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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Among the memorable recent local government meetings:

■ In Shutesbury, Mass., seating at the town meeting was divided into those wearing perfume or aftershave, those who never do, and those who never do but forgot and wore some that day (May).

■ In Chelmsford, Mass., the town council was split on whether to open the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance and spent nearly an hour debating such issues as whether the meeting might already be "open" and thus could not "open" with the Pledge (April).

■ Hutto, Texas, the council debated whether the mayor could use an economic development grant to buy a huge steel and fiberglass hippopotamus as a town business mascot (June).

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I was so naive as a kid I used to sneak behind the barn and do nothing."

— Johnny Carson

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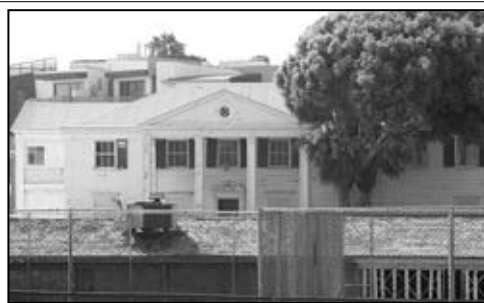
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The Marion Davies Estate on the Pacific Coast Highway as it looks today.

Photo courtesy of Santa Monica Historical Society
Left: The Marion Davies Estate, pictured in the April 1994 issue of *Architecture Digest*. The estate was built for Davies, a mistress of William Randolph Hearst.

Historic property still in limbo

Renovation will cost \$17M, pending demolition is \$400K

BY PATRICK KINMARTIN

Special to the Daily Press

City Hall will spend nearly a half million dollars to demolish part of an abandoned beach estate once occupied by William Randolph Hearst that has been vacant for

almost a decade.

But renovating the dilapidated Marion Davies Estate, located at 415 Pacific Coast Highway, won't happen anytime soon. City officials estimate it will take \$17 million to open it up to the public and since City Hall is facing multi-million deficits for the next few years, the project has been put on the back burner indefinitely.

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Union prevails at local hotel

Four Points Sheraton agrees to card check election

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

After months of pressure, a Santa Monica hotel has agreed to let its employees decide if they want to be represented by a union.

Union representatives since March have been protesting the Four Points Sheraton on Pico Boulevard, demanding that its management allow hotel workers the right to unionize.

"We're at peace with Four Points now," said Kurt Petersen, organizing director for the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union Local # 11. "And every hotel owner knows that sooner or later they're going to have to do the same thing."

Petersen said the union will now target the 253-room Doubletree Hotel. Of the 10 large hotels in Santa Monica, two are unionized, two have agreed to let their employees decide and the other six don't have any union presence.

Kate Bartolo, senior vice president of the Kor Group, which owns the 314-room Four Points as well as the Viceroy Hotel on Ocean Avenue, said the decision concludes four months of negotiation.

"At the end of the day we recognized that there was a real value in forging a partnership with the union," she said.

At least one Four Points worker on Monday expressed ambivalence towards the prospect of unionizing. Some say labor organizers have

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Trade secret case stumbles in Santa Monica court

Jury awards local design firm three pennies on the dollar

BY DAVE DANFORTH

Daily Press Staff Writer

A Santa Monica jury Monday awarded local design firm owner Gary Mandel less than 3 percent of what he wanted from a star designer in a hard-fought trade-secrets case.

The verdict, a \$47,000 award for Mandel, represented a major victory for designer Lendy Walker. Walker left Mandel's GMPC firm to start her own outfit in January 2002.

Though jurors were troubled by how Walker quickly wound up with some of the same clients she'd sold while at Mandel's GMPC, they decided that Mandel hadn't proven conclusively what trade secrets she'd stolen, or how she'd engaged in unfair competition.

"This case was about bad manners," said

one juror. "They should have worked it out."

The juror faulted Mandel for creating an antagonistic relationship with Walker once she left and suggested the two should have struck an independent deal involving royalties for the disputed work.

"Both sides were losers," concluded jury foreman Steve Markoff, a successful entrepreneur. He estimated the legal fees spent on the

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Surfers are finding spirituality among the waves

BY MATT SEDENSKY

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — As the white-tipped wave melts into the ocean and the rush of adrenaline gives way to feelings of rebirth, some well-tanned surfers are making a

startling discovery: They are finding God.

Around the world, a subculture perhaps better known for sculpted bodies and slacker mindsets is finding spirituality. Some surfers say a flawless ride puts them in

touch with a higher power. Others are taking those feelings and using the ocean as a pulpit from which to preach their faith.

And, dude, they think it's awesome.

"Surfing is the most spiritual

thing that you can do," said Rabbi Nachum Shifren, who lectures on the surf-soul connection. "You're out in the water, you're by yourself, you're out there in God's creation. It's like being in the womb."

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Resolutions made this year are likely to stick. You demonstrate unusual creativity; combined with a generally magnetic way, you seem to get what you want. Don't hesitate to zero in on what you want. Sometimes others find you a bit self-absorbed. You often might wonder when to establish boundaries, i.e., when you're giving too much and when you're not giving enough. If you are single, you could meet someone quite special, but be careful not to mix business with pleasure. Trouble could occur with joint finances. If attached, make sure you know what is going on with your sweetie. Have frequent chats. LEO reads you cold.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Strap on your seat belt as your ruler goes retrograde today. You might start feeling the impact immediately. Learn to handle this energy, as it will be two months of working through frustration. Take care of yourself; don't internalize. Tonight: Allow another to dote on you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might want to slow down, especially with a friendship or budding partnership. Things might be changing dramatically, but not in the way you visualized. Carefully consider your options with a domestic change. Tonight: Mosey on home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your ability to get past the immediate helps you understand why a boss could be out of sorts. Work with difficult people. Learn to understand what motivates them. A friendship will bloom as a result. Express understanding. Tonight: You cannot be too nice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ News from a distance could shake you up. Decide to do something a bit differently. Indulge not only those around you but yourself, too. Work with a reversal in plans. Work with the lay of the land. It might take a while to get plans straight. Tonight: Indulge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Venus moves into your sign, adding to your desirability. The Moon makes you king or queen for a day. If you feel like you might want to make an important resolution, the time is now. A close associate could become jealous in the next few weeks. Keep conversations moving. Tonight: As you like it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Know when to duck. Mars goes retrograde in your opposite sign. Perhaps not today, but in the near future, you could find others on your case. If you get attitude from someone you care about, open up talks. Tonight: Take a back seat to events.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ If there is something you've really wished for and wanted, use today's New Moon to make the decision to go for it. You discover that many will help you with a project. Don't be disappointed by a change on the work scene. Tonight: Find your pals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Take your place in your immediate circle, allowing others to understand just how much you have to offer. Use care with a loved one or child who might be covering something up. Make it a point in the next few weeks to help this person open up. Tonight: Work late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Just when you thought everything was under control, you have a mini war of the roses starting in your back yard. Find out what is ailing a roommate or family member, which could take a while. Detach from the immediate. Tonight: Touch base with a loved one at a distance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Consider an offer from a partner. Know that this person really cares about you and wants to work more closely together. Still, make sure all agreements are in writing. Mistakes could easily happen. Tonight: Go along with another's desires.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Others come to you. Don't, however, make a mistake with a financial agreement. Don't put yourself in jeopardy. Think carefully about what you want and expect from a special friendship. Be willing to ask for just that. Tonight: Do what a loved one requests.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Mars retrogrades in your sign today, where it will remain for approximately two months. Curb a tendency to turn your anger inward. At the same time, learn how to express your feelings in a way that others can hear. Tonight: Off to the gym.

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LOCAL

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

'Operation Gratitude' deployed at O'Briens tonight

By Daily Press staff

A local bar is extending its gratitude to the U.S. troops tonight and is asking the community to do the same.

O'Brien's Pub on Main Street is hosting "Operation Gratitude," which will collect requested items and ship them along with personal letters of appreciation to the troops stationed overseas. The care packages each cost between \$10 and \$30 to send.

Organizers hope the donations will give soldiers stationed indefinitely in the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and the Korean Peninsula "a little extra" to make their lives easier while they are away from their homes and loved ones.

The event starts at 7 p.m. and anyone with a donation will get a raffle ticket for a chance to win prizes, including concert tickets and dinner for two at the Key Club, and dinner for two at Schatz's on Main Street.

The requested donations are as follows:

■ Global phone calling cards, CDs and DVDs (new or used), mini battery-operated fans, spray bottles, paperback books, magazines, puzzles, word game and crossword books, hand held electronic games, playing cards, foam footballs, basketballs and frisbees.

■ Commercially packaged food, including powdered hot and cold drinks, soup mixes, microwaveable food such as macaroni and cheese, and Ragu express. Canned food including tuna, fruit, ravioli, meats and soups. Individually packaged snacks like Chex and Trail mix, nuts, cookies, candy, gum, power bars, dried fruit, beef jerky, Pringles, small jars of peanut butter, breath mints and sunflower seeds.

■ Practical items like batteries, disposable cameras, socks, baseball caps, bandannas, T-shirts, visors, feminine hygiene products, cotton balls, assorted Ziploc bags, one cubic foot cartons and packing tape.

The pub, located at 2941 Main St., will offer complimentary appetizers, a live DJ and shot specials all night long.

"Operation Gratitude" is a grassroots project started by Encino resident Carolyn Blashek.

'Dances with Films' wraps up this week

By Daily Press staff

A local film festival highlighting more than 90 independent films at the Laemmle four-plex on Second Street wraps up this week.

Dances with Films, which promoters tout as the only festival of its kind, focuses on lesser-known filmmakers in an effort to bring their visions to a wider audience.

With more than 50 world premieres, more than 25 west coast premieres, the festival aims to forge ahead in a crowded field of festivals that proliferate Hollywood.

"Film festivals have lost their meaning of discovery," said Michael Trent, co-founder, in a press release. "If a festival is mainly made up of films opening in the next few weeks, how can that be discovery?"

"Almost every film has not been seen in Los Angeles," he added. "What other fest can say that?"

For more information on Dances with Films, which is now in its sixth year, call (323) 850-2929 or visit the film festival Web site at www.danceswithfilms.com.

surf report

Today will be a little better than Monday, but nothing to get too excited about. Expect more waist-high sets, if you're lucky.

BAD NEWS: The old SW is on its way out.

GOOD NEWS: New SW today and another one tomorrow, bringing stronger surf for the end of the week and into the weekend.

OUTLOOK: Early next week a strong S could bring us head-high waves and there are also two areas of disturbed weather off of Baja and Mexico that could develop. Nice one.

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

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MONDAY	4:04	-0.6	3:05	2.5	10:39	3.9	9:19	6.4
TUESDAY	4:36	-0.7	3:44	2.3	11:08	4.1	9:56	6.4
WEDNESDAY	5:08	-0.7	4:26	2.2	11:39	4.2	10:34	6.2
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In fact, in a stunning coincidence earlier this week in Florida, an elderly man did almost the exact same thing as the 86-year-old Santa Monica man, though no one was killed in that incident.

One of the most talked about solutions revolves around coming up with some kind of new test that drivers over a certain age must take and pass on a regular basis if they want to keep their driver's licenses.

ver's licenses.

In the past, attempts to pass such a law have been met with strong resistance from senior groups.

So, this week Q-Line wants to know, "Should senior citizens be regularly required to demonstrate the physical and mental skills necessary to operate a motor vehicle? Why or why not?"

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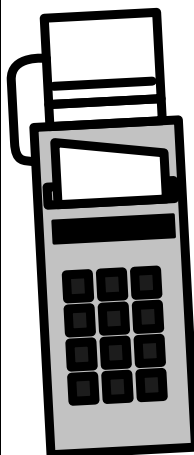
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LOCAL

Future renovation plans for Davies estate uncertain

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"I definitely don't see it happening in the near future," said City Councilman Bob Holbrook. "If you look at what the city is spending its money on right now, it's education, crime and many other

things. Unless renovating the estate's property becomes a priority, it won't happen soon."

But the Santa Monica City Council has at least agreed to spend \$400,000 to demolish some structures on the property that don't contribute to the estate's historic value.

Some residents argue that City Hall hasn't put a high priority on renovating the property since it took over the lease in 1990. Before then, City Hall had rented the property to the Sand and Sea Club, which was privately owned and run by a Jewish Group for 30 years.

At the time, the property was a trophy in a battle between restaurateur Michael McCarty, who won approval from the City Council to build a hotel there and residents determined to prevent any new hotels from being built on the beach.

When an initiative passed that squashed McCarty's project, the City Council voted to terminate the Sand and Sea lease and take control of the property.

"That was a terrible mistake on the part of the city," said Larry Stein, a former member of the Sand and Sea club who also worked as an

attorney in the property's lease. "They pulled the rug out from under us so quickly. I think had they taken more time to realize how beneficial the club had been for the surrounding area, they might have come up with a better solution."

The city's solution — to open the club to the public — came in a decisive City Council vote.

"The bottom line is that it was a private club on public property," said City Councilman Ken Genser, who has been on the council since 1988. "I don't blame those from the Sand and Sea club for being bitter, but the council felt the public would be best served by being able to use it."

But the 1994 Northridge earthquake only allowed the public to use the facility for four years. The earthquake did so much damage to the property that it had to be closed.

Now the 70-year-old property continues to be an eyesore on the beach and is prone to vandalism, graffiti and serves as a place for homeless people to sleep.

The estate was built in the late 1920s for Davies, a mistress of publishing mogul William Randolph Hearst. It was designed by architect Julia Morgan, who also designed Hearst's San Simeon compound in Central California.

After it was built in 1929, the lavish compound was worth \$7 million and had dozens of rooms with expensive, detailed furnishings. After World War II, Davies sold the property. In the 1940s, portions of the estate were demolished and three buildings were added to make way for a new hotel.

In 1959, City Hall took control of the property, which had been purchased by the State of California. City Hall then leased it to the Sand and Sea Club from 1960 to 1990.

When the Sand and Sea Club closed, City Hall occasionally rented out the prop-

erty out for weddings, barbecues and other events. It also was used as a filming location for the TV show, "Beverly Hills 90210."

In July 1999, City Council approved a plan for the site that called for the banquet building, cabana buildings and portions of the locker room building — structures that don't contribute to its historic value — to be removed.

After the demolition was finally cleared by state and environmental groups, the City Council voted to remove the buildings. The move is being hailed by many officials as the first major step toward the building's renovation.

"Once those buildings come down, a whole new light will be shed on what we can do with the property," said Barbara Stinchfield, director of community and cultural resources for the city.

Stinchfield is a member of a group analyzing concepts, partnerships and phasing plans for the future of the property. Once they are done with its analysis, the group will present different options to the City Council.

"Obviously, funding is the key," she said. "We need to take a hard look at what we're up against financially before we decide to do anything major."

The city has received a \$350,000 grant from the State Department of Parks and Recreation and a \$275,000 grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development towards the renovation. Although City Hall is far from reaching the millions needed to renovate the site, some residents are encouraged that plans are being made to do something with the property.

"At least they've started to think about it," said Brett Ashlin, a longtime Santa Monica resident. "I just really hope they're smart about it. The property is so vast and beautiful, I'd hate to see it go to waste."

Local union to focus efforts on the Doubletree Hotel

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made bold promises about the union, but refuse to offer anything in writing.

"It's like the government," said one long-time restaurant worker who asked not to be identified. "They'll say anything to get re-elected."

Petersen maintained that the ultimate goal of the union is to improve working conditions for hotel workers.

"This industry, even since 9-11, is one of the most lucrative in California," he said. "And we still don't think wages and benefits are nearly what they should be."

The agreement, which was announced Sunday night, calls for a two-year card-check election. In a card-check election, hotel officials agree to stay neutral and union supporters have an extended period of time to gather signatures from employees who want to be organized.

When they have the backing of the majority of employees, union officials "call" the election and an arbitrator counts the signatures. Hotel managers and union representatives then negotiate a contract.

Petersen said union supporters began gathering signatures even before the agreement was reached and already have more than the required 50 percent. But they will keep gathering support before calling the election in order to solidify

more of the work force, Petersen added.

Managers at the 346-room Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel agreed to a similar card-check election in December. Petersen wouldn't say how many signatures have been gathered there or when the election is likely to be called.

The two local hotels already unionized are the 160-room Viceroy Hotel, which signed a contract with the union in July of 2001, and the 302-room Fairmont Miramar Hotel, whose contract began in June of 2000.

With the Four Points agreement, more than half of the 2,222 upper-end hotel rooms in Santa Monica are either covered by union contract or by a card-check agreement. Those without any union presence are the Doubletree, the 213-room Radisson Huntley Hotel, the 198-room Shutters on the Beach, the 175-room Le Merigot Beach Hotel, the 132-room Holiday Inn Santa Monica Pier and the 129-room Casa Del Mar.

Vivian Rothstein, the director for Santa Monicans Allied for Responsible Tourism, a non-profit organization that aims to improve wages and conditions for local workers, applauded the Four Points agreement.

"We're establishing a new standard in Santa Monica for corporate responsibility," she said.

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Santa Monica jury takes two days to deliberate in case

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case at just shy of \$1 million.

The case again emphasized how dreams of legal riches often crash at the hands of Santa Monica juries, who have a reputation for being "bullet-proof" — difficult to goad by plaintiff's lawyers into major damages.

Mandel has asked for \$2 million, representing residual profits through 2006 on accessory design work done by Walker mostly for Disney and Universal studios. But Walker claimed that most of the work for the studios, on items such as caps for their theme parks, was on new designs she invented once she left Mandel's company.

She estimated that only 5 percent of the income at her new firm came from designs she devised while at GMPC. She further claimed that Disney and Universal had asked her to continue to work for them and owned the rights to the designs. Whether she pursued them, or they pursued her, was a point of contention during the trial.

The jury took her 5 percent estimate and applied it to a shorter time period than Mandel had wanted. And, the jury ordered Mandel to pay Walker just under \$7,000 in

unpaid commissions and vacation pay. From 1997 to 2000, sales of Walker-designed products had brought Mandel's firm \$23 million in revenue and \$6 million in profits, said her lawyer, Larry Berman. Mandel wanted a piece of the \$3.8 million in business Disney and Universal ordered from her in 2002 after she'd left.

Walker said she originally sold Disney and Universal while at GMPC by "cold-calling" them and interesting them in her designs, which came to include a "Sponge-Bob" cap Berman gleefully held aloft for jurors to see.

"Isn't it adorable?" said Berman in opening arguments. "There's no Coca-Cola formula here. These are hats."

Berman contended that Walker was a brilliant designer whose work created apparel that flew off the shelves at the studio-owned theme parks. The only better designer at GMPC was Mandel himself, Berman contended.

But Mandel's lawyer, Eddie Woods, argued that work for the studios represented a theft of trade secrets. Its client list was confidential, he noted. He also said Walker's use of a key Taiwan manufactur-

ing firm to make the apparel misappropriated a relationship Mandel had spent years building up.

One juror ridiculed the notion that Disney and Universal represented confidential clients, noting that the Taiwan firm bragged on its Web site of the relationship.

The jury was almost deadlocked after two-plus days of deliberating. Most jurors had trouble articulating exactly what Walker had done wrong. So jury foreman Markoff, anxious to avoid a hung jury, suggested that the panel reverse its work by deciding on damages first and then later fitting the damages to wrongful acts.

"It was really patchwork and horse-trading," Markoff noted.

Walker started at GMPC in 1996 and earned a paycheck in bonus and commissions of \$300,000 annually when she left to start her own company with then-fiance Adam Beatty after complaining that Mandel wouldn't give her a hike in commissions.

Her high pay and Beatty's business school education troubled some jurors. But they were more astonished, said one, that Mandel and Walker didn't just patch up their differences and share profits on designs she'd originated while with Mandel.

"It's not a victory, but something we can walk away from," said Walker after the jury ended its service in Santa Monica Superior Court.

Surfers pray and paddle

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Such messages of spirituality in the surf have given the search for the perfect wave new meaning, particularly among Christians.

Each week, dozens of Bible study groups made up entirely of surfers assemble around the country. They are organizing mission trips in the Caribbean, Koshier surf camps in Costa Rica and lessons, contests and concerts. They've even seen the introduction of their own Bible, including a full-color cover with shots of big waves and profiles of surfers inside, a surf gear line called Faith Riding Co., and the Surfer's Chapel in Huntington Beach, Calif.

"Surfing has always been kind of a more spiritual" activity, said Army Chief Warrant Officer Glen Spence, a surfer in Hawaii. "It's only natural for the two to meet up."

Christian Surfers, an international organization begun in Australia more than 20 years ago, has flourished recently in the United States. Two years ago, nine chapters served about 450 members. Today, 28 groups from Old Orchard Beach, Maine, to Pensacola, Fla., to Hawaii, count about 1,400 members.

The organization tallies thousands of surfers elsewhere, too, in Japan, South Africa, Venezuela and a host of other surfing hot spots.

In all of these groups, the mission is to minister to other surfers, gently preach their message, and get them to join a local church.

"For a lot of surfers, the whole concept of church is off-putting," said the Rev. Bill White of the Surfer's Chapel, where services are held on Saturday nights to avoid interference with morning waves. "Nobody thinks anything of an Armenian church or a Hispanic church or a Samoan church. I feel that surfers identify with surfing as much as any ethnic group identifies with their ethnicity."

In 2002, Christian Surfers chapters in the United States recorded 1,071 conversions — surfers who accepted Christ for the first time as a result of their efforts. Nearly 400 fallen-away Christians across the country returned to their faith last year, the organization said.

One such prodigal is Jake Gomez. A

year ago, Gomez used drugs and considered himself an atheist, a surfing bad boy. He got involved in a surf club and when he was invited by other members to join their Bible study, he decided to try it.

"I wouldn't have met the people who helped me change my life without this," the 18-year-old said before competing in a Christian Surfers amateur surf contest. "We're out here to bring the word of God to the people without preaching."

All of this can be an unexpected twist for an aggressive sport whose proponents are better known for their carousing, such as in WB's reality show "Boarding House: North Shore," where surfers spend their out-of-water time partying, drinking and fighting.

"Surfing has grown up a lot over the years," said Wayne Ryan, who runs a Christian surfing group in Sydney. "The beautiful thing is that over the years we've seen thousands of kids' lives change."

Formal ministries to surfers began in the '70s in Australia, where such efforts are still strongest. By 1987, Christian Surfers had arrived stateside, slowly generating a following in beachfront communities.

The idea is for a surfer to hear about faith from someone they can believe — another surfer.

"We see surfing as a subculture," said Chandler Brownlee, a Baptist minister who heads Christian Surfers from his St. Augustine Beach, Fla., home. "We want to be a bridge from the beach to the church."

Others are less emphatic about using surfing as a means for evangelization, instead emphasizing the sport's natural spirituality.

"It's kind of a yin yang kind of thing," said Shifren, who has authored "Surfing Rabbi" and is hosting what's billed as the world's only Kosher surf camp in Costa Rica next month. "In order to find true happiness and true contentment, you have to work," he said referring to the exhausting paddling that surfing requires and one's spiritual journey.

"You connect to purity when you surf," said Alon Maor, a Jewish surfer who prays before surfing each morning in Hawaii. "You feel God's energy."



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Deficit needs other worldly help

Editor:

I'm glad I don't have to explain to a non-human from Mars why each day Americans set fire to dozens of little pieces of paper and then put them in their mouths. This month and next, Earth is catching up with Mars, an encounter that will culminate in the closest approach between the two planets in recorded history.

The next time Mars may come this close is in 2287. Due to the way Jupiter's gravity tugs on Mars and perturbs its orbit, astronomers can only be certain that Mars has not come this close to Earth in the last 5,000 years but it may be as long as 60,000 years. The encounter will culminate on Aug. 27 when Mars comes within 34,649,589 miles and will be the brightest object in the night sky, besides the moon.

It will attain a magnitude of -2.9 and will appear 25.11 arc seconds wide. At a modest 75-power magnification, Mars will look as large as the full moon to the naked eye. Perhaps this additional gravitational magnetism will help our community college and school district balance their budget without increasing our property taxes again.

And that is all I have to say.

Tom Fakehany
Malibu

Governor recall a litmus test

Editor:

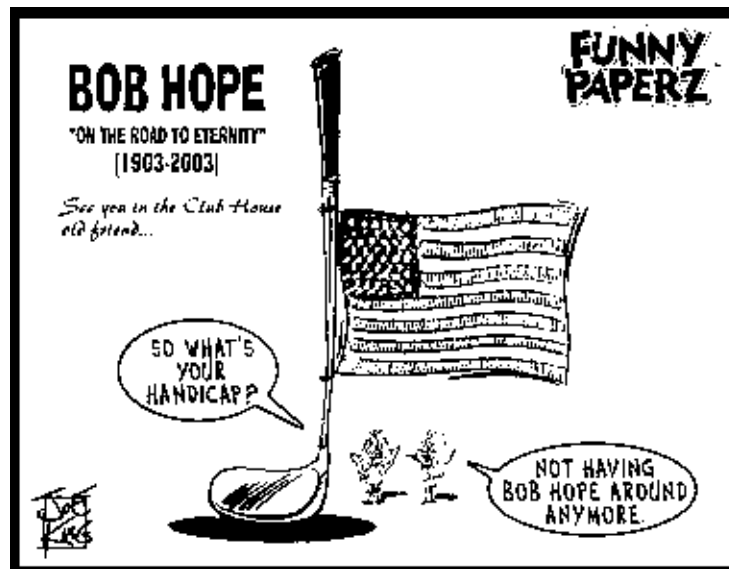
The recall of Governor Gray Davis ballot is a symptom of a misdirected electorate. I, my neighbors, the conservative right, the liberal left, all of us are increasingly dissatisfied with the performance of our government. What driver hasn't felt the sting of a questionable ticket that pads the government's treasury? Find me a landowner who hasn't tried to circumvent an ordinance that was designed to protect their neighbors, at the expense of the property owner.

Do you know anyone who feels our income tax system is fair? Who doesn't question why California insurance rates are among the highest in the nation whether it is for health care, workman's compensation, automobile or home protection? Why do California's schools rate poorly compared to similarly populous and diverse states? Why does the state department of transportation take three or four times longer to complete work that is done in a single summer in states where the four seasons dictate a tighter schedule? Why is it all a mess? The personal greed and selfishness of the

electorate are finally manifesting in poor government.

While it is easy to expect our elected representatives to exemplify a high standard of performance and accountability, it is better to place higher expectations upon ourselves. Pointing the finger is always easier than taking responsibility. Watch the campaign ads before Oct. 7 and count how many point the finger rather than addressing the issues. The childish "I am not to blame" attitude is destroying our lives, our communities and our government. Let's stop irresponsible government, uncaring neighbors and our personal indifference.

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Change in foreign policy will prevent future attacks

Sept. 11 could have been prevented only by having a principled foreign policy.

The 900-page Congressional report criticizing the operations of the FBI and CIA in the months prior to the September 11 attacks misses the fundamental point. Whatever incompetence on the intelligence agencies' part, what made September 11 possible was a failure, not by our intelligence agencies but by the accommodating, range-of-the-moment, unprincipled foreign policy that has shaped our government's decisions for decades.

September 11 was not the first time America was attacked by Islamic fundamentalists engaged in "holy war" against us. In 1979, theocratic Iran, which has spearheaded the "Islamic Revolution," stormed the U.S. embassy in Tehran and held 54 Americans hostage for over a year. In 1983, the Syrian- and Iranian-backed group "Hezbollah" bombed a U.S. marine barracks in Lebanon, killing 241 servicemen while they slept. The explosives came from Yasser Arafat's "Fatah" movement. In 1998, al-Qaeda blew up the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, killing 224 individuals.

In 2000, al-Qaeda bombed the USS Cole in Yemen, killing 17 sailors.

So we already knew that al-Qaeda was actively engaged in attacking Americans. We even had evidence that agents connected to al-Qaeda had been responsible for the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. And we knew in 1996 that bin Laden had made an overt declaration of

war against the "Satan" America.

But how did America react? Did our government adopt a principled approach and identify the fact that we were faced with a deadly threat from an ideological foe? Did we launch systematic counter attacks to wipe out such enemy organizations as al-Qaeda, Hezbollah and Fatah? Did we seek to eliminate enemy states like Iran? No. Our responses were short-sighted and self-contradictory.

For instance, we initially expelled

Iranian diplomats but later sought an appeasing rapprochement with that ayatollah-led government. We intermittently cut off trade with Iran but secretly negotiated weapons-for-hostages deals. When Israel had the courage to enter Lebanon in 1982 to destroy the PLO, we refused to uncomprehendingly support our ally and instead brokered the killers' release.

And with respect to al-Qaeda, we dropped a perfunctory bomb or two on one of its suspected camps, while our compliant diplomats waited for al-Qaeda's terrorist attacks to fade from the headlines.

At home, we treated our attackers as if they were isolated criminals rather than soldiers engaged in battle against us. In 1941, we did not attempt to indict the Japanese pilots who bombed Pearl Harbor — we declared war on the source. Yet we spent millions trying to indict specific ter-

rorists while we ignored their masters.

Despite emphatic pronouncements from Islamic leaders about a "jihad" against America, our political leaders failed to grasp the ideology that seeks our destruction. This left them unable to target that enemy's armed combatants — in Palestine, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Saudi Arabia — and the governments that assist them. Is it any wonder then that, although our intelligence agencies prevented many planned attacks, they could not prevent them all?

Unfortunately, little has changed since September 11.

Our politicians' actions remain hopelessly unprincipled. Despite the Bush administration's rhetoric about ending states that sponsor terrorism, President Bush has left the most dangerous of these — Iran — untouched.

The attack on Iraq, though justifiable, was hardly a priority in our war against militant Islam and the countries, principally Saudi Arabia and Iran, that promote it. Moreover, when President Bush does strike at militant Islam, he does so only haltingly. Morally unsure of his right to protect American lives by wiping out the Taliban and Al-Qaeda, Bush feared world disapproval over civilian casualties in Afghanistan.

Consequently, he reined in the military forces — as he also did in Iraq — and

allowed numerous Taliban and al-Qaeda fighters to escape. And Bush continues to allow their comrades-in-arms in the Mideast to go unharmed. He pretends that the Palestinians and Islamic militants attacking Israel — and who have attacked Americans in the past and will try again in the future — are, somehow, different from the killers in Afghanistan and deserving of a "peace" plan.

Instead of taking consistent, principled action to destroy our terrorist adversaries, politicians from both parties continue to focus on details like reshuffling government bureaucracies and haggling over how much criticism of Saudi Arabia the 900-page Congressional report can contain. Thus, too unprincipled to identify the enemy and wage all-out war but not yet completely blind to their own ineffectualness, our leaders resignedly admit that we're in for a "long war" and that there will be more terrorist attacks on U.S. soil.

There is only one way to prevent a future September 11: By rooting out the amoral, pragmatic expediency that now dominates our government's foreign policy.

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Guest Commentary

By Andrew Bernstein

OPINION

LETTERS

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Let the change begin with me. As I relearn how to be a caring, active and stable member of my community, the government will also recall its purpose. Good governments exist to provide a stable, open framework of society that allows each individual citizen the opportunity to progress physically, mentally and spiritually. We must strive for the ideal society where love of our neighbors is as great as the love for ourselves.

Don't overlook the importance of the recall ballot. This vote is a symbolic litmus test of our community. The recall ballot will be expensive, cause political uncertainty, cast business decisions into doubt and add to California's edgy reputation. However, regardless of outcome, it can also signify the turning point when every citizen stands up and shouts "I have had enough" by promptly showing up at the polling place on Oct. 7.

I am and you are the most important members of our community. Please join me on Oct. 7 at the polling place to take responsibility for our government.

Ed Sharrow
Santa Monica

Vigilance against anti-social behavior

Editor:

After reading your retraction (editor) and letters (Mr. Bolt and Ms. "Viper") I want

to clarify my comments of July 22.

I am espousing vigilance not violence. The citizens of Santa Monica deserve better than to watch the criminal-homeless urinate, defecate, vomit, expose themselves, panhandle, rob, harass and violate the civil and criminal laws of this great city. Like the guardian angels of New York City, I am urging our young men and women to demand that these criminals "move on" or "cease and desist" their criminal behavior, not to randomly threaten them!

Mr. Bolt, this "windbag" has served his community with thousands of hours of volunteerism including stints on the Board of Directors at Daniel Freeman Hospital, helping desperately poor citizens and as chairman of the board of the now defunct Art Share Los Angeles, a downtown refuge for at-risk teens.

I also actively participate in fundraising activities for our schools, St. Joseph Center and other local and national not-for-profit organizations. I put my money where my mouth is. Cultural and economic diversity make Santa Monica a truly sustainable city and I embrace both.

I stand behind my rally cry to have the citizenry be ever vigilant and challenge trespassers and law-breakers. Let them know what they are doing is illegal and that you are going to report their criminal behavior.

Thank you Santa Monica Daily Press for practicing free speech and facilitating an open dialogue among the people.

John Zarchen
Santa Monica

Internet sales mean you can be sued anywhere in country



LEGAL VIEWS AND NEWS

By David Pizarra

The bright new world of the Internet means access for many people to new opportunities and new ventures. It means that you can start and build a business with a computer, a camera and some yard sale steals, thanks to companies like E-Bay, Yahoo, OnlineSales and U-bid.

I have clients who are making thousands of dollars using the Internet as a legitimate business for the sale of collectibles, services and consumer goods. One of my clients specializes in women's handbags. Another in luxury automobiles.

What these and all the others are doing, besides making themselves self-sufficient, is opening themselves up to lawsuits throughout the United States.

In the confusing world of law, known as litigation, there is a basic concept called "jurisdiction," which each plaintiff must tell the court exists before a lawsuit can proceed to the fun times like discovery, depositions, hearings and trials.

It is one of those obscure little things that can either save a defendant from having to defend a lawsuit or make a plaintiff very happy because now they can move

forward with their suit. As a procedural matter, it is usually a very basic item.

What it means is that the court has the right to drag this defendant into court and make them defend themselves. It is based on the United States Constitution and on a state's individual constitution as to when, where and how a plaintiff may sue a defendant.

Of course, two people (or companies) located in the same state may always sue each other, but what happens when one of them or a company is located in another state? The U.S. Supreme Court has determined that a state may exercise jurisdiction over a defendant in two ways. They can either list the grounds over which they will take jurisdiction, or the more common and easier way is to have a jurisdictional rule which allows a plaintiff to exercise jurisdiction over a defendant so long as it would be allowed by the U.S. Constitution.

Well, what the heck does that mean? It means that if a defendant has specifically entered into a state to do business there, then that state can take jurisdiction over the defendant for that business relationship. It seems difficult, but it really makes sense.

If you as a California resident advertise TVs in Texas newspapers and have a Texas phone number that forwards to California and you sell a defective TV to a Texan, you should be sued in Texas. You cannot argue that you shouldn't be sued there because you are a California resi-

dent who has never been in the state of Texas. It just wouldn't be fair.

So what does this have to do with Internet businesses?

One of the great things about the Internet is that it allows us to access people, places and things, across the globe. The beauty of this is that I can put a picture of my 1990 BMW or my great aunt Martha's mink stole on a web page located in a computer somewhere in the Silicon Valley and sell it to Dixie in Texas. And we never have to meet in person.

But here is where it gets tricky. If Dixie doesn't like the BMW, or she finds that I misrepresented the condition of the mink stole, where is she going to sue me? She wants to sue me in Texas because it is close to her home. Her lawyer comes over for dinner and she doesn't have to travel.

I, on the other hand do not want to be defending myself in a Texas courtroom. It means I have to hire a Texas lawyer, travel there for any depositions, hearings or trials. I want to argue that because I only advertised on the Internet, which is physically located in the state of California, that it is unfair and unconstitutional to sue me in Texas. Anything that is unconstitutional is not allowed.

Well so far, the U.S. Supreme Court has not ruled clearly on the Internet jurisdiction issue. However, several states have ruled that it is constitutional for them to exercise jurisdiction over a defendant who sold goods over the Internet, based on the

Supreme Court's prior rulings and "purposeful availment" of the marketplace.

What that says is if I use the Internet to market goods and I later actually sell those goods to a person in another state — when I have had contact with that person over the Internet — I have opened myself to being sued in their state.

Here's a real life example. I have a client who is an auto broker in Hawaii. He sold a car in Hawaii by way of an E-Bay ad. The car was inspected in Hawaii by the buyer's agent and the money was transferred to a Hawaii bank account. Then the car was shipped to a California address. The buyer is not happy with the car. The question is "should the California buyer sue the Hawaii broker in California or Hawaii?"

Since the sale occurred over the Internet and the buyer is in California, courts are going to take jurisdiction over the case. The Hawaii car dealer has to hire a California lawyer to defend this lawsuit.

So if you are doing business over the Internet, selling goods to people out of state, be prepared to defend a lawsuit in another state if your goods don't match what you represent them to be, or if the deal goes south.

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How to deal with temper tantrums from your adolescent



Guest Commentary
 By Margaret Altman

For many parents, coping with adolescent behavior has become a source of frustration and fear. Teens who act out impulsively, who explode senselessly and who act thoughtlessly do real damage to themselves, their families and the community.

The statistics on adolescent violence, suicide and meaningless high risk activities are alarming. Now that the adolescent phase is beginning earlier (by age 11 or 12), parents are asking the burning question: "What can I do about my 13 year old who has started to explode verbally and throws or slams things when he doesn't get what he wants? He's basically a good kid but is he becoming a sociopath? Have we failed him? Does he need medication?"

There are answers to this question and the most relevant ones come from the new field of Developmental Emotional Intelligence.

Margaret Altman, author of "Developing Your Child's Emotional Intelligence" is an expert in the field of child and adolescent development. She specializes in the development of emotional intelligence. She has been guiding parents in ways to strengthen their teenagers' abilities in the domain of emotional intelligence for many years.

Emotional intelligence, which is the group of abilities that enable us to manage our emotions and cope intelligently with emotion-loaded situations, is the key to many adolescent problems. The skills of emotional intelligence are learned in infancy and early childhood. These skills develop into five key abilities of emotional intelligence.

During the turbulent adolescent years, teenagers struggle to use these five key abilities: The ability to delay immediate responses, the ability to self-soothe, the ability to refocus on important emotional information, the ability to organize information and plan for action or inaction, and the ability to perform the plan of action.

The unexpected and mindless emotional explosion that was described in the question above is just one of the problems that are addressed in the field of Developmental Emotional Intelligence.

Here are a few tips on dealing with adolescent temper tantrums from experts:

1. Dealing with an adolescent who erupts suddenly often leads to unplanned behavior on the part of the parent. Parents need to work on their own abilities of emotional intelligence in order to be able to cope with their youngster. Parents should be very aware of their own stress levels and the distractions that reduce their ability to deal with the teenager's behavior. We recommend that parents take the time to practice getting into what we call an "alert, aware and comfortable" state so that they can use their own abilities of emotional intelligence to help their youngster.

2. Your adolescent is watching what you do. Even though kids act like they know it all, they are still modeling their behavior after your actions to some extent. It is up to parents to model behavior that is thoughtful and meaningful.

3. Parents should not allow teens to throw things, hurt others or threaten to harm anyone. You can state these limits and the consequences for breaking the rules such as removing privileges or extra chores if the teenager violates these basic safety rules.

4. Praise your teen whenever he or she is in control and using their intelligent minds. Adolescents often do show you that they are delaying impulsive behavior and doing healthy things to reduce their

anxiety. They may, for example, listen to music to soothe themselves, or do sports or talk to a friend.

5. Use the language of emotional intelligence with your youngster. Some important phrases are: self-control, expressing your feelings, sharing feelings, managing emotions, delaying immediate response and focusing on important information.

6. Begin to use a few of the basic strengthening techniques whenever your adolescent is in his or her "aware, alert and comfortable" state. These simple exercises will help your youngster re-learn the foundation skills of emotional intelligence and use his intelligent mind.

Watch your teen when he is around you and engage him in brief face-to-face, eye-to-eye contacts. When you catch your teen's eye you are teaching him the importance of reading your face expression.

Put simple acts of consistency back into your routine so that your teenager trusts that he or she can depend on you for what they need and want. Plan a special dessert or dinner and a video.

Have your teen routinely do several simple chores around the house or yard. This gives the youngster the opportunity to use delaying strategies for short periods and receive gratification for doing it.

A tip for parents of adolescents: Your teenager does have many of the skills that develop into emotional intelligence.

Tune into your teen's behavior at different times and you will see evidence of the five key abilities.

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A listing of some summer recreational programs offered for children

The City of Santa Monica offers children of all ages a variety of recreational activities including Aikido, dance, gymnastics, art and in-line skating. Programs meet once a week beginning the week of July 14 - 19 and ending the first week of September. For information call Joslyn Park at 310-458-2239 or pick up a brochure at your local library.

ROSIE'S GIRLS - for girls ages 11-13. Two 3-week sessions: Session 1 - June 30 - July 18, Session 2 - July 28 - August 15. Monday -Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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SKYHAWKS SPORTS ACADEMY - A one-week day camp for boys and girls ages 4-14 tailored specifically for baseball or basketball. Call 310-458-2239 for more info. Week 1 - Basketball, July 21-25, 9:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Marine Park,

ages 7-14. Fees are \$123 per week for residents, \$128 for non-residents. Week 2 - Baseball, August 4-8, 9:00 a.m. - noon, Steward Park, ages 5-8. Fees are \$105 per week for residents, \$110 for non-residents.

MINI HAWKS - Sports Camp for boys and girls ages 4-7. Half-day program introducing children to soccer, baseball and basketball. Call 310-45-2239 for more info.

Week 1 - July 21-25, 9:00a.m. - noon, Marine Park. Fees are \$105 per week for residents, \$110 for non-residents.

BEACH KIDS BODYBOARDING CAMP - for boys and girls ages 5 - 7 who want to learn to ride the waves in a fun and supervised environment. BZ Bodyboards and wetsuits provided. Call 310-458-2239 for more info.

Eleven one-week sessions beginning June 16. Half-day or full-day sessions available. Fees: Half-day resident - \$135 per week, non-resident - \$140. Full-day resident - \$235 per week, non-resident - \$240.

SURF ACADEMY - for boys and girls ages 7 - 17. Soft surfboards and Body Glove wetsuits are provided. June 16 - August 29, half-day and full-day sessions available.

Call 310-458-2239 for more info, including details on the Wahine Surf Camp for girls only and the Kanaka Surf Camp just for boys. Fees: Half-day resident - \$135 per week, non-resident - \$140. Full-day resident - \$235 per week, non-resident - \$240.

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The Santa Swim Center has extended hours for recreational swimming thru August 24. The "Splash Pool" is great for kids of all ages (with their parents of course). The water temperature averages about 85 degrees, life-guards are always on duty and the price is very reasonable. Located at Santa Monica College, 2225 16th St. (corner of Pico and 16th). Call 310-458-8700 for more info.
Summer Hours - June 23 thru August 24
 Monday-Friday - 10:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday - 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday - 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Fees

Children - \$1.00 for residents, \$2.00 for non-residents
Adults - \$2.50 for residents, \$5.00 for non-residents
Family Weekend Pass - \$5.00 for two adults and two children
 Discounted multiple day passes are also available.

TUESDAY

Storytelling

Main Library - Toddler Story Time at 10:00 and 10:30am - Reed Park/West Auditorium/7th and Wilshire - 2 yr-olds with parent. 310-458-8922
Fairview Branch - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-450-0443

Lap Time - 11:00am, June 24 - July 29, for 0-24 month olds
Twilight Story Time - 7pm - an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.
Cuentos Para Pequenos - 10am - June 24 - July 29 - a 6-wk program of stories in Spanish for 2-3 years old.

Montana Avenue Branch - 1704 Montana Ave - 310-829-7081
NEW - Summer Activity Program - Tuesdays thru August 5, 2:30 p.m. - ages 3 and up.

Ocean Park Branch - 2601 Main St. - 310-392-3804
NEW - Summer Activity Program - Tuesdays thru August 5, 2:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. Ages 3 to 7.

Toddler Storytime - July 22- August 26 at 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. For 24 - 36 months with parents. Registration is underway.

Yoga
Yoga Baby (Venice) - 310-306-9381, Prenatal yoga - 7:00-8:15pm, \$13, Mommy and Me (ages 0-5) - 10-11am, \$9

Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station, 310-826-5774, no pre-reg required, \$10 per class,

first class free. Moms/babies 0-4months, 1:00 - 2:30pm

Other
Puppetolio - 1:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

July 23 - Nature Walk (Children's Nature Institute) - Solstice Canyon (Malibu) -10am. Reservations required - 310-998-1151 or www.childrens-natureinstitute.org

THURSDAY
Storytelling
Main Library - Preschool Story Time - 10:30am - Reed Park. Stories for ages 3-5. 310-458-8922 for info.

Fairview Branch - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-450-0443
NEW - Summer Activity Program - Thursdays June 26 thru July 31, 2:30 p.m., ages 3 and up.

Toddler Story Time - 10:30am - June 26 - July 31, 5 - 6 week series for 2-3 year olds with adult.
La Hora Del Cuento - 7:00pm -

first class free. Moms/babies 0-4months, 1:00 - 2:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Storytelling

Fairview Branch - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-450-0443,
Preschool Story Time - 10:30am - June 25 - July 30, 3-5 year olds able to be on their own

Ocean Park Branch - 2601 Main St. - 310-392-3804
Twilight Story Time - 7:00 to 7:30pm - for parents with 3-5 year olds.

Montana Avenue Branch - 1704 Montana Avenue - 310-829-7081
Lap Time - 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. - July 23 - Aug. 27, for 0-24 month olds.

Toddler Story Time - 11:15 a.m. - July 23 - Aug. 27, for two year olds with parents

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion - 2 pm - ages 2-5 - 310-475-4144
Border's, Westwood - 11am - 310-475-3444.

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Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150, Pre/Postnatal - 12:15 - 1:45pm, \$15

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Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion - 10:30am - ages 2-5 - 310-475-4144
Children's Book World, 10580 W. Pico Blvd, LA, 310-559-800K, 10:30 am, ages 3-8

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Toddler Story Time - 10:15 a.m. - July 24 - Aug. 28

NEW - Craft Program for 6th -12th graders - July 3, 17 and 31 at 2:30 p.m.
Teen Activity Program - 2:30 p.m. July 17 and 31. For 6th to 12th graders.

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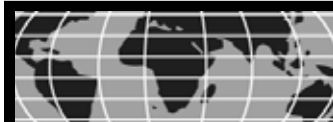
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INTERNATIONAL



WORLD BRIEFLY

Mutiny investigation lands in arrests

By The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Philippine police arrested an aide to disgraced former President Joseph Estrada Monday and were investigating a senator for their suspected role in a mutiny by soldiers demanding the government step down.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo vowed to prosecute all 296 mutinous soldiers who seized a Manila shopping complex for 19 hours before giving up without a shot Sunday.

Arroyo, who had threatened to crush the rebellion with tanks and sharpshooters, told the nation Sunday night that the peaceful squelching of the rebellion was "a triumph for democracy."

Police on Monday arrested Ramon Cardenas, a member of Estrada's Cabinet, who owns a house near Manila where officers found assault rifles, ammunition and red arm bands similar to those used by the mutinous soldiers in taking over complex in downtown Manila. Police described his residence as a "staging area or safehouse" for the mutineers.

Senior armed forces officials said civilians would also be investigated, including Sen. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, a former army officer who led a spate of past coups. He has denied involvement in Sunday's uprising.

U.S. appeals to rebels to allow aid, food

By The Associated Press

MONROVIA, Liberia — Shells slamming into tin-roof homes killed at least 16 civilians in Liberia's war-battered capital and the U.S. Ambassador appealed to rebels to lift their bloody eight-day siege of Monrovia to allow food and aid into the city.

Rebels and government forces on Sunday battled at key crossings leading toward President Charles Taylor's downtown stronghold, with the insurgents showing no signs of slackening their drive.

The rebels are pressing a two-month campaign to take Monrovia, a cut-off, bloodied, disease-ridden and

hungry city of at least 1.3 million residents and refugees. Their goal is to drive out Taylor, a former warlord behind nearly 14 years of ruinous conflict in the once prosperous West African nation.

But U.S. Ambassador John Blaney appealed to insurgents to lift their eight-day siege and withdraw, saying "If they want to get to a post-Taylor era, this is the way to do it."

Under international pressure to intervene, President Bush has ordered U.S. ships to take up positions off Liberia, ready to support a yet-to-materialize West African-led peace force.

Firefighters attempt to thwart burnout

By The Associated Press

WEST GLACIER, Mont. — Fire officials were positioning manpower and equipment to battle an approaching wildfire with fire, but hoped they won't be forced to light a 5,000-acre burnout sooner than planned because of changing weather in Glacier National Park.

Dangerous though it may be, the strategy could pinch off the threat to hundreds of houses, cabins and businesses. And there may be no other choice, fire commanders said Sunday.

"When the weather conditions are right and we have the equipment and people and resources to do the burn, that's what we'll do," said information officer Pete Buist. "The exception is if the fire starts to move quickly. Then we will have to do the burn quickly."

Officials said the burnout could be ignited as early as Monday but they hoped to wait until Tuesday.

Only essential personnel remained at the park's headquarters in West Glacier and much of the western half of the park, where at least three separate fires were burning, is closed during what normally is the height of the tourist season.

Large fires were also burning in other states, including Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, the National Interagency Fire Center reported.

Bush schmoozing with black Democrats

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush is making a rare appearance before a group that represents black Americans, part of an effort to build ties to a demographic group that overwhelmingly voted against him in 2000.

Bush was to travel to Pittsburgh on Monday to address a conference of the National Urban League, a group less critical of his policies than the NAACP, which he has shunned during his 2 1/2 years in office.

It was his second trip in a week, and the 21st of his presidency, to Pennsylvania, a state he is working hard to capture next year's election.

Bush planned to give a 25-minute speech, but not to meet otherwise with Urban League leaders or members.

Marc H. Morial, league president and chief executive officer, said delegates would be listening carefully to what Bush said, and to what Democratic rivals said afterward.

Seven of the nine major Democratic presidential candidates arranged to address the forum.

MCI investigated for alleged misconduct

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal prosecutors are delving into nearly a decade of alleged misconduct by MCI to determine if the telephone company defrauded competitors by disguising long-distance calls as local ones, lawyers and others familiar with the probe say.

The investigation involves MCI's alleged avoidance of charges it is supposed to pay local phone companies.

The allegations surfaced in the past eight to 10 weeks when a former MCI employee called the FBI and disclosed a company project known as "Canadian Gateway," said two lawyers familiar with the events.

In this arrangement, MCI phone traffic is allegedly routed north of the U.S. border and then dumped onto the network of AT&T.

The whistle-blower also contacted Verizon and informed that company of an alleged MCI practice dating to the mid-1990s called "Project Invader," said the lawyers, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

MCI said in a statement that "access charges between local and long-distance carriers have existed for decades and are routine in the industry. As always, we take all inquiries by the U.S. attorney's office very seriously and will cooperate fully with any investigation."

Americans say 'noose is tightening' around Saddam

BY JAMIE TARABAY

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Saying "the noose is tightening" around Saddam Hussein and his top aides, U.S. forces raided suspected safehouses in Baghdad and northern Tikrit and said the deposed dictator is unable to mount a resistance because he's too busy "trying to save his own skin."

In downtown Baghdad, one U.S. soldier was killed and three were injured Monday when an attacker dropped a grenade from an overpass onto a convoy, the military said.

The death brought to 49 the number of soldiers killed in a guerrilla war since May 1, when President Bush declared an end to major combat in Iraq. In all, 163 U.S. soldiers have died in action in Iraq, 16 more than in the 1991 Gulf War.

It took the military hours to confirm the attack. Witnesses had given reporters varying accounts earlier in the day, saying at least three U.S. soldiers were injured or killed.

"I saw at least two injured soldiers, then I saw the third one who was thrown out of the car. They (others soldiers) pulled him under the car," said witness Alim Naati.

Shihab Ahmed, who owns a nearby flower shop, said he was told all the soldiers died. The witnesses said the victims were in canvas-top Humvees moving along Palestine Street in central Baghdad.

In a separate incident, a U.S. soldier was killed in a vehicle accident near the southern city of Nasiriyah. Another sol-

dier was injured in the accident, reported by U.S. Central Command. The military provided no other details.

North of Baghdad, on the road from Baqouba to Tikrit, insurgents floated a bomb down the river on a palm log and detonated it under a bridge the military had been repairing.

It was believed to have been the first such attack by insurgents on a bridge. The structures are vital to a country with two major rivers, the Tigris and the Euphrates. The military closed a pontoon crossing down river that had been open for civilian traffic during the repairs.

"Because of this damage we've got to shut it to all the civilian traffic effective today," Lt. Col. Bill Adamson, a 4th Infantry Division commander, said.

The bridge was a major link over the Diala River, a Tigris tributary, carrying traffic between the restive cities of Baqouba and Tikrit, both hotbeds of resistance in the so-called "Sunni Triangle." The region, stretching north and west from Baghdad is a major center of support for Saddam.

In Tikrit, U.S. forces dug up freshly buried weapons, found outside an abandoned building in that once belonged to Saddam's Fedayeen militia. The munitions were sufficient for a month of guerrilla attacks on U.S. troops, said Maj. Bryan Luke, 37, of Mobile, Ala., whose patrol found the cache.

The discovery "saved a few lives out

there," Luke said. "Forty mines could have caused a lot of problems for U.S. forces here in Tikrit."

Iraqi contractors hired by the 101st Airborne Division, meanwhile, began to demolish the house in northern Mosul where Saddam's sons Odai and Qusai were killed in a firefight with U.S. troops.

At least twice in the past week, American soldiers have raided houses where they believed they may have missed Saddam by less than 24 hours — once in the northern city of Mosul and once at a farmhouse near Tikrit, Saddam's hometown and power base.

The U.S. military would not confirm a raid in Baghdad's upscale Mansour neighborhood Sunday evening. Witnesses said soldiers shot their way into the home of Prince Rabiah Mohammed al-Habib, one of Iraq's most influential tribal leaders.

The prince, who wasn't at home at the time of the raid, told The Associated Press that he believed the Americans were looking for Saddam.

"I found the house was searched in a very rough way. It seems the Americans came thinking Saddam Hussein was inside my house," al-Habib said. He didn't elaborate.

U.S. soldiers shot at several cars and bystanders that approached the mansion during the raid, witnesses said, and one hospital reported at least five Iraqis were killed.

That raid came hours after troops of the 4th Infantry Division moved in on three farms in the Tikrit area in search of

Saddam's new security chief, and perhaps the ousted dictator himself.

"We missed him by 24 hours," said Lt. Col. Steve Russell, who led the operation that was witnessed by an Associated Press reporter.

Hundreds of soldiers, backed by Bradley fighting vehicles, surrounded the farms as Apache attack helicopters hovered above. No shots were fired as about 25 men emerged from the houses peacefully. They were detained briefly and released.

The raid was prompted by Thursday's capture in Tikrit of a group of men believed to include as many as 10 Saddam bodyguards. Soldiers learned from them that Saddam's new security chief — and possibly the dictator himself — were staying at one of the farms, Russell said.

"The noose is tightening around these guys," said Col. James C. Hickey, a brigade commander. "They're running out of places to hide, and it's becoming difficult for them to move because we're everywhere. Any day now we're going to knock on their door, or kick in their door, and they know it."

Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, visited 4th Infantry commanders in Tikrit on Sunday and later told reporters in Baghdad that Saddam was too busy "trying to save his own skin" to lead an insurgency against American forces.

"He is so busy surviving he is having no impact on the security situation here," Myers said. "It's a big country, but we'll find him."

SPORTS



Mercedes Benz Cup begins today at UCLA

BY TOM A. MCFERSON
Special to the Daily Press

The 2003 Mercedes Benz Cup, which begins today, will have a slightly different feel for Southern California tennis fans. This year, to the disappointment of many, there will be no Pete Sampras or Andre Agassi in the draw.

Sampras has, for all intensive purposes, retired. But three-time Mercedes Benz Cup champion and fan favorite Agassi? He'll be playing a tournament in Washington DC this week.

A change in the men's summer schedule, dictated by one of the sport's governing bodies, has sent shock waves through the men's hard court tennis season. Two tournaments usually played weeks apart — the Mercedes Benz Cup and the Legg Mason Tennis Classic in Washington DC — are now played simultaneously, effectively diluting both tournament's fields.

The Los Angeles tournament seems to have taken the bigger hit, with two of the sport's top stars, Agassi and American Andy Roddick, choosing to play in Washington. Agassi's decision to bypass Los Angeles makes more sense when taken in context — SFX Sports Group, which is promoting the Washington event, also represents the tennis superstar.

The Mercedes Benz Cup, which continues today through Sunday, Aug. 3, does

have a talented lineup, with Lleyton Hewitt, winner of two grand slam titles and formerly No. 1 in the world, headlining the event.

Looking to put a disastrous first round loss at Wimbledon behind him, Hewitt would love to win this event and put his game back on track. His first round match will be against Cecil Mamiit, tentatively scheduled for Tuesday night.

Also headlining the tournament this year is 2003 Wimbledon finalist Mark Philippoussis, three time French Open winner Gustavo Kuerten and 2000 US Open winner Marat Safin.

Other big names in the tournament include 11th ranked Sebastien Grosjean of France, a semi-finalist in last month's Wimbledon, 17th ranked Sjeng Schalken of the Netherlands and crowd favorite and former champion, Michael Chang.

The Mercedes Benz Cup is played at the Los Angeles Tennis Center on the UCLA campus, near Pauley Pavilion. The singles draw is comprised of 32 players, the doubles draw is comprised of 16 doubles teams. Total prize money is \$380,000. Matches begin at 11 a.m.

Tickets are still available. For more information, call (310) 824-1010, or visit the tournament's Web site at www.mercedes-benzcup.com. Discounts are available for certain sessions for students, senior citizens and USTA members.

SPORTS BRIEFS

By The Associated Press

GOLF

■ **CROMWELL, Conn.** — Peter Jacobsen shot a 3-under-par 67 on Sunday for a two-stroke win at the Greater Hartford Open, his first PGA Tour title in eight years. Jacobsen, who also won the tournament in 1984, had a share of the lead for all four rounds and led by one stroke after 54 holes. He'll go down in the books as the final winner of the GHO, which becomes the Buick Championship next year.

The 49-year-old Jacobsen finished 14 under for the tournament with a 266, two strokes better than playing partner Chris Riley.

Todd Fischer (65) finished third with at 11 under. Craig Barlow and Kenny Perry both shot 69 to finish four strokes back.

■ **TURNBERRY, Scotland** — Tom Watson made a par on the second playoff hole to beat Carl Mason and win the Senior British Open.

Watson, a five-time British Open champion, shot a 6-under-par 64 to rally from three strokes off the lead.

Mason squandered a two-stroke advantage on the par-4 18th with a double bogey 6, finishing with a 67 and forcing a playoff with Watson.

Watson and Mason finished a tournament record 17-under 263, breaking Bob Charles' 14-year-old mark of 11-under 269, set on the same Turnberry links.

SWIMMING

■ **BARCELONA, Spain** — Michael Phelps claimed one of Mark Spitz's records Sunday on the final day of the World Swimming Championships when he broke his fifth individual world mark for the 400-meter individual medley.

Spitz managed only four records in individual events in the Olympics 31 years ago as he won his legendary seven gold medals.

Phelps was the centerpiece of one of the fastest meets in history; 13 world marks were broken and one was tied. He also upstaged his American teammates, who led with 11 golds in the pool and 28 overall — their best performance since the Olympics three years ago.

SOCCER

■ **MEXICO CITY** — Mexico defeated Brazil 1-0 on Daniel Osorno's goal seven minutes into overtime Sunday to win the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

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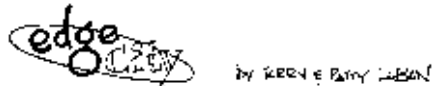
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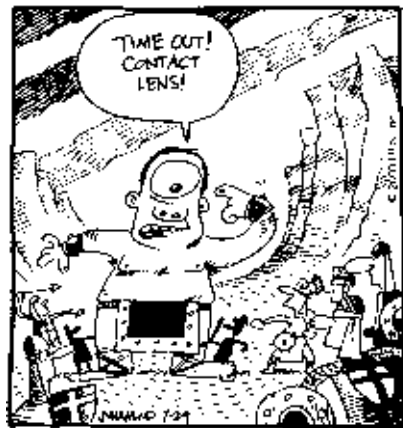


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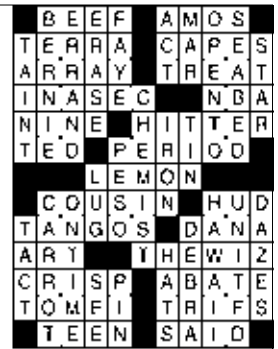
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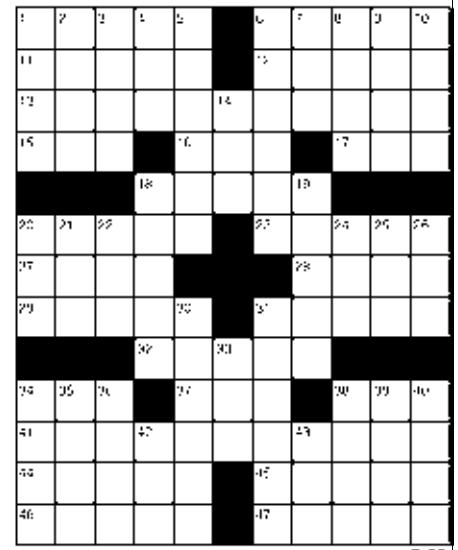
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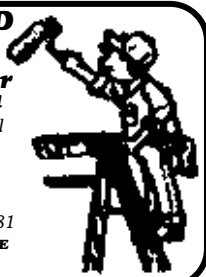
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Rob Lowe leaves White House for 'Lyon's Den'

By The Associated Press

■ **LOS ANGELES** — Rob Lowe thought he had unfinished business when he left the NBC drama "The West Wing" last season after a contract dispute.

"There were things that I didn't get to accomplish," he told the Television Critics Association last week.

So Lowe eagerly accepted the chance to star in and co-executive produce "The Lyon's Den," a legal drama set in Washington, D.C., airing Sundays on NBC this fall.

"If I was going to come back to television, particularly so quickly, I wanted to come back in a way where I could really learn about a different area of the business and really grow and bring some of the stuff that I have in me that just wasn't to be at my old job," he said.

Lowe, who played White House deputy communications director Sam Seaborn, left "The West Wing" after producers declined to give him more money. He was the cast's biggest star when the series premiered in 1999, but later was eclipsed by Martin Sheen, who plays President Josiah Bartlett.

"It was never about screen time for me," the 39-year-old actor said. "I found that Sam was having less and less to do with the stories on the show that were really important. Every week on this show, I'm going to be

involved in a story with some real heft to it."

Following Lowe's departure, series creator Aaron Sorkin left "The West Wing," which saw its total viewership decline 26 percent in its recently completed fourth season.

"I felt the show definitely had changed course," Lowe said. "It just wasn't for me."

■ **LOS ANGELES** — Kathy Griffin can't get enough of reality television.

The actress and comedian, who won ABC's "Celebrity Mole" earlier this year, has a new gig as host of a proposed NBC reality relationship series "Average Joe."

Griffin serves as confidante to a woman who moves into a Palm Springs estate and begins dating 16 men with admittedly average looks. The show is not yet on NBC's fall schedule.

"I just love watching real people," Griffin told the Television Critics Association last week. "Real people are just endlessly fascinating. As an actress working in this industry and who looks like me, I can't get enough of it. I'm so sick of those 'Friends,' I could barely watch it anymore. They're all so perfect and gorgeous and wonderful."

Griffin skewers celebrities in her weekly standup act

at The Laugh Factory in Hollywood, so it wasn't easy for her to rein in her acerbic wit on "Average Joe."

"I wanted to torture all the contestants much more than they (the producers) would let me. I really wanted to be vicious," she said. "But I had to be cordial, which killed me. I wouldn't say that I talk about the contestants on the show the way maybe I would in my act."

■ **RUCH, Ore.** — Bruce Campbell, an actor whose credits include "Evil Dead," "Hercules," "Xena, Warrior Princess" and "Spider-Man," suffered minor injuries in a weekend accident.

Campbell, 45, of Jacksonville, was driving late Saturday when his car was struck by a Jeep driven by 36-year-old Steven Michael Sellers of Medford.

Sellers, who was ejected from his vehicle and struck the windshield of the Explorer, was listed in critical condition Sunday with head injuries.

Campbell, who has a cult following among horror film buffs, was treated and released from a local hospital.

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