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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Toning up one's body is apparently a need that unites diverse soldiers in America's so-called culture war. In July, USA Today profiled the Lord's Gym in the West Palm Beach suburb of Greenacres, catering to devout Christians (sales pitch: "Your body is a temple for Christ"), where mothers say they can bring their teenage daughters without men ogling them. But in April, Reuters profiled a "Slaverise" class in New York City, where dominatrix "Mistress Victoria" led her clients through punishing fitness and weight-loss routines while wielding an intimidating riding crop.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Golf is the most fun you can have without taking your clothes off."

— Chi Chi Rodriguez



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John Wood/Daily Press

Maurice Farzam, owner of the Holiday Motel on Pico Boulevard, has been arrested and charged with ten criminal counts. Neighbors applauded the move.

Pico Blvd. motel owner arrested for pimping

Neighbors have complained for years

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

A Santa Monica man has been arrested for allegedly running a prostitution ring out of his Pico Boulevard motel. But the motel owner, whose arrest capped a lengthy police investigation, says he's a victim of guilt by association.

Maurice Farzam, owner of the Holiday Motel at 1102 Pico Blvd., has been charged with 10 criminal counts of pimping, theft, fraud and causing a public nuisance.

Farzam is free on \$200,000 bond. He said Tuesday he is innocent.

"They found some hookers that probably had a room here or there that needed

to look good and would say anything," said Farzam, an Iranian immigrant and father of four who lives north of San Vicente Boulevard. "This is all about hearsay. The whole case."

Farzam, who has owned the hotel for 18 years, said he is being targeted by police because of a string of incidents earlier this year involving a group of loud tenants who refused to leave. He said he received numerous complaints from neighbors and police, but that it took him months to finally have the group evicted.

The group apparently used drugs and brought prostitutes to the motel, said Farzam, who added that since he was able to evict them in May the motel has been quiet and safe.

But a handful of neighbors insisted

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Local developer to revitalize Brentwood Country Mart

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Re-opening the post office was one of James Rosenfield's first steps at old market.

A Santa Monica developer recently purchased the Brentwood Country Mart, hoping to bring the once-thriving retail center back to life.

James Rosenfield plans to attract more owner-operated businesses and re-open the Bristol Farms market with up to a dozen small grocers. The gourmet food hall will include fine cheeses, a seafood market, a butcher and other specialty items.

"I do want to bring it back to its original state."

— JAMES ROSENFELD
Santa Monica developer

Rosenfield, who also owns the Aero Theatre and is a member of the city's historic preservation commission, bought the complex in January from John E. Anderson, the namesake of UCLA's Anderson Business School. Rosenfield wouldn't say how much he paid for the property, except that it was a multi-million dollar deal.

The 30,000-square-foot mall — located at

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Samohi teachers settle grievance with district

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

A grievance over the future of Santa Monica High School, which pitted more than 50 teachers against administrators, has been resolved, officials announced Tuesday.

Two days of mediation resulted in a compromise that allows the fall redesign at Samohi to move forward but gives teachers more control over how it happens.

"Some people will be pleased and some may not be," said Harry Keiley, president of the local chapter of the Classroom Teachers Association, the teacher union. "But this was the best possible solution to a very complicated problem."

Samohi will divide its 3,400-student school into six smaller schools starting this fall. Proponents say the new arrangement will improve learning and allow teachers to spend more one-on-one time with students because class sizes will be reduced.

As part of the compromise, a committee of six teachers, Samohi Principal Dr. Ilene Straus, four additional administrators, one school employee and one student will monitor the redesigned school.

How the school handles its scheduling and student advisors, among other issues, will be

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Creativity is your middle name this year. Much emanates from you — be it ideas, adventures or just intriguing interactions. Do be careful with funds, as you have drawn the wild card as far as dealing with others. You personally witness financial profit through a pay raise, promotion or good investments. You also become more in touch with what you have to offer as a human being. Your confidence builds. If you are single, you tend to have your way with others. You might not want to make a formal commitment just yet. You might not be aware of all the facets of this person's personality. If you are attached, your relationship will build, though you do need to handle the finances. SAGITTARIUS electrifies your energy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Though you might have a few words for different people, you feel more in control. The unexpected occurs, causing you to step back and analyze what is going down. Think outside the box. Use your innate ingenuity. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Dealing with certain people could be even more frustrating than usual. The patient Bull might even lose his or her temper. Stay with the people you can count on. Deal with others individually rather than as a group. Check out an investment. Tonight: Make togetherness a theme.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Others won't hesitate to criticize you in their attempt to have you think like they do. Right now, avoid putting yourself in a pressure cooker. Bosses could be unpredictable and touchy. Just go along with the program, please. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You understand a lot more than you realize. While others could be touchy or even combative with information that you put forth, concentrate on what you want to get done. Refuse to push too hard. Remember, you also need a break. Tonight: Off to the gym.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Others could be explosive. Allow yourself to steer clear of someone in your immediate circle. Use your creativity to clear off your desk and get past an immediate hassle or two. If you keep your sense of humor, you will be able to handle all emotional ramifications. Tonight: Kick up your heels as only you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Keep reaching out to others despite what might be going on around you. Associates have an unpredictable and somewhat volatile style to them. You can snip and argue all you want, but the result will be a dead end. Tonight: Be smart. Do your own thing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Establish limits within your immediate circle. You might need to screen calls if there is any possibility of getting the job done. Make the calls you want, but stay clear of office politics if possible. Curb a tendency to overworry. Tonight: Hang at a favorite spot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Know when to risk. Emotionally, a situation could be provocative. Avoid fighting and refuse to think only inside the box. Break patterns, and you'll find that a relationship or creative endeavor benefits. Tonight: Forget either-or situations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You might be the personality kid of the zodiac, but at the same time, you could get involved in a pressured either-or situation. Refuse to get caught in the crosswinds. It might not be worth it. Use your strength to move out of the steam. Tonight: Do what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ What you hear might have you running for the hills. You see how very differently an associate or partner handles funds and emotional situations. Rather than reacting, attempt to help revamp this person's thinking by asking questions. Don't be challenging. Tonight: Talk to a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You could be causing yourself more of a problem than necessary. Rein in your finances and make what you want happen. Examine more carefully the possibilities at hand. Don't delude yourself. You cannot continue to proceed as you have been. Tonight: Hang with your pals.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Take charge of a situation and move within. How you see others could be slightly distorted at the moment. You could feel quite pressured by what goes on. Let go of judgments. Just get done what you must. Evaluate later. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

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LOCAL



Church window smashed



Patrick Kinmartin/Daily Press

Dr. Gene Melton examines a broken window at the First Christian Church of Santa Monica, located at 609 Arizona Ave. The window was smashed over the weekend by a brick. The church is offering a \$500 reward for information related to the brick thrower. Information can be reported to the church by calling (310) 393-6787.

Blue bus schedules to change

By Daily Press staff

Schedules for the Big Blue Bus will be changing soon.

To find out more about the changes, attend a Saturday meeting held for the public by the Big Blue Bus.

The meeting will be held at the Ken Edwards Center, located on Fourth Street between Colorado Boulevard and Broadway from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The following is a brief review of the changes that will go into effect in September:

Line 3: This line will have a completely new weekend schedule.

Saturday changes include 15-minute frequency from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. between Santa Monica, LAX and the Metro Green Line.

Sunday changes include an earlier start of service from the Metro Green Line and 15-minute frequency from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. between Santa Monica, LAX and the Metro Green Line.

Line 4: The route will be extended to the Santa Monica Civic Center.

Line 7: The weekend schedule will be revised to improve on-time performance.

Line 12: There will be later service from UCLA to Palms every evening. The daily schedule will be revised to improve on-time performance.

UCLA Ackerman Commuter: The route will be extended to Palms and National Boulevards. There will be a new schedule with expanded hours of service.

On Thursday, Aug. 21, the summer-long Twilight Dance Series free concert at the pier will be the official "Big Blue Bus Birthday Bash," celebrating 75 years of service in Santa Monica.

The concert features one of the earliest Rock-N-Roll Hall of Fame inductees, The Platters! The so-called world's largest cake also will be offered, made by The Culinary Art Institute of California-Los Angeles.

surf report

The SW we've been enjoying will continue to fade throughout Wednesday, bringing waist-high sets at the best breaks.

OUTLOOK: Mild NW in the background. Expect a new SW on the 11th, continuing the three-to-four-foot surf.

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

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MONDAY	8:09	1.4	10:05	1.5	2:08	3.9	3:02	5.2
TUESDAY	9:01	2.0	11:35	0.9	3:52	3.3	4:01	5.5
WEDNESDAY	10:10	2.4	N/A	N/A	5:55	3.2	5:05	5.8
THURSDAY	12:47	0.2	(11:29)	2.7	7:28	3.5	6:07	6.1
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Frustrated with not having enough parking available during the Main Street Farmers Market on Sundays, some merchants have suggested that City Hall open the beach lots to market patrons for free.

The beach lots directly off of Main Street would be available for market shoppers free of charge from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., under the Main Street Merchants Association proposal. Apparently City Hall officials were receptive to the idea earlier this year, but the proposal has stalled.

This week, Q-Line wants to know, "Should the beach lots be available for the Main Street Farmers Market? If not, what should be done about the lack of parking on Main Street on Sundays?"

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OPINION

LETTERS

Mentally ill shouldn't be on the streets

Editor:

Last Saturday afternoon on busy Lincoln Boulevard coming out of JoAnns Fabrics, my 6-year-old granddaughter and I were walking toward Santa Monica Boulevard, all excited about the cat we were going to sew together.

A heavyset woman passed us and walked ahead. About 10 feet in front of us, traffic and a restaurant, she squatted down, lifted her dress, fully exposing her very ample rear end and proceeded to move her bowels. I'm sure the people having lunch in the restaurant behind her were thrilled by the sight. If it's disgusting to read about, it certainly was more disgusting to see in person. Imagine how my lovely granddaughter felt. She was shocked and appalled, as I was. My granddaughter has been taught to share and give to people and animals who need help, but this woman needed to be off the public street and in a place where she can be properly cared for.

The place for homeless people with mental problems and alcohol/drug problems is in mental institutions and treatment programs.

We made our biggest mistake back in the 1980s when the government, led by Ronald Reagan, decided that the place for mental patients was in the community. And in the community, they were lost with little help or follow up. And then of course we had Nancy Reagan spearhead the "just say no" campaign. What a good idea. No need to spend money on treatment programs. We could cut the mental health funding way back. Just say no.

I used to work for one of the largest psychiatric VA hospitals in the U.S. It had over 2,000 beds. It wasn't perfect, but these veterans had a place to sleep, food, work programs, medication, medical care and staff who cared about them. I used to wonder what would happen to these men and women if the VA Hospital wasn't there. Now I know. I step over them daily.

I don't know how to solve the problem but more and more qualified inpatient treatment centers are a start. Surely in this country we can afford it. Our present government would much rather spend billions and billions on wars and then pour billions and billions more into countries who all hate us.

If we have to dig deeper, I would like to see the U.S. government pour a little more tax dollars into our schools, protecting the environment and taking care of the people

who no longer can care for themselves. When our highest priority becomes our future, which is our children and the environment, I will feel that at last I am being taxed for the good of the country. Personally, I can't wait until November 2004.

Marilyn Brennan
Santa Monica



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Gray Davis recall not just a Republican conspiracy



INCITES

By Ed Silverstein

Many Democrats have expressed outrage over the effort to recall Gov. Gray Davis. A Los Angeles Times editorial on July 24 decries the recall as "the creature of the dollars and political ego of Rep. Darrell Issa." Bill Maher argues in his LA Times column in the same edition that once we elect an official "we should not be allowed to recall them unless they run off with public funds or are caught with kiddie porn."

He complains that it is unfair to blame Gov. Davis for a bad economy caused by the bursting of the technology bubble, the airline industry collapse and an energy crisis caused by, among others, Enron. While in principle this is correct, the reality is quite different.

While it may be true that Gov. Davis was not responsible for the economic

downturn, he is responsible for loading the budget with special interest items and political payoffs. A case in point is the prison guard's union.

After receiving \$250,000 in contributions, Gov. Davis gave the prison guards salary and benefit increases totaling over \$500 million. He also called for the elimination of the privately owned prisons. This was only weeks before announcing a state budget deficit in the billions. Obviously Gov. Davis thought it was more important to satisfy a big donor rather than protect the fiscal health of his state.

Gov. Davis would have us believe that he was unaware that the state was in such dire straits which is about as credible as President Bush claiming he was only quoting British intelligence when he claimed Iraq was trying to buy uranium from Africa. The alternative is that Gov. Davis' administration was operating at a level of such gross incompetence that they should be removed from office.

Gov. Davis' handling of the energy crisis was also dismal. He showed a total lack of spine and an inability to act quickly or decisively. Ultimately he panicked and burdened the state with outrageously

overpriced long-term energy contracts. And again, we must question his motives and priorities. A look at his donor list shows that energy providers were well represented. Thus the obvious question is whether Gov. Davis tempered his response to the crisis and/or entered into exorbitant contracts out of concern for the state or his own presidential ambitions.

And while Gov. Davis can't be held in any way accountable for the collapse of the airline industry, his actions showed a total lack of character. Soon after Sept. 11, Gov. Davis hit the airwaves to reassure Californians and tourists that it was safe to fly. But even as he was beseeching us to travel, he was negotiating to lease a private jet. Why? Because he didn't feel that commercial flights were safe for his own travel. And of course, the jet was going to be leased from one of his big campaign donors.

Even now Gov. Davis is putting his own needs above those of the state. A recent article in the LA Weekly reports that he has made a secret deal with tribal gaming concerns. According to the Weekly, Gov. Davis has agreed not to push for more gambling revenue for the state from tribal casinos if they would

help oppose the recall.

As a Democrat I am deeply frustrated by the dirty tricks, bullying and unrelenting partisanship displayed by Republicans both in California and Washington. And in many respects I believe this recall effort is an attempt by Issa and Republicans to circumvent the electoral process. But an even greater concern is that government at every level has been hijacked by big money and our representatives have been unable or unwilling to enact meaningful campaign finance reform. This has left voters with no other option but to embrace draconian measures such as a recall.

Gov. Davis has failed to lead, shown a lack of character and put his own ambitions above the needs of the state. While he might not have literally run off with public funds, giving them away to further his own career, particularly in light of the massive budget crisis, is nearly on par. For these reasons Gov. Davis should either resign or be recalled.

(Ed Silverstein is a freelance writer living in Santa Monica. Send campaign contributions and comments to: edsincites@aol.com).

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REAL ESTATE

The Action Apartment Assoc. defends landlords



DAYS ON THE MARKET

By Jodi Summers

The Action Apartment Association is an organization dedicated to preserving the rights of property owners in Santa Monica. It was established in 1979, shortly after rent control laws went into effect. The association is there for anyone who owns a property affected by rent control laws.

"It really is the only game in town for an apartment building owner," said current association president Gordon Gitlen, esq. "The Santa Monica rent control board has very limited knowledge and resources, they're not designed to be an unbiased agency. They are designed to assist the tenant. If the owner is looking for assistance, they're generally not going to receive it from the rent control board. They have to find the information out on their own. The action apartment association helps with that process."

The AAA declares itself to be a full-service trade association representing the approximately 3,000 multi-unit owners in Santa Monica, as well as the entire Westside of Los Angeles. They offer free legal forms — many in both English and Spanish — an owner's hotline to answer questions, and inexpensive credit and eviction reports.

Most importantly, they represent the owner's point of view and will fight to represent the needs of property owners on the Westside.

"Most recently, Action Apartment Association filed suit against the city of Santa Monica claiming that the Rent Control Board's new regulation requiring landlords to pay interest on security deposits is unconstitutional," Gitlen said. "The Court of Appeals agreed with the Action Apartment Association and struck down the requirement to pay 3 percent interest on security deposits — even though they didn't get 3 percent at any bank. The rent control board then revoked its regulation and was then held responsible for the damages they forced landlords to pay. We figured it was at least \$3 million that the landlords had to pay in interest to tenants. Then we filed motion for attorney's fees. And the court awarded us \$200,000 against the city of Santa Monica. Now Santa Monica has to pay back to the Action Apartment Association."

The hot topic of the moment around the AAA is mold.

"What we have found in many cases is the tenant is living in a unit and they do not mention to the landlord that there is a dripping washing machine, a dripping

dishwasher, a pipe or a roof leak," Gitlen said. "Months go by. Eventually the landlord discovers that there is a water seepage problem and mold has grown because the tenant has failed to report it at the earliest possible moment. Mold is dangerous and causes a lot of damage."

"Insurance companies do not cover mold, so there is a lot of mold litigation," he added. "It's the fastest growing area of property damage. It has now replaced what used to be one of the biggest areas of litigation — asbestos. So mold has become a serious topic."

"The Santa Monica rent control board has very limited knowledge and resources, they're not designed to be an unbiased agency."

— GORDON GITLEN
Current association president

Action Apartment Association dues are approximately \$200 a year. The AAA board of directors currently features president Gitlen, vice president Carl Lambert, secretary Arlee Hains, treasurer Wendie Olshan and executive director Gwen Wunder. AAA offers credit reporting, labor referrals, answers and gives knowledge about current laws throughout the state and throughout the city. The offices are located at 2812 Santa Monica Blvd. The telephone number is (310) 828-7628. The Web site address is <http://www.action-vam.com>. Their monthly magazine features articles on how to run buildings more efficiently and how to best protect your real estate investment. Monthly meetings present guest speakers sharing information about legislation, court cases, local ordinances, rent control, "Owner Beware" tips, tax laws and credit checks. Meetings are held the first Monday of every month, presently at the Roosevelt Elementary School auditorium at Lincoln Boulevard and Montana Avenue at 7:30 p.m.

"The law in Santa Monica changes virtually every month," Gitlen said. "The Santa Monica Rent Control Board can pass a regulation at any one of its meetings that just changes the rules of the game. It's difficult to keep up, but if you're in the business, you have to know what your game is."

(If you would like to receive more information of interest to property owners, please e-mail Jodi Summers at jodis@boardwalkrealty.com, or call at (310) 309-4219).

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LOCAL

Santa Monica's first post office to re-open Friday

COUNTRY MART, from page 1

26th Street and San Vicente Boulevard, with a distinctive red barn design — had been all but abandoned in recent years. Its anchor businesses, like the food market, post office and candy store, had closed, while current tenants barely hung on because business was so slow.

Rosenfield plans to spend about a year restoring the center at a cost of about \$2 million. The aging retail center is currently about 35 percent empty, with about 45 merchants operating.

The idea is to bring the mart back to a community-serving shopping destination, featuring Santa Monica's oldest post office, a shoe repair shop, a barbershop and many original tenants who have been at the center since it was built in 1948 when Brentwood was first developed.

Rosenfield hopes to persuade some of the old tenants to come back, as well as bring in high-end shops like a fine women's clothing store and unique offerings to create "the ultimate shopping environment." He said about six spaces still need to be filled and the 9,000-square-foot food market will be ready by next May.

The country mart borders Santa Monica and Brentwood, which is attractive for many residents who live in the affluent neighborhood where the average median household income is more than \$250,000 a year.

Brentwood Hills resident Elsa Schlundt said she used to regularly meet her friend at the country mart but when certain shops left, she stopped coming. But she was back on Tuesday with her friend, Cato Roos, who lives in Westwood.

"We missed the post office," Schlundt said. "We haven't been here much lately."

Rosenfield said he's been trying to buy the shopping center from Anderson for 15 years, but Anderson, who bought the property in 1971, didn't want to sell.

"John is a buyer, not a seller," Rosenfield said. "I never asked the right question before which is, 'Can I lease it?'"

Anderson owns the land, and Rosenfield owns the buildings and has a 60-year ground lease.

Rosenfield's fondness of the country mart dates back more than three decades, when he went there daily for barbecue chicken at Reddi Chick, which has been in business at the center for more than 50 years.

Rosenfield, 41, took the beach bus with his friends from Sherman Oaks to Santa Monica every day, passing the country mart. If it was cloudy, they would stop for chicken in a basket.

"I fell in love with the experience," he said. "It's sort of a dream come true for me ... It's rewarding on two levels because of the dream and hope of preserving it and I make money at the same time."

"I'm the luckiest guy in the world."

Despite that, the country mart's condition and vacancy was at an all-time low when he bought it. Rosenfield's vision is similar to those who built it.

Anderson originally bought the country mart to turn it into a Vons grocery store, but neighborhood protests shot the plan down. Market operators rotated in and out, but eventually it lost its attraction. Bristol Farms was the last to occupy the space, which takes up one third of the entire property.

"I think the market leaving was a blow



Photo courtesy of James Rosenfield

The patio of the Brentwood Country Mart hasn't changed much since the shopping center was built in 1948. This photo was taken in the 1950s.



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

The old food market at the Brentwood Country Mart has been closed for three years. New owner James Rosenfield plans to attract up to a dozen vendors for a new gourmet food hall that will include a butcher and a seafood market, among other specialty items. The market should be ready by next May.

and I think the post office closing was a blow," Rosenfield said. "There wasn't a clear direction of where it was going but we are very specific in our vision."

Rosenfield, who is president of J.S. Rosenfield & Co., buys retail centers all over the country and renovates them. Somewhat of a history buff and a preservationist, Rosenfield couldn't think of a better retail center to renovate than the country mart because of its distinctive New England village style and its rich history.

"I do want to bring it back to its original state," he said. "The bones of it are so cool and what's so charming about the country mart is its human scale."

Hansel & Gretel, a children's clothing store that opened at the country mart 30 years ago suffered when the grocery store closed three years ago.

"It was dead," employee Jackie Dickstein said. "The closing of the market definitely cut back on traffic through here."

Although the post office has been open again for about a month, Rosenfield plans to celebrate the re-opening of Santa Monica Substation No. 1 on Friday by kicking off the country mart's first annual "Rodeo Day."

The day will consist of old fashioned activities like pony rides, a cookie bake-off, a visit from Nickelodeon's "Sponge Bob," and an evening jazz concert. The festivities will begin at 9 a.m. and last throughout the evening.

The 100-square-foot mailroom served the neighborhood for nearly 55 years before closing in 2002 and is Santa Monica's first post office.

LOCAL



Local motel owner faces ten criminal charges

MOTEL, from page 1

Tuesday that problems at the Holiday Motel have existed for years.

"You see fancy cars pull up, a hand-over, and then they leave," said one eight-year neighborhood resident whose garage backs up to the motel. "Obviously fancy cars aren't staying there."

The resident, who along with several other neighbors asked not to be identified, said the motel had quieted down recently. Still, she said prostitute sightings are not uncommon and she's hoping to see the motel torn down.

A woman who identified herself only as "Missy" said she's seen problems at the Holiday Hotel when she walks her two dogs in the relatively quiet neighborhood near the intersection of 11th Street and Pico Boulevard.

"It's not like the prostitutes walk around the neighborhood with their butts hanging out," she said. "But everyone around realizes it and it's definitely a little disturbing to know they're around. But what are you gonna do? It's not like you can just hose them down."

The rooms, which command \$50 to \$55 a night, are occupied from as little as one night to as long as a week, Farzam said. He added that he no longer accepts long-term tenants because they are difficult to evict and often cause problems.

Farzam said police used the allegation that he dealt drugs out of the office to obtain a search warrant even though they knew he never used or dealt drugs. Asked if his tenants frequently use drugs in their motel rooms, Farzam replied, "Maybe, but it's not about me. I don't know that. Their business is their business and my business is my business."

Police served the search and arrest warrants on Farzam on July 30. Farzam's arrest ended a year-long investigation, according to a statement from Santa Monica Police Department Lt. Frank Fabrega.

Five agencies were involved in the investigation, which also targeted the hotel for a variety of building code viola-

tions. Police investigators conducted a follow-up search at Farzam's home.

The investigation was prompted by a lengthy history of resident complaints mostly involving prostitution, illegal drug activity, and nuisance violations. Over the past four years, police received over 150 calls pertaining to the Holiday Motel, according to Fabrega.

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— "MISSY"
Neighborhood resident

Farzam was charged Friday with two counts of maintaining a disorderly house, three counts of creating a public nuisance, three counts of credit card theft, one count of accepting a fraudulent signature on a credit card and one count of accepting stolen property.

He said he's in the process of retaining a lawyer.

"I do respect and want to do everything the city wants me to do," Farzam said. "We have to do what we have to do and hopefully the problem will go away."

(Daily Press Staff Writer Patrick Kinmartin contributed to this report.)

Committee to monitor Santa Monica High School redesign

SAMOHI, from page 1

dealt with by the committee. If the committee decides to, it can put any change up for a teacher vote, where it must receive the support of 70 percent of the teachers.

Keiley said he is cautiously optimistic the redesign will move forward smoothly.

"We believe that meaningful school reform should be embraced by the teachers union and by teachers," Keiley said. "However, there are a myriad of external factors that adversely affect student achievement."

Keiley said the union and Samohi teachers will monitor the redesign to make sure it accomplishes what administrators predict it will. He said it is too

early to tell what kind of issues may arise.

More than one third of Samohi teachers signed on to the grievance in May. They alleged the school district violated its contract with the union by failing to properly include them in its plans for the redesign.

If it had not been resolved through mediation, the grievance would have gone to arbitration for a decision.

Superintendent John Deasy said he is looking forward to working with students and teachers to continue to improve education at the high school.

"I'm really appreciative of the work we did collectively to improve the quality of education for students at Samohi," he said. "It was a thoughtful process."

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CALIFORNIA BRIEFS

Democrats consider endorsing another candidate

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Senate Democrats spent Monday wrestling with whether they should endorse putting an alternate candidate on the October recall ballot, saying the future of the state Democratic Party is at stake.

They're concerned "about whether or not putting all the eggs in one basket makes sense," said Senate President Pro Tem John Burton, D-San Francisco.

Several weeks ago, all Democratic statewide elected officials pledged support for Gov. Gray Davis and said they did not intend to run on a recall ballot. That would leave only a series of Republicans, little-known Democrats and other minor candidates as alternatives to Davis on the two-part ballot.

Since then, some prominent Democrats have questioned the wisdom of that strategy. "It is my sense that not everybody, but a lot of the Democratic leadership, does think that there needs to be a strong Democratic choice on question two, and that the search is actively under way," Democratic strategist Darryl Sragow said.

State Sen. Don Perata, D-Oakland, one of the 17 Democratic senators attending Monday's meeting, said senators were concerned about Republicans going unchallenged on the recall ballot.

"That's the thing that all of us as elected officials recognize, is that we have a lot at stake here that has nothing to do with the future of a Democratic governor and everything to do with the future of the party," he said.

Fire starter sentenced to jail

By The Associated Press

FRESNO — A Bakersfield woman who last summer started the worst fire in Sequoia National Forest's recorded history was formally sentenced Monday to serve 18 months behind bars.

Peri Dare Van Brunt wept as U.S. District Judge Robert Coyle confirmed the sentence she agreed to in a deal with federal prosecutors.

The guilty plea to three misdemeanor charges also included restitution, which Coyle said he would deal with later.

The U.S. Forest Service wants \$148 million, the cost of battling the huge fire, and private citizens affected by the fire also have filed claims.

Van Brunt admitted lighting a camp fire without a permit on July 21, 2002, so she could cook some hot dogs. She lost control of the fire, which eventually burned across 150,000 acres.

The flames destroyed three homes, a lodge and four commercial structures.

Van Brunt, who has a prior record of drug convictions, was jailed in April after violating terms of her release on bail by testing positive for drugs.

Woman finds out her father is a priest

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Twenty-year-old Jacqueline Milla grew up believing that her father was a priest. Now she knows it's true.

Milla and her attorney announced the results of a court-ordered paternity test Monday at the entrance to Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral in downtown Los Angeles. The test found that her father was a priest named Valentine Tugade, one of seven priests Rita Milla, Jacqueline's mother, says she had sex with.

"He may have been called 'father' in church, but he was no father to me," Jacqueline Milla said.

Rita Milla didn't know who the father of her child was when she became pregnant in 1980.

An observant Catholic who had planned on one day becoming a nun, Rita Milla had long claimed she was molested by Father Santiago Tamayo of St. Philomena Church in Carson when she was 16. After she turned 18, she engaged in sexual intercourse with Tamayo and he introduced her to six other priests, whom she alleges she also had sex with.

Tamayo publicly apologized to Rita Milla in 1991 and admitted he had sex with her. He died of a heart attack in 1999.

Peter Manning, Tugade's attorney, did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment Monday.

California's credit rating lowered

By The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — A second bond rating agency lowered California's credit rating Monday, saying the \$99 billion budget signed into law Saturday doesn't do enough to trim the state's long-term debt.

Though the state already has the nation's lowest credit rating, Gov. Gray Davis' finance director said he was pleased Moody's didn't chop the rating to near junk-bond status, as Standard & Poor's did on July 24.

A better rating means millions of dollars in lower interest costs on the billions of dollars the state needs to borrow to stay afloat, said Finance Director Steve Peace. Peace said he is "cautiously optimistic" the nation's third major agency, Fitch Ratings, will keep the state's rating at investment grade as well.

Moody's Investors Service downgraded the rating on \$29 billion in state's general obligation bonds from A2 to A3, and from A3 to Baa1 on \$5 billion in lease-backed debt.

The firm said further downgrades are possible, particularly if legal challenges delay the state's borrowing plans.

NATIONAL



Despite idyllic setting, paradise still needs marketing

BY B.J. REYES
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — Marketing Hawaii sounds like an easy sell: perpetual warmth, a welcoming ocean and mile after mile of sun-drenched beach.

But pitching Hawaii's natural assets doesn't seem to be enough to get people on a plane and out to the islands anymore.

"The stereotype is sand, sun, surf," said Frank Haas, marketing director for the Hawaii Tourism Authority, whose contracting efforts for marketing the islands has come under harsh criticism recently. "We need to tell people all the wonderful things that are here beyond the beaches — the art, the culture."

"If we don't do that, the consumer has lots of options and they'll go to places that are closer to home and less expensive."

At a time when wanderlust is tempered with fears of terrorism and an uncertain global political climate, Hawaii and other destinations that rely heavily on tourism are finding it tougher and tougher to win visitors over.

"You're constantly looking for new markets and ways to maximize your impact in traditional markets," said Tom Flanigan, spokesman for Visit Florida, the private nonprofit charged with promoting the Sunshine State.

Such marketing isn't cheap.

According to the Travel Industry Association of America, states planned to spend an estimated \$554 million for travel and tourism development and promotion in fiscal year 2002-03.

Hawaii leads the way at \$56 million, followed by Illinois at \$49.7 million and Pennsylvania at \$35.1 million, according to the Washington-based industry group.

"To change people's minds about Hawaii does take money," Haas said.

How Hawaii markets itself has come under close scrutiny lately.

The Hawaii Tourism Authority last month announced the breakup of its primary marketing contract, which traditionally was held by the century-old Hawaii Visitors & Convention Bureau.

The breakup came about after a scathing state auditor's report that said the visitors bureau had "run amok" with state funds. The bureau's top executive resigned.

Tourism authority officials said the audit played no role in its decision to divide the main \$35 million contract among the visitors bureau and four foreign companies to market Hawaii throughout North America, Asia, Europe and Australia and New Zealand. The state agency, as early as September, began considering separate regional marketing contracts to break up the visitors bureau's long-held monopoly, officials said.

Critics of the breakup, including Gov. Linda Lingle,

have questioned whether five agencies will be able to deliver a unified message promoting Hawaii. But regardless of how it's done, Hawaii, like other states, needs to be aggressive at marketing research and promotion, according to one analyst.

"They absolutely have to," said Pauline Sheldon, a professor of tourism at the University of Hawaii's School of Travel Industry Management. "There's really no way that, in today's competitive market, you can just sit back and wait for people to come to your destination."

Visit Florida's Flanigan agreed.

"People don't automatically go anywhere," he said, "especially when times are tough."

Flanigan noted that Jamaica spent \$70 million in tourism promotion last year, compared to \$19.3 million spent by Florida.

"If anyone wants any proof of what happens when a

state, or any destination, decides to totally defund its tourism marketing effort, take a look at Colorado," he said.

In 1993, voters in that state, home of such skiing Meccas as Vail and Aspen, rejected a tax for tourism marketing and promotion. Since then, Colorado has lost an estimated \$2.3 billion in annual tourism spending, according to an October 2001 report on the state of its visitor industry. From 1992 to 2000, the state's share of the national tourism market dropped from 2.7 percent to 1.8 percent, according to research firm Longwoods International.

Funding wasn't restored until 2000, when lawmakers approved about \$6 million from the state's general fund to promote tourism, said Stephen Szapor, chairman of the board of the Colorado Tourism Office. Since then, the state has spent an average of \$6 million a year on promotion and has seen its market share grow to 2.1 percent in 2001 and 2.2 percent in 2002, Szapor said.



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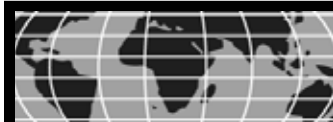
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WORLD BRIEFLY

Nigerian soldiers arrive in Liberia

By The Associated Press

MONROVIA, Liberia — Guns at the ready, Nigerian soldiers leapt out of helicopters and raced to positions around Monrovia's airport, the first of a long-awaited force hoping to quell fighting between rebels and government forces in Liberia.

President Charles Taylor reportedly assured Nigerian officials that he would leave Liberia as pledged soon after he cedes power on Aug. 11.

American Marines were offshore in two warships, and it still wasn't clear whether they would come ashore. In Washington, a senior U.S. official said on condition of anonymity that there is "certainly the possibility, maybe even a probability" that Marines will be sent ashore.

The Nigerian troops who arrived Monday were greeted by overjoyed crowds who surged onto the rain-slicked tarmac at the airport outside Monrovia. The 198 Nigerian soldiers are the first of what will be a 3,250-strong force.

But the troops' arrival Monday did not end the fighting — the sound of gunfire echoed from Liberia's ruined capital. For much of the day, Liberian rebels and Taylor's troops battled across the Old Bridge, separating the capital's rebel-held island port and the government's downtown stronghold.

'Road map' reaches tough spot

By The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan hit a rough patch after a Palestinian shooting attack wounded four Israelis and Palestinians reacted with scorn to Israel's decision to release some 440 Palestinian prisoners.

Palestinian sources said Tuesday that the Palestinians, angry because Israel's list contained few long-serving detainees, called off a summit between

premier Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Israel also said it had scrapped the meeting, which was reportedly planned to coincide with the prisoners' release on Wednesday, because of the shooting attack, Israeli media reported. Israeli officials had no immediate comment.

Vote to confirm gay bishop postponed

By The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — A vote by Episcopal leaders on whether to confirm the church's first openly gay elected bishop was derailed in the 11th hour as allegations questioning both his name and reputation surfaced.

Just as bishops convened Monday to consider approving the Rev. V. Gene Robinson, allegations that he inappropriately touched a man were lobbed at the candidate and he came under scrutiny for his connection to a Web site that can indirectly link users to pornography.

Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold said Robinson, with current New Hampshire Bishop Douglas Theuner and representatives of his diocese, decided together "that a thorough investigation be undertaken before we proceed."

The decision threw the national church meeting into turmoil, after several days of intense debate over whether Robinson's election would strengthen or shatter the church.

Neither Robinson nor his spokesman, Mike Barwell, commented, but the New Hampshire diocese issued a statement expressing "continued confidence" in the clergyman.

Democrat Senator Hollings to retire

By The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The retirement of Democratic Sen. Ernest "Fritz" Hollings of South Carolina has Republicans salivating at the chance to take over the seat in the increasingly GOP-leaning state.

Hollings announced Monday he will not seek re-election next year, ending a 55-year political career. "It's time I go out and work and make a living," said Hollings, 81.

His retirement would give Republicans a second strong opportunity to pick up a Southern seat — alongside Georgia — in their bid to maintain control of the Senate in 2004.

Hollings is the third senator to announce he will retire after the 2004 elections. Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, R-Ill., and Sen. Zell Miller, D-Ga., announced earlier they will not run again.

The decisions by Hollings and Miller confront Democrats with the need to hold two Southern seats as part of their drive to regain control. Republicans control the Senate, 51-48, with one independent.

Hollings acknowledged a changing political landscape in South Carolina, which has been voting increasingly Republican. The state House, Senate and governor's office all are GOP-controlled.

"It wouldn't be easy for anybody who's a Democrat in this state to get elected," he said.

Rapists to be charged with DNA profiles

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The city will review hundreds of DNA profiles in unsolved sexual assault cases and bring indictments against unknown suspects, a way to stop the statute of limitations from running out.

Charging the unidentified rapists by their DNA profile alone will "stop the clock" on a 10-year deadline to prosecute, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said Monday in announcing the effort.

"So on the day that we find out who that rapist is, whether it takes us 10 years, 20 years, 30 years or more, he will have his day in court," he said.

While the strategy has been used sparingly in New York and elsewhere in the past, Bloomberg said it will become "business as usual in our city." The city said in a news release it believed this was the most comprehensive DNA indictment project in the country.

The first stage of the project will single out the cases from 1994 that involved attacks by strangers. They are starting with the 1994 cases because they are fast approaching the 10-year deadline.

Bomb rocks Marriott hotel in Jakarta, killing at least 10

BY STEVEN GUTKIN

Associated Press Writer

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A powerful bomb exploded outside the Marriott hotel in downtown Jakarta on Tuesday, killing 10 people and wounding 103 in what an official said was likely a suicide attack. A Dutch citizen was reportedly among the dead.

Shattered glass and puddles of blood covered the ground for two blocks around the hotel, located in the business district near many embassies and a popular place for foreigners to stay.

"People were screaming, panicking," said Sodik, a man who goes by one name who was having lunch on the 27th floor of an adjacent building. "I thought it was an earthquake."

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing. But since last year's bombings in Bali, which killed 202 people, authorities have warned that more attacks were likely in Indonesia — possi-

bly by Jemaah Islamiyah, the Southeast Asian terror group linked to al-Qaida.

On Thursday, a court in Bali was scheduled to deliver its verdict in the trial of Amrozi bin Nurhasyim, who is accused of planning and carrying out the Oct. 12 attacks in Bali. He is the first of about three dozen suspects to have been tried in the case.

Black smoke billowed from the front of the Marriott, also the site of many diplomatic receptions held by the U.S. Embassy. During the past two years, U.S. officials have held 4th of July celebrations at the hotel, part of the Bethesda, Md.-based chain.

Indonesia's Vice President Hamzah Haz said the attack may have targeted U.S. interests in the country. "I think it is possible that was what was behind it," he said.

Gen. Da'i Bachtiar put the death toll in Tuesday's blast at 10, in addition to 100 injured. Officials at several hospitals said they had admitted a total of 103 people

with various injuries.

Dutch citizen Hans Winkelmolen, president of PT Rabobank Duta Indonesia, was among the dead, a company spokeswoman said. The bank is majority-owned by Rabobank of the Netherlands.

Ten employees of New Zealand's dairy company Fonterra were among those injured in the blast, a spokesman said in Wellington. He said they were among 29 staffers staying at the Marriott for a training course.

Bachtiar said officials suspected the explosives were placed in an Indonesian-made four-wheel-drive vehicle, adding that its chassis was being examined.

He said that body parts were found near the vehicle, saying police were investigating whether they were those of bystanders or the suspected bomber.

Defense Minister Matori Abdul Djailil declined to specify who was behind the explosion, but said it was the work of "terrorists."

The blast was sure to hurt Indonesia's efforts to persuade tourists and foreign investors to come back to the country following the Bali blasts. Australia, which lost 88 people in the Bali blasts, warned its citizens Tuesday to avoid central Jakarta.

The Jakarta stock exchange closed 3.1 percent lower following news of the blast.

Jakarta governor Sutiyoso, who like many Indonesians uses a single name, said Tuesday bombing was "very likely" carried out by a suicide attacker.

An Associated Press photographer on the scene minutes after the blast saw three badly burned bodies lying in the wreckage of a car outside the badly damaged hotel and an adjacent office building called Plaza Mutiara.

Mellanie Solagratia, a spokeswoman for the hotel, said most of the damage appeared to have occurred in the basement and on the second floor. She said the 330-room hotel was 77 percent occupied as of Monday.

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■ **EAGLE, Colo.** — The judge in the Kobe Bryant case rejected the NBA star's request to keep cameras out of the courtroom during his first court appearance on a sexual assault charge.

Bryant's attorneys argued against allowing cameras during the hearing scheduled Wednesday, saying they could jeopardize Bryant's right to a fair trial.

Eagle County Judge Frederick Gannett ruled that was unlikely.

Gannett said he will release one brief submitted by the prosecutor in response to a media request to unseal all court documents, according to Chris Beall, a Denver attorney representing some media groups.

Bryant is charged with felony sexual assault against a 19-year-old woman on June 30 at a mountain resort. The Los Angeles Lakers superstar said the sex was consensual and that he was guilty only of adultery.

TENNIS

■ **MONTREAL** — Top-seeded Andre Agassi breezed into the second round of the Tennis Masters Canada tournament with an easy victory over Canadian Frederic Niemeyer.

The world's top-ranked player, who is seeking his fourth Canadian Open title, took 1 hour, 4 minutes for a 6-4, 6-2 win over Niemeyer, who entered the tournament ranked 241st in the world.

Agassi, who won this \$2.45 million event in 1992, '94 and '95, broke Niemeyer to go up 3-2 in the first set and then held serve throughout to take the set. He clinched it with a whipping forehand.

FOOTBALL

■ **CANTON, Ohio** — Kansas City Chiefs offensive tackle Willie Jones sprained his neck but had feeling in his hands and feet after being injured late in the first half of the Pro Football Hall of Fame game.

Jones crumbled to the turf with 17 seconds left in the second quarter after briefly blocking Green Bay Packers linebacker Marcus Wilkins on a pass play.

After going down, Jones laid motionless for nearly 10 minutes before he was removed from the field by medical personnel.

The game was called in the third quarter because of lightning.

■ **NEW YORK** — Jerry Glanville will rejoin CBS on a part-time basis and Beasley Reese will move from sideline reporter to game analyst on the network's telecasts of NFL games this season.

Otherwise, the network's lineup is the same as last season, with Jim Nantz hosting the game show with Dan Marino, Deion Sanders and Boomer Esiason, and Greg Gumbel and Phil Simms the network's top play-by-play team.

Glanville, the former head coach of the Houston Oilers and Atlanta Falcons, will be a part-time analyst with Bill McAttee. Reese will serve as an analyst with Craig Bolerjack.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

■ **MONTGOMERY, Ala.** — Alabama State's president said that the school has started the process for firing coach L.C. Cole following the internal investigation that revealed several violations in the football program.

In response, more than a dozen players planned to sue the university to keep Cole, according to their attorney, Julian McPhillips.

Cole, his brother, assistant coach Johnnie Cole, and assistant coach Richard Freeman were suspended with pay Friday. The school's president, Joe Lee, said that an administrative process was underway to remove all three.

Memphis assistant coach Charles Coe III was named interim coach.

■ **TUSCALOOSA, Ala.** — Alabama linebacker Brooks Daniels has withdrawn from school and will sit out his senior season for undisclosed medical reasons.

Daniels became the first Alabama player to record 100 tackles in back-to-back seasons and was a first-team preseason All-Southeastern Conference pick.

Coach Mike Shula said the door will be left open for Daniels to rejoin the team in time for next season, but declined to elaborate on the reasons for his departure.

BASEBALL

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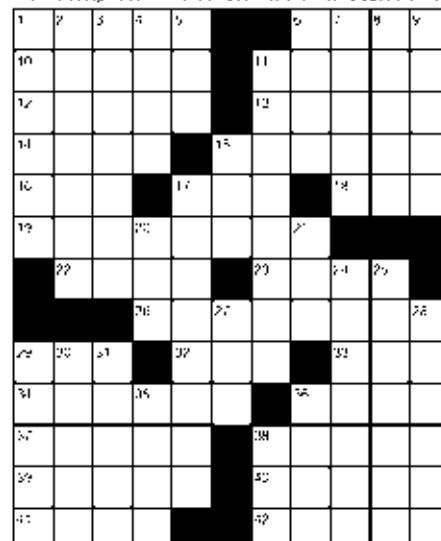
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Come enjoy classic movies, like tonight's "Raiders of the Lost Ark" presented at the Santa Monica Pier every Tuesday during the month of August. Santa Monica Pier Parking Lot 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. For more information call (310) 458-8900.

Activities and Crafts for Kids

Kids age three and up can enjoy stories, activities and crafts as part of this summer program. Montana Branch (310) 829-7081 1704 Montana Ave. Santa Monica, CA. 90401 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Puppet Show With Lester

Youngsters age 3-7 can enjoy a puppet show with their best friend, Lester. Tickets will be given out at noon. Two sessions Ocean Park Branch (310) 392-3804 2601 Main St. Santa Monica CA. 90401 3:30p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

National Night Out

Come participate in this Anti-Crime celebration. The event will include tours, demonstrations, food, and music. New Public Safety Facility, East of City Hall on Fourth Street. 5:30p.m.

CULTURE

Write Away

Come and participate as writers share their work and write new pieces. Fairview Library Branch (310) 450-0443 2601 Ocean Park Bl. 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Santa Monica Museum of Art

Located at the Historical Bergamot Station this museum offers a variety of exhibits. Currently on display is Rosamond Purcell's "Two Rooms". This collection of photographs and installations focuses on the beauty of the most common objects "Two Rooms" is Purcell's first major installation of her work in the United States. The collection showcases both historical and contemporary pieces, including a recreation of the artist's own studio. Station G12525 Michigan Ave Santa Monica, CA 310.586.6488 or 310.586.6487 fax

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Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life PG-13 - 11:30, 12:50, 2:20, 4:00, 5:15, 7:00, 8:10, 10:00, 11:00
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Johnny English PG - 11:15, 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40,
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Leno to have 'Queer Eye for the Straight Guy' makeover

By The Associated Press

■ **NEW YORK** — "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" is turning its gaze toward Jay Leno.

The host of NBC's "The Tonight Show" will undergo a makeover at the hands of the "Fab 5" — the five gay stylists who give a straight man a new look each week on the hit reality show.

They're scheduled to appear on Leno's late-night talk show Aug. 14 — the same night NBC will re-air the second installment of the Bravo series. Then they'll come back the next night to show off the results of their work.

The trade paper Variety reported Tuesday that Leno's set also will get a new look. The New York-based cast is expected to travel to Los Angeles next week to begin shopping for furniture and other fashionable goodies.

■ **MADRID, Spain** — The Rolling Stones suspended a concert in the Spanish tourist resort town of Benidorm after 60-year-old lead singer Mick Jagger fell ill with laryngitis, organizers said Tuesday.

The concert set for later in the day was part of the Stones' "Forty Licks" tour and had been expected to attract some 30,000 spectators at the Foeits Sports Stadium.

Spain's private news agency Europa Press said the concert would be rescheduled for Sept. 19. It wasn't immediately possible to confirm the date with organizers.

The Stones already have played sold-out shows in Madrid, Barcelona and Bilbao in Spain as part of the tour.

■ **BANGOR, Maine** — When he was in college at the University of Maine in the 1960s, best-selling author Stephen King had a column, "King's Garbage Truck," that ran in the student newspaper.

Now the Bangor novelist has a column again, this time in Entertainment Weekly magazine. It marks the first time King has written a regularly scheduled column since his university days.

His monthly piece, called "The Pop of King," debuts

in the Aug. 8 issue. In it, he gives his opinions on books, movies, television, music and more.

In the introduction to his first column, the 55-year-old explains that he wrote a review of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" for the magazine a few months ago. The editors came back to him, he says, because they either liked the review or the fact that it was written in longhand.

"For all I know, they might have thought it would be good to have at least one writer on tap who could turn in copy even after a nuclear pulse wiped out the hard drives on all the laptops," King writes.

King also says he loved the third "Terminator" movie ("Arnold is still the perfect machine," he writes) and slams Celine Dion.

"Steve King thinks 'Who Let the Dogs Out' is better than all the songs Ms. Dion has recorded, put together," he writes.

■ **RIVERSIDE** — Etta James won't have to travel far from home to pick up her latest award.

The 65-year-old singer, nicknamed Matriarch of the Blues, will be honored with a lifetime achievement award at the upcoming Temecula Valley International Film & Music Festival.

James will accept the award in September in Temecula. She's lived in nearby Riverside for the past 10 years.

Festival organizer Jo Moulton said James was chosen because in part because she overcame personal setbacks during her musical career, including a drug addiction.

"She's a legend in jazz and everything," Moulton said.

James this year was awarded her own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and lifetime achievement honors from the Grammy organization. She was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1993.

Born Jamesetta Hawkins, the singer was discovered in San Francisco in 1954 by bandleader Johnny Otis. She's best known for her 1960 version of "At Last," and

is considered an influence on such singers as Diana Ross, Janis Joplin and Bonnie Raitt.

Others to be honored at the Temecula Valley festival include actress Diane Ladd and director Penelope Spheeris.

■ **SANTA MONICA** — A judge ordered that photographs of Cameron Diaz taken at a private modeling session about a decade ago, before she was a star, should be sealed.

Judge Alan Haber ordered the photos and a videotape sealed Monday, saying Diaz has a right to privacy of her own body. He set a Sept. 12 hearing in Superior Court on her request for an injunction against photographer John Rutter.

Diaz, who co-starred in the two "Charlie's Angels" movies, wasn't present at the hearing. Afterward, lawyers for the 30-year-old actress and Rutter wouldn't discuss the contents of the videotape.

Diaz didn't sign a photo release, and a release produced by Rutter is a forgery, her publicist, Brad Cafarelli, said last month.

No criminal charge has been filed against Rutter.

Rutter's lawyer, Michael H. Weiss, declined comment Monday. Diaz's lawyer, Paul Berra, didn't return a phone call for comment.

The photographer told the syndicated news program "Inside Edition" in mid-July that he'd contacted Diaz's lawyers to offer them the photos before he sold them to any media outlets.

"This was a negotiation for a right of first refusal with Cameron Diaz's lawyers," Rutter said. "A few hours after her lawyers offered to buy the photos my place was raided."

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office confirmed that Rutter's apartment had been searched. The warrant was issued in an investigation "involving an incident where Cameron Diaz is the alleged victim," said spokeswoman Jane Robison.

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