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NEWS OF THE WEIRD  
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In June, the Ministry of Higher Education of Saudi Arabia (home of 15 of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers), along with the country's civil aviation authority, jointly announced scholarships for Saudi men and women for bachelor's and graduate-school study in the United States in such fields as "air traffic control," "flight safety" and "other majors related to the airline transport industry."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 222nd day of 2006.  
There are 143 days left in the year.

**1969** Leno and Rosemary LaBianca were murdered in their Los Angeles home by members of Charles Manson's cult, one day after actress Sharon Tate and four other people were slain.

**1977** Postal employee David Berkowitz was arrested in Yonkers, N.Y., accused of being "Son of Sam," the gunman responsible for six slayings and seven woundings.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A man may fulfill the object of his existence by asking a question he cannot answer, and attempting a task he cannot achieve."

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES  
AMERICAN AUTHOR (1809-1894)

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TWILIGHT DANCE SERIES

**Salif Keita**  
**Africa's 'Golden' boy heads into Twilight**  
By Daily Press staff

**SM PIER** — African pop music icon Salif Keita, the so-called "Golden Voice of Africa," takes to the stage tonight for this week's installment of the Twilight Dance Series of free concerts.

Keita's combination of Western influences and his own innovations with traditional African rhythms, instruments and his unique vocals — seemingly both harsh and smooth — should provide concert-goers with an eclectic musical experience.

Global diva Ashley Maher will open tonight's show with her brand of high-energy world music.

Keita has charmed audiences from New York to Paris with his unmistakable sound. Born in Mali, the performer's albino skin was considered "bad luck" and he was shunned by his family and community alike. By 1967, however, he was playing in clubs with one of his brothers, and by 1973, had joined a fairly popular band known as Les Ambassadeurs.

As his reputation extended beyond Mali's borders, he was awarded the National Order of Guinea by President Ahmed Sekou Toure. In return, Keita composed the hauntingly beautiful "Mandjou," telling the history of the Mali people and praising Sekou Toure.

After leaving Mali in the mid-1970s due to the sporadic political unrest there, Keita settled in Paris in 1984. He continues to live there and tours worldwide. His music blends the traditional music of his Malian childhood with West African, Cuban, Spanish and Portuguese influences and traditional African instruments such as the kora, balafon and djembe.

Opening tonight's show is Maher, who follows in the

See **TWILIGHT**, page 10

## Waking up at the Pier

Return of boating to city landmark is an idea being floated

**BY KEVIN HERRERA**  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**CITY HALL** — Citing a need to keep the Santa Monica Pier a competitive tourist destination in the region, as well as an attractive venue for residents, the City Council is leaning towards restoring commercial boating to the city's most famous landmark.

Along with a gangway, where visitors would be able to embark on sight-seeing tours and sport fishing excursions, there is also the possibility of adding two new restaurants and a series of eclectic shops that would mirror other seaside shopping centers such as Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco and Pike Street in Seattle.

Furthermore, there is also talk of

See **PIER PLANS**, page 10

## Time for a gut check

Riders on the Sea Dragon on the Santa Monica Pier this week wait for that sinking feeling to take hold.

Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

August 8, 2006

### REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

ONE MAN'S TAKE ON CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

## Photographic memory

**BY KEVIN HERRERA**  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**CITY HALL** — Happy birthday to you. Happy birthday to you. Happy birthday, dear Santa Monica. Happy birthday to you.

For those out of the loop, the shining city by the sea celebrated 130 years of existence in July, and with that, Louise Gabriel, the founder of the Santa Monica Historical Society Museum, decided to author a pictorial — complete with rare photos

See **REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK**, page 11

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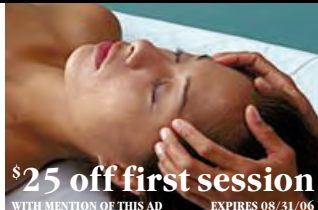
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## Get some zzz's, Aries

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**JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS** The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★ DYNAMIC ★★★★★ POSITIVE ★★★★★ AVERAGE ★★★★★ SO-SO ★★★★★ DIFFICULT



### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Step back. You will appreciate the break after recent events. You might not feel comfortable if you aren't hands-on; still, you feel good vanishing. Don't let someone bring up an obligation and have you suddenly scurrying left and right. Allow others to do more. **Tonight:** Get some extra zzz's.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Don't hem and haw, but rather zoom in on what you need and want. Meetings, crowds and friends prove to be lucky. You might feel that you need to make a choice between two people. **Tonight:** Where your friends are

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Take charge and understand your liabilities. You might want to handle a situation differently. Your high energy and ingenuity point you in another direction. Trust what is happening. Don't get pulled between work and personal concerns. Though you might not like tension, you do well in a tight situation. **Tonight:** In the limelight

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Take an overview, and you'll get results. You might say or do something a bit harsh for you. Be careful, as you could be a touch reckless. Dig into your creativity to find answers. Your imagination plays into a project. **Tonight:** Relax to good music

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Let others make the first gesture. Though you might not totally love what is suggested, you have a basis to work from. Take care not to spend out of frustration. You might be doing a financial dance with a key associate. Be willing to say no. Your resourcefulness helps find another answer. **Tonight:** Dinner for two

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Others could be challenging, getting your ire up. You might say and do some things that you normally wouldn't. Conversations are active and fulfilling. You finally understand where someone is coming from. **Tonight:** Say yes

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Pace yourself. You could be venting anger in a strange manner. Ultimately, what you are doing could be self-destructive. Take time to center yourself, especially if you are irritated with someone. Take a walk or get some exercise to work through uncomfortable feelings. **Tonight:** Choose R and R

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Your optimistic attitude helps turn around any problem. You'll find answers. You are able to get past another's anger or frustration. You don't need to feel like you are juggling various interests. You are simply working with the issues. **Tonight:** Very playful

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Your instincts serve you well with the people you deal with. You will have a lot going on in your professional life or with your dealings with others. Yet you long to spend some quality time with family. Trust yourself. You can do it all! **Tonight:** Be a couch potato

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You have the right words to deal with a difficult situation that comes in out of the blue. You might not be able to say no to a trip or special seminar. In-laws also might play a role here. The good news is, you somehow get what you want. **Tonight:** Music and eats

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Be aware of your spending. Someone might demand a lot from you. You might not be able to meet this person's wishes. Make that OK. A must appearance proves to be very successful. You are in the limelight. **Tonight:** Your treat

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Your smile is a winner. Though someone might be jealous and act out, you know how to handle the problem. You probably understand this person better than he or she does. Be gracious. **Tonight:** Whatever knocks your socks off

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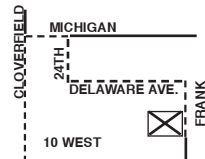
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

For Red Cross youth, it's a wash

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica Red Cross youth volunteers will be washing cars, trucks and SUVs today in efforts to raise money for the chapter's youth program.

The car wash — with donations of \$7 for cars and \$10 for small trucks and SUVs — will be held at the Red Cross chapter parking lot, 1450 11th Street (at Broadway) from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

For information on Red Cross electronic recycling, car washes and other youth activities, call the Santa Monica Red Cross during business hours, Monday through Friday, at 310-394-3773.

The American Red Cross of Santa Monica is a publicly supported, nonprofit corporation that provides health and safety education, youth services, CPR and first-aid training, disaster awareness and disaster relief efforts. For additional information or to inquire about other programs or assistance, call 310-394-3773 or go online at [www.redcrossofsantamonica.org](http://www.redcrossofsantamonica.org).

Some support for those with an active lifestyle

By Daily Press staff

The Activist Support Circle will hold its second annual Public Potluck Peace Picnic on Sunday, Aug. 20, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. in Palisades Park at The Children's Tree of Life, located at Ocean and Colorado avenues in Santa Monica, just north of the gateway to the Santa Monica Pier. The special guest speaker will be Marcy Winograd, President of Progressive Democrats of Los Angeles and a recent Congressional peace candidate.

Picnickers are invited to bring their music, poetry and a vegetarian potluck dish to share.

The Activist Support Circle is an emotional support group for progressive activists that began in February, 2005. The purpose of their regularly scheduled monthly gatherings are to:

- Guard against activist-related burnout.
- Share activist-related frustrations and fears, as well as hopes and aspirations, in a supportive, safe environment.
- Turn feelings of despair into feelings of empowerment.
- Learn helpful coping skills and ideas from other like-minded supportive activists.

For further information or to RSVP for the picnic, call (310) 399-1000 or visit [www.activistsupportcircle.org](http://www.activistsupportcircle.org).

**CORRECTION** There was an error in the Aug. 7 edition of the Daily Press. Zelia Mollica, who is running for the Rent Control Board, was instrumental in forming Renters Empowerment Zone, which conducts optional surveys with tenants to identify their needs related to their satisfaction with the landlord and building upkeep.

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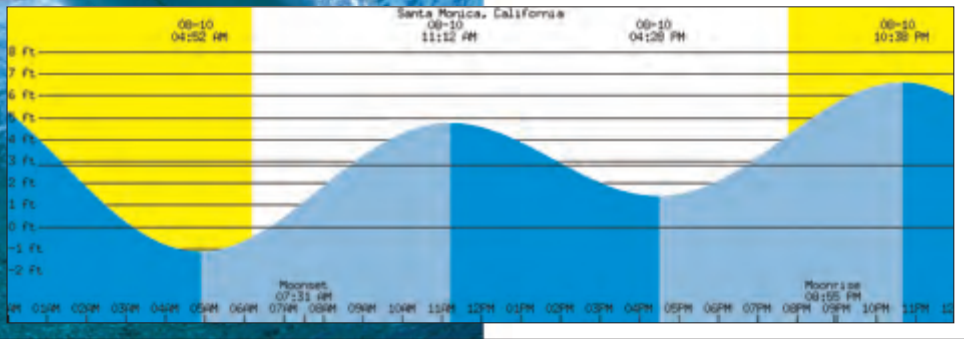
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**The Q-Line**

**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:**  
Do you agree with the city's demands that the "doggie houses" be removed from public trees in Santa Monica? Should City Hall provide an alternative solution? Look the other way?

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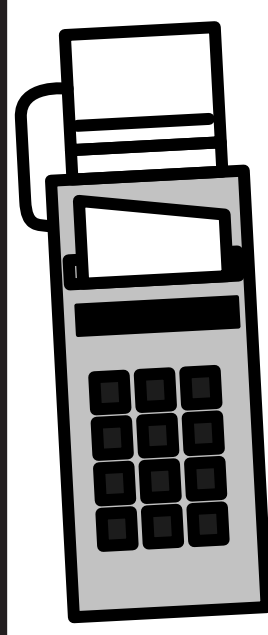


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Get on the bus, if you like

**Editor:**

I would like to point out weaknesses in David Pizarra's logic (SMPD, Aug. 8, page 4) as to why we don't have better public transport in Los Angeles.

First, you can fit the entire Boston metropolitan area into the San Fernando Valley plus Pasadena. The commute distance from Queens to downtown Manhattan is a measly eight miles. And many of the cities cited by David that have good public transit also have a well-defined city center to and from which to commute.

Second, has David forgotten that we once had a regional transportation system called the Red Cars? Something must explain the demise of that wonderful system, the tracks of which continue to slowly disappear, buried under various condo and commercial real estate development.

Third, perhaps David neglected one factor: people like their cars and don't necessarily like hanging out on a bus with the rabble, especially in this age of cell phones where the non-manual-labor class can take their office and appointment books with them onto the highway.

Fourth, I am not sure where David gets the impression that our labor force all owns cars. Has David taken a look at who rides our bus system? And Los Angeles has one heck of a bus system.

These issues affect quality of life. My 89-year-old mom needs regular care now during the day. I cannot afford to put her in a local care facility due to the high rent those facilities must pay. One of the caregivers I hire to help my mom must commute, by bus, from central Los Angeles, over one hour each way. The other helper, fortunately, benefits from Rent Control so is able to still live in Santa Monica.

All this being said, history plays a role here. We have land, which, since the time of the Homestead Act, has been being chopped up into tinier and tinier rectangular grids of privately owned property, with little by way of social process to intervene with rational planning. Instead of the Champs-Elysees, we have Main Street with its narrow sidewalks, where some 1890s law makes it illegal to serve a beer outdoors. I blame this situation on both private enterprise that fosters ownership and rent as a means of generating wealth for a few, along with a puritanical obsequious religious public having little imagination or political willpower.

Fortunately, gas is no longer cheap. Will the blunt economics of the situation finally lead to a change in attitude?

We do have transit corridors which could, with correct planning, all have train and bus systems to feed a local grid of smaller shuttles. Good public transit is both conceptually possible and energy-wise a good idea. Why don't we extend the Tide Shuttle to cover Santa Monica so that to get from point A to point B, you never have to walk more than 10 minutes or wait more than 10 minutes for the next shuttle?

Ray Bradbury proposed a monorail system 50 years ago. The monorail company offered to put it in at no charge to the city. What happened with that? It is still a good idea. Add to that installing a lightweight elevated bicycle roadway above Santa Monica Boulevard from the Santa Monica Pier all the way to Hollywood. Cheap, effective, fast transportation for that short nine-mile commute. I'm a cyclist and am able to do that on bicycle now in 35 minutes. With an elevated bike road, it would be safe and anyone in half-decent shape could make that trip in about 45 minutes without breaking a sweat. Heck, we'd see a new surge in tandem and tri-bicycles with multiple people bike-pooling to work.

I would prefer to live in a society where real estate speculation does not deprive me of the liberty to be able to hire workers who live close to me. That would reduce traffic and increase the quality of life of everyone. True Libertarians will, of course, point out that I could move my mom and myself to a lower cost neighborhood. Libertarians like those are why we find ourselves in this current mess.

Dennis Allard  
Santa Monica

Reader is on board with Bauer

**Editor:**

Regarding Bill Bauer's "My Write" (SMDP, July 31, page 4), I am grateful for his updates on the City Council race, and I always enjoy his comments. However this time, I was dumbfounded. First, Mr. Bauer says, "The big questions is, 'Do the voters want change?'" I have to ask him, "Is this a trick question?" From my viewpoint, the answer is "yes," "yes" and again "yes." He goes on to say, "While there's grumbling and complaining, I don't see many residents clamoring for new blood." Over here, Bill. This is one voter who is going to do more than grumble and complain, I am going to put my vote where my mouth is.

Bauer also says, "The incumbents [McKeown, O'Connor and Holbrook] have served eight, 12 and 16 years, respectively." Gee, aren't these the years that Santa Monica has consolidated into the condo/traffic/transient quagmire that is the current status quo?

Also, thanks for the tip that candidate Planning Commissioner Terry O'Day is "tight with former city councilman, Michael Feinstein." Since getting rid of Feinstein in the last election, why do we want to elect someone who is "tight" with that ego on wheels? (Who can forget Feinstein skating through the Promenade on Rollerblades seeking to stop the ban there on wheeled maniacs? Yes, Michael, we want our toddlers slammed into by Rollerbladers. Look up the word "promenade" in the dictionary). Just one of the many, many, many reasons he was dumped at the last election.

Anyway, Bill Bauer continues to inform us on the candidates, and I for one, look forward to many more on the subject.

Marilyn Brennan  
Santa Monica

ARCHIVE

Living tween a rock and a hard place



ICONOCLAST  
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BY SETH BARNES

I don't have children. I'm not a teacher, and I stridently ignore the little people incessantly playing portable videogames in every public place imaginable. But I've just found out that I'm seriously in the dark about a modern phenomenon: I thought those little people were "kids." Well buster, they're not. Those are "Tweens," the latest American sensation.

I might as well have been sailing across the world for the past few years in an exact replica of the Mayflower. I had no clue. Merrily, even cheerfully, I've gone about my business, thinking nothing was amiss. When I was a child, the system was pretty straightforward. If I asked my parents for something, anything, that was non-essential to my day-to-day survival, I received a stern lecture on frugality, was forced to execute 50 push-ups in rapid succession, and was sent off to sleep on a concrete slate to further consider the virtues of thrift. If you were a kid, you were supposed to be at least semi-miserable. You were the young goat of the human kingdom, and nobody was impressed. Why? Well nobody really knew why, that's just the way they had been doing things for centuries. But it was OK, because eventually you graduated from the serfdom of little-people land and became an adult.

Somewhere along the line, the whole kid-die-cart as it were, was tipped over. All of a sudden adults became fascinated with kids who were too old to derive satisfaction from a clean game of Ring Around the Rosie (toddlers), but too young to have their first inkling that it might be fun to smoke a carton of cigarettes while making prank phone calls all afternoon (teenagers). Kids were no longer fantastically obnoxious twerps who were just a few years removed from soiling their pants on daily basis. A new classification emerged for this "between" group suspended in the purgatory of not-adult land. These runny-nosed adolescents, this selfish, narcissistic clan of tantrum throwing spoilsports and whiners had a new name: they were Tweens. Mini adults. While it would have been entirely excusable to leave this group of people alone until they had actually done something to warrant our attention, a cadre of child psychologists and Just Do It! Suburban housewives decided that we all needed to stop fast in our tracks and devote a solid portion of our waking hours to this confederacy of brats.

Contrary to every intuition of mine that is decent and pure, I've learned the following: Tweens have opinions, identities and personas. They have important feelings and emotions that have to be considered and lavished-over. Tweens mean business, they want the world, and they want it now.

Tweens have zest and zing. They are sophisticated. Life is not hard for Tweens, it is a comfortable escapade that one saunters through with a stuffed belly full of fried jalapeno poppers. Tweens live by several mantras, here is one: "Gimme! Me!" If a Tween falls in the forest, the current protocol is to immediately run to his or her aid with a newly purchased Ipod and a knapsack full of DVDs. Tweens should be lauded and respected. If you are a parent, and your Tween is not the most utterly stupendous, most amazing once-in-a-lifetime miracle that has ever happened to you, you are a hideous, unworthy ogre.

Tweens have clout. As has been widely reported in the media, after several high-level meetings, the nation's advertisers placed a seething-red bulls-eye on the Tween age group. The reason for this, and for their ever-expanding power, is so obvious: Tweens are practically drowning in cash.

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How did they get this cash? Who cares. There is a nasty internet rumor that behind every Tween stands an exasperated father or mother with a gargantuan credit card bill, but to that I say, "Stuff it in your craw, Daddy," to which Daddy would say, "Um, OK sport. Sounds great!" The truth is, Tweens are high functioning and operate as autonomous purchasing machines that will stop at nothing until every silly machine, overpriced wardrobe, and ridiculous gadget has been emptied from the country's malls.

While this might seem like a positive for us adults (if only because it will allow us to find the things that we want and can actually afford, like bananas and paper clips), in reality it is an ominous sign. We are at the cusp of the French Revolution in parent/tween relations and things are only going to get increasingly ugly. You see, when the lower classes gain momentum, and can see the mantle of power glowing on high, the rebellion is truly under way and nothing can stop its progress.

Which is why I fully expect to be led to the guillotine by a pack of gum chewing Jessica Simpson look-alikes in the not-to-distant future.

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# Day laborers get act together with AFL-CIO

BY PETER PRENGAMAN

Associated Press Writer

**LOS ANGELES** — The nation's largest federation of unions agreed Wednesday to work with a network of immigrant day laborers to improve wages and working conditions for those who solicit work from street corners across America.

The agreement between the AFL-CIO and the National Day Laborer Organizing Network, formally adopted in Chicago, is a sign of day laborers' growing role in the U.S. economy.

Experts also said it reflects the need for unions to expand to regain clout.

The agreement does not clear the way for day laborers to become union members, but both sides said it could be a step in that direction. The agreement allows the network's 40 nationwide centers to affiliate with the federation and receive representation on local labor councils.

Under the plan, the AFL-CIO and network will pursue minimum wage campaigns, safety at construction sites and legislation to criminalize employers who stiff day laborers.

The groups will also work toward reform that includes amnesty for the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants living in the United States.

"This is huge for day laborers," said Abel Valenzuela, a professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, and co-author of the first national study of day laborers released in January.

"The AFL-CIO can hire staff to help with organizing, provide more legal services and lobby on behalf of day laborers," he said.

Among other things, the study found there are about 117,000 day laborers nationwide, and the top employers are homeowners.

The agreement was sharply criticized by anti-illegal immigration groups, who accused the federation of selling out its 53 unions for the hope of new membership.

"The unions mistakenly believe it's a source of new members," said Joseph Turner of Save Our State, which has staged dozens of protests at day labor sites across Southern California. "They will undercut their memberships by bringing in illegal aliens."

The agreement comes as day laborers, a majority of whom are Hispanic and undocumented, take steps to become more organized.

At a large center in downtown Los Angeles, day laborers said they hoped the agreement would lead to unionization. The center has set the minimum hourly pay for

its workers at \$8. Skilled workers command up to \$15 an hour.

"We've all had employers not pay us, and seen workers get hurt at jobs," said Francisco Jimenez, 35, an illegal immigrant from Mexico.

For years, unions have experienced diminishing numbers and clout because of globalization, automation and the transition from an industrial-based economy to one that is service-driven.

Some members see undocumented workers as a vast untapped pool of potential new members. Others, however, think they drag down wages and thwart organizing efforts.

Unions were often at odds while Congress debated immigration reform earlier this year, with some groups arguing against guest worker programs and amnesty for illegal immigrants.

The dissension was evident last year when a handful of unions, including the Service Employees International Union, broke from the AFL-CIO in an effort to forge a new direction for organized labor.

The breakaway unions complained that the AFL-CIO focused too much on electoral politics and not enough on organizing more people, including immigrant workers.

"The agreement is a strategic move for the AFL-CIO," Valenzuela said. "They are thinking about how to maintain and increase their ranks."

The day labor network also has much to gain. Originally a ragtag group of centers in 2001, the network is emerging as a powerful force for organizing day laborers. Its 40 member sites are used by thousands of workers each day. Among other things, the sites provide English classes and workshops on labor rights. All laborers and employers are registered in data bases, and workers often vote on center decisions involving wages and operations.

Day laborers have also become a target of anti-illegal immigration groups who have staged protests at day labor sites, told immigration officials about employers who hire illegals, and sued cities that build day labor centers.

"We need as many alliances as we can to fight back," said Pablo Alvarado, director of the day labor network.

Whether the agreement leads to full unionization will depend on how aggressively the AFL-CIO focuses on day labor issues, and how day laborers respond to organization efforts, said Janice Fine, a labor professor at Rutgers University.

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# An extradition with some serious star power

By the Associated Press

**JUNEAU, Wis.** — A Wisconsin man charged in California with using a fake charity to solicit tickets to movie premieres and other events is awaiting extradition to Los Angeles.

Kristopher Schwoch, 25, was charged last year in Los Angeles County with 11 counts of theft under false pretenses and grand theft related to the charity scams, in which hundreds of people bought tickets from him to events only to find that he allegedly used the tickets for himself.

He was arrested at his Horicon home in central Wisconsin last week on a bench warrant after he failed to show up for sentencing on three counts of grand theft, said Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney Susan Navas. The warrant was issued July 3, she said.

Schwoch had not posted a \$2,000 cash bond and remained in custody Tuesday, Dodge County Clerk of Court Lynn Hron said. At a hearing Friday, Schwoch said he would contest extradition. Another hearing was set for Aug. 31.

According to the criminal complaint filed

last year, Schwoch allegedly solicited the tickets from ABC, NBC and Warner Bros. by saying he would raffle them off and use the proceeds for a charity that was actually a fake. It is common practice for studios to donate extra tickets to movie premieres and other events to charities.

Schwoch would post ads for the tickets on legitimate entertainment Web sites, then take the money people wired to him — up to \$5,000 per ticket, police said. He then traveled around the country to attend the events himself — including an Amy Grant concert,

the Academy Awards and the Hollywood premiere of "Ocean's Twelve."

Last year, he was arrested in Burbank when he went to pick up tickets for the premiere of "Miss Congeniality 2," police said.

He pleaded guilty to three felony counts of grand theft in February and agreed to repay \$7,200 in restitution to his victims, said Navas. As a part of the deal, Schwoch would serve only three years in state prison, she said.

Schwoch paid the money back, she said, but then disappeared on the day of his sentencing.

## Labor-intensive organic farms are getting picked over

BY JULIANA BARBASSA

Associated Press Writer

**WATSONVILLE** — Foreman Eber Diaz is bent over a field of parsley, a sickle in his right hand, his left working quickly to gather herbs among the weeds. For every fragrant bunch he picks and ties with a twist, he stops to rip out handfuls of the thick-stemmed weeds crowding the crop.

Normally, these fields would be free of weeds and workers would move easily up and down the rows, harvesting organic vegetables and herbs meant for dinner tables around the country. But increased patrolling along the border with Mexico, and easier, higher-paying jobs in the city have made farmworkers scarce.

Farms across the country are feeling the pinch, but organic farms growing labor-intensive, hand-picked crops like Lakeside Organic

Gardens in the lush Pajaro Valley on California's Central Coast are really suffering as fields go untended, and acres have to be torn up because there's no one to harvest them.

"It's heartbreaking," said farmer Dick Peixoto.

As Diaz's crew tried to salvage parsley, Peixoto examined the weeds choking tiny spinach plants and towering over the lettuce, leaving some plants starved for light.

The situation is so bad Peixoto has been forced to tear out nearly 30 acres of vegetables, and has about 100 acres compromised by weeds. He estimates his loss so far to be about \$200,000 — worse than anything he's seen in his 31 years of farming.

Farmers like Peixoto readily admit their reliance on immigrants, legal or not, and they're watching Washington's border crack-down with apprehension.

More than half the nation's approximate-

ly 1.8 million farmworkers are here illegally, though growers in California believe the percentage here is probably much higher.

Growers check documents provided by prospective workers to the best of their ability, all the while knowing that fakes are easy to find and that the industry couldn't make it without the labor of undocumented workers.

This dependence on immigrant labor has turned farmers into strong advocates of immigration reform. They're pushing hard for a program that would allow guest workers to enter the country legally to work with employers who are waiting, as spelled out in one of the proposals that's currently stalled in Washington.

"The government says we have to get rid of these undocumented workers, but they don't have an answer for us," said Peixoto. "How are we supposed to do this?"

Traditional farmers — even growers of delicate, hand-picked crops like the berries

of the Pajaro Valley can get by with up to 20 percent fewer workers.

Their crops might hang on the vine a little later, and they might have to shell out extra cash to keep workers in the field longer. But at least they can wipe out the weeds with chemicals, and focus their work force on harvesting and other tasks that can't be put off.

Conventional farmer John Eiskamp hired 320 workers to reach between the brambles on his 180-acre raspberry and blackberry farm and pluck out the juicy berries.

He could have used an extra 30 to 50 workers, but made do by paying workers to put in 12- or 14-hour days for weeks during the peak of harvest, and postponing trellising, weeding and covering the plants.

The work is "delicate, labor intensive, and very time consuming," said Eiskamp. "It's a challenging industry even without labor shortage and heat waves."

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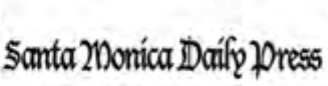
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# That Sound could be telling them something

BY RACHEL LA CORTE

Associated Press Writer

**WHIDBEY ISLAND, Wash.** — Several orcas that died during captures for marine parks more than three decades ago may provide a wealth of information about Puget Sound's remaining killer whales.

Three to five orcas are believed to be buried in various sites on Whidbey Island, about 48 miles northwest of Seattle. A joint effort by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the University of Washington and the Orca Network wants to find and exhume the remains for DNA analysis.

"We're trying to add to our material that we have for the southern residents," said Brad Hanson, a wildlife biologist with the Northwest Fisheries Science Center, who is involved in the effort. "Like a lot of things in science, you don't know what it's going to yield until you get a hold of it."

Orcas, often called killer whales but actually a kind of dolphin, are found in all the world's oceans.

The remains in question are believed to be from a 1970 hunt at Penn Cove off Whidbey Island, where more than 80 orcas were rounded up and seven were captured

and sent to marine parks. Up to five whales got tangled in nets and drowned.

Orca Network co-founder Susan Berta said that for years, she had heard stories about whales buried on the island. Earlier this year, she asked Hanson whether they should try to find them.

She said she wanted to do something "to honor those deaths or make some good come of it."

Hanson said ground penetrating radar was used at the end of June to mark two potential sites that are expected to yield three remains. Other sites are being sought. Excavation won't begin for several months, he said.

Last year, the federal government declared Washington state's three resident orca pods — dubbed J, K and L — endangered under federal law, which calls for habitat protection.

The three pods number 89 whales, down from historical levels of 120 or more in the last century but up from a low of 79 in 2001. Their numbers have gone through three periods of decline since the late 1960s and early 1970s, when dozens were captured for aquariums, with each decline followed by a slight rebound.

Berta said at least 13 orcas were killed dur-

ing those captures, and 45 were delivered to marine parks around the world. Only Lolita — who is at the Miami Seaquarium — remains alive. Believed to be between 40 and 42, Lolita is the oldest whale in captivity.

Orca Network has been working on its Free Lolita Campaign since 1995, and is still seeking to get the Seaquarium to release the whale back to Washington state.

Seaquarium officials have long dismissed any attempt to reclaim the orca.

In a written statement this week, the Seaquarium said to release Lolita back into the sound would "jeopardize her health and safety, especially given the fact that scientists have added the members of Lolita's pod, who reside in the waters of Puget Sound, on the endangered species list due to a distressed ecosystem."

The capture of orcas off the Northwest coast was stopped in 1976, after Washington state sued Sea World in federal court over a hunt near Budd Inlet in the south sound. In a settlement, Sea World agreed to never collect orcas again in Washington state.

Hanson said the work on Whidbey Island is a continuation of a project a few years ago to obtain dozens of samples from orca skeletal remains at museums along the West Coast.

"We're shifting over to the materials that

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are not easily accessible," he said.

Ken Balcomb at the Center for Whale Research on San Juan Island has the skull of an infant whale that a Whidbey Island resident found after the 1970 capture, and is offering it up for DNA analysis as well.

Balcomb said that any information gleaned from this whale, or others that are found on Whidbey Island, could help explain why the orca population continues to struggle.

Pollution and a decline in prey are believed to be their biggest threats, though stress from whale-watch boats and underwater sonar tests by the Navy are also concerns.

Orcas are a matriarchal society, and Hanson said they are interested in using DNA to determine lineages.

"Some of the questions are, was this a much larger population with more branches on the family tree?" Balcomb asked.

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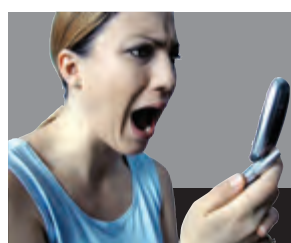
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# Black gold gives way to water in aging oil field

MARY PEMBERTON

Associated Press Writer

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska** — BP's problem of corroding pipes is worsening as the nation's largest oil field ages and more water and less oil is produced during drilling.

"Really, we are a giant water field," said Bill Hedges, BP PLC's corrosion expert, explaining that what comes up now during drilling is three-quarters water.

Water contains carbon dioxide, ideally suited to corroding pipelines.

The shutdown this week of the Prudhoe Bay oil field because of severe corrosion found in transit lines is raising questions about the condition of the rest of the field. Oil first flowed at Prudhoe Bay on June 20, 1977.

The Prudhoe Bay oilfield is very different now from what it was when it was first brought onstream, said ING Financial Markets analyst Jason Kenney.

"The changing quality of the crude that is being produced has presented an issue with the infrastructure that's in place and the development and that is what BP are battling against," Kenney said.

The world's second-largest oil company announced Sunday it was shutting down the oil field after a small leak was found in one of its three transit lines, which bring oil to the 800-mile trans-Alaska pipeline. BP has 22 miles of transit lines and will be replacing

two of the lines, or 16 miles of pipe.

The Prudhoe Bay field produces about 400,000 barrels a day with production divided equally between the eastern and western sides.

The phased shutdown began Sunday on the east side, where the leak was discovered. It will likely move to the west side, where in March corrosion in another transit line caused a spill of up to 270,000 gallons.

Company officials said Tuesday they hope to avoid a complete shutdown on the west side.

Bob Malone, chairman of BP North America who took over July 1, defended the company Tuesday.

"I'm not able to see a systemic issue," Malone told analysts. "These are very, very unfortunate incidents. I can say with comfort I'm seeing a high level of focus on safety and operation integrity."

BP is spending \$72 million this year on its anticorrosion program, with about half that money going for millions of gallons of corrosion inhibiting chemicals placed in the pipelines. The amount of inhibitor is roughly double what it was a decade ago.

The company uses a variety of techniques to detect corrosion, including X-raying the pipe and gauging thickness by ultrasound. Workers place gel on sections of pipe and move a transducer along it to detect thin spots. More than 100,000 points along roughly more than 1,000 miles of Prudhoe

Bay pipe are checked annually.

Flow pipes also are cleaned and scraped and "smart pigged," where an ultrasound device is put into the pipe to check for the thin places in the wall of the pipe.

It was that test, ordered by the Federal Department of Transportation following the huge March spill, that revealed problems in the transit line that leaked Sunday.

BP had relied mostly on exterior ultrasound to monitor the integrity of its three transit pipes in the belief that they were low-risk for corrosion because they carried market-ready crude oil, the processed oil with the water, gas, and solids removed.

On any given day, between 60 and 70 workers are doing tests on Prudhoe Bay's aging pipeline system, Hedges said.

BP now says it will use a maintenance pig to scrape and smart pig all its transit lines.

CSFB analyst Edward Westlake said the outage in Alaska confirms that some non-OPEC production infrastructure is becoming old.

"These are not new fears," he said. "However, they are causing more concern to company managements."

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said Tuesday that the corrosion in the Alaska pipeline could indicate other trouble in the U.S. system. He called on the Transportation Department to immediately survey the nation's pipeline network.

He urged the federal government to be more aggressive in seeking out and correcting flaws in the U.S. energy infrastructure.

"The bottom line is we cannot afford for this incident to be a canary in the mine-shaft," Schumer said. "Now is the time to aggressively search for and fix any other problems before another disruption causes a national energy emergency."

Schumer said officials should review the inspection schedules companies file to determine whether pipeline operators are adhering to their required plans.

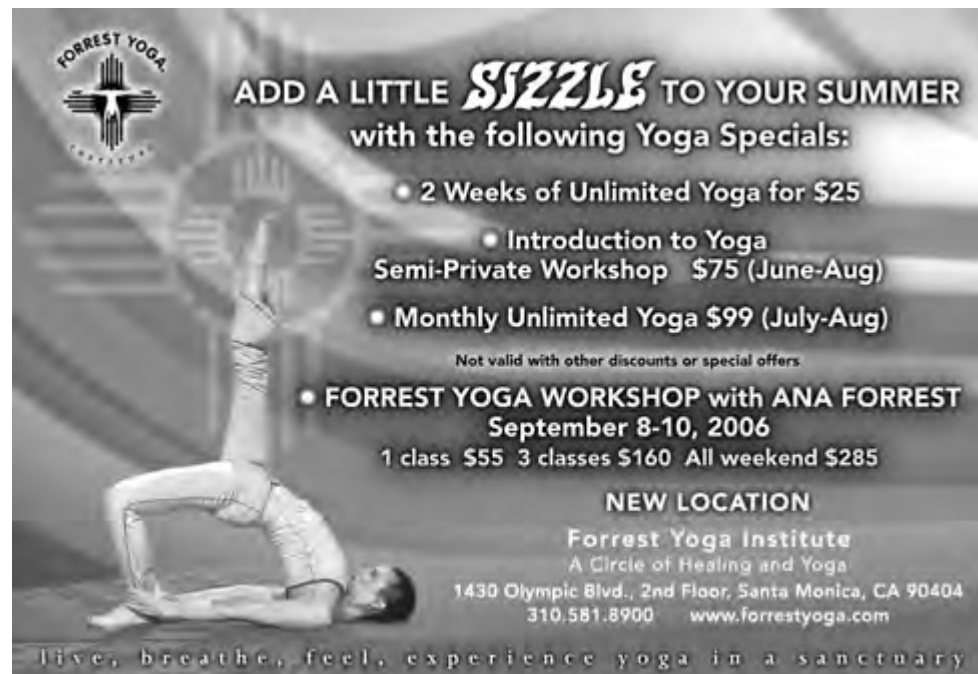
BP has said it determines how often to test its pipes depending on the particularities of the pipe and if it is likely to corrode.

The severe corrosion found in the pipe that leaked Sunday was a surprise.

"Others with operations with mature assets would no doubt be checking procedures for own infrastructure integrity," Kenney said.

Thomas J. Barrett, administrator of the Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, said his office has issued BP several compliance orders since the March 2 spill and will issue several more when the current onsite investigations are complete.

"Our goal is to restore the safe operations up there as quickly as we can. BP is doing the types of things we would like to have seen done sooner," he said.



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# The skinny on lamb chops

BY JESSE HARLAN ALDERMAN

Associated Press Writer

**BOISE, Idaho** — Consequences of the federal wolf reintroduction program in the Northern Rockies may be visible on the dinner table soon, in the form of skimpier lamb chops and porterhouse steaks that expose more bone than beef.

For years, cattle ranchers and wool growers have fretted over wolves that kill dozens of cows and sheep each year. But the steepest price may be the declining weight of livestock terrified by the howls and footsteps of the stalking predators.

Currently, calves fetch \$1.45 per pound on the market. So if wolves cause just a few lost pounds on each head of cattle, that quickly mounts into big losses, said Lloyd Knight, the executive director of the Idaho Cattle Association.

"When the cows are scared, they bunch together, they don't spread out like they're used to. They don't eat and drink — you can just tell they're losing weight," he said. "The loss of weight from the whole herd could cost far more than the depredation of a few calves. It's something we've been afraid of since the reintroduction program began."

Federal wildlife officials reintroduced endangered gray wolves into Yellowstone National Park and the central Idaho mountains in 1995, and the predators have thrived. And a decade later, ranchers argue, wolf packs are roaming further afield, their presence wreaking as much havoc as their bite.

The Idaho Office of Species Conservation, an agency that compensates ranchers for wolf-related losses through an annual \$100,000 appropriation from Congress, has agreed to pay any rancher who can demonstrate weight loss through record-keeping.

"I've heard the theory before and it makes sense," said Jeff Allen, the office's policy adviser. "It's something this office has agreed to fund."

The conservation group Defenders of Wildlife also has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to cushion the fiscal impact since reintroduction began, offering to compensate ranchers for the confirmed depredation, or killing, of livestock.

But Amaroq Weiss, a Defenders wolf specialist in Ashland, Ore., said careful scientific research is needed to

determine the extent and validity of ranchers' weight loss claims. Until then, the wildlife group could not reimburse ranchers for lanky animals.

"We're not inclined to compensate people for perceived weight loss, until there is research to show it is occurring, or if it's even probable that it's occurring," Weiss said. "We certainly welcome the research."

Proving that animal weight loss stems from wolf jitters and not some other factor in the vast matrix of variables that includes rangeland health, migration patterns and forage production, is difficult if not impossible, said Curt Mack, a wildlife biologist with the Nez Perce Indian tribe, which also has a hand in Idaho's wolf oversight.

The phenomenon likely exists, but its extent is "intangible and unquantifiable," Mack said.

He also cast doubt on the idea that sheep and cattle live in a permanent state of panic, pointing to research that shows some prey animals, such as elk and cattle, exhibit heightened recognition when wolves are hunting and relax their guard when the predators are merely roaming.

Although accounts remain anecdotal, nobody is more qualified to assess the physiology of their animals than the ranchers themselves, said Todd Grimm, the acting director of the Idaho branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services Division, which traps and shoots wolves known to prey on livestock.

"Most of these guys have had grazing allotments for so long, they have a real long history of what a calf should weigh when it comes off the mountain," Grimm said. "And, they've got a lot of facts and figures to go along with that."

Stan Boyd, executive director of the Idaho Wool Growers Association, said most of his members are reporting lamb weights between 2 and 8 pounds below the prior three-year average.

Nerves are to blame, he said.

"They're just being dogged out there," he said. "So there's safety in numbers. A band of lambs will crowd together and just quit eating."

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# Wildfires threaten Tripod

By The Associated Press

**WINTHROP, Wash.** — Fire crews worked to protect summer cabins in north-central Washington's Chewuch Valley Wednesday after two large wildfires burned together and continued to grow.

The Tripod and Spur Peak fires have burned more than 74,800 acres, or nearly 117 square miles, of national forest land northeast of Winthrop. The fires, which burned together Tuesday, remained about eight miles southwest of the town of Loomis, fire information officer Tom James said.

"We do have containment lines between the fire and the town," James said. "The weather has been looking pretty good, the humidity is up and the temperature is down a little bit. The winds have been fairly calm today as well, so

things are looking pretty calm."

Nearly 2,100 firefighters were assigned to the blaze, which was 10 percent contained.

Elsewhere, firefighters said a fire that burned nine structures about 40 miles north of Spokane appeared to have stalled. The Valley Mill fire was estimated at 460 acres, but had not grown Wednesday.

"The control lines are holding, they just need to shore those up," said Steve Harris, fire information officer for the state Department of Natural Resources. "It's pretty well burned out, and we are doing mop-up."

In Southern California, firefighters made progress Wednesday against two brush fires that blackened at least 1,000 acres in Riverside County, officials said. Residents were allowed to return to 10 vacation cottages and about 40 homes in the area after a brief evacuation on Tuesday.

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## Diva takes to Pier

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footsteps of pioneers like Peter Gabriel and Paul Simon, with a sound compared to Joni Mitchell-meets-Yousou 'N Dour. Maher, who has recorded four albums, is heralded for stellar songwriting, an extraordinary voice and world grooves.

Tonight's concert, which is presented by Amoeba Music, begins at 7:30 p.m. on the West Parking Deck. Admission is free.

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The Santa Monica Pier is located at the intersection of Colorado and Ocean avenues in Santa Monica. The Pier strongly recommends walking, biking and using mass transit to get to the concerts, as parking near the Pier is limited. Parking is available in beach parking lots located at 2030 Barnard Way and 1550 PCH, both accessible off Ocean Avenue south of the Pier. The 2030 lot is a short walk up the beach path from the Pier.

For more information about the concerts, visit [www.twilightdance.org](http://www.twilightdance.org) or call the Santa Monica Pier information line at (310) 458-8900.

Next week's concert will feature Chilean super-group Inti-Illimani.

## Designs on taming the sea



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Artist David Legaspi balances atop a wobbly six-foot ladder as he paints a mural entitled 'Kelp Forest' in the courtyard of Edison Dual Language Academy on Kansas Street. The mural, which wraps around the school's central courtyard, depicts the underwater world of Santa Monica Bay. The school intends to transform the old courtyard into an educational platform for students to learn more about the conservation of the Santa Monica Bay. The landscape design also calls for plant species that will mimic marine life elements.

# Pier plans include new gangway

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bringing in an old-fashioned soda fountain to serve root beer floats to kids riding the classic carousel, as well as a fresh fish market and a performing arts venue.

The bold new ideas are part of the latest pier leasing and licensing agreement the council approved Tuesday for city-owned commercial properties on the pier, opening the door for City Hall to issue requests for businesses to move into the pier and develop such enterprises. The guidelines, which were originally adopted in 1988, provide the objectives and procedures for management of the pier, and new leasing opportunities such as sight-seeing tours and sport fishing.

Extensive review of the guidelines began in 2003 when the council ordered the Pier Restoration Corp., which manages the pier, to host a series of meetings in which board members and current tenants discussed with the public the future of what is considered one of the most recognizable piers in the world. It was during those meetings that the guidelines were developed.

The process took nearly two years, as participants worked to ensure equity in the appli-

cation process for businesses and cart vendors, while at the same time identifying ways to enhance the "unique, eclectic and community recreational character of the pier."

"Our historic sign at the entrance to the pier says, 'Yacht Harbor, (Sport Fishing) and Boating,'" said Ben Franz-Knight, executive director of the PRC. "We believe it is viable to bring back boating 200 plus days a year, with fishing, water taxis and tours of the Bay — something we think is critical to remain true to the history of the pier, but also make sure we are competitive with other venues around the state."

The most notable proposal is the creation of a commercial gangway at the west end of the pier. Sport fishing and bay excursions were an integral part of the recreational activities on the pier since the construction of a breakwater in 1934. The original breakwater was 2,000 feet long, located about 1,300 feet offshore, and rose approximately 10 feet above the water. Since its construction, the breakwater continuously deteriorated and was severely damaged during the 1982-83 winter storms, which destroyed the seaward section of the pier and caused \$8 million in damages to its facilities, as well as facilities on the adjacent beaches. The 1982-83 storms also resulted in the loss of each of the 45 moorings which had been used by commercial and recreational boats, according to a city staff report.

PRC staff said they hope a gangway project could begin within the year. Once up and running, boat operators would have to abide by the rules of sustainability, which would include the use of bio-diesel fuel and sponges to soak up any oil leaking from engines.

"We're ecstatic (about the gangway)," said Chris Volaski, president of the Santa Monica Pier Lessees Association, who was speaking on behalf of her family, who owns and operates Santa Monica Pier Bait & Tackle Co., located at the western edge of the pier. "I think this will be great for the entire community, not just for the pier. It will give people an extra incentive to come down here and they won't have to go all the way down to ... Marina (del Rey) or Redondo (Beach) to get on a boat."

Many people call daily asking if there are boat operations at the pier, Volaski said. In the end, she and others have to refer them to the Marina and a telephone number they

can call to make reservations.

"I swear, if I had a nickel for every time I told someone to call 822-DOCK, I'd be a very rich woman," she said.

Pier tenants seem to be happy with the new leasing guidelines as well, which give added points to long-standing businesses that show an exemplary record of service, Volaski said.

"I think it is a very fair process," Volaski said. "These leasing agreements were not dreamed up over night. They had to go uptown to City Hall and I've not heard from one person from the association who has any objections."

Volaski isn't the only one excited about the possibility of boats returning to the pier.

Mayor Bob Holbrook said he can remember when residents could venture out to sea and step aboard Navy ships during the Fourth of July while sailors were on leave.

"I caught my first fish off the Santa Monica Pier," Holbrook said.

Public safety officials reportedly are pleased with the idea as well. Franz-Knight said members of the Santa Monica Police and Fire departments have been consulted and like the idea of having other options to evacuate the pier in times of an emergency.

As for the other proposals discussed, they include one or two restaurants of a "distinct palette," a soda fountain in the Loeff Hippodrome carousel building and an arcade of shops "combining the charm of San Francisco's Ferry Building with the whimsy and eclectic nature of Pike Street Market in Seattle," said Franz-Knight.

Councilman Richard Bloom, a self-proclaimed ice cream aficionado, requested that any soda fountain include those made from all-natural ingredients. Councilman Richard Katz also suggested the soda fountain resemble those seen in drug stores to accommodate the ambiance of the carousel.

"I think when we get to talk about the Santa Monica Pier it is really a joy for everybody because we are talking about something that has been such an incredible resource in this community, and we get to tinker with it and try to make it better for the community," Bloom said. "It gives me shivers to work on preserving and enhancing something that has been around so long and will be for many generations to come."

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## New face, old place

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from private collections and loads of trivia tidbits — celebrating the “pearl of the Pacific’s” colorful history.

On Tuesday night, Gabriel presented an autographed copy of “Images of America: Early Santa Monica” to each member of the City Council.

“Early Santa Monica,” now on sale at the museum, chronicles events from the initial land auction of July 15, 1875 by forefathers Col. Robert S. Baker and U.S. Sen. John P. Jones — which commanded prices of between \$75 and \$500 for a plot — to the heyday of the Gold Coast, when celebrities like Marion Davies, Cary Grant and Shirley Temple were seen about town, in the same vein as stars like Brad Pitt, Robert DeNiro and Jennifer Garner can be spotted today dining at Houston’s or Casa del Mar.

The book also features sections on everyday life during the early part of the 20th Century, as well as chapters on Muscle Beach and the rich sporting legacy of Santa Monica, including the daring car races on Ocean Avenue.

Gabriel first became involved in preservation in 1975 as a member of the Santa Monica Centennial Committee.

“I know we are going to have a lot of fun looking at this,” Mayor Bob Holbrook told Gabriel, as the two posed for pictures in front of the average-sized crowd of about 20 onlookers.

“I’m glad it’s a picture book,” joked Councilman Richard Bloom. “It’s just our speed ... beautiful.”

So beautiful that a few members had a tough time taking their eyes off it, perusing the pages when they should have been paying attention to the debate at hand. In their defense, elected officials are known to be apt at multi-tasking. How else would they be able to do all of that campaign fundraising, hold down a job and tend to city business?

### NEW FACE IN THE CROWD

Speaking of history books, the council — minus Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Shriver, who was in New York on business, and Councilman Ken Genser, still recovering from a broken femur — penned a few more chapters Tuesday night, beginning with the introduction of the new Director of Planning and Community Development, Eileen Fogarty, and her husband, John Clendening, a former employee at the Smithsonian Institute and an accomplished painter.

City Manager Lamont Ewell, who made the decision to select Fogarty following an extensive, cross-country search, gave a brief introduction, during which he listed the qualities Fogarty possesses, including a dedication to community outreach in each of the cities she’s worked in over the last 22 years as a planning director, including Alexandria, Va; Annapolis, Md; and just up north in Santa Cruz. All three are cities near the water, with a tourism industry critical to the local economy.

“It is really a pleasure and an honor to be here,” Fogarty said. “My decision to come here was based on two things. First, I thought Santa Monica brought together all of the elements of the incredible places I’ve lived.

“My husband and I have been driving up and down the streets for the last five days house hunting, and I was pleased to see that each neighborhood is really different and unique,” Fogarty added. “Each one is walkable, the sale is comfortable and the retail areas are so vibrant.

“Plus, you have all of the issues I look forward to working with you on — traffic, development,” Fogarty said. “This is clearly a fantastic place where clearly everyone is involved.”

### SAY IT AIN’T SO, JOE

While her official start date isn’t until Sept. 25, Fogarty got an earful from gadfly Joe Natoli, who bashed past practices and what he feels is the gentrification of Santa Monica, where many residents earn minimum wage and can’t even afford to buy a shirt in the retail store they work in.

Later on, Natoli became especially critical of the council and the Bayside District Corp., calling out the public-private management company’s executive director, Kathleen Rawson. Natoli accused Rawson of lying to the council in regards to Bayside’s involvement in managing the Third Street Promenade and the Farmers’ Market there.

“She lied to your faces,” Natoli charged. He was so forceful with his comments that Holbrook cut him off in mid-sentence.

“I don’t like your tone,” Holbrook said. “I’m not going to allow you to scream at people ... You’re done, Joe.”

Natoli challenged the mayor’s demand he step away from the microphone, but eventually walked away quietly when his time expired.

### T.C.B.

All things considered, the meeting was fairly pedestrian. Council members managed to breeze through several items, ending the meeting just after 10 p.m., pretty amazing.

Amongst the issues approved, a handful of initiatives for the Nov. 7 ballot, such as the proposed law to make adult marijuana use the Santa Monica Police Department’s lowest priority. Council members said they were reluctantly voting in favor of placing the measure on the ballot, doing so only because they were so required by state law.

Another initiative, the “Good Government Act of 2006,” was also approved for the ballot. The initiative, if approved by voters, would replace an existing law passed in 2000 that set strict limits on campaign contributions and gifts council members and other public officials can receive from those with business before City Hall.

Both initiatives — marijuana and good government — should make for an interesting election season, with the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights and the police officer’s union planning to aggressively fight their respective passage.

### HITTING THE WALL

There were two study sessions as well. Officials with Big Blue Bus gave an update on the construction of a new maintenance facility and parking for BBB employees and the clean-fuel burning fleet of buses. The project had to be scaled back because of concerns about ever-increasing construction costs. That means no more aesthetically pleasing administration building to spruce up the Corner of Seventh Street and Colorado Boulevard. Instead, officials will have to settle for artwork and some landscaping to disguise what will ultimately be a wall running along the perimeter.

The wall definitely needs work, said council members, who were visibly disappointed that instead of an active street corner brightened by foot traffic and a new building, they’re left with a wall.

Homeless Czar Ed Edelman offered some uplifting news in his report. A new director of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, which oversees homeless services in the county, should be on board by the end of September.

The Santa Monica Homeless Court is progressing and should be up and running soon, as is a deal to bring groups that host public feedings for the homeless in doors.

“We’re pleased that we have been successful in convincing the larger (food providers) to accept the idea that they can better serve the homeless by coming inside where there are services available,” he said. “We should have something in the next two months, hopefully sooner.”

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# Chill out, talk taxes

By Daily Press staff

Summertime generally brings thoughts of vacations, pool parties and relaxing in the shade, but certainly not taxes.

“The IRS reminds taxpayers that some activities, such as getting married, moving, buying and selling a home, sending children to day camps and having a summer job while out of school can have tax implications,” IRS spokesman Victor Omelczenko said.

Here are a few friendly and cool tax tips to help you through the summer:

## TIPS FOR THE NEWLYWEDS

They may not be high on the list of wedding planning activities, but a few simple steps can help keep tax issues from interrupting newly wedded bliss. If you recently married, check out your new tax situation, advises the IRS. You might save money or even prevent the problem of a missing refund check.

### ■ Get that refund check.

“In 2005, the Postal Service returned over \$12 million in refund checks owed to 14,012 California taxpayers, usually because the addressee had moved,” Omelczenko said. “Notifying both the Postal Service and the IRS of an address change in a timely manner can help ensure the proper delivery of refund checks. To check the status of a tax refund, visit the IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) <<http://www.irs.gov>> and use the IRS’s ‘Where’s My Refund?’ service or call the toll-free refund line at 1-800-829-1954.”

### ■ Use the correct name.

“You must provide correct names and identification numbers to claim personal exemptions or the Earned Income Tax Credit on your tax return,” Omelczenko advises. “If you changed your name upon marrying, let the Social Security Administration know and update your Social Security card so the number matches your new name. Use Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card.”

### ■ Report your change of address.

If you and/or your spouse have a new address, notify the U.S. Postal Service, so that it will be able to forward any tax refunds or IRS correspondence. The Postal Service will also pass your new address on to the IRS, which will update your account. You may also notify the IRS directly by sending Form 8822, Change of Address. Or write to the IRS center where you filed your most recent return and provide your full name, old and new addresses, SSN and signature. Remember to let your employers know about any name or address changes so you’ll receive your W-2s after the end of the year.

### ■ Select the right form.

Choosing the right individual income tax form can help save money. Newly married taxpayers may find that they now have enough deductions to itemize on their tax returns. Amounts paid for medical care, mortgage interest, contributions, casualty losses and certain miscellaneous costs can reduce your taxable income, lowering your tax. You must use Form 1040, Schedule A, if you itemize deductions. You cannot claim these deductions if you file Form 1040A or 1040EZ, although you may subtract some other items on these basic forms.

### ■ Choose the best filing status

“Your marital status on December 31 determines whether you are considered married for that year,” Omelczenko said. “Married persons may file their federal income tax return either jointly or separately in any given year. Choosing the right filing status may save you money.”

Figuring the tax both ways can determine which filing status will result in the lowest tax — usually, it’s filing jointly.

## MOVING THIS SUMMER?

According to Omelczenko, many people with children find it less disruptive to move during the summer months when school is not in session. Whether you have children or not, you may find these reminders from the IRS helpful:

### ■ Moving expenses

Your moving expenses may be deductible on your federal tax return if you meet certain tests relating to all three of the following requirements: Your move is closely related to the start of work at a new job location, you meet the distance test, and you meet the time test.

If your employer reimburses you for the cost of the move, the reimbursement may have to be included on your tax return.

For more details on the qualifications for deducting moving expenses or reporting reimbursement, review IRS Publication 521, Moving Expenses. Also see Form 3903, Moving Expenses, which is used to figure the amount of the deduction.

## BUYING A HOME

Many people find that home ownership allows them to itemize deductions on their tax returns. If you’re a first-time homeowner, you should know that mortgage interest, “points” paid to obtain the mortgage and real estate taxes are deductible expenses that can be itemized to help reduce the amount of taxes you owe. Other expenses that can be itemized and deducted include medical costs, certain state and local tax payments, charitable contributions, casualty losses and certain miscellaneous deductions. If the total amount of your itemized deductions is more than the standard deduction amount, you can usually benefit by itemizing.

See if itemizing will make financial sense for you by reviewing Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax and the instructions for Schedule A of the Form 1040. Review Publication 530, Tax Information for First-Time Homeowners, for more information on allowable home-related deductions.

## SELLING YOUR HOUSE

If you sell your main home, you may be able to exclude up to \$250,000 of gain (\$500,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly) from your federal tax return when it’s time to do your taxes. This exclusion is allowed each time that you sell your main home, but generally no more frequently than once every two years. To be eligible for this exclusion, your home must have been owned by you and used as your main home for a period of at least two out of the five years prior to its sale. You also must not have excluded gain on another home sold during the two years before the current sale.

If you and your spouse file a joint return for the year of the sale, you can exclude gain if either of you qualify for the exclusion. But both of you would have to meet the use test to claim the \$500,000 maximum amount.

If you do not meet the ownership and use tests, you may be allowed to use a reduced maximum exclusion amount if you sold your home due to health, a change in place of employment or unforeseen circumstances. Unforeseen circumstances can include divorce or a disaster resulting in a casualty to your home, for example.

For more information, see Publication 523, Selling Your Home.

## TIPS ON SUMMER DAY CAMP

Many working parents must arrange for care of their younger children during the school vacation period. A popular solution — with favorable tax consequences, according to the IRS — is a day camp program. Unlike overnight camps, the cost of day camp counts as an expense towards the child and dependent care credit for eligible children. Of course, even if your child care provider is a sitter at your home, you’ll get some tax benefit if you qualify for the credit.

## ADVICE FOR THE WORKING STUDENT

All employees have federal income tax withheld from their pay, right? Not necessarily. The IRS says that if you are a student working a summer or part-time job, you may be exempt from withholding if:

- you can be claimed as a dependent (usually on a parent’s return),
- your total 2006 income will not be over \$5,150
- your unearned income (interest, dividends, etc.) will not exceed \$300, and
- you had no income tax liability for 2005.

“You’ll still have to pay Social Security and Medicare taxes, but skipping unnecessary income tax withholding will put more money in your pocket now,” Omelczenko advised. “Read Form W-4, Employee’s Withholding Allowance Certificate, carefully before filling it out for your employer.”

If customers tip you, those tips are taxable. You must keep track of the amounts, include them on your tax return, and — if they total \$20 or more in a month — report them to your employer by the middle of the next month.

All IRS publications and forms mentioned are available in the Forms and Publications section of the IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

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## MARKET MATTERS

BY BRIAN HEPP

In a time of super spenders and discontinued company pension plans, saving for retirement has become an increasingly difficult task. Because we must rely primarily on our own plans and estimates, it is quite common for us to look to conventional wisdom when planning for life after we’ve quit working. Personal finance literature, savings programs and expert advice may seem endless, each offering ‘tricks of the trade,’ but it is important to examine each of our unique personal circumstances before settling with the standard. After all, nesteggs come in many different sizes and situations.

One of the most common ‘rules’ in retirement is to avoid tapping your tax-deferred accounts and instead generate cash by liquidating other investments. While this option can be beneficial in many circumstances, you may also want to consider those accounts with the lowest rate of return, regardless of whether they are tax-deferred or not. By historical standards, interest rates today remain relatively low. While core inflation also is low, the real return on fixed-income investments such as bonds may be lower than that of various equity securities. To illustrate, under this scenario, a hypothetical portfolio composed of 50 percent stocks and 50 percent bonds would likely last longer if bonds were withdrawn before stocks.

Another common retirement ritual is to begin taking withdrawals from Social Security. However, it is important to keep in mind the rules associated with these benefits. You may want to delay taking Social Security for as long as possible. Remember, your payouts will rise for each year you wait until age 70, but if you withdraw before your 70th birthday, there is a small increment of reduction for each month you take benefits early. And, the reduction is permanent. For example, if your full retirement age is 66, and you begin to take benefits at 62, each check you receive from that point on will only be 75 percent of the full amount you would have received had you waited.

Another bit of conventional wisdom deals with the percentage of your current income that you will need in order to have a comfortable retirement. Many say that the average American worker will need approximately 60 to 80 percent of their pre-retirement income in order to maintain their current standard of living. Before these numbers are set in stone, however, there are various factors to consider that may push you to strive for even more savings.

For example, health care costs are rising. In fact, during the coming years, the increase in health care costs is expected to continue to outpace inflation. Additionally, there is also the possibility you may need nursing home care. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates that about 40 percent of people aged 65 or older have at least a 50 percent lifetime risk of entering a nursing home.

Along with the increased burden of medical care, many retirees dream of exotic trips to faraway destinations during their golden years. Be sure to factor this in as well. While many of your expenses — commuting costs, professional attire and children’s needs — may go down once you enter retirement, different priorities or needs may meet or exceed your previous costs. These are just some of the additional considerations you need to be aware of when planning how much income you’ll need in retirement.

While personal finance and retirement planning advice seems plentiful in today’s world, it is essential for you to look at your specific situation in order to tailor a retirement plan that’s right for you. As your needs change and your nestegg evolves, you may find the need to question “convention” to meet your own retirement goals.

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# Israeli Cabinet mulls next move

**BY KARIN LAUB**

Associated Press Writer

**JERUSALEM** — Israel's Security Cabinet on Wednesday debated a proposal to vastly expand its ground offensive in Lebanon, with key ministers arguing the military must deal more blows to Hezbollah and score quick battlefield victories before a cease-fire is imposed.

A decision to send troops deeper into Lebanon is risky. Israel would set itself up for new criticism that it is sabotaging diplomatic efforts, particularly after Lebanon offered to deploy its own troops in the border area.

A wider ground offensive might do little to stop Hezbollah rocket fire on Israel, while sharply increasing the number of casualties among Israeli troops. A decision to broaden the offensive could also hasten a cease-fire resolution by the U.N. Security Council.

An Israeli security official told Cabinet members the offensive could mean 100 to 200 more military casualties, a participant said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk about the closed-door meeting. So far, 67 Israeli soldiers have been killed.

Al-Jazeera reported that 11 Israeli soldiers were killed Wednesday in heavy fighting with Hezbollah guerrillas near the border in south Lebanon. The Israeli army declined to comment on the report but had said earlier that 15 soldiers were wounded in overnight clashes.

A Hezbollah statement said it killed or wounded 10 Israeli soldiers and destroyed a tank as it advanced toward the village of Qantara, north of the border with Israel.

Since the fighting began, at least 700 people have died on the Lebanese side.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert in principle supports a wider offensive, but is hedging because of concern about rising Israeli casualties, his aides have said. However, stepping up the military campaign appeared to have strong support in the 12-member Security Cabinet.

The ministers met a day after the commander of Israeli forces in Lebanon was sidelined in an unusual midwar shake-up.

The army denied it was dissatisfied with Maj. Gen. Udi Adam, but military commentators said the commander was seen as too slow and cautious. The deputy chief of staff, Maj. Gen. Moshe Kaplinsky, was appointed to oversee the Lebanon fighting.

Under the army's proposal for a wider offensive, troops would push to and in some cases beyond Lebanon's Litani River, about 18 miles from the Israel-Lebanon border. With Cabinet approval, troops could move forward immediately, defense officials said.

More than 10,000 Israeli soldiers have been fighting several hundred Hezbollah guerrillas in a four-mile stretch north of the border, but have faced fierce resistance.

Earlier this week, the Israeli military declared a no-drive zone south of the Litani and threatened to blast any moving vehicles as guerrilla targets. Country roads and highways were deserted throughout the area. In the Lebanese coastal city of Tyre, only pedestrians ventured into the streets.

Israel's military struck Lebanon's largest Palestinian refugee camp Wednesday, killing at least two people and wounding five. Lebanese and Palestinian officials said an Israeli gunship shelled the Ein el-Hilweh camp, but Israel's military said the attack was an airstrike that targeted a house used by Hezbollah guerrillas.

The camp is home to about 75,000 Palestinian refugees and their descendants who were displaced by the 1948 Arab-Israeli war.

Israeli airstrikes also leveled a building in the Bekaa Valley town of Mashghara, trapping seven people from the same family under the rubble. Five bodies were pulled out and the remaining two relatives were feared dead, officials said.

Also Wednesday, Israeli warplanes dropped leaflets over Tyre again, and over Beirut proper for the first time. The flyers criticized Hezbollah leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah, saying he was "playing with fire" and that the Lebanese people were "paying the price."

On Tuesday, at least 19 Lebanese civilians were killed in Israeli airstrikes. Rescuers pulled 28 additional corpses from the wreckage of attacks the day before, raising the death toll to 77 Lebanese killed Monday, the highest since the war began. Israel reported five soldiers killed Tuesday but no civilians.

## IMPATIENT ABOUT TALKS PACE

Diplomatic efforts were moving slowly, and Israeli Cabinet ministers pushing for a wider offensive said there's no guarantee a cease-fire deal would neutralize Hezbollah. Israel is particularly skeptical of a Lebanese proposal to dispatch 15,000 soldiers to south Lebanon after a cease-fire and the withdrawal of Israeli forces.

"We will not agree to a situation in which the diplomatic solution will not promise us stability and quiet for many years," Israeli Defense Minister Amir Peretz told visiting German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier.

Hezbollah has fired more than 3,333 rockets at Israeli towns in a month of fighting.

Even the most dovish member of the Security Cabinet, Ofir Pines-Paz, agreed with Peretz.

"The relentless firing (of rockets) has to be stopped, and we have to take military measures to do this, if the diplomat-

ic efforts are not working," he told Israel Army Radio before Wednesday's meeting.

Diplomatic efforts to end the war have been stop-and-go, and Lebanon's proposal to deploy troops on the border appeared to have taken Israel by surprise.

Israel has long demanded a deployment of Lebanese forces in the border area, but only coupled with a serious effort by the Lebanese government to disarm Hezbollah. Israel believes Lebanese forces are not strong or determined enough to do the job alone, and would like to see a multinational force in the area, as well.

Lebanese Prime Minister Fuad Saniora praised Hezbollah's resistance, but said it was time for Lebanon to "impose its full control, authority and presence" nationwide.

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the proposal was significant, but President Bush warned against leaving a vacuum into which Hezbollah and its sponsors are able to move more weapons.

## NO RESOLUTION IN SIGHT

While Bush said a U.N. Security Council resolution was needed quickly, the council put off for at least one day voting on a U.S.-French cease-fire proposal. The delay was to allow three leading Arab officials to present arguments that the resolution was heavily tilted in favor of Israel and did not "take Lebanon's interest and stability into account."

Both the U.S. and French envoys to the U.N. indicated there might be room for limited compromise.

"Obviously we want to hear from the Arab League ... and then we'll decide where to go from there," U.S. Ambassador John Bolton said.

French U.N. Ambassador Jean-Marc de La Sabliere promised to take Lebanon's stance into account.

French President Jacques Chirac appealed to Washington to speed up its response to Arab nations' demands for changes to a resolution, saying that giving up the push for an immediate Middle East cease-fire would be the "most immoral" response. Chirac interrupted his vacation in southern France to attend an urgent meeting on Lebanon with three Cabinet ministers.

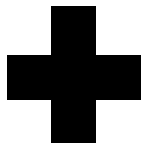
The death toll in an Israeli airstrike on a Shiite neighborhood in south Beirut on Monday has risen to 41, with 61 wounded, Lebanese security officials said.

The Chiah suburb had been spared attacks that left vast swaths of other southern suburbs in rubble. Many Shiite residents of Dahiyah had moved to Chiah because of its relative safety.

One of the most tragic stories was that of Ali Rmeity. He was badly wounded and winced with pain in the Mount Lebanon hospital near Beirut.

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## FOOTBALL

# Bryant brings dash

## 49ers rookie wideout lulls teammates into paying attention

BY GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

**SANTA CLARA, Calif.** — Antonio Bryant calls it a lullaby. He runs his receiving route with feigned disinterest, keeping his eyes small and his strides short — and just when his defender has relaxed, he sprints away for a catch.

The San Francisco 49ers' new No. 1 receiver did it to cornerback Shawntae Spencer last week, grabbing a 60-yard touchdown pass from Alex Smith with tantalizing ease.

"That's my thing," Bryant said. "Night-night, right there. I run the route like I'm lazy, like I'm sleeping. I'm rocking them to sleep."

Bryant is ready to show off all his tricks in his first season in San Francisco. Though burdened by a checkered past and the perception of unfulfilled potential, he's determined to follow in the footsteps of Jerry Rice and Terrell Owens — to reach the spot always reserved for him among the NFL's elite receivers.

"I hate to lose at anything, to fail," Bryant said. "It's just a drive I've had since I was younger. My greatest fear has always been failure."

But the 49ers are his third NFL team in five seasons — not the track record he expected after winning the Biletnikoff Award as the NCAA's top receiver while a sophomore at Pitt. After posting his first 1,000-yard season with the Cleveland Browns in 2005, he got a hefty free-agent contract from moribund San Francisco, which desperately needed a playmaking receiver.

And he has embraced that challenge with the linear work ethic that has struck past employers as disrespect or disregard. Though Bryant is talkative and friendly in the locker room, he doesn't apologize for his on-field methods: He claims he simply needs a focus that precludes certain niceties.

"You know when you're concentrating or doing something, and you've almost got it, and then somebody comes in and bothers you?" Bryant asked. "Let's say you're on your phone and you're sending a text (message), and then somebody calls. It's like that feeling. I'm like, 'Let's talk about this later when I'm relaxed and sipping on a soda.'"

Other employers haven't always been so understanding: His notorious argument with Cowboys coach Bill Parcells is

the biggest black mark on his resume.

During a minicamp practice in 2004, Bryant and Parcells got into a heated dispute that ended with Bryant throwing his sweaty jersey at Parcells' face. Bryant, Dallas' second-round draft pick in 2002, was kicked out of practice by security, sent to anger-management counseling and eventually traded to Cleveland.

"That was just a man not understanding another man," Bryant said. "He's an older man, and I respect him for that, but there was a lack of respect for me. I'm a grown man, if not by age, then by experience."

"Nobody can ever say Antonio Bryant is a disrespectful person or a rude person, because I don't come off like that. I treat everybody with respect. I'm a man before I'm a football player. Just respect me in regards to being a man."

He improved in Cleveland, teaming with new 49ers back-up quarterback Trent Dilfer for most of his 1,009 yards last season — but coach Romeo Crennel criticized him for dropping too many passes, and the Browns didn't make much of an attempt to re-sign him.

The 49ers, who had the league's most pathetic pass-catching corps last season, inked him to a four-year, \$15 million deal with a \$5 million signing bonus in March.

Coach Mike Nolan worried about Bryant's past, but determined the relationship could work when Bryant's professionalism — he wore a sharp suit throughout his interviews in Santa Clara — and work ethic became obvious.

"He was very candid about the things he had done," Nolan said. "He understood that it was an issue, and he had to do something about it, as opposed to just blaming it on everybody else. I always hate those guys, where it's always everybody else's fault: 'They don't love me, they're not respecting me.' I have not ever heard him say that."

And nearly two months after Bryant signed with San Francisco, the 49ers acquired Dilfer from the Browns to back up Smith.

"I've never seen him do anything that was over the line," Dilfer said. "He's a competitive guy that encourages you to get better. I love playing with a guy who wants to be great as much as Antonio does. Those guys are cut a certain way, and you've got to know how to relate to them and how to get them the football."

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San Diego (Young 9-5) at N.Y. Mets (O.Hernandez 7-8), 9:10 a.m.  
St. Louis (Reyes 3-5) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 9-7), 9:35 a.m.  
Chicago Cubs (Prior 1-5) at Milwaukee (Davis 7-6), 11:05 a.m.  
Florida (Sanchez 4-2) at Washington (Astacio 2-2), 5:05 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (Gorzelanny 2-2) at Houston (Clemens 3-4), 5:05 p.m.  
Colorado (Jennings 7-9) at **Dodgers** (Billingsley 3-3), 7:10 p.m.

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St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 4:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets at Washington, 4:05 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 4:05 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 4:35 p.m.  
San Diego at Houston, 5:05 p.m.  
Cubs at Colorado, 6:05 p.m.  
Florida at Arizona, 6:40 p.m.  
San Fran at **Dodgers**, 7:40 p.m.

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| Baltimore | 51 | 64 | .443 | 18     |
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WILLIS

# Sight unseen Willis sues former friend over scrapbooking flap

**BRUCE WILLIS** has sued a childhood friend, claiming he tried to extort at least \$100,000 from him by threatening to release private photos of the action star. The lawsuit claims that Bruce DiMattia was "overcome by greed" and was "jealous of his former friend's success,"

so he threatened to disclose personal information about the 51-year-old actor unless Willis bought him a car and paid him at least \$100,000. DiMattia worked for Willis — and lived rent-free in a house owned by the actor — from 2002 until 2006, the lawsuit said.

He was responsible for maintaining Willis' personal items and memorabilia and organizing photographs and videos of Willis and his family. DiMattia's employment ended this year, but he has refused to move out of the house and still has Willis' private photos and other property, according to the lawsuit. Willis is seeking at least \$1 million in damages, according to the lawsuit, filed Aug. 1. Willis' attorney, Martin Singer, said the lawsuit was served to DiMattia "within a day or two of being filed," adding that the case would likely go to trial in a year.

DiMattia has not yet named a defense attorney, according to a court clerk. There was no telephone listing for him in the Los Angeles area. Willis' screen credits include "The Sixth Sense" movie and the "Moonlighting" TV series.

Associated Press

# Diller digs the vets

Military personnel have always been close to the heart of **PHYLLIS DILLER**.

So it's no surprise the 89-year-old comedian agreed to the role of a national spokeswoman for the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial. A \$65 million building campaign is under way for the privately funded effort.

"Life is surrounded by humor and I have spent a lifetime poking fun at myself and sometimes others, but the one thing that I know from seeing firsthand on many

occasions is that war and the impact of it is devastating," Diller said in a statement Tuesday.

The memorial, authorized in 2000 by then-President Clinton, will be the nation's first permanent tribute to the 3 million disabled American veterans living today, including more than 7,000 from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as the many thousands from previous wars who have since died.

The memorial will be located on a more than 2-acre site across from the U.S. Botanic

Garden in Washington. No public funds will be used.

"I have spent a lifetime entertaining, working with and doing all I can to support our armed forces. To be a part of building a memorial to honor disabled American veterans is truly an honor and commitment I am pleased to make," Diller said.

AP



DILLER

# Jackson team is back battling in court

A Superior Court judge will decide a lawsuit filed by **MICHAEL JACKSON** against a concert promoter to prevent arbitration over a disputed 1999 concert contract.

Jackson and his company, MJ Company, sued Marcel Avram and his German-based company for breach of contract. The lawsuit also seeks a preliminary

injunction to prevent Avram from proceeding with arbitration.

In 2002, Jackson testified in a \$21 million lawsuit brought by Avram, who accused the entertainer of backing out of two concerts on New Year's Eve 1999.

The two ultimately settled, with Jackson agreeing to pay Avram \$6.5 million, Jackson's

lawyer, Thomas C. Mundell, told Superior Court Judge Soussan G. Bruguera. He said the settlement also called for Avram to stop seeking further arbitration.

"Nobody pays \$6.5 million and doesn't get a full release from future claims," Mundell said in his closing arguments during Tuesday's nonjury trial.

Disputes regarding the settlement were to be resolved in Superior Court as part of an agreement between both sides, but Avram moved forward with arbitration, according to the lawsuit.

Avram's attorney, Louis R. Miller, said his client should be entitled to \$9.2 million that he spent promoting a benefit concert in South Korea.

AP

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for Bennett College featuring Oprah Winfrey and Maya Angelou sold fast in the first day of public sale.

The private school for black women sold all 300 tickets available Monday, bringing in more than \$100,000 for the Oct. 20 event. Corporate sponsors can still purchase blocks of seats for between \$25,000 and \$100,000, officials said.

The gala is part of college President Johnnetta Cole's plans to leave office with the school on a firm financial footing. Bennett is in the midst of a \$50 million fundraising campaign co-chaired by Angelou and former Sen. Bob Dole.

Bennett College was running a \$2 million budget deficit and was on academic probation when Cole, the former president of Atlanta's Spelman College, took over in 2002.

Cole will retire from the school's presidency in June.

AP

## ENTERTAINMENT

# McCartney split seems a royal mess

BY DANICA KIRKA

Associated Press Writer

**LONDON** — His lawyer once represented Prince Charles. Her lawyer squared off for Princess Diana.

Small wonder Britain's newspapers are comparing the divorce case of Paul McCartney and Heather Mills McCartney to the 1996 royal divorce.

Anthony Julius will represent Mills McCartney, the law firm Mishcon De Reya said

Tuesday. Julius helped Diana win a reported \$28 million settlement.

McCartney, who does not have a prenuptial agreement to protect his estimated \$1.5 billion fortune, had already hired Fiona Shackleton, who represented Prince Charles 10 years ago.

"It's all getting Muccy!" the Sun said, playing off McCartney's nickname in Britain — Macca. The Daily Express summed it up by saying, "All you need is hate."

"It is a private matter," Mills McCartney spokesman Phil Hall said Wednesday. "Comparisons to Diana and Charles are irrelevant."

McCartney's spokesman, Stuart Bell, also declined comment.

Though the 64-year-old entertainer and 38-year-old anti-landmine campaigner had promised an amicable split, the facade cracked Monday when Mills McCartney found the locks changed at McCartney's London home.

A security guard at the home called police when one of Mills McCartney's guards climbed a wall to let her enter. Police spoke to her and then left — but not before the waiting paparazzi snapped photos as she stood in the street beside a uniformed officer.

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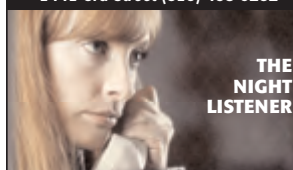
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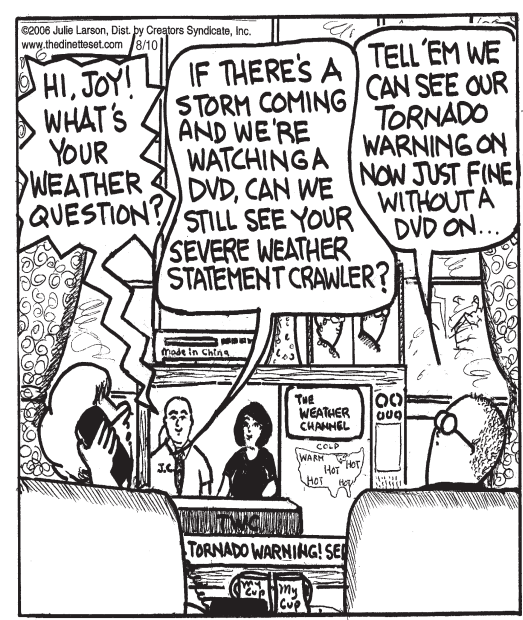
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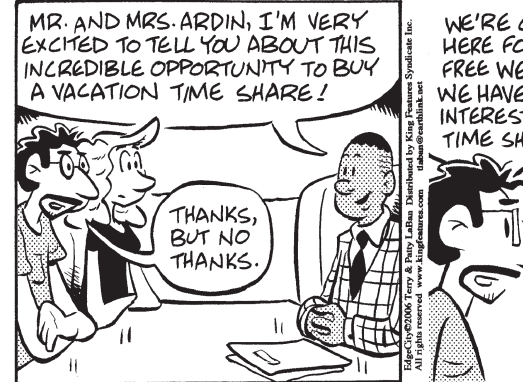
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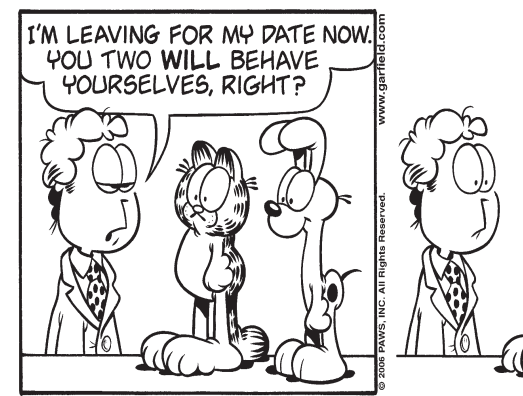
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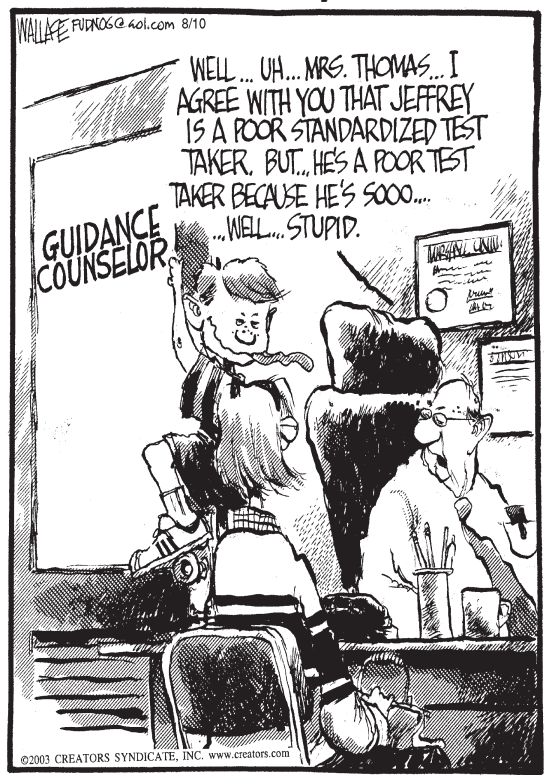
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### NOTICE OF Public Forum

Pursuant to Government Code Section 37361(c), a public Forum will be held by Or Khaim Hashalom, a religious non-profit organization to consider the following:

Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 37361(c) a public forum will be held by the Or Khaim Hashalom synagogue to discuss the replacement of the existing structures of residential buildings on the property with more units and a place of worship. The synagogue is in the process of determining whether to exempt its existing structures at 128 through 148 San Vicente Blvd. Santa Monica, a 28 unit building (Units are designated 130 through 142 San Vicente Blvd.) from designation for preservation under the City of Santa Monica's Historical preservation law. This public forum will solicit comments and information from the public concerning whether preservation of the buildings would cause the synagogue substantial hardship, which is likely to deprive the synagogue of economic return on its property, the reasonable use of its property, or the appropriate use of its property in the furtherance of its religious mission.

Date/Time: Friday, August 11, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.

Location: 1920 Santa Monica Blvd. Meeting Room "Santa Monica Room"

Santa Monica, CA. 90404 (Corner of 20th and Santa Monica Blvd.)

Parking: Parking is available at 2020 Santa Monica Blvd. in the parking garage located across the street.

### How to Comment

If you attend the meeting, you can address the Synagogue in person to state your comments. If unable to attend you may mail your written comments to the Synagogue, however your comments must arrive before Friday, August 10, 2006. Mail your comments to Or Khaim Hashalom, attention Rabbi Hertzell Il-Julian, 6317 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 502, Los Angeles, Ca. 90048.

### TENTATIVE SUMMARY OF HARDSHIPS

The synagogue believes that the existing residential structures on the property must be demolished to make way for a building or buildings of increased density, accompanied by a place of worship on the site if possible. The existing structures are rent controlled and cannot be converted into viable housing for members of our faith since there are very few vacancies. The housing planned by the synagogue is incompatible with the existing structures. Furthermore, there will be more living units in the new building than currently exist in the 28 units on the property.

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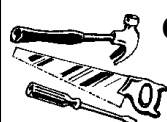
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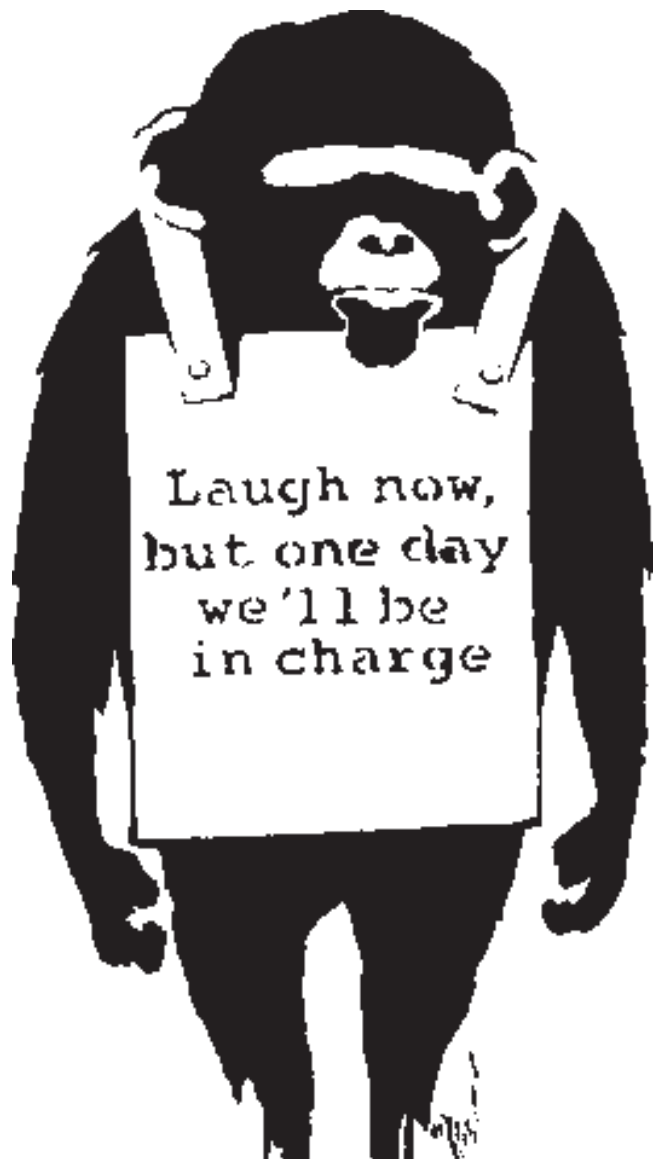
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