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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Fort Smith, Ark., police arrested James Newsome, 37, in 1999 and charged him with taking money at gunpoint from the Gas Well convenience store. The robber's face was easily identified from the surveillance tape, and the coat worn by the robber was found in Newsome's car. Also, Newsome's wife said the family car had a radiator leak, and a puddle of antifreeze was found beside the store where the robber parked. And, also, the robber wore a hard hat with "James Newsome" on the front.

TODAY IN HISTORY

ON JULY 26, 1947, President Truman signed the National Security Act, creating the Department of Defense, the National Security Council, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

■ In 1775, Benjamin Franklin became postmaster-general.

■ In 1788, New York became the 11th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

■ In 1908, U.S. Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte issued an order creating an investigative agency that was a forerunner of the FBI.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If you can't bite, don't show your teeth"

— YIDDISH PROVERB

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College leaving the lights on for its new students

BY SHRADDHA R. JAISWAL
Special to the Daily Press

Santa Monica College officials are busy attempting to put the pieces back together, trying to bolster the school's reputation and maintain student enrollment numbers in the wake of sweeping program cuts made one year ago.

The highly publicized cuts were made to combat state funding shortfalls that never fully materialized.

College officials are working to attract more than 5,000 students to the campus by the start of the 2004 school year by providing beefed-up student services and additional classes.

While SMC President Piedad Robertson insists that enrollment numbers are not down overall, the school's reputation undoubtedly took a hit amid the widespread slashing of programs and negative publicity that accompanied the cuts.

"We've started a welcome center, which is a one-stop room for new students where they can get counseling, they can enroll, they can get their financial aid all in a single room and in a single visit,"

said SMC's marketing director, Don Girard. "And that is going terrifically."

The welcome center, located in the student activities building and said to be very busy by Robertson, joins other efforts to bring students back to the campus. The college's outreach program to the area high schools takes interested seniors on daily tours of the campus, and the school has also restored their radio and bus advertisements in attempts to draw in more students.

Gov. Gray Davis' plans to cut the state's financial offering to SMC by 10 percent never materialized, but the elimination of the programs — such as the popular automotive program — was approved so that the college could avoid years of cutbacks and problems by slimming down their offerings for only one year.

Although there are no specific plans to reinstate the eight vocational programs that were cut, Girard said the number of classes offered will increase.

"(Enrollment) didn't drop last year because we were stupid or

See SMC, page 6



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Cancer survivors, led by 'Mr. Santa Monica,' Nat Trives, start this past weekend's Relay For Life fundraising event with a lap around the track at Santa Monica College on Saturday morning.

'Round-the-clock Relay raises \$155K for cancer

By Daily Press staff

SMC — Hundreds of Santa Monicans turned out here this weekend to battle cancer, raising more than \$155,000 for the fight.

More than 50 teams walked continuously for 24 hours as part of the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. Some came to honor those whose lives were lost to the disease, and others came to help support those still fighting it.

Santa Monica Police Chief James T. Butts Jr. told the crowd

on Sunday, during the closing ceremonies, that he has lost four father figures in his life to the disease. Meanwhile, a fifth mentor — longtime community member Nat Trives — is a cancer survivor.

All told, the SMPD and City Hall raised more than \$44,000 with a total of nine teams. The SMPD also held a silent auction, which brought in \$9,000. A 2004 Rose Bowl game football went for \$1,500 — the largest revenue-generating item listed in the auction.

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Under pressure: When life's a wash

BY DANIELE HAMAMDJIAN

Special to the Daily Press

It's a dirty job, but somebody's glad to do it. Long before the merchants unlock their doors each morning, eager to greet the throngs that stroll by the Third Street Promenade, Linwood Fenderson dons his gloves, goggles, safety belt and steel shoes and leaves his Compton home in preparation for the worst.

"Woody" Fenderson is a pressure-washer for the City of Santa Monica. The father of eight wakes up each morning at 3 a.m. and makes his way out to steam the Santa Monica streets and the sidewalks, from one commercial building to the next. With some 150 gallons of water set at a

temperature of 270 degrees in the back of his truck, Fenderson, along with his team of scrubbers and sweepers, ensures the main city streets are as clean as possible before most city residents have realized yesterday has slipped into today.

Fenderson, who describes himself as a country boy at heart, says his biggest flaw is caring too much about the issues surrounding him. Despite his early-morning toils, the 55-year-old Fenderson inevitably bears the burden of criticism when people call in to complain about paper or trash debris on stairwells or "dog poo-poo" on the sidewalk.

"People don't know exactly what happens on the Third Street Promenade until they come

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Mull over ideas, Cap

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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





ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Work with others, though you could be explosive because of the level of frustration you experience. The only solution is to distance yourself and observe. Play amateur psychologist; try to understand what is happening with others. Tonight: Join in and have a good time.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Others dominate, and you might have a difficult time dealing with power plays and games on the home front. Heading into work could be a relief. Others act up. You might shut down. Relate on a one-on-one level. Tonight: Togetherness is a relief.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Get as much done at work as possible, though you easily might be overloaded with calls and messages. You will have to screen your calls if you are to get anything done. Network toward the end of the day, when you feel as if you have accomplished something. Tonight: Out and about.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Use your strong imagination, whether at work or with a fun happening. Don't overspend, or you might be sorry later. You might spend a good part of the day exchanging ideas. Brainstorming renews and recharges ideas. Tonight: Add that special ingenuity to your life.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Be more in touch with your feelings with family or a real estate matter. You will have a meeting that helps solidify your feelings. Don't lose your temper; rather, work with information as it comes forth. Rest assured, not everyone can agree all the time. Tonight: Nap and then decide.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Use today to clear up a misunderstanding. How you say what you feel and how you express resentment, anger or frustration could make all the difference here. Good communication can and will clear the air. Tonight: Hang out with your pals.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Deal with finances, not letting another push you too hard. Carefully review a personal matter that involves a child or loved one. Ultimately, you might need to mull over your decision for a day or so. Give yourself permission. Tonight: Order in.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You are in your prime during the daytime. Someone else might be negative and angry. Deal with what you must, and be happy with yourself. Understand a boss's or superior's concerns. Make good decisions for yourself as well as others. Tonight: Make yourself happy.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Lie back, even if someone is contrary or giving conflicting information. Verify facts and figures carefully, but don't make a general announcement or pronouncement just yet. Do your homework. Tonight: Nap and then decide.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ A meeting might be controversial, as a partner could verbalize his or her strong disagreement. Focus on long-term goals. You might need to rethink your association with this person. Aim for more of what you want. Tonight: Mull over ideas.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You're in the limelight. Others see life differently, and they let you know it. Avoid a confrontation. Agree to disagree. In an atmosphere of free thinking, many good ideas float to the forefront. Make a must appearance. Tonight: Out late.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You see what others don't. Someone close could be threatened by your viewpoint. Think about what might be going on with this person. Get your facts and figures straight before you decide to take a stand. Tonight: Hop on the Internet, or let your mind wander into a good book.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Walk this way

By Daily Press staff

Cracks, holes and weird bumps.

Those are only a few descriptions that make some Santa Monica sidewalks unsafe for pedestrians and bicyclists. Residents are invited to take action against the cement slabs and make them more “walkable” on July 28 at McKinley Elementary School, 2401 Santa Monica Blvd. The “Walkable Community Workshop” will inform community members about the ongoing issues around school neighborhoods, and also give them a chance to create and commit to solution for the problems.

The four-hour workshop will begin at 1 p.m. and include a presentation and group “walkabout” of the area surrounding McKinley Elementary School, led by Charles Gandy, who has applied the “Walkable Community Workshops” principles in communities throughout the United States.

A little energy could go a long way

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce will spend more than two hours next week teaching business owners about increasing energy efficiency and, in the end, saving a little dough.

The free workshop will have prizes and informational booths to bring a little pizzazz to saving the world one volt at a time.

Southern California Edison, The Gas Company, City Hall and Sustainable Works will join the chamber on July 29 from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Ken Edwards Center, located at 1527 Fourth St. for the free workshop.

To register for the workshop, call (310) 393-9825, ext. 10.

Getting jazzy with Jesus

By Daily Press staff

The story of Christ’s life will be presented to a new beat this summer at St. Anne’s Catholic Church on July 31. The performance entitled “The Carpenter,” will be retold using a blend of narration, jazz, gospel and traditional storytelling techniques.

The production will feature the 20-voice harmony choir, including the Spiritual Roots Quartet, numerous soloists and narrators backed by the Howlett Smith Trio, comprised of piano, bass and drums.

The musical will begin at 7 p.m. at St. Anne’s, located at 2017 Colorado Ave. Admission is \$10 for adults and free for children under 12. For more information, call (310) 829-4411.

Roses are red ...

By Daily Press staff

The Talent Literary Guild is sponsoring an amateur poetry contest, free to everyone.

There are 50 prizes in all, including a \$1,000 grand prize, with more than \$4,000 in total cash and prizes awarded.

“We are delighted to sponsor this contest,” said Thomas Grey, poetry director. “Poets deserve opportunities to exhibit their work and get recognition. We expect our contest to encourage new poets. California has produced many wonderful poets over the years, and I’d like to discover new ones from among the Santa Monica area grassroots poets.”

To enter, send one entry of 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 1257 Siskiyou Blvd., PMB 4, Ashland, Ore., 97520, or go to www.freecontest.com. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style. The deadline for entering is Aug. 28.

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Tuesday will see a mix of swells ... the first S swell will be fading while a slightly more SWer'ly swell fills in to replace it.

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MONDAY	10:11	2.4	N/A	N/A	6:00	3.1	5:13	5.7
TUESDAY	12:55	0.3	11:26	2.6	7:31	3.3	6:10	6.2
WEDNESDAY	1:50	-0.5	12:36	2.6	8:31	3.6	7:06	6.7
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The Q Line

A Santa Monica judge recently agreed to release to the public a 914-page police report that details the events surrounding the July 16, 2003 Farmers’ Market tragedy in Santa Monica.

Criminal lawyers — those who are prosecuting 87-year-old Russell Weller, who killed 10 people and injured 63 others — as well as his defense attorneys, argued the report should be sealed in an effort to give him a fair trial.

But the First Amendment won out and the judge ordered that the report be made public.

However, Weller’s statements, as well as his those of his wife, remain sealed.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, “Do you agree with the judge’s decision to keep Weller’s statements private? If you were a juror, would it change how you looked at the case?”

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tarbet is a bad bet indeed

Editor:

It's obvious the guru of rent control, Michael Tarbet, just doesn't understand simple economics (SMDP, July 22, page 4). Tarbet is just plain wrong when he claims that property owners don't use the Ellis Act because they are unable to convert their apartments to condominiums.

The reason property owners don't use the Ellis Act and go out of the rental business now is because of the Costa-Hawkins vacancy decontrol legislation, which permits them to rent a voluntarily vacated apartment at the rent someone is willing to freely pay.

Under Mr. Target's voodoo economic scheme called rent control, rents were kept at artificially low levels and apartments rented to high income tenants, which made it not viable economically for the owner to cover costs and be able to stay in business.

That's the real distinction, Mr. Tarbet.

David E. Gonzales
Santa Monica

Just the facts

Editor:

This Tuesday, July 27, the City Council will consider approving the issuance of tax-exempt, private activities bonds by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority for the affordable housing project at Main and Pacific in Ocean Park. Due to the flurry of disinformation surrounding this matter, we feel compelled to state the facts:

Will the City have to pay for the bonds or incur any liability for the repayments?

No. The bonds are allocated by a state agency and issued by another state agency. The repayments are solely limited to the revenues derived from the project and, in the case of a public offering, additionally secured by a guarantee from a triple A-rated, private organization like the Fannie Mae Corporation.

How much is the city subsidizing this project?

The city has committed \$5,180,000 to assist this project, out of a total budget of approximately \$12,900,000. The rest of the funds will come from a federal tax credit equity investment, a state housing program loan, and tax-exempt bond proceeds. We have in hand a commitment from the state for about \$2,500,000. We expect in secure a non-competitive allocation of tax-exempt bonds and 4% tax credits in October. This financing strategy was structured well over a year ago.

Whom will this project serve?

This project will serve individuals and families making roughly between \$20,000 and \$40,000 per year. All Santa Monica residents and full-time workers have a local preference over other applicants.

Why should the city council approve the issuance of the bonds?

The approval is required under the federal Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act. Such approval will allow us to bring close to \$8,000,000 of affordable housing resources to the city for the benefit of its residents and businesses, while incurring no cost and no liability to the city.

Thank you for giving us the space to clear up any confusion. Public information and discourse — when provided accurately and in good faith — serve our democracy. We thank you for being a part of the solution.

Joan Ling

Executive director, Community Corp. of Santa Monica

Land of confusion

Editor:

I am greatly disturbed by our current administration. How can we constantly be concerned about outside forces destroying our great country while we ourselves are the greatest threat that we face today? The futures of our kids, and their kids, kids lie in our hands in this present hour. We have taken great steps in the last five years towards ensuring a stable and vibrant future for future generations, only to participate in the largest environmental regression in our nation's history.

Under the Clinton administration we have expressed a great need to protect our forest. So great in fact that we did so on a national level. Now comes along a group of people so blatantly opposed to preservation that they have viciously undermined what the people (as a whole) have deemed necessary. Disregarding the need for national protection, they have shifted power to the state level. How long will we continue to destroy the land that we are so willing to die to "protect?"

Anthony R. Marshall
Los Angeles

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY ONKAR GHATE

Outsourcing is source of American evolution

A free society requires and rewards individuals who are active-minded, forward-looking, keen to better themselves. A society moving towards state control of the economy requires and rewards individuals who want tranquility, passivity, lethargy. In the debate about the legitimacy of "outsourcing" white-collar jobs to foreign countries, you must decide on which side you stand.

The opponents of "outsourcing" white-collar jobs eagerly present it as an unprecedented, catastrophic phenomenon. The facts belie this. Economists estimate that roughly 100,000 white-collar jobs "move" offshore annually. This figure excludes new jobs created in the United States because of the increased economic efficiency and is in the context of a U.S. economy of some 140 million jobs, in which 15 million unneeded jobs are eliminated annually, with even more created. Moreover, for decades U.S. companies (and the U.S. economy) have thrived by hiring manufacturing and agricultural workers abroad. We are witnessing but a normal evolution of specialization and trade, cornerstones of American prosperity.

Why then the heated opposition?

Observe that whatever the particular forces that lead American businesses to hire foreign workers — be it a Coca Cola expanding into new markets in Asia, an HP manufacturing products more cheaply in Singapore, or an Intel hiring superior engineers in India — the fundamental reason they do so is to grow. They seek to increase sales and profits.

This is the nature of a free society: Economically, it does not stand still, it advances. It demands the same of its citizens.

When Henry Ford introduced mass production of the automobile in the early 1900s, he changed transportation. This inevitably caused disruptions. The days of the horse and buggy were numbered. But those in the dying industry who chose to face the reality of Ford's advance, whether a business owner who learned to produce gasoline instead of buggies or a worker who learned to repair automobile engines, prospered.

Later, when men like Steve Jobs, Bill Gates and Michael Dell ushered in the personal computer revolution, almost no industry was unaffected. The businesses and employees that embraced the new invention, a retailer that computerized its inventory, or a worker who learned to program a computer, prospered.

Today, as businesses hire white-collar workers abroad, similar opportunities will abound for those ready to change and grow. As in earlier eras, the capital accumulation made possible by the increased efficiency and specialization at American companies will fuel demand for employees with new skills, such as managers able to integrate a company's activities across countries and cultures.

It should not be surprising, for instance, that from 1991 to 2001, 2,500 U.S. multi-national corporations added 2.8 million foreign jobs — and — 5.5 million new U.S. jobs (the latter above

the average U.S. employee growth rate for the period), or that 25 percent of Americans now work at jobs not even listed in the 1967 Census Bureau codes.

Those who prosper in a free society are individuals who choose, no matter how severe the change, to adapt, to expand their skills, to increase their knowledge, to grow. For this type of individual, trade and specialization — across one's city, state, country or globe — are acknowledged as beneficial. The progress of a global economy, including "outsourcing," is not feared but welcomed.

There are, however, those who resent the growth that a free society demands. Typically, they pursue one of two courses of action. Either they simply cling to the old way of doing things, like a manufacturer who claims that if horse buggies were good enough for our forefathers, they should be good enough for us. Or they cry for governmental protection — and demand that the government restrict the cotton gin, steam engine, automobile, locomotive, Japanese imports, factory automation, etc.

This last is the opponent of "outsourcing." He does not advance even a semi-cogent economic argument, as economists have pointed out repeatedly. But he does resent the fact that his life has been or may be disrupted by the freedom of other people advancing their interests — that others' progress may require him to grow or be left behind. So in an attempt to freeze reality, the opponent of "outsourcing" demands that the government forcibly restrain the success of his fellow citizens — by restricting them from dealing abroad.

Unscrupulous politicians then pander to this backward mentality. Thirty-five state legislatures have introduced "anti-outsourcing" legislation. John Kerry denounces management as "Benedict Arnold CEOs," even though the CEOs are being quintessentially American in pursuing their (and their shareholder's) happiness.

The demands of the "anti-outsourcers" must be rejected. There is no right to stagnation. But there remains nevertheless one thing to ask of our government.

Some companies are moving offshore because they find greater economic freedom there. Don't demand that they be prevented from relocating or hiring foreign workers — that would just further restrict freedom in America. Demand instead that the government rescind the plethora of regulations — from workers' compensation to Social Security to governmental education to governmental healthcare — that is strangling us.

We need the American solution: To once again fully embrace freedom and the growth it both creates and requires.

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OPINION



Sweeping away our past no way to enter the future



HIP TO BE SQUARE

BY CAROLINE BODKIN

I brought my boyfriend to my childhood home in Salt Lake City last weekend. In the days leading up to our first trip to my parents' house, I often found myself explaining the place to my boyfriend so that he wouldn't be surprised by its contents. I've always seen my home as being sort of cluttered. That was its nature, even as it provided steadfast comfort.

In-process art or construction projects covered the floor, artifacts brought home from family trips abroad adorned most surface areas. On the wall hung various pieces of art or photos. Our cars were old and the grass was never one shade of healthy green. Things didn't match perfectly. There wasn't a neat place for everything. It was a modest home, but not a simple one.

So before bringing my boyfriend into it, I tried to explain it.

"The downstairs is sort of disorganized because we never really spent much time there," or "my parents appreciate cars for their function only" or, finally, truthfully, "there's a lot of ... stuff in the house because we hang onto things, I guess. My house was cluttered like my family was cluttered. Thick, with details and memories, tightly packed. There's just a lot to navigate."

My family was a small one, but not a simple one.

I don't think there is such thing as a simple family. So for anyone, bringing someone you love into your home is daunting. While it's one thing for us to learn to love and accept our own family members — their cluttered surfaces, the packed innards of their drawers — it's another thing to hope someone else will.

I was nervous. Will he see the clutter I lived with and think I'm less for it? Too much of a project?

But something happened when I walked inside after arriving in Salt Lake.

I, fearful of bringing him into the clutter I'd come to accept, walked into a house that did not feel cluttered.

In my bedroom, the hardwood floors, once barely visible because I'd insisted on sleeping on a mattress on the floor and kept a purple bulb in my overhead light, were now shiny, refinished and clean. A little rocking chair anchored the uncluttered corner. It was welcoming.

As was the rest of the house.

The living room had fresh flowers, candles burned in the kitchen, food was ready to eat. The guest room had been made up. How different.

But was it? I looked for evidence of the thick home I remembered and sure enough, the artifacts of memory were still sprinkled everywhere (the photo of my brother and I after skiing as children, the ceramic hanging from Greece, the mysterious blow gun), but everything now seemed more settled. Things that had always felt displaced, had stayed in their same places, but now seemed to be in place.

So my preparatory explanations had been unnecessary. I'd thought for some reason my family's clutter was thicker than most, insurmountable to others. But my guest made his way about the home and circulated among my family without tripping on anything. He found his place among every other thing as though he too had always belonged there.

We assume that when people see more of you, they'll think less of you, even though when that person loves you, it's the opposite that's true.

I looked around the house to see all that was there. And, alas, not that much had changed. All the things, all the bumps and surfaces and drawers in the house and the people in it were all about the same as they used to be.

The things we hold onto, the bumps and surfaces and innards of drawers, which make us human, were still there.

This time, I guess, I was more willing to see it all.

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LOCAL

SMC looks for improved grades from new class

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careless. We did it as a strategy because it was a necessary thing to do at that time," Girard said. "Because it's what you do to maneuver through state finance."

"So for two semesters we weren't able to serve as many students as we would have liked ... and we took all of our pain in one year so that this year will be a good year for the student and a very careful year for the institution," he said.

Still, Robertson disputes that SMC suffered a drop in enrollment at all, claiming that last year was so bad that the school didn't even have money for a substantial marketing budget and this year's numbers shouldn't be compared to 2003. She also

said it's unknown what enrollment looks like until three weeks after classes begin because of drop-outs, no-shows and add-ins.

During the cutbacks, 13 full-time professors were fired and hundreds of part-time instructors were lost. However, SMC has already started to re-hire several part-time professors, and, according to Girard, will work its way towards having the same number of full-time teachers as it did before the cutbacks within a couple of years.

Despite the administration's positive outlook and plans for the future, some SMC faculty aren't so optimistic.

"There's talk of bringing back the programs and classes, but there's no commit-

ment to any dates and time-frames," said Lantz Simpson, President of the SMC Faculty Association, shortly after the July 7 SMC board meeting.

The "I'll-believe-it-when-I-see-it" feeling was also present with SMC faculty member and spokeswoman for the campaign to "86 the Trustees" — Kelly Hayes-Raitt.

"If I understand Don Girard correctly, they're going to bring back more than 5,000 students in the next five or six weeks. Yet, there isn't a specific plan to bring back the classes," remarked Hayes-Raitt. "There isn't a specific plan to hire more (non-academic) staff to serve those extra students.

"You know, I'd like to see it in writing."

The plan to attract more students, however, is underscored by the expected increase in fees this fall. Last year, students paid \$18 per unit, but this Fall, students are expected to pay \$26 or \$28 per unit in order to appease state government officials.

Although students at SMC will be paying more for their classes, officials said the money will, in essence, be returned to the college via state funding. The final state budget and SMC's share in that budget has not yet been determined, but Girard believes the college could potentially receive \$3.5 million more than usual, which could help bring the college up to the state average.

Sponsors pick up baton and run with it at Relay

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Kevin Bernzott, who worked for the SMPD decades ago, purchased the ball.

But that's not all Bernzott contributed. For the first time, the Santa Monica Relay for Life was able to bring in a corporate sponsor — Bernzott Capital Advisors, which contributed \$10,000 toward the cause.

SMPD Lt. Frank Fabrega, who was this

year's event chairperson, said he called his old colleague and friend for a donation — he didn't expect to get a sponsorship.

"I thought I was going to get a donation of \$100 or \$250," Fabrega said. "I never dreamed that he was going to provide us with a \$10,000 donation."

Every year, the event grows. The first Santa Monica Relay for Life, held in 2002, raised \$68,000. In 2003, it brought

in \$78,000, according to Fabrega, who last year successfully beat prostate cancer. He added that as the money continues to trickle in, he expects the weekend's events will have raised \$160,000.

"If we are able to reach the \$160,000 mark, that means we doubled our income from last year," Fabrega said.

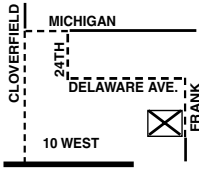
He attributes part of this year's success to area businesses who stepped up with

sponsorships and teams, including local hotels: The Sheraton, the Viceroy, the Doubletree Guest Suites and Hotel, Shutters on the Beach and Casa Del Mar.

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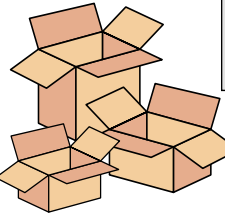
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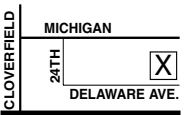


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down here at 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning, then they see what's really going on," says Fenderson. "You see pressure-washers, you see the scrubbers, you see the guys dumping the trash, you see how the operation is really going on. That's why, when people get here at seven or eight in the morning, the place is spotless."

With 18 guys working against 10,000 people every weekend, insisted Fenderson, it's hard to please everyone. He and his colleagues, including supervisor Eddie Greenberg, have asked the city for a larger crew, "but the city is limited and can only do so much," he said.

Born in San Diego, Fenderson's family — including six brothers and a sister — arrived in Los Angeles when he was just 5 years old. His father then spent the next 30 years working two jobs to make ends meet. Fenderson began working for Santa Monica a decade ago as a "foot soldier" with a night crew who picked up debris left on the Promenade. Today, as one of the city's four pressure-washers, he earns an average of \$3,200 per month and contends he's quite happy with his job.

"I enjoy coming to work," he said. "I enjoy doing my job and I get along with everyone. I'm putting three kids through college right now, so the benefits are great."

Fenderson insists the likelihood of his transferring to another department are highly unlikely.

"We've had opportunities to go work for other departments, but we turned them down because we want to stay with Mr. Greenberg ... he's the man," he admitted.

When out of his uniform, Fenderson, who grew up watching Roy Rogers, says he hunts, rides and dresses like a countryman. His next big venture will ultimately see him move to Fresno, where he is buying a ranch.

"I'll ride my horses into the sunset," said a smiling Fenderson.

What's the most disgusting thing you have ever seen on the streets?

"(Laughing) I see a lot at 4 o'clock in the morning. Sometimes people are in trouble at 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning. We've stopped, I'd say, maybe two or three rapes. Guys attacking women, people fighting in the middle of the night after they've gotten drunk or used drugs all night. Chasing someone down the street or seeing something like that and trying to prevent it from happening."

Do the homeless bother you in any way?

"I've had a couple of situations. I've asked someone to move and they refused to move. They try to start a confrontation, but we know how to prevent it, we just say 'OK' and walk away. I've had a couple of people who didn't want to move, they got nasty about it and used profanity and so forth, but I know as a city employee I'm not supposed to be out here getting into fights. So I just turn and walk away. I continue to work, and after they get up and leave, or the community service officer or police officer gets them to move, I come back and finish the job ... The majority of the ones who sleep on the Promenade every night, know who I am when I come through."

You carry around a shovel, why is that?

"Basically, sometimes I get calls ... a business may call up and say 'Hey, I got a guy that used a restroom in front of my store, could you come and take care of it?' so instead of taking the pressure-washer and blowing it everywhere, I use a shovel to just pick it up, dispose of it and then I go back with the pressure-washer and steam the rest of it away."

God bless you!

"(Laughing) It's part of the job!"

You don't get bored after 10 years?

"No, because every day is a different day. One day, you may come out and you might get into a confrontation with someone and you try and let them know

it's no problem, we'll take care of it and go around you. Then there are days, you come out and people are out jogging and they'll say 'Good morning' to you and you don't know who they are, and then that particular person, because we show courtesy to everybody, whether they're homeless or not, turns out to be the mayor one day.

"Other times, I've been out working and a lot of movie stars and actors come down, like Dustin Hoffman and Al Pacino, and you get a chance to talk to them. It's interesting to see them and have a chance to talk to them."

Who was your most exciting encounter?

Al Pacino. I sat down and had a talk with him while he was having coffee with his manager. He's a real interesting guy. Real nice guy ... Other days, you're out there working, and the public always notices the work — 'Hey, you guys are doing a fine job, we appreciate what you do.' — That makes you feel good, to know that someone is looking at what you do on a daily basis."

What's your philosophy on the job?

I think it's a great job because the average city ... they don't take care of their city the way we take care of this one. We take it personal. We have a small crew and a good supervisor. Ten to 12 million people come to visit the Third Street Promenade every year, so we want to make sure that it is taken care of. We have businesses that come here, other Promenade supervisors have come here and asked us for advice on how we keep this Promenade so clean. Managers from Santa Monica Place came to ask me how I do my work, what it takes and how much time I spend. We've had people come from as far as New York to sit down with my supervisor, and he lets the crew sit in on it and they interview and ask us, 'How do you guys do this?' We explain our procedure and what we do, but 60 to 70 percent of the success comes from the employees, our attitudes, how we feel about the job and what we're doing.

What is your biggest challenge on a daily basis?

The gum and the coffee that's spilled and dropped on the Promenade on a daily basis. We have 75 trash cans on the Promenade and people will walk right up to the trash can, right next to it and pour the coffee on the ground. Gum — they just take it out of their mouth and throw it on the ground. I bet on average, I would steam up over 2,000 pieces of gum a week. On an average, I pressure-wash about 800 square feet a week ... So, I see a lot of gum.

How would you make your job easier?

I would use a more powerful unit, which we're in the process of getting. The unit I have now is a commercial unit. There are units with larger pumps and tanks that hold more water. I refill an average of five to six times a day. My tank is only 150 gallons and I can go through 300 gallons on one block.

Has it changed over the years? Have the streets become dirtier?

It depends on the time and the season. From the first week of June until the last week of September, of course, school is out so you have more people out and people are on vacation. The jacaranda trees have been one of our problems. The leaves are flowers that fall from the jacarandas. They're beautiful when they're on the trees, but when they fall on the sidewalk, the flowers are stepped on and it produces an odor that smells like urine. It's very strong. So we have to make an extra effort and spend more time on steaming the sidewalk which causes the concrete on the sidewalks to turn black. It takes more time, more water and more effort during that season."

What would you like to tell the pedestrians in Santa Monica?

"I'd like to tell the pedestrians, if they're walking their dogs and they poo-poo, would they please pick it up. Also, would they put their trash in the trash can, and not on the ground?"

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STATE

Delegates not so representative of Californians

BY BETH FOUHY

AP Political Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The delegates representing California at the Democratic National Convention in Boston are older, less ethnically diverse, more educated and more liberal on hot-button social issues than the state as a whole, according to a major delegate survey conducted by The Associated Press.

More than 52 percent of the state's 441 delegates responded to the telephone survey, addressing a range of questions about the key issues facing voters this election year.

Their answers paint a portrait of a delegation comprised mostly of liberal, white activists who overwhelmingly believe gay marriage should be legal and who favor New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton as the party's presidential candidate in 2008 if John Kerry loses the election this year.

"It's a progressive, activist delegation, no question," said state treasurer Phil Angelides, who has been a delegate at every Democratic convention since 1988. "California represents the leading edge of

the movement to dump President Bush in November."

The delegation, nearly evenly split between men and women, ranges in age from 78-year-old Nell Soto of Pomona to 18-year-old Benjamin Karol Sheldon-Tarzynski of Santa Monica. But a large majority — 85 percent — are at least 35 years old.

About 71 percent of delegates graduated from college, and 45 percent have a graduate or professional degree or more.

While California is among the most ethnically and racially diverse states in the nation, that diversity is not reflected proportionally among Democratic delegates. Sixty-four percent of the delegates are white, about 19 percent are Hispanic, eight percent are black and just under five percent are Asian.

By contrast, California's overall population is 47 percent white, 33 percent Hispanic, 11 percent Asian and six percent black, according to 2003 census figures.

The state Democratic party says the group is more diverse than AP's survey reflects. According to party officials, delegates are 48 percent white, 26 percent

Hispanic, 15 percent black and 8 1/2 percent Asian.

Most delegates named the economy and jobs as the top issue facing voters this year, followed by the situation in Iraq, health care and education. Fighting terrorism placed a distant fifth.

On two controversial social issues — abortion and gay marriage — the delegates are more liberal than most California voters and the majority of delegates nationally.

Eighty-two percent of California delegates said they support abortion rights, compared to 74 percent of delegates nationally. And 62 percent of the state's delegates said they were in favor of allowing same-sex couples to marry, compared to 42 percent of delegates overall.

A Field Poll of California voters taken in late May showed that while a large majority favor existing abortion laws, only 43 percent believe that gay marriage should be sanctioned.

California delegates say they strongly approve of Kerry's selection of North Carolina Sen. John Edwards to be his running mate — but when it comes to presidential prospects for 2008, Hillary

Clinton is favored over Edwards by nearly a two-to-one margin.

Thirty-one percent said they hoped Clinton would be the party's presidential standard bearer if Kerry were to lose this year, while just 16 percent said they favored Edwards.

Republicans said the delegates' responses to the survey showed how Democratic activists were out of touch with the views of mainstream voters.

"I think the California delegates attending this convention are putting forward the ideas they want to see, and unfortunately they are not keeping with what a majority of Americans want," said Rep. George Radanovich, R-Mariposa.

While many Democrats blame Ralph Nader for helping to defeat Democrat Al Gore in 2000 by costing Gore key votes in some battleground states, most California delegates say they don't believe that will happen this time.

Sixty-one percent said Nader, who is running as an independent, won't take enough support away from John Kerry to cost him the election this year.

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STATE



Judge rules court has jurisdiction in tribal dispute

BY CHRIS T. NGUYEN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — A Superior Court judge declined to dismiss a lawsuit by ousted members of an American Indian tribe last week, saying courts have authority over legal matters that arise from tribal disputes.

Eleven former members of the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians had sued members of the tribe's enrollment committee, claiming their rights were violated after being thrown out of the tribe in March.

In his ruling, Riverside County Superior Court Judge Charles D. Field cited a federal law stating that California courts "have jurisdiction over civil causes of action between Indians or to which Indians are parties which arise in Indian country."

"This case is illustrative of the increasing assertion of administrative and judicial scrutiny over matters previously considered to be within the sole jurisdiction of the 'sovereign authority' of a tribe or band," the judge said.

Field anticipated a legal challenge and stayed his order for 30 days to allow parties to appeal the ruling.

Pechanga Chairman Mark Macarro said late Friday that tribal nations, like other governments, determine their own citizenship.

"It's a core function of self-governance. It's absurd that a state court could think it has jurisdiction on any tribe's citizenship."

Jon Velie, attorney for the ousted members, said the ruling was a victory for all Indians.

"There's an entire horrible trend right

now of individuals obtaining power and thinking their actions cannot be reviewed," Velie said. "What we have is a certain system that thinks courts can't hear their matter."

Pechanga attorneys have argued sovereignty protects tribes from lawsuits and court intervention, asking Field to dismiss the lawsuit.

The plaintiffs represent an extended family of 130 adults, plus numerous children, claiming ancestry to the tribe, which owns a profitable casino in Temecula. They say they each stand to lose about \$120,000 a year from casino profits.

The group argues people were thrown out of the tribe so that committee members could increase their own share of casino money.

The plaintiffs say their roots are recorded in tribal records and trace back

80 years to Manuela Miranda, the granddaughter of Pechanga Chief Pablo Apish. In 1845, they say, the chief received a 2,223-acre land grant from Pio Pico, the last Mexican governor of California.

But tribal leaders, who requested more documentation proving lineage, say Miranda cut ties with the tribe when she moved off the reservation 80 years ago.

The lawsuit had been transferred to federal court, but U.S. District Judge Robert J. Timlin in February ruled that he had no jurisdiction.

In California, at least 1,160 people are fighting to retain membership in a total of 14 tribes, according to an investigation by The Associated Press.

The disputes present a problem because tribes in the state have councils and committees that decide practically all affairs but lack courts to resolve legal disputes.

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NATIONAL

Farmers markets command share of food dollar

BY SUSAN GALLAGHER
Associated Press Writer

HELENA, Mont. — Mai K. Moua reached across his produce table at the Helena Farmers’ Market on a bright summer Saturday, and invited a customer to give a radish the taste test.

“Try one,” Moua said. “If you don’t like it, don’t buy it.”

It’s the kind of personal touch that is helping farmers’ markets proliferate in Montana and around the country, offering ultra-fresh produce, plants and flowers directly from grower to consumer.

The markets are a sales niche for some operators of small farms, but they also provide an opportunity for buyers to ask questions of growers — did you spray those strawberries? — and a social opportunity for all.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports farmers’ markets increased 79 percent nationally between 1994 and 2002, with more than 3,100 now operating.

The increase stems from consumer demand for produce that is both fresh and has origins easily traced, growers’ economic interests and efforts to revitalize community areas as gathering places, said Charlie Touchette, executive director of the North American Farmers’ Direct Marketing Association in Southampton, Mass.

Growers typically get 17 to 20 cents of each \$1 a consumer spends on produce at a supermarket, Touchette said. Farmers’ markets are one way for growers to keep more of the dollar by also packaging, transporting and marketing their products.

Some growers within a manageable distance of multiple farmers’ markets develop a circuit, selling at several if they take place at different times of the week.

The Northeast and the West Coast tend to have the more mature markets, but market popularity is not stronger in one region versus another, Touchette said. Some markets are in parking lots, but downtowns and community greens are the more frequent locations as towns try to put commerce and foot traffic where they’re needed most.

Montana has about two dozen markets, 70 percent of them established after 1990.

“You’d better be there early, or you’re not going to get the products you want,” said Ralph Peck, the state agriculture director. “That’s how popular they are in Montana.”

The ability to make money without the expense of a middleman, other than perhaps a nominal charge for market space, is a meaningful savings for small-scale farmers. The Montana Agricultural Statistics Service classifies them as people who raise and sell at least \$1,000 worth of agricultural products annually on 50 acres or fewer. Montana had 6,428 such farms two years ago, up from 5,868 in 1997.

Supermarket chains buy primarily from brokers who can provide produce year-round. Broccoli and carrots are seasonal at farmers’ markets, but customers seem to appreciate basing their purchases on the calendar.

Part-time farmer Terry Johnson, a full-time fiscal analyst for the Montana Legislature, hires help to keep up with the customers stopping by his produce table in downtown Helena.

“I can’t think of a year that I haven’t grown,” said Johnson, a vendor for 26 years.

For Marilyn Grant, who goes to the Helena market nearly every Saturday in the summer, the appeal is obvious.

“You see your neighbors, other people, and you can stop and talk,” Grant said. “And the produce is so fresh. Once people hear about the farmers’ market, it just naturally grows.”

Sales often are the most basic of transactions: a few coins for a zucchini squash. But some vendors accept food stamps or participate in other federal nutrition programs.

Nationally the USDA has \$22.8 million available for farmers’ market purchases this year by clients of WIC, short for Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children. The USDA also issues

farmers’ market coupons for the elderly, part of an effort to boost consumption of unprocessed food.

“People want fresh fruit, fresh vegetables,” said Mel Parker, market master in Missoula. “What’s sold here is usually picked on Friday, sometimes even Saturday morning, and brought fresh to the market on Saturday.”

Missoula has one of the larger markets in the state, an extravaganza that draws dozens of vendors and has the flavor of a community festival.

In Billings the market is allocated five downtown blocks and reserves space for street performers. This year a grant from the Alternative Energy Resources Organization encourages restaurant chefs to offer cooking demonstrations featuring market ingredients.

Then there is northeastern Montana’s tiny Wolf Point, with a small but well-established market operating in a cafe parking lot. The half-dozen or so vendors have a loyal clientele, and each contributes produce or baked goods for the customer who wins a weekly drawing.

“Everybody likes to win something,” said market manager Jennie Kawasaki. “You’d think you gave them a \$20 bill.”

Kawasaki likes to make sure the market maintains an image as a food and craft fair, not a swap meet.

“We do not want garage-sale stuff, clutter, somebody’s junk,” Kawasaki said. “I’m strict about that.”

Disagreements about the merchandise contributed to the undoing of the Townsend market, southeast of Helena, last held in 2003.

“Is this a farmers’ market as in food _ produce _ or is it a generic, bring-your-stuff-of-all-kinds event?” said Jeanne Mainwaring, who coordinated the Townsend market for several years and has called it quits. She was having to do too much of the work, she said.

“We have had numerous e-mails from other small communities around Montana, asking for advice about how to start and maintain a farmers’ market,” Mainwaring said. “I am at a loss to cheer them on.”

There may be occasional discord among organizers and vendors, but Missoula’s Parker said customers are steadfastly loyal.

“I’ve often heard people say they were invited to such and such, ‘but we told them we have to go the market first,’” he said.

Market rules vary from place to place, except for a few standards imposed by state regulators, prohibiting sales of raw milk and requiring eggs be refrigerated. State law does not regulate the sale of jam, jelly or baked goods at the Montana markets.

How much they operate by the conventions of business varies from one place to another, as well.

Kawasaki said the Wolf Point market doesn’t bother with liability insurance. In Dillon, where the market is now in its second year, organizers Glenna King and Ann Haggett personally provided the start-up money to cover expenses such as insurance, fliers and postage.

“It was kind of our community-service project,” King said.

Dillon’s market has grown enough to be self-supporting through contributions from vendors, and King expects she and Haggett will step back once there’s a committee of vendors to take over market management.

For Moua the joy is in direct marketing, not steering.

“Because I sell, I’m happy,” said Moua, who used to live in Laos and has help from his family on market days. “We put it in the ground, we pick it, I give the taste before they buy it. Sweet.”

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Court being asked to remove ban on cyanide mining

By The Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. — An initiative to repeal the state ban on a mining process involving cyanide should be removed from the Nov. 2 ballot, an environmental group and a southwestern Montana landowner say in a petition filed with the Montana Supreme Court.

Initiative 147 is unconstitutional, says the petition submitted to the court Friday by the Montana Environmental Information Center and Mark Gerlach of the Lincoln area.

"It addresses two separate topics and that's banned by the constitution," said Jim Jensen, executive director of MEIC.

Tammy Johnson of Whitehall, coordinator of the I-147 campaign, said she did not anticipate opponents to petition the high court and maintained the MEIC continues to be obstructionist.

"The people of Montana have clearly indicated they would like to see this on the ballot in November, would like to have the right to discuss the opportunities this initiative presents..." she said. "This campaign, its legal counsel and all factions of state government did a careful review of this initiative and it is, indeed, constitutional."

The Supreme Court is being asked to order that Secretary of State Bob Brown remove I-147 from the ballot.

The measure would repeal Montana's ban on open-pit gold or silver mines that use a cyanide process to extract the metals, a ban proposed by Jensen through Initiative 137 in 1998 and narrowly passed by voters.

I-147 would put into law requirements and precautions for mines using the cyanide technology, and would restore any "contractual interest or right in a mineral estate" affected by passage of the 1998 ban.

That part of the initiative makes it unconstitutional because it creates two separate subjects within one ballot measure, said Terry Trieweiler, the former Montana Supreme Court justice representing MEIC. Trieweiler said presenting more than one subject risks confusing voters. They may agree cyanide leach mining should be legal, but disagree that mining companies' 1998 mineral rights should be restored, as well.

The chief backer of I-147 is Canyon Resources Corp. of Golden, Colo., which wants to develop the McDonald gold project east of Lincoln. With the 1998 ban in place, efforts to develop that project came to a halt because it would use cyanide heap-leach technology.

When development work stopped, Canyon Resources' mineral leases ended.

The Supreme Court has been asked to rule directly on I-147. The case will be heard by a district judge in Helena if the high court declines to take it.

Wavering voters down on Bush, feel country on the wrong track

BY WILL LESTER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Voters who haven't firmly committed to a presidential candidate are in a sour mood.

They tend to be more disapproving of President Bush, have a gloomier view of the economy and be more likely to think the country is headed down the wrong track. The mood of these persuadable voters prompted one veteran Republican strategist to warn the Bush campaign that dramatic steps are needed to prevent them from bolting to Democrat John Kerry.

Republican strategist Tony Fabrizio, the pollster for Republican Bob Dole's presidential run in 1996, warned the GOP about the sour mood of undecided voters in battleground states, a small slice of the uncommitted voters in the electorate.

Fabrizio, who supports Bush, wrote in a July 8 memo that such voters are "poised to break away from President Bush and to John Kerry."

"Clearly if these undecided voters were leaning any harder against the door of the Kerry camp, they would crash right through it," he wrote, suggesting the president do more to convince voters the economy is recovering and take a more aggressive stance in defining Kerry.

With polls suggesting voters are very interested in the election this year, strategists on both sides and independent analysts say they doubt negative campaigning will suppress voter turnout.

"If you're interested in the election, you're going to vote," said Democratic consultant Jim Duffy. "People realize this is a pivotal election."

Persuadable voters in a Associated Press poll taken by Ipsos-Public Affairs early this month were more likely to say the country was headed down the wrong track — 63 percent compared with 56 percent overall.

They were more likely to disapprove of Bush's handling of the economy — 56 percent compared with 50 percent overall — and more likely to disapprove of Bush's handling of other domestic issues like health care and education — 59 percent to 52 percent overall. They

also were more concerned about the economy than voters generally.

Persuadable voters include those who are undecided and those whose support for a candidate was weak.

Bush campaign strategist Matthew Dowd counseled Republican patience during a period that was likely to see Kerry getting a bump in the polls from the upcoming Democratic National Convention.

"These undecideds are people that shift back and forth a lot based on current events," Dowd said.

Perceptions of the economy are improving, Dowd said, and the Bush campaign will be advertising about what the president would do in a second term while continuing to run ads critical of Kerry.

The president last week began to outline his plans for a second term — talking in general terms about expanding access to health care, improving efforts to prepare high school graduates to get jobs, and changing Social Security. The Bush campaign promises to provide details in the coming weeks.

On the positive side for Bush, Republicans are united behind him, he's remained tied with Kerry in the polls despite the problems with the economy and Iraq, and he's considered stronger on handling terrorism — a pivotal issue this year.

But Bush's public support is likely to be more influenced by external events, such as those in Iraq, the campaign against terror and the economy.

Political analyst Thomas Mann of the Brookings Institution said it's clear that many independents and swing voters are not supporting Bush.

"There is no obvious way of winning them over," he said. "Somehow Bush has to restore his luster as an effective commander in chief in the war against terrorism and raise serious doubts about Kerry as an alternative."

Political scientist David Rohde of Michigan State University said Bush is in a difficult situation because "more than anything else these voters will be affected by events and affected by their views of Kerry."

"The public has not yet concluded they want Kerry," said Rohde. "But they're considering him."

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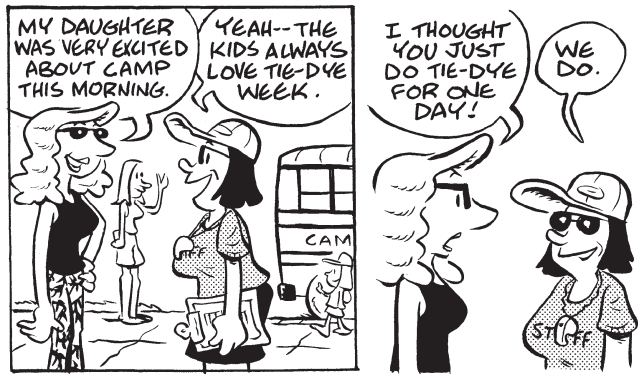


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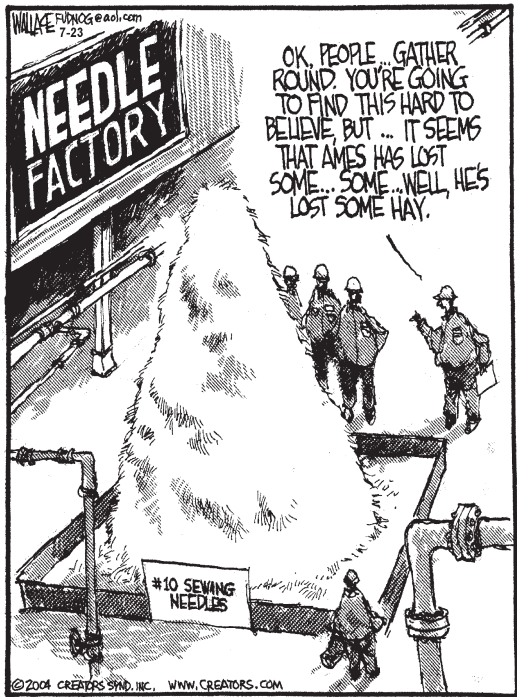
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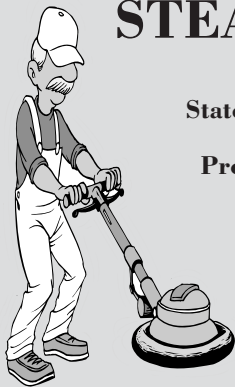
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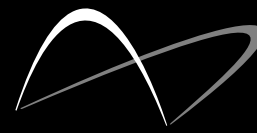
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Love, Shaq: Center of attention thanks LA fans

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Shaquille O'Neal had a big-hearted message for his Los Angeles fans Sunday.

O'Neal took out a full-page advertisement in the Los Angeles Times thanking his fans for their support during his eight years with the Los Angeles Lakers.

Last week, O'Neal signed with the Miami Heat, marking the end of an era in which the Lakers won three NBA championships.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your incredible support over the last eight years," O'Neal said in the ad. "I am moving on to the next chapter in my career, but I will never forget the support that you gave me."

O'Neal, whose dispute with Lakers management led to his departure, told Lakers fans, "I will miss each and every one of you."

"You have been there with me through it all — we never could have won any of the championships without you," he said.

The Lakers are rebuilding their team around superstar guard Kobe Bryant, who signed a seven-year contract worth more than \$136 million. Rudy Tomjanovich will replace Phil Jackson as coach, and former Laker Vlade Divac, who was traded in 1996, will return to replace O'Neal at center.

KEY WEST, Fla. — On his eighth try, a North Carolina real estate broker — with a silver-white beard and khaki fisherman's vest — won the annual Ernest Hemingway look-alike contest.

John Stubbings, 65, was crowned late Saturday at a packed Sloppy Joe's Bar, Hemingway's favorite Key

West watering hole during his residency here in the 1930s.

"Like everybody else, I thought I was going to win my first year," Stubbings said. "That doesn't happen. You pay your dues, you get to know the judges and make friends with the contestants."

Stubbings beat 135 other prospective Hemingways, judged for their graying beards, ruddy complexion and piercing eyes.

The annual Hemingway Days festival ended Sunday. Festivities also included literary readings, theatrical productions, a marlin tournament and a gala on the grounds of Hemingway's former home.

Stubbings said he favors "For Whom the Bell Tolls" over Hemingway's other novels, and admits feeling a certain kinship with the writer.

"The spirit is there," he said. "I like the outdoors, I tried my hand at writing and I love to fish."

COMPTON, Calif. — Earvin "Magic" Johnson is heating things up in Compton.

The basketball phenomenon and businessman was on hand Saturday for the official opening of the city's first Starbucks. The Seattle-based coffee chain and Johnson Development Corp. have opened 68 coffee shops in ethnically diverse neighborhoods since 1998.

Johnson has gone on to become an entrepreneur, political activist and part-owner of the Los Angeles Lakers since retiring from basketball more than a decade ago.

Mayor Eric Perrodin said the Starbucks "was like a stamp of approval for the city of Compton" and is symbolic of a new and prosperous time.

Johnson agreed.

"There's something good happening in the city," the former Lakers' star said.

The sentiment is good news for the residents of this Los Angeles suburb whose image has been tarnished in recent years by a political corruption scandal, a financially troubled community college, and a school district that was under state control for several years because of low test scores and other problems.

Eleanor Stewart, a lifelong Compton resident, was pleased with the new addition to the neighborhood.

"I was even bragging about this to my relatives back East," she said.

VENICE, Italy — British director John Boorman will head the main jury at this year's Venice Film Festival. The panel also will include Spike Lee and "Lost in Translation" star Scarlett Johansson.

Festival organizers announced the list Friday. Other members of the jury are filmmakers Wolfgang Becker of Germany, Mimmo Calopresti of Italy and Dusan Makavejev of Serbia-Montenegro; Italian editor Pietro Scalia; and Xu Feng, a producer from Taiwan.

Boorman, 71, started his career in the 1960s. His movies include "Point Blank," "Deliverance," "Hope and Glory," and "Beyond Rangoon." This year he directed "Country of My Skull."

The film festival runs Sept. 1-11, and the jury will award a Golden Lion for best film and several Silver Lions.

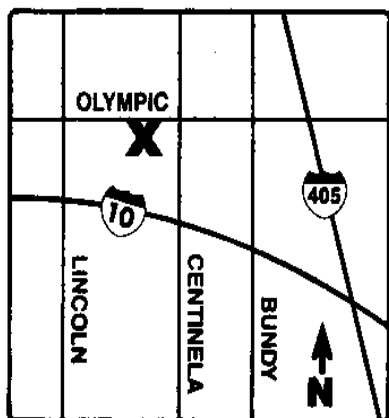
British director Mike Figgis and French director Nicolas Philibert head the juries of two sections looking at more experimental movies.

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