trial.

Padilla apologized to Sheila Patchett and her children in the court hallway.

VENTURA

Police look to 'stop the hemorrhaging'

Sheriff's deputies would get raises of nearly 18 percent under a tentative contract deal reached after negotiations began early to stem the loss of personnel to other law enforcement agencies, officials said.

"We were losing six people a month and hiring three," Sheriff Bob Brooks said.

The \$14 million agreement must still be approved by the county Board of Supervisors.

It would bring most deputies pay increases of \$10,000 to \$15,000 over three years, according to the Ventura County Deputy Sheriffs Association.

Over the life of the contract, annual starting pay for a deputy would increase from \$49,764 to \$58,682, officials said.

"Hopefully we can stop the hemorrhaging," union president Sgt. Pat Buckley said.

SAN FERNANDO

Ex-cop gets eight years for preying on girls

A former police officer convicted of using the Internet to try to prey on underage girls was sentenced to nearly eight years behind bars.

Arthur Crabtree, 45, now a family law attorney, received the maximum sentence Tuesday of five years and eight months in state prison, followed by two years in county jail.

A jury convicted the former Glendale police officer of five felony counts, including attempted lewd acts on a child and trying to send harmful matter electronically.

He also was convicted of five misdemeanor counts, including attempted child molestation and attempted child annoying.

Defense attorney Patrick Clancy said Crabtree had turned down a plea deal for a reduced sentence to fight the charges.

"There are a couple of grounds for appeal," Clancy said. "I'll give it to him if he wants to file it."

Crabtree was arrested in early 2005 at a bus station, where he was met by undercover agents who had been posing online as a 13-year-old girl, officials said.

Clancy said his client knew he was dealing with law enforcement authorities and wanted to taunt them.

PALM DESERT

Real estate agent sells same parcel two dozen times

Authorities are looking for a real estate broker suspected of selling the same piece of desert to more than two dozen people.

Haydee Verdugo, 59, accepted deposits ranging from \$5,000 to \$40,000 from would-be buyers, according to a complaint released Tuesday by the Riverside County District Attorney's Office.

Verdugo is believed to have fled with nearly \$500,000 in deposits, said Ingrid Wyatt, a spokeswoman for the office.

Lawyer John Gallegos said he represented 17 would-be buyers in a civil case against Verdugo that ended in May with the award of \$135,000 to his clients. But they haven't been able to collect, he said.

"If she is brought to judgment, maybe she can tell us where the money is," Gallegos said.

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Cities, states tackle border issues in lieu of federal laws

BY ROBERT TANNER

AP National Writer

Dismay over Washington gridlock on immigration has inspired cities and states to pass their own measures, most of which make life harder for undocumented workers and demand that employers, law enforcement officers and even landlords act as the front line.

The city of Hazleton, Pa., last week passed one of the harshest laws, approving \$1,000 fines for employers and landlords who give jobs or housing to illegal immigrants. Local governments from California to Idaho to Florida are weighing similar steps. States approved nearly 60 new laws in the last few months, overwhelmingly restrictive or punitive.

"It's the blunt failure of any true leadership in Washington, D.C. Everything runs downhill," said Andy Anderson, a city councilor in Palm Bay, Fla., who is pushing for an ordinance to punish employers who hire illegal immigrants.

One question is whether the local and state laws would stand if Congress overcame the split between the Senate and the House and approved a new federal law. Many would be superseded, officials acknowledge — but they say it's better to pass a local measure that won't last than nothing at all, and right now it's unclear whether Congress will make a deal.

"We have to do something, and it has to be done, like, yesterday," Anderson said.

Colorado and Georgia led the way with sweeping laws that aim to require proof of citizenship for services and also target employers who hire illegal immigrants.

Overall, 27 states passed laws toughening rules on education, employment, legal services and identification, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. The 59 new laws that went on the books in this year's legislative sessions were a big increase from the 37 immigration-related laws from the year before.

This year's batch tilted sharply toward cracking down on immigrants, in contrast to earlier years when there was a mix of legislation, some of it loosening rules for obtaining services or education.

"Lawmakers and mayors, they want to make their area as inhospitable to illegal aliens as possible," said Susan Wysoki at the Federation for American Immigration Reform, which supports tougher border security and an end to illegal immigration.

Colorado's measure, for instance, could remove as many

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as 50,000 illegal immigrants in the state from programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, unemployment insurance, energy assistance and aging and adult services, according to GOP Gov. Bill Owens.

Other Republicans, however, said the law went too easy on illegal immigrants, complaining that minors still get benefits.

But even states aren't moving fast enough for communities that feel overwhelmed.

Hazleton, Pa., also is considering whether to require all tenants to register and prove their legal residency. "Illegal immigrants are destroying the city," said Lou Barletta, the city's Republican mayor. "I don't want them here, period."

In Idaho, commissioners in Canyon County filed a racketeering lawsuit against agricultural companies accused of hiring illegal immigrants. A judge struck down the lawsuit but an appeal is being pursued.

In Florida's Palm Bay, the council is weighing whether to adopt an ordinance that would slap employers who hire illegal immigrants with a civil fine of \$200 or with a criminal misdemeanor, which would carry penalties up to a \$500 fine or 60 days in jail.

The city near the Atlantic Coast in southern Brevard County has undergone a housing boom, and with it an influx of crews of illegal immigrants that win the low bids on projects, Anderson said. Contractors have had to decide whether to hire illegals or lose out on jobs.

In 10 states, the majority of the new laws targeted employers as the lure that draws illegal immigrants to their communities. Other legislatures made benefits harder to get, or cracked down on human trafficking, toughened regulations or fines against fake IDs, or made education more expensive for illegals.

Nebraska stood out this year because it went in the opposite direction, when lawmakers overrode Gov. Dave Heineman's veto and provided in-state college tuition for the children of illegal immigrants who went to high school in the state.

In earlier years, one of the arguments for leaving immigration issues alone is that they were a federal matter, not a state or local one. But now the political landscape has changed.

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SMPD's rank and file encouraged to apply

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country who best exhibit the chosen traits. Members of all neighborhood associations will be consulted, Ewell said, along with the Human Relations Commission.

Karen Bancroft, City Hall's director of human resources, said a timeline is being developed for when the interviews with community members will take place.

Ewell said he is looking for applicants who are community oriented, with experience in neighborhood policing, as well as those who understand the importance of tourism to the local economy.

The candidates must also appreciate and respect the importance of being a team player. "I want the executive search firm to touch

base with all key stakeholders of the community to develop a solid profile of the type of chief we want to replace an incredible chief we're losing," Ewell said. "We want to make sure everyone has a chance to convey the thoughts and wishes of what they would like to see and go out and do a national recruitment and try to appoint the person that best fits the needs of this community."

That does not rule out the possibility that the next chief of police could be serving the community already. Members of the rank and file, residents and city officials have all expressed their desire to see someone promoted from within.

If officers here do apply, they will be given just as much consideration as other applicants, Ewell said.

"We are proud that we have a solid talent within, but I think we have a duty to make sure we are verifying that the talent is the best and compare it with the nation and whoever best fits what the community wants," Ewell said.

Councilman Richard Bloom said it is important for the next chief to gain the respect of the community and officers, just as Butts has done during his 15 years at the helm.

"It is important in any organization for the rank and file to have confidence in their leader," Bloom said. "And in the case of the police chief, it's of the utmost importance that the community have confidence. I think, by and large, our police chief has enjoyed great respect by the community."

Butts, 52, will lead the Los Angeles World

Airport police and security forces assigned to four airports in three cities, as well as assume a pivotal role in collaborating and coordinating law enforcement and security duties performed by more than 4,000 federal and local officers. The largest of these outside agencies include the Transportation Security Administration (2,000 transportation security officers) and Customs and Border Protection (800 sworn officers).

Butts announced his decision to leave the SMPD on May 24. Before being selected as chief of Santa Monica in 1991, Butts served nearly 20 years in the Inglewood Police Department as a police officer, sergeant, lieutenant, captain and deputy chief.

The salary for the next police chief ranges from \$151,856 to \$187,476, according to Bancroft.

Holmstrom brings it

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such legends as Jimmy Rogers, R.L. Burnside and Smokey Wilson. But his groundbreaking record was Hydraulic Groove, which juxtaposed the traditional sound of the '40s and '50s guitar and vocals with hip-hop style break beats.

Bike Attack and Amoeba Records are continuing to give out prizes at tonight's concert. Bike Attack, located on Main Street, is raffling off a beach cruiser and the proceeds from the raffle will be going to support Heal the Bay. Amoeba Records will give away a \$100 gift certificate to one fan who signs up for their mailing list at their booth.

The Santa Monica Pier entrance is at the intersection of Colorado Avenue and Ocean Avenue in Santa Monica. Beach parking is available in lots located at 2030 Barnard Way and 1550 PCH, both of which are accessible from Ocean Avenue. However, space is limited. Pier officials encourage walking, biking, and using mass transit. For more information and a line-up of future Twilight performers go to www.twilightdance.org. For bus information, visit www.bigbluebus.com and www.mta.net or call (310) 451-5444.



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Fugitive is found

SEXUAL ASSAULT, from page 1

2005, Malray allegedly entered a private apartment in Arcade Terrace near the beach and confronted the female resident. He allegedly assaulted and threatened to kill her before forcing her to submit to sexual acts. The victim, in fear for her life, was held captive by the suspect for approximately 30 minutes. Malray eventually fled and the victim called police.

A composite drawing of the suspect was completed and distributed to other law enforcement agencies. Forensic evidence, including possible suspect DNA, was collected from the scene of the crime.

Recently, the DNA evidence analysis

resulted in the identification of a suspect on file in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). Malray has an extensive criminal history and matched the composite and description provided by the victim. Additional evidence linked Malray to the crime and a warrant for his arrest was obtained.

Malray, whose last known residence was in San Bernardino County, was observed near a relative's home in the community of Adelanto. SMPD detectives served search warrants at two residences — one in Adelanto and one in Hesperia — and subsequently brought Malray back to Santa Monica.

Malray was booked at the Santa Monica Jail and charged with one count of sexual assault. His bail has been set at \$1 million.

A gazer's dozen



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Ray Wong keeps chins up by flying a 12-pack-stack of hyperkites above Santa Monica Beach.

Would-be bandit is busted

By Daily Press Staff

POLICE HDQTRS. — Police officers arrested a man on Wednesday who allegedly attempted to rob a downtown bank by presenting a demand note to one of the branch's employees earlier in the day.

Around lunchtime, Santa Monica Police responded to the 1300 block of Fourth Street, regarding an attempted armed robbery that just occurred at Washington Mutual. The suspect — Justin Chandler Horton, 26, — allegedly entered the bank and presented the note, but left without any money.

Responding officers spotted Horton on foot in the 1300 block of Fifth Street, where he was detained. A field show-up was conducted and the suspect was positively identified and arrested.

Horton, a transient, was booked at the Santa Monica Jail and charged with attempted armed robbery and probation violation and his bail is set at \$50,000.

Anyone with information about the attempted robbery is encouraged to call the Robbery/Homicide Unit of the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8451.

POLICE SEARCH FOR CHILD ANNOYER

Police also reported on Wednesday that they are on the lookout for a suspect wanted in connection with a child annoyance incident that occurred at 14th and Marine

streets.

At approximately 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Santa Monica Police responded to the call regarding a juvenile annoyance. Preliminary investigation revealed that the victim — a white female, 16 years of age — was contacted by the suspect, who drove alongside of the victim and made lewd comments. The suspect reportedly spoke to the girl in both English and Spanish.

The suspect then reportedly opened his side passenger door, leaned across the seat and grabbed at the victim, while telling the victim to "come here." According to the victim, the suspect's trousers were unzipped and his "white boxer" underwear was exposed.

The teenage girl continued walking east on Marine Street until she met a friend on the 1500 block. The suspect drove away east on Marine Street, towards Dewey Street. The victim remembered seeing the suspect and his vehicle in the area earlier in the day, but had no contact with him.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, 20-30 years of age, of medium weight, with short black hair combed back, and was wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and blue jeans. His vehicle was described as a Honda Accord or similar four-door sedan, dark green with stock hubcaps.

Anyone with any information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Youth Services Division of the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8931.

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Yeast infectious



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Five loaves of bread recently caused a feeding frenzy among hungry seagulls at Santa Monica Beach.

Looking for a pattern

MURDER TRIAL, from page 1

"He approached me and asked me if I was an actor or a model ... He thought I had great legs," said Cathy DeBuono, a 6-foot-tall, athletic brunette and former stunt double on "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine," who remembers first meeting Paleologus at the Westfield Shopping Center in the latter part of 1998. "He told me that he thought I would be great and that I should audition."

However, having spent years in Hollywood working as an actor, DeBuono said something didn't seem right. Paleologus seemed elusive when probed about the film role, and he didn't want to deal with her agent.

She wasn't alone. Other women testified that Paleologus never seemed to have a business card on him, even though he was supposed to be casting for Disney. When they tried to get more details on the audition, Paleologus would continually change the subject. One said she brushed him off because he failed to provide any contact information.

The women said there was something else that seemed strange about the 44-year-old restaurateur, who was seated a few yards from them in a Los Angeles Superior Court room writing notes and whispering to his defense attorney throughout the day's proceedings.

After digging deeper into his background, each woman said they began to unravel a web of lies that made Paleologus, at least in their eyes, transform from an intelligent and pleasant man looking to lend a helping hand into a sexual predator using deceit to lure attractive Hollywood hopefuls into an abandoned Pilates studio so he could rape them.

"He told me numerous times that I had an 80 percent chance of getting the role. He said he believed in me," said Alice Walker, a striking brunette from Chicago and a former waitress at Houston's in Century City, who told jurors she practiced for the alleged Bond audition twice with Paleologus before she realized it was a hoax when he didn't deliver.

"I didn't understand what the whole charade was about," said Walker, who testified that she arranged a dinner with Paleologus so she could investigate further why he lied to her. "I just wanted to find out who this person was. I felt like I had to know."

"I know it sounds strange, but I wanted to know why he lied."

Paleologus has been charged with the murder of Kristi Johnson, a Michigan transplant who was attending Santa Monica College when her body was found in March 2003 at the bottom of a ravine in Hollywood. Johnson's body was partially covered by a sleeping bag, her hands and feet bound by shoe laces, her face badly decomposed. It is believed she was killed several weeks before her body was discovered.

Johnson's disappearance gained national attention as her mother, Terry Hall, who testified briefly Wednesday, pleaded publicly for her safe return. Johnson told one of her roommates that she had been approached by a movie executive at Century City on Feb. 15, and the man offered her an audition for a James Bond film. She never returned home from the meeting.

DeBuono and Walker, along with other women, have testified that they had been approached by Paleologus while shopping at the Century City mall and said he told them he was a movie executive looking for a poster girl for the spy franchise. Some said Paleologus asked them to show up at the auditions wearing a white dress shirt and black mini skirt, with nylons and black, high-heeled stilettos — the outfit Johnson was wearing when her body was found.

With no murder weapon or physical evidence linking Paleologus to the crime, Deputy District Attorney David Walgren is relying heavily on the testimony of those women who said they had been approached by Paleologus with the same pick-up line used to lure Johnson to her death. Walgren is looking to show a history of deceit by Paleologus.

Defense attorney Andrew Flier has challenged the memories of those women, one of whom said she was contacted by Paleologus as far back as 1991. Several admitted to picking Paleologus out of a line-up, however, they could not recall specific details of their conversations with officers from the Santa Monica Police Department.

Under cross examination, those same women said it was not unusual for men to approach them claiming to be affiliated with the movie or music industry. They also said Paleologus never threatened them nor said anything or did anything inappropriate, and seemed to be concerned only with casting a beautiful woman for a movie poster.

Flier will have a chance to question Walker today. The trial, which began July 10, is expected to last at least two more weeks.

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As you approach retirement, you will quite likely be assessing your financial situation to determine if you have saved and invested enough to afford a comfortable future. Generally, financial professionals advise that to maintain your current lifestyle you will need approximately 70 percent to 80 percent of your current annual income each year in retirement, although your own situation may differ based on your personal goals and finances.

Taking an in-depth look at your finances and an inventory of your retirement funds approximately five to seven years before retiring will give you time to make adjustments to help you meet your goals when retirement time comes around.

WILL I HAVE ENOUGH RETIREMENT INCOME?

Generally, retirees turn to these sources of

income: Social Security benefits; earnings (including part-time jobs); personal savings and investments, including IRA account(s) or additional employee savings plans; and company retirement plans.

According to the Social Security Administration, Social Security may account for only about 40 percent of your income in retirement. Personal investments and savings, company retirement plans and other sources will have to make up the remaining portion of your income — about 60 percent.

After calculating your projected retirement income, you also need to examine your current expenses and determine which items will increase or decrease, which will be eliminated and which will be added after you retire. By reviewing that information early on, you can develop a sense of whether you'll have the necessary income to cover your expenses once you retire.

Compare your expense calculations with your projected sources of income and determine whether you will have a surplus or a deficiency. At the same time, determine at what point in retirement you will need to begin drawing on your retirement plan assets. If, after comparing your expenses

with income, you have a surplus, you are on the right track to enjoying a comfortable retirement. However, if you note a deficiency, you can make decisions now to help ensure that you will have a relatively comfortable retirement later on.

SHOULD I ADJUST MY ASSET ALLOCATION STRATEGY?

Having a good understanding of investing becomes more important as you approach retirement. Examine all the investments available through your retirement plan and determine into which category — stocks, bonds or cash equivalents — each of them falls. Next, assess your level of risk. As people prepare to retire, they generally want less risk in their investments than in the past. Since your income from employment will have stopped or decreased considerably and your assets may be invested over a shorter period, it may be more difficult to recover from loss. Therefore, you may want a lower-risk investment strategy than before. Whether you intend to use your money over a relatively short period or spread it out through your retirement is another important factor.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO CONSIDER

There is no set asset allocation strategy that works for everyone. Before determining which strategy best fits your personal situation, keep in mind that different people have different financial resources and expectations regarding how long they will be in retirement. Therefore, individuals have different risk tolerances and investment horizons. And remember, no matter what asset allocation strategy you choose, there is always some level of risk and no guarantee that you will not experience a loss.

Also, keep in mind that you need to look at your holdings as a whole. Consider your personal accounts, retirement accounts and any additional sources of retirement income that you may have. By planning the entire picture you will be better able to develop a portfolio that reflects your immediate and long-term goals. Your financial advisor can help you determine if your strategies are on the right track toward a secure retirement and help you find ways to maintain your position or work toward your goals.

(Kirk Aguer is a financial advisor for Morgan Stanley in Santa Monica. To reach him, call (310) 319-5220.)

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Richards' swerve in the clear

By The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.



RICHARDS

The state of Arkansas is prepared to pardon Keith Richards for being a reckless driver, 31 years later.

The state Parole Board on July 3 approved an application for clemency submitted on behalf of Richards, the 62-year-old guitarist for the Rolling Stones, by Gov. Mike Huckabee.

The board posted the official notice Tuesday, and the pardon will be forwarded to Huckabee within 30 days. When the governor signs it, it will clear Richards' record in Arkansas.

Richards was arrested July 5, 1975, as he, band-mate Ron Wood, a security guard and a fan traveled from Memphis, Tenn., to Dallas. The group had stopped in Fordyce for lunch, then got back on the road with Richards driving.

A Fordyce officer saw the car swerve — Richards said later he bent to adjust the radio — and stopped the vehicle. Police said they smelled marijuana and took the four to City Hall.

Richards was charged with reckless driving and possession of a concealed knife, and the fan was charged with possession of a controlled substance. The knife charge was dropped, and Richards pleaded guilty to reckless driving and paid a \$162.50 fine.

Fran Curtis, a Stones publicist, said she knew nothing about the application for clemency. Messages left for Richards' manager, Jane Rose, weren't returned.

Huckabee plays bass guitar in a band called Capitol Offense that performed for the Republican National Convention in 2004 in New York City.

The governor said he got the idea for a pardon when he realized that Richards' impression of Arkansas "was marred by a misdemeanor traffic stop."

During a Stones concert in Little Rock in March, Richards asked whether anyone in the audience was from Fordyce, adding, "I used to know the chief of police there."

ASPEN, Colo.

You go, gonzo girl



THOMPSON

Hunter S. Thompson's widow will get a chance to do something the godfather of gonzo journalism never did: graduate from Columbia University.

Anita Thompson, 33, learned Friday that she had been accepted at the school, where her husband studied creative writing more than 50 years ago. She plans to earn her bachelor's degree in English.

"I'm thrilled. I have Hunter to thank for getting me accepted and hooking me up with the kinds of people who wrote me letters of recommendation," she told the Aspen Daily News.

Thompson said she received written endorsements from former Sen. George McGovern, whose Democratic presidential candidacy was chronicled in Thompson's "Fear and Loathing: On the Campaign Trail '72"; historian Douglas Brinkley; and Playboy Editor-at-Large Robert Love, among others.

Thompson studied at Colorado State University in her hometown of Fort Collins and has taken courses at UCLA. She estimates that she has 18 months of college left to complete.

She plans to commute to New York for classes and continue publishing The Woody Creeker, an eclectic magazine devoted to Thompson and the community he dubbed his "psychic anchor."

Thompson shot and killed himself at his Woody Creek home on Feb. 20, 2005, following health problems. He was 67.

PITTSBURGH

Making videos is a snap



ROETHLISBERGER

Ben Roethlisberger helped the PovertyNeck Hillbillies, a local country band, shoot a music video for their new single, "Mr. Right Now."

Hillbillies lead singer Chris Abbondanza and fiddle player Chris Higbee competed for the charms of a young woman during the video shoot Tuesday.

"I wanted to be involved with the band because of their Pittsburgh roots," the 24-year-old Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback said in a statement. "But, more importantly, because they are hardworking and committed to succeeding on a higher level."

Roethlisberger repeatedly foils the musicians' attempts to catch the woman's attention at a barbecue they've thrown, said Brian Hutchinson, vice president of Rust Records, the Hillbillies' label.

"Good show, guys — great party," Roethlisberger said to the mock-distraught Hillbillies as he walked away with the woman during filming of the video's final scene.

Roethlisberger had seven hours of facial surgery June 12 after ramming his motorcycle into a car that turned in front of him on a Pittsburgh street.

He broke his jaw and nose and was thrown over the car onto the pavement. He was cited for not wearing a helmet.

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MOVIEGUIDE

SHOWTIMES: THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2006

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Avenue
(310)395-4990

Friday, July 21
7:30 PM TOMMY

Saturday, July 22
3:00 PM THE WIZARD OF OZ
7:30 PM JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR & HAIR

Sunday, July 23
7:30 PM PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Monday, July 24
Call theatre for showtimes

Tuesday, July 25
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Wednesday, July 26
7:30 PM FLASHDANCE

Thursday, July 27
7:30 PM CALIFORNIA SPLIT

AMC7 Santa Monica
1310 3rd Street
(310)289-4262

Pirates of the Caribbean:
Dead Man's Chest (PG-13)
10:30, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:30, 11:15, 11:50
Superman Returns (PG-13)
10:15, 12:30, 1:30, 4:00, 5:00, 7:30, 8:30, 10:50, 11:30
Nacho Libre (PG)
10:10, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:05, 9:30
Cars (G)
11:00, 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 10:00

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 3rd Street
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Little Man (PG-13)
11:55, 2:15, 3:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, 10:15
The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13)
11:30, 1:00, 2:00, 5:20, 6:45, 8:00, 9:45, 10:30
The Break-Up (PG-13)
11:40, 2:20, 4:55, 7:30

Landmark Nuwiltshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd
(310)281-8228

Strangers with Candy (R)
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00
Who Killed the Electric Car? (PG)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 2nd Street
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A Scanner Darkly (R)
1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30
Leonard Cohen: I'm Your Man (PG-13)
1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55
Wordplay (PG)
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15
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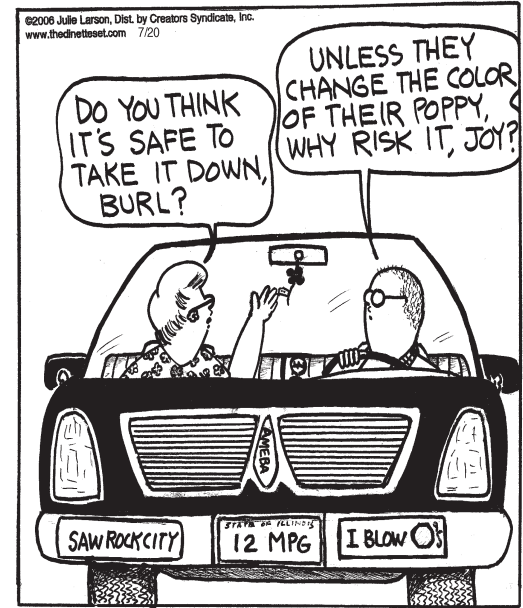
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A Prairie Home Companion (PG-13)
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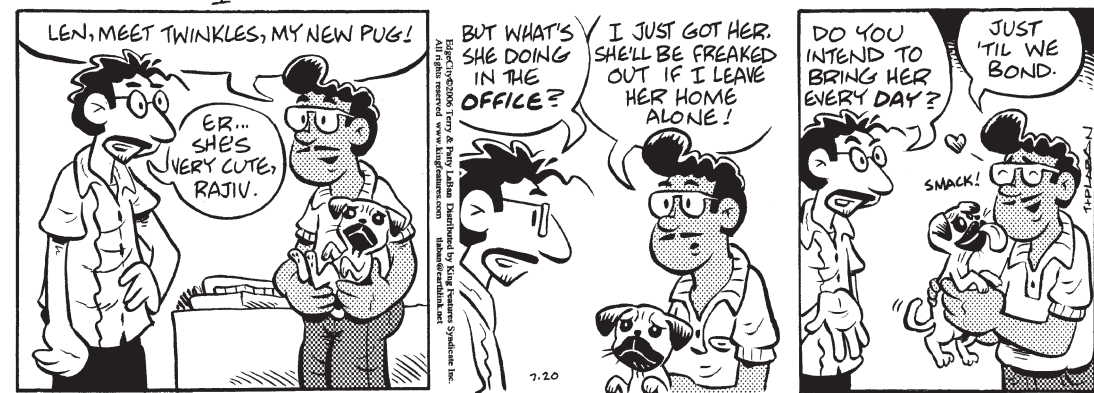
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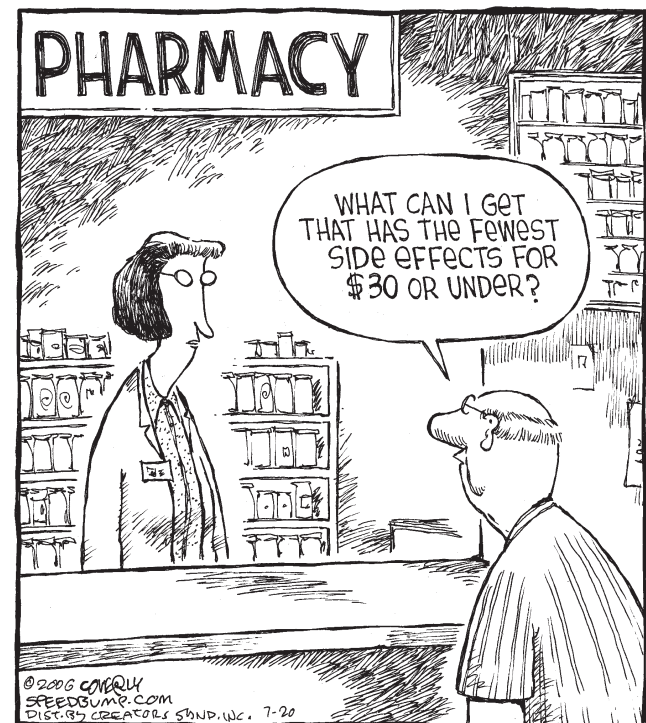
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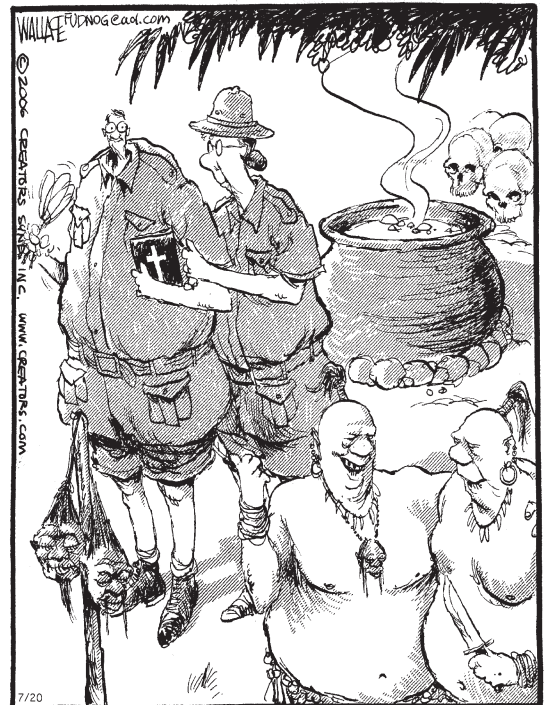
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NOTICE OF Public Forum

Pursuant to Government Code Section 37361(c), a public Forum will be held by Or Khaim Hashalom, a religious non-profit organization to consider the following:

Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 37361(c) a public forum will be held by the Or Khaim Hashalom synagogue to discuss the replacement of the existing structures of residential buildings on the property with more units and a place of worship. The synagogue is in the process of determining whether to exempt its existing structures at 128 through 148 San Vicente Blvd. Santa Monica, a 28 unit building (Units are designated 130 through 142 San Vicente Blvd.) from designation for preservation under the City of Santa Monica's Historical preservation law. This public forum will solicit comments and information from the public concerning whether preservation of the buildings would cause the synagogue substantial hardship, which is likely to deprive the synagogue of economic return on it's property, the reasonable use of it's property, or the appropriate use of its property in the furtherance of its religious mission.

Date/Time: Friday, August 11, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.

Location: 1920 Santa Monica Blvd. Meeting Room "Santa Monica Room"

Santa Monica, CA. 90404 (Corner of 20th and Santa Monica Blvd.)

Parking: Parking is available at 2020 Santa Monica Blvd. in the parking garage located across the street.

How to Comment

If you attend the meeting, you can address the Synagogue in person to state your comments. If unable to attend you may mail your written comments to the Synagogue, however your comments must arrive before Friday, August 10, 2006. Mail your comments to Or Khaim Hashalom, attention Rabbi Hertzell Ilulian, 6317 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 502, Los Angeles, CA. 90048, .

TENTATIVE SUMMARY OF HARDSHIPS

The synagogue believes that the existing residential structures on the property must be demolished to make way for a building or buildings of increased density, accompanied by a place of worship on the site if possible. The existing structures are rent controlled and cannot be converted into viable housing for members of our faith since there are very few vacancies. The housing planned by the synagogue is incompatible with the existing structures. Furthermore, there will be more living units

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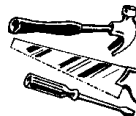
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