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NEWS OF
THE WEIRD
by Chuck Shepard

■ Brian Kline, 10, playing with his father's old handcuffs (Dad used to be a security agent) on Father's Day, lovingly cuffed himself to dad William Kline Jr., 33, but the key was lost, and William called police (in Des Moines, Iowa) to get the cuffs off. As is routine, police ran Kline through their database, found two arrest warrants outstanding, and re-cuffed Kline for real.

■ In Tulsa, Okla., in July, suspected shoplifter Jacob Wise, 18, had cleverly removed security tags from clothes he was allegedly walking out of a store with, but the alarm went off anyway because he had merely put the removed tags in his pocket.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Never play leapfrog with a unicorn"

— Unknown

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Courthouse digs to cost \$4M

Project pushed through despite government deficits

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

Calling the conditions embarrassing, county officials have announced that the Santa Monica Courthouse will get new digs this fall that will cost nearly \$4.5 million.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved last month a complete renovation of three modular civil courtrooms in the courthouse's courtyard. The buildings, temporarily built for overflow cases more than a decade ago, will be replaced with an 11,933-square-foot building.

The project will temporarily displace three

judges who will be moved out of Santa Monica and another who will move to a different courtroom within the courthouse, said Judge Alan Haber, the presiding judge of the west district.

The project is scheduled to begin Sept. 19 with the transfer of judges and will take up to two years to complete.

Superior Court Judge Diana Wheatley, who handles unlawful detainers and civil cases limited to under \$25,000, will move to Culver City. Judge John Reid who also handles unlawful detainers, short cause hearings and settlement conferences, also will move.

Judge Craig Karlan, who handles small claims appeals, short cause hearings and unlawful detainers, will move to Beverly Hills and Judge Terry Friedman, who handles unlimited civil cases will move from department J to



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

The modular buildings at the Santa Monica Courthouse will be replaced.

department D, Wheatley's old courtroom.

The modulars have outlived their useful life and are beyond cost-effective repair, officials say. The permanent building replacing them will stand two stories tall and include three new courtrooms. In the future, the building may house a self-help area for litigants and a children's waiting room. The free standing building also will feature a canopy above it.

Los Angeles County Board Supervisor Zev Yaroslavy, who represents Santa Monica, was the driving force in getting the project approved.

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Schwarzenegger campaign starts in Santa Monica

By Daily Press staff

The juggernaut of a campaign expected from governor candidate Arnold Schwarzenegger appears to have launched in Santa Monica.

Volunteers and workers have been furiously working the past few days to get Schwarzenegger's campaign headquarters on Main Street up and running.

The headquarters are on the second and third floors of Schwarzenegger's building, commonly known by locals as "Schatzi's on Main," located at 3110 Main Street. The actor and businessman's office are in the top floor of the building.

Internet service has just been hooked up, fax machines are being plugged in and phone lines are now operating.

The area outside Schatzi's has remained relatively calm since Schwarzenegger declared his

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Patrick Kinmartin/Special to the Daily Press

The campaign headquarters for Arnold Schwarzenegger are on Main Street. Press crews have arrived, filming footage of the actor's building.

New pipes and a lobbyist equal \$2 million for Santa Monica

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

By Daily Press staff

The City Council tonight is expected to spend more than \$2 million on two items — a

water main replacement project and a Washington D.C. lobbyist.

The water main project, estimated to cost \$1.9 million this year, occurs annually based on age, corrosion and capacity demands. It is unknown what water mains will be replaced in the city this year, but city staff will coordinate the work in conjunction with other projects like street resurfacing and sewer projects.

See CONSENT, page 7

Shark sighting tonight at pier

By Daily Press staff

Tonight's "drive-in" movie on the Santa Monica Pier features "Jaws."

The film series is held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. and is organized by the Santa Monica Film Festival.

Admission is free, but tickets are required for each screening.

The audience can participate in an auction before the movie, rent chairs for \$5 and buy limited concessions. All proceeds will go to the "Cancer Relief Fund," established by DEFMAN, which gives money directly to cancer victims and their families.

The grand opening was last Tuesday with the screening of "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

"\$1,100 was raised," said Ben Franz Knight, executive director of the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp. "There was an official number of 1,200 people, which for a first-time event, is a fantastic turnout."

Today, the turnout is expected to be between 3,000 to 4,000 people, he said.

Tickets may be picked up at the Santa Monica Convention and Visitor's Bureau located in the Santa Monica Place Mall, on the second floor. Those who do not have tickets may wait in line until 15 minutes before the screening, but admission is not guaranteed without a ticket.

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You often juggle two different issues, two different people and two different perspectives at once. Coming to a decision might be difficult, as you often see both sides of the coin. You could drive others slightly crazy at times when making decisions. You pull the wild card financially; just don't do anything too wild on your own. What might be appealing today could be a garage-sale item tomorrow. If you are single, you could easily meet someone special, though you might not be ready to settle down just now. If attached, your relationship will flourish as long as your partner can take your frequent flips of view. PISCES could be possessive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Use the daylight hours to your benefit. Your natural inclinations take you to a new level. Your ability to focus pinnacles, as does your insight. You find answers where others don't. Your strong drive makes a big difference with a family member. Tonight: Discuss a potential domestic change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Take charge and understand more of what you need to do to make a situation work. Assume the reins of power if you are to accomplish what you want. A friend or long-term desire becomes a possibility when you least expect it. Tonight: A serious conversation with a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Keep reaching out to those around you. Your ability to express your inner feelings emerges. Say what you think, though it is unlikely you won't. A work-related matter takes an interesting change of direction. Tonight: In the limelight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Deal with another party more directly than you have in the past. You could be extravagant with spending if you're not careful. Remember, other people might be involved with a financial decision. Reorganize your work with an eye to greater efficiency. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Allow others to play their cards right now. You might not be comfortable with what comes down. If you want to have a discussion, schedule it for later in the day. You could be startled by another's feelings and perspective. Choose to listen and not challenge. Tonight: Say "yes" to a request.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Pace yourself, and you'll accomplish a lot more than you anticipated. The daylight hours present many options that will take you in a new direction if you allow your imagination to run with someone else's idea. Let others expound on their ideas. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your lively nature seems to cheer up those around you. A friend appreciates you and helps you as much as he or she can. Acknowledge a common focus at work. You might want to take a stronger stand with work, or at least demonstrate what you are about. Tonight: Work long hours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Once more consider a home office, or perhaps go into work late. You might want some time off. Just the same, a must appearance makes all the difference at work. Read between the lines on a creative endeavor. Tonight: Don't push your budget.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Say what you think as boldly as you need in order to get your point across. How someone views a changeable matter could be quite different. He or she appreciates your self-expression and different views. A family member pushes you. Talks calm this situation. Tonight: Head home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Deal with finances. You might need to give a partner a little tip or two, which will be appreciated. Check out insurance policies and other papers that could impact you. A conversation surprises you. An associate shares, clearing up a question. Tonight: Out at a favorite restaurant.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Your smile helps someone come toward you. Perhaps this person has stronger feelings than you are aware of. Remember to be diplomatic, as this person could be unusually fragile. You pull the wild card financially, making anything possible. Tonight: Do some shopping or buy a lottery ticket.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Lie back during the day. Concentrate on your work, knowing that you can accomplish a lot, especially as others could be in a bit of a tizzy. Your creativity feeds a relationship or project. Brainstorm with others. You might surprise yourself with your reaction. Tonight: Do what you want.

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LOCAL

Experiencing the Iraqi war through the eyes of a child

Commentary



BY KELLY HAYES-RAITT
Special to the Daily Press

Baghdad

"Soura" in Arabic means photo — that exaggerated, frozen moment trusted to accurately reflect an experience. Over time, a

photograph can become its own story, sharpening events that may never have existed while its actual images dim.

So I feared it might be with Sura, the vivacious brown-eyed beauty with whom I spent 10 minutes in February in Baghdad. My brief encounter with this 12-year-old and the portrait photo I took of her innocent optimism came to represent my country's attempts to shape her country's future.

I had met Sura at Amariyah, the neighborhood shelter where two American bombs killed more than 400 Iraqi children, women and men during the 1991 Gulf War. In February, Sura was acting in a TV commemoration of this grim event. During a break, she took my hand, showing me the places where there were burn marks, blood stains and human flesh still clinging to the walls.

"Sura was born the year of the Gulf War," I told audiences throughout California upon my return. "In her brief lifetime, she has known nothing but recovering from one war and preparing for another." I attached 12 years of failed diplomatic, economic and military policies to 10 minutes of smiles and gestures, where our only common language was our willingness.

Her open, easy face and quick smile came to represent the face of this war — the girl who pays for every gallon of gasoline I use, the girl who pays for every vote not cast or counted, the girl who pays for every moment I spend on the busyness of

my life that keeps me from paying attention in my life. Such was the deep meaning I had given this soura.

On my return to Iraq in July to find Sura, I snapped out of the romance of my snapshot: How had her family fared during the relentless "shock and awe" bombings? How would her parents feel about a strange American showing up at their door asking for their daughter? Was she alive? Was she safe? Would she remember me?

My translator disappeared behind a gate and up a staircase, while I stood on the dusty sidewalk attracting a crowd of laughing children. ("Hello mister! Where are you from?" they sang, undoubtedly echoing an English class.)

Moments later, Sura exploded through the gate and leapt into my arms, throwing multiple kisses to my left cheek, then to my right, then to my left again, laughing and chatting and kissing in one excited, jumbled moment.

I swept away my tears, overjoyed that she was not one of the nearly 8,000 casualties of the war and — selfishly — that she remembered me.

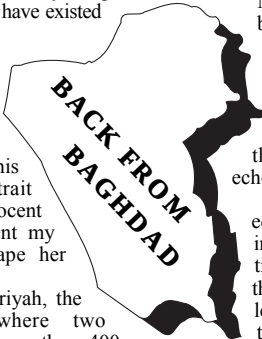
She grabbed my hand and pulled me upstairs to show me off to her family.

I was led to the living room, given the chair of honor and profusely apologized to for the stifling heat. Frustrated gestures to the silent ceiling fan reminded me that my country helped kill their power, leaving them without electricity for cooling and cooking.

"It's time for the Americans to go," Sura's father says through my interpreter, echoing a sentiment I've heard throughout the country. "We have no electricity, no water. We are glad Saddam is gone, but now the Americans need to go, too."

Sura watches her father solemnly and

See BAGHDAD, page 6



Kelly Hayes-Raitt
Sura, a 12-year-old Iraqi girl, was born the year of the Gulf War. Sura came to personify the war for Hayes-Raitt.

surf report

Look for a mix of primary NW wind swell to go along with some background S/SW swell with some minor tropical SSE swell by the afternoon. Most Northern LA spots will see surf in the 1'-to-3' range, best breaks are more consistent on the waist high surf. The South Bay will see mainly 2'-to-3' surf with some bigger sets at best NW/combo spots.

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

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SUNDAY	3:14	-1.1	2:29	2.3	9:48	4.3	8:41	6.8
MONDAY	3:53	-1.1	3:15	2.0	10:22	4.4	9:24	6.8
TUESDAY	4:29	-1.0	3:58	1.9	10:55	4.5	10:05	6.5
WEDNESDAY	5:03	-0.7	4:40	1.8	11:27	4.6	10:44	6.1
THURSDAY	5:34	-0.2	5:23	1.8	11:58	4.7	11:22	5.6
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A proposed homeless shelter at Cloverfield Boulevard and Michigan Avenue has many residents upset because they think transients will loiter, panhandle and engage in other antisocial behavior in their neighborhoods.

The daytime shelter, which is operated by the Ocean Park Community Center, currently is located at Sixth Street and Colorado Avenue. But OPCC wants to move to a larger facility on the east side.

The agency may have a tough time

getting approval from City Hall since opposition to the idea seems to grow each day.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Should the homeless shelter be moved to the city's east side? If not, where is the best place to put it?"

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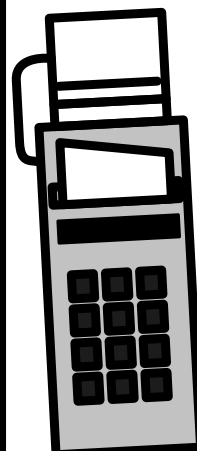
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LETTERS

Watch those bus drivers

Editor:

I've been on so many Big Blue Buses where the driver takes off before an elderly passenger is seated. (Re: "Elderly woman sues City Hall over bus accident, SMDP, Aug. 8, page 1). I wonder how many broken-hipped seniors populate our city thanks to Santa Monica bus drivers.

If the lady did sit down and then got up after the bus was in motion, she is at fault. But if the driver didn't wait until she was seated before he accelerated, it's the city and driver's fault.

Santa Monica has a high senior citizen population and they need to feel safe on our buses. The recent Farmers Market crash brought home to all of us the potential danger caused by elderly drivers. If we're going to take away their driver's licenses, let's at least let them sit down before hitting the gas.

Nancy Roberts
Santa Monica

Negative changes for community looming

Editor:

The City Council is poised to radically change the residential flavor of single family neighborhoods. Item 7C on the City Council's Aug. 12 agenda is a zoning change that would permit a house to be used to shelter up to 12 people, 18 years of age or older, under "supervision." While the OPCC project has received virtually universal opposition in the affected neighborhood since coming to light, this item and its implications have snuck under the radar and are about to impact every R1 neighborhood by making it possible to open multiple facilities of that type throughout every single family area.

The agenda item is triggered by the YMCA's request to have a facility at 14th Street and Pico Boulevard for 18 year olds or older for "emancipated from foster homes." I am not questioning the Y's ability to supervise, or expressing an opinion about the suitability of the proposed facility at the specified location. I do not know enough about the matter to give you a meaningful opinion. I do, however, object to the wholesale change to R1 zoning, when a zoning variance for the Y would seemingly do the trick.

The proposed wholesale change to the R1 code has the potential for very negative consequences throughout the city. First, the proposed change purports to limit the facility to 12 persons, 18 or older, emancipated from foster care. However, as we all know from the court's ruling on second units in R1 zones, you cannot legislate the status of people within a dwelling. Thus, the 12 can be any 12, not just those emancipated from foster care.

Second, there is no way to control who provides the supervision. While the Y may have a good track record, I do not think you can discriminate against anyone calling themselves

a supervisor who wants to open a facility for 12 people on an R1 zoned lot. This proposal by the Planning Department is asking for trouble. Even if a conditional use permit is violated, think of the time and expense it will take to rid the neighbors of a nuisance from the facility, even assuming the city takes prompt action.

Third, 12 people is too many people for an R1 lot. That is like having a party going on each and every day and night. The density seems greater than much of the multi-family zoning. (Even the Y is not asking for that many.)

Fourth, the Planning Department equates this use with shelters for victims of domestic violence. I submit that the personalities of those victims differs radically from the personalities of other categories of people.

If your readers agree with my concern, they need to contact the City Council before tonight's meeting and express their objections.

Bob Seldon
Santa Monica

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Likely conversations between recall candidates get into politicians' minds



Evelyn Jerome

■ The following is a conversation that took place sometime between July 23, 2003 and Aug. 5, 2003 at the Schwarzenegger/Shriver compound (the one in Bel Air). Please read this aloud using your best Austrian accent for the "Arnold" part.

Arnold: "Honey, I want to terminate Gray Davis and run for governor. Will you support me?"

Maria: "Arnie, as your wife, of course I want to support you. But as a Democrat and a Kennedy, I can't. And as a network news journalist, I have to make every effort to stay neutral. But if you believe what they say about the 'liberal media' bias, then I

really can't."

Arnold: "But I will need you to help me campaign. Gray Davis will go negative and start telling true lies about me. And the media will be like predators. They will all say that I'm a womanizing marijuana smoker."

Maria: "So why do you want to run for governor?"

Arnold: "Because Gray Davis has given us a raw deal. The state legislators can't pass the state budget. They are a bunch of babies throwing sand in a sandbox. They are kindergartners. I will go to Sacramento and be the kindergarten cop. And I will make them get things done."

Maria: "But our good friend Dick is thinking of running. And you'll have to develop some real policy positions on important issues. And you know that the

Republicans in California won't necessarily come running out to support you because you are pro-choice and support after-school programs for public schools."

Arnold: "Maria, Dick does not have the energy for this. I've been pumping iron and I'm ready."

Maria: "What are you going to do about California's \$38 billion deficit?"

Arnold: "I'm going to erase it. Right now, our state's coffers are empty. When I'm done as governor, our pockets will be so full they will jingle all the way to the bank."

(Phone rings)

Maria: "Hello, Uncle Teddy. Yes, we're fine. Yes, he's thinking about it. (pause) Yes, I know he's a Republican. You've mentioned that a few times since we got married in 1986."

Arnold: (reaching for phone) "Let me

talk to Uncle Ted! (grabbing phone) 'Uncle Ted, California has had enough of your liberal rules and regulations that cause collateral damage to the business community. California voters are going to total recall Gray Davis. Hasta la vista Uncle Ted!'" (slamming down phone)

Arnold: "My decision is final. I am the running man! Oct. 7 will be Judgment Day!"

(The above is an excellent example of why Evelyn Jerome is a part-time political columnist and communications consultant, and NOT an aspiring screenwriter. If you want to share your opinion of how bad this column was, or to suggest a real topic for her next opinion column, send an e-mail to evelyn_thinktvice@yahoo.com.)



Todd Flora

■ I'm intrigued by the decision making process Michael and Arianna Huffington went through as they decided which one of them would enter their names as a candidate on the recall ballot. If I were a fly on the wall, my guess is it may have gone something like this:

"Michael, what time are you dropping the kids off? By the way, I think I may enter my name in this recall election."

"I'll be dropping the girls off at 3 p.m., after work. And don't act too fast. I may be entering the recall. I've been a

Congressman, a U.S. Senate candidate and I am a businessman. I have the name identification and experience Californians are looking for, and we need a good, reasonable Republican candidate in the field."

"Oh, Michael, don't be ridiculous. First of all, what exactly DO you do? What 'business' are you running that allows you to leave at 3 p.m.? You have been out of the limelight for 10 years, with a small break in between two years ago when you not only admitted that you were gay, but also might in fact lean Democratic."

"That ego of yours is out of control! You've written a couple of books and write an article a couple of times a week — with an entire team of people to help you, I might add. You're a tall, somewhat sexy older

woman who may have a decent message, but you'll just further ostracize yourself from the liberal Democratic base."

"Well I'm not a Democrat, Michael, darling. I'm a fiercely populist independent. I wrote 'Pigs at the Trough,' an indictment of money in politics — only \$22 and on bookshelves now!"

"What? Are you trying to sell me your book? Jesus, Arianna. I've read gambling man Bill Bennett's 'Book of Virtues' and this kind of ego run amok is not one of them. Californians need a leader with business management skills, not an enlightened Zsa Zsa Gabor!"

"Oh, let's face it. I built you, Michael! You would be nothing without me, just as you're nothing now! I'm loved and adored

by liberals and populists everywhere. I'm doing this, period! You take care of the girls for a while."

"No, but Arianna, wait. Let's really talk about this."

"No. Sorry. Got to go down to Norwalk to get in the photo with Arnold and Maria. This is about a message for California, which may also boost my column syndication after I lose. Bye! Click."

"Wait. Arianna. I ... ugh."

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COMMENTARY



Raising human beings should require a license



LEGAL VIEWS AND NEWS

By David Pizarra

I almost killed an 18 month old child yesterday.

No, I wasn't drunk. I wasn't speeding. I wasn't talking on the phone and driving. I wasn't trying to shave and tie my tie at the same time as I drove. I wasn't eating. And I wasn't reading a book.

I was coming out of my subterranean garage, at my normal rate of speed which allows me to get up the slight ramp, and then come to a complete stop before going into the street. My street normally has very light traffic, so people feel free to speed down it regularly. Since I have lived here more than seven years, I know enough to go slow coming out of my garage.

No, what almost cost this child her young life, and me the life that I lead now, is the fact that this rather boisterous, quite happy, apparently well taken care of child was allowed to run a mere three feet in front of her mother. Now this is not the greatest case of child endangerment I have ever seen, so no one should go calling Gloria Allred to press criminal charges on the mother. It is normal for a parent to let a child run free, but they usually do it in areas where there is grass and the visibility is high. They used to be called parks and I don't know if they exist anymore.

But it just got me thinking about what a weird world we live in that practically everything we do is governed by, controlled by and regulated by the government, yet the most important thing we do as humans — raise another human being — has almost no regulations.

The government regulates industry to "protect the naive from the unscrupulous." We have basic competency tests for everything from driving, (and we know how well that works) to embalming. Seriously, a funeral director must pass extensive testing to get their license. How much harm can you really do to a cadaver?

A 10-month-old child died this past week. He was baked in his father's car. His dad is a professor at UC Irvine. One presumes that this man is an educated, capable individual. My prayers are with him and his family. This is a tragedy. I cannot fathom the depth of their loss, nor how it is possible to forget that you have left a 10-month-old in a car. Clearly it's possible, though. It seems to happen at least once a summer.

Would a parenting license have prevented this death? Who knows, maybe, maybe not. I wonder whether Gloria Allred will come out fighting for children's rights on this one, screeching for the father's head on a stake, or will she defend the father, saying that the state is at fault for not requiring him to be licensed and therefore he should be found innocent of child endangerment because the state abdicated their responsibility to properly prepare him for fatherhood.

We require our food handlers to attend quality and safety classes to make our French fries and to ensure that the mayonnaise is kept cold enough. Our police are essentially handcuffed themselves in what they can and cannot do to protect us. They are just this side of impotent because of

government regulations which require them to enforce insane and inane laws, yet prevent them from protecting society at large.

The government dictates to all of us how fast we can drive, how drunk we can be in public, and whether or not we can get married (the gays can't because that would bring an end to civilization as we know it, how I'm not exactly sure, but Pat Robertson and our President say so, so it must be true.) But get a woman pregnant and you are entitled by the state to raise that child without any education or parenting skills required.

We let anyone who can convince another person to get undressed, the privilege of being a parent. No age requirements, no basic skills testing, no classes have to be taken. You don't even have to take a first aid course. I think this is absurd. I have to take ongoing education to maintain my life insurance license, the state bar requires attorneys to do minimum continuing education and interior decorators have to attend ongoing education.

I should disclose that I do not have children. As a gay man, my boyfriend and I might or might not have children. For us it is a choice that requires extensive thought, consideration, discussion and agreement that we are willing to make the sacrifices necessary. We go round and round on the subject. Sometimes we want kids, sometimes we want to achieve our goals in life and experience that carefree life of sin and luxury that George Bush and Jesse Helms are convinced we lead. It is not at all probable that one day I will come home and be told, "honey we're having a baby" unexpectedly.

I wish it was like that for more couples. I have seen too many parents who abdicate their responsibility in raising their children and then they wonder what happened.

The right to bring children into this world is a cherished one. And one that is considered to be a birth right of all human beings. But frankly I don't see what would be so wrong about requiring that all humans, once they hit puberty, are required to be on mandatory contraception until they have passed a written exam and done clinical work with trained professionals to learn basic child rearing skills before they are entrusted with another person's life.

I think if someone can prove that they are capable at 16 years old to be a parent, they should be allowed to. I just don't think it will happen all that often. Is it really all that wrong to prevent a child from having a child? We won't let them drive, or do something important like vote, though at 18 they are old enough to die in a war, just not pop a beer, so why do we let them have children? The government has regulated areas of people's lives for centuries, perhaps it is time that they take a look at this arena.

This is all really facetious. Clearly no government would consider regulating the raising of children to the extent that I am speaking of and I for one do not want the government in my bedroom. But would it really hurt us to require that expectant parents attend some kind of class?

It'll never work. It's as silly as a balanced budget.

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LOCAL

New courtrooms follow new jury room at courthouse

COURTHOUSE, from page 1

Judge Haber said the project was approved several years ago but the funding wasn't adequate enough to begin construction. When county officials put the project out for bid last November, the price tag was \$930,000 more than what was budgeted and the project was subsequently put on hold.

Yaroslavsky made up the nearly \$1 million shortfall with part of the \$2 million in county discretionary funds he has at his disposal for capital improvement projects within his district.

"I got the board to approve it and then used the discretionary funds," he said. "It is a very worthy project... It's embarrassing that the Santa Monica Courthouse is operating with these modulars."

"It's unacceptable conditions for the staff, the attorneys and the public," he added.

Judge Haber said the modular buildings' roofs leak when it rains and the courtrooms are infested with termites, rodents and have inadequate acoustics, which make it difficult to hear court proceedings.

"Don't you think the litigants and the attorneys are entitled to a decent courthouse?" he said, calling Yaroslavsky the courthouse's "financial angel."

Some members of the public have scoffed at the idea of renovating the courthouse, especially when the state, county and local governments are facing multi-billion dollar budget deficits.

But county officials point out that capital improvements are budgeted separate from the operating budget.

"When the county spends money on anything, people think it should be used for something else," Yaroslavsky said. "This is what we are precisely supposed to do with our money, it's capital improvements."

Not doing anything to the courthouse

will surely undermine the Superior Court's mission, Yaroslavsky said, adding the improvements will last for 40 years.

"It's going to bring the Santa Monica Courthouse into the 21st Century," he said. "It's the only courthouse on the Westside."

Yaroslavsky, who said Judge Haber made a persuasive case for the new courtrooms, also played a vital role in getting Santa Monica Courthouse's new \$2 million jury room, which opened last summer.

Jurors in Santa Monica are able to get gourmet coffee, check their e-mail, enjoy ocean views and recline on plush couches watching DVDs on a 42-inch television while waiting for their trials to begin.

The juror assembly room, located on the third floor of the Santa Monica Courthouse, has been heralded as the "crown jewel" of the county's court system. Juror assembly rooms are essentially a waiting area where jurors gather before being selected for a trial. Court officials say about 150 jurors are called into Santa Monica court on a daily basis and the average juror will spend two hours waiting to be selected for a trial.

The new facilities include a kitchenette area with refrigerator, microwave and vending machines.

There is an office center with coin-operated fax and photocopy machines, along with 17 cubicles where jurors can plug their laptops into digital modem lines free of charge and surf the Internet or check their e-mail.

The west side of the room is connected to a large outdoor patio where splashes of the ocean can be spotted through rows of beachfront hotels and office buildings. More than 30 lockers have been installed to give jurors a place to store their belongings for free while they are listening to lawyers pontificate in the courtrooms below.

Young child believes war is about America taking oil

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glances toward him for confirmation before answering any of my questions. I try to explain through the interpreter how I've shown her picture to many Americans, how so many people have come to care about her and her family, how we all send our love and our wish for peace. I see her bewildered look and I lose my ability to articulate.

"Thank you for your feeling," she says awkwardly, after coaching from her father. "We wish you a happy life."

I hand her the photos I took of her in February, including one of the two of us that she touches to her heart. She leaps up — every movement matches her delightful, delighted exuberance — and disappears to get a small album of photos showing off her dazzling smile.

I ask her if she wants to be a model. "No," she answers, eyes flashing, glancing at her father. "A dentist. But, I like being an actress." I am surprised by this practical answer from a youngster in a country where few children receive dental care.

Sura's mother died years ago, and her photo is framed and hung in a place of honor in the bedroom she shares with

some of her six sisters. I met three of her sisters, all with the same sparkling eyes and full, rich smiles. Her family — along with two brothers — fled Baghdad during the war to take refuge with relatives.

The younger children — Sura's nieces — still have nightmares, but no one wants to talk about the war. My visit is a celebration. They pour me a tepid 7-UP, take turns fanning me with a hand-woven fan and clown for my camera. I think about the time I am taking from their chores, their children and their day. I am reminded again of my complicated, consumptive lifestyle that makes just simple visiting with friends a major logistics task.

Our conversation ultimately turns political again. I ask Sura why she thinks the war occurred. Unhesitatingly, without a thought of her father, she answers simply: "Oil."

(Kelly Hayes-Raitt is a political consultant who visited Iraq in February and July. She is speaking to community organizations and congregations about her experiences. To schedule a presentation, call (310) 518-4421 or e-mail C2CCampaigns@aol.com.)

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Schwarzenegger's Prop. 187 vote reveals glimpse on issues

BY SANDRA MARQUEZ
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Arnold Schwarzenegger's campaign said Sunday that the actor had voted for Proposition 187, the divisive 1994 ballot measure to deny social services to illegal immigrants, offering a glimpse at one of his policy stances.

The Republican has promoted himself as the candidate in California's gubernatorial recall who can best appeal to the state's politically and ethnically diverse electorate. But Democrats were quick to jump on the disclosure as a chink in the action hero's armor.

Although the ballot measure passed by a wide margin, analysts said it turned off Hispanic voters and contributed to Republican losses in California's last two elections for governor.

Schwarzenegger campaign manager George Gorton said the Austrian-born actor's vote would not prevent him from reaching out to all voters.

"He has a lot of empathy for people who have come here for a better way of living, whether they have gotten here legally or illegally," Gorton said. "But he definitely feels that people should get here legally."

Gorton said Hispanics were among the strongest supporters of Proposition 49, a ballot measure Schwarzenegger successfully campaigned for last year aimed at dedicating as much as \$550 million annually to

before- and after-school programs.

In another development Sunday, Schwarzenegger's financial advisers released his last two tax returns, showing total income of \$26.1 million in 2001 and \$31.1 million in 2000. He has not yet filed his 2002 tax return.

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— SHERRY BEBITCH JEFFE
Political scientist

According to the returns, Schwarzenegger paid \$9.3 million in federal and state income taxes in 2001 and gave \$4.1 million to charity, including a \$2 million house in Santa Monica that he donated to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles.

In 2000, Schwarzenegger paid \$10.7 million in federal and state taxes and gave 2,500 shares of Starbucks Corp., worth about \$110,000 to Habitat for Humanity. He also donated a 1934 Bentley and 1996 Humvee to the

Inner-City Games Foundation, an urban youth group he co-founded.

The GOP-backed Proposition 187 denied health care and public education to illegal immigrants. Although it was eventually ruled unconstitutional, it remains a contentious issue and a litmus test for some voters, particularly Hispanics, to gauge whether a candidate is immigrant-friendly.

The issue was one of the first Schwarzenegger's campaign has publicly addressed, and they discussed the vote in response to a reporter's inquiry Sunday. Democratic Gov. Gray Davis, who is trying to survive the recall, and Schwarzenegger's Republican rivals have criticized him for speaking mostly in generalities since announcing his candidacy Wednesday.

University of Southern California political scientist Sherry Bebitch Jefe said the news would undermine Schwarzenegger's position as an outsider and a moderate Republican.

"It is not a final blow to his candidacy. What it is, quite frankly, is 'Welcome to the world of politics, Arnold,'" she said.

Gov. Davis 'working hard' to save his job

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candidacy last Wednesday, but locals are bracing for more of a "media crunch" as the Oct. 7 recall election approaches.

"You know it's going to pick up around here sooner or later," said a manager from a nearby coffee shop. "As of late, we've only seen a few cameras here and there. I wouldn't be surprised if that number increases as the weeks go by."

Schwarzenegger was in New York for a previously scheduled talk at an inner-city after-school program he helped create. Meanwhile, in an interview on NBC's "Today Show," Gov. Gray Davis said he has heard voters' discontent and is working harder to solve the state's problems.

"I have gotten the message," Davis said. "I understand a lot of people signed the recall. We are trying very hard every day to solve people's problems."

In a Gallup poll released Sunday, 42 percent of respondents said they would vote for Schwarzenegger in October's election. Nearly two-thirds said they would vote to recall Davis.

Washington D.C. lobbyist looking out for Santa Monica City Hall

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The actual construction cost is \$1.5 million and another \$170,000 will be spent on construction management services, which will be provided by the same contractor that oversees several other projects for City Hall. Contingency fees add up to \$764,473 for the entire project.

The other expenditure expected to be approved tonight is securing a lobbyist in Washington D.C. for a third consecutive year.

The Ferguson Group has charged City Hall \$127,200 for the past two years of lobbying it has done for Santa Monica. The \$63,600 annual contract is up for renewal tonight.

The Ferguson Group has worked extensively for City Hall's federal objectives in reviewing executive proposals, legislation, administrative regulation, Congressional appropriations and developments occurring in Washington. The lobbying firm then advises City Hall officials on those items that may affect the city's policies

and programs.

In the past couple of years, the Ferguson Group has monitored activities by lawmakers concerning a host of issues that directly affect Santa Monica, including MTBE water contamination which forced several wells to be closed a few years ago. The lobbying firm also monitors housing advocacy programs, FAA action relating to the Santa Monica Airport and FEMA related assistance.

Also in the past year, the Ferguson Group has watched community and economic development activity related to securing funds to restore an historic beach house on the Pacific Coast Highway that was built by William Randolph Hearst, as well as securing funds for rebuilding the breakwater off of the Santa Monica Pier for a future boat harbor.

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Dealing with children who shy away from strangers



Guest Commentary

By Margaret Altman

Question: I am the parent of a 10-month-old and she doesn't like to be with other people. Does this mean that she will have problems making friends and dealing with social situations?

Answer: During the first year, children are quickly developing the skills that will enable them to be emotionally involved with other people. This ability to relate to others in positive and healthy ways is part of the development of emotional intelligence. One of the first steps towards developing healthy relationships is that the baby is attached or bonded to you, the parent and caretaker. Your 10-month-old has made progress in forming this strong bond. She recognizes and understands your emotional expressions in face and voice, she trusts that you can make her comfortable and she feels understood by you in many wonderful ways.

This is a very positive sign. Your infant wants to be with people that she understands and people who understand her. When the bond with your baby is broken, even for a short time, your infant protests by crying or fussing. And this is also a positive sign that the baby appreciates the feeling of closeness

and trust with the caretaking parents.

A big part of developing emotional intelligence is the ability to form warm and lasting relationships with parents and caretakers. The other part is the ability to form relationships with other people. At 10 months old, you can expect that your baby will move slowly in this direction and needs some special help from you so that the separations are not so painful that she is afraid of them.

A simple answer for this situation is to make the periods of separation very short in the beginning and to make the reunions with the child predictable and positive. Your baby has no real sense of how long you are gone and this is an important fact to consider.

■ You may want to look back in order to move forward with your baby. Take the steps to make sure that your bond with your baby is a healthy one. Ask yourself the following questions: Do I know my baby's temperamental states? Does my baby look at me and enjoy being held by me? Do I as a parent feel secure and happy with my baby?

These questions will guide you in preparing your baby for short separations. You may need to go back to earlier developmental steps in order to help your infant move towards this step. If you are anxious and your child is easily upset, you can work on your own emotions and help your baby feel more secure with you. The greater the trust and comfort, the healthier the relationship and the easier it is for the baby to move forward towards new social and emotional contacts.

■ Make sure you know what kinds of things comfort your child as well as the things that make her fussy. These are things you will tell the baby-sitter.

■ Practice mini separation events at home by letting the child play while you are in the background or in and out of the room. Let your baby know you can be out of eyesight and still available. Engage in play groups where your baby can get involved in activities with you being present but on the sidelines.

■ Take time with your infant to know the other caretaking person within a familiar setting such as your home. Visit the baby-sitter's home to familiarize the child with the new environment.

■ Take comfort toys and make sure the baby-sitter understands what it takes to get the baby into her comfort zone — music, snack, talking, rocking, etc.

■ Make the reunion calm and warm. Come back at the appointed time and let the youngster come to you for a close embrace before talking to the sitter.

Emotional Intelligence milestone at this age: Your baby is attached to you and is starting to be interested in other people.

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How to cope with morning sickness during pregnancy

Guest Commentary

By Jon S. Matsunaga

QUESTION: What's the best way to deal with morning sickness during pregnancy?

ANSWER: Nausea and vomiting are common complaints during pregnancy, affecting about 70 percent of all pregnant women during the first trimester. Morning sickness is unpleasant, but it doesn't harm the woman's or the baby's health and it doesn't mean the baby is sick.

The nausea and vomiting are thought to be caused by an increase in hormone levels during pregnancy. In general, morning sickness is considered to be a good sign because it means the after-birth (the placenta and fetal membranes) is developing well.

Although morning sickness is more common in the morning, it can last all day. It usually starts during the first month of pregnancy and most often continues until the 14th to 16th week. There is no set time for it to end as each woman and each pregnancy is different. Some women never experience it at all.

Stress, traveling and/or some kinds of foods can aggravate the condition.

Following are a few suggested tips to help ease the symptoms of nausea and vomiting:

■ Sit on the side of the bed for a few minutes before getting up slowly.

■ Eat dry toast or crackers before getting out of bed or whenever you feel nauseated.

■ Eat small meals throughout the day so you're never too full or too hungry. An empty stomach may increase nausea.

■ Avoid rich, fatty foods. Increase your intake of carbohydrates and choose easy-to-digest foods such as jello, potatoes and white rice.

■ Avoid foods with smells that bother you. Many women find that specific smells trigger their morning sickness. Citrus juice, milk, coffee and caffeinated tea may make nausea worse.

■ Drink fluids often during the day to avoid dehydration. I recommend my patients carry a water bottle with them to sip during the day. Herbal teas and cold drinks that are bubbly or sweet may also help quell nausea.

■ Get plenty of fresh air and try sleeping with the window open.

■ Try wearing acupressure wristbands, which are sometimes used to prevent seasickness. They appear to help some women who have morning sickness.

■ Iron in prenatal vitamins may also cause nausea. A chewable vitamin with folic acid taken at the end of the day may be helpful.

Most women will find that following these tips will provide at least some relief from their symptoms.

In rare cases, the nausea and vomiting can be severe. The condition is called "hyperemesis gravidarum," and can result in significant weight loss and dehydration. You should contact your doctor or health professional if you vomit more than three times a day as medication or other treatment may be necessary.

Your doctor should be called immediately if vomiting is accompanied by pain and/or fever, as these symptoms may indicate an infection is present.

Morning sickness can cause a great deal of discomfort but is generally not harmful. Tell your doctor if you have morning sickness at your prenatal visits, as he or she may want to specifically monitor your morning sickness as your pregnancy continues. He or she may also have other suggestions to help you cope with this problem.

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Ocean Park Branch - 2601 Main St. - 310-392-3804

Toddler Storytime - July 22- August 26 at 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. For 24 - 36 months with parents. Registration is underway.

Yoga

Yoga Baby (Venice) - 310-306-9381, Prenatal yoga - 7:00-8:15pm, \$13, Mommy and Me (ages 0-5) - 10-11am, \$9

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 310-826-5774, no pre-reg required, \$10 per class, first class free. Moms/babies 0-4months, 1:00 - 2:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Storytelling

Fairview Branch - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-450-0443,
Ocean Park Branch - 2601 Main St. - 310-392-3804

Twilight Story Time - 7:00 to 7:30pm - for parents with 3-5 year olds.

Montana Avenue Branch - 1704 Montana Avenue - 310-829-7081

Lap Time - 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. - July 23 - Aug. 27, for 0-24 month olds.
Toddler Story Time - 11:15 a.m. - July 23 - Aug. 27, for two year olds with parents

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

Yoga

Yoga Baby (Venice) - 310-306-9381, Prenatal yoga - 7:00-8:15pm, \$13, Mommy and Me (ages 0-5) - 10-11am, \$9

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 310-826-5774, no pre-reg required, \$10 per class, first class free. Moms/babies 0-4months, 1:00 - 2:30pm

Other

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

THURSDAY

Storytelling

Main Library - Preschool Story Time - 10:30am - Reed Park. Stories for

ages 3-5. 310-458-8922 for info.
Fairview Branch - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-450-0443

Montana Avenue Branch - 1704 Montana Ave - 310-829-7081
Toddler Story Time - 10:15 a.m. - July 24 - Aug. 28

Yoga

Yoga Baby (Venice) - 310-306-9381, Prenatal yoga - 7:00-8:15pm, \$13, Mommy and Me (ages 0-5) - 10-11am, \$9

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 310-826-5774, no pre-reg required, \$10 per class, first class free. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00-2:30pm

FRIDAY

KidsWorld at Santa Monica Place - Fridays in August - 11a.m. and 1 p.m. The Reader's Theatre Project, a performing troupe from the Children's Museum of Los Angeles, bring children's picture books to life with professional actors, dancers and musicians.

"Cinderella" - (thru Sept. 14) 6 p.m., Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St., Admission: Adults \$12, kids 12 and under \$10
Call 310-394-9779 for info.

Magicopolis - 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20
Call 310-451-2241 for info.

Yoga

Yoga Baby (Venice) - 310-306-9381, Prenatal yoga - 11:15am - 12:30pm, \$13, Mommy and Me (ages 0-5) - 10-11am, Mommy and Me (infants) 1-2pm, \$9

Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150, Pre/Postnatal - 12:15 - 1:45pm, \$15

SATURDAY

Storytelling

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

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion - 10:30am - ages 2-5 - 310-475-4144

Children's Book World, 10580 W. Pico Blvd, LA, 310-559-B00K, 10:30 am, ages 3-8

Yoga

Yoga Baby (Venice) - 310-306-9381, Prenatal yoga - 7:00-8:15pm, \$13, Mommy and Me (ages 0-5) - 10-11am, \$9

Other

KidsWorld at Santa Monica Place - Saturdays thru Aug. 30 - 12 - 4 p.m.

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

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Call 310-394-9779 for info.

"Mary, Mary Quite Contrary" - 12:30 and 3 p.m., Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St. Admission: \$10, under 12 years \$9. Call 310-394-9779 for info.

Magicopolis - 2 and 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 for evening, \$15 for matinee. Call 310-451-2241 for info.

Nature Walk (Children's Nature Institute) - August 16- Malibu Lagoon (Malibu) - 10:30am

Reservations required - 310-998-1151 or www.childrensnatureinstitute.org

SUNDAY

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

"Cinderella" - (thru Sept. 14) 6 p.m., Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St., Admission: Adults \$12, kids 12 and under \$10. Call 310-394-9779 for info.

"Mary, Mary Quite Contrary" - 12:30 and 3 p.m., Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St. Admission: \$10, under 12 years \$9. Call 310-394-9779 for info.

Magicopolis - 2 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$15. Call 310-451-2241 for info.

MONDAY

Storytelling

Main Library (programs for the Main Library are being presented in off-site locations during renovation)

Lap Time for parents and children up to 24 months, 9:30am, Joslyn Park - 310-452-6132.

Barnes and Noble - 3rd St. Promenade - Toddler Story Time - 10am - 310-260-9110

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 310-826-5774, no pre-reg required, \$10 per class, first class free. Moms/babies 8-12 months, 10am - 11:30pm Moms/babies 0-4months, 1:00 - 2:30pm

Yoga

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Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal - 12:15 - 1:45pm, \$15

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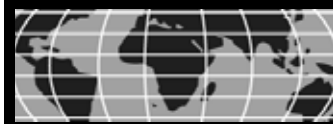
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WORLD BRIEFLY

NATO commands peacekeepers

By The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — NATO took command of the 5,000-strong international peacekeeping force in the Afghan capital on Monday, a historic move that marks the alliance's first operation outside Europe since it was created 54 years ago.

The alliance took over from Germany and the Netherlands, which have jointly led the International Security Assistance Force, known as ISAF, since Feb. 10.

"ISAF's name and mission will not change," said NATO Deputy Secretary General Alessandro Minuto Rizzo. "But what will change as of today is the level of commitment and capability NATO provides."

The outgoing commander, German Lt. Gen. Norbert van Heyst, handed over control during a formal ceremony in an auditorium inside the capital's Amani High School. The new commander, NATO Lt. Gen. Gotz Gliemeroth, who is also from Germany, accepted a green flag from Van Heyst to mark the change. Gliemeroth's deputy will be Canadian Maj. Gen. Andrew Leslie.

Present were President Hamid Karzai, German Defense Minister Peter Struck, NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Gen. James L. Jones and a host of diplomats and U.N. officials.

Astronaut gets married in space

By The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Ekaterina Dmitriev married Russian cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko in a ceremony that was partly out of this world.

Dmitriev tied the knot with her orbiting sweetie Sunday as he glided 240 miles above the Earth.

The first-ever marriage from space was witnessed by about 200 family members and friends. Texas law allows weddings in which one of the parties is not present.

While Dmitriev said her vows during the ceremony

at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, her husband recited them during a live video hookup from the international space station, 240 miles above the Earth.

"It was very sweet," Joanne Woodward, the wedding planner, said about the ceremony, which including a walk down the aisle by Dmitriev and ended with the couple blowing kisses to each other when the judge who conducted it told the groom he could now kiss the bride.

The honeymoon will have to wait until after Malenchenko, who wore a bow tie with his blue space suit, returns to Earth in late October. They plan a Russian Orthodox wedding sometime next year.

Bush trying to get more support

By The Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas — President Bush is rallying support for his environmental policies and raising campaign money during his monthlong vacation, dealing with both issues on a trip Monday.

Bush planned first to survey a fire-ravaged community in southern Arizona and press the Senate to approve administration initiatives aimed at preventing catastrophic wildfires.

From there, we was to travel to Colorado to headline a \$2,000-per-person fund raiser — his 11th event for his 2004 re-election campaign this year. He already has raised about \$40 million.

The president has scheduled three other trips in August with environmental themes — another on his "Healthy Forest Initiative" in Oregon, one on preserving national parks in California and one on salmon habitat in Washington state.

Plaintiffs reject church's offer

By The Associated Press

BOSTON — Plaintiffs in the Boston Archdiocese sex abuse scandal blasted the church's \$55 million settlement offer, saying an average of \$60,000 per victim is "woe-

fully inadequate" compensation for their shattered lives. "It makes my life very cheap," said Phil Cogswell, 47, of Concord, a plaintiff who says he was abused by former priest John Geoghan. "It makes me feel very worthless."

At a Sunday press conference outside the archdiocese's chancery grounds, members of several victims' groups said the settlement must not fall short because it will be a model for other large-scale abuse cases around the nation.

If the settlement extended to 542 abuse victims is approved, it would be by far the largest deal to settle allegations of clergy abuse since the scandal broke in early 2002.

Plaintiffs have 30 days to accept the offer and it must be approved by 95 percent of the claimants.

Phone calls to the Rev. Christopher Coyne, spokesman for the Boston archdiocese, were not answered Sunday.

Whales released back into ocean

By The Associated Press

OFF THE FLORIDA KEYS — Five pilot whales that had stranded themselves in shallow water off the Florida Keys were swimming toward what scientists hope is a healthy future.

The whales, which beached nearly four months ago and were nursed to health by volunteers, were set free Sunday in the first simultaneous release of five rehabilitated whales in the United States.

They have been fitted with radio and satellite monitoring devices on their dorsal fins so marine experts can track them and collect scientific data about pilot whales.

Two vessels, the 150-foot Newfoundland Express and a shrimping boat from the Florida Panhandle, will follow the whales for two weeks.

They are equipped to capture a whale if it has problems and take it to shore, said Laura Engleby, a marine biologist for National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration fisheries.

A team of volunteers and marine experts coaxed each of the whales onto a sling at their holding lagoon and then used a crane to lift them one at a time onto boats for their 14-mile trip to freedom.

Once at the continental shelf, where pilot whales frequently swim, the five were lowered head first into the water.

Former warlord Taylor goes into long-awaited exile

BY ELLEN KNICKMEYER

Associated Press Writer

MONROVIA, Liberia — Indicted war criminal and former warlord Charles Taylor went into exile Monday, under international pressure and besieged by rebels who have overrun most of the West African country.

Waving a white handkerchief, Taylor boarded a jet for Nigeria hours after surrendering power to his vice president in the capital, Monrovia. Relatives, friends and some government soldiers at the airport cried and wailed as Taylor and members of his family left.

As his departure was under way, U.S. warships appeared on the horizon off the coast — a thrilling sight for Monrovia's desperate for an end to 14 years of war. Yet no forces disembarked and the ships soon withdrew from view.

Rebel assaults on the capital have killed more than 1,000 people in the past two months alone and driven thousands from their homes. Rebels had threatened more fighting if the former warlord did not leave the country immediately. As Taylor had reneged on promises to resign in the past, his departure was not certain until the moment the plane took off.

"I can hardly believe it. He has brought too much suffering on the Liberian people," said Henry Philips, 38, a former security official. "His absence is better than his presence."

Pushed this time to resign by the United

States and West African leaders, Taylor began his farewell address by exhorting the international community to help Liberia: "We beg of you, we plead with you not to make this another press event."

"History will be kind to me. I have fulfilled my duties," he said, adding, "I have accepted this role as the sacrificial lamb ... I am the whipping boy."

Outside the lavish Executive Mansion where the resignation ceremony took place, crowds of Monrovia's cheered Nigerian peacekeepers. The vanguard of a West African peacekeeping force meant to build to 3,250 soldiers has already brought a measure of calm to the country.

Rebels pressing home their three-year campaign to oust Taylor had carved up this city of 1.3 million and left Taylor controlling little but downtown.

Taylor's ragtag forces, paid by looting, are accused by rights groups and Liberia's people of routine rape, robbery, torture, forced labor and summary killings. Rebels, to a lesser extent so far, likewise are accused of abuse.

Liberians and West African leaders have urged the United States to take the lead on any peacekeeping operation, claiming Americans have a responsibility to help this blood-soaked nation founded by 19th-century American slaves.

President Bush had conditioned U.S. assistance on Taylor's departure, though — despite the encroaching warships — it remained clear what role U.S. forces would play. So far, just seven U.S.

Marines are on the ground in Monrovia to liaise between U.S. officials and the peacekeeping force, which started deploying last week.

Still, Liberians rushed to the capital's beaches Monday and pointed at the ships, hopeful that American troops were arriving.

"This is really peace," said 20-year-old Trokoh Zeon, turning and hugging a friend. "I know the Marines coming is peace."

White House spokeswoman Claire Buchanan was cautiously optimistic about Taylor's resignation, though she would not say if that cleared the way U.S. troops to deploy.

In his swearing-in ceremony, former Vice President Moses Blah placed his left hand on the Bible and raised his right, pledging to "faithfully, conscientiously and impartially discharge the duties and functions of the Republic of Liberia."

He began his presidency with a moment of silence for all those who have died in Liberia's wars. "Let the nation begin to heal," Blah said. "Let all of us unite as one people and work to peace."

Rebels have rejected Taylor's choice of successor — a longtime ally and comrade in arms — and demanded that a neutral candidate be chosen to preside over a transition government until elections can be held.

Inside a velvet-draped room in the Executive Mansion, Ghana's President John Kufuor told about 300 Liberian and other dignitaries that Blah would hand power to a transitional government in October.

"Today's ceremony marks the end of an

era in Liberia," Kufuor said, speaking as head of the West African bloc that has sent peacekeepers to Liberia. "It is our expectation that today the war in Liberia has ended."

He also said South Africa would be contributing troops to the West African force.

Taylor had pledged to hand over power at one minute before noon (7:59 a.m. EDT) but was delayed at the airport where he welcomed leaders from South Africa, Togo, Ghana and Mozambique who attended the ceremony.

Pickup trucks full of armed rebels raced toward the front Monday as insurgents threatened to resume fighting if Taylor stayed in the country.

"If Taylor leaves the country, there'll be peace," rebel Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Abdulla Seyeah Sheriff said from Monrovia's rebel-held island port area.

Taylor launched Liberia's near-constant conflict with a 1989-96 insurgency. International aid agencies estimate virtually all of Liberia's roughly 3 million people have been chased from their homes by war, at one time or another.

He was elected president in 1997 on threats of plunging the country into renewed bloodshed. Rebels — including some of Taylor's rivals from the previous war — took up arms against him two years later.

Taylor has been indicted by a U.N.-backed court for war crimes in neighboring Sierra Leone, where he allegedly supported a rebel movement notorious for hacking off the limbs of civilians.

SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

■ **ST. LOUIS** — Atlanta Braves shortstop Rafael Furcal turned the 12th unassisted triple play in major league history Sunday night against the St. Louis Cardinals.

With runners on first and second in the fifth inning, Furcal made a leaping grab of pitcher Woody Williams' liner. The runners were going on a 1-1 pitch, and Furcal stepped on second base to double up Mike Matheny before tagging out Orlando Palmeiro as he made a futile attempt to scamper back to first.

It was the first unassisted triple play in the majors since Oakland second baseman Randy Velarde did it against the New York Yankees on May 29, 2000. It was also the first in Atlanta history — Ernie Padgett of the Boston Braves turned one on Oct. 6, 1923.

■ **PAWTUCKET, R.I.** — Pawtucket's Bronson Arroyo pitched the fourth nine-inning perfect game in the 120-year history of the International League on Sunday to lead the Red Sox to a 7-0 win over the Buffalo Bisons.

Arroyo struck out nine in the 101-pitch outing.

GOLF

■ **CASTLE ROCK, Colo.** — Davis Love III birdied three of his first four holes Sunday at The International and cruised to his fourth victory of the season.

Love led wire-to-wire for his 18th career title. He also vaulted from fourth to first on the PGA Tour's money list with \$5.1 million heading into next week's PGA Championship.

Love, who began the final round with 41 points, added 5 points under the modified Stableford scoring system used in this event and beat Vijay Singh and Retief Goosen by a tournament-record 12 points.

■ **BLAINE, Minn.** — Wayne Levi sank a 4-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole to win the 3M Championship, notching his first career Champions Tour victory.

Levi, who joined the Champions Tour in 2002, finished with an 11-under 205 to edge Morris Hatafsky and Gil Morgan, who both finished at 10 under. Levi shot 68, 68 and 69 in his three rounds.

■ **DUBLIN, Ohio** — Hee-Won Han, the runner-up a year ago, made a 25-foot birdie putt on the third hole of sudden death to beat Wendy Ward and win the Wendy's Championship for Children.

The clutch putt came on the 17th hole, where a short time before, Han lost a two-stroke lead.

■ **GLADWYNE, Pa.** — Virada Nirapathangporn beat Jane Park 2 and 1 in a 36-hole final to capture the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship title Sunday at Philadelphia Country Club.

Nirapathangporn, a quarterfinalist in the tournament the last two years, built a two-hole lead after 18 holes in the morning. She watched Park pull even in the afternoon before playing bogey-free golf over the final 13 holes for the victory.

FOOTBALL

■ **HOUSTON** — Running back James Allen, expected to battle for a spot on the Houston Texans this season, instead decided to retire on Sunday.

Allen missed training camp drills late last week and sat out Saturday night's 20-12 preseason loss to Denver because of personal issues, the Texans said.

AUTO RACING

■ **WATKINS GLEN, N.Y.** — Robby Gordon stretched his fuel over the final 39 laps to complete a sweep of this year's NASCAR road-course races with a victory Sunday at Watkins Glen International.

The key for Gordon this time was pitting when Rusty Wallace went off the course on the 51st of 90 laps.

■ **MADISON, Ill.** — Helio Castroneves drove without any cockpit electronics to win the Emerson Indy 250 and end his 20-race winless streak.

Castroneves, who came within a few feet of at least two other wins since taking the checkered flag at the 2002 Indianapolis 500, got a big break this time when dominating Scott Dixon dropped out with a gearbox problem while leading with 43 of 200 laps remaining at Gateway International Raceway.

■ **LEXINGTON, Ohio** — Paul Tracy won for the first time at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course and moved back into the lead in the CART driver standings with his victory in the Champ Car Grand Prix.

Tracy, second four times in 10 previous appearances at Mid-Ohio, averaged 106.251 mph and won by 0.51 seconds over Player's-Forsythe teammate Patrick Carpentier in the first one-two finish for the team. Carpentier won here last year and was third in 2001.

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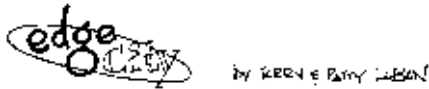
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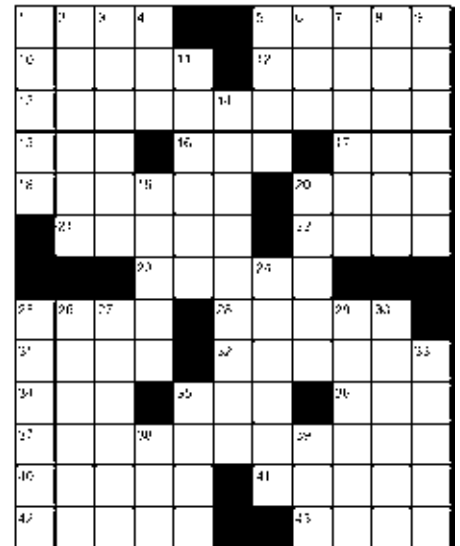
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2003

EVENTS

Drive-In Theater on the Pier

Enjoy classic movies, presented at the Santa Monica Pier every Tuesday during the month of August.

Santa Monica Pier Parking Lot
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
For more information call (310) 458-8900.

Salmon Class

Don't be fooled by the title, this classy affair will teach you how to work with America's favorite fish. Chef and author John Ash will teach you how to prepare fish accompanied by wines of Fetzer Vineyards.

6:30 p.m. Sur La Table 301 Wilshire Blvd.
For more information call: (866) 328-5412

CULTURE

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12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Come and participate as writers discuss their craft, share their work, and write new pieces.

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Fiction Book Group

Discuss the genera with fellow fans while enjoying a cup of Joe. 7:30p.m.
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ENTERTAINMENT

14 Below

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This popular club has something for everyone this weekend. Tonight you can show off your vocal cords

with Karaoke at 9p.m.
2030 Wilshire Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90403
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Club Sugar

A fun place for those who enjoy the night life. Tonight is "Two Dollar Tuesday" which means that moontribe djs and their guests will spin breaks, techno & trance for crowds of party-goers. You can go dancing or just enjoy drinks at the bar. All persons must be 21 and over.
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1332 2nd Street
Whale Rider PG-13 - 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
The Magdalene Sisters - 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
I Captured the Castle - 1:50, 7:00
The Holy Land - 4:25, 9:30
The Secret Lives of Dentists - 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Shockproof and Zus & Zo - Sat/Sun only 11:00 a.m.

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1314 Wilshire Blvd
Le Divorce PG-13 - 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
Swimming Pool R - 4:15, 7:30, 10:00
LOEWS CINEPLEX BROADWAY CINEMAS
1441 Third Street Promenade
28 Days Later R - 7:20, 10:00
Terminator 3 R - 1:15, 10:45
Band It Like Beckham PG-13 - 11:00, 1:45, 4:30
Seabiscuit PG-13 - 11:30, 2:45, 6:05, 9:15, also 12:15, 3:30, 4:00, 7:00, 7:45, 10:10

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1310 Third Street Promenade
American Wedding R 11:35, 2:05, 4:35, 7:20, 10:15
Bad Boys II R 12:20, 3:45, 7:10, 10:30
Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle PG-13 - 4:00, 10:00
Finding Nemo G - 12:40, 2:35, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55
Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life PG-13 - 11:45, 2:25, 4:00, 5:10, 7:55, 10:30
Spy Kids 3D: Game Over PG - 11:15, 1:20, 3:25, 5:30, 7:45, 9:50
Freaky Friday PG - 11:25, 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
Gigli R - 1:00, 7:30, 10:00
MANN CRITERION 6 THEATERS
1319 Third Street Promenade
Johnny English PG - 12:00, 2:15, 4:35, 7:05, 9:30
The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen PG-13 - 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25
Pirates of the Caribbean PG-13 - 11:45, 12:20, 3:15, 3:45, 6:45, 7:15, 10:05, 10:35
S.W.A.T. PG-13 - 10:30, 11:00, 1:30, 2:45, 4:45, 7:30, 10, 12:45

If you know of an upcoming event which may be included in the calendar please send the information to calendar@smdp.com or fax it to (310) 576 9913



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Prince William kills small antelope in Kenya

By The Associated Press

■ **LONDON** — Animal welfare campaigners have condemned Prince William for reportedly spearing a small antelope during his vacation in Kenya.

"William the deer killer sparks fury," read a headline in the Daily Express tabloid Monday.

"Bad Will Hunting," added the Daily Mirror, in a pun on the 1997 movie starring Matt Damon.

St. James's Palace declined to comment on the report in the Mail on Sunday that William crept up behind a 14 inch-high dik-dik, a small antelope native to Africa, during a hunting trip last week after taking lessons from a Maasai warrior.

"We do not comment on the prince's private life," said a palace spokesman on customary condition of anonymity.

The newspaper's report — headlined "William Kills Bambi deer with Maasai warrior spear" — said the prince experimented with the spear, made from acacia wood and fashioned with a metal tip, by targeting tree trunks in a village clearing.

"Then we took him out hunting and he crept up like we do on the first prey he saw, a fully grown dik-dik. Using the Maasai's silent approach, he followed it, took aim and speared it in one go," the newspaper quoted Legei, a tribal village elder, as saying.

Jonathan Owen, spokesman for the World Society for the Protection of Animals said: "We only know what we have been told about this by the press, but one's first thought is, why would somebody feel the need to kill an animal while on holiday, and why do it in a way which has a very high chance of being quite inhumane."

Members of the royal family, including the prince's father, Prince Charles, have been criticized in the past for their support of fox hunting in Britain.

■ **NEW YORK** — Joel Grey is getting "Wicked."

The Tony- and Oscar-winning actor will join the cast of the \$14 million, Broadway-bound musical when it

opens this fall at the Gershwin Theatre.

Grey, 71, best known for his role as the master of ceremonies in the stage and screen versions of "Cabaret," will portray the Wizard of Oz. He replaces Robert Morse in the musical, which completed an out-of-town tryout in San Francisco this summer.

"Robert was not comfortable ... being away from his wife and two young children for the three months devoted to New York rehearsals and San Francisco performances," producer David Stone said Monday. "He decided that he did not want to leave his family on the West Coast for an additional 12 months to fulfill his Broadway contract."

"Wicked," which has a score by Stephen Schwartz, is based on the cult novel by Gregory Maguire and tells the story of Glinda and Elphaba, the witches from the Frank L. Baum classic. Kristin Chenoweth plays Glinda and Idina Menzel plays Elphaba. Joe Mantello ("Take Me Out") is the director.

The California reviews for "Wicked" were mixed. The San Francisco Chronicle, while praising its stars, suggested the musical "still needs some wizardry before its planned Broadway opening." The San Jose Mercury News said the show "musters up precious little in the way of musical theater magic."

Two other actors in smaller roles have been replaced in the show since it closed in June in San Francisco. Christopher Fitzgerald will now play Boq, and William Youmans is the new Dr. Dillamond.

■ **VENICE, Italy** — Omar Sharif will receive a Golden Lion award at the upcoming Venice Film Festival for his 50-year screen career, organizers said Monday.

The Egyptian-born 71-year-old has starred in films including "Doctor Zhivago," "Lawrence of Arabia" and "Funny Girl." His award will be the second career-achievement prize handed out at this year's festival, with the other going to producer Dino De Laurentiis.

The 60th Venice Film Festival runs from Aug. 27-Sept. 6. Among the films being screened is Sharif's latest, "Mr. Ibrahim and the Flowers of the Quran," in which he plays an old Muslim man who adopts a Jewish boy.

The announcement of Sharif's award came days after he was convicted of striking a police officer at a casino near Paris and received a one-month suspended sentence. Newspaper reports said Sharif had been arguing with a croupier when an officer intervened and a scuffle broke out.

Sharif, who lives in Paris, is on vacation this month and could not be reached for comment.

■ **SEATTLE** — Skating on thin ice wouldn't do, so some performances of the Cold Fusion show were canceled featuring Oksana Baiul and other former Olympic stars.

Two-hour public skating sessions Friday, Saturday and Sunday were successful at the Paramount Theatre, an ornate former vaudeville and movie house which has had its floor converted into an ice rink only once before in its 75-year history. But the show itself was another matter.

On Friday night, the ice was too thin to protect the six miles of coiled tubing used to keep it frozen.

On Saturday afternoon, the show went off "without a hitch," said Paramount spokesman Patrick Harrison said.

Well, almost. When a skater in the troupe landed after a back flip near the end of the performance, his blade sliced through the ice into some of the tubing.

"The guy that did it is a big guy," Harrison said. "I mean a really big guy. He's a brute on the ice."

That evening, the ice couldn't be frozen enough for the show. Baiul, the 1994 gold-medal winner, skated for about 10 minutes, but that was all the surface could handle, Harrison said.

The Sunday shows — one scheduled and the other a makeup — were performed without difficulty, he added.

Despite the problems, another weekend of ice shows and public skating is planned next summer, Harrison said. "We're hoping to make this a tradition."



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