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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In July, former peace activist Christiaan Briggs, 30 (who had gone to Iraq in 2003 to protest the impending U.S. attack), was arrested in Islington, England, and charged with knocking a man out (leaving him in a coma) in a fight after he allegedly hit on the man's girlfriend.

■ The British watchdog Environmental Agency, which prosecutes pollution violators, was fined the equivalent of nearly \$14,000 in May for allowing toxic waste to flow from its monitoring station along the River Exe in Somerset.

■ In July, municipal officials in Provincetown, Mass., held a community meeting to air numerous complaints by heterosexuals that they are targets of hate speech by the town's large gay and lesbian population.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 220th day of 2006.
There are 145 days left in the year.

On Aug. 8, 1974, President Nixon announced he would resign following damaging new revelations in the Watergate scandal.

In 1876, Thomas A. Edison received a patent for his mimeograph.

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Stronger than 'Oaks'?

Council set to debate initiative that aims to clarify campaign contribution law

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — After five years of legal wrangling, a law aimed at curbing campaign contributions is being called into question by elected officials concerned that it infringes on

residents' rights to participate in the political process.

The City Council tonight is scheduled to debate whether or not they should place an initiative on the November ballot that would alter the Taxpayer Protection Act of 2000, otherwise known as the "Oaks

Initiative," which places strict limits on campaign contributions.

Supporters of the initiative, including the Santa Monica-based Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, who authored the ballot measure, claim elected officials are revamping the law because

it limits their ability to raise funds for re-election campaigns. They say the law's new versions — prepared by the City Attorney's Office — would weaken current standards and allow for City Council members

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'Imagine' that



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Jose Garcia, 7 (center), plays a keyboard, with an assist from Kevin Jennings, 8, during the 10th Annual John Lennon Songwriting Contest that was held at the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club on Monday. Music engineer Jesse Jensema records the original track.

CONSENT AGENDA

A shore thing: City Hall looks to bolster Pier

(Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.)

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — The City Council is expected to spend just over \$2.5 million tonight to enhance public safety and water quality.

The overwhelming majority of funds — \$2,254,852 — will go towards strengthening the Santa

Monica Pier, giving emergency vehicles greater access to areas that currently can't support the weight created by first-responders.

The other project involves cleaning up the city's water supply, which was contaminated by MTBE, or methyl tert-butyl ether, a gasoline additive. City Hall looks to spend \$312,000 on a contract with Worley,

Parson, Komex for engineering services surrounding the restoration of the Charnock and Olympic wells, which were shut down in 1996 due to contamination. The money will come from a \$121 million settlement reached in 2003 with several oil companies.

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Say again: Echo team is the tops

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SHANGHAI, CHINA — Members of Santa Monica High School's Project Echo — a year-long course that teaches students how to create their own businesses — showed the world last week that they are the next generation of Donald Trumps by taking home top honors in the SAGE World Cup, an international competition here that tested the teens' entrepreneurial acumen.

Judges from across the globe found Samohi students to be the best of the best and awarded them the gold trophy that comes along with the distinction of being the 2006 world champions of SAGE, beating out eight other teams from countries like South Africa, Ghana, Russia and Kazakhstan.

SAGE, which stands for "Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship," is an international network that links secondary school student organizations to mentors from local universities and businesses. The mission of SAGE is to advance entrepreneurship education and community service-learning across the world, emphasizing ethical business practices, social responsibility, civic engagement and environmental awareness.

In the competition, members of SAGE judge high school teams based

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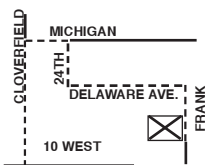


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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Listen to news that heads in your direction. You might want to establish better understanding and flow between you and someone else. Extremes occur with co-workers. Consider what needs to happen. Tonight: Easy does it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Others look to you for answers. You have a way with people that draws results. Making the right decisions carries the biggest weight. Evaluate and think carefully. Your life takes an interesting twist or turn. Tonight: In the limelight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Listen to others more carefully. Someone you respect feeds you interesting information. Take your time with insights that head your way. Evaluate your perspective on the basis of effectiveness and information received. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Work with one individual a lot closer. As a result, you'll get feedback a lot quicker than you'd anticipated. He or she has an unusual sense of what is right and wrong. You need to understand what makes someone tick. Tonight: Easy does it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Others always have impact, but unusually so right now. You have many options. Listen to what someone shares. You can get a new perspective if you open up to possibilities. Curb your spending. Tonight: Find company.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Easy does it. You have way too much energy for your own well-being, though you do have a way of triggering events and happenings. Speak your mind, but be willing to act on your ideas. You'll come out on top. Tonight: Do what you consider relaxing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Your playful manner has an element of frustration or anger buried in it. You will like what comes up for you if you stop. Avoid unusual risking or spending. You will have to pay the piper. Tonight: Lighten up the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your strength could be overwhelming to others. You will take in another perspective or point of view. Laughter helps you see life in a different light. Lighten up about what you want and need. Tonight: Happy at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might not be sure what to do next. Asking questions before you take a stand would be a wise move. Interpret and understand what needs to happen. Realize that you might need to take a more powerful stance. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Sometimes you really don't know what is the best thing to do. Exercise your innate savvy when dealing with money and bills. You might want to structure a stronger and more precise budget. Tonight: Pay your bills.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You might want to think before you leap. Take charge, and you will get ahead of the game. Understand what you need to do in order to make a key relationship work. You have what it takes. Trust this fact. Tonight: As you like.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Know when to stop and pull back, and you'll get the reactions you desire. Your perspective could change dramatically if you listen more and say less. Reach out for someone at a distance. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Doggin' it on the softball field

By Daily Press staff

This time, it's not just for the kids. It's for the dogs, too.

The staff and volunteers of K9 Connection have challenged the local community to a fundraising softball game from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12, in Memorial Park at 14th Street and Olympic Boulevard. Refreshments and snacks, T-shirts and hats, mini-massages and cameo appearances by adoptable K9 Connection dogs will be on hand.

"Here's your chance to pit your athletic skills against the best softball players K9 Connection has to offer," said Glen Zipper, project operations manager.

It's \$100 to play and \$15 to attend. Donations are tax deductible and will help fund the Santa Monica-based nonprofit's programs for at-risk teens, disabled youth and homeless shelter dogs.

In intensive three-week classes with counselor-referred teens from participating local schools, K9 Connection utilizes rescued homeless animals to counsel, educate and inspire at-risk teens to apply the lessons that they teach the dogs to their own lives and to work toward achievable goals.



Photo courtesy

DRESSED TO THE NINES K9 Connection dogs will make cameo appearances at a softball fundraiser this weekend.

Hospital seals deal with John Wayne Cancer Institute

By Daily Press staff

Saint John's Health Center, a 317-bed, not-for-profit, acute-care hospital serving Santa Monica and neighboring communities, has announced the renewal of its long-standing affiliation with the John Wayne Cancer Institute (JWCI).

Under the permanent alliance, the programs of both facilities will be expanded through the development of new clinical and research disciplines, and the construction of a new facility at Saint John's.

Establishment of the permanent alliance was accomplished largely through the leadership of Carl McKinzie, chairman of the board of Saint John's Health Center, and Patrick Wayne, chairman of the board of JWCI, said Saint John's president and CEO Lou Lazatin.

Under the affiliation, Lazatin will serve as president and CEO of both organizations, and each will retain its own independent nonprofit status for fundraising and operational purposes. Armando E. Giuliano, M.D., Chief of Science and Medicine for JWCI at Saint John's, will provide leadership for the institute's internationally-renowned clinical and translational cancer research. Donald L. Morton, M.D. will direct the nationally-recognized Surgical Oncology Fellowship Program while continuing his melanoma research programs.

In announcing the renewal, Lazatin said she is working with the fundraising teams of both the health center and JWCI to develop a joint strategic initiative for advancing cancer research and clinical programs, building premier facilities, and acquiring additional cutting-edge technologies to support the institute's world-class scientists, physicians and staff.

CORRECTION In the Aug. 7 edition, Santa Monica Police Chief James T. Butts Jr. was misquoted in a community profile about him. Regarding his upbringing, he said for people in the North Carolina town where his father grew up, the biggest aspiration would be to go to a nearby city and work in the "saw mills."

ALSO, In the Aug. 5-6 edition, it was inaccurately reported that Santa Monicans For Renters Rights have no spending limits in campaigns. As a general purpose committee, it is subject to campaign finance restrictions of \$250 per contribution.



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The Q-Line

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Barking up the wrong tree ...

Local resident Valerie Hiss' efforts to provide "doggie houses" filled with plastic bags for owners to properly dispose of pet waste have been thwarted by City Hall. A city ordinance prohibits objects from being placed on trees, and removal of the houses has been ordered. While many residents have applauded Hiss' efforts to keep the city free of pet debris, City Hall claims good intentions are no reason to make exceptions to laws.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know:

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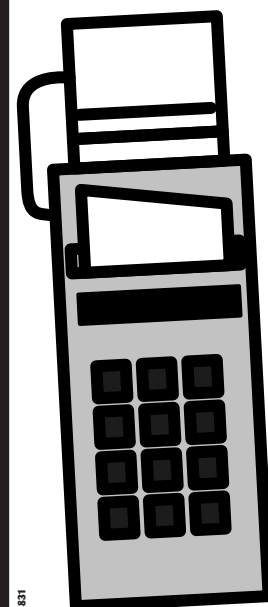
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clearing McKeown's record

Editor:

The political organization backed by the hotel, business and development interests known as "Santa Monicans For Sensible Priorities" has put out another slick flyer attacking Councilmember Kevin McKeown. But it has misrepresented the facts regarding security cameras and the Landmarks Commission's normal review of additions to the historic Santa Monica Pier and the carousel building.

On Feb. 14, the City Council, including Councilmember McKeown voted to approve a contract to install security cameras on the Santa Monica Pier and the Promenade. On June 27, four and a half months later and less than two weeks prior to the next scheduled Landmarks Commission meeting, approval of the camera installation was before the City Council in the form of an emergency ordinance. Councilmember McKeown and other councilmembers were concerned that this would bypass the Landmarks Commission review that would ensure that the historic integrity of the landmark pier and highly important carousel would be protected. Additionally, the council had incomplete information regarding the installation procedure and any effort to protect the landmark buildings. The council needed four votes to pass the emergency ordinance and it split 3-2 on the issue.

During the intervening few days, the staff and the camera installers prepared a complete report on the cameras and the installation. On July 10, the more detailed and thoughtful report came before the Landmarks Commission. The proposal protected public security but also protected and was sensitive to the historic integrity of the pier, the symbol of our city. The Certificate of Appropriateness was unanimously approved by the Landmarks Commission. The pier and carousel building remain on the National Register of Historic Places with a minimum of potential irreversible damage.

Councilmember McKeown has been a steadfast supporter of the Landmarks Commission. He supports community efforts to protect neighborhood character from the rapid depletion of the historic fabric of our city.

He supports reasonable growth through adaptive reuse. In addition he supports sustainability, containing traffic and rampant overdevelopment, and opposes destruction of our affordable housing stock, thereby protecting both homeowners and tenants.

Perhaps this is why "Santa Monicans For Sensible Priorities" is working so hard to defeat him.

Roger Genser

Chairperson, Santa Monica Landmarks Commission

Other cities lead by example

Editor:

I just completed a four-day stay in Denver last week, where I attended Storm Con '06 — an annual convention for the stormwater treatment industry. While there I cruised the 16th Street Mall and noted some definite contrasts between the Third Street Promenade and this mall.

The first thing I noted was prominent signage stating "panhandling is a lose/lose for everyone" (giveabetterway.org). During the day there were a very few people that could be identified as "homeless." They never seemed to be dominant gatherings of more than a couple of possibly homeless individuals on the public seating areas. I did not see anyone panhandling or accosting anyone. There were lots of sidewalk cafés and upscale shops, and everyone was constantly moving up and down the mall on buses that ran up and down the mall about every five to 10 minutes. In the evening, the 16th Street Mall took on a different character with the arrival of skateboard kids and some hip-hop kids. They were only a nuisance because they were loud and running in packs, otherwise no problem.

Last week, I noticed an article from Las Vegas that anyone feeding the homeless in public parks will be cited and subject to a \$1,000 fine. While I do not want to see anyone go hungry, I think this idea may have merit. Ten years ago I lived in the San Luis Obispo area which had a continuous transient and homeless population. Some very well-meaning church auxiliaries started a program to feed the homeless on the porch of the San Luis Mission at noon on weekdays. The homeless and transients would move into the downtown area at about 11 a.m. or before and panhandle the tourists and lay out in the park along San Luis Creek.

It was not long until the merchants and locals started to complain about the vagrancy downtown. The Mission suddenly had to "replace the front porch" of the mission and suggested the feeding location be moved. The location was moved to South Higuera Street about a mile from downtown. I noted a lot of the persons associated with these lunch feedings dropped out of the program at that time. A thought occurred to me that some people will feed the dog, but will never take it home and own it.

I don't want these unfortunate homeless people to be cold, hungry or unprepared for the elements. They all have individual needs that to be addressed. However, they need to recognize that there are some people that are not going to put up with anti-social, rude behavior.

If you want to see what is really happening to Santa Monica you need to drive downtown Los Angeles to Seventh and Los Angeles streets, or visit the first precinct of the LAPD. It will open your eyes.

J. Roger Collins

Palm Desert

No wealth of options in LA for commuters



WHAT'S THE POINT?

BY DAVID PISARRA

Public transit in Los Angeles is doomed because of our wealth. It might sound counterintuitive, but let me explain my logic.

Like large chunks of this country, I've been traveling this past week. I've been in Boston, Provincetown and New York. In this part of the country, there is an extensive and well-developed public transit system. You can travel from city to city easily, and getting around in the city is an easy mix of actually walking, buses, subways, ferries and taxis.

There are two main reasons I believe that public transport is so much easier on the East Coast: Age and poverty.

The East Coast has been around so much longer as a population center that it has actually had time to mature and understand the needs of its populace. Built like European towns and cities, it was forced to develop in an analogous manner, with public parks and transport being necessary to keep people complacent.

This was important when the Northeast was a major manufacturing center and there were large numbers of workers needed to produce goods in factories. The industrial revolution concentrated people. There were many people who had to be able to get to work but their jobs were not located close to their homes.

That created the need for buses and trolleys, which laid the groundwork for the expectation of a public transportation system. As the industrial revolution expanded and trains became more commonplace, subways and elevated tracks were developed so that factories could be placed further out of town on inexpensive land.

The development of an infrastructure took place over decades and became part of the fabric of a society that came to value neighborhood life, and cheap easy transport. The Boston T and the New York Subway are as iconic as Fenway Park and the Statue of Liberty.

That's why poverty helped force the development of people-moving systems. It was to the advantage of the big industrialists to have buses and trains that were cheap and efficient for their workers to get around.

In Los Angeles, we are the victims of our own good fortune. We are a young city in a young country. Our development has always grown horizontally, not vertically because land was cheap and plentiful. It is only now that we are running out of land that we are looking to grow up.

Historically, the LA basin has had little heavy manufacturing. We were spared the

ugliness of steel forges, factories and assembly lines, for the most part. Our history is short and glittery, with an emphasis on new, glamorous and exciting lifestyles that we could export to the rest of the country.

Our development of suburbs and gated communities is indicative of our place in America being special. We live large, and far from our jobs. It has always been that way in Hollywood. It is the way we proclaim our wealth.

From the stunt guys who live in Canyon Country to the pampered poodles who live in Malibu waiting for their next leading role in a feature film, the car is the symbol of our success. From the lowliest PA to the biggest studio head, you drive your own car.

It is not just the movie people who partake of this curious snubbing of public transport — it is office workers, busboys and sales people. In the land of the beautiful people the first criteria for status is your car.

Where did this mania come from? Probably Louis B. Mayer and Samuel Goldwyn can be credited with setting the first standards for success in the land of illusion. It started with the star system and then it moved off the lots to the general public. In a city where the famous are publicly ranked by their box office, is it any wonder that no one wants to be common?

Los Angeles is a highly competitive pressure cooker, where everyone is trying to one up each other. Had we a large employer and more people were forced into humility, we might use a public transport system but as it stands, we lost the opportunity to have it as part of our culture back when D.W. Griffith was making movies.

When fortunes were made 75 years ago the men who ran this town could have built the infrastructure, and the hearts and minds of the population would have followed, but they didn't because they didn't have to. The people who worked at the studios were relatively well paid and soon became homeowners in the suburbs and automobile owners.

There was enough money being made that people were happy. When cars became commonplace thanks to Ford, the car went from luxury in the rest of the country to a necessity in Los Angeles.

Today, a large percentage Hispanic gardeners, housecleaners and nannies have their own cars.

And the only time you'll see a celebrity on a bus is if they are shooting a remake of "The Honeymooners." So long as our economy is as rich as it is, public transport is never going to really work well in Los Angeles. We're just too well off to care.

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Supporters of LL are cool with current law

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and others to receive kickbacks in exchange for their votes.

Elected officials contend their interest in reforming the initiative is not self-serving, but rather an attempt to clarify a confusing and cumbersome law that not only prohibits free speech, but discourages residents from serving on boards and commissions, as well as running for City Council.

"I don't believe that this is a watered-down version of Oaks," said City Attorney Marsha Moutrie, who drafted several alternatives for the council to consider. "I believe that (the staff recommendation) is different from the Oaks Initiative in that it contains a flat prohibition against accepting anything in return for a vote, regardless if it was a 'yes' vote or a 'no' vote. It also contains more stringent gift restrictions than Oaks does."

Passed by 60 percent of Santa Monica voters in 2000, the Oaks Initiative, identified on the ballot as Proposition LL, blocks officials who award contracts of more than \$25,000 from receiving campaign contributions, gifts or employment from the party to whom the benefit was awarded. The ban includes anyone who has a 10-percent equity interest in a corporation which receives the benefit. The term "personal or campaign advantage" outlined in the initiative includes any gift or honoraria valued in excess of \$50, any employment or compensation, and any campaign contribution.

The ban can last as long as six years after a vote is entered if the official is still serving in public office.

"What the council proposal does is rewind time to pre-November 2000, before voters approved stronger rules. That's why we have such a problem with this," said Carmen Balber, a consumer advocate for the foundation, which is calling on the City Council to adopt standards similar to those proposed by the city of Pasadena, which she claims strengthens the Oaks Initiative.

"This action is really just the latest salvo from the City Council, which has been trying to get rid of the measure for the last few years," she added.

Oaks has a long and complicated legal history. It was proposed in several Southern California cities in 2000 and 2001. The cities of Santa Monica and Pasadena filed lawsuits against their own city clerks because they refused to enforce the initiatives, arguing that the law was too vague and unconstitutional. The suits were an attempt to test the law's constitutionality.

It was the belief of attorneys representing opponents of the law that Oaks chilled a person's willingness to participate in the political process by severely limiting money they could give to elected officials if they were granted something as simple as a variance to put in a new restroom in their garage.

The law also failed to distinguish between a "yes" vote and a "no" vote, given that either one could yield a valuable result for an interested party, such as when a homeowner tries to block the expansion of a nearby business, an expansion which, if approved, would negatively affect their property value. If a "no" vote was issued, it could be worth a lot of

money for the resident, who, under Oaks, would still be allowed to contribute money to a public official because of the "no" vote.

Ultimately, the Court of Appeals agreed that there were serious constitutional questions, but refused to decide on claims brought by both cities, explaining that those questions would have to be answered by future litigation where the city wasn't suing itself, Moutrie said.

In light of that decision, City Hall implemented the Oaks Initiative in 2005 and the City Clerk's Office has kept a record of decisions made by elected officials to see if they are complying with the law.

Balber said fears that the initiative has cooled public participation in politics is unfounded.

"This hasn't been a problem," Balber said. "The sky hasn't fallen ... The council is arrogant in thinking that it can simply change the rules because they don't want to play by them."

Moutrie, who studied the recent moves in

Pasadena, has offered the council several alternatives. If the council wishes to place a measure on the Nov. 7 ballot, it has until tonight to do so.

Moutrie said her recommendations do not include a section on campaign contributions because the City Charter already includes strict rules governing contributions, limiting them to \$250 per person for each candidate.

In her report to the council, Moutrie warns that placing a measure on the November ballot could be problematic given the number of local initiatives already present. She suggested the council consider postponing action on Oaks until a later date, at which time they can also discuss the public financing of campaigns.

Council members contacted said they were still reviewing the alternatives and could not comment. There is support amongst the council to create the public financing of campaigns, which members hope will eliminate kickbacks.



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Samohi students flex business muscle

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on entrepreneurship, community outreach, civic engagement, environmental responsibility, use of college mentors and use of a business advisory board. Following a presentation, judges ask questions of the student presenters to test their problem-solving skills and abilities to think on the fly.

Instead of just learning how to write a business plan, students put their newly acquired knowledge to use by operating their own businesses, such as a cafe on campus or selling cookies to raise money for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Starting next school year, Project Echo members will open Vike's, a soup, salad and sandwich bar on campus, featuring a low-calorie menu that also offers 100 percent fruit juices with no added sugar.

The Samohi victory represents the second time a team representing the United States has won the cup. In 2002, a team from Fremont High School in Oakland took top honors. Ukraine, which came in second, was the defending champion.

"I've gotten to know the Santa Monica High School students well through the SAGE competition and they are outstanding

role models for all high school students, not just in the U.S., but around the world," said Curt DeBerg, the founder of SAGE and a business professor at Chico State University.

"They have a great chance of winning it all again next year, but that will depend on how creative they can be and whether or not some of the seniors return as college mentors," DeBerg added.

In addition to competing, Samohi students had the opportunity to travel Shanghai and introduce themselves to foreign cultures. They also shared some American traditions, including the Electric Slide, according to student Chris Peterson.

"We toured the city, went to a museum, the Yuyuan Garden, a silk-making factory, took a tour of McDonald's and (saw) a really cool acrobatic show," Peterson wrote in an e-mail two days after the event, which concluded Sunday. "The food was ... different, to say the least. Coke tastes different. It's nothing like the Panda Express of the United States. The culture is different, as well. Everybody works, it's like work ethic is in their blood. We passed this place the first night that some people were working on. There was nothing inside of it, just people and lights at work. The next day, it was a



Photo courtesy

TRY AND TRUMP THIS Samohi's band of young entrepreneurs bested teams from across the globe for the SAGE World Cup.

shoe store, open and ready for business.

"I have so much respect for the other teams for all the hard work they put in to get them to the final competition and I especially have respect for the entire SAGE organization," Peterson added. "I think it's a great opportunity for high school students to show their entrepreneurship skills and I am really honored to have been introduced to such an organization."

The journey began earlier this year when the Project Echo team took first prize in the

state competition, held in Chico. They then went on to compete in the national competition in Brooklyn, NY., where they were once again crowned champions. With help from the City Council, parents and community members, they were able to raise enough money to make the trip to China.

"I hope we've brought more pride to the city of Santa Monica, the high school, the supporters, everyone," Peterson wrote.

DeBerg, who founded SAGE four years ago, said the goals of the competition are to empower youth to create business ventures by using tools learned in the classroom. It is also meant to build self-esteem and provide youth with the confidence they need to succeed.

Project Echo, which was founded in 1995, requires that all team spend a minimum of 47 hours outside of class working on environmental and community service projects.

"I've grown so close to my SAGE team members since Chico," Peterson said. "I've spent more time with them than anyone else ... So now what? China was the last time I'm going to see any of the team since I'm leaving (for college) in a few weeks. We're all going our separate ways. I can't believe it's over."

"It was such a great ride, I just don't know if I'm ready to get off."

Pier strengthening effort should help with emergencies

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GOING THROUGH A PHASE

The pier improvements represent the final phase of a three-stage project to enhance the wooden structure. When all three phases are completed, the pier's load-carrying capacity will be increased to 40,000 pounds and eliminate the need for steel plates. Plates are currently used to help support the weight of emergency vehicles, which must drive onto the pier in single-file, making sure to keep a safe distance between one another, according to a city staff report. To exit, vehicles must remain on the steel plates and back off the pier in single-file order, hindering the quick deployment and departure of ambulances, fire trucks and police during an emergency, city staff said.

Phase one consisted of rehabbing the

beginning portion of the pier from the pier bridge to the beach access stairway. Phase two continued structural improvements from the easterly side of the beach access stairway to a location approximately 150 feet to the west. The Newcomb Pier entrance also was improved, according to a city staff report.

The third phase requires upgrades to sections beginning at the Beachcomber Restaurant and moving westward to the waterline. Phase three is expected to begin in September and be completed by Memorial Day 2007. The project should not significantly disrupt pier operations.

City staff recommends the construction contract be awarded to John S. Meeks Co. in the amount of \$1,949,865, plus a 10-percent contingency. The construction management contract is expected to be awarded to

Moffatt & Nichols for an amount not to exceed \$110,000.

Meeks Co. offered the lowest bid. The company has worked on similar projects at the Newport and Balboa piers for the city of Newport Beach; the municipal pier for the city of San Clemente; and the Redondo Pier for the city of Redondo Beach, according to a city staff report.

OVER TROUBLED WATERS

In 1996, City Hall, along with the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, found high levels of MTBE in the city's drinking water. The pollution came from multiple sources, one of them being operations at the former Gillette facility, located at 16821 26th St. Significant vapor, soil and groundwater contamination exists at the site, and city staff believes the contam-

ination is likely to have spread to other areas, adversely impacting the city's water supply.

Wells in the Charnock and Olympic well fields were subsequently shut down. With funds from a settlement, which calls for oil companies to build a water treatment plant to clean seven wells, City Hall has worked to cleanse the water. Komax has helped in that endeavor and city staff has recommended they be retained once again, given their extensive knowledge of the city's hydro-geological characteristics.

Under terms of the agreement, Komex will attend engineering committee meetings, provide critical review of reports, review the regional groundwater monitoring program, and provide dispute resolution, among other services. The cost this year is \$240,000 for the Charnock portion, and \$72,000 for the Olympic well field.

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Doing right by disabled

The City Council unanimously approved one of the state's most stringent laws requiring developers to accommodate residents with special physical needs.

The ordinance approved last week requires developers to make 15 percent of their new homes and rental units accessible to elderly and disabled residents.

The decree requires the homes to include level thresholds for easy entry with wheelchairs and walkers, ground-floor walk-in showers, wide doorways and other features.

"It's very much a commonsense thing to do," Councilman Douglas McAllister said.

Some 13 percent of city residents have a disability, and more than 11 percent are 65 or older, officials said.

Developers said the new rules require builders and buyers to pay for features that most consumers don't request.

CRESTLINE

Plant snack proves deadly

Authorities suspect a man whose body was found in a wooded area died from eating a hallucinogenic plant that grows wildly. Matthew Brewster Gardner, 22, was found dead last week, days after he ingested jimson weed with a friend, authorities said.

Jimson weed causes powerful hallucinations that can last anywhere from several hours to a few days. It also suppresses the body's ability to sweat and can cause severe dehydration.

Idle chatter at LAX

Equipment failure leaves thousands of passengers waiting out delays

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — A navigational system for one runway failed at Los Angeles International Airport Monday, causing delays for thousands of passengers on dozens of flights at LAX and airports across the country.

At least two incoming flights were diverted, some circled LAX and others were ordered to remain on the ground at airports nationwide, Federal Aviation Administration officials said.

The FAA said there was a 1 hour, 38 minute delay for all flights headed to LAX nationwide. On departure screens at the airport, it seemed most flights were being delayed about an hour and there were several cancellations. Delays were expected to continue through 8 p.m., airport officials said.

The equipment used to guide planes onto one incoming runway failed at 9:17 a.m. PDT, said Mike Fergus, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration.

LAX, the world's fifth busiest airport has four runways — two incoming and two outgoing. On July 31, the airport closed one arrival runway so it could be relocated. To compensate, one of the departure runways was handling both departures and landings.

It was the shared runway that had the problem Monday.

The number of landings, usually about

one a minute, was reduced to 32 an hour, Fergus said.

By 10:45 a.m., controllers changed the landing configuration and reversed the direction of all flights, so the damaged equipment was not needed, Fergus said.

The arrival rate had returned to near normal by 11 a.m., said FAA spokesman Ian Gregor, who added that the cause of the problem was unknown.

Fergus said he expected the airport to eliminate delays by midafternoon but the "ground-hold" for flights headed to Los Angeles from around the country wasn't scheduled to be lifted until 8 p.m.

Laney Fishera, 46, from Topsfield, Mass., said her flight from Boston circled above the ocean for about 30 minutes before landing in Los Angeles.

"We had to fly over the ocean, which was really weird," she said. "They said they wanted us to circle around for a while until a runway space opened for us."

Marilyn Ushman, 63, from Palm Desert, was trying to fly to Palm Springs, but learned that her flight had been canceled because of too much air traffic.

"Now they've got us booked on a 7:45 p.m. flight, which is just absolutely ridiculous. We're going to try and rent a car, and then try and fight with the airlines and try and get (money for) this leg back," said Ushman, who was returning from a vacation

in Montreal.

The malfunctioning piece of equipment, called a "localizer," acts as a beacon to guide planes onto arriving runways using an instrument landing system. Fergus compared it to a signal at the end of a very long driveway. It is most crucial when it's foggy or hazy and it was foggy at the airport Monday.

The airport's \$333 million runway relocation and taxiway project will make runway incursions less likely and prepare LAX for the next generation of Airbus 380 jumbo jets, airport officials said last week.

The announced closure will add a 6-minute delay to all incoming flights in the next eight months.

LAX experienced a major power failure on July 18 that backed up flights across parts of the western United States and Canada and shut down all telephone, electrical and radar functions.

That outage was caused when a vehicle crashed into a power pole in Palmdale, causing a power fluctuation that prompted the air traffic control center's backup generator to automatically turn on. About an hour later, that generator failed.

The airport averages 1,800 daily flights and will serve an estimated 18.7 million passengers this summer, 200,000 more than last year.

(AP Writer **Oskar Garcia** contributed to this report.)

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Next, if they've been sleeping late, try waking up the house earlier. We're not talking alarm clocks here, just open shades and some music to help them shake off the snoozes.

Finally, serve their favorite healthy meals over and over again as they detox the sweets. This will help them sleep better and, as with most everything, sleep is the answer. Children are remarkably adaptable, and they usually prefer a calm routine. They should respond positively. Good luck.

Dorie

(Dorie Meek is director of the Infant & Family Support Program, provided by Saint John's Health Center in partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Meek answers questions concerning children ages birth to 5 years old. Submit your questions to "Dear Dorie" at meek@smmusd.org, or call (310) 452-6132; fax (310) 452-6392.)

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY LINDA MILO

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Single moms can raise men

A single mother with a newborn son asked me what the future held for her son without a relationship with his father. She wanted to make sure that her child grew up with a healthy male image and learned the things boys need to learn from their fathers. As a single mother who raised six children, three of which are boys, I felt right at home with sharing this sound advice with her:

Being a single mother of a son can be a very rewarding, and a personally empowering and expanding time for both you and your son. Through parents, children receive care, protection and a view of the world that can be applied to their situation when they marry. This view is the result of what your child is exposed to throughout his childhood. Can a mother alone create this view within a stable environment and produce a healthy stable boy and adult? Most certainly, yes.

First, don't try to portray a father figure, but remain a good vibrant mother who wants only the best relationship with her son. Mothers are the mirror by which sons gain understanding of how men and women relate to each other. Allow your son to become a good decision-maker by offering him choices in as many situations as you can.

Secondly, give your son responsibilities for helping with household chores, helping the family and schoolwork, but not the responsibility of your stresses, deprivation or loneliness. Stay centered and balanced as you communicate with your son. Your long-term goal is to provide your child with a relationship that builds his personality.

Third, as your son grows older, allow him to seek strong male role models by attending the Boy Scouts, Big Brothers of America, or some other group he can identify with by being with other children who are doing male-type activities. It will boost your son's sense of self-sufficiency, as well as independence. Also, as your son gets older, have a trustworthy male relative or friend spend some time with him.

Fourth, create "me" time for yourself as much as you can. You will discover that if your heart is happy, your son will feel it and he will reflect happiness also. Children learn by imitating. Every child watches and learns from his mother.

And lastly, enjoy the blessing of the birth of your son. Understand that you and your son are meant to be together in this lifetime. His life is entrusted to you. Your love is his main support. Secure in his mother's affection and respect, your son will become a father some day who will truly exceed your expectations. Become the best parent you can be by spending each day in an atmosphere of love, respect and caring. You will one day see that your son is a unique and distinct individual who you admire and are proud to be the mother of.

(Linda Milo, "The Parent-Child Connection Coach," specializes in helping mothers and fathers turn their parenting challenges into a more livable, more workable and more enjoyable family life. For parent coaching, call her at (310) 458-2079.)

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THURSDAY, AUG. 10

22nd ANNUAL TWILIGHT DANCE SERIES — 7:30 p.m.

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LACMA FAMILY SUNDAYS — 12:30 — 3:15 p.m.

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Storytelling

Main Library — 601 Santa Monica Blvd. — 458-8621

Current session thru Aug. 15 for:

Baby Time — 10:15 & 10:45 a.m., babies up to 2 years.

Spanish and Bilingual Stories — 11:20 a.m. Ages 2 — 5.

Fairview Branch Library — 2101 Ocean Park Blvd — 450-0443.

Toddler Story Time in Spanish — 10:00 a.m., ages 2-3.

Baby Time — 11:00 a.m., babies to age 2.

Twilight Story Time -7pm — an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.

Montana Avenue Branch Library

1704 Montana Ave — 829-7081.

Family Story Time — 7:00 p.m., all ages.

Ocean Park Branch Library

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Story Time for Twos — 10:00 and 10:30 a.m., July 25 — Aug. 29.

Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis

For ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com

Barnes and Noble at the Grove

Storytime for ages 2 — 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Classes

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Yoga Works — 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal — 12:30 — 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me — 1:45 — 3:00 p.m.

Mommy Care — at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711.

Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group — 7:00 — 8:00 p.m.. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Stroller Strides Fitness Class — 9:30 a.m. Mon. — Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

YoMama Yoga — 1404 3rd St. Promenade, St. 201. Parent & Me — 10:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.; 12:30 — 1:30 p.m. Yoga for parents with kids ages 6 wks — 6 years. Kids interact with each

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other and toys. \$15 single class, \$65 for five classes, \$120 for ten classes. yogababyla.com

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups – Newborn group - call for time. 4:30 p.m., separate groups for children born in 2000 and 2001. Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling

The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge – 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052 10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4 at this neighborhood coffee shop.

Fairview Branch Library

2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.

Story Time for Twos – 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; ages 3-5.

Montana Avenue Branch Library

1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Baby Time - 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2, July 19 – Aug. 23.

Ocean Park Branch Library

2601 Main St. –392-3804.
Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.

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

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Prenatal Yoga – 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$18 single class, \$85 for five classes. yogababyla.com

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Other

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

THURSDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroup – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. for children born 1/02 – 2/03; 3:30 p.m., for children born 3/03 – 12/03, Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

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Story Time for Twos – 10:15 a.m., July 20 – Aug. 24.
Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; ages 3-5. Ongoing.

Ocean Park Branch Library

2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.
Baby Time – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m. Babies to 2 years, July 6 – Aug. 10.

Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m and 10:45 – 11:45 a.m., 12 to 36 months; Parent Support Group – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., age 3 – 5 years; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881 for details and prices.
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Yoga & Exercise

Exhale Center for Sacred Movement, 245 S. Main St., Venice. Pre/Post Natal – 11:25 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. 450-7676, exhalespa.com. Single class \$17, package of ten \$135.

YoMama Yoga – 1404 3rd St. Promenade, St. 201. Parent & Me – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Yoga for parents with kids ages 6 wks – 6 years. Kids interact with each other and toys. \$15 single class, \$65 for five classes, \$120 for ten classes. yogababyla.com
Prenatal Yoga – 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. \$18 single class, \$85 for five classes. Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Breastfeeding Groups

La Leche League of LA/Mar Vista – meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Westchester Municipal Bldg., 7166 W. Manchester Ave., corner of Lincoln and Manchester. Call 310-390-2529 for info.
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups

11:00 a.m. - playgroup for children born 10/04 – 5/05. Call or e-mail Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info.

Parent's Night Out at Child's Play, 2299 Westwood Blvd., 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. Kids get a night of supervised fun with pizza, games and more while parents go out. Ages 3-10, \$9 per hour, \$7 siblings, 3 hour minimum. Reservations required, 470-4997. www.childsplayonline.net

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YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 – 36 mos.; Playtime/Parent Support - 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881 for details and prices.

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Kid's Yoga Circle Class at Exhale Spa – 3:30 p.m., for ages 5 – 11, 1422 2nd St., 260-2736 or yogaforkids@hotmail.com.
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15.
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

Other

Cinderella at The Santa Monica Playhouse – Family Theatre; Fridays & Saturdays, July 21 – Aug. 27; 6:00 p.m., 394-9779 ext. 1 for reservations. \$12.50 adults, \$10.50 kids ages 12 & under. www.santamonicaplayhouse.com

SATURDAY

Storytelling

Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade – Kid's Story Time – 10am, 310-260-9110

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30am – ages 2-5, 310-475-4144.
Children's Book World, 10580 1/2 Pico Blvd, LA - 10:30 a.m., every other Sat., 310-559-800K.

Village Books, 1049 Swarthmore Ave, Pacific Palisades – 10:30 a.m., 454-4063.
826LA, 685 Venice Blvd, 2nd Floor, Venice – 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., ages 3-6, RSVP to info @825LA.com or 310-314-8418. (826LA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting students with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write).

Classes

YWCA – Toddler & Me - 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.; Parent Enrichment once per month, 11:00 a.m. – noon, call Barbara Olinger at 452-3881 for rates and dates.

Yoga & Exercise

Santa Monica Yoga – Pre- & Post-Natal Yoga, Saturdays – 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. 1640 Ocean Park Blvd, 396-4040, www.santamonicayoga.com

Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

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Other

All the World's a Stage and Cinderella at The Santa Monica Playhouse

Family Theatre; All the World's a Stage - Saturdays & Sundays, July 15 – Sept. 23; 12:30 & 3:00 p.m., 394-9779 ext. 2 for reservations,

Cinderella- Fridays & Saturdays, July 21 – Aug. 27; 6:00 p.m., 394-9779 ext. 1 for reservations.

Puppetolio – 1:00 and 3:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested
Magicopolis – 2 and 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 for evening, \$15 for matinee. Call 310-451-2241 for info.

Precious Prints – Ceramic Heirlooms for a Lifetime
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Lakeshore Learning Stores “Free Crafts for Kids” – Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., 8888 Venice Blvd., 559-9630.
“A Faery Hunt” – 10:30 a.m., every Saturday at Franklin Canyon Park. An interactive children's show, searching for fairies and other enchanted creatures in the magical canyon and finding them! \$10, call for reservations – 818-324-6802. www.faeryhunt.com. Meet in the parking lot of the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, 2600 Franklin Canyon Dr., Beverly Hills.

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St. Louis (Marquis 12-9) at Reds (Milton 7-7), 4:10 p.m.					Baltimore (Bedard 12-7) at Toronto (Marcum 1-1), 4:07 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Hamels 4-5) at Atlanta (Hudson 8-10), 4:35 p.m.					N.Y. Yankees (Wang 13-4) at Chicago White Sox (Garcia 10-7), 5:05 p.m.				
Cubs (Marmol 4-5) at Milwaukee (Ohka 3-2), 5:05 p.m.					Boston (Lester 5-1) at Kansas City (Hudson 4-3), 5:10 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Maholm 4-9) at Houston (Backe 2-1), 5:05 p.m.					Texas (Millwood 10-7) at Oakland (Komine 0-0), 7:05 p.m.				
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Colorado (B.Kim 7-6) at Dodgers (Maddux 10-11), 7:10 p.m.									

Commandos raid

BY SAM F. GHATTAS
Associated Press Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Israeli warplanes intensified airstrikes and launched a new commando raid in south Lebanon on Monday, killing at least 23 people in one of the heaviest tolls in days. Lebanon's prime minister won strong support from Arab states to plead his case at the United Nations for a full Israeli withdrawal.

President Bush said he anticipates that Hezbollah and Israel won't agree with all aspects of a Mideast cease-fire resolution but said "we all recognize that the violence must stop." Lebanese Prime Minister Fuad Saniora choked back tears as he told a meeting of Arab League foreign ministers in Beirut that 40 people were killed by an Israeli airstrike on the southern border village of Houla, but he later said only one person was killed.

Saniora got strong backing from the foreign ministers, who warned the U.N. Security Council against adopting resolutions that don't serve Lebanon's interests. They decided to send a high-level delegation to New York to press Lebanon's case.

Israeli warplanes repeatedly bombed Beirut's southern suburbs and pounded other areas of Lebanon, killing 15 people, Lebanese officials said. In northern Israel, scores of Hezbollah rockets wounded five people, rescue workers said.

Seven people were killed when a missile hit a house in Qassmieh on the coast north of Lebanon's port city of Tyre, civil defense official Youssef Khairallah said.

Saniora backtracked on the death toll in

the Houla airstrike, saying that a search of the flattened building turned up only one death.

The Israeli army said one soldier was killed and four others were slightly wounded in fighting in the town of Bint Jbail. The soldiers killed five Hezbollah gunmen in the battle, the army said. Al-Jazeera television said two Israeli soldiers were killed in the fighting. Another three soldiers were wounded in Houla, the army said.

A new barrage of 83 rockets hit northern Israel, slightly wounding five Israelis, according to rescue services. Ministers called for a meeting of Israel's Security Cabinet later Monday to discuss whether to broaden the nearly four-week-old offensive.

One minister, speaking on condition of anonymity because he did not want to be seen as criticizing the military, said the army needed to send all available ground forces into Lebanon immediately to push Hezbollah and its rocket launchers out of the area south of the Litani River, about 18 miles from the border.

Hezbollah fired its deadliest rocket barrage Sunday on Israel, killing 12 Israeli reservists and three civilians. That brought the Israeli death toll to 94, including 46 soldiers, the 12 reservists and 36 civilians.

Israel's attacks on Lebanon have killed at least 607 people, including 524 civilians, 29 Lebanese soldiers and at least 53 Hezbollah guerrillas.

Israeli warplanes hit an apartment complex in Tyre, and ambulance driver Shadi Jradi said he got a report of five people killed, although he did not see the bodies himself.



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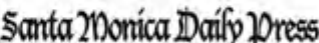
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BARRY MANILOW will take a break from his regular gig at the Las Vegas Hilton to undergo surgery to repair torn cartilage in both hips, his publicist said.

The 60-year-old singer, who has

a four-year contract with the hotel, suffers from labrum tears in his hips — a painful condition exacerbated by his high-energy performances, publicist Carol Marshall said in a statement Sunday.

Manilow will continue performing through his appearance at the Emmy Awards on Aug. 27 and will then have outpatient arthroscopic surgery at a Southern California hospital,

Marshall said.

Recovery and rehabilitation time is expected to be about eight weeks.

Manilow will miss about 20 concerts at the Hilton, all of which will

be rescheduled for the 2007 season.

He is scheduled to return in mid-October for the launch of his new album, "The Greatest Songs of the Sixties."

Associated Press



Neighbor wants Clay to pay

The author of an "unauthorized tribute" to **CLAY AIKEN** is suing the "American Idol" singer, claiming he defamed her and conspired to stifle sales of her book.

JEANNIE HOLLEMAN, 50, says she is a lifelong friend and neighbor of a Raleigh family that were friends with Aiken's mother, Faye Parker, and took her in when Parker and her young son left her abusive husband.

Holleman's 2005 book, "Out of the Blue — 'Clay' it Forward," incorporates interviews from the McGhee family and her own recollections

with stories from Aiken's fans.

In the lawsuit, filed Friday in Wake County Superior Court, Holleman claims Aiken, his mother and others conspired to defame her and depress sales of her book by denying they knew her, branding her stories as lies and demeaning the book on Aiken fans' Web sites.

The lawsuit also claims a bodyguard for Aiken manhandled Holleman at a fundraiser in Hawaii.

A telephone message left Sunday at Parker's home was not

returned. Messages

left with Aiken's management company were not returned.

The lawsuit seeks at least \$260,000 in damages and asks the court to order Aiken to retract the critical comments or endorse the book on his official Web site, to write a positive introduction for the book and to sell the book at his concerts for at least five years.

AP



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Madonna's 'Confessions' heard by fans

Religious leaders may have snubbed **MADONNA**, but Italian fans cheered the pop star as she staged a mock crucifixion at her concert in Rome.

A crowd of 70,000 attended Sunday night's performance at Olympic Stadium, some two miles from the Vatican. The scene of Madonna on a mirrored cross and wearing a crown of thorns, part of her

worldwide "Confessions" tour, had drawn fire from religious leaders, who condemned it as an act of hostility toward the Roman Catholic Church.

"She does it to play, not to offend," said Benedetta Mori, a 31-year-old fan wearing a T-shirt with an image of Madonna on the cross. "If they allowed her to stage the show here they must also play by her rules."

Madonna's representatives have

said the performance on the cross, which has been included from the outset of the tour in May, is not disrespectful toward the church.

The 47-year-old singer is known for her theatrical, action-packed shows. Besides her rendition of "Live to Tell" while on the cross, her two-hour performance included two dancers with a Star of David and a Muslim crescent painted on

their torsos who embraced and held hands during their routine.

A figure wearing a robe and turban did a solo on the shofar, a ram's horn traditionally blown during the Jewish high holidays, then joined Madonna, who is a kabbalist, to perform "Isaac," a song about Yitzhak Luria, a 16th-century Jewish mystic and kabbalah scholar.

AP



Shedding doubts

SEIJI OZAWA received a hero's welcome during his return to Tanglewood to conduct the Boston Symphony Orchestra for the first time since 2002.

A crowd of more than 10,000 that filled the Music Shed and much of the lawn gave the former BSO director a standing ovation Saturday night when he walked on stage to conduct Mahler's Symphony No. 2, the "Resurrection."

He received a nearly six-minute ovation after the 90-minute performance by the BSO, the Tanglewood Festival Chorus and soloists Heidi Grant Murphy and Nathalie Stutzmann.

Before acknowledging the crowd's plaudits, Ozawa went around the front rows of the orchestra shaking hands with his former colleagues.

He was recalled with the soloists and chorus director John Oliver three times, each time calling on the orchestra and chorus to rise and share the ovations with him.

Ozawa, now the music director of the Vienna State Opera, led the BSO from 1973 to 2002, longer than any other conductor in the orchestra's 125-year history. He is also the artistic director and founder of the Saito Kinen Festival, Japan's music and opera festival.

AP

Fans breathe easier

DAVID GILMOUR will perform in Venice this weekend after his concerts in St. Mark's Square were canceled because of a problem with the stage.

The 60-year-old Pink Floyd guitarist will perform in the lagoon city Friday and Saturday, according to a statement posted on his Web site.

The concerts scheduled for Aug. 4-5 were canceled because the stage appeared to be unsafe, Italian news reports said. One of the columns

supporting the stage was slightly angled and therefore unable to hold the weight of the lights and other stage equipment, according to the reports.

Pink Floyd caused chaos when it performed on a floating stage near St. Mark's Square in 1989, drawing an audience of some 200,000 fans. City officials and residents complained about littering, scattered acts of vandalism and drug use.

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MOVIEGUIDE

SHOWTIMES: TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2006

AERO THEATRE
1328 Montana Ave. (310) 395-4990



ROBOCOP
Friday
Close Encounters of the Third Kind (PG)/ THX-1138 (R) 7:30
Saturday
Robocop (Unrated)/ Starship Troopers (R) 7:30
Sunday
The War of the Worlds (1953) 7:30

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Barnyard: The Original Party Animals (PG)
10:15, 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00
Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13)
11:50, 2:20, 2:50, 4:50, 7:20, 8:35, 9:50, 11:10, 12:00
John Tucker Must Die (PG-13)
11:45, 2:00, 4:20, 7:00, 9:10
Miami Vice (R)
10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:50, 8:50, 10:45, 11:45
Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13)
10:20, 1:25, 4:45, 8:00, 11:15
Superman Returns (PG-13)
11:30, 5:20, 11:00

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The Night Listener (R)
11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45
Scoop (PG-13)
11:45, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15
My Super Ex-Girlfriend (PG-13)
11:40, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 10:00
The Devil Wears Prada (PG-13)
11:55, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:30

LANDMARK NUWILSHIRE
1314 Wilshire Blvd (310) 281-8228
Changing Times
11:45, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45
Who Killed the Electric Car? (PG)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55

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AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH
Quinceanera (R)
1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
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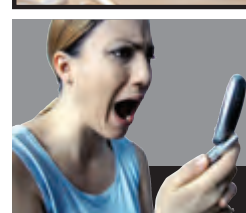
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The Descent (R)
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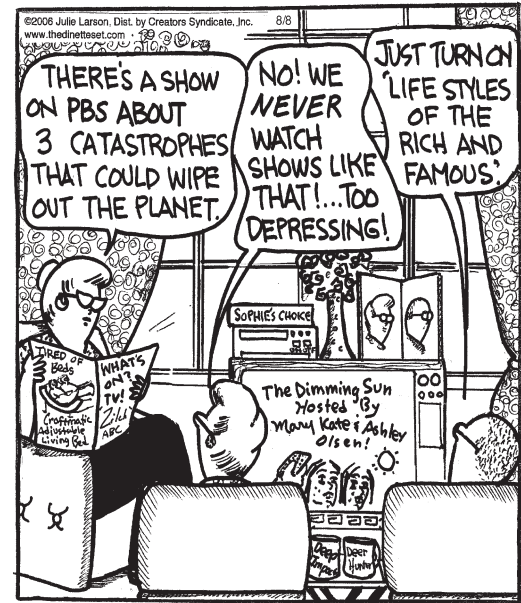
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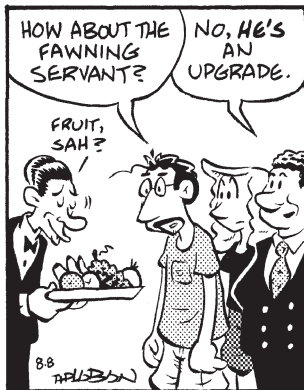
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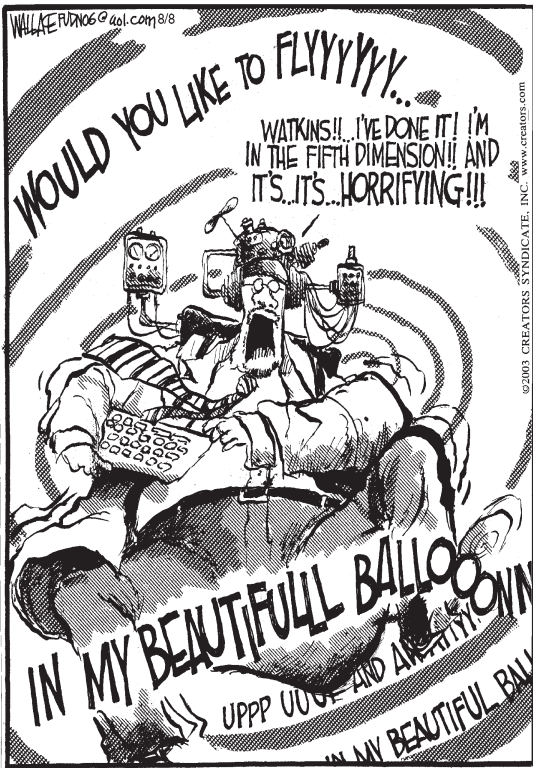
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CASE NO. SP006905

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of SHELDON R. RUBIN AKA SHELDON RUBIN AKA SHELDON ROSS RUBIN AKA BUD RUBIN AKA ROSS RUBIN.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JEFFREY J. RUBIN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JEFFREY J. RUBIN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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Attorney for Petitioner
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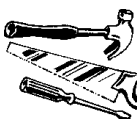
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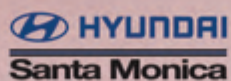
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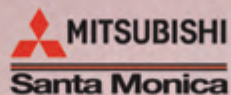
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