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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

A federal appeals court in June affirmed the conviction of Aaron Fraser (aka Asante Kahari) for defrauding a Michigan woman he had met in an Internet chat room and had eventually taken for \$38,000 in a counterfeit check scam. (Kahari had sent the woman bogus checks for deposit into her account, and then met her to collect the cash, and was gone by the time the bank realized the checks were counterfeit.) Kahari had denied the charges, but the prosecutor introduced portions of a book, "The Birth of a Criminal" by Asante Kahari, which describes in precise detail the very scheme Kahari was accused of pulling on the Michigan woman. "I would get online," he wrote, "meet a broad and be mailing her the (computer-generated counterfeit) check the next day."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 216th day of 2006.
There are 149 days left in the year.

On Aug. 4, 1944, Nazi police raided the secret annex of a building in Amsterdam and arrested eight people, including 15-year-old Anne Frank, whose diary became a famous account of the Holocaust. (Anne died at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.)

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Feds told to come clean

Environmentalists file suit to clean up 'Beach Bums'

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM BAY — A local environmental watchdog group Thursday filed a federal lawsuit against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for failing to adopt water quality standards that could have prevented millions of people from becoming ill after swimming in contaminated beaches.

The Natural Resources Defense Council, which maintains an office in Santa Monica, found that beach closures due to hazardous bacterial contamination jumped last year by 50 percent in Los Angeles County, hitting a record high for the third consecutive year.

Across the country, the number of closings and health advisory days at ocean, bay and Great Lakes beach-

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Kevin Herrera/Daily Press

A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT Lauren Hutchinson, 8, and her younger brother J.J., 5, toss rocks Thursday into a pond filled with contaminated water flowing from a nearby storm drain at Will Rogers State Beach. During the rainy season, the storm drain can dump thousands of gallons of dirty water into the Santa Monica Bay, posing a health risk for swimmers.

Enthusiasm curbed by city

City puts kibosh on woman's effort to rid city of waste

BY NORA SORENA CASEY
Special to the Daily Press

NORTH OF WILSHIRE — Valerie Hiss' plan to rid Santa Monica of dog poop has City Hall barking up her tree.

For the past three years, Hiss has been providing residents throughout Santa Monica with free "doggie houses," which are attached to trees and dispense plastic bags so that pet owners can pick up the remains left by their pooches.

But after her efforts were publicized this week in a Daily Press article, City Hall received a complaint from a resident. In response, City Hall arborist John Aguila called Hiss this week to inform her that she is violating an ordinance which prohibits objects from being placed on trees. He told her she would have to

remove the 60 houses that have been placed in neighborhoods through-



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

LOUD BARKING City officials have ordered the removal of doggie houses.

out Santa Monica.

City employees have already removed two doggie houses and plan to return them to Hiss, said Karen Ginsberg, assistant director of City Hall's community and cultural services department.

"The idea is a noble one, but that's not the issue," she said. "We are concerned about the health of the tree and it sets a precedent of placing other things on our city forest."

Ginsberg added that the screws used for the dispensers create holes in the tree trunks, which lead to infestation of pests and fungus.

Hiss is fairly certain she knows who has complained and believes that the person has removed other doggie houses, which are spread out

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NATIONAL

Casting a ballot could be ticket to a richer life

BY PAUL DAVENPORT
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — "Vote your pocket-book" could take on a whole new meaning in Arizona.

The state is considering a proposal to boost turnout during elections by awarding a \$1 million prize to one randomly selected voter, just for casting a ballot.

"It gives them something to shoot for," said Rosie Coyote, 55, a process server from Phoenix. "It gives them motive. I think it's a good idea."

But others warn that the raffle would trivialize the electoral process, distort the outcome and violate state

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- ARB 06-256, 710 Broadway (1507 Seventh Street): Vons Grocery Market
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your sixth sense encourages you to work past the obvious. You will need to distance yourself in order to gain a perspective, if that is your goal. Take off and start your weekend as soon as possible. Think positively about possibilities. Tonight: Different works.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You might be juggling different interests and people. What becomes evident is that you cannot make everyone happy all the time. Don't even try right now. Friends could be disruptive. You could feel as if you are chasing your tail. Tonight: Say yes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Disruption hits where you least expect and want it. You might want to think before you leap into action. Others will want to pitch in and make your day easier. How you see an event could change with feedback. Tonight: Out late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Sometimes it is hard to get done everything you need to do. Just when you believe you are on a nice and easy course, you discover otherwise. Think carefully about what you want to achieve. Sometimes others interfere. Tonight: Find a corner to relax.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Your easy way emerges, making many people more willing to deal with you. Once you relax, you add variety, perspective and humor to nearly any situation. You will like the end results. Honor your desires so you can relax more. Tonight: The Lion purrs once more.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Basics count, especially with family and those you care about. Sometimes you push yourself too hard. Knowing when to back off and be less doting is important. Your instincts work with a family member. Your follow-through counts. Tonight: Happy at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Discussions prove to be enlightening and fun. Knowing when to pull back can make a tremendous difference. You will want to evaluate a situation more carefully. What you hear could change your choices. Tonight: Out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Expenses force you to focus on what needs to happen. You are in charge of what is going on. You might find a child or loved one unpredictable. Think "possibilities," though don't risk unnecessarily. Tonight: Give up the devil-may-care attitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Act and be a star today, even if someone unnerves you. Realize that sometimes you might hit controversy. Listen to feedback, but still be free to call your own shots. You know what works; follow through accordingly. Tonight: Your smile is a winner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Take your time, especially if what someone says irritates you and seems uncomfortable. Understanding your limits, as well as others', could prove very helpful right now. A partner or friend might be serious and sometimes difficult, but still there for you. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ A meeting proves to be important. How you see a situation could change dramatically. Money is out of hand, and you could make an error that has ramifications you would rather not deal with. Stay on top of your finances. A partner could be overly serious. Tonight: Follow your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You have a way of shaking others up, whether it is intentional or not. Get as much done as you can so you can have some extra time. You have a lot you would like to do. You are able to handle what comes down your path. Schedule a special occasion in. Tonight: In the limelight.

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By Daily Press staff

Christmas is coming early in Santa Monica
The Santa Monica Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary will hold its annual Christmas in September fashion show-luncheon on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica. Jewelry, gift items and other specialty boutiques will open at 11 a.m., and luncheon is at noon.
The event benefits programs for children of needy families. The money raised will aid the distribution of new toys during the holidays, said Louise Gabriel, the event's chairperson.
Kittie Leslie is commentator for the fashion show, which will feature new fall fashions for men, women and children from Robinsons May/Macy's to be modeled by representatives from local community organizations.
Music for the fashion show will be performed by Anthony Begonia.
Reservations are \$55 per person and may be made by calling (310) 399-3570, or the Salvation Army office at (310) 451-1358.

The real thing: Coca-Cola cash

By Daily Press staff

One lucky Santa Monica College student this year reaped the kindness of the Coca-Cola company, in the form of cash.
SMC student Shawnee Swain of Los Angeles has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.
Through the Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program, the foundation awards a total of 400 scholarships annually to students attending higher-education institutions granting two-year degrees.
"The Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship Program gives support and encouragement to an underserved population of college students," said J. Mark Davis, president of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. "These fine students, who often juggle school, work and family, continue to give back to their communities through volunteer service."
The scholarship is made possible with funding from the Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation. The Whitehead Foundation provides grants in support of human services initiatives. The late Joseph B. Whitehead was one of the original bottlers of Coca-Cola.
The scholarship program complements the Foundation's Coca-Cola Scholars Program, which awards more than \$3 million annually in college scholarships to 250 outstanding high school seniors.

Get your feet wet

By Daily Press staff

The Ballona Wetlands Land Trust asks locals to lend a helping hand in cleaning up and restoring the wetlands.
Join in the community clean-up and restoration of Ballona Northeast. The event will take place Aug. 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Be ready to meet new people, get some exercise and clean up the environment. Participants are asked to bring their own water, snacks, close-toed shoes and sun protection.
To sign-up, e-mail Alaina at acunnin@rei.com, or call at (310) 458-4370 ext. 207.
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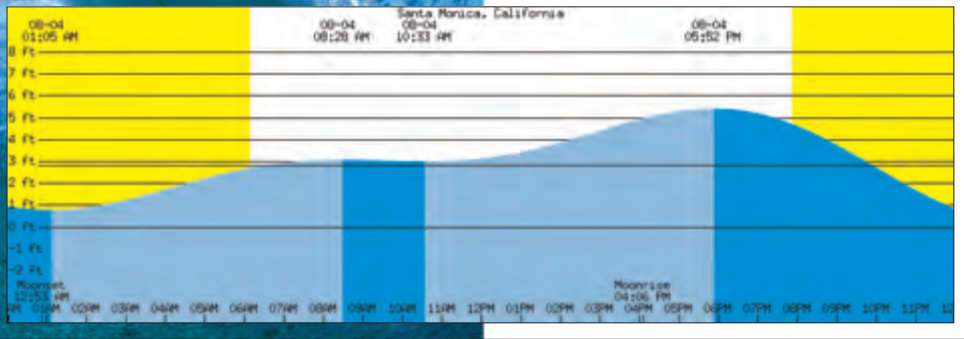
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LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

SOUTHERN HEMI STAYS STRONG FRIDAY...
STILL WAVES FOR SATURDAY BUT...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



The Q-Line

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Chiming in and butting out ...
The City Council is expected to adopt in the coming weeks a far-reaching smoking ban that, for all intents and purposes, will render it illegal to light up just about anywhere outside of a residential street. By a 5-1 vote, elected leaders have chosen to make Santa Monica a national leader in efforts to remove smokers from all public places — parks, beaches, outdoor dining patios, Third Street Promenade, downtown sidewalks.
So this week, Q-Line wants to know:
Do you agree with the anti-smoking measures? Does the ban represent the wants and will of Santa Monica voters?
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EDITORIAL

City's bite worse than its bark



City Hall's crackdown on one woman's effort to rid Santa Monica of dog doo-doo is, well, a load of crap.

The Daily Press reported earlier this week on Valerie Hiss' noble efforts to offer a convenient — and free — option for dog owners to pick up after their pets. The native Santa Monican has spent \$5,000 of her own money over the past three years providing residents throughout the city with “doggie house” dispensers. The modest structures are basically small bird houses that are filled with disposable, plastic bags and are attached to trees in neighborhoods that extend from the northern section of the city to the southern end. About 60 residents have requested the houses since Hiss hatched the idea in 2002.

But after her efforts were made public, a lone resident made a stink about the houses being attached to trees and complained to City Hall. Officials from the open space management division stepped in and have ordered Hiss to remove the dispensers.

Apparently, there's an ordinance that prohibits people from placing objects on trees. Officials say their concern is for the trees and if someone complains, it's their duty to address it. They also argue that if Hiss is allowed to place objects on trees, it sets a precedent for others to do the same.

Yet, in the three years Hiss has been offering the service — something we feel the city should be doing anyway, since it claims to be so “sustainable” — there has been no surge of objects being attached to trees. The lone exception might be those hanging swings spotted on dozens of trees outside homes north of Montana Avenue. But somehow, those don't fall under the realm of enforcement.

Who in their right mind would complain about pet owners picking up dog poop in front of their house? Is a bird house attached to a tree so offensive or environmentally wrong that pounds of feces going into the Pacific Ocean is better?

City officials say there is little that can be done, short of having residents agree to place the dispensers on their own property, away from the public right of way and not on trees. We doubt residents would agree to allowing strangers onto their property to grab a plastic bag, and therefore, is not a good enough solution.

Common sense needs to prevail here. Allowing the doggie houses to remain is, by far, the lesser of two evils, with dog feces being a major contributor to high bacteria and pollution levels in the Santa Monica Bay. And if City Hall can't find a way to help reduce that pollution, they should at least allow Hiss to plug away at it. Hers was truly a grassroots effort that shouldn't be thwarted because of some bureaucratic policy. Officials need to either let it go or find a plausible alternative for Hiss and her fellow pet owners.

Not only should Hiss be commended for her efforts, but City Hall ought to take the torch and lead the effort from this point on. Other cities have placed dispensers throughout their borders, spending tens of thousands of dollars. In turn, they have reported a dramatic decline in unattended dog poop. City officials ought to check with other cities that have set such a precedent.

We understand there are challenges to this program in Santa Monica. City officials attempted to place a dispenser at Clover Park a couple of years ago, but people stole the baggies. Somehow, Hiss and her fellow residents haven't experienced that problem. In fact, Hiss reports that she has handed out more than 20,000 baggies to people requesting them.

City Hall needs to throw Hiss and her dog a bone. Cut the crap in Santa Monica.

Go sell it in Kolkata



LAUGHING MATTERS

BY JACK NEWORTH

If you ever get the urge to write anything other than a grocery list, go for a walk, eat a cookie or watch “American Idol,” hopefully the urge will pass. As for “Idol,” it never ceases to amaze me more people voted for Taylor Hicks than voted for President Bush. I noticed last week, despite the grave situation in Lebanon, that Bush was able to make time for a photo-op with Hicks and other “Idol” winners. It's too bad Condi didn't play piano as well.

Because I don't watch “Idol” — yes, I am that person — and because the Dodgers are in last place, I had some free time to write a play. It was either that or straighten my sock drawer. I sent an e-mail treatment of my play to 300 theaters across the country via AOL — or as I refer to them, “America Out Of Line” — and minutes later my account was terminated. AOL considered it “spam,” and I was sent into outsourcing hell, on the phone to India with a guy who said his name was Roy. If his is Roy, mine is Ravi.

The genesis of the play was a 2004 LA Times article about 19-year-old Modesta Avila, who lived in San Juan Capistrano in 1889. When the railroad ran track 15 feet from her front door, Avila protested by stringing a clothesline across the tracks, filled with her under garments. The railroad offered money, but later claimed deeds belonging to Mexicans were not valid. How ... corporate.

So Avila put up a sign on the tracks that read: “This land is mine!” But even then, free speech wasn't all that free, and she was arrested for “attempted obstruction of a train.” Avila was convicted, more for being a loose woman than the alleged crime. She was sent to San Quentin for three years, where she died at the age of 22. A musical, you say? Actually, Avila's tragic life was turned into an opera in 1986.

But there was a happy ending to Avila's story, even if it took 110 years. In 2002, the same railroad in the same town applied for a second line. Residents objected, saying it would destroy historic adobe homes. They put photos of Avila on placards and T-shirts, and protested up and down the tracks, even using her clothesline tactics. Shockingly, the state transportation department unanimously denied the railroad's application.

While Avila was vindicated, I had no such luck with AOL. I had gotten a book from the library in which 300 theaters listed their e-mail addresses. I spent hours compiling the list, added a cover letter to my treatment and hit “send.” Suddenly, I was logged off, followed by an 800 phone number. So began my long day's journey into night.

The AOL recording kept repeating I could get faster help on-line. Hello? If I could get on-line I wouldn't have been calling. After what seemed an eternity — thank God for the speaker phone — I finally got Roy in India. He kept saying, “not to worry.” Easy for Roy to say, he's being paid by the hour, while I'm wasting what little life I have left giving my screen name, my operating system and my favorite pet's name, which wasn't easy because I live in a building that doesn't allow pets.

The whole experience made me wonder if AOL has any employees in America anymore? Maybe they ought to change the name to “India Online.” Roy finally cut to the chase and called me a “spammer.” Me? How about all the penile enlargement e-mails or the Nigerian prince who only needs \$1,000 to free up \$20 million? Roy kept repeating the word “spam” like I was plotting to invade Kashmir. Steamed, I reminded him Pakistan has the bomb.

Sensing I was down to my last joke, I asked Roy to read my play before he called it spam. Did humor change AOL's mind, assuming they have one? Look below and you will see I can be reached at Yahoo!

Maybe the next time I get the urge to write I'll make out a grocery list.

(Jack Neworth is a freelance writer who, when not picketing America On Line, can be reached at Jackneworth@yahoo.com.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Caught in the crossfire

Editor:

So, here we are again — innocent civilians taking the bloody brunt of failed peace efforts in the Middle East. If it wasn't so tragic, the primitive military-political chest-thumping would be pure comedy of terrors. Yes, yes, I know, it's all very complex — and Time Magazine has gone the distance to explain all this to us. One side preens with righteousness while the other claims just revenge ... and vice versa. Back and forth — sparse little of the latter — for decades now with the end result sadly the same: Unarmed civilians die in the crossfire of warfare — if one can call it that — on both sides. Whole family lineages wiped out in the name of ideological superiority and territorial imperative. Whipped up hatred, power mongering expediency and armed-to-the-teeth militarism are being unleashed in a dust storm of 21st century idiocy. Does the horror of Picasso's “Guernica” never quite sink in?

I say let these wild-eyed warriors in waiting duke it out on the vast desert flatlands that surround their trigger-happy temperaments. Like the epic battles of yore, mano-a-mano — stripped of warbirds, rockets, artillery and weapons of mass destruction.

Let the leaders of both sides lead the charge and witness first-hand the consequences of their decisions to court violence over compromise; hatred and vengeance over harmony and peace. When they've had enough — the lives and homes and institution of their citizenry having been spared — let these warriors of fruitless acrimony settle in tents and Quonset huts as far as the horizon stretches. There to lick old wounds and tell their war stories, far from the ear and eye of peace-loving civilians.

Dean James Loomis

Venice

Positive effects

Editor:

I wanted to commend you for printing articles about two women that have contributed so much to our commu-

nity (July 31, page 1). Valerie Hiss took it upon herself to solve a problem that affects the quality of life in Santa Monica where the city has failed dog owners. I have seen doggie bag dispensers in my travels all over the world from New Zealand to Italy. With urban runoff and water quality such a critical issue, I cannot comprehend why Santa Monica has refused to embrace this relatively inexpensive program in the parks and on the Promenade.

As a South Bay native I know what a positive impact Mary Setterholm has had on the surfing community there. I'm glad she is also recognized in Santa Monica (SMDP, July 31, page 1).

Jamie Seeley

Hermosa Beach

A foul smell

Editor:

I would like to thank the effort of Ms. Valerie Hiss about the doggie house (SMDP, July 31, page 1).

My family cannot stand the smell of animal debris along 17th Street between Olympic Boulevard and Michigan Avenue, above the 10 freeway.

Every morning when we walk on that sidewalk, we always see and smell a fresh bad odor of that animal debris. And every day you can always notice freshly-made animal debris.

An animal hospital or veterinary clinic is nearby, on the corner of 17th Street and Olympic Boulevard, and probably unaware of the situation.

We are just hoping that the city of Santa Monica cleans those sidewalks as soon as possible and also the veterinary clinic owner makes a necessary action to advise their clientele about this problem.

We really can no longer stand the smell of this animal debris in the sidewalk.

Thank you very much for your help.

Karen Hernandez

Santa Monica

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Rejection hard to swallow for one man

ON MONDAY, JULY 24, AT 3:53 A.M., Santa Monica Police officers responded to the 1500 block of Lincoln Boulevard after receiving a report of an assault in progress. When officers arrived, they spoke with a woman who said she and her boyfriend were drinking alcohol with a male acquaintance. When the alleged victim said she was going to sleep, the acquaintance allegedly asked her if she wanted to have sex. She refused and the man punched her in the face, police said. When officers arrived, the suspect was still at the scene. He was placed under arrest and booked for assault and for violating conditions of his parole. He was identified as Donald Lee Mason, 50, a transient. No bail was set.

ON TUESDAY, JULY 25, AT 1 P.M., officers patrolling the 3100 block of Ocean Front Walk spotted a woman carrying six large bags. She appeared to be homeless. Officers approached the woman and asked her if she needed a referral to a homeless services provider. During their conversation, officers discovered the woman had a \$100,000 felony warrant for burglary from San Diego County. She was arrested and held in the Santa Monica Jail. She was identified as Catalina Miyahira, 22, a transient.

While still at Ocean Front Walk, officers ran into Miyahira's boyfriend. Officers recovered two credit cards belonging to two different people other than the boyfriend. Officers checked the credit cards and determined they were stolen. The boyfriend was arrested for possession of stolen credit cards. He was identified as Kevin Francis Hirtie, 33, a transient. No bail was set.

ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, AT 5:30 P.M., narcotics investigators served a search warrant at a residence in the 1400 block of 17th Street. Officers recovered unspecified quantities of marijuana and money, which were seized. A 23-year-old living at the residence was arrested for possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute. He was identified as Jibri Stewert of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$20,000.

ON THURSDAY, JULY 27, AT 8:20 P.M., officers in the 2600 block responded to a report of a business dispute. When officers arrived, they spoke with a woman who said she was involved in an argument with her ex-husband when he pulled her into a back room of a business and grabbed her breast. The name of the business was not available. The man was arrested and booked for kidnapping, sexual battery and a parole violation. He was identified as Joel Lugo Vega, 29. Police said Lugo refused to give his address. No bail was set.

ON THURSDAY, JULY 27, AT 1:42 P.M., police responded to the 300 block of Lincoln Boulevard — Starbucks — regarding a theft investigation. When officers arrived, they spoke to an employee who said a man grabbed money out of a tip jar and fled, but not before assaulting those who tried to stop him. He was apprehended by a Los Angeles Police officer who was in the area and later arrested by the SMPD. The alleged thief was identified as Jason David Card, 25, of Venice. He was booked for strong arm robbery. His bail was set at \$50,000.

ON FRIDAY, JULY 28, AT 6:40 P.M., officers responded to the 1400 block of 12th Street regarding a report of an assault. When officers arrived, they spoke to the victim who said that her upstairs neighbor, whom she had been feuding with, threw his radio out of his window, almost striking her. She was not injured, police said. Officers contacted the resident and placed him under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon and a parole violation. He was identified as David Canin, 20, of Santa Monica. No bail was set.

ON FRIDAY, JULY 28, AT 11:40 P.M., police responded to the 2400 block of Fourth Street regarding a report of a "peeping Tom." When officers arrived, they spoke with a witness who said they saw a man climb scaffolding outside an apartment building and was looking into windows. The suspect was still at the scene when he was arrested for prowling. He was identified as Ross Swing, 60, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$5,000.

ON SATURDAY, JULY 29, AT 10:30 P.M., police responded to the 1600 block of Ocean Park Boulevard regarding a strong arm robbery. When officers arrived, they spoke with a woman who said she was walking when a man she knew approached her and demanded money. She said he then reached into her pocket and took cash and fled. He was apprehended a short time later. He was identified as Jeffrey Cervantes, 41, a transient. Cervantes was charged with strong arm robbery and held on an outstanding warrant. His bail was set at \$52,500.

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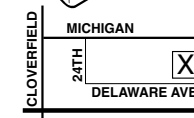
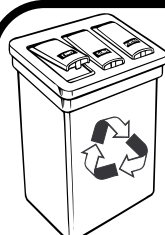
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Holding EPA to fire

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es topped 20,000 in 2005 — the most since the NRDC began tracking the problem 16 years ago. The findings are contained in the NRDC's annual report on water quality called "Testing the Waters."

"A day at the beach shouldn't be followed by a night in the rest room, or worse, a night in the emergency room," said David Beckman, a senior attorney for the NRDC, who filed the lawsuit in the United States District Court in downtown Los Angeles.

In 2000, Congress passed the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act, or BEACH Act, in response to rising levels of bacteria found in the nation's waters. The law required the EPA to revise current health standards and update current testing methods to provide swimmers with more accurate information before they dive into the ocean.

The EPA missed the deadline for implementation — October 2005 — and says it may not comply with the law until 2011. The NRDC lawsuit seeks to force the EPA to move quickly, before millions more swimmers become ill.

"We're talking about months, not years," Beckman said of the timeline he hopes a federal judge will enact.

Jessica L. Emond, the deputy press secretary for the EPA, issued a statement Thursday in response to the lawsuit which said the Bush Administration has given more than \$52 million, including \$10 million this year, to states for beach monitoring.

"Because of EPA's efforts, the number of beaches monitored has tripled over the last decade," Emond said. "EPA is working diligently in partnership with states to increase public awareness and improve water quality to make beaches safer for swimming."

"Additionally, EPA is developing new technologies to yield faster test results," Emond said. "With the new tests, local health agencies will be able to act more quickly to provide important information to protect the health of beach-goers."

The NRDC lawsuit comes as the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board considers adopting bacteria pollution limits for the Santa Monica Bay during dry weather months. The board approved the pollution standards three years ago, but has failed to enforce them.

That was originally scheduled for the board's July 13 meeting, two days before cities would have been required to comply with the new standards or face stiff penalties. That meeting was postponed until Sept. 14, creating the possibility of another lawsuit being filed, NRDC officials said.

On Thursday, Beckman, who was joined by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa at a polluted beach located near a storm drain just off of Santa Monica Canyon, said creating the new standards and testing methods is imperative in light of a recent study by UCLA and Stanford University which showed pollution at Southern California beaches is responsible for illnesses in as many as 1.5 million swimmers and bathers each year, with related health care and other costs for one illness — gastroenteritis, or the "stomach flu" — amounting to tens of millions of dollars annually.

With the money spent on treating illnesses such as dysentery, hepatitis, respiratory ailments and other serious health problems, Beckman said California could remove all pollutants from storm water and other urban runoff flowing into the Pacific Ocean.

The financial health of the state also is at risk, Beckman said. With coastal economies generating roughly \$2 billion a year, the state cannot afford to be passive when it comes to clean beaches, Beckman said.

The NRDC praised Santa Monica and

Los Angeles for dedicating more than \$500,000 to diverting and cleaning urban runoff before it reaches the bay.

In Santa Monica, the City Council has approved the construction of facilities to catch polluted water coming from city streets before it reaches the bay.

There is the Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recycling Facility, or SMURFF, which is located next to the Santa Monica Pier. Filtering roughly 500,000 gallons of urban runoff every day, the facility, the first of its kind in the nation, removes pollutants such as oil, grease and animal feces.

Neil Shapiro, City Hall's urban runoff management coordinator, said a new, \$1.8-million water treatment system in Mar Vista Park will open in the coming weeks to divert polluted water from the Ballona Creek from flowing into the bay. The facility, which will be operated by Santa Monica, was built in conjunction with the city and county of Los Angeles.

Shapiro said there are two other projects in the works that will further help in the cleaning of urban runoff. The projects, to be located at the western end of Montana Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard, will divert contaminated water to a sewer for treatment before being released into the bay. There also will be catch basins to filter out trash and other debris.

A WATERSHED MOMENT

The City Council last month approved a new watershed plan that will last for 20 years. In order to pay for the plan, the City Council also approved putting a measure on the November ballot asking property owners to agree to doubling their stormwater parcel fee, which would generate more than \$3 million a year and \$40 million over the next 10 years.

The fiscal needs for the Watershed plan would be a \$200 million investment for the next 20 years, city officials said. They hope that Santa Monicans will contribute less than a quarter of the cost, citing access to statewide funds and a partnership with the Los Angeles County as other sources of revenue.

"I think we are far ahead of most cities because we started out in the late '90s," Shapiro said.

At that time, the City Council also passed a law regulating urban runoff. The ordinance requires a 0.75-inch reduction in rainfall leaving all impermeable surfaces of all newly developed parcels within the city. The ordinance also specifies guidelines for existing properties to reduce the level of contaminants that are carried by urban runoff into the bay.

That said, Santa Monica Bay is still home to some of the dirtiest beaches in the state. According to the NRDC's report, Will Rogers State Beach near the Santa Monica Canyon was one of 22 "Beach Bums" found in the country. To qualify as a "Beach Bum," the beach must violate federal health standards at least 50 percent of the time.

Malibu Beach and the Topanga State Beach were some of the eight popular beaches that received a dishonorable mention by the NRDC. No beaches in the state received "Beach Buddy" distinction, which is awarded only to those beaches where water quality is monitored regularly and there are no violations of federal public health standards. Those beaches also take considerable steps to reduce pollution, according to the NRDC report.

Beckman said once the EPA complies with federal law, city officials and environmentalists will better be able to warn the public of a health hazard, providing up-to-date information on water quality instead of relying on tests that are 24 to 48 hours old. Beckman also said that the new EPA standards would help cities identify the source of pollution, which is the only way beaches will be truly safe.

"You can't make real-time decisions based on 2-day-old data," Beckman said. "You wouldn't rely on a weather report that only told you what conditions were like two days ago."



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Doggie house divided after city nixes effort

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from the north end of the city to the south end.

After her effort was chronicled in the Daily Press on July 31, Hiss said she received numerous calls from people who thanked her for the community service, or asked for a doggie house of their own. But then she received one angry call from a local, informing her of the city ordinance.

Within the next few days, doggie houses on 19th Street and the one directly outside Hiss' own home had been removed.

Hiss said she is unwilling to abandon three years' worth of work so quickly. She has spent \$5,000 on the 60 doggie houses now in place, and the 20,000 baggies used to stock them.

"I'm trying to figure out another plan," Hiss said. "I'm not ready to throw in the towel because one person complained."

The only option for Hiss, according to Ginsberg, is to place the doggie houses on private property. Hiss could attempt to get clearance from the director of the parks and recreation, but from City Hall's perspective, the health of the trees is the top priority.

According to city ordinance chapter 7.40.150: "No person, firm, or corporation without the permission of the director of recreation and parks shall attach or keep attached to any tree, shrub, or plant in any street, park, pleasure ground, boulevard, or other guard or stake intended for the protection thereof, any wire, rope, sign, or any other device whatsoever. It shall be unlawful to plant or permit to grow any vines or other plantings that would interfere with the growth or maintenance of parkway trees ..."

City Hall's Open Space Manager Elaine Polachek said that even though Hiss' intentions are obviously good, City Hall cannot make exceptions to laws. She is concerned that other residents might ignore the ordinance, citing the example of people placing hanging swings from tree limbs. The swings provide a liability issue for City Hall because if they hurt the tree, or the tree breaks and hurts a child, the city is liable.

Polachek also said that alternative options for the houses seem limited. As long as they are posted on public property, there will most likely be some complication from City Hall. She suggested that Hiss relocate the doggie houses onto her front yard and other private properties.

Joan Akins, the administrative services manager for City Hall's environmental and public works management department, said the chances of Hiss being allowed to keep up her doggie-houses seem small.

"In all the many years I've been here, no one has ever been able to post anything on a tree," she said.

Sally Stewart, who lives on 19th Street and is a supporter of Hiss' effort, believes that City Hall should assist her in finding an alternative so that neighborhoods can remain free of doggie debris and that less fecal bacteria washes into the Santa Monica Bay.

"I understand the city wants to protect trees, but here was somebody who was trying to do something to help the Santa Monica community," Stewart said. "It seems like everyone should come together to find a solution instead of telling people what they cannot do."

Voting has its rewards

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or federal law.

Arizonans will vote on the reward idea Nov. 7. The proposal made it onto the ballot in June after supporters turned in nearly 184,000 signatures, or about 50 percent more than required.

If the measure passes, election officials would assign a number to each voter who casts a ballot in a state election. The state commission that oversees the Arizona lottery would then hold a public drawing to pick a winner, with the prize money coming from unclaimed lottery prizes.

Supporters see the reward as a way to boost participation in elections. Arizona's turnout of registered voters in the 2004 general election was already high at 77 percent, compared with nearly 61 percent nationally.

"One of the goals that I've had in my lifetime is to see that all Americans have health care like every other major country on earth. One of the ways to do that is to make sure that everybody votes," said Mark Osterloh, a Tucson ophthalmologist and political activist who headed and bankrolled the reward campaign. He also ran unsuccessfully for the Democratic nomination for governor in 2002.

Casey Mammen said the financial incentive trivializes the electoral process.

"Voting is a privilege of an American. That's the way it should be viewed, not as a bribe to get me to come do what I have the privilege to do," said Mammen, 33, a pastor in El Mirage.

David Garcia, 36, said the idea makes him uncomfortable: "The government encouraging democracy through a monetary reward I think starts to go down some slippery slopes. Just for some reason, mixing the two together doesn't sit well with me."

The Arizona Chamber on Commerce and Industry, the state's biggest business lobby, calls the idea misguided and dangerous, saying a reward would encourage people to cast a ballot "even if they are completely uninformed and uninterested."

"It's too cute by more than a half, and I think Arizona voters will reject this kind of gimmickry," Chamber spokesman Farrell Quinlan said.

Osterloh rejected the criticism. Like people who do not bone up on the latest car models unless they are about to buy one, nonvoters would take the time to learn about candidates and issues if they decided to vote, he said.

The idea's legality is also in question. Federal law makes it a crime punishable by a fine and imprisonment for up to two years to make, offer or receive "an expenditure to any person, either to vote or withhold his vote." An Arizona law makes it a misdemeanor to "treat, give, pay, loan, contribute, offer or promise money or other valuable consideration" to induce a voter to go to the polls.

Several attorneys said the state law would probably not be a problem because the voter reward law effectively would provide an exemption for the drawing.



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Appeal 05-014 of Architectural Review Board 05-265, 811 19th Street. Appeal of the Architectural Review Board's approval of building design, colors, materials and landscape plans for a new two-story, five-unit, townhouse-style condominium project. [Planner: Scott Albright, AICP] Applicant: Farhad Ashofteh. Appellant: Steven H. Schwartz. Property Owner: Bahram Fata.

Conditional Use Permit 06-008, 1418 4th Street. To allow the on-site sale and consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits in conjunction with an existing live theater. [Planner: Grace Cho] APPLICANT: Magicopolis, C/O Steve Spill As Applicant. PROPERTY OWNER: Hannah Gordon.

Design Compatibility Permit 04-009, Development Review Permit 04-003, Tract Map 04-020 (VTM No. 061029), 917-921 19th Street. 8-unit condominium. [Planner: Jing Yeo] Applicant: Plus Architects. Property Owner: 19th Street Townhomes, LLC.

Development Review Permit 06-001, 1930 Stewart Street. To allow several improvements and upgrades to Mountain View Mobile Home Park, including the reconfiguration and establishment of lot lines for individual lots within the park; the repair and/or replacement of on-site infrastructure and utilities; and, the placement of 8 new mobile home units on existing, reconfigured sites. [Planner: Scott Albright, AICP] Applicant: City Of Santa Monica Housing And Redevelopment Division. Property Owner: City Of Santa Monica.

Tract Map 06-008, 2005 Nineteenth Street. 5-unit condominium. [Planner: David Reyes] Applicant/Property Owner: Gerald Pokuta.

Tract Map 06-010, 1827 16th Street. 5-unit condominium. [Planner: Dennis Banks] . Applicant: Osborne Building And Development Inc. Property Owner: Osborne Building and Development Inc. & Frank Tai.

Tract Map 06-012, 818 Lincoln Boulevard. 5-unit condominium. [Planner: Grace Cho] Applicant: Paul Essick Architects. Property Owner: 818 Lincoln-Montana LLC.

Tract Map 06-013, 939 San Vicente Boulevard. Tentative Parcel Map 06-013 (Map No. 63173) to subdivide one 23,061.55 square-foot parcel into three separate parcels ranging from 7,414.15 square feet to 8,147.40 square feet, for the purposes of constructing three new single-family homes in the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.20.04.030, a tentative parcel map is required for the proposed subdivision. [Planner: Ava M. Pecherzewski] Applicant: Chi Ming Gong. Property Owner: Gerald Manpearl.

Tract Map 06-014, 1122 26th Street. 4-unit condominium. [Planner: David Reyes] Applicant: 1122 26th Street LLC. Property Owner: 1122 26th Street LLC.

Tract Map 06-016, 941 11th Street. 4-unit condominium. [Planner: David Reyes] Applicant: Paul Essick Architects. Property Owner: Ron Bauer Trust.

WHEN: Wednesday, August 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

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



HOW TO COMMENT

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

MORE INFORMATION

If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Case Planner at (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TTY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, and #8 serve City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

Prison health spending keeps raising the bars

BY DON THOMPSON

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — A urologist charged California's prison system \$2,036 an hour to treat inmates. An orthopedic surgeon billed the state for 30 hours' work — for a single day.

The examples are contained in an audit released Wednesday that found rampant waste in how California's prison health care system spends money on outside doctors, nurses and laboratories.

The lax spending practices have cost California taxpayers millions, according to the audit by the state controller's office. Prison health care spending soared from \$153 million in 2001 to \$821 million this year — an increase of \$668 million, or 437 percent.

"Waste, abuse and management deficiencies are rampant" in contracted health care services, state Controller Steve Westly said during a news conference.

He said the rise in overall costs is too great to be explained by normal increases in health care services. Westly said he will ask the state attorney general to consider bringing criminal charges against the unnamed doctors and others whose actions are detailed in the audit. He also will seek compensation.

An attorney general's spokesman said the office will review the audit.

Westly, who unsuccessfully sought the Democratic nomination for governor in the June primary, said the audit found what he characterized as gross mismanagement.

"We've got to put a stop to it," he said.

California's prison health care system already operates under the authority of a receiver who was appointed by a federal court. It is one of several parts of the state corrections department in which reforms are being dictated by agents assigned by federal or state judges.

Westly said he ordered the audit in April after Robert Sillen, the receiver who controls the prison health care system, reported that the Department of Corrections and

Rehabilitation was \$58 million behind in paying for contracted medical services.

Some providers — including the urologist and surgeon — took advantage of the department's poor negotiations for services and lax oversight of billing and payments, the audit states. The corrections department paid the orthopedic surgeon, for example, nearly \$1.5 million in one year.

Sillen said the audit reinforces his view that the state could save money in the long run by hiring more of its own doctors, pharmacists and nurses instead of contracting for services. He said that within weeks he plans to order substantial salary increases for medical professionals so their wages will be competitive with those working for private companies.

Corrections spokesman Oscar Hidalgo said he couldn't comment on the audit's specific allegations of over-billing. But he said prison health care reform is included in Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's budget and in a \$6 billion prison building plan the governor is asking state lawmakers to approve when they return next week from their summer recess.

"The department has been working with the receiver to fix some of the problems that exist and have existed for decades," Hidalgo said.

The audit is the latest critical review of prison health care spending. The prison system's inspector general and the Bureau of State Audits also have found overspending, mismanagement and abuse by outside contractors.

Westly said his audit shows the department has failed to improve.

In one case, the department overpaid a contractor nearly \$500,000 over 10 months. The laboratory provided false test results for inmates suspected of having hepatitis C, but the department paid for retests and renewed the lab's contract for another three years.

The health care system has been plagued by neglect and malpractice for years. The poor conditions led to a 2001 lawsuit filed on behalf of inmates, which in turn led to the appointment of the federal overseer.

Borders dividing lawmakers

BY ALLISON HOFFMAN

Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — House Republicans, speaking at a field hearing aimed at exposing flaws in rival Senate legislation, said illegal immigrants cost taxpayers by straining government services.

Democrats said GOP leaders were stalling to avoid a bruising fight within their party over a sweeping immigration overhaul before November midterm elections.

The House Judiciary Committee met at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in what Republicans billed as a hearing to examine "the tremendous burden" that Senate legislation would impose on taxpayers to pay for health care, education and other services. About 100 people attended the 90-minute hearing.

"If we do not control the costs of illegal immigration we will be shutting the door to legal immigration," said House Judiciary Committee Chair James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., who authored legislation approved by the House in December that focuses on tougher enforcement.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich said illegal immigration was a "catastrophic" drain on public schools, hos-

pitals and the criminal justice system, costing the county more than \$1 billion a year.

But Wayne Cornelius, a political scientist at the University of California, San Diego, testified that a guest worker program would allow illegal immigrants to freely go back and forth to their home countries rather than staying in the U.S. permanently, reducing the burden on public coffers.

Democrats asked why hearings were being held after bills have already passed.

"These hearings are a con job on the American people," said Rep. Howard Berman, D-North Hollywood, who accused Republicans of avoiding a fight within the party ahead of elections. President Bush supports a guest-worker program and a path to citizenship for many illegal immigrants, provisions that were included in Senate legislation passed in May.

U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert, R-Texas, defended the timing.

"The reason it's a good idea to have them now is that we're at an impasse," Gohmert said.

In July, House Republicans launched the unusual series of summer field hearings, including seven this week. They meet Thursday in Phoenix and Las Cruces, N.M.

Dead purple urchins leave officials at loss

By The Associated Press

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Hundreds of dead or dying purple sea urchins have washed up into tide pools at a Southern California marine refuge center in recent days, but no one is certain what is killing them.

“On Monday there were 200 or 300 that littered just the tide pool area,” said Amy Stine, a supervisor at the Little Corona Marine Life Refuge. Normally, she said, she sees at most three urchin shells a day.

“Most of them that are now left on the shore are dead. The sea gulls are having a heyday with them,” Stine said.

Some officials say the warmer-than-usual water, which holds less oxygen, may have suffocated the urchins. Ocean temperatures

climbed above 75 degrees during the last couple of weeks when the region sizzled in triple digit temperatures, warming normally chilly waters along the coast.

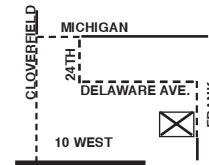
“Water temperature is everything to marine animals,” said Dennis Kelly, professor of marine science at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa. “Their world tends to be a lot colder than ours, especially around here.”

The tide pool landscape may also be a factor in the deaths, said Pat Leahy, director of the Kerckhoff Marine Laboratory in Newport Harbor. For purple sea urchins uncovered at low tide, the lack of constant cool tidal water and the hot surface temperatures might have been fatal.

Kelly said other possible causes could include naturally occurring pathogens, pollutants or overpopulation.

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STATE BRIEFS

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LOS ANGELES

Voters to decide if Council can hang around

The City Council reaffirmed a decision to put a put an initiative on the November ballot that would allow members to serve up to three four-year terms, instead of being limited to two.

Council members approved the measure in July, but the City Charter required them to vote on the initiative once again on Wednesday before it could reach the ballot.

The proposal is bundled with a package of ethics reforms, including a ban on lobbyists contributing money to city campaigns.

City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo scolded the council for combining the term extensions with the ethics reforms and asked for a mayoral veto.

He said including both items on a single ballot measure could be illegal, since extending term limits requires a change in the charter, while the council can enact the ethics reforms at any time.

“I’m going to continue to say I cannot support an end-run around our Ethics Commission and neighborhood councils” with “a package designed to hide from voters a scheme to extend term limits,” Delgadillo said.

LONG BEACH

Smuggler tries to put his stamp on things

A man was arrested after allegedly trying to carry more than 3 pounds of methamphetamines aboard a New York-bound airplane, officials said.

Narcotics investigators were called to the airport Tuesday after an X-ray machine alerted airport police to drugs, scales and a pipe in James Alexander Cohen’s carry-on baggage, police Sgt. Paul LeBaron said.

Cohen, 29, of Miami Beach, Fla., acknowledged that the pipe was his, but denied knowing about the 3-to-4 pounds of drugs packed in his bag, LeBaron said.

“He stated that the scales were used to weigh postage,” LeBaron said.

Cohen was booked for investigation of multiple drug violations, LeBaron said.

LAKELAND

Man’s needles and the damage done

Hospital staff helped authorities arrest a man for investigation of stealing used needles to find residual drugs, police said.

Authorities tracked Gregory Potts, 35, to his home Tuesday after Long Beach Memorial Medical Center staff recognized him as a man who had gone from room to room in the hospital, disguised in scrubs, taking used needles from trash bins, police said.

“When the officers got to his home they found two 55-gallon drums filled with dirty, bloody, used needles,” Sgt. David Cannan said.

Potts was convicted of charges connected with stolen needles last year after neighbors found used hypodermics in the streets around their homes.

He now faces a charge of probation violation and commercial burglary, Cannan said.

LOS ANGELES

Mountain lion causes traffic snarl

A stretch of freeway and nearby streets in the Sunland area were closed Wednesday as authorities unsuccessfully searched for a mountain lion, officials said.

A police helicopter crew and state wildlife officials were called in to search the area Wednesday after officers received a report of someone seeing the animal, police Officer Jason Lee said.

Officials could not find the animal, but did spot its tracks, authorities said.

BEVERLY HILLS

Court is OK with Montage

The state Supreme Court denied a request by foes of the \$200 million Montage resort to review the city’s handling of the luxury hotel and condo project.

Wednesday’s decision appeared to end a long-running dispute over the eight-story, 214-room project under construction in the city’s ritzy Golden Triangle district.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following applications:

2219 Ocean Avenue, Zoning: OP3 (Ocean Park Medium Multiple Residential) District, Application No. LC-06LM-007. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 06LM-007 at 2219 Ocean Avenue to determine whether the single-family residential structure constructed circa 1904 should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the structure meets one or more of the required criteria for landmark designation. **Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission.**

501 24th Street, Zoning: R1 (Single Family Residential) District, Application No.: LC-06CA-005. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 06LM-005 at 501 24th Street to determine whether the single-family residential structure constructed in 1912 should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the structure meets one or more of the required criteria for landmark designation. **Applicant: Ann Payson and Rob Ulin.**

1685 Main Street, Zoning: RVC (Residential-Visitor Commercial) District, LC-06LM-012. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Certificate of Appropriateness Application 06CA-012, 1685 Main Street, for design approval of proposed installation of three wall speakers on the exterior of City Hall, a designated City Landmark. **Applicant: City of Santa Monica.**

1855 Main Street, Zoning: RVC (Resident-Visitor Commercial) District, LC-06CA-007. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Certificate of Appropriateness Application 06CA-007 for installation of five wireless access points (6.6” x 8.5” x 1.1”) at the Civic Auditorium, 1855 Main Street, a designated City Landmark. Two of the five proposed wireless access points are proposed for installation on features noted in the City Landmark Designation. One wireless access point is proposed to be located in Main Auditorium on the northern gray metal paneled wall, approximately 20 feet from the floor. The second wireless access point will be located on the underside of an awning near the box office windows. The Landmarks Commission will determine whether the proposed project is appropriate and architecturally compatible for this property. (Continued from June 12, 2006). **Applicant: City of Santa Monica.**

When: Monday, August 14, 2006 at 7:00 pm

Where: City Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 213
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica



Questions/Comments: The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Roxanne Tanemori, Associate Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Ms. Tanemori by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at roxanne.tanemori@smgov.net.

More Information: The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation requests, please contact (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three days prior to the event. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Bus Lines 1, 2, 3 and 7 serve City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the Challenge may be limited only to those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

Espanol: Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para mas información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

Going up? Getting down!



The West Hollywood band, Elevaters, jam in the seating area outside Starbucks and Hear Music on the 1400 block of the Third Street Promenade earlier this week. Hear Music hopes to host a number of bands at the new Center. Check out myspace.com/elevaters.com for more information. The Bergamot Station Arts Center is located at 2525 Michigan Ave., Bldg. I.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

AV Club gets some action

By Daily Press staff

The AV Club, a collection of improvisational talent in Southern California, presents their improvised multi-media show called The AV Action News. The AV Club performs Saturdays in August at 8 p.m. at The Westside Eclectic, just off the Santa Monica Promenade.

The AV Club is a collection of comedians, actors, filmmakers and technicians that perform their original brand of improvisation. The AV Action News, is a multi-media parody of the network news using green screens, live video and audience participation.

The improvisers interview an audience member, take the ideas generated from the interview, and transform the audience member's life into a parodied news program with top stories, editorials and on-location remotes. High-tech tools such as a green screen and video cameras, along with some old-fashion stage play, are present during the half-hour long show.

The AV Club was first conceived of in July of 2002, during the Del Close Marathon at the Upright Citizens Brigade in New York. Its creator, Andrew Cochrane, a recent graduate of USC's film school and an avid improviser himself, was inspired by the UCB's Neutrino, a group that uses video cameras in their live performances. In the summer of 2004, Cochrane met Chris Ellerby, a graphic designer by day and visual jockey by night. They decided to combine their film and TV technicians, along with some of Southern California's premiere improvisers from the IOWEST — the Los Angeles branch of the world-famous IO Chicago — to form The AV Club. You can find them producing film and video projects on their Web site www.theavclub.tv.

Tickets for The AV Action News are \$10 and are on sale now at www.westsideeclectic.com, or at The Westside Eclectic box office at (310) 451-0850. The Westside Eclectic is located at 1323-A Third Street Promenade, located just south of Arizona Avenue, in the alley between Third and Fourth streets.

A Doobie spoof at the Miles

By Daily Press staff

The Troubies are back and at it again.

The Troubadour Theater Company presents "Much Adoobie Brothers About Nothing," directed by Matt Walker.

For the first production of their 11th season, the Troubadour Theater Company lands smack dab in the music of the 1970s with the "rock and soul" of The Doobie Brothers as they break down the fickle nature of love with the prose of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing."

The show will preview on Friday, Aug. 4, and Saturday, Aug. 5, and will open on Thursday, Aug. 10. It will continue for five weeks through Sunday, Sept. 10, at the Miles Memorial Playhouse, located at 1130 Lincoln Blvd.

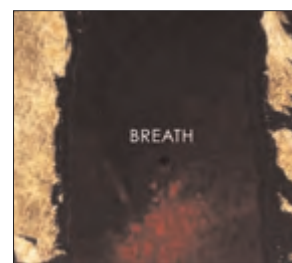
In this spirited tale of wit, wise-cracking and "What A Fool Believes," the couples in this comedic, Shakespearean battle of the sexes would rather drift down a murky river of "Black Water" than pair off in any romantic "China Grove." Will our squabbling central characters, Beatrice and Benedick, quit "Takin' It To The Streets" and start "Rockin' Down The Highway?" Will Claudio take Hero in his arms and profess "You Belong To Me?" All these questions and more will be revealed as the action unfolds.



SANTA MONICA ART PALETTE

MAKING ARTS AND CULTURE COME ALIVE IN SANTA MONICA

Welcome to the Santa Monica Art Palette, Aug. 4. Thankfully, it's cooling off a bit, but it's going to be a while before anyone in Santa Monica needs a sweater. There's bilingual Japanese/English theatre on Friday, and the Powerhouse is previewing one of the Fugard's brilliant plays that exposed the world and helped bring an end to apartheid in South Africa. There are new banners on the Third Street Promenade that will delight and intrigue shoppers and residents alike and a special prize at the end of this week's palette for participating in Creative Santa Monica, the city's cultural plan currently underway.



New Third Street Promenade banners

Take a walk on the Promenade this weekend so you can see the brand new set of banners designed by one of Santa Monica's most prominent artists. Lita Albuquerque was selected by the Bayside District Corporation and the Santa Monica Arts Commission to create these rich and evocative art banners, collectively titled "Dark Iris."

Albuquerque describes the work as a tone poem that "imagines the earth as the iris of a universal eye, regulating light by expanding and contracting the pupil." She hopes observers will have fun figuring out the meaning of the words and images. Albuquerque's work can be found worldwide from Tokyo to Cairo to Downtown Los Angeles. "Dark Iris" is her first public art installation in her hometown of Santa Monica.

Let's Have It Both Ways!

On Friday, the Santa Monica Playhouse will showcase a new family friendly bi-lingual musical "game show" exploring the differences, and similarities, of cultures 8,000 miles apart, as seen through the eager eyes of a group of Japanese and American "contestants," created and performed by the members of Japan's Model Language Studio, artistic director Masa Ota, Santa Monica Playhouse Education Conservatory and the Young Professionals' Company, directed by Chris DeCarlo.

Friday, Aug. 4; 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St.
(310) 394-9779, ext. 2 for reservations



The Island

The Powerhouse Theatre renews their partnership with the Los Angeles Theatre Ensemble to present a new production of Athol Fugard's "The Island." The play is based on the true story of Norman Ntshinga, a black actor cast as Haemon in a version of Antigone that Fugard directed in the '60s. During a police raid, the actor was arrested on suspicion of being a member of the then-banned African National Congress and sentenced to 10 years at Robben Island — the same notorious prison that once held Nelson Mandela. The play opens next weekend, but this weekend's previews are free with any donation to the company.

The Powerhouse Theatre Company

3116 Second St.
(310) 396-3680
Donation-based previews: Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5-6; 6-8 p.m.
Performances: Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11-26; 8 p.m.
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For reservations call (310) 396-3680 or e-mail reservations@latensemble.org.

What do you treasure about Santa Monica? In planning for the future of arts and culture in our city, it is important to acknowledge the cherished icons of the past and present. What do you consider to be a Santa Monica treasure? It might be a person — an artist, a dancer or a singer. Maybe it's a sculpture like the Chain Reaction or the Beacon overlooking the California Incline.

Perhaps it's a place, a theatre space that will always be special to you or a gallery that presents consistently wonderful work. Or maybe it's something completely intangible like the freedom that Santa Monica gives her citizens to express themselves and create.

Creative Santa Monica wants to hear about your own personal Santa Monica treasures. The first two people to submit their ideas will get a special prize from Santa Monica's cultural community. The Santa Monica Museum of Art has offered two free memberships that will be given away to the first two cultural treasure suggestions. Include a picture of your treasure and we'll throw in a T-shirt.

E-mail your treasure to CREATIVE@SMGOV.NET — files not to exceed 5 megabytes — with a cc to Artpalette.mailbox@smgov.net.



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of shows in efforts to attract customers and bring music to the outdoor mall. The Elevaters will take the stage tonight at a party set for the Writers Boot Camp, located at the Bergamot Station Arts

THEATRE



Steve Zambrano/Special to the Daily Press

HEEDING THE CALL **Ciro Barbaro and Gib Wallis (who also is the playwright) star in "Solicitation," which will be performed Aug. 9 in Santa Monica before moving to New York.**

True calling

'Solicitation' headed for NYC

By Daily Press staff

Playwrights 6, the critically acclaimed and only playwright-managed theatre company in Los Angeles, will present a one-night-only benefit performance of "Solicitation," a new play by Gib Wallis that is bound for The New York International Fringe Festival.

The benefit evening of Wallis' full-length play will be presented at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 9, at the Powerhouse Theatre, 3116 Second St., between Rose Avenue and Marine Street, just off Main Street in Santa Monica. There is a suggested donation of \$15 or pay-what-you-can. A reception with food and refreshments follows. For information, call (323) 860-6625 or visit www.SolicitationThePlay.com.

"Solicitation," which focuses on the relationships between two men and a call girl, will be staged as part of The New York International Fringe Festival, Aug. 11-28. Wallis developed the work in Playwrights 6's Writers/Actors workshop, which meets twice a month at Celebration Theatre in Hollywood. Wallis presented a shorter, staged reading of the piece in 2004.

"I can't think of a better way to send this play to the New York Fringe," says actor-playwright Gib Wallis. "This play would have languished in the bottom drawer as one long scene without the P6 writers and actors to nurture and support me creatively during its development."

The director is Nancy Hendrickson and the actors are **Ciro Barbaro**, **Carolann DiPirro** and **Wallis**. The production team includes director Nancy Hendrickson, composer Kevin Ferrel, set designer Craig Napoliello and lighting designer Meghan Marrer.

In its short history, Playwrights 6 productions have earned several L.A. Weekly Theatre Award nominations and Backstage West Garland Award honorary mentions. Playwrights 6 productions have also made several "Critics Top 10" lists and garnered several "Critic's Picks."

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Streep is new voice of 'Bayou'

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Meryl Streep won't be stealing any scenes in her next gig.

The Oscar-winning actress narrates "Hurricane on the Bayou," shot before and after Hurricane Katrina, MacGillivray Freeman Films announced Wednesday.

The documentary will open in New Orleans on Aug. 29 to mark the anniversary of Katrina's surge through the Gulf Coast, the company said. It will be released in Los Angeles on Sept. 8 and in IMAX theaters worldwide on Dec. 22.

"Meryl Streep's ability to connect with audiences and the depth she brings to everything she does makes her the ideal narrator for this film, which has so many moods," director-

producer Greg MacGillivray said in a statement.

In 1995, Streep lent her voice to his film, "The Living Sea." MacGillivray said "Hurricane on the Bayou" is a call to restore Louisiana's coastal wetlands, which help protect New Orleans against deadly storms, as well as a "profound musical celebration of a city that has been called the soul of America."

The film stars music producer-songwriter Allen Toussaint, blues singer-guitarist Tab Benoit, 14-year-old fiddler Amanda Shaw and zydeco accordion player Chubby Carrier.

Streep, 57, has won Oscars for her roles in "Sophie's Choice" and "Kramer vs. Kramer." Her screen credits also include "The Deer Hunter," "Silkwood," "Out of Africa" and "The Bridges of Madison County."

Carter's burning ambition to be bad

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Helena Bonham Carter has signed on to play fanatically evil Lord Voldemort devotee Bellatrix Lestrange in the next "Harry Potter" film.

The Oscar nominee joins incoming composer Nicholas Hooper, who will create the score for "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," the fifth film adaptation of author J.K. Rowling's epic series, according to a statement released Wednesday by Warner Bros.

Directed by Hooper's longtime collaborator David Yates,

the movie also includes newcomers Imelda Staunton as frumpy Dolores Umbridge and Evanna Lynch as Luna "Loony" Lovegood.

Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson return as teen wizards Harry Potter, Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger.

"It's going to be a really cool cast," said Carter's publicist Jay Waterman.

Carter's film credits include 2005's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and 1997's "The Wings of the Dove," for which she received a best actress Oscar nomination.

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Heat is beast in East

Triple-digit temperatures keep denizens hot under collar

BY DESMOND BUTLER
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — The sweltering heat that was confirmed in at least a dozen deaths in the East and Midwest this week was not unusual for Iman Arbab.

“For me, 100 degrees — it’s normal,” said Arbab, 57, a native of Sudan who sells newspapers from a crate outside Pennsylvania Station in Manhattan.

“When you’re young, you don’t feel it,” Arbab said Thursday morning. “When you get old, you feel it.”

After two days of triple-digit temperatures, the region was in for another day of steamy weather Thursday. The heat wasn’t expected to break until a cold front moves through overnight Thursday and pushes Friday temperatures down, said National Weather Service meteorologist Tim Morrin.

The weather service again posted heat warnings from Massachusetts to South Carolina and in parts of Oklahoma.

At 6:30 a.m. Thursday, sweat was already dripping down Alex Williams’ forehead as he rolled a handtruck bearing a 175-pound beer keg off his un-airconditioned truck in Manhattan. The National Weather Service said the temperature was around 83, but with a “feels like” rating of 89.

“I drink lots of water — but no beer,” said Williams, of Brooklyn.

HOT IN THE CITY

By midmorning, the mercury was at 90 in New York City, 92 in Philadelphia and Boston and 97 in Richmond, Va. Baltimore was at 99. With the humidity, temperatures felt like 100 or higher.

Since Sunday, heat was confirmed to have played a role in at least 12 deaths in the Midwest and East, plus one in Oklahoma. At least eight deaths were suspected as being related to the heat.

In Illinois, at least six heat-related deaths were confirmed in Cook County since Sunday, and police believe that another six deaths in Chicago on Wednesday could be heat-related.

Four deaths were reported in Maryland, including three elderly victims who did not have air conditioning, officials said.

A 15-year-old high school football player died Tuesday in Georgia, one day after collapsing at a practice. In Pennsylvania, a 74-year-old custodian was found dead in bed, his heart disease aggravated by the heat.

In Oklahoma, authorities said a 92-year-old man found near his car Tuesday died of heat-related causes.

The suspected deaths included an 18-month-old boy was found dead Wednesday in a van in Kentucky and a 50-year-old construction worker who collapsed in Michigan Wednesday.

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

A heat wave was blamed for as many as 164 deaths last month in California, and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Wednesday that he asked the federal government for loans to farmers who suffered more than \$1 billion in losses.

Wednesday’s high hit a record-breaking 102 at LaGuardia Airport. The mercury hit 99 at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, and Baltimore and Philadelphia each climbed into the upper 90s.

Utility officials urged people to resist cranking up air conditioners amid heavy electric demand. Consolidated Edison, the utility that serves customers in and around New York City, set its second record in two days for peak demand.

On Thursday morning, Con Ed said it had underground electrical problems on Manhattan’s East side that left about 5,600 customers were without power in and around New York City. On Long Island, LIPA had almost 12,000 people were without power early Thursday.

In Queens, some residents found themselves in the dark again after recovering from a 10-day outage in late July. That included grocer Salm Ali, who said he had to throw out \$17,000 worth of produce last time.

Some Massachusetts residents were thrown into the dark Wednesday night because of thunderstorms, while in Stamford, Conn., Connecticut Light & Power cut electricity to some downtown businesses after two circuits failed.

‘Coyote’ sentenced to probation under new smuggling law

By The Associated Press

PHOENIX — A judge sentenced an illegal immigrant from Mexico to three years probation for his felony conviction on human smuggling charges.

Javier Ruiz Lopez was among the first group of migrants charged in Maricopa County under the state’s new anti-smuggling law. County Attorney Andrew Thomas has charged more than 200 people with conspiracy under the new law.

Ruiz, 33, of Los Mochis, Sinaloa, was convicted under the smuggling law July 12 in the first case to go to a jury trial. He was among a group of 48 people in two vans stopped by sheriff’s deputies March 2 in a remote southwestern part of the county. All were arrested.

Ruiz was the driver of one of the vans, and told a grand jury he wasn’t a smuggler but received a discount for driving the van.

Thomas said he was disappointed in the sentence handed down Tuesday.

“Coyotes should do some prison time,” he said.

Thomas has charged 232 immigrants with conspiracy under the new state law, drawing criticism from immigrant advocates who insist the law was never meant to be used against the customers of smugglers. Thomas has said his approach was needed for holding rank-and-file illegal immigrants accountable.

A judge has upheld the use of conspiracy to smuggle laws. Many of the migrants have taken plea deals and been deported.

But the judge who oversaw the Ruiz case threw out charges against two co-defendants, saying prosecutors didn’t provide substantial evidence that two or more immigrants had conspired to be smuggled.

Judge Thomas O’Toole also ordered Ruiz to leave the country, and warned him that returning would violate his probation and he could be sentenced to prison.

Which of These Costly Mistakes Will You Make When You Sell Your Santa Monica Home This Summer

BY JAMES COSTELLO AND
JOHN MCCORMACK

SANTA MONICA — A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

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increasingly less and less effective in today’s market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of home sellers don’t get what they want for their home and become disillusioned and — worse — financially disadvantaged when they put their home on the market.

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Back fire

Israeli airstrikes against Hezbollah continue, retaliation biggest yet

BY HAMZA HENDAWI

Associated Press Writer

BOURJ AL-MULOUK, Lebanon — Israel renewed airstrikes on Beirut's southern suburbs Thursday and an Israeli missile killed three people in a border village, a day after Hezbollah launched its biggest rocket barrage yet on the Jewish state.

The Shiite guerrillas retaliated by firing at least 132 rockets at northern Israel killing at least seven people in Acre and Maalot. It was the bloodiest day since eight people were killed July 16 near a train maintenance depot.

Three weeks into the conflict, six Israeli brigades were locked

in fighting with hundreds of Hezbollah guerrillas in southern Lebanon, and the battle looked likely to be long and bitter.

Lebanese Prime Minister Fuad Saniora said more than 900 people had been killed and 3,000 wounded, but he did not say whether the new figure included people missing.

More than 1 million people have been displaced, he said, adding that the fighting "is taking an enormous toll on human life and infrastructure, and has totally ravaged our country and shattered our economy."

At the United Nations, France circulated a revised resolution calling for an immediate cessation of Israeli-Hezbollah hostilities. It also spells out conditions for a lasting solution

to the crisis, including: deploying peacekeepers; creating a buffer zone in south Lebanon free of Hezbollah militants and Israeli troops; the release of two Israeli soldiers abducted by Hezbollah; and the "settlement of the issue of the Lebanese prisoners detained in Israel."

So far, Washington has resisted calls for a cease-fire without simultaneous steps to deploy peacekeepers and tackle Hezbollah's disarmament. France insists the fighting be halted first to pave the way for a wider peace. An emergency meeting of the Islamic world's biggest bloc demanded that the United Nations implement an immediate cease-fire and investigate what it called Israel's flagrant human rights violations.

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Washington	48	60	.444	17	
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St. Louis	58	48	.547	—	
Cincinnati	55	52	.514	3 1/2	
Houston	51	57	.472	8	
Milwaukee	51	57	.472	8	
Chicago	44	63	.411	141/2	
Pittsburgh	41	68	.376	181/2	
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San Diego	56	52	.519	—	
Arizona	55	52	.514	1/2	
Colorado	52	55	.486	3 1/2	
Dodgers	52	55	.486	3 1/2	
San Francisco	52	56	.481	4	
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Boston	64	42	.604	1/2	
Toronto	57	51	.528	8 1/2	
Baltimore	49	60	.450	17	
Tampa Bay	44	64	.407	211/2	
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Chicago White Sox (Garland 11-3) at Toronto (Halladay 13-2), 4:07 p.m.					
Boston (Schilling 13-4) at Tampa Bay (Shields 4-5), 4:15 p.m.					
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Atlanta (James 4-2) at Cincinnati (Harang 11-7), 4:10 p.m.					
Dodgers (Lowe 8-7) at Florida (Sanchez 4-1), 4:35 p.m.					
Milwaukee (Davis 6-6) at St. Louis (Carpenter 10-5), 5:10 p.m.					
Houston (Oswalt 8-7) at Arizona (Batista 9-5), 6:40 p.m.					
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Child’s play

Hall of Famer urges parents to let kids have fun

BY JOSH L. DICKEY
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — They are spraying instruction and encouragement across the diamond, arms folded and faces stern, reacting to pitches with a fist pump and a sharp “Yesss!” — or a frustrated stomp of the foot.

They are sports parents, peacefully taking in an early summer youth baseball game in Brooklyn’s Prospect Park, and they are behaving themselves.

Or so it would seem.

But the ideal sports parent doesn’t just keep in check all desires to berate the umpire, strangle the coach and belittle the rival players. If the absence of violence and derision is the new standard for civilized soccer moms and football dads, Hall of Fame shortstop Cal Ripken Jr. has some sobering news: That’s not good enough.

The real measure of our success, Ripken says, comes when the kids are doing what they’re supposed to — smiling, laughing and having a blast.

In “Parenting Young Athletes the Ripken Way: Ensuring the Best Experience for Your Kids in any Sport” (Gotham), the former Baltimore Orioles great argues for a youth sports experience driven not by trophies, scholarships and glory, but by building relationships, growing as a person and, most of all, enjoying it.

“Nothing will turn your child away faster from athletics than if you order, or demand, that he keep practicing,” Ripken writes.

“In fact, the truth is, when I was a kid playing sports, my own parents didn’t push activities onto me or my siblings at all.”

Having fun breeds passion, passion leads to dedication, and with that follows success. If it’s meant to be, recruiting letters — and, just maybe, fame — will take care of themselves.

Coming from anyone else, it might seem simplistic, even preachy. Not from Ripken, who developed his skills playing sandlot ball and went on to become a beacon of sports-manship, loyalty and excellence in an era when greed and selfishness were taking over professional sports.

Since he retired in 1991, baseball’s “Iron Man” has been raising — and coaching — his son and daughter in the tradition of his father, a minor and major league baseball skipper who managed his son’s team briefly in the late 1980s.

In fact, much of Ripken’s obviously sane advice runs contrary to every modern parent’s instinct to cheer wildly, coach from the bleachers and hustle the kids into the back-

yard for drills.

For example:

— It’s OK to root, Ripken says, but sideline silence is golden. Experiments with strict “quiet” rules revealed that the players were more apt to listen to their coach and communicate with each other on the field.

— Postgame performance critiques are almost never positive. Especially with the youngest children, who don’t absorb your coaching tips when they’re piling into the van. When there’s something that needs to be addressed, offer it later, in a “praise sandwich” — constructive criticism wedged between two bits of meaningful kudos.

Arguing that parents shouldn’t push their kids into practice, Ripken cites the example of the late Earl Woods, who, according to myth, mercilessly pushed his son. Truth is, the father asked Tiger every day if he wanted to hit golf balls. When the boy said no, his father simply put the clubs away while his son tottered off to play with his friends.

Dr. Joel Fish, director of the Center for Sport Psychology in Philadelphia and the author of “101 Ways to Be a Terrific Sports Parent,” said Ripken is right on target.

When kids enjoy a sport, he said, “the more likely they are to keep playing and get the life skills that sports have to offer: how to set goals, how to be part of a team, learning to persevere, celebrate victory, and graciously handle defeat.”

It’s especially important for parents to keep expectations reasonable when kids are 5 and 6, and first signing up for sports.

“At these very tender ages, most children have only the vaguest notion of the sport they’re going to play,” Ripken says. “They just know that (a) they’re going to be playing with their friends, (b) they’ll be wearing a shiny new uniform, and (c) mom and dad will be watching on the sidelines.”

Parents can have a big impact without even being aware of it. When your child makes a great play — or a mistake — the first place they look is into the stands.

“He sees you lower your head, wave your arms in disgust, or kick the dirt, and he instinctively recognizes that he has let you down,” Ripken writes.

Fish, a father of three, says he tries to be aware of his feelings at tense moments, and how he might be communicating them without knowing it.

“If I’m pacing the sidelines, I could’ve said all the right things before the game, but the kid still sees me and thinks, ‘Uh oh, Dad’s nervous.’ So instead, I give a thumbs-up, you’re with him, you’ve got her back, win, lose or draw.”

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CYCLING

Landis gears up

The attorney for cyclist Floyd Landis criticized the International Cycling Union for leaking the results of the Tour de France winner’s positive “A” sample drug test, saying it breached the organization’s own rules.

Results of the second or “B” sample are expected to be released Saturday.

Attorney Howard Jacobs said he was “troubled by the actions of the UCI and how they have spoken out about this case, which is in direct contravention of the UCI’s own rules and the World Anti-Doping Code.”

Landis showed a testosterone imbalance in an initial urine sample taken during the Tour de France. Both “A” and “B” samples were provided July 20 after he sped his way back into contention by winning a tough Alpine leg of the multi-stage race.

TRACK AND FIELD

Cream of crop?

An Oregon massage therapist who worked with Olympian Marion Jones and other elite athletes denied rubbing a cream containing testosterone on sprinter Justin Gatlin’s body.

Christopher Whetstine, who is under contract with Nike, was drawn into the Gatlin doping scandal by the sprinter’s coach, Trevor Graham. Gatlin faces a lifetime ban after failing a drug test in April following a track meet in Kansas.

Graham has contended Gatlin tested positive after a vengeful massage therapist used testosterone cream on the runner without his knowledge. In an Italian newspaper, Graham identified the massage therapist as Whetstine, who has a private practice in Eugene.

PRO BASKETBALL

Seeds of change

The NBA is changing the way teams are seeded in the postseason, looking to avoid the controversy that surrounded last season’s playoffs.

Under the change, the top four seeds — the three division winners and the second-place team with the best record — will be seeded according to their win-loss total, guaranteeing that the top two teams in each conference can’t meet until the conference finals, the league announced.

The NBA had given the top three seeds to division winners regardless of record, meaning a second-place team could not do better than the No. 4 seed, even if it had a better record than a division champion.



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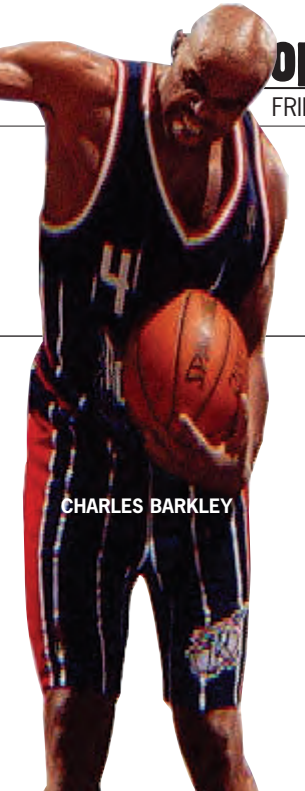
CHARLES BARKLEY always insisted he isn't a role model — but not everyone agrees. Certainly not the roughly 1,600 people who came to see Barkley as he visited the Basketball Hall of Fame for the first time Wednesday. Barkley, who would not come to the Hall of Fame before he was elected, toured the building and addressed the crowd before signing copies of his two most recent books, "I

May Be Wrong but I Doubt It" and "Who's Afraid of a Large Black Man?" "The last two books have been about social issues and things which mean more to me than the basketball stuff," said Barkley, the author of five books. "I want to talk about serious stuff and try to make a difference in these kids' lives." Barkley caused a stir when he did a Nike commercial in the 1990s saying that he was not a

role model. "I told kids to listen to their parents and I still believe that," the 11-time All-Star said. "That's probably the thing I'm most proud of in my 16 years in the NBA because it started a great nationwide debate." "I think he's an awesome role model," Baker said. "If he was governor, he would put money toward education and help young minority kids." Barkley has thought about

running for governor in his home state of Alabama, and although he has not officially announced his candidacy, it seems clear that he has his eye on politics. "My platform is very simple — we've got to improve the public school system in this country and we've got to make these neighborhoods safe," he said. "America discriminates against poor people. It's not just black and white."

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CHARLES BARKLEY



KATHARINE MCPHEE

McPhee to stay afoot on tour

KATHARINE MCPHEE, who joined the "American Idols Live" tour last week after a bout of bronchitis and laryngitis, has fractured her left foot. The "American Idol" runner-up tripped backstage before a performance Tuesday night in Charlotte, N.C., said Roger Widynowski, a representative for McPhee's record label, RCA.

However, McPhee was able to take the stage — wearing "slipper-sandals" — to sing two songs. She went to a hospital after the performance, and X-rays showed a hairline fracture in her left foot, Widynowski told The Associated Press on Thursday. Widynowski said McPhee is in "good" condition and will stay on the tour.

The 22-year-old singer missed the first few weeks of the tour because her doctor told her not to sing. She joined the tour in Washington on Friday. McPhee, known for her sultry looks and her cover of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," lost the most recent round of the Fox talent competition to Taylor Hicks.

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Back in the mix for Big Apple gig

JERMAINE DUPRI doesn't necessarily see the blending of two songs to create another as something new. "I've always mixed different music with other music (as a DJ)," said the top producer/performer. Dupri will do it once again as musical director for the Aug. 19 AmsterJam concert in New York City, where acts such as the Foo Fighters, LL Cool J. and Tom Petty will blend their music live onstage.

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Murray a gopher for OC Chopper gang

Try to imagine the motorcycle that **BILL MURRAY**'s classic "Caddyshack" character Carl Spackler would ride. Would it incorporate his love of greenskeeping, his hatred of gophers or his experiences as a "looper" for the Dalai Lama? Those were the sort of questions Murray and the guys of

Orange County Choppers had to ask themselves in fashioning a bike in the spirit of the beloved Spackler. Their efforts can be seen on Monday's episode of "American Chopper" on the Discovery Channel (10 p.m. EDT), with a second episode to follow the week after. "It was like it was (Carl's)

motorcycle, so it had a little bit of army surplus, a little bit of army ordinance and a little bit of greenskeeper," Murray said. The bike was auctioned at the sixth annual Murray Bros. Caddyshack Charity Golf Tournament in May. The highest bidder? Bill Murray.

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John Tucker Must Die (PG-13)
1:00, 3:20, 5:25, 7:50, 10:10
Miami Vice (R)
12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30, 6:15, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30
My Super Ex-Girlfriend (PG-13)
12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13)
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12:45, 4:00, 6:45, 9:45

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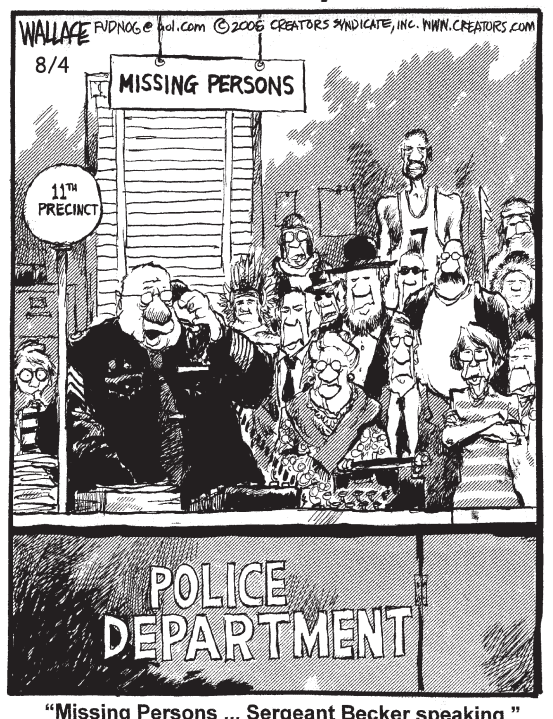
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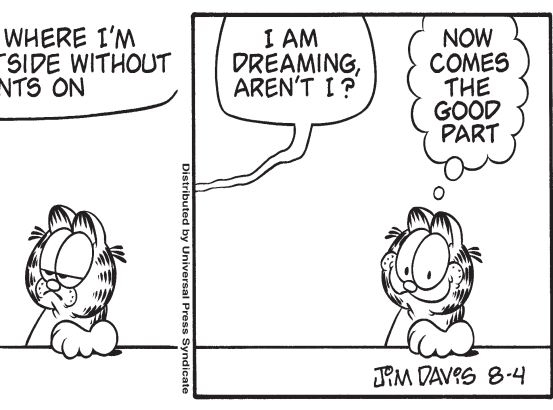
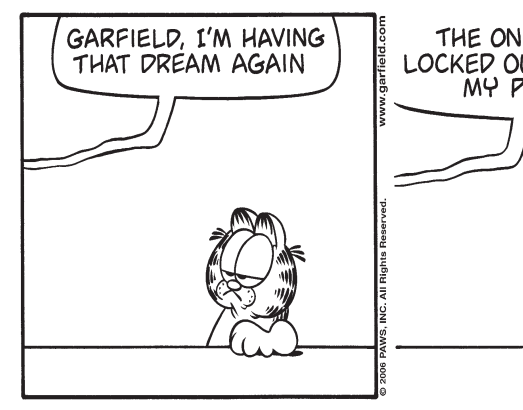
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Memorial mass to be held Saturday August 5, 2006 at 11:00 am at St. Stephen Catholic Church, 3705 Woodlawn Ave, L.A. Ca 90011.

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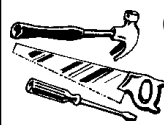
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