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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

A July poll of American attitudes on lying, conducted by the Associated Press and the market research firm Ipsos, revealed that many of the respondents could not bear to give poll-takers straight answers from one question to the next. For example, 40 percent said they “never” lied, but in the next question, about 10 percent of that 40 percent said they might even have lied just within the previous week. More than half said lying was “never” justified, but two-thirds then said lying is OK sometimes.

TODAY IN HISTORY
Today is the 223rd day of 2006.
There are 142 days left in the year.

- 1934** The first federal prisoners arrived at the island prison Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay.
- 1956** Abstract painter Jackson Pollock, 44, died in an automobile accident on Long Island, N.Y.
- 1992** The Mall of America, the biggest shopping mall in the U.S., opened in Bloomington, Minn.

QUOTE OF THE DAY
“The best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds.”
EDGAR A. GUEST
AMERICAN AUTHOR, JOURNALIST AND POET

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Hedge frustration is growing

Residents want city to mediate disputes

BY MICHAEL J. TITTINGER
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — Longtime resident Ken Ziff has had that creeping feeling lately, as he sits looking out the window in his second-story Ocean Park apartment. Each day that passes, he bears witness to the manifest destiny of a bamboo hedge four feet from his window that continually stretches skyward.

Ziff, a sales and marketing rep who has been entrenched in his unit for a quarter century, is slowly seeing what he calls a “beautiful eastward view” eclipsed before his eyes. Waiting for the city to resolve widespread criticisms of its hedge-height ordinance, Ziff and his roommate



Andre Mayis/Special to the Daily Press

WEATHERING HEIGHTS Hedges like these north of Montana Avenue are causing rifts between neighbors and putting pressure on city officials to enforce laws.

are left in the dark.

“The whole thing is a joke, it’s been going on so long,” a frustrated Ziff said

this week of the city’s ongoing efforts to enforce agreeable limitations. “They keep trying to come up with a solution

so that people can get along with each other, so that we can live in harmony ... but how many years are going to go by with people suffering as they wait for a resolution?”

Less than a year ago — on Aug. 26, 2005 — new interim fence, wall and hedge regulations went into effect across the city, after having been approved by the City Council. The provisions stated that front yard hedges could not exceed 42 inches and that those abutting alleys could be as high as a property owner desired. However, it is the hedge-height standards for those living dividers that separate one property owner from another that is leaving once-friendly neighbors on opposite sides of the fence.

The ordinance adopted in the wake of mounting pressure last summer from residents calling on the city

See **HEDGES**, page 7

They’re so vane



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Eddie Saleh (left) and Ali Moradi hold a ‘flag pose’ in unison recently at Muscle Beach in Santa Monica.

STATE

Cities looking to ice energy woes

BY CHRISTINA ALMEIDA
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — City and utility officials throughout Southern California are eyeing a new system that relies on ice to store energy for air con-

ditioners as a possible way to cut peak commercial consumption and reduce the threat of crippling blackouts.

“There’s an old saying, a kilowatt saved is more valuable than a kilowatt built,” said Bill Carnahan, executive director of the Southern California

Public Power Authority, an organization of municipal power agencies.

Cutting power use now could delay the need to build new plants, he said.

See **ICE STORAGE**, page 6

Ordering in: Feedings may move indoors

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Homeless czar Ed Edelman said he is close to sealing a deal that will bring public feedings of the homeless indoors.

Tentative agreements have been reached with two of Santa Monica’s largest public feeding groups — Helping Other People Eat (HOPE), which serves free meals to the homeless twice a week at Palisades Park; and Hand-to-Hand, which offers handouts each Saturday on the steps of City Hall.

If all goes according to plan, Edelman said the groups, responsible for roughly 75 percent of the outdoor feedings, would move their operations to the OPCC Access Center on Colorado Boulevard and Seventh Street. OPCC assists the homeless in accessing social services, job training and housing.

Phone calls to HOPE and Hand-to-Hand were not returned. Bob

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Take time to understand where others are coming from. Being active doesn't allow you much time for contemplation. Try being a scholar or a philosopher for a day. You might be pleased with your insights. **Tonight:** Vanish quickly. Take some private time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Aim for much more of what you want. A positive attitude will take you far. Someone you work with closely could be difficult or touchy. Know when to pull back and say enough. A meeting puts a smile on your face. **Tonight:** Where the party starts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You are pushed into a position of responsibility, whether you want to be there or not. Your intellectual patterns help define situations. Others want you to help them interpret recent events. Help them think through a situation logically. **Tonight:** A force to be dealt with.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Take an overview and refuse to get pulled into a moot issue. Get done what is necessary so you can escape work and enjoy the next few days. Try a new adventure. Sign up for a workshop, perhaps involving a hobby you might like to develop. **Tonight:** Break patterns.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Work with someone directly. As a team, you will accomplish a lot more. Creativity builds off of each other. You come up with answers and ideas. Know that anything is possible. Relax with the moment. **Tonight:** Be a duo.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Others want to know more of what is going on with you. However, they have a strange way of asking, which could put you on the defensive. Realize you really don't need to answer to this person. It's your call. **Tonight:** Go along with someone else's plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You might not realize how important your presence is in other people's lives. If you veer in a different direction, you are likely to hear about it. Choose your words carefully. Actions speak. **Tonight:** Ever playful.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Your creativity peaks in an unprecedented manner. Don't try to harness your imagination. Rather, go with it. Your lively side comes out. Think positively about a loved one. You don't have to buy this person's affection. **Tonight:** Ever playful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Pressure builds. The problem might involve property, family and/or a domestic issue. You also could be giving mixed messages unintentionally. Realize your role in a problem. You will be happier. **Tonight:** Head home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ What you say carries a punch. Though you get results, your inner voice might do some questioning. You act as if you are 100 percent sure. Taking a personal inventory could make a big difference. Think positively. **Tonight:** TGIF.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You easily could decide to act as if there is no tomorrow. Living your life to the fullest is good, but not at the cost of having to deal with the ramifications later. Distinguish what is worth the trouble. A friend roots you on. **Tonight:** Treating again?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You are personality plus. Don't hesitate to zero in on what you want. You might want to displace someone in authority who appears to be a hassle. Pressure builds to a new level. You can handle it. **Tonight:** As you like.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

A blanket exhibition

By Daily Press staff

The California Heritage Museum exhibition “California Art Quilts” has been extended due to popular demand. The show, which was due to close on August 13, will now run through Oct. 29 and a lecture by renowned curator Sandi Fox has been added to the program.

“We have been overwhelmed by the response to this exhibition,” said Museum Director Tobi Smith. “Visitors have traveled statewide to see it. The quilts are all by recognized quilt artists and the level of originality and sophistication sets new standards in fiber art.”

The exhibition, which was selected by Fox, retired collection curator of quilts at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and Michael Trotter, curator at the California Heritage Museum, brings together work from 30 members of Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA) — a national organization founded by Yvonne Porcella to encourage innovation in quilt art.

SAQA artists pursue their own unique visions through the medium of fabric. Some make abstract pieces that capture mood and flow, others engage with environmental concerns; some use humor; others layer images and symbols in their work.

To celebrate the extended opening, Fox will make a public appearance on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. to talk about the history of the California quilt.

In “California Bound, California Made,” Fox will follow the development of quilts from those made as community gifts for westward-bound settlers to the distinctive California Art Quilts seen in the Museum’s current exhibition. Admission is \$5, and reservations are required. Call the museum at (310) 392 8537 to reserve a place. Refreshments will be served.

The California Heritage Museum is located in a 1894 Historic Landmark house, at 2612 Main Street in Santa Monica. Hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The last tour is at 3:30 p.m. Parking is free and handicapped facilities are available. Phone the museum at (310) 392-8537 for details.

Whole Foods supports organic research

By Daily Press staff

To get more definitive answers on why to eat organic, Whole Foods is supporting research on organic farming.

All 24 Whole Foods Market stores in Southern California, Nevada and Arizona will donate 5 percent of the day’s net sales to the Organic Farming Research Foundation (OFRF), an organization that fosters the improvement and widespread adoption of organic farming systems. This will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 16 from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Approximately, 2 percent of the U.S. food supply is grown using organic methods. The U.S. organic industry has grown approximately 20 percent per year for more than 10 years, making it the fastest growing sector of agriculture.

The Organic Farming Research Foundation is a nonprofit whose mission is to sponsor research related to organic farming practices; to disseminate research results to organic farmers and to growers interested in adopting organic production systems; and to educate the public and decision-makers about organic farming issues. www.ofrf.org.

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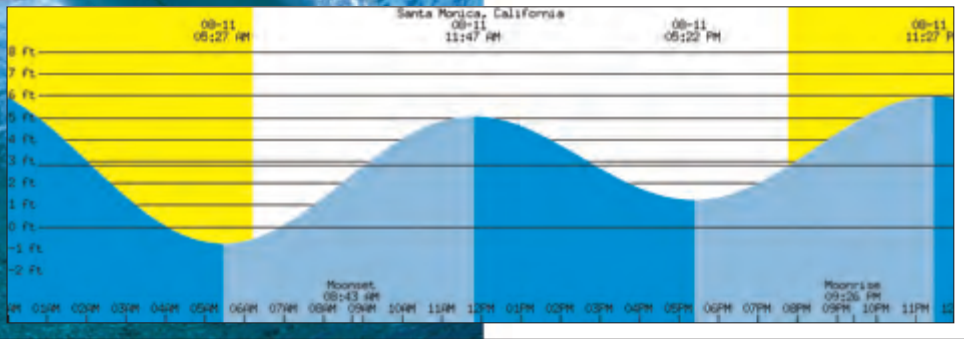
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LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

WIND SWELL THIS WEEKEND...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



The Q-Line

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Barking up the wrong tree ...

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

So this week, Q-Line wants to know:

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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- Clean, disinfect toilets, tubs, showers
- Hand wash, disinfect floors

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- Pick up & straighten
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- Remove cobwebs
- Dust/vacuum furniture
- Vacuum floors, carpets
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- Change linens, make beds
- Empty trash

WINDOWS

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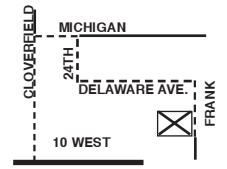
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EDITORIAL

Gangway opens floodgates for Pier



On Tuesday, the City Council approved a new pier leasing and licensing agreement that opens up the floodgates to new opportunities for the city's most recognizable landmark — the venerable Santa Monica Pier. Among the colorful ideas being floated about are the construction of a gangway that would extend into the bay and usher in a retro-era of commercial fishing and aquatic sight-seeing.

Given to the city as a gift from the Santa Monica Businessmen's Association, the familiar sign over the entrance to the pier epitomizes this city's proverbial welcome mat to the world; a tangible postcard that draws instant recognition from travelers across the globe. On that sign are the words: "Yacht Harbor, (Sport Fishing) and Boating" — two endeavors not found on the pier since winter storms rendered the breakwater just north of it ineffective.

Chris Volaski, whose family owns and operates Santa Monica Pier Bait & Tackle Co. at the western edge of the pier, says people call her business daily inquiring about boat operations on the pier. After informing them there are none, she in turn refers them elsewhere.

It's time to stop chasing tourists, sportsmen and locals alike — those in search of high-seas adventure or even a buoyant brunch in the bay — elsewhere when we have all the makings in our own city to provide both leisurely and educational programs via a vibrant and eclectic boat docking station. Plans for the reimagined pier and additional gateway could also include shopping centers that might mirror San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf or Seattle's Pike Street.

In recent years, the Santa Monica Pier has become predictable, dated and, perhaps most egregious of all, devoid of personality. Yes, there are the amusements and concerts and Drive-In movies, all of which provide ample family-friendly fun and amusement, but the pier's sea legs have grown tired over the years, with an injection of life and vibrancy and whimsy sorely needed.

We applaud the efforts of City Council and the Pier Restoration Corp., which has for years worked with the community, business tenants and the public to map out a channel towards revitalization of the city landmark. Thinking big and thinking outside of the box is one surefire way to ensure that Santa Monica remains a competitive tourist destination amongst its Southland peers.

Environmental concerns, of course, will play a major role in any new pier goings-on, but the addition of boating can also foster environmental awareness through educational voyages that might work to bridge the disconnect some feel on the pier from the crashing waters below.

We encourage city officials to strike while the iron is hot and not allow bold ideas to drift away with the tide, as they have on various occasions since storms prompted the dissolution of boating and docking. Quite simple, it's time to seize the moment, and seize the bay. Our neighboring coastal cities won't be tossing us lifejackets anytime soon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Area code changes not needed

Editor:

I could hear them breathing out there, waiting for the right moment, waiting long enough for us to forget what was already explained to us: That the inconvenience for us of dialing an area code now for all calls is, in fact, a convenience for the phone companies.

Way back when, Robert Scheer in a series of LA Times articles, revealed that overlays such as we have now are not based on the lack of numbers, as the phone companies claim. Despite faxes, cell phones, pagers and so on, at that time only 35 million of California's 180 million available numbers were in use, Scheer told us.

A call I placed to the office of a local representative in the intervening years begat the information that the phone companies, reduced from buying numbers in packets of 10,000 to purchases of 1,000 at a time, seeking for their convenience, certain sequences so that they can better control number assignments in new residential complexes.

The reductions reflect the outcry that we 310ers set up during the last overlay threat. But I could hear them breathing. Even as the original purpose of area codes — to bypass the operator for long-distance calls — was being rapidly eroded elsewhere, and the breathing got louder.

I could hear them breathing, awaiting that right moment, even as I can hear the breathing that awaits the right moment when all our struggle is forgotten, and perhaps fatigue, and LA will get its NFL team, like it or not.

Michael Jondreau
Santa Monica

Omelets whip eatery into frenzy

Editor:

I read your Buzz'in column in Mondays paper and find the variety of situations amusing and sometimes hard to believe. Well, I finally feel that I can contribute to the weird experiences in Santa Monica. Not to be too specific about a restaurant on Main Street known for their omelets and Clucker Club Card, I recently got a good clucking right out the door from the their female manager on behalf of the male owner. Two months ago, I ordered an omelet at their counter seating, not booth seating, and after waiting 26 minutes, decided to leave payment for the coffee and walk out. I was the only patron at the counter and felt that 26 minutes was too long to wait for my breakfast order.

Two weeks later, I returned with a friend for breakfast and was admonished for my "discourteous" departure from the previous visit by the restaurant's hostess. I was astonished that I received a tongue-lashing and not an apology. The hostess said that I should have told someone that I waited so long. I told her that had the waiter been present, I would have had my food and not an excuse for the delay. She said that she would wait on my friend and me, but that I was wrong and not to do it again. We ordered. Food came. Food was fine. We paid. We tipped. We chalked it up as an establishment having a bad day.

One month went by and my friend and I returned for breakfast. Again, we were the only two people at the counter. We had only been chatting for a minute or so when the same female manager/hostess comes up to us and says that I owe \$11 from the time that I left and that is per the owner. She said that if I do not pay that amount, I am no longer welcomed at that establishment. Can you say stunned? Whatever happened to people skills and manners? My friend and I left and sauntered down to another Main Street establishment. Any thoughts on this would be appreciated.

Carol Patek
Santa Monica

THE SOAP BOX

BY BENNET KELLEY



Lamont victory boosts

Ned Lamont's dramatic primary victory over Joe Lieberman this week will cause much soul searching within the Democratic establishment. While the defeat of a three-term senator and vice-presidential nominee is certainly a shock, the result is actually a victory for the party for several key reasons.

The two primary reasons Democrats should be pleased is that the Lamont campaign has both energized the party base and placed the party in a stronger position with general election voters on key issues. More importantly, while Lieberman discounted the growing movement against him as being top down and the result of a constant drumbeat of attacks in the political blogosphere, Lamont recognized it as a reflection of sentiments percolating throughout the base and has given a voice to their frustration and anger.

California Democrats should take note of Lamont's victory because California's recent primary is a photographic negative of the Connecticut primary. While Connecticut voters embraced the future, California replayed the 1984 presidential primary battle between Walter Mondale and Gary Hart. In that race, Mondale was able to survive a tough challenge by Hart because he had secured the endorsements of the major unions and advocacy groups before a single primary vote was cast. Mondale, who accepted the nomination by promising to raise taxes, came within 3,761 votes of being the first candidate to lose all 50 states, while Hart's attempt to define a post New Deal/Great-Society message for the party ultimately paved the way for Bill Clinton's election.

Twenty-two years later, the California Democratic Party decided to ignore this history, as well as the party's tradition of not giving endorsements in contested races and State Comptroller Steve Westly's commanding lead in both the primary and over Gov. Schwarzenegger, in order to give a pre-primary endorsement to State Treasurer Phil Angelides, who also has promised to raise taxes, over the telegenic Westly. This endorsement combined with a record low turnout enabled Angelides to rebound and overtake Westly in the primary.

Unlike the Connecticut primary, however, Angelides' victory has neither energized the base nor better positioned the party for November. The Angelides' campaign has floundered since the primary and is now eight points behind Schwarzenegger. More importantly, Angelides' support among Democrats is only 62 percent and major Democrats, such as Steven Spielberg and David Katzenberg, are jumping to the Schwarzenegger camp. While I hope that someday a Gov. Angelides will tell me how very wrong I am, at this moment it appears that the Angelides nomination is a classic case of a party catering to institutional forces and not the greater interest of the party.

A more subtle example is seen in the party's sacrificing its rising stars in favor of short-term security by filling down ballot positions with termed-out politicians working their way down the ballot. With former-Gov. Jerry Brown, Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante and Attorney General Bill Lockyer — who collectively have held statewide office for 28 years — seeking lower offices, upcoming prospects had to choose between taking on one of these Goliaths in the primary, battling for one of the few open seats or abandoning Sacramento altogether.

None of the three recycled candidates, however, are likely to excite the base or give them a voice, especially considering Bustamante's stumbling effort in the 2003 recall campaign in which he garnered only 32 percent of the vote or the fact that 47 percent of the state's voting age population became eligible to vote after Jerry Brown left the governor's office.

Brown's comeback attempt, however, reminds us that he is the only California Democrat to win a Presidential primary in the post-Vietnam era.

Ned Lamont has demonstrated how Democrats can excite and revive the party by breaking the mold of politics as usual. While a major challenge for both parties in this election is navigating the growing tide of discontent, Lamont has demonstrated how to tap the power of this wave and ride it to victory.

Lamont's victory is a signal to California Democrats to leave their longboards at Zuma Beach and head to Connecticut for surfing lessons, since learning how to ride this growing tide is the surest way to guarantee a Republican wipeout in November.

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BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Man finds himself in a wee bit of trouble

On Friday, July 28, at 10:41 p.m., two Santa Monica narcotics detectives were driving an unmarked patrol car in a beach parking lot in the 1100 block of Pacific Coast Highway. On their drive, they spotted a man exit his green Honda and urinate nearby the car. Seeing this, the officers approached the suspect and identified themselves as officers with the SMPD. When speaking with the suspect, officers saw that he was allegedly trying to conceal a small baggy containing what the suspect said was cocaine. Officers placed the man under arrest and transported him to the Santa Monica Jail, where he was booked for possession of a controlled substance. The white powdery substance tested positive for cocaine, police said. The weight came out to be .92 grams. The suspect was identified as William Logsdon, 21, of Ontario. His bail was set at \$10,000.

On Tuesday, Aug. 1, at 1:13 p.m., officers responded to the 500 block of Olympic Boulevard — Samoshel homeless shelter — regarding a report of a theft. When officers arrived, they spoke with an employee who said they saw the suspect enter the shelter and snatch a pair of bolt cutters from under a desk and leave the premises. He was apprehended by shelter staff and detained until police arrived. The man was identified as John Rainer, 32, a transient. His bail was set at \$10,000.

On Wednesday, Aug. 2, at 10:45 a.m., police responded to Pacific Terrace regarding a report of vandalism. When officers arrived, they spoke with a man who said he and the suspect were involved in an argument. Following the verbal altercation, the suspect walked away. A short time later, he allegedly returned and was seen crouching near the other man's car. The alleged victim said he heard a popping sound and saw the suspect stand up and walk away. When the man walked over to his car, he noticed that one of the tires had been slashed. The suspect was detained a short time later in the 1700 block of Ocean Avenue. He was identified by the victim and placed under arrest for vandalism, providing false information to a police officer and violating his parole. He was identified as Todd Michalski, 43, a transient. No bail was set.

On Thursday, Aug. 3, at 5:47 a.m., police responded to the 200 block of 20th Street regarding a report of a man masturbating in the street. When officers arrived, they spoke with a woman who said she saw the man playing with himself. He was arrested and booked for indecent exposure and a parole violation. He was identified as Tommy Burton, 51, a transient. No bail was set.

On Thursday, Aug. 3, at 2:32 p.m., police responded to the corner of Cloverfield and Olympic boulevards regarding a disabled vehicle with a male who looked to be passed out in the driver's seat. When officers arrived, they contacted the occupant who said his vehicle had run out of gas and that he was sleeping. While the officers conducted their investigation, a woman approached, an apparent passenger of the car, who also told them the automobile had run out of gas. The officers checked the vehicle identification number and found the car was reported stolen by Alamo Rent A Car, police said. The driver was subsequently arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle. His passenger was searched and booked for possession of drug paraphernalia — a pipe used to smoke narcotics. The driver was identified as David Jones, 55, of Huntington Park. No bail was set due to probation violation. Booking information for the passenger, Denise Sanchez, 26, was not available.

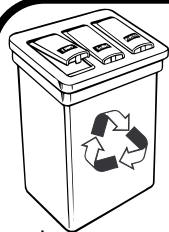
On Thursday, Aug. 3, at 7:55 p.m., police responded to the 1400 block of Fourth Street regarding an individual loitering in a parking structure. When officers arrived, they spoke with the subject in the structure and found he had methamphetamine in his possession, police said. He was arrested and booked for possession of a controlled substance. A drug test confirmed the substance was methamphetamine. The suspect was identified as Ferenc Csicseri, 50, a transient. His bail was set at \$10,000.

On Friday, Aug. 5, at 5:40 p.m., police stopped a vehicle at the corner of 18th Street and Pine Street for a minor traffic violation. During questioning, officers asked the driver to step out of his vehicle. When he opened to door, officers noticed a metal, Butterfly knife in the driver's side door compartment. The driver was arrested for possession of an illegal knife. He was identified as Jason Fenmore, 20, of Sherman Oaks. His bail was set at \$500.

On Saturday, Aug. 5, at 1:17 a.m., in the 500 block of Idaho regarding an armed robbery that had just occurred in the area. When officers arrived, they spoke to a victim who said that while he was walking on the street, he was approached by two young Latino men, one of whom displayed a knife and took the man's property, which included an unspecified amount of money and a cell phone. After the robbery, the victim said he saw the suspects jump into a car and drive away. Officers in the area of Sunset Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway spotted a vehicle matching the description given by the victim. After conducting a search of the occupants, officers found the victim's cell phone and a knife. The vehicle contained eight men, five of whom were juveniles, ranging in age from 15 to 17, police said. They were transported to the Eastlake Juvenile Detention Center. Their adult companions were transported to the Santa Monica Jail, where they were booked for robbery. They were identified as Jesus Gudino, 18, of Los Angeles, Jose Luis Galvan, 27, of Los Angeles, and Fernando Zamora, 18, also Los Angeles. Their bail was set at \$50,000 each.

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Programs may bring homeless indoors to eat

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Myers, a former City Attorney for City Hall who is representing the providers in negotiations, confirmed discussions are underway, but would not comment further.

While details still need to be ironed out, Edelman said he is confident the groups will begin operating indoors in roughly six weeks.

"The sooner the better," said Edelman, a former Los Angeles County Supervisor who was hired by the council in December to help reduce the homeless population in Santa Monica, as well as bring other cities together to solve what many believe is a regional problem.

Edelman, who has worked as a mediator, said negotiations were tense at first following nearly 15 years of misunderstanding and conflict between the food providers and City Hall, which has made several attempts to ban the feedings because they are a public nuisance and fail to link the homeless with social services. There was also a concern about public health and food safety.

Despite a 2002 law restricting outdoor feeding programs, as well as a drawn-out legal battle with groups such as Food Not Bombs and the ACLU, public feedings have continued, most notably at Palisades Park, as providers have learned to exploit loopholes

in the law, such as restricting the number of those fed.

"(Providers) generally felt unappreciated by the city," Edelman said, explaining the challenge he faced in trying to iron out a resolution. "They felt they were doing good work over the years, but sort of felt like outcasts and not welcome by the city as a part of the safety net that helps the homeless."

Edelman said with the help of City Manager Lamont Ewell, who brought a new tone to the discussions, and Myers, he was able to convince the providers to come aboard.

"(Ewell) had just come on board as City Manager and he sat through all the meetings

and raised his voice when he had to and lowered his voice when he had to," Edelman said. "His commitment, I think, went a long way as did the help of Bob Myers. He has a good rapport with the food providers and that helped tremendously. He had their trust and confidence, so it worked out."

There is some concern on behalf of the City Council that once the two major providers are brought indoors, others will take their place. However, Ewell said he believes the success of HOPE and Hand-to-Hand will show others that coming indoors is the best way to help those in need.

Ice may be the solution for summer power demand

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At least 11 members of the association are testing the new technology as a way to weather power shortages during scorching weather.

State power consumption reached a record 50,270 megawatts on July 24 during the height of a triple-digit heat wave.

The demand caused a significant power outage in downtown Santa Monica, including portions of the Third Street Promenade and Second Street, which were without power for several days. The lights went out July 22 when components of an underground electrical vault failed, creating a series of explosions. No one was injured, but business owners lost several thousands of dollars in merchandise and sales because of the resulting outage.

The system developed by Ice Energy Inc.

consists of a large plastic attachment for commercial air conditioning units that is filled with water, frozen overnight then used to cool refrigerant during the day.

"It stores energy at night, when energy is cleaner to produce, cheaper to buy and easier to obtain, and it makes it available for use during the day," said Frank Ramirez, CEO of Ice Energy, based in Windsor, Colo.

The new hardware costs about \$10,500 and weighs about 5,000 pounds when filled with water. There can be an additional retrofitting cost of as much as \$10,000 for existing buildings and a minimum \$750 cost for new construction, the company said.

The system has been in place since 2004 at an Anaheim fire station, where an analysis showed a 95 percent drop in peak energy usage and a 5 percent overall reduction, said

Mariann Long, assistant general manager of Anaheim Public Utilities.

This week, the Anaheim City Council approved a package of incentives hoping to increase commercial use of the system.

"By shifting load to off-peak, the power is cheaper, so our costs can be stabilized or go down," Long said.

The incentives include a special rate structure that will benefit businesses by dropping their cost for power during off-peak hours from 11 cents to 3 cents a kilowatt. The city will also issue credits of as much as \$21,000.

Ice Energy has sold 75 systems since sales began six months ago. The California Energy Commission authorized use of the technology in the state in June.

The desert community of Victorville is

buying 54 systems and plans to retrofit its municipal buildings with the help of low-interest loans from the commission, Ramirez said.

The idea behind the system is not new. University of California, Riverside has a massive thermal energy storage complex connected to its air conditioning system. The challenge was creating something smaller for commercial and residential units.

Jim Detmers, vice president of operations for the California Independent System Operator, which manages the state's power grid, said the technology appears to be a step in the right direction.

"I won't go so far as to say it will eliminate blackouts," he said. "It's a good step."

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Tensions heighten

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to start enforcing hedge laws that had been on the books since 1948 permitted property owners to exceed the previous eight-foot height requirement in favor of a new 12-foot restriction. However, the provision also made allowances for the “grandfathering” in of pre-existing hedges that already exceeded those standards, putting the onus on disgruntled neighbors to file complaints with the city about exceedingly tall hedges and prove they adversely affected their quality of life.

The fallout has been more mounting pressure — from both residents who feel City Hall has turned its back on them, denying their claims that hedges have had a profound affect, as well as property owners citing privacy requirements and fears that if they trim their hedges it could affect property values.

“It’s left us with this antagonistic relationship between property owners, like the Palestinians and the Israelis,” said Ziff, whose appeal against the adjacent Raymond Avenue homeowner with a bamboo hedge is currently in appeal. “It doesn’t seem like it’s going to be solved, and that’s particularly frustrating.”

HEDGING ON TAKING ACTION

On May 25, more than a dozen residents with their respective hedge complaints in appeal attended a council meeting to voice their dissatisfaction with the interim ordinance, calling upon the council to revisit the law and its enforcement, or lack thereof, as well as to lodge complaints about a seemingly one-sided appeals process that costs each party in excess of \$200.

Mayor Bob Holbrook, a staunch supporter of hedge height limits, requested that the council direct staff to prepare amendments to the interim fence and hedge ordinance, including extending the period for appeals to the Planning Commission and to waive appeal fees entirely, according to the meeting’s minutes. In the end, no formal action was taken.

In June, a letter was sent out “To interested parties involved in a fence, wall or hedge objection appeal hearing” from Amanda Schacter, a planning manager with the City Hall’s Planning Division, informing those with quality-of-life complaints that appeal hearings have been postponed until later this year, or early next year, as a result “of recent events.”

For many residents waiting for the city to mediate an ongoing dispute with their neighbors, the latest postponement was greeted with a pessimistic shrug and resignation.

“We really have no recourse. We’ve hit a wall,” said Ann Greenspun, who has lived north of Montana for 29 years and is feuding with her neighbor in regards to an Eugenia hedge between the two homes. “I can understand there are a lot of other issues with the city, but it’s frustrating. No one even calls anymore.”

“Besides, how many times can we go to City Council and tell them the same things over and over again?” she asked.

Hedge heights became something of a galvanizing campaign issue in 2004, helping to prompt current Mayor Pro Tem Bobby Shriver, an advocate for those with considerable hedge heights, to throw his hat in the ring and mount a run for City Council.

A reprisal of the 2004 debates would likely pit Shriver and Holbrook against one another in the months and weeks leading up to this year’s election, in which Holbrook and fellow council members Pam O’Connor and Kevin McKeown are all seeking re-election. Shriver is currently the co-chair of Holbrook’s re-election campaign.

At least one disgruntled property owner with a hedge complaint in appeal questioned the timing of Shriver’s excusing himself from the May 25 Council meeting, leaving to catch a flight to New York shortly before those scheduled to speak out against the unenforced hedge heights took to the podium.

For his part, Shriver doesn’t think the cur-

rent list of complaints warrants a rewriting of the city ordinance.

“My official position is that if people are behaving badly, then the city should try and do something,” said Shriver last week. “But if there were 3,000 people cited two years ago and now nine are having a problem, well, you draw your own conclusions.

“In a perfect world, nobody would be complaining, but I don’t know that the whole ordinance needs to be rewritten.”

BITING THE BULLET

As complaints about City Hall’s inaction on hedges mount, so do the frustration levels of those living in the shadows of hedges that exceed height standards. Virginia Kohfeld claimed she had a very agreeable relationship with her neighbor before a sprouting bamboo hedge came between them.

“We loved our neighbors before all this. We made every effort to welcome them,” said Kohfeld of her neighbor of 10 years. “Now that hedge is over 20 feet high and it impinges on our windows. There’s no light in the bedroom. We have over the years trimmed the bamboo, but my husband is 79 and I’m 70. We’re getting too old to do that.”

Meanwhile, the city remains in a “holding pattern,” in regards to its enforcement of the hedge heights throughout the city, according to Schacter. This week, the planning manager said that city staff wasn’t really certain what the council’s direction, as they were not given specific directions at the May 25 meeting and must wait for council members to put the matter back on the agenda to be discussed.

Several residents have complained that the burden has proven too daunting, with the city requiring color photographs, timelines and scientific proof to back up claims that the respective resident’s quality of life has been impacted. Add in the council’s grandfathering clause of one year ago, whereby hedges that exceeded height limits but predated the hearings process could remain intact unless written objections were filed, and more than a few residents have lost faith in the system.

A list of complaints lodged with Holbrook by dissatisfied residents earlier this year included: Neighbors being pitted against one another, a dereliction of duty on the city’s part to enforce hedge heights, a lack of definition for terms such as “quality of life” and “injurious or detrimental”, a bias in favor of hedge owners, well documented problems with the appeal process, and property values being negatively affected.

Lastly, the complainants admitted they were “pessimistic about future enforcement.”

“The problem is we really don’t have any standards at all,” said Holbrook. “Say what you like about the grandfathering, but it’s a moving target. It’s growing. It’s alive and it’s just gonna keep on going.”

Holbrook’s counterpart on the dais, Councilman Kevin McKeown, expressed frustration this week that the council hadn’t instructed staff to research recommendations for the current hedge height ordinance.

“Clearly, there’s a need to expedite a solution,” said McKeown, who said he had received two complaints just last week — one from a resident who felt unprotected by the city, the other from a property owner who feels cutting his hedges might impact the sale of his property.

“What complicates it is that Shriver and Holbrook are on opposite sides of the issue, but we made a commitment to residents to come up with a fair way to deal with the issue and I will do what I can,” McKeown said. “The way the appeals process was handled administratively has left people feeling unheard, and some feel the situation is getting worse. We have to take it on a case-to-case basis. It’s a big commitment, but if we really wanted to deal with the problem — one that was undealt with for 55 years — it’s time to play catch-up and bite the bullet. People are in distress.”



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State audit finds charter schools Democrats rip governor after state loses its cool

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SACRAMENTO — A chain of family operated charter schools overcharged the state more than \$57 million over three years and paid its two top executives a total of \$644,000 in one year to run schools for at-risk students, a state audit released this week found.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O’Connell immediately referred the audit of the for-profit Opportunities for Learning and the non-profit Options for Youth schools to Attorney General Bill Lockyer, but the schools’ operators challenged the findings.

Spokeswoman Kerry Mazzoni, a former secretary of education, said the eight schools and more than 40 independent study satellite centers serve seventh-grade through 19-year-old students who otherwise would quit school or fail. They claim the state has underpaid them for vital services.

“I will work vigorously to ensure that the state is fully reimbursed for these funds,” O’Connell said. “The operators of these schools are reaping millions in profit from public funds intended primarily for the education of students.”

He said he would urge lawmakers in the next legislative session to close loopholes in the state’s charter schools law that allowed the charter schools to transfer \$10.8 million to another corporation that was run by the daughter of husband-and-wife owners Joan and John Hall. That corporation is not subject to state education laws.

The audit, which covered the 2002-03 to 2004-05 school years, said the charter school companies claimed \$57 million more than they were entitled to by incorrectly reporting data that included the number of credentialed teachers, student-teacher ratios and student attendance rates.

The audit was requested by county education superintendents in Los Angeles,

Orange, Sacramento, San Bernardino and Siskiyou counties, where the companies have charters serving more than 15,000 students. Those superintendents will ask local district attorneys to investigate, O’Connell said.

Charter schools receive public funding and must follow state laws, but often use alternative approaches to teaching students.

Auditors questioned the salaries the Halls received, which were a combined \$644,000 in 2004-05. State officials said that was far higher than the salaries for superintendents of similar-sized districts.

Consultants hired by the Halls said their salaries were comparable to the pay for chief executives of private companies.

The audit also found:

■ Their contracts allowed the Halls to be reimbursed for a Lexus SUV and a Chevrolet Suburban, along with airline tickets, hotel bills and other expenses. Several Hall family members, including their four children, also were employed by the various companies, the report said.

■ Over the three-year period, Options for Youth paid more than \$32,000 for employee parties at Disneyland. It spent \$4,500 _ including a tab for \$963 in alcohol _ at the Ritz-Carlton in 2004-05 for a meeting of 23 board members and staff.

The state slashed funding to the school to 60 percent of the previous year in 2002-03 and to 70 percent in the next two years because of questions about expenditures.

The companies sued the state and the county offices of education in February over their system of paying teachers. The schools claim many teachers as the equivalent of nearly two full-time teachers because of the longer school year and longer days compared with traditional public schools.

If they win the lawsuit, the companies would owe the state about \$26 million, rather than \$57 million, the state said.

The Halls’ consultants said they fully complied with auditors’ questions and have always been transparent in their operations.

Mazzoni said the state’s own data show the schools are successful at helping would-be dropouts stay in school and go on to graduate. Information from the state Department of Education posted online showed the schools have had mixed results but have made improvements.

“We deal with the arguably most at-risk students in the state _ students that have dropped out of school,” Mazzoni said. “Our program is comparably very good, and we’re just really puzzled why they would want to suggest that our program was not good.”

O’Connell wants to ensure that state money is being spent on students, said his spokeswoman, Hilary McLean. He urged county superintendents to strictly monitor the schools.

Mazzoni said the disputed money is not “sitting in a bank account someplace. This money was spent on the academic program. That is an issue that we truly need to work out with the department.”

In Burbank Unified, one of the districts with an Options for Youth charter, the schools have been responsive about requests for information and have complied with all terms of their charter, Superintendent Greg Bowman said Wednesday.

“They provide a service that some students benefit from, and we think that it’s a viable option,” Bowman said.

The schools intend to continue operating, some with waiting lists.

“We don’t anticipate any bump in the road in terms of serving those students,” said Jennifer Kliever, director of instruction for Options for Youth.

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Democratic lawmakers criticized Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s response to last month’s heat wave Wednesday during a hearing that administration officials labeled a blatant political attack intended only to undermine the governor during an election year.

Sen. Dean Florez, D-Shafter, said Schwarzenegger should have declared a state of emergency during the nearly two-week heat wave in late July that led to as many as 164 deaths statewide.

“We didn’t recognize the seriousness of the crisis,” said Florez, who called the hearing as chairman of the Senate Governmental Organization Committee. “We were caught flat-footed.”

He said the governor could have closed nonessential state buildings or ordered prisons to run on generators to save energy. Florez also said state workers could have been ordered to go door-to-door to check on elderly and poor residents, who accounted for most of the deaths.

Administration officials testified that an emergency declaration would not have helped because the state already was doing everything it could. Further, they said no local officials asked for such a declaration.

“We were ready to call the National Guard,” said Ann Boynton, undersecretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

State agencies issued hundreds of heat and power warnings, cut energy use, opened cooling centers and helped monitor 2,200 nursing homes, officials said.

Eight counties declared local emergencies seeking federal reimbursement for an estimated \$1 billion in agricultural losses, but none sought specific state help that wasn’t already being provided, said Paul Jacks, deputy director of the Response and Recovery Division of the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services.

“We are not aware of anything substantive that would have resulted from that declaration that we did not do,” Jacks testified. “We have not been made aware of any unmet needs.”

Schwarzenegger twice toured the San Joaquin Valley, which suffered most of the deaths and agricultural losses. He also asked the federal government to provide disaster assistance to California farmers and to help poor residents pay their electric bills.

Fresno Mayor Alan Autry defended the administration’s response and said Democratic senators were launching “blatant political attacks.”

“He was not asleep at the wheel,” Autry said of Schwarzenegger. “There was a lot done right.”

Adam Mendelsohn, the governor’s communications director, said the administration is developing a heat-emergency plan based on what officials learned in July.

“Governor Schwarzenegger ... will continue to work to protect the Central Valley in the future and would rather see this dialogue turn constructive rather than political,” he said.

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PUBLIC NOTICE



Please take notice that the Santa Monica Rent Control Board amended Regulation 3028(c)(2) and Regulation 9002(b) at its regular meeting of August 3, 2006.

These changes, as set forth below, will become effective by promulgation the day after publication in this newspaper.

3028. General Adjustment Number 29
(c) Restrictions on Landlord's Entitlement to General Adjustment

A landlord shall not increase rents or serve a notice attempting to increase rents if any of the following circumstances exist:

- (1) The unit's tenancy commenced on or after September 1, 2005, and a new base rent after vacancy was lawfully established for the unit.
- (2) The unit received a rent increase pursuant to regulation 3304 on or after September 1, 2005.

9002. Evictions Under §1806(a)(8)
(b) Number of Allowable Evictions Under §1806(a)(8).

A "landlord" as defined in §9002(a)(1) may evict a tenant from a controlled residential rental unit for the use and occupancy of himself or herself or for one of the relatives enumerated in subsection (c) for one unit only on a given property.

- (1) A tenant evicted from a unit for owner or relative occupancy who subsequently reoccupies the unit may not again be evicted from that unit for owner or relative occupancy by that same owner for four years from the date of the first notice to vacate.
- (2) A tenant who has prevailed in a trial on the merits in an eviction for owner or relative occupancy may not have his or her tenancy terminated by that owner for owner or relative occupancy for four years from the date of judgment.
- (3) The landlord or enumerated relative must intend to occupy the unit as his or her primary place of residence.
- (4) If any landlord as defined in §9002(a)(1) or enumerated relative already occupies one unit on a property, no eviction pursuant to §1806(a)(8) may take place.
- (5) No eviction for this purpose is permitted if a vacancy exists on the property and the vacant unit is comparable to the unit for which eviction is sought.

A complete copy of this regulation is available at the Rent Control office or on the website: www.santa-monica.org/rentcontrol.

Fishing for failure

Financial aid needed to assist fishermen after harvest cutbacks

BY JEFF BARNARD

AP Environmental Writer

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez on Thursday declared commercial salmon fishing a failure off Oregon and California this year, based on sharp harvest cutbacks imposed to protect struggling returns to the Klamath River.

The formal declaration under federal fisheries law, the first since 1992 to come before the end of the fishing season, makes it possible for members of Congress from the two states to move forward on seeking up to \$80 million in aid that has been stymied for lack of a declaration.

In a conference call from Washington, D.C., Gutierrez told the governors of Oregon and California and members of Congress

from both states that fact-finding last month made it clear the direct losses to fishermen, now estimated at \$16 million, were real.

The Commerce estimate was based on projections that fishermen will land only 12 percent of the fish they have averaged the last five years, and despite higher prices, the catch will be worth only 16 percent of average, Deputy Secretary David Sampson said from Portland.

The declaration applies from Cape Falcon on the northern Oregon Coast to Point Sur near Monterey, Calif., and corresponds to the boundaries of the region where fishing seasons were reduced this year to protect wild Klamath River chinook.

The Pacific Coast Federation of

Fishermen's Associations said 1,500 to 2,000 salmon fishermen, including boat owners and crew members, live in the area.

"The big thing now is for us to try to figure out how to get (the aid) out to people that need it," said Zeke Grader, executive director of the fishermen's federation, from San Francisco. "It is also making sure some of it is allocated specifically to fix the problems on the Klamath."

More than 300 Oregon fishermen have already applied for \$1 million in direct aid offered by the state of Oregon, and the Small Business Administration has approved \$200,000 in low-interest loans in Oregon and California made possible by an earlier declaration of a fishery resource disaster.

"The state aid can only serve as a bridge to

the day federal help arrives," said Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski in a statement from Salem. "That day cannot come too soon."

Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., said the declaration now gives salmon fishermen priority for federal aid.

"The salmon industry must be sustained to maintain the vitality of the local economy," he said in a statement.

Gutierrez blamed five years of drought in the Klamath Basin for low water and growing infestations of parasites that are diminishing salmon returns there.

Sampson said from Portland that the administration moved quickly to declare a fishery failure once the magnitude of the problem was clear, and has already spent \$146 million for salmon recovery in Oregon and California.



NOTICIA DE ELECCION Y SOBRE LA FECHA DESPUES DE LA CUAL NO SE PODRA PRESENTAR A LA SECRETARIA MUNICIPAL NINGUN ARGUMENTO A FAVOR O EN CONTRA DE PROPUESTAS MUNICIPALES

POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO de que se habrá de llevar a cabo una Elección Municipal General en la Ciudad de Santa Monica el martes, 7 de noviembre de 2006, en la cual se les presentara las siguientes propuestas a los votantes:

PROPOSITION " ": Deberá ser enmendado el Código Municipal para hacer el cumplimiento con la ley en cuanto al uso de marihuana por adultos el mas bajo de prioridad, a menos de que el uso ocurra en propiedad publica o en conjunto con el manejar en estado ebrio; requerirá que el Concejal haga este cambio efectivo por medio de reportes, quejas y supervisión; y requerirá que la Secretaria Municipal mande noticias anuales de esta prioridad a representantes del estado y del distrito federal?	Si
	No

PROPOSITION " ": Deberá ser enmendada la Carta Constitucional sustituyendo restricciones contra personas ofreciendo, y oficiales municipales recibiendo contribuciones para campanas políticas, empleo, o regalos costosos, con prohibiciones contra ofrecer o recibir cualquier cosa de valor a cambio de una decisión oficial y contra el uso de puesto publico para obtener empleo, y restricciones para regalos de parte de personas que tienen negocios con la ciudad, y otros regalos?	Si
	No

ADEMÁS SE NOTIFICA que en conformidad con el Artículo 4, Capítulo 3, División 9 del Código Electoral del Estado de California, el cuerpo legislativo de la Ciudad, o cualquier miembro o miembros del mismo autorizados por el cuerpo, o todo votante individual o asociación genuina de ciudadanos, o toda combinación de votantes y asociaciones, pueden presentar un argumento escrito a favor o en contra de la medida municipal, el cual no puede exceder las 300 palabras, acompañado por el nombre o nombres impresos, y firma(s) de el/los autores que lo presente, o si es presentado en el nombre de una organización, el nombre de la organización, y el nombre impreso y la firma de por lo menos uno de sus funcionarios principales, quien es el autor o autora del argumento.

ADEMÁS SE NOTIFICA que, basada en el tiempo razonablemente necesario para preparar e imprimir los argumentos y boletas electorales de muestra para la elección, la Secretaria Municipal ha fijado el **22 de agosto, 2006**, durante el horario normal de trabajo, según ha sido anunciado, como la fecha después de la cual no se podrá presentar a la secretaria municipal ningún argumento a favor o en contra de la medida municipal para su impresión y distribución a los votantes según lo dispuesto en el artículo 4. Los argumentos deberán ser presentados a la secretaria Municipal, acompañados por el nombre o nombres impresos y firmas de los autores que los presenten, o si son presentados en el nombre de una organización, el nombre de la organización, y el nombre impreso y la firma de por lo menos uno de sus funcionarios principales, quien es el autor del argumento, en el Ayuntamiento en Santa Monica, California. Los argumentos pueden ser cambiados o retirados hasta e incluyendo la fecha fijada por la Secretaria Municipal.

ADEMÁS SE NOTIFICA que basado en Sección 11.04.125 del Código Municipal de Santa Monica, argumentos de refutación, los cuales no pueden exceder 250 palabras, pueden ser presentados a la secretaria, acompañados por los nombres impresos y firmas de los mismos autores que los el argumento principal, o con cualquier combinación de firmas de los autores que presentaron el argumento principal, incluyendo todos los autores que firmaron el argumento principal. El argumento de refutación no será firmado por ninguna persona que no firmo el argumento principal y tendrá que ser presentado a la Secretaria Municipal no mas de 10 días después de la fecha límite para presentar los argumentos directos, la fecha siendo el **1 de septiembre, 2006**.

ADEMÁS SE NOTIFICA que toda ordenanza, análisis imparcial, o argumento directo y refutación que sea presentado bajo la autoridad del Código Municipal, Sección 11.04.190 estará a la disposición del público para que lo examine en la oficina de la secretaria por un periodo de 10 días calendario inmediatamente después de la fecha límite para los documentos. Cualquier persona que quiera obtener un mandato judicial ordenando que haya cambios o redacte texto a cualquier documento aquí nombrado, deberá de cumplir con los requisitos de las secciones 9295 y 13313 del Código Estatal de Elecciones.

Maria M. Stewart
Secretaria Municipal
Fecha: 9 de agosto, 2006



NOTICE OF ELECTION AND ARGUMENT DEADLINE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a Special Municipal Election will be held in the City of Santa Monica on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, and setting the deadline for submittal of arguments in favor and in opposition of the following measures:

PROPOSITION " ": Shall the Municipal Code be amended to: state that City police shall make law enforcement related to adult, personal use of marijuana the lowest enforcement priority, unless the use occurs on public property or in conjunction with driving under the influence; require the City Council to effectuate the priority through reporting, grievance and oversight procedures; and require the City Clerk to send annual notice of the priority to federal and state representatives?	Yes
	No

PROPOSITION " ": Clean Beaches and Ocean Parcel Tax Act. For the purposes of funding the implementation of a portion of the City of Santa Monica Watershed Management Plan, shall the City of Santa Monica authorize the Clean Beaches and Ocean Parcel Tax, as specifically set forth in the proposed Ordinance that appears in the voter pamphlet, subject to an annual CPI escalator, and subject to audit by a citizen's oversight committee?	Yes
	No

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 3, Division 9 of the Elections Code of the State of California, the legislative body of the City, or any member or members thereof authorized by the body, or any individual voter or bona fide association of citizens, or any combination of voters and associations, may file a written argument, not to exceed 300 words in length, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signature(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument, for or against the City measures. No more than five signatures of authors shall be accepted with any argument submitted.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, based upon the time reasonably necessary to prepare and print the arguments and sample ballots for the election, the City Clerk has fixed **Tuesday, August 22, 2006**, during normal office hours, as posted, as **the date** after which no arguments for or against the City measures may be submitted to the Clerk for printing and distribution to the voters as provided in the Article 4. Arguments shall be submitted to the City Clerk, accompanied by the printed name(s) and signatures(s) of the author(s) submitting it, or if submitted on behalf of the organization, the name of the organization, and the printed name and signature of at least one of its principal officers who is the author of the argument, at City Hall, Santa Monica, California. Arguments may be changed or withdrawn until and including the date fixed by the City Clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 11.04.125 rebuttal arguments not exceeding 250 words, as submitted by the authors of the opposing direct arguments, may be filed with the Clerk, and shall be signed by any one of the persons filing the original argument, any combination of the persons signing the original argument or by all of the persons filing the original argument. The rebuttal shall not be signed by any person who did not sign the original argument nor shall it contain more than five signatures. The rebuttals shall be filed with the City Clerk not more than ten days after the final date for filing original arguments, the date being **Friday, September 1, 2006**.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 11.04.190, the City Clerk shall make any ordinance, impartial analysis, or direct arguments and rebuttals filed under the authority of the elections code will be available for public inspection in the City Clerk's office for a period of ten calendar days immediately following the filing deadline of such materials. Any person seeking a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted shall comply with the time requirements in Elections Code Sections 9295 and 13313 for filing such actions.

Maria M. Stewart, City Clerk
August 9, 2006

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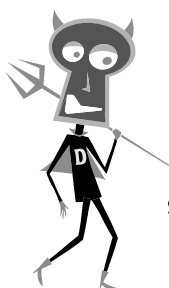
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ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Local celebrity hotspots

By Daily Press staff

Explore the high-profile spots where stars sat and cameras rolled.

Come for a free walking tour of historic Santa Monica film locations on Sunday, Aug. 13. The tour is based on the new movie buff's travel guide to Southern California, "Hollywood Escapes," by Harry Medved with Bruce Akiyama and published by St. Martin's Press.

The event starts at Vidiots at 2:30 p.m. with a book-signing and a screening of clips from Santa Monica's greatest hits — everything from "Mildred Pierce" to "Forrest Gump." The walking tour departs from Vidiots at 4 p.m. to walk to the locations shown in the films. The walking tour ends at the Santa Monica Pier carousel, which served as Paul Newman's hideout in "The Sting." For more information, visit www.hollywoodescapes.com.

South Africa revisited

By Daily Press staff

The Los Angeles Theatre Ensemble & The Powerhouse Theatre Company present a play about a country's repressive laws and the artists who stood for freedom. The play called "The Island," written by Athol Fugard, John Kani and Winston Ntshona, and directed by Hiu Cho Wong, is set in the notorious Robben Island maximum-security prison, and is a tribute to the men and women who were imprisoned there during the fight for a free and democratic South Africa. "The Island" is based on the true story of Norman Ntshinga, a black actor who was arrested during a police raid on suspicion of being a member of the then-banned African National Congress and sentenced to 10 years at Robben Island.

Robben Island was a prison for political opponents of the South African government at the time the play was written. It's most famous inmate was Nelson Mandela, but in its time, it held thousands of men who have been imprisoned because of their resistance to the racist regime.

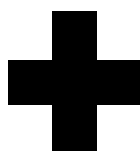
The play follows two political prisoners as they rehearse their two-man version of Sophocles' Antigone for the prison's annual concert. "The Island" demonstrates that it may be easy for a repressive regime to imprison a person, but crushing their spirit is harder.

Opening Friday, Aug. 11, "The Island" will be performed for three weeks through Saturday, Aug. 26 at the Powerhouse Theatre, located at 3116 Second Street in Santa Monica. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$20 for Fridays and Saturdays, \$15 for students with ID's. For tickets, please call the Powerhouse Theatre at (310) 396-3680 ext. 3 or visit www.latensemble.org.

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SANTA MONICA ART PALETTE

MAKING ARTS AND CULTURE COME ALIVE IN SANTA MONICA

This weekend in Santa Monica, we've got a new jazz series premiering on the City Hall lawn, a twisted version of "Much Ado About Nothing" at the Miles Playhouse and a special free showing of one of a much-beloved children's film at the Aero. And once again, we have a special prize at the end of this week's Palette for participating in Creative Santa Monica, the City's cultural plan currently underway. Sit a spell, read on, sing a song of sixpence and enjoy.



Francisco Aguabella
5 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 13
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

Move over all you other free concert series, there's a new kid in town. The Cultural Affairs Division presents Jazz on the Lawn, a series of three free concerts on the grass in front of City Hall. Cuban master conguero Francisco Aguabella kicks off the series on Sunday, courtesy of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission's Free Concerts in Public program. This free concert is a rare opportunity to see and hear this jazz legend. While the bands play on the north lawn, local artist Marcus Kuiland Nazario will lead concert-goers in games of croquet on the south lawn. Parking is free at the Civic Auditorium or at any of the metered spaces surrounding City Hall. Join us again on Sunday, Aug. 20, for the Acoustic Jazz Quartet with vocalist Cheryl Conley. And on Sunday, Aug. 27, we will host the Mad Alsacians. Bring your own picnic blanket, a chair or just lounge in the grass while listening to the hot music in the cool ocean breeze.



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2 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 13

Aero Theatre

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Here's your chance to see "The NeverEnding Story," a rarely screened classic children's film all about courage, friendship and the magic of reading — things we really like. Every Picture Tells A Story and the American Cinematheque at the Aero Theatre are offering you and your family a chance to see this classic on the big screen absolutely free. Seats are very limited and reservations are a must.

You can reserve your free tickets by e-mail (web@everypicture.com), by phone at (310)

451-2700 or just by stopping in to Every Picture Tells A Story in person at 1311c Montana Avenue.

Sorry, only four tickets per family. You can pick up your free tickets at Every Picture Tells A Story after 2 p.m. on Sunday. The Aero Theatre is located at 1328 Montana, just across the street. Afterward, pick up a picnic dinner and then join us at City Hall for the Francisco Aguabella concert.

Much Adoobie Brothers about Nothing

Aug. 10 to Sept. 10

Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 4 p.m.

Miles Playhouse

1130 Lincoln Blvd, Santa Monica, California 90401

Santa Monica High School alumni Matt Walker returns home with his free-wheeling, no-holds-barred, Commedia Del Arte-flavored, physically challenging, slapstick driven, acrobatic, traveling theater company — Troubadour Theatre Company. The Troubadours bring their unique production of "Much Adoobie Brothers About Nothing" to the Miles Playhouse for one weekend only. Their fast-paced, laugh-filled, loose adaptations (some of the lines are still there) of classic plays, as well as their original productions and hilarious sketch material, make this company a unique and exciting experience for theater-goers of any age.

Last week, Jodi Summers and Ramona Otto were generous enough to share their treasures with us, winning memberships to the Santa Monica Museum of Art in the process. This week, The California Heritage Museum has provided us with two copies of their publication "Masks of the World." This 169-page book filled with rich color pictures of masks from Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas was edited by Jim Pieper and Douglas Congdon-Martin. So, once again, we pose the question: What do you treasure about Santa Monica? It might be a person, a work of art, an institution, a museum or a gallery that holds special memories. Creative Santa Monica wants to hear about your own personal Santa Monica treasures. The first two people to submit their ideas will receive a copy of the "Masks of the World," courtesy of the California Heritage Museum. Simply e-mail your treasure to creative@smgov.net (files not to exceed five megabytes) with a cc to artpalette.mailbox@smgov.net. What could be easier? So, drag out those digital cameras and capture your Santa Monica treasure to share with us all.

Well, that just about wraps it up for this week's Palette. Thanks for reading. The Cultural Affairs Division of Santa Monica is currently undertaking a significant project, the development of a new map for the future of the arts and culture in our city. Please check our web site for news about the plan and to learn ways that you can participate in drafting this important document.



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Muscling in for relief

The winning bid for **MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY's** 1971 Corvette Stingray convertible, auctioned for hurricane relief, was \$61,600, according to the eBay Web site.

The name of the winning

bidder wasn't immediately released. The Web site indicated that 72 bids were received.

McConaughey, a native of Texas, said he's donating all proceeds from last month's sale to

Oprah Winfrey's Angel Network for Katrina and Rita recovery efforts.

Film credits for the 36-year-old actor include "Failure to Launch" and "The Wedding Planner." In 2005, he was

named the "sexiest man alive" by People magazine.

Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast on Aug. 29. Rita made landfall in southeast Texas on Sept. 24.

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HE'S A SURVIVOR

Hatch hurts behind bars

RICHARD HATCH, who won the \$1 million prize on the debut season of "Survivor," says he's finding it difficult to adjust to life in prison.

Hatch, 45, of Newport, R.I., was convicted by a federal jury in January of failing to pay taxes on the prize and other income. He was sentenced in May to 51 months in prison by a judge who said the reality TV star had repeatedly lied on the witness stand.

He arrived at the minimum-security facility in Morgantown on July 25.

Hatch, who became known as the "fat naked guy" for refusing to wear clothes on the CBS show, is now required to wear khaki shirts and pants.

"I'm doing lots of intake stuff, like clothing and getting to know the place ... but I don't think I will adjust to any of this until I can prove I was unethically prosecuted," he told The Dominion Post of Morgantown during a phone interview Wednesday.

Hatch said he will be tutoring inmates, helping them to earn their GEDs and hone their job-hunting skills.

AP



Diamond in the rough

DUSTIN DIAMOND, who played geeky Screech Powers on the '90s teen comedy "Saved by the Bell," says he scuffled with a woman at an Omaha hotel earlier this week.

Diamond, who performed at the Funny Bone Comedy Club Thursday through Sunday, told a Tampa, Fla., radio station that a woman broke into his room in a

west Omaha hotel early Monday morning.

Diamond said the woman grabbed some video games, and he held her until police arrived.

The 28-year-old woman denied attacking Diamond and told police he had assaulted her.

Omaha Police Sgt. Teresa Negron said no charges have been filed.

"It's a case of 'he said, she said,'" Negron said.

Diamond, 29, is touring the United States with an 18-and-older standup comedy show.

In June, Diamond said he was selling T-shirts with his photo on them to try to raise money to save his Milwaukee home, which was under a foreclosure order.

AP

A 'High Society' visit

PRINCE ALBERT II of Monaco will attend the opening-night concert of the Newport Jazz Festival on Friday, part of an anniversary celebration of the 1956 film "High Society," which starred his mother, Grace Kelly.

Set against the scenic backdrop of Newport and its storied mansions, "High Society" was Kelly's last film before her marriage to Prince Rainier III. She then became Princess Grace.

The musical comedy also starred Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby, with original music by Cole Porter. Louis Armstrong sang the title song.

The Friday-night con-

cert, a tribute to Sinatra, will be performed by guitarist and vocalist John Pizzarelli, who opened concerts for Ol' Blue Eyes in the early 1990s.

"There's an extra, added excitement to the whole thing," Pizzarelli said in a phone interview from his country home in New York State. "It's more than just a music story, it seems, at this point."

The weekend festivities will include a private dinner-dance gala for Albert, 48, at Marble House, constructed as a Vanderbilt family summer "cottage," where "High Society" will be screened in different rooms.

"Newport has always been the sort of resort of royalty in the northeastern United States," said Brian O'Neill, owner of the

Carnegie Abbey Club in nearby Portsmouth. The exclusive golf, equestrian and yachting club invited Albert to Newport.

Founded in 1954 and now formally known as the JVC Jazz Festival-Newport, the festival has hosted a who's who of jazz over the years.

Miles Davis made a memorable comeback performance at a jam session in 1955, followed a year later by Duke Ellington and his orchestra. Sinatra, Ray Charles, Dizzy Gillespie, John Coltrane and Harry Connick Jr. have also played Newport.

The festival runs through Sunday. Other featured performers include jazz guitarist George Benson and pianist Dave Brubeck.

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MOVIEGUIDE

SHOWTIMES: FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2006

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ROBOCOP



Friday

Close Encounters of the Third Kind (PG)/ THX-1138 (R) 7:30

Saturday

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Sunday

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Barnyard: The Original Party Animals (PG)

10:15, 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00

Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13)

11:50, 2:20, 2:50, 4:50, 7:20, 8:35, 9:50, 11:10, 12:00

John Tucker Must Die (PG-13)

11:45, 2:00, 4:20, 7:00, 9:10

Miami Vice (R)

10:30, 11:30, 1:30, 2:30, 4:30, 5:30, 7:50, 8:50, 10:45, 11:45

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13)

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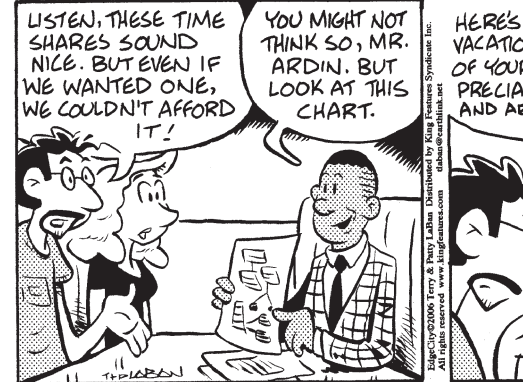
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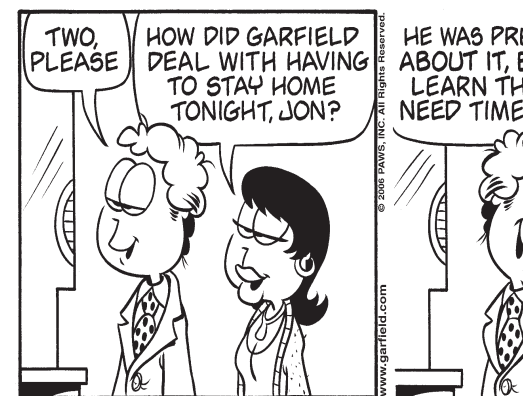
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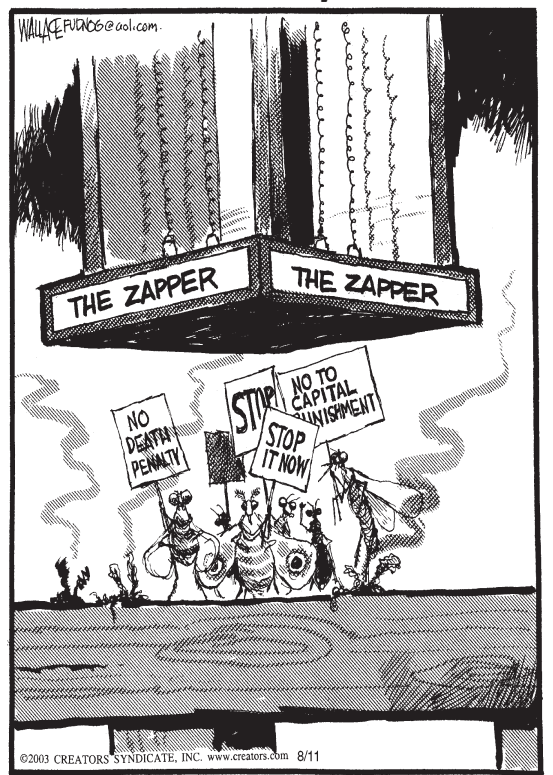
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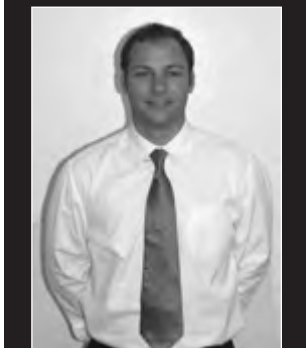
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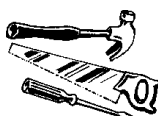
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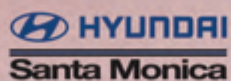
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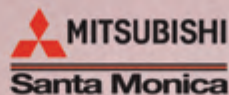
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