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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

A 25-year-old American from Boston, in Hanover, Germany, for World Cup matches, was forced to report sheepishly to police that he had no idea which hotel he had checked into or where it was. According to a Reuters report, the man, reportedly sober, remembered being driven past a park and a Mercedes dealership, but since there are several of those in Hanover, police had to drive him around town for an hour until he finally recognized the building.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 208th day of 2006.
There are 157 days left in the year.

In 1794, French revolutionary leader Maximilien Robespierre was overthrown and placed under arrest; he was executed the following day.
In 1861, Union Gen. George B. McClellan was put in command of the Army of the Potomac.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Many would be cowards if they had courage enough."
THOMAS FULLER

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Los Angeles County lifeguards perform drills at Santa Monica Beach this week in preparation for the upcoming Lifeguard Taplin Relay, slated for Aug. 5 in Redondo Beach. The Lifeguard Taplin is the most prestigious lifeguard race in Southern California, consisting of a medley relay of four swimmers, four paddlers and four two-man dory teams. The winners of the annual race stake claim to the perpetual trophy until the following year's race.

Fish out of water

City leans on Gump to hail herbivores

BY MICHAEL J. TITTINGER

Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER — Pineapple shrimp, lemon shrimp, coconut shrimp, pepper shrimp, shrimp soup, shrimp stew, shrimp and potatoes ... boca burger?

It's probably not the way Bubba Gump and Forrest drew it up while scrubbing military latrines with a toothbrush, but the restaurant spawned by their movie character banter — at least its Santa Monica incarnation — has begun to welcome herbivores with gusto, if not soy-based gumbo.

Earlier this month, with a little prodding from city officials and one vegan ex-mayor, the Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. Restaurant & Market unveiled its spanking new vegan-friendly menu to satisfy both healthy eaters and an obscure lease requirement with City Hall.

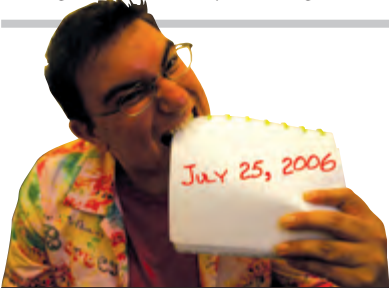
Worked into its original lease agreement was a clause requiring Bubba Gump to offer its customers vegetarian and vegan menu options, a small-print requirement that elud-

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Photo courtesy

A GREEN PARTY Former mayor Mike Feinstein and Cherise Leanna Bangs get their greens on at Bubba Gump.



REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

ONE MAN'S TAKE ON CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Of token gadflies and midnight tokers

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — If there was any doubt the election season is upon us, it evaporated Tuesday night along with the humidity (but not the proverbial hot air) as the City

Council dove head-first into several ballot initiatives and proposed charter changes aimed at campaign finance reform, marijuana enforcement, and the hiring and firing of top city officials.

While the meeting began on a serious note — Mayor Bob

Holbrook announced Councilman Ken Genser was injured in an accident at his home and would not be attending the evening's discussion — the debate, for the most part, seemed light-hearted, with elected

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Eclectic mix to vie for Council

BY KEVIN UEDA

Special to the Daily Press

CITY HALL — Three City Council incumbents will likely face a once-homeless Vietnam vet, a former television journalist, a real-estate broker and a screenwriter as potential opponents in this fall's election.

As of Thursday, 18 people have pulled nomination papers from City Hall, indicating their interest in running for one of three seats opening on the Santa Monica City Council. Each potential candidate has until Aug. 11 to receive 100 registered, valid voters' signatures in order to appear on the Nov. 7 ballot, according to City Clerk Maria Stewart.

City council members Bob Holbrook, Kevin McKeown and Pam O'Connor will run this year in hopes of serving a fifth, third and fourth term, respectively.

Steve Corchado, a 57-year-old Vietnam veteran, said a friend got him involved in politics about five years ago.

As a potential candidate, Corchado's goals are to bring a medical marijuana clinic to the city, find a place for the homeless to live and listen to every voice in the city — be it an affluent homeowner or a homeless person.

"You have to talk to everybody,"

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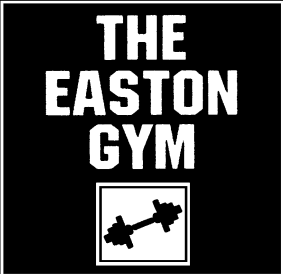


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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
*** Your nerves could be fried, and as a result, you easily could react. What has been a misunderstanding and/or confusing will start sorting itself out. You might want to re-evaluate much that has occurred in recent weeks. Tonight: Easy does it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** You have an opportunity to rethink a situation and do it differently. Your forthright behavior and fun nature might come out if you relax. Do yourself a favor: Don't get uptight. Your laughter goes far. Tonight: Be as lively as possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** You come from a secure place, but you might regret leaving home today! Many people do the unexpected and shake up the status quo. You could either react or decide to let others relax with the moment. You know what works. Tonight: Easy does it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** As you make calls and go through your day, plans change, as well as your perspective. Take each moment for what it is. Curb creating an uproar, and stay centered if possible. Others will inadvertently test their boundaries. Tonight: Out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** Know when to pull back, as a tendency to be extravagant or to go overboard is predominant in your life right now. What has been a problem will unravel soon enough. A touch of caution goes a long way. Tonight: Be conservative in your choices.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Even though you might have to revise your plans, you'll still come out smiling. A problematic friend has been on your mind. News is about to come forward that will bring you understanding. Tonight: Others dance to your beat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
** Know when you don't want to get involved, and honor your feelings. You will be a lot happier. Kick judgments to the back seat. Evaluate carefully. Your feeling about an authority figure could change; just be open. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** You might want to rethink an agreement. If you need to change course or direction, expect flak. Honor what is good for you, or ultimately problems will occur. No one wants to deal with a resentful Scorpio. Tonight: Happy is the word.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** When you take responsibility, often you have a way of shaking up the status quo. The best intentions could run amok right now. Just when you thought you had everything locked down and secure, you find out otherwise. Ouch! Tonight: Could be late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Plans rapidly change. New information feeds into a revamping of your schedule. You could be overwhelmed by what you have to get done. Putting up with others' instability will take a lot of patience. Tonight: What was OK isn't now!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Take a strong stand financially, because if you don't, you won't be happy. What works could change radically before you know it. Be smart and don't get stuck in rigidity. Flow if you want to be happy. Tonight: With a close associate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Pressure will build enormously if you're not careful. Not everyone sees events as you do. The problem lies in that you might be more reactive than you realize. Others become unusually emotional. Hold on tight! Tonight: Go along for the ride.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Undercover officers expose prostitute

On Saturday, July 22, at 10:45 a.m., Santa Monica vice detectives investigating reports of prostitution at a local massage parlor conducted a sting operation at Ginja Massage, located in the 2500 block of Wilshire Boulevard. An undercover officer pretending to be a customer walked into the parlor, paid for a massage and waited in a back room for treatment. There, he engaged in a conversation with a masseuse who provided a rub down. When finished, she asked the officer if he wanted additional sexual service for additional money. She then exposed her genitals to the officer, at which time he gave a predetermined signal for back up, police said. Additional officers entered and placed the woman under arrest for prostitution. She was identified as Soo Kim, 47, of Los Angeles. Her bail was set at \$2,000.

On Tuesday, July 18, at 9:32 a.m., police responded to the 300 block of Broadway regarding a reported purse snatching. When officers arrived, they spoke with a woman who said she was walking with her purse under her arm when a man came up from behind her on a skateboard and grabbed it. He skated away, but was apprehended by police a short time later in the 1500 block of Second Street. He was identified by the victim and placed under arrest for grand theft. The purse contained, among other personal items, \$45, which was recovered, police said. The suspect was identified as Daniel Lebert, 23, a transient. His bail was set at \$37,000.

On Thursday, July 20, at 5:14 p.m., officers responded to the 1600 block of Seventh Street regarding a report of a fist fight in progress. When the officers arrived they saw two men who were visibly intoxicated arguing with one another. The officers pulled the men apart, at which time one of the men told police that during their argument the other man pulled out a small wooden bat and began to chase him. He was identified as William Laird, 45, a transient. Laird was arrested and charged with brandishing a weapon. His bail was set at \$25,000.

On Thursday, July 20, at 7:40 a.m., police responded to the 1500 block of the beach regarding a report of assault and battery. When officers arrived they spoke to an alleged victim who said she got into a verbal argument with another woman, identified by police as Mirela Murga, 32, a transient. During the argument, Murga allegedly punched the woman several times. Murga was arrested and booked for assault and battery. Her bail was set at \$20,000.

On Thursday, July 20, at 1:20 p.m., police responded to the 3000 block of Santa Monica Boulevard to assist a bounty hunter who had a suspect in custody who failed to show up for a recent court appearance. Once officers confirmed that the man did have a warrant out for his arrest, they detained him and transported him to jail where he was held without bail. He was identified as James Fellows, 29, of Brentwood. A second suspect, believed to be Fellows' girlfriend, also was arrested at the scene for possession of methamphetamine. She was identified as Vanessa Radovic, 30. No further information was available on the incident.

On Saturday, July 22, at 5:25 p.m., police responded to the 1900 block of 20th Street regarding a report of domestic violence. When officers arrived, they contacted three subjects — two males and one female — to investigate. While searching the residence for additional suspects, police said they recovered methamphetamine inside the home. All three people were arrested for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. They were identified as David Kobzi, 63, of Santa Monica; Dany Samuel Castro, 31, of Long Beach; and Rosa Hilda Lopez, 28, also of Long Beach. Bail for Kobzi and Castro was set at \$30,000. Lopez was not granted bail due to a parole hold.

(This report was compiled by staff writer Kevin Herrera.)

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Women's rights plea tops off odd meeting

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officials lobbying one-liners left and right like the late Rodney Dangerfield. Well, all except for the part about getting no respect. They get a little.

There was Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Shriver's playful blast of colleague Kevin McKeown's visit to Ireland two years ago, where he enjoyed native song, but no Guinness. Can you imagine, no Guinness?

"I just wanted to make sure that Kevin spent all that time in Ireland and all he did was enjoy the music," Shriver said.

"And the Irish ladies, truth be told," McKeown said with a bashful grin.

The audience ate it up.

Councilman Herb Katz followed with a few self-deprecating jokes of his own. When Holbrook informed the crowd that the last council meeting was broadcast on City TV with no audio, Katz shot back that it was "one of (the council's) best moments."

The humor helped break the monotony, keeping the capacity crowd entertained, or at least awake during the six-hour meeting, as the council approved several agenda items, including a series of laws regulating the granting of permits to serve alcohol and the placement of portable landscaping and ashtrays in the public right of way. A considerable amount of time was spent debating an extensive smoking ban that ultimately passed (see related story, SMDP, July 27, page 1), as well as a proposal for the public financing of political campaigns, also known as "clean money," which will receive further review.

Why the council spent time discussing ashtrays remains unclear as it plans to ban smoking within 20 feet of any public entrance. Sounds like entrapment ...

With elected officials in rare comedic form, it seemed like the perfect time for Mark Levine to pop the big question. The soft-spoken, middle-aged man with glasses straight out of the sock-hop era was checking out the dynamics on the dais to see which member would be brave, or zany enough to sponsor his "Topless Equal Rights Amendment."

That's right, topless. It's Levine's mission to level the playing field for females by creating not just a topless beach, but a topless Santa Monica, where women would be allowed to expose themselves just as men do — minus the back hair, of course.

"If there's to be freedom of choice, why

not freedom to be topless in public?" read a flier Levine distributed to raise awareness.

And women say their men never support them.

The proposed amendment would enhance the U.S. Constitution's concept of equality like Janet Jackson's wardrobe malfunction did for the Super Bowl half-time show, Levine said. He added that it also would reduce the number of women diagnosed with breast cancer, cut down on the consumption of pornography, alcohol and drugs and — get this — prevent urban warfare.

However, an increase in car accidents and the filing of divorce papers may be side effects if approved. After all, if traffic backs up on the 405 freeway because of some "looky loos" gazing at an accident, imagine what would happen if voluptuous women were bouncing up and down the street wearing nothing more than a smile from the waist up.

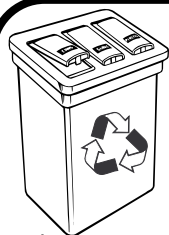
While he didn't lobby publicly for his amendment that evening, Levine seemed serious enough, well, about as serious as some of the council gadflies, who drift in and out of the meetings claiming to have evidence of a Congressional cover up and the deadly effects of using a microwave. Only time will tell if he'll really pound the pavement promoting the amendment. Chances are, Levine has no chance.

Those who were definitely determined to influence the council Tuesday night included a wide range of residents and activists, such as youth from the Pico neighborhood, who requested the city appoint a gang czar to help solve the regional problem of youth violence. There were consumer watchdogs as well, looking to keep political campaigns clean.

In an odd twist, the council approved of a ban on smoking in most public spaces, while at the same time, placed an initiative on the November ballot that would make it easier for adults to smoke marijuana in their homes. Since the marijuana initiative already qualified for the ballot, the council had no choice but to certify it or adopt it as law. In the end, wacky tobacky got the thumbs up, while the Marlboro Man was told to ride into the sunset.

Another day in the left-leaning city by the sea.

(For a complete rundown of the council's actions, go to www.santa-monica.org, click on the city council tab and look for meeting wrap-up.)



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Smokescreen is insulting

 Our elected leaders have done it again. This week, they moved in the direction of chipping away at our freedoms once more. Fearful of the killer that second-hand smoke has become, a far-reaching smoking ban throughout the city will likely go into effect in the next several weeks.

Smoking will no longer be allowed along the Third Street Promenade or at any of the Farmers' Markets. Smoking also will be prohibited in all outdoor dining and service areas, as well as within 20 feet of any entrances or windows open to the public. Basically, everywhere. In the past few years, the City Council has banned smoking at the beach and in parks. The fine for such a heinous criminal act is \$250.

Since 2005, there have been a total of 244 citations issued relating to smoking laws, according to the Santa Monica Police Department. In 2005, police issued 120 citations — 116 in the parks, two at the beach and two in elevators. So far this year, there have been 124 citations issued, 102 of which were in parks, four at the beach and 15 in elevators. Three were for the improper disposal of cigarette butts.

Besides the perks of no longer offending non-smokers or putting them in harm's way, the smoking ban does allow police to come into contact with individuals with seedy pasts — many of whom are transients. If they are seen smoking in an illegal place, an officer has probable cause to check their records, and oftentimes they have narcotics on them, or have outstanding warrants, whether it be for felonies, parole violations or misdemeanors. They are arrested for the more significant charge and typically not cited for smoking.

Police are fairly lax with the ban, saying that it is more about education than enforcement. The average tourist is not going to get cited, but the repeat transient hanging out at the park might.

We agree with City Councilwoman Pam O'Connor, who was the lone dissenter of the measure. The ban criminalizes people who smoke what is still a legal substance in this country. Until it's illegal, people should be able to smoke if they want. We just wish smokers would be sensitive on where they light up and where they discard their butts.

O'Connor is dead-on correct in saying that the law doesn't give people an option, making it difficult to even walk down the street with a smoke.

The ban is really a disguise to outlaw smoking in all public spaces. At least the City Council could be upfront about its plan. Why piecemeal it? Just come out and say there will be no smoking anywhere at any time in Santa Monica. Calabasas did by banning smoking everywhere, including private residences, and now they are the ones who are "cutting edge," a revered description of which Santa Monica likes to take ownership.

If the council is really going to do this, City Hall ought to offer free addiction classes for smokers. It's very difficult to force an addict to quit something with merely a law.

 Here's a bit of advice to Southern California Edison: Under promise and over deliver.

Dozens of businesses in downtown Santa Monica lost power last weekend because an underground power vault consisting of a transformer and multiple circuits blew up. It rendered much of the downtown district powerless for roughly two hours. Since that time, intermittent repairs have left a couple of blocks near the site of Saturday's explosion a confusing maze for shoppers and drivers trying to maneuver around the city as streets continued to be closed and businesses remained dark.

While most businesses were up and running within two days, others were not. And if they were, it was because they brought in their own generators.

Edison officials kept extending target dates to have the entire city back up and running, frustrating many who had high expectations of returning to work and their livelihoods. First it was Tuesday, then it was Wednesday and then it was supposed to be Friday. The latest estimate is Sunday.

We understand unforeseen problems arise and officials' best guesses are sometimes the best they've got. But it would have been nice if they just said they didn't know and it could be up to a week or more. The blatant truth might infuriate Edison customers at first, but they'd get over it. It is much more infuriating to be told one thing and experience something entirely different.

One catastrophic success after another for Bush

THE SOAP BOX

BY BENNET KELLEY



A "catastrophic success." While President Bush used this paradoxical statement to characterize the situation in Iraq, it more aptly describes the principal war of this administration — the war of the elite versus the rest of America. Unlike Iraq, this class war is catastrophic precisely because the administration accomplished its mission since the toll, in terms of dollars and lives lost, may reach or exceed that of the Vietnam War.

Like the Iraq War, Bush launched this war with "Shock and Awe" through nearly \$2 trillion in tax cuts which save millionaires nearly \$50,000 annually at the expense of record deficits. Ninety-nine percent of Californians, however, received zero net benefit from the tax cuts, as the amount they received was more than offset by their share of the increase in the national debt.

The tax cuts were coupled with a regulatory approach defined by crony capitalism that is illustrated by the administration's campaign to protect corporate lawbreakers by eliminating "responsible contractor" rules requiring agencies to take into account "violations of labor, employment, environ-

mental, or consumer protection laws," substantially reducing regulatory audits and enforcement and shifting the \$1 billion annual cost for cleaning up hazardous waste sites from the polluters to the taxpayers.

Bush has showered his cronies with government contracts by increasing contracting 86 percent to record levels and doubling the number of no-bid awards.

Class war skeptics should consider the gross disparity in the administration's tax enforcement policies. While consistently under-funding tax enforcement, the Bush administration has dramatically increased audits under the Earned Income Tax Credit program ("EITC"), which provides tax credits for the working poor, so that program recipients are the target of nearly half of all individual tax audits even though the program accounts for less than 4 percent of the "tax gap."

The class warriors, however, will continue to make sure that the burden of the deficits falls on everyday Americans, as was clearly demonstrated this spring when the administration fought off attempts to increase taxes on oil companies enjoying record profits.

In this election it is critical that Democrats and the media make the debate about the real issues involved, including the war at home, so that on Election Day voters can decide whether a government of the few by the few and for the few is really their due.

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EDITORIAL

Parents need to own up

 In the wake of the recent violence in the Pico neighborhood, a handful of vocal residents have been pointing the finger of blame everywhere, except at themselves.

They blame the police for not informing them that the violence has occurred. They blame the police and City Hall for not doing enough to reach out to the youth. They blame City Hall and the police for not having enough community programs to keep the youth occupied. They blame the police for harassing their kids and wrongly arresting them.

That's despite the fact that a majority of the officers in the police department are minorities; they continually meet with kids in positive environments, whether it's organized events or impromptu barbecues, and they distribute press releases to the public when shootings occur.

It's not the police's fault that gang-bangers, many of whom live in the area, are shooting at each other. Indeed, it is the police's responsibility to find the perpetrators and prevent more violence from happening. But the problems begin at home and parents need to take responsibility for themselves and their kids' actions.

There used to be a time that when kids got in trouble, parents sided with the law. Now, it's the reverse, at least in the Pico neighborhood. A few mothers say their kids are being harassed by police officers because they are Latino. It's true that they might be questioned or approached if they are hanging out in the street or at parks because they fit the profile of suspects, which in the most recent shootings, have been teenaged Hispanics.

The mothers say their kids are being falsely arrested and unfairly targeted by police. Yet there have been hardly any complaints filed against the police department and some of the arrests have led to charges being filed by the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office.

When kids come home and tell their stories to their parents about their negative interactions with police, the parents ought to verify them with law enforcement. Perhaps it's time for these parents to get involved not only in their children's lives, but also in the community so they know what is happening around them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Watch out, cyclists

Editor:

I was both amused and amazed at Kent Strumpell’s recent letter to the Santa Monica Daily Press (SMDP, July 26, page 4). However, as a board member of Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition I can understand that his thinking is “cycle-centric.”

While I agree that cycling should be considered as an element in updating any Santa Monica land use plan, I think the drivers in Santa Monica would like a few things in return from the bikey set:

■ Despite the spiffy spandex outfits, none of you are racing across France at this very moment. Where there is a bike lane, stay within it. Riding two or three — or four, five, sometimes six — abreast up, or down Ocean Avenue only invites tragedy. Racing around the “pack” into traffic to take the “lead” is just your misguided fantasy. Where there is no bike lane (but we love the signs, don’t we), please stay to the right as much as possible.

■ Bicycle riders are governed by the same traffic laws as all those cars on the road. This means that you have to halt at stop signs just like the rest of us. Gliding into the intersection at San Vicente Boulevard and Ocean Avenue — a three- or four-way stop depending on how you count it — is both dangerous and foolish. This, of course, applies to every other stop sign on the planet.

■ If you’ve resisted the urge to play Lance Armstrong and chosen to ride a “neato” beach cruiser with those cool wide handlebars, make accommodations for them when riding. Placing your tires at the left-hand edge of the bike lane only puts the handlebars in the adjoining driving lane, putting you at risk as automobiles try to fit between your wide appendage and the car next to them to pass. If a driver has to unexpectedly swerve, guess who will be the big loser?

■ Despite the \$1,500 or more between your legs, you are not necessarily a stud, or, as it were, “studette.” While you are probably riding for: a. fun; b. recreation; c. exercise. Those of us in all those automobiles racing past you are probably: a. late for something; b. trying to get somewhere specific; c. paying attention to something else while we drive. I’m not saying that it is not our duty to watch out for you, I’m simply saying that we probably are not. Ride accordingly.

■ Sadly, a bicycle coordinator on the city payroll would be an unnecessary expense for what he or she could contribute to the population as a whole. How about banding together and creating a recognized advisory committee to fulfill this need? Another approach would be to assess each cyclist riding on the streets and bike paths in Santa Monica \$1 for every \$100 of their bike cost. Judging from the number of high-priced bikes cruising our city, it would be a very well-paid position.

■ Finally, please remember that the Pacific Coast Highway is first and foremost a highway where drivers drive at highway speeds. Unfortunately, the state put in a sidewalk but no bike lane — that’s a few hundred yards to the west. The non-cyclists add additional obstacles by tossing trash and lord-knows-what into the space by the curb.

Please be careful if you choose to ride PCH. I’m doing about 40 mph and it’s hard to miss you when you swerve to avoid a discarded lunchbox.

Oh, I want to thank the guy on the expensive bike that has a bullseye on the back of his spandex tunic. He has done more to remind me to watch out for the interests of cyclists than any brochure or sign ever could.

Richard Firth
Santa Monica

Bike path needs to be duplicated

Editor:

I am not surprised to see your article on bike paths in Santa Monica (SMDP, July 18, page 1). Regarding the path across the beach, the truth is that when it was opened it immediately became a fine example of both the success and the failure of public policy-making. It is a success because it is extremely popular as a bike path, a pedestrian path, a wheelchair path, a skate path and skateboard path, among other things. I have also seen strollers, shopping carts, tricycles — large and small, four-wheeled pedal conveyances, etc., on it over the years.

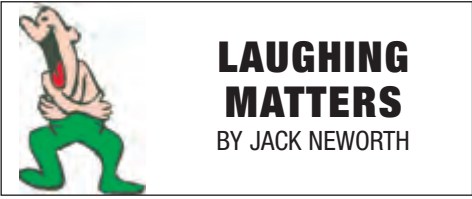
It is a failure because it is a “bike path.” All other means of transport are, therefore, legally not appropriate. The powers-that-be did not foresee that putting a ribbon of concrete up and down the beach would draw so many disparate users. Thus, in a moment of well-intentioned shortsightedness (I know, pretty incredible, huh?), they did not create a separate but equal path for all other people who want to have unfettered access to one of the great beaches in the world.

If the City Council wants to enforce the ban on everyone but bikers from the beach path, they’ve got a problem that won’t go away or be easy to implement. For example, is a bicycle a two-wheeled conveyance? What about tricycles, or bikes with training wheels? Are you really going to tell someone in a racing wheelchair they can’t be on the path? Good luck. Although I have witnessed many near collisions, the only accident I ever saw was when a woman who must have thought she was pedaling in the Indianapolis 500 run smack into my young son who was riding his bike on the path for the first time. He never went back, on or off a bike.

The only real and lasting solution to the challenge of balancing public safety with public access is to lay down a companion path for all of the rest of the taxpayers and visitors to our beach who want to use it for the same reasons the bicyclists do, which is why people go to the beach in the first place and why so many people come spend their weekends, their vacations and their money in Santa Monica — to enjoy the outdoors and maybe get in a little fun and exercise.

Alan Toy
Santa Monica

Smokeless in SM



There’s an old Chinese proverb, “He who can laugh at himself, will never run out of things to laugh at.” That was told to me by my friend, Steffi, who is neither old nor Chinese. I mention it because of my column last week. I jokingly suggested landlords might serve complimentary sausage and egg breakfasts to rent-control tenants to clog arteries to kill them and speed up the fair market process. The next day, I got a call from my landlord who asked if I had enjoyed the breakfast he left. It made me laugh and I now offer a public tip of the comedy chapeau.

My landlord also mentioned that soon our pool may be non-smoking — the pool area that is, as very few people smoke while swimming. I was glad. My mother smoked all her life, so I have compassion for smokers, but my lungs don’t. More than once I’ve been in the jacuzzi only to have a neighbor smoke a cigar. Suddenly relaxing becomes secondary to breathing. It’s always backfired when I’ve asked, “Would you mind not smoking that cigar?” Of course they mind. Upsetting non-smokers may even be part of the pleasure.

The recent Surgeon General’s report says there is no safe amount of second-hand smoke. This past Tuesday, the City Council voted 5-1 to have staff draft an ordinance banning smoking in all outdoor dining, areas within 20 feet of buildings open to the public, the Third Street Promenade and the Farmers’ Markets. As it is now, outdoor dining is the smoking section. Eating outside can be so pleasant until a cloud of smoke hanging in the air kinda kills the bon appetit. It’s ironic politicians brought this up. What’s politics without a smoke-filled room? A Nicorette-gum filled room doesn’t quite have the same ring.

I admit it’s tough these days for smokers because in Santa Monica, and many other jurisdictions, they are becoming an endangered species. Here smoking is prohibited in parks, parts of the pier, and the beaches, which thankfully are turning from ashtrays into beaches again. Who can forget lying on the sand only to realize you’ve got a butt up your butt? Or going to a bar to socialize only to come home with the fragrance of Marlboros embedded in your clothes. Forget washing or dry cleaning, burning was the only real solution.

Passion on the smoking issue can make debate on the war in Iraq look lukewarm. A ban at our pool might not be so easy. Some smokers are already vowing they will hire an attorney. My friend Michael, a non-smoker, discounts the Surgeon General’s report, and claims that this is a civil liberties issue. He wants to get the ACLU involved. I suppose it’s about time someone came to the defense of the poor, maligned tobacco companies.

The smoking issue reminds me of the global warming debate. Speaking of which, I’d smack the next person who tells me global warming is just a theory, but it’s so hot I don’t have the energy. The debate goes back to the ’50s when TV commercials claimed smoking was healthful because of the relaxation effect. Denying a relationship between smoking and cancer, the tobacco companies cited studies done at the ... Tobacco Institute. As the comedians say, “I don’t make this stuff up.”

As the date for the smoking ban at our pool nears, tensions may rise. I just hope flippers and floaties don’t become lethal weapons. We have become such a divisive culture I suppose smoking is no exception. Smokers feel persecuted, non-smokers feel violated. While I’m definitely in the non-smoker camp, I hope this piece doesn’t add to the rancor. After my column last week I got a call from my landlord. Who knows, this week I may get one from the Tobacco Institute?

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Homelessness, environment, police top issues

COUNCIL RACE, from page 1

said Corchado, a New York native. “The crazy people are just as important as the rich people.”

Corchado, an 11-year Santa Monica resident, said he once met former President Bill Clinton and was homeless himself at one stage. He currently works with AIDS patients and is on disability.

“If they’re homeless, what’s wrong with giving them a chance to get Social Security?” Corchado asked. “With all of the big development going on, why can’t they find a place to keep these people and help them get back on their feet?”

Corchado has been married for 15 years and has no children, he said.

City planning commissioner Terry O’Day said he wants to do things differently than the current City Council.

“There’s an opportunity to create positive change in this year’s election ... by changing the policy leadership,” O’Day said.

As an environmentalist with business management experience, O’Day said he wants to get past polarized political views to help resolve the city’s contentious issues, with regard to the planet and the business community.

“A leader needs to be able to talk to all sides in our community; the animosity has grown to the point where that doesn’t happen anymore,” O’Day said. “That’s unfortunate and something I’d like to change.”

O’Day said the city’s issues of traffic, parking and development require long-range views, those that take into account the environment.

“I think that we need to use our sustainable city plan to guide policy and to drive ourselves to reduce our impact on the planet and improve our quality of life at the same time,” O’Day said.

He and his wife have an 18-month-old daughter, with another on the way.

Ted Winterer, a 49-year-old screenwriter and president of the neighborhood group, Ocean Park Association, said he decided to run to keep Santa Monica livable.

“Having kids, being a fairly longtime resident, I wanted to maintain a quality of life for myself, my wife and my children,” he said.

Winterer is a proponent of utilizing new energy forms in Santa Monica.

“While the city has done a great job with sustainability, we can still do more in terms of new energy, green energy, new building design,” said Winterer, who added that city officials should also create opportunities for biking, walking — all while dealing with the consequences of gentrification and affordable housing.

Winterer, a 15-year resident, said he believes City Hall’s

current programs seem to be effective regarding homelessness.

“It’s not going to be an overnight solution, but I think we’re headed in the right direction,” Winterer said.

Event-planner, and former television journalist and Daily Press columnist Jenna Linnekens said her main priority is resolving the homeless issue, followed by improving public safety and education.

A resident of seven years, Linnekens said homelessness remains rampant because laws commonly broken by vagrants — loitering and drinking in public — are not enforced strictly enough, which inspires them to live here.

“I would send the message that Santa Monica is not the place to come to be homeless,” Linnekens said. “We have to take this opportunity with the new police chief coming in (and) insist that we take a tough and reasonable stance on crime and vagrancy.”

The community should play a bigger role in homeless programs, as it would allow them to feel how much they are helping, Linnekens said. Her plan to unite the community, city and neighboring cities is modeled after other programs successful in Sacramento, San Francisco and New York.

Schools ought to receive more funding for teaching, tools, art and athletic programs, Linnekens said.

Despite what she called budget surpluses in recent years, Linnekens said City Hall’s progress remains unseen.

“Where’s the money gone? There’s no measurable progress,” Linnekens said.

Mark McLellan, a real-estate broker specializing in multiple-family homes, said he was inspired to run after going to past City Council meetings, debates and following the 2004 race.

McLellan said some members of the homeless population threaten the safety of the public and the City Council needs to do more about them.

“Regarding homelessness, (City Council members) have to take direct responsibility for that,” McLellan said. “If you take a walk around the city, you can see that what has been done is not working.”

McLellan said his goals are to make the city safer by reforming homeless programs, as well as nurturing family growth by creating programs for owning homes rather than renting.

“Personally, I have had a knife pulled on me in front of a Vons grocery store,” McLellan said. “Recently, a homeless person put a lock on a cabinet in our garage and lived in there. It is a very unsafe environment for families and for our neighborhood ... more has to be done.”

McLellan, who married his wife in 2001 and intends to raise a family here, said homeless programs need to better differentiate between the homeless who can be helped and those who are repeat offenders incapable of being helped.

“Once you’ve identified the people that are endangering

the community, then you have to do something about it,” McLellan said. “As with the homeless court and programs they’re offering ... at what point do you say ‘this isn’t working for this individual?’”

McLellan, 46, currently works with commercial real-estate firm Marcus & Millichap.

Activist Vincentt Garofalo, 46, said he is running to bring better communication between residents and the City Council.

“The current City Council does a decent job ... I think we just need a fresh perspective,” Garofalo said. “I like the way (Shriver) handled the homeless issue; he’s brought it to the attention of the community.”

Garofalo, who has been renting in the mid-city neighborhood for three months, said he wants to represent the voice of the middle class.

“It’s very difficult for the middle-class family to afford a house in Santa Monica,” Garofalo said.

A lack of parking, rough upstarts for hopeful businesses and recent gang activity in the Pico neighborhood also need to be addressed, Garofalo said.

“Those people in the community need their children to be safe,” Garofalo said. “I know a lot of Santa Monica police officers and I think they do a great job — we just need dialogue.”

Aside from the city’s problems, Garofalo said that he also wants to focus attention on the positive aspects of the city.

“It’s a great city and I feel very positive about it,” he said. “I want to bring to light the beautiful things we have — the library, college, the beach area.”

Garofalo said he is not accepting any endorsements.

“I can’t have any group having an influence on me. I won’t accept that,” he said.

Trial attorney Gleam Davis said the violence in the Pico neighborhood is a high priority for her, in terms of wanting to blunt the cycle of poverty.

Davis, 50, also seeks to preserve the “neighborhood feel” of Santa Monica, foster a stronger bond between City Hall, the public school system and Santa Monica College.

“I’m very interested in preserving that feel in Santa Monica, as development pressures continue to exert themselves on the city,” Davis said.

Linda Armstrong, a resident of 10 years, ran for City Council two years ago and seeks to promote the well-being of the homeless, children and women, she said. In the 2004 election, Armstrong received 1,027 votes, or .73 percent.

“My primary interest is homeless women because they’re generally abused by homeless men,” Armstrong said. “Homelessness is bad for guys, but it’s worse for women.”

Santa Monica schools should provide mentoring programs, breakfast, lunch and after school meals for children, she said.

“Kids should receive nourishment. School should be like a home away from home for kids,” Armstrong said.

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Mid-city

Gleam Davis
Mid-city

William Davis
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Mid-city

Robert Holbrook
North of Montana

Stewart Lamle
North of Wilshire

Brennan Lindner
Near Lincoln and Wilshire
boulevards

Jenna Linnekens
North of Wilshire

Kevin McKeown
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Marc McLellan
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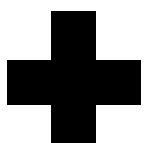
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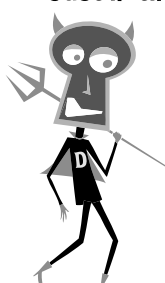
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Vegans cracking crustacean code

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ed even restaurant officials by the time its doors opened on the pier in November 2005.

"We're fine with it," said Paul Kajiwar, the restaurant's general manager. "But I've never had any experience with a lease agreement like that before."

Like Forrest might have said about the vegan menu, restaurant officials didn't know they were supposed to be looking for it.

But former mayor and city councilman Mike Feinstein sure did — having been instrumental along with his vegetarian colleague, City Councilman Kevin McKeown — in inserting the original clause to satiate the shrimp intolerant. When paying a visit to Bubba Gump on May 6, Feinstein — a vegetarian since 1983 and vegan since 1986 — was dismayed to discover his menu options consisted primarily of French fries and a side salad.

So began the tale of the former mayor, the crustacean and the mystery of the missing menu.

Two days later, Feinstein was hot on the trail, looking to get at the meat alternative of the issue from within the city's pier leasing staff.

"The conditions (of the lease) were that they provide options, and not just a side salad," said Feinstein, known as the "vegan mayor" at the time of the deal with the new restaurant. "I was right."

"This is public space we're leasing, and it's more important in those spaces to have restaurants that welcome all of the public."

Elana Buegoff, pier leasing manager for the city, said the stipulation that Bubba Gump go green was a first in her book. The confessed carnivore, however, soon found herself in the role of green gumshoe, charged with enforcing the intent of the agreement and seeing to it that the pier eatery think outside the boxed salad when it came to providing vegetarians with viable menu options.

It took some scrambling to come up with recipes, said Kajiwar, but Bubba Gump unfurled on July 15 three options and a complete printed menu for their patrons upon request.

"We've had a bit of growing pains, this being our first year, as we're also doing breakfast, something else we normally don't do," said Kajiwar, who has been with Bubba

Gump for more than seven years. "But we're excited about it. It's a new venture."

Indeed, the Santa Monica location is the first restaurant in the international chain to feature a separate vegan- and vegetarian-friendly menu. The menus across the board are 98 percent identical, according to Kajiwar, with slight variations like gumbo in New Orleans, which is still a shrimp-based meal, but a nod to the local cuisine all the same.

In Santa Monica, a city comprised of health food markets, raw food restaurants and an unending line of joggers, requiring that a restaurant offer alternatives to animal-based meals, in the end, just might prove to be more of a help than hindrance.

"We probably only had requests for vegetarian meals once a month, now it seems like people are coming out of the woodwork," said Kajiwar. "I actually didn't even know it was on our lease until someone brought it to our attention ... but it's going well. The people I've spoken to think it's a home run."

"I know Mike Feinstein was blown away."

As for the former mayor, known to Rollerblade to work when he was a city councilman, well, he was all smiles on his follow-up visit to Bubba Gump on July 15 — the first day of the vegan Gump era.

Feinstein and his companion, Cherise Leanna Bangs, who is working on a guide to vegan eateries in Los Angeles, went boca to the wall, ordering up each of the restaurant's three new meatless concoctions — tofu fajitas, balsamic tofu salad and a boca burger.

It was green thumbs up all around.

"It was tasty ... excellent. I'm definitely going back," said a satisfied Feinstein. "It's not just some sad account where the restaurant takes out the animal. And since Bubba Gump is not known for it, I give them credit for not just coming back with steamed vegetables ... just taking away the animal protein and not replacing it."

"They made an effort. This respects us and our nutritional needs."

This summer, Bubba Gump has plans to extend its reach with new locations in Hong Kong, Orlando and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and CityWalk in Universal City. None of the new eateries are expected to open with a vegan-friendly menu ... but nothing's written in soy.

Familiar names pull papers for run in '06

COUNCIL RACE, from page 8

Students with a B average in high school should be guaranteed a spot in the University of California system and businesses that make more than \$5 million a year to provide a comprehensive living wage of \$10 for their employees, she said.

She currently works as a computer data entry employee for Santa Monicans Allied for Responsible Tourism (SMART).

Other prospective candidates who ran in recent elections include product designer Donna L. Block, who finished sixth in 2000 with 9,015 votes, or 7.78 percent. Block's endorsers have included the National Women's Political Caucus and Mayor

Holbrook, according to SmartVoter.

Pro Se, a civil rights worker and 26-year Santa Monica resident, finished last in 2002 with 1,677 votes, or 2.37 percent.

Jerry Peace Activist Rubin finished eighth in 2000 with 5,006 votes, or 4.32 percent, and second-to-last in 2002 with 2,420 votes, or 3.42 percent. Rubin, a married Ocean Park resident, does not solicit or accept any endorsements, according to SmartVoter.

Voters have until Oct. 23 to register for the November election. Other prospective candidates for a city seat may take five extra days from the Aug. 11 deadline to file forms if the incumbent has not filed papers to return, Stewart said.



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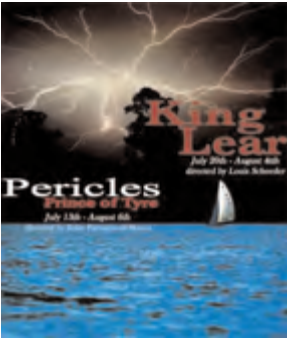


SANTA MONICA ART PALETTE

MAKING ARTS AND CULTURE COME ALIVE IN SANTA MONICA

Welcome to the Santa Monica Art Palette for July 28. I wish I could say it's just Santa Monica that's heating up this summer but sadly, I'm afraid it's the whole globe that's getting hotter. But we've got a lot of choices for you to escape the heat this weekend.

The Miles Playhouse provides a welcome respite from the blazing sun while presenting blazing drama at the same time! Take the kids to the Aero on Saturday but go by yourself Sunday night. And all weekend long, Debra Erhardt at Highways will take you on a perilous adventure to Jamaica. So, turn on the fans, turn off your major appliances, and have yourself a very cool cultural experience.



It's closing weekend for King Lear and Pericles, Prince of Tyre at the Miles Playhouse. These free performances have been made possible by a partnership between Shakespeare Santa Monica, The Powerhouse Theatre and The Miles Memorial Playhouse. Don't miss your last chance to see these classic plays performed live.

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www.shakespearesantamonica.com; www.powerhousetheatre.com; www.mile-splayhouse.org



Jamaica, Farewell
"Jamaica, Farewell," written and performed by Debra Ehrhardt. Directed by Monique Lai. Ehrhardt will be telling the tale of her exciting journey from the island of Jamaica to the United States this weekend at Highways. This solo performance describes a life-risking attempt to pull off a dangerous caper with the unwitting help of an infatuated American CIA agent, in order to fulfill her lifelong dream of starting over in America.

Friday and Saturday, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:30 p.m.
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1651 18th St.

Witches in the Kitchen
On Sunday, July 30, the Morgan-Wixson Theatre continues its summer play-reading season with "Witches in the Kitchen" by Josh Schulz. The premise seems simple enough: Two young men spending the weekend writing a paper on Shakespeare. Unfortunately, someone's put a curse on the book they're using and the Bard's characters come to life and run amok. Who do you think would be worse, Lady Macbeth trying to get out spots in the laundry room or Richard III murdering princes in the back bedroom?
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Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd.
(310) 828-7519
www.highwaysperformance.org



The Secret Garden
As hot as it is, I'm sure lots of us will be seeking the dark comforting cool confines of a movie theatre before this weekend is over. The Aero Theatre on Montana Avenue has two terrific offerings this weekend. The first is their family matinee on Saturday, July 29 at 3 p.m., which features the magical tale of The Secret Garden. 1328 Montana Ave.
www.americancinematheque.com/Aero/aeromastercalendar.htm



All That Jazz
On Sunday night, the Aero presents the Bob Fosse masterpiece, "All That Jazz." This intense, compelling musical is based on the life of its director, and stars Roy Scheider as an obsessed, womanizing, pill-popping, chain-smoking Broadway choreographer and director who pays the ultimate price for his insane, creative lifestyle. As far as I know, this movie has the only musical number ever set during open-heart surgery. Go to see Leland Palmer turn as Fosse's loyal ex-wife, Gwen Verdon.
Sunday, 7:30 p.m.
1328 Montana Ave.

That wraps it up for this week's palette. The Cultural Affairs Division of Santa Monica is currently undertaking the development of a new map for the future of the arts and culture in our city. Log onto santa-monica.org/creativesantamonica.



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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS



Photo courtesy

GREAT WHITE HOPE: The group Albino will take to Temple Bar's stage this week.

Funk serves as soundtrack for relief effort
By Daily Press staff

The Temple Bar is putting world music within reach of Santa Monicans, and relief within reach of impoverished children.

As part of a three-day tour, the Afrofunk Festival brings musicians from across the globe together in Santa Monica to raise money for children in Sudan, Niger, and Kenya whose lives have been devastated by war and famine. The Afrofunk Festival will donate proceeds to the Save the Children Emergency Relief Fund.

Albino — winner of the 2005 SF Music Award for "Best World Music" — is a 12-piece Afrobeat ensemble from the San Francisco Bay area that honors the fiery legacy of Afrobeat inventor Fela Kuti and reminds listeners what it feels like to really groove by melding tightly-crafted arrangements and jazz-tinged harmony with propulsive, high-energy, funk grooves. Formed in 2003, the funk-fueled juggernaut has infused audiences up and down the West Coast and as far east as Chicago with the ecstatic energy it delivers from the stage. The band's members hail from such acts as Spearhead, CK Ladzekpo and Hamsa Lila, among others.

While the artists are excited about performing together in front of the festival's crowds, each recognizes the gravity of the cause that brings them there.

"The festival is a huge party. It's about dancing, grooving and just creating a fun, positive atmosphere. But ultimately, we're here to raise awareness and money to fight the tragic famine and genocide happening right now to children and families in Sudan, Niger, and my own country, Kenya," says Sila Mutungi, festival producer and lead singer of Sila and the Afrofunk Experience.

In July 2005, the Afrofunk Festival debuted to sellout crowds and critical acclaim; this year's performance promises to exceed last year's success. And with more than one million children affected by the crisis in Darfur alone, the festival's organizers and artists will look for all the help they can get in their fundraising efforts.

"It's been particularly hard to get corporate sponsorship for this year's event. This festival would not be possible without donations from performing artists and from the people in the community," Sila adds.

The Afrofunk Festival hits the Temple Bar on Saturday. The line-up is as follows: Dramane Koni at 9 p.m., Albino at 10:30 p.m., and Sambada at 11:30 p.m. The Temple Bar is located at 1026 Wilshire Blvd. Tickets are \$10 in advance, or \$15 at the door, and are available at templebarlive.com, or by calling (310) 393-6611.



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DNA testing common among border gripes

BY PETER PRENGAMAN

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Bradley Waite wanted to bring his adult daughter to this country from Jamaica, but couldn't prove they were related — she was born out of wedlock, so his name was not on her original birth certificate.

U.S. immigration officials did something that is unusual but becoming more common: They asked for DNA tests.

Waite grumbled over the \$1,000 cost as he submitted to the testing several weeks ago. "We needed more proof, but I wish I didn't have to take it, because it cost too much money," said the 52-year-old construction worker in New York City.

Genetic tests are playing a larger role in the U.S. immigration process. In some cases, the government is asking for DNA proof of a family connection; in other cases, applicants are offering to undergo testing in hopes of speeding up a process that often takes years. Either way, the applicant must bear the cost.

Though U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services says it does not track how often DNA testing is used in immigration and citizenship cases, testing companies say that in recent years they have seen a sharp increase.

Generally, U.S. citizens can petition to bring spouses, parents, children or siblings here, while legal permanent residents can apply for spouses and unmarried children.

DNA testing in applications began in the 1990s and remains "extremely rare" in the hundreds of thousands of petitions processed every year, said immigration services spokesman Chris Bentley.

"We'll consider all other documentation first," Bentley said. "If something is missing, or we need to verify a relationship, we can ask for the test."

The DNA is used only for immigration purposes and is not put into a database, Bentley said. Some lawyers representing immigrants argue that tests are overused and wonder what the government is doing with the information.

"DNA has its upside and downside," said Daniel Sharp, legal director for Carecen, a Hispanic advocacy group in Los Angeles that helps immigrants with applications. "There is a concern about how much information the government has."

Seattle-based Genelex Corp. has gone from administering about 10 DNA tests per month in 2001 to about 40 per month over the past year, said Kristine Ashcraft, director of client relations. Several other companies reported similar increases.

"Many immigrants are realizing the test could cut down on the length of an application," said Ashcraft.

ON THE NET

Genelex Corp.
<http://www.genelex.com>

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
<http://www.uscis.gov>

That is what motivated Joseph Mataley, a Ghanaian who paid \$1,500 for testing on himself and his four young daughters soon after he filed their U.S. residency applications. Immigration officials did not request such tests.

It was a lot of money for Mataley, who works two jobs in Denver, but "it probably would have taken another year without doing the DNA so quickly," he said. He was reunited with his daughters in April after a three-year application process.

To take the test, the petitioner in the U.S. uses a government-approved company, which collects a saliva sample. The overseas relative then heads to the nearest U.S. embassy, where an official gathers a sample and sends it to the company. The cost generally is at least \$600 for two people.

Immigration officials say that when they request DNA, it is usually for cases where applicants from poor countries do not have birth certificates, or when discrepancies raise suspicions of fraud.

Immigration lawyers say many government requests are based on hunches. They complain that some clients are asked to take tests even though their paperwork is complete.

Molly Short, director of U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants in Albany, N.Y., is appealing a government request that a Liberian refugee undergo DNA testing to prove two toddlers are hers.

The woman, evacuated from a refugee camp last year, has valid birth certificates, Short said. Short said it is ridiculous that a woman who makes \$8 an hour cleaning hospital beds should have to take expensive tests.

Still, many immigrants will do what it takes to improve their chances.

Eduardo Colin, a 49-year-old Mexican construction worker in Los Angeles, took a DNA test three weeks ago along with his mother. Colin's mother is a U.S. citizen, entitling Colin to citizenship even though he was born and raised in Mexico City.

"This is going to help my case," Colin said. "It will prove that my mother is my mother."

Associated Press Writer Cara Anna contributed to this report from Albany, N.Y.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to discuss general policy matters and issues pertaining to the City's ongoing effort to prepare new Land Use and Circulation Elements of the City's General Plan. Regular policy discussion meetings are scheduled on the first Wednesday of each month. Discussion topics are set in advance of the meeting are available at City Hall and online at www.santa-monica.org.

WHEN: Wednesday, August 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California



HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact Jonathan Lait, AICP, Principal Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TTY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, and #8 serve City Hall.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.



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Paralyzed vets nix island hunting plan

BY ERICA WERNER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Republican Rep. Duncan Hunter has often said he wants to provide recreational opportunities for paralyzed veterans, and that's why he supports big-game trophy hunting on Santa Rosa Island off the Southern California coast.

But the group Paralyzed Veterans of America — cited repeatedly by Hunter in support of his controversial plan — now says it opposes the idea.

The group took the position in a letter this week to Rep. Vic Snyder of Arkansas, a House Armed Services Committee Democrat who has tangled with Hunter, the committee chairman, on the issue.

"We have come to the conclusion that the Santa Rosa Island initiative is not viable," wrote Douglas K. Vollmer, the group's associate executive director for government relations.

"It is our opinion that the numerous obstacles inherent to the island, including ingress and egress, logistics, personal safety and cost, far outweigh the possible, limited benefit it could provide."

Hunter's plan would overturn a federal court settlement that says private deer and elk hunts now allowed on Santa Rosa Island, part of Channel Islands National Park, must end in 2011 and the game must be removed.

Under Hunter's plan, approved by the House in May as part of an annual defense programs bill, the nonnative game would remain indefinitely, something the National Park Service opposes as destructive to native plants and animals.

The Park Service says the privately run hunts also restrict public access to the wind-

swept and undeveloped 53,000-acre public island 40 miles off the coast of Ventura. The island is accessible only by boat or plane but thousands of campers and hikers visit each year.

Hunter has seen the letter and "looks forward to discussing with PVA their position," said his spokesman, Joe Kasper, who declined to say whether it would affect Hunter's position.

Hunter has repeatedly described his legislation as creating "a wonderful opportunity for paralyzed veterans and severely disabled veterans to have an opportunity for a high-quality outdoor experience." His office helped arrange for officials with the paralyzed veterans group to visit the island with reporters in June.

The Park Service bought Santa Rosa Island in 1986 for \$30 million from a local ranching family that still owns the hunting concession. Litigation over terms of the deal led to the court settlement requiring the hunts to end by 2011.

"The only people who stand to benefit from Chairman Hunter's proposal to keep the hunting operation going indefinitely are the same people who have already received millions from the taxpayers for the island," Rep. Lois Capps, D-Calif., whose district includes the island, said in a statement Thursday. "I hope that the PVA's straightforward assessment of hunting on Santa Rosa ends this sad episode once and for all."

A Senate version of the defense bill does not include the language on Santa Rosa Island. House and Senate negotiators expect to write a final compromise version of the bill in September, after Congress' summer recess, and opponents of Hunter's plan hope the language won't be in the final bill.

STATE BRIEFS

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIALTO

Police take a pounding

Police seized 857 pounds of marijuana from a van that was being driven erratically, officials said.

Officers who stopped Jerald Thompson, 36, to question him about his driving Tuesday smelled "a strong odor of marijuana coming from the van," police Sgt. Andrew Karol said. Inside, officers allegedly found bricks of marijuana jammed into packing boxes with foam popcorn, glue and scented dryer sheets. Karol said the sheets were an attempt to cover up the smell of pot.

"Instead it smelled like marijuana and dryer sheets," Karol said.

Thompson, who has no criminal record, has chosen not to speak with authorities, Karol said.

PALM SPRINGS

'Retarded' gets left in the desert

A group offering vocational training and other services to people with developmental disabilities plans to drop the word "retarded" from its name because of arguments that the term is offensive and outdated, officials said.

The group, the Foundation for the Retarded of the Desert, would be rechristened as the Foundation for Independence and Developing Abilities under a decision made by board members Wednesday.

The foundation is one of only a handful of organizations nationwide that has continued to use the word "retarded," officials said. Board member Andrea Carter said the vast majority of members support getting rid of the word.

"No one likes it," Carter said. "Parents don't like it. Clients don't like it. The public doesn't like it, because 'retarded' has become such a stigmatized word."

The general membership of the foundation must ratify the decision in November.

ONTARIO

Boy with toy guns shot by police

An officer shot and wounded a 15-year-old boy in the thigh at the end of a pursuit after mistaking a toy gun he was holding for a firearm, authorities said.

The pursuit began when police responded to reports of four boys hiding in bushes and pointing guns at motorists Tuesday night, officials said.

Two boys surrendered, while two others fled, officials said.

One fleeing boy dropped what looked like an Uzi on the ground, refused an officer's command to lie down, and started pulling what appeared to be a .44-caliber Magnum handgun from his pants' waistband, Officer Anthony Ortiz said.

The officer fired two rounds, striking the boy, Ortiz said.

The teen was hospitalized for non-life-threatening wounds. He faces misdemeanor charges of exhibiting an imitation firearm at another person and of violating a law barring minors from having air guns within city limits, officials said.

The officer, who was not identified, is a seven-year department veteran, officials said.

Police did not release the teenagers' names because they are juveniles.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m., TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2006
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213,
Santa Monica City Hall,
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

- **USE PERMIT 06-006, 1900 Pico Boulevard: Wireless Facility**
Applicant: New Cingular Wireless. Planner: Ava M. Pecherzewski.
- **USE PERMIT 06-007, 1119 Colorado Avenue: Wireless Facility**
Applicant: New Cingular Wireless. Planner: Dennis Banks.
- **USE PERMIT 06-008, 2800 28th Street: Wireless Facility**
Applicant: Royal Street Communications. Planner: Gina Szilak.
- **VARIANCE 06-002, 120 Foxtail Drive: Second Floor Parcel Coverage for Existing Single Family Dwelling**
Applicant: RTK Architects. Planner: Scott Albright, AICP.

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P. O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. The meeting facility is accessible. If you have any disabilities related request, contact at (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, #7 and #8 serve the City Hall.

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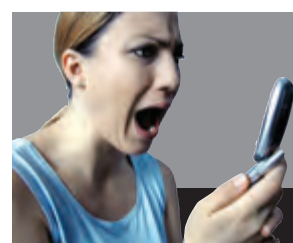
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Coal-burners warm to contrary scientist

BY SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — Coal-burning utilities are passing the hat for one of the few remaining scientists skeptical of the global warming harm caused by industries that burn fossil fuels.

Pat Michaels — Virginia's state climatologist, a University of Virginia professor and senior fellow at the libertarian Cato Institute — told Western business leaders last year that he was running out of money for his analyses of other scientists' global warming research. So last week, a Colorado utility organized a collection campaign to help him out, raising at least \$150,000 in donations and pledges.

The Intermountain Rural Electric Association of Sedalia, Colo., gave Michaels \$100,000 and started the fund-raising drive, said Stanley Lewandowski, IREA's general manager. He said one company planned to give \$50,000 and a third plans to give Michaels money next year.

"We cannot allow the discussion to be monopolized by the alarmists," Lewandowski wrote in a July 17 letter to 50 other utilities. He also called on other electric cooperatives to launch a counterattack on "alarmist" scientists and specifically Al Gore's movie "An Inconvenient Truth."

Michaels and Lewandowski are open about the money and see no problem with it. Some top scientists and environmental

advocates call it a clear conflict of interest. Others view it as the type of lobbying that goes along with many divisive issues.

"These people are just spitting into the wind," said John Holdren, president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. "The fact is that the drumbeat of science and people's perspectives are in line that the climate is changing."

Frank O'Donnell, president of Clean Air Watch, a Washington advocacy group, said: "This is a classic case of industry buying science to back up its anti-environmental agenda."

Donald Kennedy, an environmental scientist who is former president of Stanford University and current editor-in-chief of the peer-reviewed journal Science, said skeptics such as Michaels are lobbyists more than researchers.

"I don't think it's unethical any more than most lobbying is unethical," he said. He said donations to skeptics amounts to "trying to get a political message across."

Michaels is best known for his newspaper opinion columns and books, including "Meltdown: The Predictable Distortion of Global Warming by Scientists, Politicians and the Media." However, he also writes research articles published in scientific journals.

In 1998, Michaels blasted NASA scientist James Hansen, accusing the godfather of global warming science of being way off on his key 1988 prediction of warming over the next 10

ON THE NET

Pat Michaels' Cato Institute Web site
<http://www.cato.org/people/michaels.html>

Intermountain Rural Electric Association
<http://www.intermountain-rea.com/>

years. But Hansen and other scientists said Michaels misrepresented the facts by cherry-picking the worst (and least likely) of three possible outcomes Hansen presented to Congress. The temperature rise that Hansen said was most likely to happen back then was actually slightly lower than what has occurred.

Michaels has been quoted by major newspapers more than 150 times in the past two years, according to a Lexis-Nexis database search. He and Lewandowski told The Associated Press that their side of global warming isn't getting out and that the donations resulted from a speech Michaels gave to the Western Business Roundtable last fall. Michaels said the money will help pay his staff.

Holdren, a Harvard environmental science and technology professor, said skeptics such as Michaels "have had attention all out of proportion to the merits of their arguments."

"Last I heard, anybody can ask a scientific question," said Michaels, who holds a Ph.D. in ecological climatology from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. "It is a very spirited discussion that requires techni-

cal response and expertise."

Other scientific fields, such as medicine, are more careful about potential conflicts of interests than the energy, environmental and chemical fields, where it doesn't raise much of an eyebrow, said Penn State University bioethicist Arthur Caplan.

Earlier this month, the Journal of the American Medical Association announced a crackdown on researchers who do not disclose drug company ties related to their research. Yet days later, the journal's editor said she had been misled because the authors of a new study had not revealed industry money they got that posed a conflict.

Three top climate scientists said they don't accept money from private groups. The same goes for the Web site realclimate.org, which has long criticized Michaels. "We don't get any money; we do this in our free time," said Realclimate.org contributor Stefan Rahmstorf, an ocean physics scientist at Potsdam University in Germany.

Lewandowski, who said he believes global warming is real just not as big a problem as scientists claim, acknowledged this is a special interest issue. He said the bigger concern is his 130,000 customers, who want to keep rates low, so coal-dependent utilities need to prevent any taxes or programs that penalize fossil fuel use. He said his effort is more aimed at stopping carbon dioxide emission taxes and limits from Congress, something he believes won't happen during the Bush administration.

Lawmakers skeptical about border security crackdown

BY LARA JAKES JORDAN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers of both parties told the nation's homeland security chief Thursday they doubt that plans for more agents, improved sensors and other measures to tighten U.S. borders against illegal immigrants and terrorists will work.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff agreed that his department is unlikely to completely curb the immigration flow, particularly at the Mexican border. But he said a crackdown this year appears to have deterred immigrants from trying to sneak into the country.

"If we're ever going to someday get to a comprehensive immigration policy, you have to succeed first at a border security

plan," Rep. John Sweeney, R-N.Y., said at a House Appropriations panel looking at immigration enforcement. "And no one that I know really has the confidence that you can do this, that we can do this."

Added Rep. Marion Berry, D-Ark., "I don't have any confidence in what you all are bringing to us, and I don't like that."

Chertoff pointed to charts showing the number of non-Mexican immigrants caught at the southwest border have dropped compared with last year. Illegal immigrants from Latin American countries besides Mexico had been spiking in recent years.

"I'm not saying we're going to deter everybody, but for the first time we are really raising the cost of coming across the border," Chertoff said.

The two-hour inquiry marked the latest

congressional discussion of how to stem illegal immigration — a top election-year priority.

House leaders have planned 19 hearings on immigration, spanning 12 states and eight separate committees, for next month alone. House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said one possibility might be to set of goal of cutting off up to 85 percent or 90 percent of illegal border traffic before officials focus on other immigration priorities.

"The American people demand the borders to be secure," Hastert said.

Congress last month approved a spending bill that included about \$1.9 billion to tighten U.S. borders — including money to put thousands of Border Patrol agents and National Guard troops along the Mexican border. The additional troops are part of a border crackdown strategy that will eventu-

ally include more motion sensors, surveillance flights and cameras.

The money will also pay for 40 miles of fencing and 140 miles of vehicle barriers on the U.S.-Mexico border, Chertoff said. And the department is "finally bringing a big stick" to penalizing companies that illegally hire foreign workers and deporting immigrants already in the country.

An estimated 12 million immigrants are illegally living in the United States, and the Bush administration has urged Congress to enact a temporary worker program to allow at least some of them to remain. The Senate has approved legislation that generally delivers Bush's plan, but the House has delayed acting on it amid criticism that it would give amnesty to illegals.

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Israel takes back to the air, hits Hezbollah strongholds

BY HUSSEIN DAKROUB

Associated Press Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Israel pounded suspected Hezbollah positions across Lebanon on Thursday, extending its air campaign a day after suffering its highest one-day casualty toll since its military offensive began. An Israeli Cabinet minister said lack of agreement on a cease-fire gave Israel permission to press deeper to wipe out the Islamic militant group.

The airstrikes also hit a Lebanese army base and a radio relay station and destroyed several roads. The series of raids in northern, eastern and southern Lebanon, which killed at least one person and wounded others, came as the Israeli government was to meet Thursday to decide whether to broaden the offensive, now in its third week, against Hezbollah guerrillas.

On Wednesday, a high-level Mideast conference in Rome ended in disagreement, with most European leaders urging an immediate cease-fire, but the U.S. willing to give Israel more time to punish the guerrilla group.

Justice Minister Haim Ramon, who is close to Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, said Israel interprets this as a green light to continue its offensive.

“We received yesterday at the Rome conference permission from the world ... to continue the operation, this war, until Hezbollah won’t be located in Lebanon and until it is disarmed,” he told Israel Army Radio. “Everyone understands that a victory for Hezbollah is a victory for world terror.”

The call for greater firepower came after Israel suffered its heaviest casualty toll in a single battle in the 16-day campaign, with nine soldiers killed and 25 wounded in house-to-house fighting in Hezbollah strongholds in Lebanon on Wednesday.

The crisis began July 12 when Hezbollah fighters staged a cross-border attack that led to the deaths of eight Israeli soldiers and left two captured.

Israeli army commanders have said troops would seize additional towns and villages in south Lebanon to force out Hezbollah gunmen.

In the first apparent ramification of the killing of four U.N. observers by an Israeli airstrike earlier this week, Australia decided to withdraw 12 unarmed logistics specialists who had been sent to southern Lebanon to help with evacuation efforts. It also said it would not support a new international force in southern Lebanon unless it had the strength and will to disarm Hezbollah, Prime Minister John Howard said Thursday.

Earlier this month, Australian Defense Minister Brendan Nelson backed participation of Australian troops in a new U.N. Middle East peacekeeping mission, but on Thursday, he seemed to rule out any major contribution.

"I would be surprised if Australia were to be committing

a significant number of troops to this area,” Nelson said.

Australia, a staunch U.S. ally in the war on terror, has troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, Israeli warplanes struck a road in Rayak, a few miles from the Lebanese-Syrian border early Thursday, wounding two soldiers and a civilian, Lebanese officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to make statements to the media.

Israeli fighter jets also carried out more than 30 bombing runs in Iqlim al Tuffah, a highland region where Hezbollah is believed to have offices and bases, the officials and witnesses said.

The airstrikes, which targeted mostly deserted houses allegedly belonging to Hezbollah activists and roads linking villages in the region, caused a number of casualties, the officials said. Ambulances and civil defense crews were unable to reach the targeted areas because of intense bombardment, witnesses said.

A Lebanese policeman, Mohammed Abu Hamdan, was killed when an Israeli missile struck his car as he drove in the eastern city of Zahle, security officials said.

At least 423 other people have been killed in Lebanon since the offensive began _ including 376 civilians reported by the Health Ministry and security officials. The deaths of the soldiers on Wednesday brought to 51 the number of Israelis killed in the campaign, according to the military.

Israeli planes also attacked targets near the southern market town of Nabatiyeh, wounding at least three people.

And a missile hit a four-story building belonging to the Shiite Muslim Amal Movement in the southern port city of Tyre, a day after a strike in the city devastated an empty seven-story building where Hezbollah’s top commander in the south has offices. That strike wounded 13 people, including six children, nearby. But a Hezbollah official in Tyre denied Israeli reports that the group’s commander in south Lebanon, Sheik Nabil Kaouk, was killed.

The privately owned Lebanese Broadcasting Corp. TV station said Israeli jets struck the army base at Aamchit, 30 miles north of the Lebanese capital near the coast, and knocked down a relay tower in an adjacent field of antennas belonging to Radio Liban.

Israeli military officials said the target of the airstrike was a radar station used by Hezbollah for attacks like the one on an Israeli missile boat July 14 that killed four Israeli soldiers.

Israel said Wednesday that it intends to damage Hezbollah and establish a “security zone” that would be free of the guerrillas and extend more than a mile into Lebanon from the Israeli border. Such a zone would prevent Hezbollah from carrying out more cross-border raids.

Israel said it would maintain such a zone until the arrival of an international force with muscle to be deployed in a wider swath of southern Lebanon.

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Three-time champion USC favored to win Pac-10 title

BY BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Three-time Pac-10 champion Southern California was picked Thursday to win the conference title again, but unlike the previous two years, the Trojans were not a unanimous choice.

USC garnered 18 of 29 first-place votes in a preseason poll of West Coast media who regularly cover the conference. Overall, the Trojans totaled 276 points — 29 more than second-place California.

The Golden Bears, picked to finish second, received seven first-place votes, while third-place Oregon had three and fourth-place Arizona State one.

UCLA was picked to finish fifth, followed by Arizona, Oregon State, Washington State, Stanford, and Washington.

The media poll has correctly selected the conference

champion for six consecutive years.

The Trojans are coming off a 12-1 record last season, with their only loss to Texas in the Rose Bowl national title game.

USC averaged a school-record 49 points and led the nation in total offense last season, but Dwayne Jarrett, Sam Baker, Ryan Kalil and Steve Smith are the only offensive starters returning.

The Trojans lost four offensive players in the first two rounds of the NFL draft: quarterback Matt Leinart and tailback Reggie Bush, both Heisman Trophy winners, along with tailback LenDale White and right tackle Winston Justice.

“Each year has an issue,” USC coach Pete Carroll said. “This year, we’ve got the big change in the offensive spots. It’s an exciting challenge. Maybe I’m refreshed a little bit at the fact that there’s so many things still to be determined by this football team.”

Carroll was accompanied Thursday by Kalil, who said he hadn’t wanted to come.

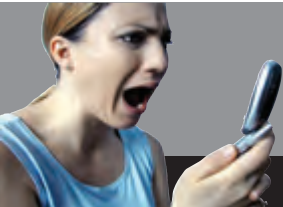
“They had a team vote to send the best-looking guy, and I won by a landslide,” Kalil said, breaking up the room.

Coach Mike Stoops’ rebuilding efforts at Arizona landed the Wildcats sixth in the preseason poll, despite them finishing no higher than eighth in the league the last five years.

“I don’t see anybody conceding anything in this conference,” Stoops said. “There’s a lot of teams making improvement. It sets up to be one of the best years in recent times.”

With the NCAA increasing the number of regular-season games to 12, the conference will play a nine-game schedule this season, meaning every school will face each other for the first time since 1978.

Each school will play one home game and one road game against a team from the other four geographical areas of the Pac-10. The traditional rivalry games will alternate each year to decide which teams play four and which teams play five conference home games each season.



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Her purple reign is over

By The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS



PRINCE

Prince's second wife, Manuela Testolini Nelson, has filed for divorce from the pop superstar, his attorney has confirmed. Patrick Cousins, Prince's general counsel, said this week the case was pending. He had no further comment. An attorney for Nelson did not return a telephone call from The Associated Press.

The Star Tribune reported on its Web editions Wednesday that the case was filed May 24. A court administrator told the AP the case was sealed on July 11.

Prince, 48, has rarely spoken publicly about his marriage to Nelson. He married dancer Mayte Garcia in 1996; that union ended in 1998.

The Minneapolis-based singer was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004. He recently closed his NPG Music Club Web site, surprising many fans.

LONDON

Hoping for 'Royale' sans cheese



CORNELL

Chris Cornell, frontman of rock band Audioslave, will record the theme song for the upcoming James Bond film, "Casino Royale." Cornell's song, "You Know My Name," will open the movie, which marks Daniel Craig's debut as agent 007. His "soulful and tough" music is a perfect complement to the film, producers said Thursday.

"Casino Royale" opens in theaters Nov. 17. Some Bond themes, such as Shirley Bassey's "Goldfinger" and Paul McCartney's "Live and Let Die," have become as famous as the movies themselves. More recently, Madonna, Garbage and Sheryl Crow have recorded songs for the spy thrillers.

Cornell, 42, is a former singer and guitarist with Seattle grunge band Soundgarden.

LAS VEGAS

Several weddings in the cards



ROCK & ANDERSON

Pamela Anderson has confirmed that she's ready to tie the knot with Kid Rock in France. And California. And Michigan. And Tennessee.

"I'm going to get married a few times this month to the same guy," said the 39-year-old actress, who wore a white veil pulled back from her face during a news conference about her new poker site, PamelaPoker.com.

She said her nuptials to the rocker, whose real name is Bob Ritchie, will take place near St. Tropez, France. They are reportedly planned for Saturday.

"If Bob knew he was getting married five years ago in St. Tropez, he wouldn't have believed it," Anderson said.

The former "Baywatch" star said the celebrations will also take her across the United States after the first ceremony.

"We had to do Malibu, we've got to do Detroit, and we've got to do Nashville," she said.

She offered no other details on the ceremonies. Asked how she's coping with her nerves before the big event, she replied: "I have two words for you: champagne."

Anderson and Ritchie, 35, became engaged in the Las Vegas desert in April 2002 but never set a wedding date. They broke up the following year. Anderson has two sons, Brandon, 10, and Dylan, 8, from her marriage to rocker Tommy Lee. Ritchie has a 13-year-old son, Bob Jr.

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.

DMX disses a deal

DMX's traffic woes likely won't be ending anytime soon.

The hip-hop star, whose real name is Earl Simmons, turned down a plea bargain in a case

that stems from his arrest on traffic charges. The rapper's lawyer, Murray Richman, did not describe the offer after DMX appeared in court Monday.

Police arrested DMX in White Plains on June 2 and charged him with speeding, making unsafe lane changes, not wearing a seat belt and driving without a license.

DMX, 35, spent a night behind bars last month after a judge issued an arrest warrant when he failed to appear in court to answer the charges. He walked out after posting \$25,000 bail.

"I don't feel good about this at all," the rapper said after his court appearance. "It's not fair — \$25,000 for traffic tickets? Come on. Let's keep it real."

The case was adjourned until Aug. 25.

White Plains is 26 miles north of New York City.

LONDON

Movie history is in the bag



HEPBURN

The iconic black gown worn by Audrey Hepburn in the 1961 film "Breakfast at Tiffany's" will be auctioned for charity later this year.

In the opening scenes of the movie, Hepburn's character, Holly Golightly, is wearing the gown as she emerges from a taxi with her brown-bag breakfast to ogle diamonds and luxury goods in the storefront windows of Manhattan's Tiffany & Co.

The gown, designed by Hubert de Givenchy, is expected to fetch \$130,000 at the Dec. 5 auction, Christie's said Wednesday.

Proceeds will benefit City of Joy Aid, a charity that provides relief to impoverished children in India. The founders of the charity received the gown as a gift from Givenchy.

The Parisian couturier was famous for dressing the most glamorous women of the 1950s and 1960s, including Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and Princess Grace of Monaco.

Santa Monica Daily Press

MOVIEGUIDE

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The Secret Garden (G) 3:00
Rock 'n' Roll High School 7:30

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All That Jazz (R) 7:30

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The Ant Bully
10:40, 12:45, 3:10, 5:20, 8:00, 10:15

John Tucker Must Die (PG-13)
10:50, 1:00, 3:20, 5:25, 7:40, 9:50, 11:45

Miami Vice (R)
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My Super Ex-Girlfriend (PG-13)
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Pirates of the Caribbean:
Dead Man's Chest (PG-13)
11:00, 12:30, 2:45, 4:10, 6:30, 7:50, 10:00, 11:10

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 3rd Street
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Scoop (PG-13)
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The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13)
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Superman Returns (PG-13)
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Cars (G)
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Landmark Nuwilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd
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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

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1332 2nd Street
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Little Miss Sunshine (R)
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A Scanner Darkly (R)
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Wordplay (PG)
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Mann's Criterion Theatre
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Clerks II (R)
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Lady in the Water (PG-13)
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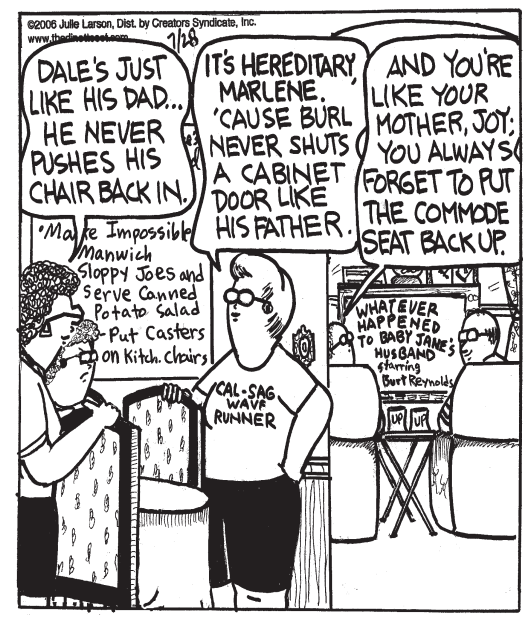
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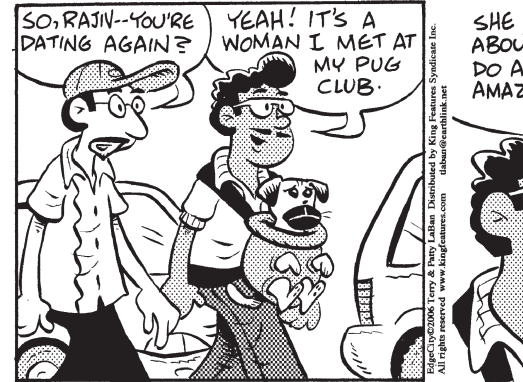
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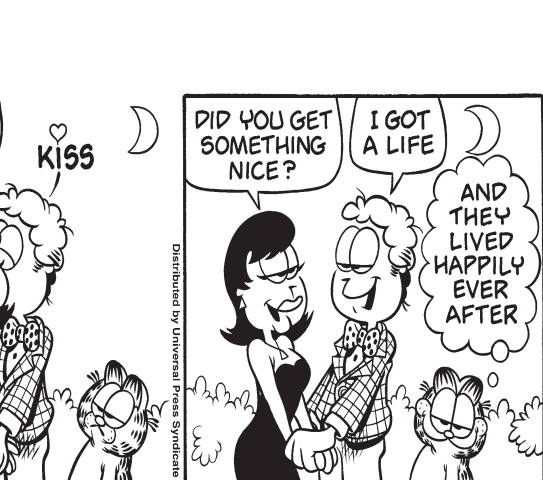
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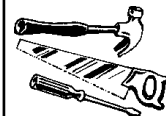
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