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A newspaper with issues

City's policy change on homelessness pending

Could be fall before issue is discussed

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

It could be fall before the city changes its policy on how it handles vagrants and panhandling in Santa Monica.

A recommendation to the city council was made last month by the Bayside District Corp. to craft an ordinance that would limit the number of people who can be fed in a public place by a group, as well as limit the number of the feedings.

The city issues permits for events in public spaces, which applies to dozens of outside church groups who feed the homeless in downtown parks and in front of City Hall. Board members of the Bayside District, which manages the Third Street Promenade, believe the "public feedings" are causing an influx of transients and vagrants to the downtown area.

But it appears that any policy change won't be discussed until September when the city holds its annual hearing on its homeless services. It is expected that city staffers will provide for politicians several options that would reduce homelessness and panhandling in Santa Monica.

"My impression is when they give us direction, then I think it's something that could move relatively fast," said City Attorney Marsha Moutrie. "One way or another the whole range of concerns and options will be in front of them."

Clearly, city officials have heard loud and clear from residents and businesses that a policy change must happen.

"It's obvious in attending (Bayside District board meetings) that a significant amount of people won't tolerate it anymore."

— MARSHA MOUTRIE
City attorney

"It's obvious in attending (Bayside District board meetings) that a significant amount of people won't tolerate it anymore," Moutrie said. "And I think it's time that a policy change will occur."

The city has been dealing with

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Two Henna artists busted in undercover operation

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Two Henna artists were arrested recently by Santa Monica Police Department undercover officers for working downtown without a business license.

Between four and six police officers dressed in plain clothes and equipped with a video camera descended on Luke Chanthadara and another unnamed Henna artist while they drew non-permanent designs on the skin of tourists on July 20.

SMPD Lt. Frank Fabrega said the department routinely uses plain-clothed officers on the Promenade. In



Luke Chanthadara

this case, each officer was assigned to watch cash transactions being made between the artists and customers. Since the beginning of the year, Henna has been banned from the city, yet Chanthadara and others

have rebelled and continue to practice their craft.

"We are enforcing the law," Fabrega said. "They have been warned and cited in the past."

However, Chanthadara and other artists say they are being singled out by city officials. They also argue their civil rights are being violated for not being allowed to practice their art.

"They came in plain clothes because they are too ashamed to identify themselves as police officers," Chanthadara said. "But they came down and videotaped us working like they were tourists or some-

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Summer wonderland



Franklin Smith/Special to the Daily Press

Children slide down a man-made snow hill at Clover Park Saturday, where the annual Santa Monica Police and Fire Departments' picnic was held.

More people 65 and older getting cosmetic surgery

BY COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press Writer

After Hazel York's husband died, she moved into a retirement home, convinced the better part of her life was over.

Then she met Damon.

She's 81. He's 78. They were married about a year and a half ago at The Village Community Care Retirement Community in Hemet, Calif.

She feels she won a second chance at life, so she decided to give her face a second chance, too.

York underwent a five-hour face-lift in June in Beverly Hills, Calif., to erase some wrinkles and shave off a few years.

Her husband is supportive, but said, "I love her as is."

She says she did it for herself. "Don't get me wrong. I don't want to look 16 again," she said, "but I also don't want to look like Damon's mother."

Experts say thousands of men and women 65 and older are getting plastic surgery. They want to feel young and attractive and battle age discrimination.

Since 1997, the number of cosmetic

procedures for those 65 and older jumped from about nearly 121,000 to more than 425,000 last year. Seniors accounted for about 5 percent of 8.5 million surgeries performed in 2001, according to the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery in Los Alamitos, Calif.

Dr. Sheldon Sevinor, a plastic surgeon based in Boston, said he had at least 30 patients last year that are older than 70.

"We're living longer and feeling more vital," he said. "Age 40 today is what age 30 used to be like."

He recently performed breast enlargement surgery on an 82-year-old Boston woman, his oldest patient to have the procedure.

"She's healthy, she's spunky and she wanted to look how she felt," he said.

Leland Preble, 73, from Burlington, Mass., is planning to have his eyelids lifted by Sevinor.

"I'm proud of my age, but when I have an eye exam, they have to pull my eyelids up so they can take the test," he

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Your fire causes others to think. You might want to present your case in a different way, so that others can hear. Creativity surges when you brainstorm with a trusted associate. Act on what seems like a great idea. Tonight: What's your pleasure? The timing is right.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Take your time with an associate's twists and turns — a result of his or her discomfort. Also take your time making decisions. A boss might waffle as well, saying one thing but meaning another. Use your instincts, and don't push another. Tonight: Disappear. Do your thing!

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Aim high. Others will make the necessary adjustments to follow your lead. Carefully review a personal matter that involves information. Someone might inadvertently misrepresent a situation. Recheck facts and figures. Tonight: Get together with your friends.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Recognize what might be needed at work or within a social situation. Graciously assume responsibility. Understand others' responses, especially if you're not comfortable with what is going on. Reorganize your day, if need be. Tonight: Work as late as necessary.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Start thinking about scheduling a vacation, even if time off seems distant. You might want to flip through some travel brochures. Emphasize the high road when dealing with a loved one who sometimes seems controlling. Do you really care who's in control, as long as you're together? Tonight: Hop on the computer.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Deal with associates on a one-on-one level. You might not be comfortable with a family member's attitude or struggle to assume power. The best way to win here is to not play. Deal with finances directly, if need be. Tonight: Let another make the first overture.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ A meeting might give you very strong direction, whether you're ready or not. Listen well to someone important. This person suggests an alternate route. You might wonder why you're not following this person's lead more often. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Recognize what might be going on at work or with associates. Do stop and take time to deal with a pending health matter. A boss could be direct and strong-willed. Realize what might be going on with another. Tonight: Do something good for yourself.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Note another's antics to get your attention. Be flattered rather than frustrated. Look at a situation with an element of detachment rather than getting triggered. Your intuition might be correct, but you don't need to push others to accept your views. Tonight: So what if it's Monday?

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Emphasize family and security. You will get a lot more of what you want as a result. Carefully check out a hunch, especially if it involves your wallet. You might not be comfortable with the final results. Stick with the basics. Tonight: At home.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your instincts are right-on. Follow them, especially in a meeting or during conversations. You might feel a change in your views, or a friendship going in another direction. Are you prepared for these ups and downs? Your sensitivity grows. Tonight: At a favorite spot for dinner.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Finances might take unusual swings if you're not careful. Adjust your perspective with a boss. New information might come forward that encourages you to look at a situation differently. Discuss this information with a partner. Tonight: Do some long-overdue shopping.

QUOTE of the DAY

"Men and nations behave wisely once they have exhausted all the other alternatives."
— Abba Eban

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LOCAL

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC offers free ESL classes

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College announces that enrollment for its free English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) courses is ongoing. The fall session begins Aug. 26.

Through SMC's Continuing Education Department, the free English classes are offered at all levels seven days a week in the mornings, afternoons and evenings. Also offered are free basic skills and keyboarding classes.

"These courses offer valuable training and help individuals in preparation for higher education or advancement in the work place," said Monica Torres, SMC community service specialist. "As the daughter of Mexican immigrant parents, I know that the opportunities in this country grow exponentially once the language barrier is broken."

Classes and registration are held at SMC's Madison campus, located on Santa Monica Boulevard between 10th and 11th streets (1310 11th St.).

For information call (310) 434-3400. For information in Spanish, call Torres at (310) 434-3407.

KLOS/ABC7 Blood Drive

By Daily Press staff

The 21st Annual KLOS/ABC7 Blood Drive will occur on Thursday, Aug. 1, Friday, Aug. 2 and Saturday, Aug. 3 at the American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th Street.

As the largest single-sponsor blood drive in the nation, the KLOS/ABC7 Blood Drive has become a mainstay, upon which the American Red Cross and the community have come to depend.

All blood drive participants will receive an exclusive, commemorative KLOS/ABC7 blood drive t-shirt.

All blood drive participants will also be given a voucher that will have their names printed on it. They will be able to redeem this voucher for one admission to the Scorpions/Deep Purple/Dio concert on Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002 at the Blockbuster Pavilion. This voucher has no cash value and can only be redeemed by the person whose name is written on the voucher.

To donate blood, one must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. If you have ever had hepatitis, have been tattooed in the past twelve months or are currently pregnant, you will not be eligible to donate blood.

To make an appointment to donate blood, please call 1.800.GIVE.LIFE.

Can I have your autograph?



Franklin Smith/Special to the Daily Press

Actress June Lockhart signs autographs at the annual Santa Monica Police and Fire Departments' picnic at Clover Park Saturday, where the SMPD softball team defeated the SMFD 8-6.

The Q Line

It seems that one by one, Santa Monica's old-school institutions are leaving town. Places like Midnight Special Bookstore on the Promenade, the Aero Theater on Montana Avenue, the Santa Monica Playhouse on Fourth Street and the Boathouse restaurant on the pier, have either closed up, are closing up or may close up.

Many people cherish these places not just because of what they provided, but because they collectively make Santa Monica what it is — a funky, cool beach town.

But as these long-time businesses continue to disappear, many people wonder what Santa Monica is becoming.

So this week Q-Line wants to know:

"Is Santa Monica losing its soul? Why or why not?"

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

surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

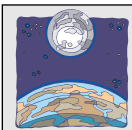
Boardriders remain stoked.

New tropical swell from Hurricane Elida, plus southwest swell, equals chest to shoulder surf at good exposures. Expect consistent, rippable sets from Zuma north.

Santa Monica and Venice see more waist highs today.

Tuesday, current southwest swell is expected to peak, giving west-facing spots a bump up in size, good news for South Bay breaks.

Temps reach high 60s again.



Today's Tides:

Low-	6:22a.m.	-0.09'
High-	12:50p.m.	4.00'
low-	5:55p.m.	2.32'
High-	11:43p.m.	5.08'

Location	Monday	Tuesday	Water Quality
County Line	2-4'/Fair	2-4'/Fair	A
Zuma	3-5'/Fair	3-4'/Fair	A
Surfrider	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Topanga	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Breakwater	2-3'/Poor	2-4'/Poor	A
El Porto	2-3'/Fair	2-4'/Fair	A



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OPINION

LETTERS

Open letter to all Promenade merchants

Editor:

After reading several recent anti-homeless articles in the Santa Monica Daily Press (SMDP), I empathize with your problems concerning Santa Monica's homeless citizens, who, for want of any other place to sleep, huddle in your doorways at night. I am a former business manager, so I understand.

I concur there has indeed been recent growth in the number of transients (as opposed to the truly homeless) in the city. Santa Monica IS the dumping ground for other communities' unwanted. (In certain cities, I've been told, the police will actually buy transients bus tickets to Santa Monica just to get them out of town!) Of course, the wonderful climate and beauty of Santa Monica draw many homeless here, just as they do tourists. Not much we can do about that.

If you want us off the Promenade, PLEASE HELP US FIND SOMEWHERE ELSE TO STAY! Right now, there is simply no alternative. On the same front page which castigated the homeless, the SMDP also ran a story stating that the average cost of homes in California has risen once again to around \$230,000. How can the homeless, with their monthly \$221 General Relief payments, afford them? Answer: THEY CAN'T! There are only about 200 beds available on a nightly basis in Santa Monica, but well over 1,000 homeless on its streets each night. Waiting lists are long, the maze of bureaucracy and regimentation required to obtain a space is, at the least, both frustrating and demeaning. And most shelters are open only during limited nighttime hours. Where would you have us go during the day? PLEASE HELP US FIND SOMEWHERE ELSE TO STAY!

You and your parent organizations have contacts and resources we cannot access (tax write-offs, etc.). Please use them to help us find an unused building, warehouse or even a vacant lot where we can create a 7/24 'safe haven' shelter as an alternative to the Promenade. We, the truly homeless, would be overjoyed to have a place away from the hustle and bustle of the Promenade, which offers us safe shelter at night, access to restrooms and showers around the clock and security for our possessions while we look for work the next day. Perhaps, once we relocate away from 3rd Street, you might even be able to help us out with leftovers from some Promenade restaurants so we don't have to panhandle to eat, donate outdated or excess equipment such as phones, desks or tables, chairs, obsolete computers...I'm dreaming of course.

Do away with the food lines? Then the homeless who depend on them will be forced to find food in other ways: more aggressive panhandling, petty theft, dumpster-diving, trash can buffet, etc. But most will not consider leaving Santa Monica — their home. Why not, instead, help provide us a place where we can eat? The SMDP keeps harping on the fact that Santa Monica's homeless citizens have access to 21 meals a week! (A little sarcasm next.) Why, that's three meals a day! What a concept! I don't know anyone who eats three meals a day, do you? (Sarcasm over.) But that's only for those who can travel, dragging their belongings with them, to the many feeding locations, sometimes with conflicting schedules, and tolerate the often pre-requisite religious brainwashing. (You should see what some of these meals consist of!)

I AM NOT speaking for the punks and druggies who hang out and conduct their business along your streets, then go home to mommy and daddy and sleep in soft, warm beds every

night. Sick the Santa Monica Police Department on them! An article in the SMDP, July 9, 2002, proves my point: the girl interviewed, "Brittany," admits she commutes from downtown Los Angeles. She is not a Santa Monican. She just hangs here. Nor am I speaking for the professional panhandlers who show up here every day and deprive the truly homeless of money and the need for food. I personally find the pro's attitude and aggressiveness repugnant, but it brings them more than enough money for food and booze and drugs daily. Sick the SMDP on them, too! Aggressive panhandling IS AGAINST THE LAW! (Note: I see in the SMDP, July 14, 2002, that the police have finally started after them! Hooray!!)

I AM speaking about the 1,000-plus truly homeless Santa Monica citizens, any one of whom would gladly give his or her eyeteeth for a safe place to stay at night and a job. For example: "Linda," one of Santa Monica's homeless who upset you so much, is white-haired, in her nineties and can walk only with the aid of a crutch. When she needs to use the restroom in the middle of the night, she slowly hobbles to the nearest open facility. The soft clicking of her crutch as she passes sometimes awakens me.

"Dave," in his late fifties, is a Ph.D. "down-sized" out of his job after years of loyal service. He's been turned down for several jobs. Perhaps it's his age, or the shabby, worn looked forced upon him by his homeless condition, or that he's forced to carry everything he owns with him when he goes for an interview, or that some businesses will not even let him inside to obtain an application.

I could tell you about the other homeless who will sleep on the streets and in the alleys (and on the Promenade) of Santa Monica tonight, but I think (and pray) that you get my point. These homeless are people! They could be your father, your mother, your brother, your sister, your son, your daughter or even, fate forbid someday, YOU!

Finally, before scapegoating the homeless for loss of business and every other sin of earth consider the wandering groups of drunks and illegal aliens passing through the Promenade at all hours of the night. They are far less concerned with the sanitary conditions of the Promenade than those who call it home. In fact, with your doorways emptied of their homeless watchmen, you'll find many more becoming restrooms overnight.

Consider the vetoed Target store, which would have drawn large numbers of customers to the area as well as having offered many homeless an opportunity to obtain employment.

Consider the drop-off in business in reaction to the September 11, 2001, attack on our country.

Consider the precarious state of our economy, with massive frauds, bankruptcies and crashing stocks.

Consider that we are not to blame for the fact that Santa Monica's \$30,000 per month beachside condos are not renting like hot cakes this summer. (SMDP, July 22, 2002.)

The homeless are as much the victims of events beyond control as you are! We are NOT the cause of all your woes!

P.S. I invite all interested parties from the Promenade to attend our next Side-By-Side meeting: Wednesday, July 31, 7 p.m. at the Ken Edwards Center on Fourth Street to discuss this matter. Side-By-Side is a coalition of homeless and housed which meets regularly to address the problems of homelessness.

Kenneth A. McCrae
Santa Monica

Women's World Monthly's 'Male Call' horoscopes



The FunHog By Dan Dunn

Those of you who tune in regularly know that my latest professional venture is penning a column for Women's World Monthly ... and those of you who DON'T tune in regularly, well, screw you, you punks! Anyhoo, despite my better judgment, I've caved and allowed the editors at WWM to dictate the style, tone and direction of what was supposed to be MY column. In short, I sold out ... partly cuz of the money, and partly cuz I'm too tired to argue with women anymore.

So when my editor says "Jump," I say "How high?"

And when my editor says, "I don't think an additional paragraph or two will bog the piece down, and that's all I'm really expecting," I say, "Here's your extra paragraph, boss."

And when they say, "Women like horoscopes, could you do horoscopes," well, I ... I ... I do horoscopes.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, July 29, 2002:

Others make fun of you behind your back because you're an imbecile. Your work is very important ... the world needs good customer service reps. Try loosening the grip on your man's weenie and get a grip on yourself. Happiness eludes you for a record 125th day in a row. If you are a columnist without any new ideas, resort to using a premise that has worked well in the past. A SCORPIO will sting you.

The stars show the kind of day you'll have, whether you like it or not: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Shockingly dreadful.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ If you were a jet, you'd be a Leer this week, baby, because you're flying high. According to my calculations, your fifth moon is in orbit and your seventh star is rising. Barring any interplanetary collisions, that means you're in for a seven-day bacchanal of epic proportions. Go out every night and expect the unexpected. A raise is not only likely — it's guaranteed. Tonight: You go, girl!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★ If only you were an Aries. Unfortunately, Taurus, none of

your moons or stars are doing much of anything this week, leaving you zilch to look forward to ... unless you're a fan of suffering. As much as I hate to be the bearer of bad news, I have to let you know that I've foreseen a serious yoga-related injury in your imminent future. Ouch! Tonight: Curl up in the fetal position and weep.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★ That burning in your loins that you thought was desire turns out to be an STD. That's what you get for sleeping around. Make time to do the things you've been putting off, like bathing. A problem gets bigger and so does your butt. That's what happens when you swallow lots of pound cake in order to cope with your mess of a life. Tonight: Pray things get better tomorrow.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ It's been a long time since the stars have shined on me, so, I've decided to give myself and all my fellow crabs the mother of all weekly outlooks. Be prepared to have more sex than you've ever imagined, with hot, interesting, well-endowed babes you'll meet at exclusive parties you're going to be invited to. Tonight: Dream the impossible dream.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Be very sensitive to your mate's needs this weekend. Once Friday rolls around, however, it is imperative that you revert back to your selfish, inconsiderate self so as not to cause too much confusion. Tonight: Watch more television.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★ Today you are going to take a ride on an emotional roller coaster, and chances are you're going to crash. Love and passions run high, but you're too fat and slow to catch up to them, so you continue to wallow in your lonely, banal existence. The cyber-sex you've been having may get complicated because your "F" key keeps sticking. Tonight: Remain true to yourself, no matter how depressing the prospect of doing so may seem.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★ Explore what's inside you today. Chances are, you'll find

junk food, poor bone structure and traces of bodily fluids from some of the biggest losers to ever roll through this town. But isn't that why God made alcohol, so that people like you could get a little? Tonight: Try going home alone for once.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★ Your spouse is cheating on you with a member of another species and soon will spawn mutant offspring and blame it on you. Tonight: Run for your lives ... there are mutants in the house. Tonight: Didn't you hear me? I said RUN!!!!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★ Listen to all 75 of your inner voices. Remember: You're not crazy, everyone else is. The government is involved in a secret plot to infect the general populace with angina and must be stopped at any cost. Look up "angina" in the dictionary. It's not in there, the government saw to that. Black helicopters are following you, sent by the U.N. to undermine the American Way. Don't try and hide, however, the government has left encoded messages on the backs of stop signs indicating your whereabouts. Tonight: Watch the X-Files.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★ A partner might rub you the wrong way, but just be happy that anybody's rubbing you at all. Tonight: You aren't leaving the table until you clear your plate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ I'm picking up Capricorn vibes here, Aquarius, so you might do well trying to pick up a Capricorn this week. Beyond that, immerse yourself in work — save the fun stuff for October. Tonight: Ally McBeal reruns and bon bons.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★ Just when you thought things couldn't get any worse, the test results are in and, guess what, they're positive. Yes, you have angina! As I'm sure you're well aware, there is no cure for angina ... at least no cure that the government will allow tax-paying citizens access to. Now that you know you're doomed, there is nothing left to do but sit back and wait for the black helicopters to arrive. Tonight: Ponder your imminent demise.

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LOCAL



Making citizen's arrest will deter crime, police say

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increased complaints by business owners for the past several months, if not years, that the behavior of some transients and homeless people are ruining the charm and economy of Santa Monica. In a recent city survey, residents said the high number of homeless people was their No. 1 concern.

Dozens of vagrants sleep in doorways in front of businesses on the Third Street Promenade, as well as urinate and defecate in public. Transients spend their days panhandling — sometimes aggressively — which scares many tourists and residents away from the outdoor shopping mall.

Many business managers witness on a daily basis people panhandling as a way to financially support themselves. And it can be lucrative too — some panhandlers can make up to \$100 a day asking unsuspecting tourists for change.

While some transients are down on their luck, there are others who are able to work but choose not to.

Woody Browder, senior manager for Standard Parking, which manages downtown parking structures, said he sees people park their cars in the morning, change from clean clothes to worn, dirty ones and hit the Promenade for a day of panhandling. Some even use wheelchairs as a pity ploy even though they are able to walk. He has seen one person who usual-

ly hangs out on Arizona Avenue and Third Street use a wheelchair even though he's not handicapped.

"I was walking around my garage and I saw this guy who was actually changing his good shoes for a bad pair of shoes," Browder said. He added that the SMPD's officers assigned to the Promenade are doing an effective job arresting aggressive panhandlers, but the high number of them makes it nearly impossible to catch them all.

"We do our darndest to keep these people moving, but I wish there was some way we could keep all of them moving," Browder said.

There is, said SMPD Lt. Frank Fabrega.

If business managers, who usually see aggressive panhandling more than anyone along the Promenade, made a citizen's arrest, it would deter the activity substantially, Fabrega said.

Of course, that means the citizen has to be willing to invest time in prosecuting the accused.

If a person is approached by a panhandler who asks for money, he or she can call police and tell them they want to press charges. An officer will be dispatched to the location and based on testimony from the victim, the officer will arrest the panhandler. The victim has to then testify in court to seek full prosecution of the panhandler.

If persons did this collectively, it could make a serious impact on panhandling

activities, Fabrega said.

"If a merchant sees a panhandler to be aggressive and his behavior is constantly verbal in asking for money and he is following the person, they can call police and we can get there and watch them," Fabrega said. "That's the proactive participation from the merchants we are looking for."

While a person has to actually be panhandled to be a victim, and not just witness it, watching someone urinate or defecate in public can have multiple victims, Fabrega said.

The crime is indecent exposure and officers will arrest a person if a victim reports it.

"We can't refuse to make a citizen's arrest," Fabrega said. "Tell the officer you want to make an arrest, that you want to prosecute and they will be taken to jail."

If a person is arrested enough times for

the same crime, he or she will be fined extensively or a "stay away order" can be issued from a superior court judge. That order would ban the individual from a certain area.

Some citizens have wondered if they open themselves up to liability when they make a citizen's arrest. Can they be sued by the accused? Sure, especially in one of the most litigious societies in the country, said City Attorney Moutrie.

But the likelihood of the accused winning a civil lawsuit is slim, particularly if he or she was found guilty in the criminal prosecution where the burden of proof is much higher than in civil cases, said Betty Haviland, a chief deputy city attorney in the criminal division.

"The person needs to be aware of the law before they (make a citizen's arrest)," she said. "It takes time and it is involved."

Henna artist sues city for civil rights violation

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thing, and then they seized our equipment and quickly moved us out of the view of the public."

The video footage showing transactions being made will be used as evidence in the city's criminal case against the artists, Fabrega said.

Chanthadara said \$300 was seized out of his wallet and is being held as evidence.

"That was my rent money," he said. "It had nothing to do with Henna."

Fabrega said if any money was seized by officers it also will be used as evidence in the court proceedings.

When Chanthadara started getting citations, he hired attorney Paul Mills to represent him. Chanthadara has filed a lawsuit against the city in federal court, arguing his freedom of expression is being suppressed by the city.

Mills said the city has set up a catch-22 scenario that leaves Henna artists in peril for practicing their art in Santa Monica. He said the city will issue business licenses to practice Henna from a cart or from a storefront location. But the artists can't afford the \$1,800 a month cart or the high storefront rents along the Promenade.

Mills alleges the city is denying business licenses without just cause.

"The city is denying business permits to Henna artists because they must first get a cart license," Mills said. "But I can't find anywhere in the Santa Monica municipal code that supports this."

Mills sent a letter to City Attorney Marsha Moutrie earlier this month, requesting the municipal code section that stipulates Chanthadara can't receive a business permit without first having a lease with a cart or storefront.

"All I ask is that you show me where it

says this," he said, "because I can't find it anywhere."

Practicing Henna — which is a 3,000-year-old tradition of painting designs using a reddish-brown dye on skin — has been eliminated as a supported art form. Consequently, it cannot be practiced anywhere on a public street in Santa Monica.

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— PAUL MILLS
Attorney

But since the city cannot constitutionally forbid a form of art, it instead refuses to issue business licenses for artists to work publicly.

Even though the law didn't go into effect until January, it wasn't until a newly enacted city ordinance regulating street performers was passed by the city council last month that police had the power to arrest performers who repeatedly violated municipal codes.

Chanthadara, who will continue to protest the city's Henna prohibition, has received more than eight citations for working on the Promenade without a business license. Operating without a business license is a misdemeanor offense that can carry jail time and fines.

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STATE

Face-lifts cost up to \$25K

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said. "Gravity's too strong."

Harry R. Moody, former head of the Brookdale Center on Aging at New York's Hunter College, said a little narcissism is healthy.

"Women want to be noticed and not seen as frail old ladies," he said. "It's the same kind of thing for men."

Moody said some elderly people feel they have to dye their hair or get plastic surgery to convince employers they're still able to do their job as well as someone younger.

"People need to keep their jobs and they'll do what they feel they need to do," he said. "It's sometimes used as a workplace defense mechanism. It can be a costly one, too."

A face-lift can cost as much as \$25,000. But no matter the price tag, interest in cosmetic surgery has increased recently, and liposuction is the most common surgery. Face-lift surgery was ranked fifth, according to the plastic surgery group.

Plastic surgeons say health risks for all procedures are relatively low as long as the patient is in good health, but those older than 65 will take longer to heal.

In Hazel York's case, her surgery went well, though she had mild pain and was swollen afterward. But she says she feels great now.

"My neck is especially great. I'm just tickled with the way it turned out," she said.

Dr. John Grossman, who performed York's surgery and runs cosmetic surgery clinics in Denver and Beverly Hills, Calif., said he has had many patients her age.

"Hazel's a perfect example that

chronologic age doesn't have to relate to how you feel about yourself. Just because you're 80 doesn't mean you have to look and feel like it," he said.

But Grossman also says a new look doesn't mean a new life.

"Our society prizes youth as opposed to other cultures where the value and respect is on age and wisdom," he said. "You're always competing with someone younger. But getting a face-lift doesn't make you more qualified for a job."

Leni Marshall, chairwoman of the 2002-2002 Aging and Ageism Caucus for the National Women's Studies Association, said though she understands why plastic surgery is so popular, it devalues age.

"There is a lot of emphasis on people's bodies and needing to look young," Marshall said. "But older bodies are an accumulation of moments, and plastic surgery takes those moments away."

Plastic surgery, she said, also reinforces the culture's negative view of aging.

"People refuse to value who they've become when they get old," said the 32-year-old Marshall. "They try to be as young as possible and plastic surgery only perpetuates it."

One woman who is comfortable with aging is Ruth Garrett, 67, a retired gerontology professor. She said she's happy with her looks, and believes older women should teach younger ones to care about their minds and health.

"When I look at myself in the mirror, I see my mother. And that's OK," said Garrett, from Hendersenville, Tenn. "If my daughter looks at herself in 20 years and sees me, is that so bad?"

Black professionals urged by Magic to manage finances

SANDRA MARQUEZ
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Basketball star turned businessman Earvin "Magic" Johnson said it took him almost five years to realize he was spending more than he earned as an NBA player with a \$400,000 annual salary.

"Once I understood what I need versus what I want, my bank account started to reflect that," said Johnson, who shared his own economic story Saturday at the kick-off of a national program to educate black professionals about their personal finances.

"Know Your Money," a 12-week course designed to help 21- to 35-year-olds examine their attitudes toward spending, budgets and long-term investment strategies, was the first major initiative to emerge from the 92nd annual conference of the National Urban League.

The conference, which has brought 10,000 delegates and visitors to Los Angeles, marked the national civil rights group's first return to the city since 1996 — when it pulled out to protest former Gov. Pete Wilson's support for anti-affirmative action legislation.

Relations between politicians and the league's leadership, however, has remained shaky in the aftermath of the videotaped beating of a 14-year-old black teenager by a white police officer in Inglewood this month and Los Angeles Mayor James K. Hahn's refusal this year to support former Police Chief Bernard Parks' bid for a second term.

Urban League President Hugh Price put the spotlight Saturday on economic self-sufficiency, noting that recent turbulence in the country's financial markets made the personal finance course the league plans to launch this fall particularly timely.

"This looms more important today than it ever has been," Price said.

His observation was backed by numbers. According to the league's recently released State of Black America 2001 report, 60 percent of blacks said economic opportunity should be the primary focus of black organizations. Sixty-seven percent also said they would like to open their own businesses.

Alishia Brown, a 28-year-old account executive attending the conference, said she hopes the \$30 finance classes — due to begin in Los Angeles, Houston, Chicago, Atlanta and Washington, D.C., in September — can help her trim personal debt.

"Now I am at the point where I am trying to change my situation," said Brown, who graduated from college with a degree in psychology and \$30,000 in credit card and student loan debt.

Although she has been in the work force for five years and putting aside 20 percent of each paycheck into a 401K savings account, Brown said she is afraid she won't be able close the gap on her debt, which has grown to \$45,000 because of interest.

"Any program available, I am interested in," she said.

STATE



Billions worth of bonds face voters in November

BY LOUISE CHU
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — In 1996, supporters marveled at the decisive victory of Proposition 203, a \$3 billion school bond measure that was then the largest in state history.

Now, six years later, Californians will be asked to pass another school bond measure worth four times as much. Proposition 47 will authorize selling \$13 billion in general obligation bonds to build new schools and repair existing ones, and recent polls suggest voters will approve it in November.

California, already the state with the nation's largest bond debt, will have three bond issues on the ballot in November worth \$19 billion.

While those bond issues await approval on the ballot, the government is also inundating the market with a number of lease-payment bonds that don't require voter approval.

The state is currently preparing for an \$11.1 billion bond sale — the largest one-time borrowing by a government agency in U.S. history — to pay off the significant budget shortfall caused by last year's energy crisis.

Gov. Gray Davis' current budget plan includes closing off some of the state's \$23.6 billion budget deficit by selling bonds to be paid off with the state's share of the \$206 billion settlement between states and tobacco companies.

California expects to receive about \$21.4 billion from the 1998 settlement over 25 years, but the Davis proposal would sell bonds to collect a smaller lump sum payment now.

Once resistant to passing large bond issues, California voters have been approving them in record amounts over the last six years. Since March 1996, voters have approved 12 of 14 measures on the statewide ballot.

"We went through a long period where they were not passing bond issues. It's a catch-up right now," says Zane Mann, publisher of the California Municipal Bond Advisor, a newsletter monitoring the California bond market.

Voters snubbed the first bond measure to reach the billion-dollar mark in 1988, a transportation bond defeated in the June primary. All other bond measures that year were approved. As California fell into a budget crisis in the early 1990s, voters turned away from long-term borrowing, only approving five of 23 bond proposals between November 1990 and November 1994.

Since 1996, however, bonds have regained favor. The 12 bond measures passed since then have added about \$24 billion to the state debt. With about \$27 billion in bond debt, California leads the nation, followed by New York, Texas, Pennsylvania and Illinois.

Voters have been especially receptive to school bond issues. According to a recent report from state Treasurer Phil Angelides, almost 60 percent of California's current bond debt has gone to education-related programs.

"There's a general belief that we have under spent," said Kim Rueben, a research fellow, specializing in education, at the Public Policy Institute of California.

The size of the recent school bond issues is a response to studies that have predicted the state needs \$32 billion over the next five years.

More than in most states, Rueben said, California's state government ends up paying for school bonds more than local governments.

In 2000, voters made it easier to pass school bond measures by lowering the vote requirement from two-thirds to 55 percent.

As interest rates have fallen to 30-year lows, the use of bonds has increased. Angelides has urged selling about \$25 billion in new bonds over the next four years to save millions of dollars in the future. The majority of the bonds will be paid with state tax revenue.

While bond supporters revel in the low interest rates, others say California is launching into a bond frenzy that is fiscal mismanagement.

"There are many voters who confuse bond measures with free money," said state Sen. Tom McClintock, a Northridge Republican and an advocate of the pay-as-you-go policy. "The fact is that bonds are the most expensive way to finance any government project."

For every dollar of capital, McClintock said, taxpayers must pay roughly \$2 in principal and interest.

McClintock, who is running for state controller in November, has been a staunch opponent of bond measures and has called for a blanket moratorium on long-term borrowing.

Despite the cost of incurring bond debt, the state treasurer's report showed California's current debt service as a percentage of general fund revenues to be well within credit analyst recommendations of five percent or less. In fact, if the state were to increase its debt service to five percent in the coming years, it could handle as much as \$63 billion in bonds by 2010.

Despite concerns over running up a large bond debt, the demand for California bonds remains strong, according to the treasurer's report.

While last year's energy crisis led bond rating agencies to reduce California's credit rating to one of the lowest among the 50 states, the report indicated that bonds have still sold.

Amy Doppelt, the managing director in public finance at the credit rating agency Fitch, said investors who face high state taxes consider the tax-free bonds, backed by the world's fifth largest economy, sound investments during uncertain times.

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STATE

California fighting for two major water projects in need of govt. funding

BY MARK SHERMAN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — California finds itself in an awkward position in Congress, hands outstretched for two major water projects and unsure it will get enough money even for one.

The result is a competition that at first looks like an unfair fight between CalFed, the program to restore the Sacramento-San Joaquin delta, and the much-maligned Salton Sea.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., is the champion of the delta, which provides drinking water for two-thirds of the state and irrigation water for Central Valley crops. Feinstein is trying to get \$1.6 billion for the delta, while a similar bill in the House of Representatives would provide \$3 billion.

The biggest name attached to the Salton Sea — the salty, often malodorous desert lake southeast of Palm Springs — is the late Sonny Bono, who represented the area in Congress. The sea's wildlife refuge bears his name.

The sea, already 25 percent saltier than the Pacific Ocean, probably will need at least \$1 billion to keep it from getting too salty to support its fish and the birds that feed on them. The sea has become one of the West Coast's most important stops for migratory birds, which flock there by the tens of thousands each year.

The sea gets almost all its water from agricultural runoff and a fetid river that flows from Mexico. At 228 feet below sea level, the Salton Sea has no drainage. What flows in, stays in.

But the sea is commanding new attention because it holds the key to a complicated transfer of water from Imperial County agriculture to San Diego for drinking water.

That transfer is a key component in California's plan to reduce its take of Colorado River water by 15 percent by 2016. Six other western states, their populations growing rapidly, want their fair share of river water.

The state has a Dec. 31 deadline to show it's on track to meet that goal or risk

an immediate cutback that would be borne entirely by Southern California homes and businesses.

The Salton Sea's connection to the water transfer is that it would shrink and get saltier faster because there would be less farm runoff, according to one plan under consideration.

That, in turn, would threaten some of the hundreds of species of birds that make the sea an important stopping point in seasonal migration. Bono and others also fear that a smaller sea would expose miles of lake bed and kick up dust storms that would have a harmful effect on air quality.

No all-encompassing plan to restore the sea, a popular resort until the early 1960s, has been proposed, although Interior Department officials are preparing one.

CalFed, on the other hand, is a complete plan to restore the fragile delta and ensure reliable water supplies to accommodate the state's expected growth.

Still, neither the House nor Senate has passed a CalFed bill. It will be after Labor Day before either house takes it up.

Critics of CalFed and the Salton Sea restoration complain that the federal government is bearing too much of the cost.

"California is asking the federal taxpayer once again to serve as a safety net," said Aileen Roder, who follows California water projects for the nonpartisan Taxpayers for Common Sense.

The group bills itself as a watchdog against profligate spending.

But the convergence of these projects offers an advantage, said Bill Snape of Defenders of Wildlife.

"Whether they like it or not, members of Congress are being forced to take a fairly comprehensive look at California water," Snape said, after testifying to a congressional panel about the Salton Sea and the ramifications of the California water transfer.

California lawmakers generally are reluctant to describe the two projects as being in competition, although Feinstein has made clear that CalFed is her top priority and that Salton Sea proponents should scale back their plans because Congress is unlikely to come up with \$1 billion or more.

National prostitution, bribery, money laundering ring busted

By The Associated Press

SUNNYVALE — FBI agents have busted a nationwide bribery, money laundering and prostitution ring.

Agents made 30 arrests in eight states Tuesday, the culmination of a five-year investigation that began when owners of a massage parlor in Blount County, Tenn. allegedly tried to bribe public officials, including a judge.

When federal authorities began looking into the parlors, they found most were nearly identical and appeared to be a part of a chain.

In Tuesday's coordinated bust, officials raided spas, modeling studios and hostess bars, which make money by enticing men to buy drinks for the women who work there. Arrests were made in California, Tennessee, North Carolina, Texas, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Ohio.

Police also shut down the Crystal Palace Nightclub and the Ok Yeo Bong bar in Sunnyvale. Four owners were arrested as well as Sunnyvale police officer David Miller, who was charged with protecting them for gifts, cash and sex.

The FBI said that the bar owners coordinated with a broker in Korea that would provide women with visas. If visas couldn't be arranged, the women were flown to Mexico, where another broker would drive them over the border.

The Crystal Palace would pay the women's rent and utilities. The women would repay the debts of their travel and living expenses by providing services, such as "dates" and sex, to customers of the club.

An Internal Revenue Service investigation of Ok Yeo Bong found evidence of money laundering.

NATIONAL



Democrats see opportunity with corporate scandals

BY WILL LESTER
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Democrats think they have potent election issues in the struggling economy and corporate scandals, but centrist members of the party are warning their candidates to stop short of economic populism that would attack big business.

"In the 2002 elections, the issue is going to be what's happened over the last 20 months," said Al From, founder and chief executive of the Democratic Leadership Council, which started its

"I can't help but think the Democrats fight more for small business, everyday people. Republicans are more for the corporate ... bigger business."

— **CHERI JAHN**
Colorado state rep.

three-day policy conference here Sunday. "People are worse off economically than they were when Bill Clinton left office." Many Democrats here say they expect

the current economy will change the political landscape for congressional races, governor's races and local races, and could even alter the landscape for the 2004 presidential race.

"I can't help but think the Democrats fight more for small business, everyday people. Republicans are more for the corporate ... bigger business," said Colorado state rep. Cheri Jahn. "This is going to be huge against the Republican administration."

White House spokesman Scott Stanzel countered: "President Bush has shown great leadership on the economy. He has provided tax relief for all Americans. His corporate fraud task force is cracking down on executives who break the law."

Stanzel said the president's "leadership led to passage of the corporate responsibility bill, which he looks forward to signing into law."

Several Democrats attending the DLC conference said the current political and economic climates have heightened interest in the speeches scheduled here by the potential presidential candidates.

Over the next couple of days, the group will hear from Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri and Sens. John Kerry of Massachusetts, John Edwards of North Carolina and Joe Lieberman of Connecticut.

Lieberman said Sunday on CBS' "Face The Nation" that he's leaning more toward running for president if Al Gore does not. He recounted some details from a dinner he and his wife had recently with Gore and his wife.

"The former vice president said to me that he's undecided," Lieberman said. "And I said to him that the sooner he decides, the happier I'll be."

Gore did not plan to attend the DLC gathering, an absence that was noted dis-

provingly by some Democrats. Some DLC officials have criticized Gore's 2000 presidential campaign for taking a tone they considered too populist on the economy.

"It's a little surprising," said New Hampshire state Sen. Lou D'Allesandro, who said he considers Gore a good friend. "He seems to be speaking out more, though."

"This is not just a beauty contest," D'Allesandro said. "There is a strong feeling that we could win in '04."

From said the changed political climate could have a big impact on the battle for the Senate, which Democrats now control on the strength of a 50-49-1 edge.

"A few thousand votes can make the difference in three or four races," he said. "The conditions of the country could cause a 2 or 3 point swing."

He said candidates should call for accountability, but he warned them not to sound like they're antibusiness.

"They need to remember that we are in the progressive tradition that believes in private enterprise to create opportunity and growth and believes in public activism to make sure that opportunity is widespread," From said.

Democrats from states with competitive Senate races had widely varying views about the possible impact of the corporate scandals.

—State Rep. Jaime Capelo of Corpus Christi, Texas, said the scandals could be a problem for Republican Senate candidate John Cornyn, who serves as state attorney general, because the scandals have hit close to home in Texas, home of Enron, and the current state government has been caught in the middle.

—D'Allesandro said New Hampshire Democratic Gov. Jeanne Shaheen could get a boost from the financial problems in her Senate bid, but must manage the state's fiscal crisis effectively to avoid being ensnared in the financial problems.

—Oregon State Rep. Richard Devlin said the financial problems may not change the equation enough to help Democrat Bill Bradbury unseat Republican incumbent Sen. Gordon Smith.

"I don't think it's party specific," Devlin said. "Oregon has a very independent nature. ... Mr. Bradbury has a very hard challenge of Senator Smith. The senator is an incumbent who's raised five times as much money."

Mine accident rescue



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The third of the nine trapped miners at the Quecreek Mine is helped out of the rescue capsule in Somerset, Pa., Sunday. Despite hunger, fatigue and dangerously cold temperatures, rescuers found all nine men alive and in good condition.

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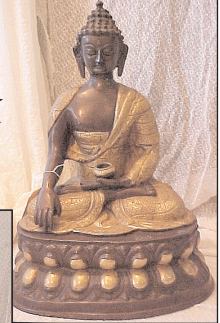


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NATIONAL

CDC begins program to fix deteriorating facilities

BY ERIN MCCLAM
Associated Press Writer

CHAMBLEE, Ga. — At one Centers for Disease Control and Prevention building, paper towels are attached with masking tape to clattering air conditioning units to keep condensation from dripping onto computers that cost nearly \$1 million each.

In another building, a \$20 oscillating fan blows on sophisticated circuit boards to keep them from overheating.

Since Sept. 11 and the anthrax attacks, lawmakers have been quick to promise the CDC money to fight bioterrorism. But agency officials say the crumbling buildings need just-as-urgent attention.

“We don’t have any extra room,” says Dr. Jim Pirkle of CDC’s National Center for Environmental Health. “Imagine if you put four sofas in your living room. That’s what we’re trying to do.”

Earlier this month the CDC dedicated two new labs at its campus here in suburban Atlanta — sparkling glass-and-steel structures to house scientists working on parasitic diseases and toxins like lead and pesticide.

But a few of those scientists are still working in the facilities those labs are meant to replace — shabby wood-frame buildings that resemble the trailers that overcrowded high schools use as classrooms.

“These people are diligent,” CDC director Dr. Julie Gerberding said recently. “They’re there day in and day out doing their work. But morale is an issue.”

The two buildings that opened here July 19 are the most visible pieces yet of CDC’s plan for rebuilding and renovating, an ambitious 10-year, \$1 billion project now in its second year.

Some of the next steps are a replacement for a 35-year-old lab at Fort Collins, Colo., used to study West Nile virus hantavirus, plague and other deadly pathogens.

Plans also call for a new lab to study new

infectious diseases, an emergency operations center and a communications center.

While members of Congress, who must approve the spending year-by-year, promise the money to fight bioterrorism will be there, winning the dollars to spend on upgrades may not be as easy.

Some lawmakers still may be wary about giving money to the agency.

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National Center for Environmental Health

In 2000, then-director Dr. Jeffrey Koplan was forced to apologize to Congress for how scientists spent some money intended for deadly hantavirus. He said at the time that CDC accounting had grown careless as its budget grew.

But the CDC argues the rebuilding is critical — and not just to guarantee the quality of the science conducted in the labs.

Agency officials grumble it’s extremely difficult to recruit top-notch young scientists with an offer of government work in shabby facilities when the private sector is offering bigger salaries.

“I was recruited into the old facility,” said Patty Wilkins, CDC’s chief of parasitic diseases, “and you wondered why anyone would go over there to work.”

The CDC contends the construction plan will actually save taxpayers money. The staff will be consolidated at the two main campuses, in Chamblee and Atlanta, eliminating the need for the agency to rent office space.

Slavery monument unveiled after decade of delays, debate

BY RUSS BYNUM
Associated Press Writer

SAVANNAH, Ga. — On the cobblestone riverfront where the first slaves arrived in Georgia, the city unveiled a bronze and granite monument to black Americans on Saturday after a decade of delays and debate.

The monument, depicting a black family embracing with broken chains at its feet, is the first to honor blacks in a city that has erected statues of its white founders and Civil War heroes for nearly two centuries.

“I’m glad we got it up. There were those who really wanted us to doubt it,” said Abigail Jordan, a retired teacher who spent 10 years and \$100,000 of her savings to make the monument a reality.

Jordan fought with city officials over the monument’s inscription — a quotation by author Maya Angelou describing slaves “in the holds of the slave ships in each others’ excrement and urine.”

Mayor Floyd Adams worried that the quote was too graphic for a public monument, particularly on the riverfront where throngs of tourists stroll.

But city officials approved the quotation in May when Angelou agreed to add

a few uplifting words to end of the quote.

Engraved in bold letters on the monument’s granite base is now the phrase: “Today, we are standing up together, with faith and even some joy.”

Among those who applauded the wording was Johnnie Simpson of Texas City, Texas, who drove to Savannah with her friend and granddaughter for the unveiling.

“We don’t see many monuments and statues dedicated to us,” said Simpson, a retired telephone company worker who is black. “It feels like it’s a big deal to me. How many times do you get this close to see something like this?”

Dow Harris of Savannah disagreed. Harris, who is white, showed up at the dedication Saturday carrying a sign that read “Wipe the Excrement Off of Savannah’s Monuments.”

“This is inappropriate language to put on a public monument,” said Harris.

Jordan shunned the spotlight Saturday to be with 300 people who sat through dedication speeches. She said organizers still need to raise more than half the \$500,000 to pay for the monument.

Volunteers walked the crowd carrying plastic buckets with “HELP” scrawled on the sides in black marker, stopping for people to cram \$1 bills into a slot in the top.

SPORTS



Armstrong wins again



Thomas Kienzle/Associated Press
Lance Armstrong of Austin, Texas, waves on the podium after he won his fourth consecutive Tour de France cycling race in Paris Sunday.

Baseball journey ends at Hall of Fame for Ozzie Smith

BY JOHN KEKIS

AP Sports Writer

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — Go crazy, folks! The Wizard is in the Hall of Fame.

Fighting back a tear or two, Ozzie Smith joined baseball's elite Sunday, accepting his position in the pantheon of great stars of yesteryear with a wonderful speech that aptly described his storybook life.

"This is tough," said Smith, the only former player to be elected this year, halting to brush away a tear after his son, Dustin, read the inscription on his plaque. "I've faced many challenges in my career, and if I was to rank them by difficulty, this moment in Cooperstown would rank at the top of the list. It's almost an impossible task to express in 20 short minutes a journey that has taken me over 20 years to complete."

Not surprisingly, the man who took the defensive aspect of the shortstop position to another level during his 19-year career accomplished that — thanking everyone from his mom, Marvella, to his high school coach, to the man who brought him to St. Louis, former manager Whitey Herzog.

Comparing his life to Dorothy's journey down the Yellow Brick Road in the Wizard of Oz and holding a copy of the famed children's book in his hands, Smith recounted every critical aspect of his baseball life and detailed what made him a success: the mind to dream that the Scarecrow cherished, a heart to believe that the Tin Man ached for, and the c-c-c-c courage of the Lion to persevere.

"Ozzie Smith was a boy who decided to look within, a boy who discovered that absolutely nothing is good enough if it can be made better, a boy who discovered an old-fashioned formula that would take him beyond the rainbow, beyond even his wildest dreams," said Smith, who was flanked by 46 Hall of Famers, including former Cardinals greats Stan Musial, Bob Gibson, Lou Brock and Red Schoendienst.

Smith, who holds six career fielding marks for shortstops, including most assists (8,375), double plays (1,590), and chances (12,624), revealed a couple of the secrets that made him such a deft fielder.

His first glove was a paper bag, and he

used to lie on the floor of his house in the tough Watts section of Los Angeles, close his eyes and toss a baseball into the air, then catch it without looking at it. Over and over. He also would throw a baseball over the roof of the house, then try to run around and catch it.

"No, I never caught it," Smith, who won 13 straight NL Gold Glove awards, said with a smile. "But it never stopped me from trying. Luckily, I didn't just experience the dream for a moment and then dismiss it as foolishness."

Smith, also holding a baseball that was sliced in half, said the core of his journey was a dream that took shape in his heart one day when he was 12 while sitting on the front steps of his home.

"I remember I was exhausted from playing yet another game," he said. "I let the dream come into the playground of my mind. I embraced it. I embellished it to the point that I would select the position I would play."

The 47-year-old Smith, who retired after the 1996 season, said beforehand that he didn't know how he would react on the dais. There was no trademark backflip, but in a summer that has been hard on St. Louis fans with the deaths of longtime Cardinals broadcaster Jack Buck and pitcher Darryl Kile, Smith gave them and the audience of 19,000 present a reason to smile.

"I sincerely believe that there is nothing truly great in any man or woman, except their character, their willingness to move beyond the realm of self and into a greater realm of selflessness," Smith said before reading a poem he dedicated to the memory of Buck, whose memorable call of Smith's game-winning home run against the Dodgers in the 1985 National League playoffs incited fans to 'Go crazy.'

"Giving back is the ultimate talent in life," Smith said. "That is the greatest trophy on my mantel."

Also honored were longtime Detroit sports writer Joe Falls, who was given the J.G. Taylor Spink Award for his six decades of work, and Phillies broadcaster Harry Kalas, who accepted the Ford C. Frick Award.

Andre Agassi Wins 2002 Mercedes Benz Cup

BY TOM A. MCFERSON

Special to the Daily Press

Andre Agassi put his tennis year back on track with a dominating 6-2, 6-4 win over unseeded Jan Michael Gambill to gain the Mercedes Benz Cup title.

It was an awesome display of patience and power from Agassi Sunday — the patience to consistently swing Gambill from side-to-side during the match, and then the power to end the point when the opening presented itself.

Although disappointed, Gambill felt he was simply outplayed. After watching his own powerful ground strokes come back with even more pace, Gambill said, "Very few players can stand up to those strokes. He's one of them."

Agassi took control early, breaking Gambill in the third game, and then again on his way to taking the first set 6-2. The second set appeared to be following the same pattern, with Agassi one point away from taking a 5-2 lead. But Gambill fought back to hold serve, and then broke Agassi to even the second set at 4-4.

But that would be it for Gambill, as Agassi regained his focus to break Gambill right back. "I played a pretty good game to break Jan-Michael, and it gave me a chance to serve for the match," Agassi said.

Gambill, who has lost to Agassi the last five times they have played, was continu-

ally drawn into long baseline rallies, usually with poor results. The exchanges eventually began to take their toll on Gambill physically, something that Agassi sensed.

"If I'm getting the better of the rallies, then I know I'm eventually going to get to the bottom of his tank," Agassi said.

This was Agassi's 53rd title of his career, and his third Mercedes Benz Cup title. But no celebrating for Agassi tonight. He said he would be taking the red-eye to Toronto for next week's Masters Series Event. He plays his first round match on Tuesday.

It was a good week for Gambill, and he sees it as a positive step heading towards the US Open. "This was a great way to start the hard court season," he said. Gambill will also be heading next to Toronto, but will only be playing doubles.

With this week's win, Agassi has to be considered one of the few true favorites for the upcoming US Open, alongside number one ranked Lleyton Hewitt, last year's Open champion.

And what of every tennis fan's dream, a Hewitt-Agassi US Open Final? Having played them both a number of times, Gambill knows who he would pick: Agassi.

"I still don't think Lleyton is as good as Andre on their best days," Gambill said.

Former UCLA star Justin Gimelstob and teammate Michael Llodra lost in the doubles final to Sebastien Grosjean and Nicolas Kiefer 6-4, 6-4.

Thomson, Giants celebrate belated anniversary of 'Shot Heard 'Round the World'

BY GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — On the 50th anniversary of the most famous home run in baseball history, the man who hit it wasn't in any mood to celebrate.

On the morning of Oct. 3, 2001, Bobby Thomson visited hospitalized children. He spent the afternoon at a firehouse that lost firefighters during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. In the evening, he went to Ground Zero.

"It really wasn't a time to think about baseball," Thomson said.

But on Sunday, Thomson and 10 of his teammates on the 1951 New York Giants gathered at Pacific Bell Park for a belated anniversary celebration of "The Shot Heard 'Round the World" — Thomson's pennant-winning blast into the lower left-field stands of the Polo Grounds that beat the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The players, blinking in the warm sunlight of a perfect Bay Area day, received warm applause from the San Francisco crowd before their 2002 counterparts — wearing replica uniforms and caps of the New York team — took on the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The ceremony, originally scheduled for Sept. 16, 2001, was capped by the unveiling of a plaque in right field near the Giants' retired numbers. It is labeled simply: "Remember '51."

"It was an inspiring season for a lot of people, and I know it was a big moment in our lives," said Alvin Dark, a shortstop

who hit .303 with 69 RBIs for the Giants in 1951. "Did we think we could win? I don't think anyone thought we could catch the Dodgers. Once we did that, the last playoff games were just that much better."

The story of that season is timeless baseball lore. The Giants overcame a 13 1/2-game deficit to the Dodgers in six weeks with a 37-7 run that included a 16-game winning streak, leading up to a three-game playoff for the NL pennant.

The teams split the first two games, and New York City ground to a halt for the deciding game. The Giants trailed 4-1 in the ninth, but Whitey Lockman's double drove home a run and set the stage for Thomson's homer against Ralph Branca.

For 50 years, the game has never been far from Thomson's mind — chiefly because nobody will let him forget it. Giants owner Peter Magowan, a student of baseball history, called the assembled New York Giants "a part of one of the most important teams in baseball, and an irreplaceable part of our franchise's history."

In addition to Thomson and Dark, the Giants welcomed pitchers Larry Jansen, Al Corwin and Red Hardy; infielders John "Spider" Jorgensen, Artie Wilson, Jack Lohrke and Lockman; outfielder Don Mueller; and catcher Sal Yvars. Herman Franks, a coach on the 1951 team who went on to manage in San Francisco, also attended.

Thomson, Dark and their teammates were impressed by the Giants' new home on the shores of the San Francisco Bay, and they were particularly pleased to visit for a game against the Dodgers.



INTERNATIONAL

Settlers clash during funeral leaving one dead

BY NASSER SHIYOUKHI
Associated Press Writer

HEBRON, West Bank — Jewish settlers and Palestinians clashed Sunday during a funeral procession for a slain Israeli soldier in this volatile West Bank city, leaving a 14-year-old Palestinian girl dead and several Palestinians wounded, witnesses said.

Separately, in the West Bank town of Nablus, thousands of Palestinians defied the army's five-week curfew in the clearest sign yet that Israel cannot maintain its occupation of major Palestinian towns without facing popular resistance.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon announced a host of new measures designed to improve life in the territories and appointed his dovish foreign minister, Shimon Peres, in charge of aiding Palestinians.

The Palestinian finance minister and the No. 2 at the Israeli finance ministry also finalized details for Israel to transfer \$15 million in withheld tax revenues to the Palestinians by Monday, both sides said.

Sunday's trouble in Hebron erupted as Jewish settlers carried the body of a soldier slain in an ambush Friday from the biblical Tomb of the Patriarchs, through the narrow streets of Hebron, to the cemetery.

The Palestinians, though confined to their homes by an army-imposed curfew, began throwing stones at the funeral procession, according to photographers at the scene.

The armed settlers responded by firing shots at Palestinian homes and using metal bars and stones to smash the windows of cars and homes in Hebron's Old City, residents said.

Palestinian Nizin Jamjoum, 14, was standing on the balcony of her home when she was fatally shot in the head, said her brother Marwan, 26, who was injured. At least six Palestinians were hurt, doctors at the city's Alia Hospital said.

The injured included Ahmed Natcha, age 8, who was stabbed when a group of settlers broke into his home and smashed furniture, said the boy's father, Hussain

Natcha. The boy was in stable condition. The army said it was aware of only one injured Palestinian, and that he had received treatment from troops. The army said it was attempting to calm tensions in Hebron, where several hundred Jewish settlers live among more than 100,000 Palestinians.

However, several Palestinian witnesses said soldiers did little or nothing to stop the attacks by settlers even though they had warned Palestinian residents of possible violence.

"Before the funeral, the soldiers told us to stay in our homes and stay away from the windows, because they knew there was going to be trouble," said Dr. Tayser Zahadeh, a Palestinian who lives near the scene of the confrontation.

He said Israeli police only intervened after an hour of vandalism. Israeli media said 15 police officers were injured in scuffles with settlers.

The Israeli soldier buried Sunday, Elazar Leibovitz, was killed by Palestinian militants in a roadside ambush Friday near Hebron that also killed a Jewish couple, Yossi and Hana Dickstein, and one of their 10 children. With the orphans, who range in age from 2 to 20, in attendance, the three were buried Sunday in the West Bank settlement of Psagot where they lived.

In other developments Sunday, Israeli soldiers shot and killed an 18-year-old Palestinian as he watched an army incursion into Madra al-Sharqieh, east of Ramallah, Palestinian intelligence officials said. Israeli security sources said soldiers fired at two men who were throwing concrete blocks at them.

In Nablus, thousands of Palestinians defied the army's curfew in Nablus, filling markets and opening offices as Israeli soldiers stood by, residents said.

Some Western activists also took part, removing roadblocks from the city.

The protest was called by the Nablus city governor, Mahmoud Alol, and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, which urged residents to

Behawalpur during a Protestant service, in which 14 worshippers, their minister and a Muslim security guard were killed.

Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf had banned Lashkar-e-Jhangvi two months earlier as part of an effort to purge the country of extremism and terrorism.

Although Lashkar-e-Jhangvi has traditionally targeted Shiite Muslims, police believe they may now be working with groups connected to al-Qaida to target Westerners and the Pakistani government. The groups seek revenge for the collapse of the Taliban in neighboring Afghanistan and Musharraf's crackdown on militant Islamic groups.

Police have detained dozens of suspected militants, many of them Lashkar-e-Jhangvi members, in connection with a June 14 car bombing outside the U.S. Consulate in Karachi that killed 12 people, and a May 8 suicide bombing outside the Sheraton Hotel in Karachi, which killed 11 French engineers and three other people, including the bomber.

Russia air crash



Tanya Makeyeva/Associated Press

Rescuers look at the charred wreckage of the Il-86 plane that crashed after taking off from Moscow's Sheremetyevo-1 airport, Sunday. The plane crashed into a forest shortly after take-off, killing 14 people. Two air hostesses survived, the Emergency Situations Ministry said.

repeat the demonstration.

"So many of our people are suffering from hunger and others couldn't get medicine so we have to get our rights by ourselves," Alol said.

The round-the-clock curfew in Nablus has only been lifted five times, for a few hours at a stretch, since Israeli troops reoccupied the city more than five weeks ago.

Amid the defiance, Sharon's office announced new measures to ease the plight of Palestinians, including increasing the number of permits issued to workers to come to Israel from 7,000 to 12,000. Before the conflict, some 125,000 Palestinians crossed into Israel daily for work.

Other measures include shortening the hours of the curfews, dismantling some roadblocks and lifting restrictions on aid groups in Palestinian areas, a statement from Sharon's office said.

Palestinian Finance Minister Salam Fayed met with the director-general of the Israeli Finance Ministry, Ohad Marani, to finalize the transfer of an initial part of the estimated \$600 million in tax revenues Israel has withheld.

Meanwhile Peres met Qatar's foreign minister, Sheik Hamad bin Jassem bin Jabor Al Thani, in Paris for talks on "practical steps" for renewing Middle East peace efforts, Peres' office said.

In the Gaza Strip, Palestinian Planning Minister Nabil Shaath visited Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, spiritual leader of the radical Islamic Hamas organization, for what

an aide to Shaath said was a visit to offer condolences for Israel's killing last week of Hamas military commander Salah Shehadeh.

Aides to Shaath and Yassin said political issues were discussed, but they refused to elaborate.

Shehadeh's death in an Israeli air strike that also killed 14 other Palestinians, nine of them children, came as Hamas and members of Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, of which Shaath is an executive committee member, had reportedly been talking about coordinating a ceasefire with Israel.

Israeli soldiers arrested two local Hamas leaders in Ramallah, both sides said. One of the two had been the intended target of a tank strike that instead killed his wife and three children in March. The army said the two had been involved in suicide bombings in March and May that killed 26 Israelis.

In the village of Burkin, southwest of Jenin, Israeli soldiers arrested three suspected members of the radical Islamic Jihad group, residents and Israeli security sources said.

Also in Burkin, Israeli forces destroyed an empty house that had been used as an Islamic Jihad hideout, residents said. And soldiers blew up two cars outside the home of a Hamas member arrested earlier this month, residents said. Security sources said the army destroyed a car after a militant in custody admitted to plans to use it to carry out a suicide bombing.

Islamic militant suspects killed in police gunbattle

BY KHALID TANVEER
Associated Press Writer

MULTAN, Pakistan — Six suspected Islamic militants were killed Sunday in a fierce gunbattle with police, and four of the dead were suspects in a fatal attack on a Roman Catholic church last year, officials said.

According to police chief in the city of Behawalpur in Punjab province, Sikandar Hayyat, police were traveling with four members of the outlawed extremist group Lashkar-e-Jhangvi outside the city when they were fired on from a car.

The attackers freed all four militants and wounded nine officers, but police pursued them and caught them near the town of Kherpur Tamewala, about 60 miles southeast of Multan.

Six people were killed, including all four of the men who had been with the police. Two of the attackers escaped, said Hayyat.

The four who had been in police custody were all suspects in last October's attack on St. Dominic's Church in

South Africa to host peace deal between Congo and Rwanda

By The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The presidents of Congo and Rwanda are scheduled to sign a peace deal this week aimed at ending four years of war that has claimed over 2 million lives, South African officials said Sunday.

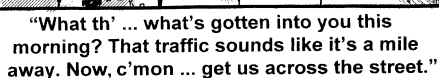
The deal, brokered by South Africa, was set to be signed Tuesday in Pretoria. "We hope that for the first time there is a political will to implement the peace agreement which will address the security concerns of Rwanda while ensuring the sovereignty of the Democratic Republic of Congo," a statement from President Thabo Mbeki's office said.

An estimated 2.5 million people have died from fighting, disease and hunger during Congo's 4-year-old war, which has drawn in six other African nations.

Under the accord, Rwanda has agreed to withdraw its troops from Congo if Congo rounds up, disarms and repatriates ethnic Hutu militiamen blamed for the 1994 slaughter of a half-million people in Rwanda.

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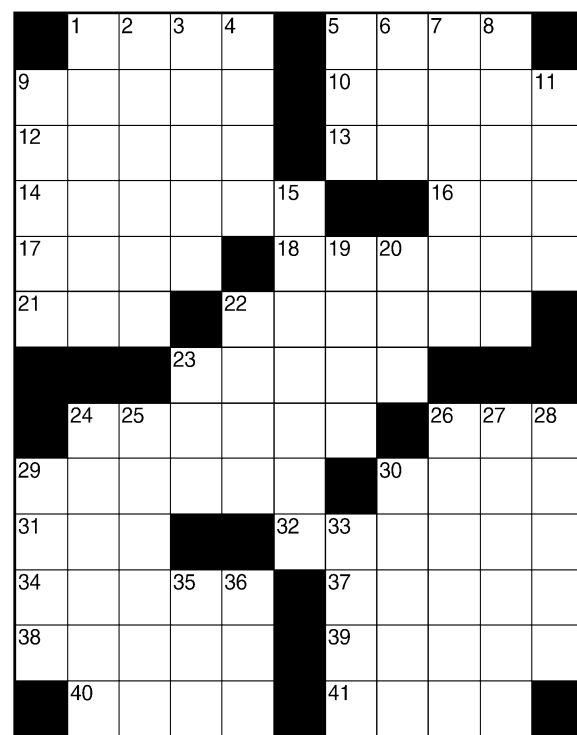


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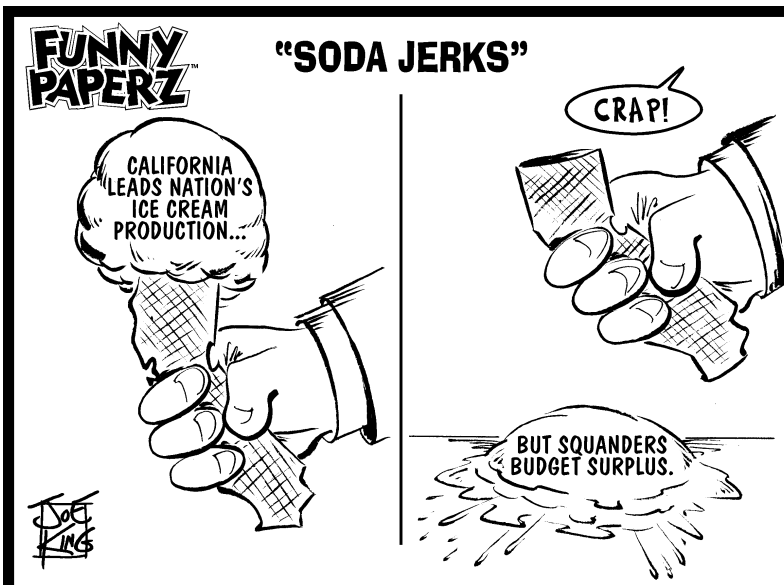


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Among people who have recently forgotten that they had kids locked up in hot cars (which Centers for Disease Control said has killed at least 27 toddlers since 2000): Tarajee Maynor, age 25 (her two kids died while she kept a three-hour hair salon appointment, Southfield, Mich., June); Jorge Villamar, 59 (left his 16-month-old granddaughter in a sweltering car for an hour and a half, Central Islip, N.Y., July); and two parents who on July 8 had left kids in hot cars in Fort Worth, Texas (fatal to a 6-month-old boy), and Scarborough, Ontario, but whose names had not been released at press time.





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The Sum of all Fears (PG-13)
9:30. *The Bourne Identity* (PG-13)
10:45, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30,
10:30. *Like Mike* (PG) 11:15,
1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15. *Stuart
Little 2* (PG) 11:00, 12:15, 1:15,
2:30, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7:00,
8:00, 10:15.

Mann Criterion
1313 Third St.
Minority Report (PG-13) 11:40,
3:15, 7:10, 10:30. *K-11: The
Widowmaker* (PG-13) 12:00,
12:30, 3:30, 4:00, 7:00, 7:30,
10:15, 10:45. *My Big Fat Greek
Wedding* (PG) 11:20, 2:00, 4:30,
7:20, 9:50. *Men in Black II*
(PG-13) 11:50, 2:30, 5:15,
8:00, 10:40. *Halloween:
Resurrection* 11:45, 2:15, 5:00,
7:40, 10:00.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street
Lilo & Stich (PG) 12:00, 2:10,
4:20, 7:05. *Mr. Deeds* (PG-13)
11:45, 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35.
Insomnia (R) 9:15. *Reign of Fire*
11:15, 1:50, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20.
The Crocodile Hunter (PG)
10:45, 12:40, 2:55, 5:10, 7:25,
9:40. *Road to Perdition* 11:00,
1:00, 2:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00,
8:00, 9:55, 10:50. *Eight Legged
Freaks* (PG-13) 11:25, 1:55,
4:30, 7:20, 10:00.

Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
The Fast Runner: Atanarjuat
(NR) 11:30 I 3:15 I 6:45. *Lovely
and Amazing* (R) 12:15 I 2:30 I
4:45 I 7:15 I 9:45. *Notorious
CHO* (R) 10:05.

Laemmle Monica
1332 2nd St.
Y Tu Mama Tambien (NR) 12:00
I 2:35 I 5:10 I 7:45 I 10:15. *Read
My Lips* (NR) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00,
9:45. *Me Without You* (NR) 1:00
I 3:15 I 5:30 I 7:50 I 10:10.
Tadpole (PG-13) 1:30, 3:35,
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BACK PAGE

Prospering surf economy causes dealer turf war

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Once the sport of a hip subculture, surfing has drawn more than a million newcomers in the last decade, all searching for the perfect wave.

That popularity has led to a fierce battle in the state's surf industry for market share between longtime manufacturers and retailers of surf gear and new shops and production plants in Northern California.

As the number of surfers in the country has doubled from 1.2 million in 1990 to 2.4 million in 2001, the market also doubled to \$3.8 billion in the past decade in the United States. That figure, from Board Track of Trabuco Canyon, includes surfboards, accessories and clothing, but it doesn't include surf tours, camps, videos, movies and magazines.

Jack O'Neill, 79, started O'Neill Inc. with a surf shop at San Francisco's Ocean Beach in the early 1950's. He developed neoprene wet suits to help surfers deal with the icy waters off the Northern California coast.

Now, his company, one of Northern California's surf commerce powerhouses, has other local surf shops concerned.

O'Neill has bought a restaurant across from Marin Surf Sports store in Mill Valley, hoping to open its fifth retail store.

Marin Surf Sports owner Jochen Wentzel, 40, hasn't had any competition for almost two decades, and he's worried.

"The surfing industry is a kind of tricky industry, and the profit margin is not so great here," he said. "Owning a surf store is more of a passion, not a ticket to economic security."

Mike Locatelli, O'Neill's retail manager, said the company had invested a lot of money in Mill Valley.

"We feel the people up there deserve a first-class shop," he said.

A similar situation happened in Santa Cruz, when O'Neill opened a store across the street from the Pacific Wave surf shop in 2000.

Todd Noland, owner of Pacific Wave, said the company has felt O'Neill's presence and has made adjustments

in its business to compensate.

"We focused more on skateboards and some brands that we have that aren't across the street," he said.

But the O'Neill store is feeling the crunch from the dot-com meltdown that brought new surfers to Santa Cruz.

"Everyone wanted to live here, and they had disposable income, buying three or four wet suits and three or four surfboards at a time. We don't see any of that anymore," Locatelli said. "It has all dried up."

But one such scenario has had a happy ending, so far.

When Wise Surfboards, which San Francisco surfer Bob Wise had opened in a landlocked area of the city in 1968, moved across the street from Big Yank Board Sports in 1999, Big Yank got worried.

The new surf shop had opened as close to the beach and as far away from Wise Surfboards as possible in 1994. So Wise's decision to move near Big Yank surprised the company, said store manager Mark Abbott.

"Our first reaction was worry, but it has brought us more walk-up customers," he said.

Training course offers tips on much-maligned mule

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Rule No. 1 at the Mule Motel? Keep an eye on the guests of honor.

Despite their easygoing nature, bad things can happen quickly when dealing with mules, Steve Edwards reminds his students in a new community college program for mule trainers.

"You are working with an equine that can make split-second decisions, decisions which could cost you a limb," he said.

Edwards should know. He once was thrown from a mule and suffered nine broken ribs and a punctured lung.

Edwards owns Queen Valley Mule

Ranch in Arizona. He teaches a three-week mule education program at Pierce College in Woodland Hills. Students learn basic medical care and key communication skills they can use with their mules.

His students come from as far away as Portland, Ore., to the corral dubbed the "mule motel" at the college, which offers agricultural and equine science programs.

Mules are the offspring of female horses and male donkeys. They have a reputation for cantankerousness that student Jerry Arvin says is overrated.

"Mules and donkeys are the most affectionate of any of the critters I've seen," said Arvin, who with his wife, Karen, breeds and trains donkeys in Portland.

The fledgling program, which began earlier this month, has 45 participants in three courses, and it is so popular that there is a waiting list.

Eventually, officials hope to create a certification program for mule trainers, who could earn as much as \$40 per hour at equine centers.

There are about 1,000 mules in northern Los Angeles County alone, and the animals are increasingly popular as a sure-footed alternative to horses for trail riding.

Mules can cost as much as \$7,000 but generally are less expensive to care for than a horse and can live longer, said Susan Edwards, who helps teach the

course with her husband.

Charles Drummond, chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District, owns six mules.

"They call the mule the Harley-Davidson of the horse industry," Drummond said. "You know how Harleys have caught on and become kind of campy? Mules have become that way."

"People really underestimate the mule," he said. "The typical person thinks the mule is slow, stupid and stubborn, and it's exactly the opposite: Mules are extremely athletic, very intelligent and quite willing to do what you want them to do, if they understand what that is."



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