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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Portland State University library employee Mary Joan Byrd, 61, admitted in 1997 that she had taken more than \$200,000 over the years from the school's copy machines. According to the student newspaper The Vanguard, she asked for leniency on the criminal charge against her (i.e., stealing from the state of Oregon) based on the theory that she was just temporarily using the money. That is, according to her, she spent almost the entire amount she took to feed her habit of playing Oregon's government-sponsored video poker machines, and since she never won, the state got all its money back.

TODAY IN HISTORY

ON AUG. 12, 1944, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., eldest son of Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, was killed with his co-pilot when their explosives-laden Navy plane blew up over England.

■ In 1851, Isaac Singer was granted a patent on his sewing machine.

■ In 1951, newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst died in Beverly Hills, Calif.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"You should avoid making yourself too clear even in your explanations."

— BALTASAR GRACIAN
SPANISH PHILOSOPHER (1601-1658).

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Planning for SM a \$1.6M question

Apartment complex proposal squashed while answer is found

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — A pending \$1.6 million overhaul of the policies that govern development and traffic in Santa Monica was a key reason officials on Tuesday denied a proposed apartment building on Colorado Avenue.

Members of the City Council agreed the project had broad implications for its neighborhood,

an area zoned for studios and light manufacturing businesses. They felt the project should be put on hold until City Hall's key planning documents are updated.

That process will take at least two years. San Francisco-based consultants Dyett & Bhatia have been hired by City Hall for \$1.6 million and will begin their work in September, said Ellen Gelbard, a special projects director for the city. At issue are the zoning ordi-

nance, and land use and traffic flow policies. The policy documents were last updated 20 years ago.

While the consultants get to work, projects that test the boundaries of the current zoning ordinance or challenge it will be in limbo, officials said. That includes the 145-apartment building at 2834 Colorado Ave., which officials said was denser, taller and simply different than the other projects in its surrounding neighborhood.

"It was certainly a large project," said Amanda Schachtner, the

planning department staffer who oversaw the proposed housing project. "It was, at some points, four stories and 45 feet (tall). In some communities that's probably not a large project, but in Santa Monica it is. We have a very low profile, and 145 units is a lot of units."

The City Council agreed not to move the project forward, following a recommendation by the Planning Commission and City Hall staffers. The developers now have to scrap their plans for an

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Kerry lands in SM, Bush set to arrive today

By Daily Press staff

DOWNTOWN — Sen. John Kerry relaxed at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel Wednesday evening before heading to Carson, Calif. this morning to give a speech on economic policy.

Kerry arrived in Santa Monica at about 7 p.m. after he spent Wednesday in Nevada speaking to senior citizens about the high costs of prescription drugs. He met privately with members of the press who have been traveling with him on his "Believe in America" cross-country tour.

Kerry is scheduled to speak at California State University Dominguez Hills at 11 a.m. Then on Friday, Kerry will complete his tour with legendary rocker Jon Bon Jovi and actor Leonardo DiCaprio in Oregon. Bon Jovi, a strong supporter of Kerry in this year's presidential race, will perform a "Stronger America" set before thousands of Oregonians at



Crill Hansen/Special to the Daily Press

Sen. Kerry is ushered into the Miramar Hotel downtown on Wednesday. Pres. Bush was expected to arrive today for a private fundraiser at the Santa Monica Airport.

Waterfront Park in Portland.

Kerry was in Santa Monica several months ago, showing support for grocery store workers during the strike.

And as Kerry makes his way north today, President Bush will head west from Las Vegas to

Santa Monica for a private fundraiser at the local airport.

He'll be greeted by a group of protesters who oppose the war and the president's policies. The group plans to organize at the corner of 31st Street and Ocean Park Boulevard at 4 p.m., shortly

Walking the walk and talking the talk

BY JOHN F. MULLER

Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN — For one local man, the upcoming three-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks represents more than just a day of mourning and remembrance. It's an opportunity to heal wounds across Southern California and all of America.

Rev. Bill Minson is bringing his "We Remember Walk," which

he first orchestrated in New York and Virginia around the one-year anniversary of the attacks, to Santa Monica this fall.

The walk will be one of four held nationally, and is scheduled to take place on Sept. 12 to honor those lost on Sept. 11, 2001. It will start at the Santa Monica Armed Services Memorial at Palisades Park — which is on Ocean Avenue, between Santa Monica Boulevard and Arizona Avenue —

and finish at the end of the pier, where participants will sing songs and listen to bagpipes. The walk will begin at 9 a.m.

Minson, who lives in Santa Monica, said he hoped family members would also speak about their experiences so Santa Monicans and Southern Californians could heal the internal wounds opened by the attacks three years ago.

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Rev. Minson plans to bring his 'We Remember Walk' to town on Sept. 12.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** Family and investments preoccupy your thoughts. If you can, consider working more at home, or at least stay at home today. A loved one really appreciates your efforts. Be open to new ideas. Tonight: Indulge in a favorite dinner.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Put your best foot forward. Others respond positively, whether you are explaining an idea, greeting them or simply flirting. Take time at lunch to buy a card or some token of admiration. Let others know how much you care. You find out just how much you are appreciated. Tonight: At your favorite hangout.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** You might need to take a stronger hand when dealing with a personal and/or financial matter. You might resent someone's advice, but at the same time, you need to listen. The more suggestions, the better your options. Brainstorm away. Tonight: Fun doesn't have to cost.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** You are in the pink and ready to take on anything or anyone. Your lively nature perks up nearly everyone you run into. Be yourself, but in this magnetic mood, don't forget a key errand or call. Tonight: Whatever you want.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** You know when to step back. You are experiencing one of those times. A statement or decision takes you in a new direction, if you want. It will not hurt to mull it over some. In fact, hang with this idea for a while. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** You say the right words, which is quite clear when you see others' responses. You have a way of making what you want happen. You might need to focus on group needs as well. Tonight: Where you are, the party is.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** You might not be sure of yourself, but somehow you are tossed in the center of command. You have some very good ideas — if only you were willing to share them. Listen well to a boss or superior. Nothing needs to be definitive. Tonight: Could be another late night.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Detach and take an overall look, and you will be much happier. Friends have many ideas, which you could work on and evolve even further. A meeting proves important. Tonight: Let your mind and imagination wander.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** A partner makes the first move, and what might be pleasant is to kick back and see what others do and think. You're in no position to call the shots. Go with the flow. Tonight: Accept a tender invitation.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** Allow others to run with the ball. You might understand them a lot better if you do. Investigate an idea that comes up out of the blue. Don't nix it immediately. Listen to others and their thoughts. Tonight: Out and about.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Pace yourself carefully, keeping in mind what needs to be done. A partner chimes in with many good ideas. Work with him or her. Together you might come up with a whopper of an idea. Tonight: Get some rest before the weekend.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Be playful and open to others' input. Be willing to brainstorm. You'll find a short-cut or even better ideas. You don't always need to be in control. Go with the flow. You have a secret admirer. Tonight: Whooping it up!

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LOCAL

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Nothing but classic rock tonight at pier

By Daily Press staff

Tonight's pier concert will be classic.

On tap is Billy Vera & the Beaters and Thee Midnites with special guest Little Willie G.

The subject of numerous television and movie appearances, Billy Vera is a legend in Southern California. His band the Beaters, "the baddest band on any stand," is a collaboration of top notch studio musicians playing their hearts out. Formed in 1979, the guitar/rock and roll/horn band made a name for themselves and developed a cult following playing Monday nights at the Troubadour. They hit a high point in their careers in 1986 with Billy's "At This Moment," which barreled up the Billboard charts after being featured in an episode of the then wildly popular show "Family Ties." Fame led to numerous TV appearances and opportunities to perform, but Billy and his musicians still love playing music they love for their fans in clubs.

What some call the greatest Latino rock band of the '60s, Thee Midnites took their inspiration from both the British Invasion sound and more traditional R&B. Hugely popular in their native East Los Angeles, the group, featuring both guitars and horns, had a local hit with their storming version of "Land of a Thousand Dances" in 1965. Much of their repertoire featured driving, slightly punkish rock/R&B, yet lead singer "Little Willie G" Willie Garcia, who has now rejoined the band, also had a heartbreaking delivery on slow and steamy ballads. After a years-long hiatus, Thee Midnites is back in action.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and officials recommend walking, biking or riding the Big Blue Bus to the concerts, as parking is limited. A free shuttle is available from the 2030 Barnard Way lot south of the pier starting at 6 p.m. each Thursday.

The Twilight Dance Series line-up continues through September as follows:

Aug. 26: Benny Cassette opens for Blackalicious

Sept. 2: Gravity opens for Clarence Clemons Temple of Soul

Sept. 18: KCRW's "Next Up!" A showcase of independent local artists. Visit www.kcrw.com/nextup/ for more information.

Deal between teachers, district public

By Daily Press staff

In keeping with newly amended Assembly Bill 1200, the proposed collective bargaining agreement between the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and the Santa Monica Malibu Classroom Teachers Association for 2003-04 and 2004-05, and all of its fiscal impact, is available for public review Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the schools superintendent's office, 1651 16th St..

It also is available on the district's Web site, www.smmusd.org, under Press Releases. The contract is slated for action by the Board of Education at its meeting Aug. 26.

Get warped perspective at SMC

By Daily Press staff

Answers to how the universe began may be only a lecture away.

"Einstein's Universe," a look at Albert Einstein's "Relativity Revolution" of a century ago that led to the discovery of warped space, black holes, the Big Bang and time travel possibilities will be the feature show Sept. 3, 10 and 17 at Santa Monica College's Friday night astronomy series.

The guest lecture in September will be "Déjà Vu Extinctions." Luann Becker, research scientist at the University of California at Santa Barbara, will discuss evidence of a killer asteroid or comet impact before the Age of Dinosaurs. The guest lecture will be Sept. 24.

The feature show and guest lecture are at 8 p.m. Each is preceded by "The Night Sky Show," which recreates the night sky and provides the latest information on space exploration at 7 p.m.

The astronomy shows are held in the John Drescher Planetarium, which features the state-of-the-art Digistar projection system. It is located on the second floor of Drescher Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd. The guest lecture is in science lecture hall 140.

Tickets are \$5 each or \$9 for the "double bill," with discounts for children and senior citizens. For information, call (310) 434-4223 or (310) 434-3000.



SURF REPORT

Thursday will see a mix of mostly NW windswell, steep SE swell, and some background SW swell. Northern LA county will see a smaller mix of windswell and SE swell with waves averaging knee- to waist-high while best NW/combo breaks are a touch better. South Bay breaks will pick up the wind swell for knee-high surf at many breaks and sets up to waist- to chest-high at best exposed locations. Look for mostly light wind in the morning with building W winds in the 8-10 knot range through the afternoon.

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MONDAY	12:31	1.1	(10:44	3.0)	7:33	3.2	5:35	5.1
TUESDAY	1:27	0.6	12:04	3.1	8:31	3.5	6:28	5.3
WEDNESDAY	2:09	0.3	1:01	3.0	9:04	3.7	7:14	5.6
THURSDAY	2:43	0.0	1:44	2.8	9:28	3.8	7:53	5.8
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A group of Malibu residents is spearheading a formal push to break away from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. What it boils down to, supporters of the breakup say, is Malibu isn't connected to Santa Monica by land, and there's no longer any need for the two cities to share their schools. They also point out that if the district did split, Santa Monica wouldn't have to share a \$6 million annual contribution from City Hall.

A similar attempt to form a separate

district was made in 1990, but apparently the plan lacked enough students or a sound economic plan.

So this week, Q-line wants to know "Is it time for Malibu to have its own school district? Why or why not?"

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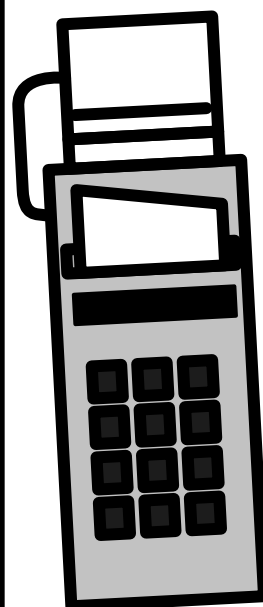


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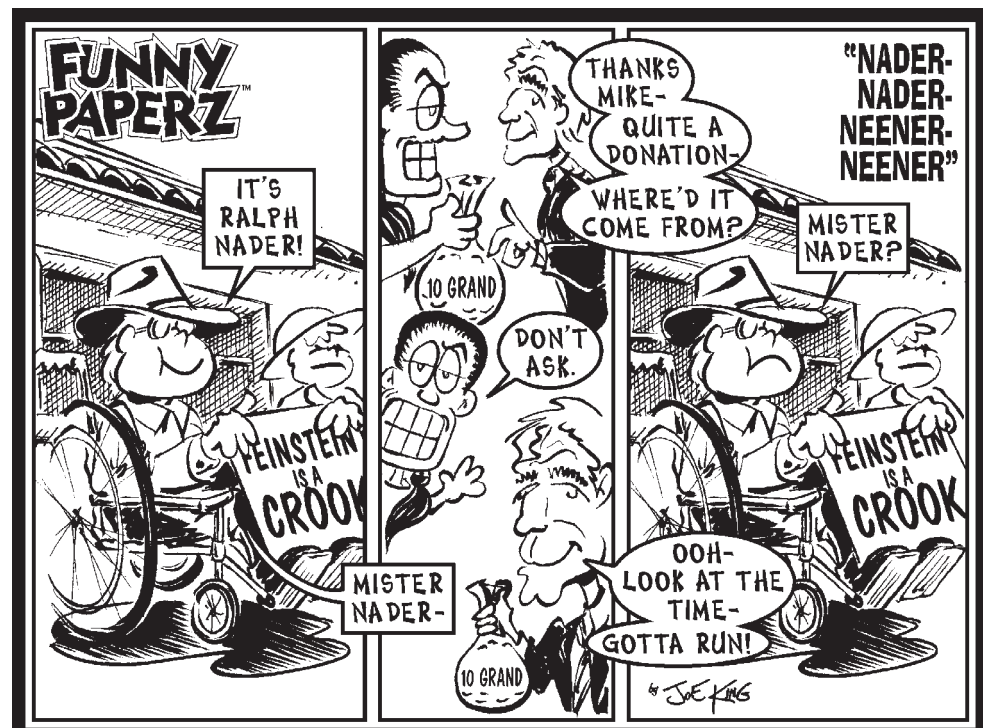
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OPINION



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Visitors, residents deserve better

Editor:

A couple of days ago another disturbing incident, a fight and stabbing involving two homeless individuals happened at 9:30 p.m. on the Boardwalk not far from the Pier.

This incident was certainly noticed and very much disturbed guests and employees in a nearby hotel, as it must have all pedestrians taking a stroll on the boardwalk at that time, not to mention the residents of the nearby neighborhood. Incidentally it happened on the same night as the Twilight pier concert.

The City Council wants to raise the TOT tax which is ultimately paid by our visitors. I support a moderate increase in this tax if these monies are allocated to address public safety in our community, rather than going to the general fund or special interests. We must put the safety of our community and its citizens first.

There is a real issue here concerning public safety, homelessness and traffic in our community, and these issues warrant special attention from the City Council. The council should move to seriously discuss the traffic, homelessness and public safety topics that are on the forefront of the majority of residents, issues that require leadership. The council must establish priorities and there are matters that need more attention than debating bike riding in the park, the merits of declawing cats or not, and opposition to a national draft.

Klaus Mennekes

Vice president and managing director
Hotel Casa Del Mar and Shutters on the Beach

People could learn a thing or two from pets

Editor:

Whenever I hear someone say of a human "they acted like animals," I think "if only we did." We would be loving and happy and loyal — unconditionally. Dogs give us everything we need. Every day. In exchange, they ask for food and praise and safety. They don't litter the beach with plastic, smoke, or cigarettes. They don't ignore their young to annoy and harass others. They don't play loud music. They love the air and the water and the freedom to romp.

Without dogs we would be less than we are. They teach us to love. Give them the stretch of beach that we don't even value. They have more than earned it.

Danielle Charney
Santa Monica

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'Bubbas for Bush' say no donkeys for Niceville

NEWS ON THE EDGE

BY RON SCOTT SMITH



Paco Bell was elected mayor of Florissant, Colorado last week, perhaps a good omen of things to come in November for the Democrats. You see, Paco Bell is a donkey. The good folks of this small town in the Rockies, probably having had enough of humans in high office, voted Paco into a second term. "This is good and rural," said Sheriff Kevin Dougherty, as he swore in the mule.

Good and rural alright, like down in Niceville, Florida, where President Bush was shoring up his support base Tuesday. There, like in Florissant, they would appear to lean strongly towards giving the incumbent a second term, even if he is human, certainly not a donkey. Let it be known that the good folks from Niceville hold Bush in a much more exalted position than any donkey could possibly achieve. Gary Walby, a retired jeweler, may have spoken for most of them when he said, "This is the very first time I have felt that God was in the White House." The President of the United States returned the compliment, saying, "You know you're in good country when you got a guy holding a sign up, saying 'Bubbas for Bush.'"

Let's hope the bubbas for Bush from Niceville didn't hear a statement the President made last week at a signing ceremony for the bill that appropriates another \$417 billion in military spending. He told those assembled in the Pentagon, "Our enemies are resourceful and innovative and so are we. They never stop thinking about new ways to harm our country and our people and neither do we." Is he losing it? But Niceville remains faithful, preferring to focus instead on reflective, repentant statements like the one he made to the Unity Convention of minority reporters days earlier. "I wish I wasn't the war president," he lamented. "Who in heck wants to be a war president? I don't." Well then, don't.

A letter-writer to the SMDP, Eric Cooper, said Saturday, "Love him or hate him at least you know where Bush stands on issues." I had been conducting a scientific page four public opinion survey at the time, asking ardent Bush supporters to "identify the best thing this President has done in his four years," and Cooper's statement was a common thread. Granted, in Santa Monica there are not throngs of ardent Bush supporters, but I managed to get to all nine of them, and to the man,

their first response was similar to that of Cooper. "He does what he says he'll do," most of them would add. They're hard-pressed to identify a significant accomplishment, but it doesn't seem to matter much. If he says he'll do it, he does it, and that's what counts.

He did say he would conquer Iraq and then turn it back over to the Iraqis and that he did. A thousand American deaths and a couple hundred billion dollars later, he did what he said he'd do. It is with their permission now that we occupy their nation with our 150,000 troops. And it is with their permission that we prepare to mount another all-out assault on natives, this time in the holy city of Najaf. He said he would institute western-style democracy by holding free elections in January, and this is where doing what he says he'll do could get a little sticky. Will a democracy that would elect someone like radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr to rule the country be allowed? Would Bush, if reelected, stay true to his word even then, do what he said he'd do, and allow freedom to truly reign? Maybe then, we could begin getting out of there? With Saddam out of the picture, with no murderous mass weapons threatening, the real danger is the danger created by the continued occupation of a foreign army in a fiercely proud ancient land.

Normally, we don't do local in this space, preferring to comment on the mules of Florissant, the bubbas of Niceville and the like, leaving it up to Bauer and the boys to solve Santa Monica's problems on other days. But this one cannot go unmentioned. The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce should be embarrassed for sending out a glossy, full-color political mailer with pictures of presumed homeless people in despair, sitting on park lawns, heads bowed, belongings at their side. Screaming across the images in bold red ink are the words, "This is Santa Monica." Yes, the "this" was underlined for emphasis. Now This may well be the Santa Monica the Chamber fixates on, but many of us have a different image of this town and support the efforts of those who seek a real solution, while offering a helping hand or a bite to eat or a patch of grass to those who have fallen. What exactly is the solution the CC would come forth with to solve this most complex problem of our age? Let's hear it. Round them up and dump them one step over the city limit? Jail them? Starve them? Using images of people in pain to create a political divide in this community as elections draw near is nothing short of shameful. As the mailer proclaims in bold red type, "Santa Monica deserves better."

(Ron Scott Smith deserves an email. Reach him at EdgeoftheWest@aol.com.)

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OPINION



The sometimes courageous act of switching parties



HERE'S THE THING

BY LARA M. BROWN, Ph.D

U.S. Representative Rodney Alexander last week surprised not only members of the Democratic Party, but also the constituents in his Louisiana district by switching his party affiliation from Democratic to Republican when he registered for the Nov. 2 election on the last day of ballot qualification.

His action was such a shocker because in his initial filing — on Wednesday of the same of week — he had declared himself a Democrat. By waiting until Friday to announce his partisan switch, he made sure that the Democratic Party would not be able to run a candidate against him. Come November, Rep. Alexander who has only served one term in the House will be the only viable candidate on the ballot — from either party.

Rep. Alexander justified his switch by saying that he would be “more effective” for his district as a Republican, noting that he has been a conservative Democrat who is “pro-life and pro-Second Amendment” rights.

Democratic Sen. Mary Landrieu referred to his act as “cowardly,” and said: “Nobody likes a coward, least of all Louisiana voters.”

Meanwhile, President Bush called Alexander and “welcomed” him to the GOP.

Was this a courageous act or a cowardly maneuver? In politics, it's often tough to tell virtue from vice. Many acts that appear courageous have self-interest as their motive, and many acts that appear conciliatory (to some, cowardly) require courage because they involve trusting others.

Switching parties is not a small decision. Most elected officials who switch explain that their old party no longer represents their philosophical beliefs. Usually, that elected official's voting record shows that the individual has voted more often with the opposition party than with their own party. They talk of how they remained loyal until they could no longer go against their own conscience.

The party that is left often feels betrayed and usually runs a strong (well-financed and well-known) candidate against that elected official, almost out of what appears to be spite. The party that the elected official joins, while they are pleased to have them in their ranks, are not completely sure about how much they can trust them, and often that elected official finds himself cut “out of the loop.”

Switching parties is a huge political risk for an elected official, and often they will be an outsider for a long-time to come unless they can show the party they are joining, that they have value enough to make them an insider. Switching parties probably should be viewed as a courageous act.

There are times, however, when one wonders about the motive and the courage of the elected official. Those times include, when individuals switch their party affili-

ation after the majority control switches, as occurred with a few members after the 1994 election in the House. Those switches tend to smack of political expediency, even if they still took courage to execute.

Two Southern Democratic Representatives from Louisiana, Jimmy Hayes and Billy Tauzin, both became Republicans in 1995. Hayes lost in his runoff election in 1996, but Tauzin won, and quickly became part of the Republican leadership. He now serves as Deputy Majority Whip for the GOP, though he is retiring at the end of this session.

Were Hayes and Tauzin sincere? Were they representing their districts, being courageous leaders, or being self-interested politicians who wanted to ensure their own seats at the table when the Republicans came into power in the House? The answer is probably all of the above.

Both men were conservative Democrats. Both men, given the philosophical drift of the Republican Party toward the Religious Right, likely felt more comfortable aligned with Republicans than with the Democrats.

So, was it necessarily wrong for them to want to be in more powerful positions than less?

No. We should hope that our representatives would all strive to be in more powerful positions because that means they would be able to do more work on our behalf. The difference in the two men is that Tauzin more accurately understood the partisan leanings of his district, his personal support, and his competition, whereas, Hayes did not, which is why he lost.

HERE'S THE THING:

Rep. Alexander's party switching took courage to do — even if it was awful to behold. He betrayed everyone who helped get him elected to office, including Sens. Landrieu, Breaux, and the entire Louisiana Democratic Party.

It only seems cowardly because he was blatantly disloyal and obviously political in his maneuvering through the electoral process. While he may lose his reelection bid because he may have lost the trust of his constituents, like Hayes, we cannot begrudge him for being political. He is a politician.

Though he may come to discover that in politics, defiance is often judged to be more cowardly than compromise.

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LOCAL

New planning policies will reign for 20-plus years

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apartment complex in order to conform with current code or wait two years for consultants to complete their update to planning documents.

What's entailed in the update is a lot of public input and brainstorming about how the city should look before the documents return to elected leaders for discussion and approval, Gelbard said.

"We really want to hear from the community about what they want to see in the next 20 years," Gelbard added. "It's a huge process."

The documents govern everything from what long-term goals the city has for its growth to how individual projects should be managed, what building limits should be in place and how dense projects should be, among other issues.

Gelbard said the idea behind the overhaul is to "remove some of the inconsistencies and things that sometimes creep in over the years."

City Councilman Ken Genser, who said he decided to run for office in the 1980s after large office complexes like the Water Gardens and Colorado Center were approved, said the documents are of

critical importance for all of Santa Monica.

"It's a time when the city as a whole will step back and look at the land use development policies for the next decade or two, so we can begin to say certain areas should change or evolve to different uses or different scales, and at the same time we will do the circulation element ... where we'll take a look at the capacity of our streets," he said.

"I think it's exceptionally important," Genser added. "It's going to have a significant effect on the city for the next several decades."

As to the project's price tag, Gelbard said farming it out to a consultant was the only feasible way to get the work done. Included in the overhaul will be meetings with neighborhood groups and others, surveys of residents and developers, outreach to school-age kids, and joint meetings of the City Council and Planning Commission.

"This is a huge amount of work," she said. "There's no way two or three internal people could manage this work. They're going to have their hands full just managing this contract with the consultant. So that's what we're going to be doing."

Community asked to walk in remembrance of 9-11 victims

REMEMBERING, from page 1

"I'm hopeful that those will be the words that the people of Southern California will want to hear and the words that will offer the most healing," he said at a press conference Wednesday morning.

Santa Monica lost two of its own in the attacks nearly three years ago. Dora Menchaca, 45, and Carolyn Beug, 48, were aboard airplanes that were hijacked and flown into the Pentagon and the north tower of the World Trade Center.

Menchaca was on American Airlines flight 77, which took off from Dulles

International Airport in Virginia. Beug was aboard American Airlines flight 11 from Boston.

Menchaca wasn't supposed to be on flight 77 — she boarded the plane as a standby passenger so she could get back to her Sunset Park home sooner to be with her family, husband Earl Dorsey, her then teenage daughter, Imani Dorsey, and her son Jaryd Dorsey.

Beug, a former Walt Disney Records executive, was flying home with her mother, Mary Wahlstrom, after a week of helping her twin daughters settle into their new college at the Rhode Island School of

Design. She is survived by her husband, John Beug, her daughters, Lauren and Lindsey Mayer-Beug, and her son, Nicky.

Like Santa Monica, Sacramento will host its first "We Remember Walk" on Sept. 12. New York and Arlington, Virginia, will host the "We Remember Walk" for the third time this year. Last year, about 100 people walked from the Iwo Jima Memorial in Arlington to the Pentagon.

Minson said he was still contacting family members, survivors and friends to notify them of the event, and said everyone is welcome to participate. He said he

would encourage walk participants to carry pictures of lost loved ones and American flags.

"As a nation, we owe the 9/11 families a great debt of gratitude for their outstanding sacrifices and contributions in the development of the 9/11 Commission Report," Minson said. "Their efforts contribute to all Americans being safer. The families also express to me their deep concern for the families in the military who are hurting and losing their loved ones."

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Business

Spousal IRAs: A savings plan that's twice as nice



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BY JOHN KIM

Consistently funding an IRA with \$3,000 every year is a reliable way to add to your retirement nest egg. It follows then that saving \$6,000 a year would be twice as nice. If you are married, your nest egg could double through IRA contributions even if only one of you has earned income. Every married couple with at least \$6,000 in earned income can contribute \$3,000 to each of their own IRAs and benefit from tax-deferred savings for retirement, and possibly other financial goals as well. Additionally, those who are over 50 years old can contribute an extra catch-up contribution of \$500.

Spousal IRAs are a way for the non-working spouses of wage earners to put aside funds for their financial future. Contributions made to a spousal IRA belong to the non-working spouse even if

contributions came from the wage-earning spouse. If neither you nor your spouse has made a contribution for 2004, you have until April 15, 2005 to do so. Choosing to fund your 2005 contribution early in the year could mean starting off the year with a grand total of \$12,000 in contributions, or \$14,000 if both spouses are over age 50.

IRA contributors may choose from a Traditional IRA or a Roth IRA, but \$3,000 (or \$3,500 for those 50 years old or older) is the maximum annual contribution to either IRA or a combination of the two. IRA contributors must decide if they would like to contribute to a Traditional or a Roth IRA, and if they are eligible for deductible contributions to the Traditional IRA.

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Full contributions to a Roth IRA are possible for married couples filing jointly whose AGI is under \$150,000. Partial contributions are possible with AGIs up to \$160,000. All contributions to Roth IRAs

are nondeductible. However, distributions are tax-free if held for at least five years and withdrawn after 59 years old. Tax-free distributions of up to \$10,000 from a Roth IRA may be made for the purchase of a first home. Distributions for qualified higher education expenses are penalty-free. Contributions may be withdrawn tax- and penalty-free at any time.

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The deductibility of one spouse's contribution to an IRA is no longer impacted by the employer-sponsored retirement plan of the other spouse. This means that if one spouse works and is not covered by a retirement plan, or is not earning income at all, then this spouse's contribution to an IRA is fully deductible as long as the couple's adjusted gross income (AGI) is under \$150,000. Partial deductibility occurs if AGI is between \$150,000 and \$160,000.

The deductibility limits of IRA contributions for married couples who file jointly and who both have retirement coverage

at work have been increased. Fully deductible contributions for both spouses occur if AGI is below \$65,000 and phases out with AGIs up to \$75,000. These amounts will continue to increase gradually to \$80,000 and \$100,000, respectively, in 2007. IRAs can make saving for long-term goals, such as retirement, a realistic family activity. Your financial advisor can help you decide which IRA is suitable for your individual situation and can provide additional information on the features and benefits of both the Traditional and the Roth IRA.

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STATE

Fall season: Organic farmers say growth has stunted

BY BILEN MESFIN
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — From alfalfa to oats to wine grapes, prices for organic produce and products have held steady for more than half of the nation's organic farmers, and more than a quarter said they are seeing prices inching up, a new survey shows.

But about 27 percent also predicted falling prices, as more farmers, including big businesses, try to grab a share of the sector's success, according to the survey by the Santa Cruz-based Organic Farming Research Foundation.

More than 1,000 growers — roughly 16 percent of country's certified organic farmers — were queried on a variety of subjects related to the fast-growing, \$9 billion marketplace, including genetically modified organisms.

The survey gives "an incredibly detailed snapshot of a tough, hard, but generally profitable way to farm," said Bob Scowcroft, the foundation's executive director.

Organic was not the buzz word it is now when Dennis Dierks and his wife Sandy started working their 3.5 acres 30 years ago. Dierks, owner of Paradise Valley Produce in Bolinas, has seen organic awareness spreading immensely

As organic sales surge an estimated 20 percent annually, the Dierks prefer to stay small, selling the bulk of their cool-weather vegetables like kale, chard and lettuce locally.

in the ensuing years.

As organic sales surge an estimated 20 percent annually, the Dierks prefer to stay small, selling the bulk of their cool-weather vegetables like kale, chard and lettuce locally. Some of it is sold through a subscription service and to restaurants, but most sells at neighborhood farmers markets, where they interact face-to-face with consumers. More than three-fourths of their sales comes from repeat customers, "people trying your stuff and becoming regular because they like it so much," said Sandy Dierks, 57.

Like the Dierks, many of those surveyed say they rely on a direct connection with consumers to stay in business, with 79 percent of them unloading products within 100 miles of their farms, and a majority of them using word of mouth as their main marketing tool. Unlike conventional agriculture, the organic market-

place boasts that flexibility because it attracts customers who are willing to pay more for products they trust from a grower they know.

"It's a different kind of consumer," said Erica Walz, who analyzes data for the Organic Farming Research Foundation.

Other growers are dealing with increased competition by becoming bigger and more innovative. About 58 percent said they wanted to expand the amount and type of organic products they offer, while 50 percent said they were planning to increase acreage.

Vanessa Bogenholm, who owns VB Farms in Watsonville, went from 29 to 50 acres about a year ago. Like 51 percent of those surveyed, Bogenholm was once a conventional farmer who went organic about eight years ago because she wanted to produce pesticide-free products. She grows mostly strawberries and raspber-

ries, as well as the occasional vegetable, and grosses between \$1 million and \$1.5 million a year through diversified products. She supplies yogurt companies like Dannon, picks berries specifically for high-end restaurants and hotels, and grows specialty produce, such as a cauliflower the size of a fist that chefs can plop on a fancy plate.

"It's a lot more labor," Bogenholm, 38, said. "It's a lot more packaging. But it's something that brings in money. I can't compete with a guy who can produce 500 acres of cauliflower when I can do eight. So somehow my cauliflower has got to be special or different."

Bogenholm said she is going head to head not with small farmers at the local farmers market but conventional growers who devote a small portion of their lands to organic. "That's the guy that causes me problems," she said.

Besides competition and flat prices, growers also pointed to the threat of pollution from genetically modified organisms as a looming concern. Forty-six percent said they believed the risk of contamination from GMO products to be moderate to high, with 48 percent singling out contaminated seed stock as the greatest threat and 42 percent worried about pollen drift.

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Sunny Delight: EPA squeezes fresh new proposal

BY DON THOMPSON

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — A proposal to run half of new California homes on solar energy by 2020 gained momentum Tuesday, with the initiative by the state Environmental Protection Agency added to a bill that already has cleared one chamber of the Legislature.

The proposal would far exceed incentives and requirements in other states, putting California on a par with solar programs by world leaders like Japan and Germany. It comes three years after the state's debilitating energy crisis, which helped Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger unseat recalled Gov. Gray Davis last fall.

Sen. Kevin Murray, a Democrat from Culver City, said he will alter his bill to include key parts of the EPA proposal without waiting for Schwarzenegger to decide if he will support it.

Schwarzenegger was generally supportive of the plan during an informal conversation last week, Murray said. "Whether he puts his full muscle behind it or gets behind it I think remains to be seen over the next few days."

Schwarzenegger, in a speech Monday at the Border Governors' Conference in New Mexico, called for border states to cooperate on an energy conservation campaign and expanding the production of solar and wind-generated electricity.

State EPA officials last week outlined the "Million Solar Homes Initiative" to fulfill a Schwarzenegger campaign pledge.

That would include spending \$100 million annually for 10 years for incentives to add solar power to new and existing homes, and backing the incentives with a requirement that builders include solar on 5 percent of

new homes by 2010 and half by 2020. The \$100 million would come from a new monthly utility bill surcharge of about 25-30 cents per household, which the EPA estimates would be more than offset by letting homeowners sell their excess electricity back to utilities.

The building industry, opposed to Murray's original bill, was supportive of the EPA's incentive-heavy approach.

The incentives alone would be enough to get solar panels on 40 percent of new homes by 2010 and 50 percent by 2013, the equivalent of 36 new, \$30 million, 75 megawatt natural gas "peaker" plants used when electricity is most in demand, the EPA estimated in a draft proposal obtained by The Associated Press.

But supporters of solar power, including actor Edward Norton, already are disputing the details of the plan. Norton on Tuesday urged that the incentives be concentrated first on low-income housing, while others lobbied to include commercial and state-owned property in incentive plans.

Norton and the environmental group Global Green USA argued the priority should be on the working poor who can least afford high energy bills and the solar alternative.

"There's no investment in solar energy that makes more economic sense," Norton said at a Capitol rally.

Norton is a trustee of the Enterprise Foundation, a nonprofit organization promoting the use of solar energy by low-income residents in South Central Los Angeles. The program pays to put a three-kilowatt system on a residence there whenever a "notable personality" buys a six-kilowatt system.

Matt Petersen, president and chief executive of Global

Green, said lawmakers should approve a \$45 million revolving loan fund to cover 30 percent to 50 percent of affordable housing projects' cost of installing solar systems. Proponents are trying to revive an Assembly bill that would have created such a fund after the measure stalled in a Senate committee.

Jan McFarland, executive director of the California Solar Energy Industries Association, said state incentives should also be expanded to include commercial and state building. But that can largely be accomplished through the Public Utilities Commission without additional legislation, she said.

On Tuesday, the Senate approved, 30-2, a bill requiring cities and counties to allow the use of solar panels unless there are public health or safety concerns, an effort to counter bans imposed for aesthetic reasons.

Fed raises interest rates for second time, with more increases likely

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve, anticipating an acceleration of economic growth after the current slow patch, strongly hinted it doesn't plan to take a breather in its campaign to push interest rates higher to keep inflation under control.

Economists had believed the Fed might pause in its credit tightening in September. But now they are saying they fully expect a third rate increase to come at the Fed's Sept. 21 meeting.

The central bank raised rates Tuesday for the second time this year, pushing its target for the federal funds rate up from 1.25 percent to 1.5 percent.

That move was immediately followed by a quarter-point increase in commercial banks' prime lending rate, the benchmark for millions of consumer and business loans, which climbed from 4.25 percent to 4.5 percent.

In a signal of its future intentions, the Fed retained language it had used for its first quarter-point rate hike on June 30, saying it expected to proceed with future increases "at a pace that is likely to be measured."

The Fed acknowledged the economy had slowed in recent months, commenting, "This softness likely owes importantly to the substantial rise in energy prices."

Still, the Fed said, "The economy nevertheless appears poised to resume a stronger pace of expansion going forward."

"This was a very confident statement that they released," said Jeff Kleintop, chief investment strategist

for PNC Advisors in Philadelphia. "They brushed off the impact of energy prices and said the economy is poised to resume a solid pace of expansion."

While an incumbent running for re-election would normally not be happy to see the Fed raising interest rates in the heat of a campaign, analysts said President Bush can take comfort from the Fed's optimistic assessment.

Analysts said the Fed sought to project a sense of confidence that the economic slowdown, which was most dramatically represented by last week's disappointing jobs report, was not a threat to derail the current expansion.

Bush, who is seeking to avoid his father's fate of being one-term president because of a weak economy, is insisting the economy has turned the corner, but the slump in various economic statistics in recent weeks has cast doubts on that contention. Democratic challenger John Kerry has said the economic turn was really a "U-turn."

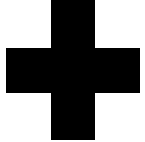
The government reported last Friday that only 32,000 jobs were created in July, the poorest showing this year and far below the 200,000-plus jobs analysts had been expecting.

After that weak report, many analysts believed the Fed would go ahead with an expected quarter-point rate hike this week but might signal it was prepared to pause in September if the economy had not shown signs of a rebound by then.

After Tuesday's comments from the Fed, though, many analysts predicted the central bank will not only raise rates at its Sept. 21 meeting, the last one before the Nov. 2 election, but also at its Nov. 10 and Dec. 14 meetings.

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NATIONAL

Vegas, California played security cards differently

BY JOHN SOLOMON

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — One set of terrorist videos. Two communities. Two entirely different responses.

When Spanish authorities uncovered al-Qaida surveillance of major American landmarks in summer 2002, California officials issued a public warning and doubled police security on San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge because it appeared in the videos.

Alerted around the same time to the Spanish footage as well as a second surveillance tape found in the apartment of a Detroit terror cell, Las Vegas authorities chose a private briefing to casino security chiefs and no public alerts.

The latter response has put authorities in America's gambling capital on the defensive after Justice Department documents and a federal prosecutor emerged this week to suggest Las Vegas' decision may have had to do with concerns about tourism or the casinos' legal liability.

On Tuesday night, FBI and police officials in Las Vegas gave their own account after a federal judge granted them permission to talk despite a gag order in the Detroit terror case last year that produced much of the video evidence.

The officials confirmed that Las Vegas authorities, including casino officials, were shown the video surveillance in fall 2002 but they decided against public warnings, even though both tapes showed casing footage of the same three casinos.

"We don't dispute those were surveillance tapes," FBI special agent David Nanz said Tuesday night in Las Vegas.

Authorities also were told that the Spanish footage of potential terror targets made an apparent reference to Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States, and that some of it had been sent to al-Qaida terrorist leaders in Afghanistan, according to Spanish documents provided to U.S. authorities.

According to documents and interviews reported by The Associated Press on Monday, federal prosecutors in Detroit alleged as early as September 2002 that Las Vegas authorities didn't want to issue a public warning because of concerns it might hurt tourism or affect the casinos' legal liability.

Richard Convertino, one of the prosecutors who spoke to AP about his Las Vegas concerns, was accused in court filings Tuesday by lawyers for three defendants convicted in a Detroit terror cell of violating the judge's gag order by speaking out.

Las Vegas authorities strongly dispute that those factors affected their decision. "We took the tapes seriously," Nanz said. "When we get a tape like that ... further investigation is required to determine its relevance. And that's what we did."

Las Vegas officials, however, gave varying reasons as to why a public warn-

ing wasn't needed.

Nanz said one of the two tapes, the Spanish al-Qaida footage, was still classified at the time and Las Vegas authorities weren't immediately told that a witness, named Youseff Hmimssa, would corroborate the threat on the Detroit tape by saying members of a terror cell in Detroit had vowed to destroy the tourist city.

"The FBI in Las Vegas was not made aware in advance that Hmimssa's testimony would implicate security issues with Las Vegas," he said.

Clark County Undersheriff Douglas Gillespie said Tuesday that while two of his officers had indeed seen the footage, authorities didn't see an imminent threat. "At no time did the information gleaned from these videos change the threat level in Las Vegas," Gillespie said, adding that he believed his department handled the information correctly.

Sharon Lever, an assistant U.S. attorney in Las Vegas, offered another reason in an e-mail she sent Detroit prosecutors in fall 2002 shortly after they alerted Las Vegas to the first tape.

"The FBI here has looked at the tape. ... They said it is not a surveillance tape," Lever wrote.

Officials are at a loss to explain some of the references in Justice Department documents from 2002 and 2003, except to say various officials had differing recollections or incomplete information and some of the prosecutors in the Detroit case are now under investigation.

For instance, Assistant U.S. Attorney Keith Corbett wrote in a Justice memo a year ago that FBI agent Paul George specifically flew to Las Vegas to apprise authorities about Hmimssa's testimony. He also wrote that casino and FBI officials there declined an offer to review the tapes with George, and only two local police officials showed up.

But Nanz said George never offered to show the video footage to FBI officials in Las Vegas and never told them about Hmimssa. Nanz also noted the casinos might have declined a second invitation to view the tapes because they had seen them once already months earlier.

Whatever the case, Las Vegas' handling of the Spanish footage differed markedly with California.

As soon as Spanish authorities informed U.S. officials that they had found video footage in an al-Qaida hideout in Madrid of American landmarks like Disneyland and the Golden Gate Bridge, then-Gov. Gray Davis' security officials jumped into action.

The public was alerted, Highway Patrol officers fanned out to talk to local police, security was increased around the bridge, and all known California targets that appeared in the tape were alerted.

"We're just taking it very significantly because of where it comes from," Davis' security adviser, George Vinson, said at the time.



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Texas governor calls on Mexico to further open energy markets

BY BARRY MASSEY
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SANTA FE, N.M. — Mexico should open its energy markets to greater U.S. investment, Texas Gov. Rick Perry said this week.

In a speech on the closing day of the Border Governors' Conference, Perry called for more cross-border economic development.

"One of the best ways to expand opportunity in Mexico and the U.S. is for American energy companies to be able to participate in the development of Mexico's vast oil, gas and electric markets," Perry said.

"We can create thousands of jobs for people on both sides of the border, create new wealth and opportunity, meet the electrical demand that is predicted to double by 2020 in Mexico with the greater liberalization."

The governors of U.S. and Mexican states agreed Monday to improve security along their borders.

"One of the best ways to secure our individual homelands is by working together — sharing information, technology and personnel with a common goal of preparedness, security and the smooth and continued flow of goods, services and people," New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson said.

The governor of the Mexican state of Baja California, Eugenio Elorduy Walther, said law enforcement agencies in each border state would create liaison units to improve the exchange of information about criminals and security issues.

He and Richardson said there would be joint training programs for law enforcement agencies and joint exercises along the border.

Elorduy said the joint exercises "will improve responding to critical incidents such as natural disasters, weapons of mass destruction or other terrorist acts."

The agreement was worked out during the past year by a group of law enforcement officials appointed by the border governors.

Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano said the agreement will provide for a "border security region" rather than a piecemeal approach of "one country versus another country, one state versus another state."

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, in a speech at the conference's opening ceremony, called for border states to work together on energy policies, including an energy conservation campaign and expanding the production of renewable energy sources such as solar and wind-generated electricity.

He pointed out that the Western Governors Association has endorsed a goal for Western states of producing 30,000 megawatts of so-called clean energy by 2015 and improving the efficiency of energy usage by 20 percent by 2020.

"Conservation is so important because saving those resources is much easier and also cheaper and better for our shared economy and environment than producing new supplies only to waste them,"

Schwarzenegger said.

Richardson, chairman of the conference, said border states should focus on water and environmental problems.

"We need regional, comprehensive approaches to resolving the water issues. We can't go our separate ways," he said.

The federal government, through the International Boundary and Water Commission, hasn't provided needed leadership to settle differences over water between Mexico and the United States, including the Rio Grande and Colorado River, Richardson said.

Governors from the four U.S. states and six Mexican states at the conference need to explore a "bi-national multistate collaborative approach on water," Richardson said.

He also said Mexico and the United States need to improve controls over hazardous waste.

"Too much hazardous waste is ending up on both sides being dumped on our fields, our waterways and the desert," he said.

His remarks came at a forum on the North American Free Trade Agreement, which went into effect a decade ago.

Chihuahua Gov. Patricio Martinez also called for a greater focus on border water problems.

A former U.S. ambassador to Mexico, Jim Jones, said the United States, Mexico and Canada should move beyond NAFTA and set a goal of establishing a "borderless economy" within the next decade.

NAFTA has succeeded in expanding international trade and creating jobs, he and other economic experts said at the forum. However, Jones said the agreement was "only half successful" in improving social and economic conditions for many Mexicans.

"The divide between the haves and have-nots has been growing. Half of the population in Mexico have no tangible benefits gained out of NAFTA," said Jones, a former Oklahoma congressman who served as ambassador during the Clinton administration.

Jones recommended that the U.S. and Canada provide development money to Mexico to address needed education, health care and infrastructure improvements in exchange for reforms in the Mexican legal and tax systems.

Gary Hufbauer of the Institute of International Economics in Washington, D.C., drew applause at the forum when he advocated changes in immigration policies.

"I think NAFTA countries should establish a presumption that after a person has resided in a country for a long period of time — five to 10 years — that person is entitled to a permanent resident visa," said Hufbauer.

He also said "all persons in North America should be guaranteed basic economic rights, whether they are legal or illegal residents" in a state. Those rights include access to schools, public health benefits, minimum wage protections and a driver's license, he said.



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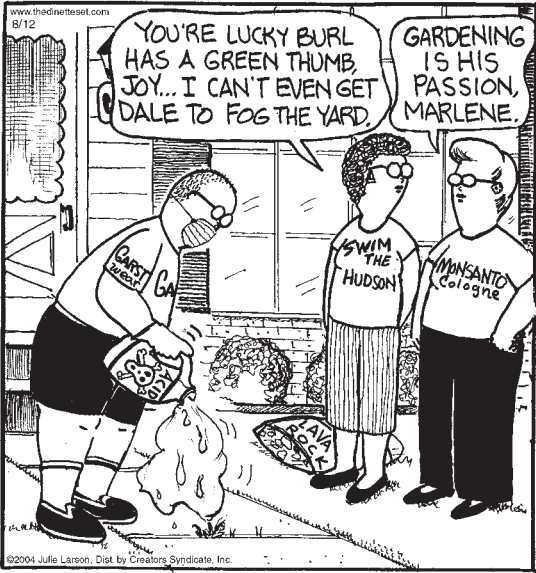
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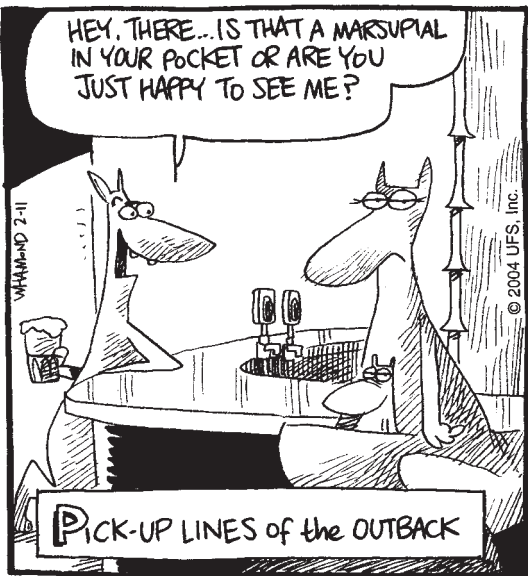
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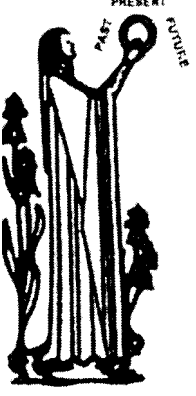
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