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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

SIGNS OF THE TIMES British fitness trainer Liz Stuart conducts "powerpramming" classes for new mothers, the centerpiece of which is the women's use of their own infants as weights for such exercises as bicep curls and chest presses (adding a kiss to each rep), as well as resistance in "power walks," according to a May Reuters dispatch from London. Said one mother, of her newfound quality time with her babies, "If I had to go to the gym and put the twins into a (nursery), it would cost me a fortune."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 224th day of 2006.
There are 141 days left in the year.

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.

1898 Fighting in the Spanish-American War came to an end.

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Ballot bursting at the seams

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — When voters hit the ballot booths on Nov. 7, not only will they be confronted with the

tasks of selecting a governor, and other state and federal lawmakers, they'll also be asked to determine who will represent them locally on the City Council, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified school board and

other elected bodies.

But they won't be done yet. Voters must navigate through a myriad of 13 statewide ballot initiatives, four local

See **BALLOT**, page 12

Going with the flow



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Ashley Maher and her Big Global Band perform a West African Senegal Dance at the Santa Monica Pier on Thursday as part of the summer-long Twilight Dance Series. Dancing with Maher (center) is Alecia Hudson (right) and Kara Mack.



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

SALT AND PEPPER The city's rec leagues welcome young and older.

They're on strike all year

Santa Monica's rec leagues maintain an active membership

BY MILOS BLAGOJEVIC

Special to The Daily Press

MID-CITY — On paper, there's nothing special about the Buffos.

They're 1-0 this season, with their victory coming against Dirty Dozen in a tiebreaker on Aug. 2, following a first-game bye.

But it's not the stats or the num-

bers that make the Buffos — one of dozens of teams playing softball in Santa Monica — unique. The Buffos, or Big Ugly F***** Fat Old Slobs, have been playing in Santa Monica's adult softball league since 1972.

That was 34 years ago. Richard Nixon was in his first term as president as the Watergate scandal began to unfold, "The Price is Right" debuted

on CBS, and newborn Shaquille O'Neal was roughly six feet shorter.

"Obviously, we enjoy playing in Santa Monica and it's just a natural thing to do, to sign up for the leagues," said Buffos' coach and player Mike Bell, 56. "We understand how the league works, we keep going and

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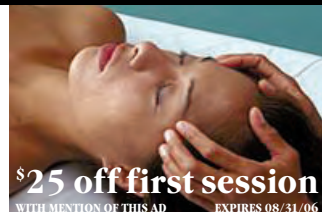
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ You have energy and vitality. Where others might have been resistant yesterday, they happily change their tune today. Allow the child in you to come out. Caring emanates wherever you are. Make special time for a child. Tonight: Just decide. Others want your company.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Take your time making plans. If you are honest with yourself, you might not want to make plans at all. Could you be overtired? If you want a lazy day, take one without feeling guilty. Say yes to a purchase that will improve the quality of your life. Tonight: Pull back if you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Aim for more of what you want with an eye to making it happen. Join friends and make the best out of the next few days. You might be surprised at how much of a kid you are. Whether you are at a baseball game or hanging out, you enjoy yourself. Tonight: Make sure your pals are around you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Others follow your lead. Be who you are and worry less about the ramifications and others' decisions. An important purchase will make you smile. Think about that special person and how you would like to indulge him or her. Tonight: Could be a late night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You enter a special and magnetic period. Venus enters your sign today. Though the Lion is always charming, you are unusually so in the next few weeks. Christen this dynamic few weeks by spending it with whomever you want, doing what you love. Tonight: Say yes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You enter a phase in which you might be overly sensitive or touchy. Before you react to a slight, question your interpretation. Ask someone for feedback. Explore a relationship born in the next few weeks rather than plunge in. Tonight: Mystery becomes you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Lady Luck jumps on your shoulder and will hang with you for the next few weeks. Is there something you really want or someone you want to be with? Dust off your lucky rabbit's foot and get going. Let others in. Tonight: Happiest with people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Suddenly everyone looks upon you more kindly. You add a quality of magnetism to anything you do. Whether your smile or charisma is at work, life can fall into place. Stand up and be a leader. Tonight: Center stage.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ What might have felt strange becomes strangely alluring. Be willing to walk a different path or do something very different. A day trip or adventure allows you to meet others on their turf. Tonight: Opt for a restaurant or cuisine you have never tried.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Someone adds a lot of va-voom to the moment. This person expresses his or her feelings through actions and gifts, especially in the next few weeks. Schedule plenty of private time with this person. Tonight: Dinner for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Overnight, suddenly others become more appealing. They seem to be much more independent. Don't try to control those around you, or you could be very sorry. Loosen up and relax with company. The only sin you can commit is to be alone. Tonight: Float from one happening to another.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Observe not only others but yourself as well. You might not like what you see heading down your path. The issue remains: How much have you contributed to this problem? Take responsibility, and you'll feel better. Curb a sweet tooth that has taken on a life of its own. Tonight: Choose from your relaxing activities.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

A show of arts on 18th Street

By Daily Press staff

The 18th Street Arts Center presents international performance artists Mariel Carranza and Alastair MacLennan in a free performance of new works in a gallery exhibit.

The performance works will be staged on Saturday, Aug. 19, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and the gallery exhibit will run from Aug. 19 to Aug. 24. The week-long event is the first in a month-long series of international artists presented in Depicting Action, an exhibition of time-based live art.

Carranza is a native of Peru residing in Los Angeles. She has come to recent local acclaim with depictions of process as performance. In her recent work "Corners," Carranza used wool collected from her South American birthplace to weave an elaborate form that fit both herself and the surrounding architecture of the gallery space for several consecutive days. For this event, Carranza will be laying with an animal carcass resting atop her. The performance will explore an awareness of interacting with a dead animal that people have a definite concept of (i.e. — with preconceived idea of consumption). The artist hopes to engender different levels of understanding, evoking violence used by us and against us at the same time.

MacLennan is a long-time member of Black Market International and currently teaches at the University of Ulster, Belfast. His dark, meditative and moving "actuation" performances are known to carry on for many hours or days and have been exhibited internationally for more than 30 years.

Founded in 1988 in Santa Monica, 18th Street Arts Center is Southern California's largest international residential art center of its kind. It is a nonprofit that supports artists and arts organizations dedicated to issues of community and diversity in contemporary society. 18th Street Arts Center is located at 1639 18th Street. For more information, contact (310) 453-3711 or office@18thstreet.org, or go to www.18thstreet.org.

Braille Institute rolls into town

By Daily Press staff

Mobile Solutions, a specialized van that brings Braille Institute's programs and services to people who are not able to travel to the center in Los Angeles, will be making a stop in Santa Monica during the month of August. The van will stop at Edgemar Plaza on Aug. 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Edgemar Plaza is located at 2415 Main Street. Visitors can receive free low-vision consultations and learn more about Braille Institute's Library Services, and qualified patrons can sign up on the spot to begin receiving talking books almost immediately. The consultations are available by appointment only.

The Mobile Solutions van is equipped with high-powered magnifiers, closed-circuit televisions and other adaptive equipment to help maximize remaining vision. The van also features display areas where clients can purchase some of the unique items available at Braille Institute's Vistas store, such as adaptive kitchen utensils and talking watches. For more information on the Mobile Solutions Van or to make an appointment for a free low vision consultation, call Braille Institute at (323) 663-1111, ext. 1252.

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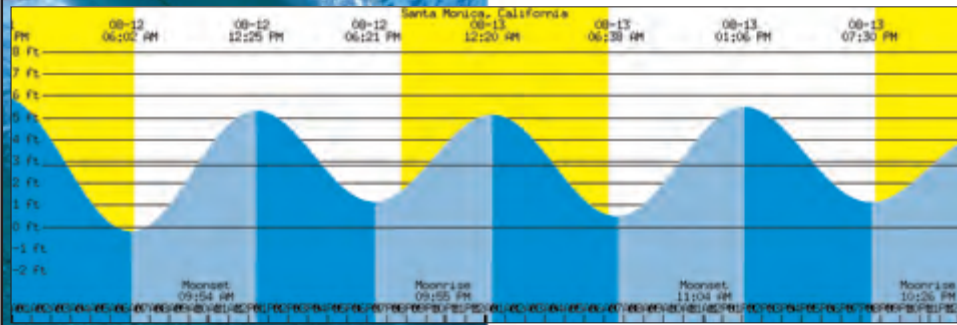


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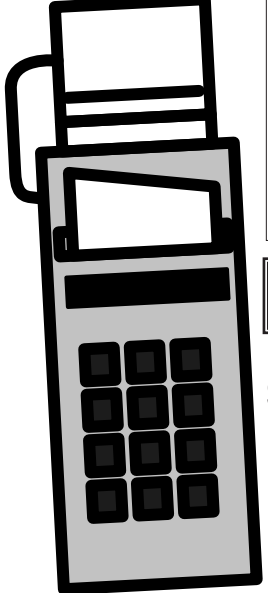


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The QLine

THE STRAIGHT POOP ON CITY DEBRIS

This past week, Q-line asked:
Should City Hall provide an alternative plan to the doggie houses provided by resident Valerie Hiss for dog poop clean-up?
Here are your responses:

☉ Valerie Hiss is a hero in my book, thanks to her doggie houses. The beaches already get graded as "F" for cleanliness. If the doggie houses are banned, maybe they can get "F-". Most of the dog crap in neighborhoods I walk through is in the boulevard on city property, so when the city recommends putting the doggie houses on private property, that is just silly. Valerie has spent her own money and put a lot of effort into these doggie houses. Once again, City Hall has proven to be incompetent and embarrassing by trying to outlaw them instead of trying to solve the problem. Too bad no one could think of an alternative to putting nails in the trees, like tape, rope, wires or little stands like a real-estate sign. I wonder if City Hall will go after all those people who nail garage sale signs and missing pet signs to the trees. The popularity of Valerie's dog houses is obvious, and so is the negligent behavior of dog owners. God help us if they allow a dog beach.

☉ It's Howdy-Doo-doo time. There's too much of this dog waste around. People obviously need to be reminded to pick it up. The city should support clean-up efforts by posting signs and notices and the doggie houses, but don't post them on the trees, as nails do damage trees. Instead, post them on street signs, telephone poles, street lamps and the like.

☉ I do agree that the doggie houses should be removed from public trees. However, it wouldn't cost the city or the Chamber of Commerce or somebody a minimum amount to put up little poles periodically. It would save a whole lot of problems.

☉ I do think the bird houses should be removed from the trees, because they can cause damage to the trees. But, I think citizens of the community such as Valerie's efforts need to be agreed upon in a way that she's bringing a solution to a really serious problem, so we should find something in the middle that should work. One particular suggestion I have is just to put the doggie things on a pole and you can just basically stick those poles in the grass, so it's not going to do any damage to the trees. But you have to admire people like Valerie who take the time and money to solve community problems.

☉ Valerie Hiss deserves applause for her efforts in keeping our city lawns free from dog poop. Unfortunately, one item hanging from a tree leads to other items hanging from trees. There is an adage that states, "No good deed goes unpunished." Still, I trust that a viable solution will be found to allow the poop bags to remain available to the pooch-walking members of our community.

☉ Somebody comes up with a good idea and she spends \$5,000 of her own money to put the doggie pooper-scooper things on the trees, and now it's being given the kibosh? I think this whole screwy city council should have their heads examined, because somebody comes up with a good idea and they just put a kibosh on it, and I don't like that.

☉ Well, since the bums probably make more

mess in this town than any dogs, they ought to be more concerned about that. What they should do is go after everybody else that puts up stuff on the trees, like these idiots that have their yard sales all the time — they put up the signs and they never take it down. Now, they should be easy to find cause they'll have their address on them. And then there's all these stupid politicians — they put their junk up on the telephone poles and trees and they leave those up long after the election. They should go after all the people who leave all their junk in the parks, like the bums with all their shopping carts and stuff they steal. Do something about that, instead of somebody who's actually trying to make something useful.

☉ I am for little plastic bags being left around. By experience, everybody's little dog pooped on my front lawn and on the strip of lawn outside my house because it was the only grass in this area. When I put on my own property a sack of plastic bags, everyone started cleaning up after their dog and I didn't have to. I used to get 10 to 20 poops a day, and now I occasionally get one. So, I think it's a great idea. I don't know about the tree thing. It doesn't matter to me whether it's on a tree or a pole, I think there should be plastic bags left out for dog owners.

☉ Valerie Hiss has provided a valuable service to the community, one which the city should have provided long ago. The law against placing objects on trees has not been enforced, as the city has nailed "No Smoking" signs to trees in Palisades Park, and temporary "No Parking" signs on street trees. At the same time, they have ignored other laws against camping in the parks, sleeping in doorways, or accosting people on the streets. City Hall has a distorted sense of values, and has completely lost touch with its constituents. Hopefully, we can make some changes in November.

☉ I don't know who said, "No good deed goes unpunished," but that seems to be the official Santa Monica way of running things. People who make a contribution to the quality of life here, whether through making it convenient for dog owners to clean up after their pets, or by planting and maintaining beautiful healthy hedges, are targeted by City Hall, when they should be thanked and applauded for their efforts. This selective enforcement of the law points up the skewed priorities and values of our city government. Good deeds are punished, while much of the anti-social behavior which degrades our city is supported, ignored or encouraged.

☉ I do not agree with the city's stance on this issue. Perhaps they should extend the ordinance of placing objects on trees to include banning spraying urine on the trees, which seems to occur on more trees than there are doggie waste-bag houses on trees. After all, surely canine urine also harms the trees.

☉ Unless City Hall has a better solution, the doggie houses should not only stay, but be lit up at night. An award should be given to their sponsor. It's a very clever idea.

Decision '06: Buying new computers bytes



MODERN TIMES

BY LLOYD GARVER

For many of us, every four years we go through an arduous selection process. We agonize over our choice, and after we've made it, we worry that we made the wrong one. I'm not talking about something as easy as voting for President. I'm talking about buying a new computer.

Computers seem to be considered obsolete in three to five years. I don't know of any other thing that we happily buy, knowing that we're not going to be happy with it in a few years. Okay, there's that purple shirt that is a little "out there," but I'm talking about major purchases. Even if we get a new car after a few years, how much faster is that new car than the old one? And can it carry four times as many people in it than the car you bought a few years ago?

So, we buy computers, and then buy them again. We've become so dependent on them that we don't feel we have any choice. When my computer is "in the shop," I panic until it's back home. And there are other computers in our house. So I can still write my column and check my e-mails, but it's not the same as using my "baby." Yes, it's almost like a member of the family is being operated on — except I know this family member will be obsolete soon.

And one reason we panic when something's wrong with them or when it looks like we may need a new one is because so many of us have no idea how they work. So, we have to trust the expert — our "Computer Guy." And when our Computer Guy says it's time to buy a new computer, we do it.

Last week, my Computer Guy said it was time. After bringing it back to health following a nasty virus, he said it would still work for a while, but he could "hear it strain" as it booted up and performed other operations. It sounded the same to me as it did four years ago, but I trusted what he said. After all, he's the guy wearing the blue shirt with the company logo on it.

He recommended a computer with a 160-gigabyte hard drive, 1 gigabyte of RAM and a speed of 2.13 gigahertz. This would make it much faster and it would have a much greater storage capacity than my old one, which was much faster and had a greater storage capacity than I ever needed (I use it almost exclusively for word processing and e-mail. I'm rarely called upon to figure out pi to a thousand decimal places, while simultaneously creating a birthday card that sings and dances). My Computer Guy's answer was that I should get the computer with all of this technology that I don't really need because all of these improvements are so cheap.

It's true that as computers have gotten faster and better over the years, they've gotten less expensive. But they're still not as cheap as if you didn't have to buy a new one. They're not free.

So, I thought it was time for me to actually find out what I was buying. I knew that gigahertz (GHz) was a measure of speed, but just how fast was it? My only frame of reference was miles per hour. Was this new computer faster than my car? So, I looked it up and learned that a gigahertz is a unit of alternating current or electromagnetic wave frequency equal to one billion hertz.

That definition wasn't particularly helpful, since I guess I'm one of the few people in the world who doesn't know how fast a "hertz" is (I can tell how fast a Hertz rent-a-car is, but that comes with a speedometer).

So, I wasn't able to calculate how many miles per hour a megahertz is. But one billion of anything sounds like a lot. So, I assume a gigahertz is very fast. After all, it's got a one with nine zeroes after it (1,000,000,000 Hz). That's got to be speedy. And my new computer will be going at an amazing rate of not just 1, but 2.13 of those giga-puppies. My Computer Guy told me that's blazing fast! But, of course, in four years, he'll be telling me how slow it is.

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Hanging on by thread



As I write this column each week, I often wonder is this worthy of a column, or just a random idea I've managed to stretch into 700 words? Sometimes I can't tell the difference. As always, you'll be the judge. The idea for this one came to me one morning a few weeks ago when I phoned a friend who's had the same number for twenty years. I hadn't finished dialing when suddenly the phone started to ring. I hung up and redialed. Astute observer that I am, after the third time I sensed something was amiss. Finally I heard a recording saying I had to dial 310, even for local numbers. Great, one more annoying, time-consuming thing I can do nothing about.

Before complaining to the phone company, I remembered when Lenny Bruce said many years ago when he called them a monopoly worse than Communism. He warned if you got "hot with he phone company you could wind up with a Dixie cup and thread." That in mind, it's still seems so absurd to have to dial 310 when only calling the apartment down the hall.

At the risk of this being titled "Next Stop Woodlawn Cemetery," I can remember in the 50's when there were prefixes, BRadshaw, GRanite, WEBster, WYoming, or VERmont. Santa Monica's prefix was EXbrook. You dialed the prefix followed by 5 numbers. It was so easy to remember. Then, out of the blue, the phone company went to all numbers. The movie "BUtterfield8" wouldn't have been the same as, "288-4118." My father predicted the switch to all numbers was the slippery slope of automation. Little did he know.

Despite negative public reaction, the phone company has presented its logic why this was necessary. Then again, the Bush administration presented its logic about the war in Iraq. So much for logic. By the way,

for fans of statistics, here's a doozie. By this November's election we will have been at war in Iraq longer than all of World War 2! Something to think about, perhaps as you're dialing 310.

Not only does extra dialing of 310 put one at risk for the dreaded "finger fatigue," it plays havoc with local numbers in your speed dial. They're now useless. I've forgotten how to store numbers on my phone. I've misplaced the instructions. It might take me all day to find them in my cluttered apartment, and then, all I might find is an old dry cleaning claim check -- which wouldn't be so bad, now that I think of it.

I don't know if it's A.D.D. or I'm just terrible with electronics or both. I bought a radio for my bike, which also has a clock, which also has an alarm, that happened to go off in the middle of the night. It was so piercing I thought it was Al Qaeda. I wonder if you have to dial 310 before you dial 911?

All this reminds of a story about Bill Gates, only in reverse. While developing Windows, Gates challenged his programmers to make it boot five seconds faster. Of the millions of people who would use windows multiple times in a day, he calculated how much time would be saved world wide. It was staggering. This is as well, only in reverse. If it takes an extra two seconds every time you dial 310. And if you make twenty calls a day. And if say 3 million people are in the 310 area code, over our collective lifetimes, I figure we've lost 1 billion hours! How are we going to make this time up, eating faster? Look at the time I've wasted just figuring this out.

Well, I can see by my computer's word counter, I've come to the end. Was this worthy of a column or just stretching 700 words? As always, you'll be the judge. Two weeks ago I joked about rent control and got a call from my landlord. Last week I wrote an anti-smoking piece and joked about a call from the Tobacco Institute. This week, to quote Lenny Bruce, I hope I don't wind up with a Dixie cup and thread.

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Tossing hat into rings

BY LISA LEFF
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A team representing the U.S. Olympic Committee scrutinized San Francisco's proposal for hosting the 2016 Summer Games this week, questioning whether the city has appropriate venues for track and field events and the opening and closing ceremonies, among other issues.

Although the San Francisco 49ers last month unveiled a plan for a new stadium at Candlestick Point that would have enough seats to host a major event such as the Olympics, Mayor Gavin Newsom said the USOC representatives expressed concern whether the facility and other sites in the city's bid would be finished in time, Newsom said.

"Eighty-three percent is not 100 percent of venues already completed," he said, adding that the city would provide alternative options to the still-to-be built 49ers stadium when it submits an updated proposal to the USOC next month. "There is a grow-

ing feeling that NFL stadiums are not the best opening and closing venues."

The USOC team — composed of Bob Ctvrtlik, the committee's vice president for international relations and two technical consultants — offered a similar critique on Wednesday when they visited Chicago, another of the three finalists vying to be America's entry in the international competition to host the 2016 Olympics.

Chicago officials have floated the idea of using both the 61,500-seat Soldier Field and a nearby temporary stadium for the opening and closing ceremonies. The USOC team is scheduled to meet with officials in Los Angeles, which hosted the 1984 Olympics, on Friday.

Ctvrtlik would not provide specifics of his meeting with Newsom and other backers of the city's bid, saying only the detailed feedback he and the consultants provided was designed "to help them craft a bid that maximizes their strengths and to minimize some of the shortcomings."

"We were not in the business of coming

to flatter the cities. That is not in their, nor the US Olympic Committee or our country's best interest," he said. "It was a very concrete, open discussion, and we were critical in many areas. But the criticism was aimed, as it was in Chicago and as it will be in Los Angeles, at strengthening these bids."

Newsom said that if he and the group working on San Francisco's bid decide they can't realistically meet the USOC's expectations in terms of time and infrastructure, he would take the city out of the running before the committee picks a finalist, a decision expected in March.

"Either the city can or cannot perform," he said. "We want to make sure they have confidence in us and we have confidence in the process, ... whether we can deliver on their expectations. And there is a chance we might not be able to do that."

Besides the stadium issue, USOC members questioned the adequacy of the Bay Area's transportation system.

Wounded troops get their digs with Pendleton barracks

BY THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press Writer

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — The Marine Corps on Thursday unveiled the first West Coast barracks for Marines and sailors who are wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan, an alternative to the often-empty quarters that house many injured troops while their units remain overseas.

The Wounded Warrior Center is the second Marine barracks for the wartime wounded. The first opened last year at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and is run by a Marine colonel who was himself injured in Iraq.

The newest barracks at Camp Pendleton, north of San Diego, look like a moderate hotel, with TVs, carpeted hallways, separate bedrooms and sitting areas. Donated handmade quilts bearing patriotic messages drape each bed.

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Activists blast 'don't tell' policy

BY PATRICK CONDON

Associated Press Writer

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — On paper, Haven Herrin seems to be an ideal candidate for military recruiters.

She can easily run five miles and was valedictorian of her college class. "Frankly, I'm exactly the kind of person the military says it wants," she said.

But when Herrin tried recently to sign up for the Minnesota National Guard, she was turned down because she told the recruiter she is a lesbian — a revelation that tripped the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy banning openly gay service members.

Her admission was the opening round of a nationwide campaign against the 13-year-old policy by a group of young activists. In the next few months, gay men and women in their late teens and early 20s will attempt to enlist at recruiting offices in 30 cities. They will also disclose their sexual orientation.

If they are rebuffed, the activists plan to

stage sit-ins at the offices, hoping to attract media coverage and support from a public they believe increasingly opposes the ban.

Organizers have dubbed the campaign Right to Serve. It was conceived by Herrin and Jacob Reitan, the 24-year-old young adult coordinator for the Virginia-based gay rights group called Soulforce.

The Pentagon's policy on gays is "as clear-cut an example of discrimination that you could find," Reitan said. "No one can deny it, and it's happening every day."

Don't ask, don't tell dates to 1993, during the first days of Bill Clinton's presidency. While running for the White House, Clinton vowed to overturn the military's long-standing ban on gays.

But, amid pressure from religious groups and concern from military leaders, he endorsed don't ask, don't tell. As passed by Congress and signed by Clinton, the policy requires gay service members to keep their homosexuality hidden and refrain from same-sex sexual conduct.

The military is prohibited from asking recruits about their sexual orientation, and commanders are limited in their ability to investigate rumors or allegations of homosexuality in the ranks.

Since the policy was adopted, more than 11,000 gay service members have been discharged, according to the Service Members Legal Defense Network, which is opposed to the policy. Critics argue that in many cases military officials have violated its spirit, pursuing service members based on rumors or innuendo.

"Even service members who try to keep their end of the deal — who 'don't tell' — are being routinely subjected to malicious outings and investigations," said Steve Ralls, spokesman for the network. "The American people have a perception of don't ask, don't tell being true to its name, and in reality that's just not the case."

Even its supporters acknowledge that don't ask, don't tell isn't perfect.

"It's like what Churchill said about

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democracy — it's the worst system possible, except for all the other ones," said Charles Moskos, a military sociologist at Northwestern University who helped craft the policy and coined the phrase "don't ask, don't tell."

But, Moskos said, allowing openly gay service members would hurt the morale of the military rank-and-file and make many recruits uncomfortable.

"There are few situations in life where you're forced to live in intimate circumstances not of your choosing," Moskos said. "It just won't work. You will find people who feel their privacy rights are being violated. The gay advocates say it will cause enlistment to go up."

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Dead zone worsens

BY JOSEPH B. FRAZIER

Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — Scientists say the oxygen-starved “dead zone” along the Pacific Coast that is causing massive crab and fish die-offs is worse than initially thought.

Scientists say weather, not pollution, appears to be the culprit, and no relief is in sight. However, some say there is no immediate sign yet of long-term damage to the crab fishery.

Oregon State University scientists looking for weather changes that could reverse the situation aren't finding them, and they

say levels of dissolved oxygen critical to marine life are the lowest since the first dead zone was identified in 2002. It has returned every year.

Strong upwelling winds pushed a low-oxygen pool of deep water toward shore, suffocating marine life, said Jane Lubchenco, a professor of marine biology at OSU.

She said wind changes could help push that water farther out but current forecasts predict the opposite.

After a recent trip to the dead zone and an inspection via camera on a remote-controlled submarine, she said, “We saw a crab graveyard and no fish the entire day.”

“Thousands and thousands of dead crab and molts were littering the ocean floor. Many sea stars were dead, and the fish have either left the area or have died and been washed away,” she said. “Seeing so much carnage on the video screens was shocking and depressing.”

The effect on the commercial fishery isn't yet known, said Hal Weeks, a marine ecologist with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

“The last two years have been record-breaking years in Oregon for Dungeness crab” despite dead zones, he said.

“In that fishery there has been no appar-

ent effect. That doesn't mean there won't be,” he said.

It is Oregon's most valuable fishery, worth as much as \$44 million in recent years.

But Weeks said crab populations fluctuate wildly for reasons not well understood. Whether any harvest decline is a result of normal fluctuation or the effects of the dead zone is hard to say, he said.

He said some reports indicate the loss of fin fish may be due to their movement to areas with more oxygen rather than to mortality.



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Heal the Bay

Better detection exists, but changes may be slow

BY BRIAN BERGSTEIN

AP Technology Writer

BOSTON — While the process isn't perfect, scanning machines do exist to detect liquid explosives like the ones purportedly at the heart of the terrorist plot broken up this week.

But don't expect the machines to be rushed into airports soon. Cost and logistical issues present challenges for these devices.

Consider work that's been done at Rapiscan Systems, part of OSI Systems Inc.

Rapiscan is developing four kinds of devices — some based on technologies more than 10 years old — that can detect liquid or gel-based explosives. Two that would work on carry-on bags already have been tested by the Transportation Security Administration and "could be deployed this afternoon," said Peter Kant, the company's vice president for government affairs.

But none are being used in the United States. Some are in place overseas, though Kant said those aren't in airports.

One big reason is that it is not easy to integrate the explosive-detecting machines, some of which can cost \$250,000, into existing security checkpoints. Because each briefcase, purse or other carry-on bag has to be put in a special drawer for analysis, using the detectors could significantly bog down passenger screening.

Homeland security analyst Brian Rutenbur of Morgan Keegan Co. also points out that the technology still produces a relatively high number of false alarms.

For those reasons — and because there still has not been a successful attack using liquid explosives — Rutenbur believes the TSA won't be pressed to overhaul the current screening regimen.

That would mean a continued reliance on systems not designed to stop liquid explosives. Metal detectors figure to remain the primary method, with the main secondary screening coming from "puffer" technology that blows air on people and sniffs the particles that emerge for suspicious materials.

For a machine to detect explosives in liquid or solid form, it bombards an object with energy — such as radio waves or neutrons — and in seconds measures the reaction, a response that differs depending on the material's chemical properties. Software in the machine is programmed to alert screeners if it detects chemical signatures known to match those of dangerous materials.

A key question, though, is whether this kind of detection system can realistically block terrorists from bringing seemingly innocuous liquids past security and combining them later to deadly effect.

Certainly, some common ingredients in

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liquid explosives can be programmed into the detector. But Kant, at Rapiscan, said he would not discuss the vulnerabilities of that approach. "Whether it detects the components of explosives and which ones, there's no way I'm putting that in print," he said.

Sean Moore, vice president of sales at a rival maker of explosive-detection systems, HiEnergy Technologies Inc., said future screening machines could be linked so that they might let a person through with one kind of liquid — but stop another traveler carrying another type of liquid that reacts explosively with what the previous person was carrying.

This list of liquids to watch for, he acknowledged, would have to be constantly updated as "terrorists become more ingenious."

That scenario, however, remains a ways off. Not only are security checkpoints not networked, but HiEnergy has not sold a single device for U.S. airports. Its main project so far involves field tests on unattended packages in Philadelphia with the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority.

A totally different kind of scanning technology that already has begun to emerge, backscatter screening, has no automated ability to detect explosives. But its backers say it nonetheless could go a long way to halting plots like the one apparently thwarted this week.

Backscatter screening is much like traditional X-rays, except that the system sends more, but weaker, X-rays at an object. It can't penetrate skin, but it can reveal items under someone's clothes — such as a hidden bottle of liquid.

A major problem is that the view is so powerful that an individual's private parts can be seen, which forced the TSA to delay tests while vendors tweaked the machines' programming to distort or mask bodily images. And backscatter systems still leave it up to a human screener to recognize a suspicious item.

But Joe Reiss, vice president of marketing for backscatter vendor American Science and Engineering Inc., says it makes more sense to invest in \$50,000 systems like his — which might help catch a wide variety of suspicious behavior — than to zero in on liquid explosives, the technique of the moment.

"The name of the game is to provide enhanced methods of detecting what people want to conceal," he said. "If you get too focused on a perfect solution for yesterday's problem, you might be missing the bigger picture."

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Warplanes summoned to give Israel command

BY CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA

Associated Press Writer

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon — Israeli warplanes and artillery pounded Hezbollah positions Friday in attempts to gain unchallenged command of strategic high ground and disrupt guerrilla rocket attacks across the border.

Israel delayed a major ground offensive to give diplomacy time to work, but Prime Minister Ehud Olmert has decided to go ahead with a new ground push in southern Lebanon, after expressing dissatisfaction over an emerging cease-fire deal, Israeli government officials said.

In far northern Lebanon, Israeli jets blasted a key bridge to Syria and killed at least 12 people.

The conflict for the first time touched the entire length of Lebanon and sent the message that no place was safe from the widening Israeli attacks.

It was not immediately clear whether Israel was trying to pressure the U.N. Security Council, which was expected to vote soon on a cease-fire resolution, or whether it was really determined to send troops deeper into Lebanon.

The Israeli officials said Israel was upset about apparent last-minute changes that seemed to weaken the mandate of a multinational force.

Earlier, U.N. diplomats had reported progress on the cease-fire plan, with the U.S. ambassador to the U.N., John Bolton, saying a vote was possible Friday, and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was in New York to continue negotiations.

"We're working for a vote today. We're working for a vote today," she said as she entered the Security Council shortly after the Israeli announcement.

One of Rice's top deputies, Assistant Secretary of State David Welch, was in Beirut as part of shuttle diplomacy between Israel and Lebanon.

Hezbollah sent another barrage of more than 150 rockets toward northern Israel, it said. Israeli rescue workers said eight people in the port of Haifa were wounded by shrapnel, but they estimated the Hezbollah attack at about 80 missiles by midday.

The heaviest fighting continued around Marjayoun, an important hub just north of Israel's Galilee panhandle that juts into Lebanon. An Associated Press reporter briefly entered the embattled city and saw intense Israeli bombardment of dug-in Hezbollah fighters.

The city, which is mostly Christian, gives Israeli gunners a view of the Litani River valley and other areas used as launching grounds for Hezbollah rockets. Israeli tanks rolled into Marjayoun on Thursday after coming under withering Hezbollah ambushes along the way.

Hundreds of civilian vehicles joined a convoy escorted by U.N. peacekeepers leaving Marjayoun. The exodus included about 350 Lebanese soldiers and police who were in the city when Israeli forces poured in.

The mayor of Marjayoun, Fuad Hamra, told the AP by telephone from the convoy that he blames the Lebanese government for abandoning state institutions in the region. "As of tonight and in the coming days, Marjayoun will be a field for destruction," he said.

By taking Marjayoun, the Israeli army was closer to Beirut than at any time since the fighting began July 12 after a cross-border raid in which Hezbollah captured two Israeli soldiers and killed three.

Powerful explosions resounded across Beirut. Local media reported Israeli warplanes hit Hezbollah strongholds in the southern Dahieh suburb.

Israel also struck an area close to the Lebanese border crossing at Masnaa in the Bekaa Valley, about 30 miles southeast of Beirut, but there were no reports of casualties. Masnaa is the main crossing into Syria, and the main escape route for hundreds of displaced Lebanese who fled the country over land.

In the propaganda war, Israeli planes dropped leaflets over parts of Beirut saying Hezbollah leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah is "cheating" the Lebanese and hiding the number of losses among the militiamen. The paper included the names of about 90 fighters Israel said were killed.

Israel has imposed a virtual lockdown on traffic across southern Lebanon and key northern routes, seeking to cut off weapon and aid shipments to Hezbollah. The attack on the Abboudiyeh border crossing apparently reflected Israeli fears that Hezbollah was still being supplied via Syria.

At least 12 people were killed in the attack on the bridge, spanning the northern border, security officials said. That left the northern coastal road as the only official border crossing to Syria open for those trying to flee war-ravaged Lebanon.

At least two other Lebanese civilians were killed in attacks in other parts of the country, officials said.

Israeli forces were still locked in relentless clashes with guerrillas along the southern border.

Hezbollah reported it killed or wounded 15 Israeli soldiers near the border village of Aita al-Shaab. It also said Israeli forces suffered casualties near the southern village of Rachaf. Israel did not immediately release information on battlefield losses.

Hezbollah said four of its fighters had been killed, but did not say when or where.

The guerrilla group's Al-Manar TV said Hezbollah fighters hit an Israeli gunboat off Tyre in southern Lebanon, killing or wounding 12 sailors. The Israeli military denied the claim.

More than 800 people in Lebanon and Israel have died since fighting erupted.

At the United Nations, Bolton said the United States and France were nearing a deal on a Security Council resolution.

"We are very, very close to an agreement and our aspiration is to have a vote by the end of the afternoon today," Bolton said.

The most serious stumbling block to a deal appeared to be the timing of the withdrawal of Israeli troops. Also at issue is how much more power to give the U.N. force now in southern Lebanon as it helps coordinate the transition.

Lebanon has demanded Israeli troops start pulling out once hostilities end and Beirut sends 15,000 troops of its own to the south to join international forces in a buffer zone. Israel has insisted on staying in southern Lebanon until a robust peacekeeping force is deployed, which could take weeks or months.

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Voters likely to have their work cut out

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measures and a \$268 million bond to help repair and upgrade local schools and other district facilities.

Political pundits believe the ballot could be one of the longest and most challenging in the state's history, putting pressure on voters to become educated like never before.

"This is going to be incredibly confusing for voters," said Matt Klink, vice president of Cerrell & Association, a political consulting firm. "We are dealing with some pretty complex subjects and many voters are going to get election overload, and when voters do that, they tend to just vote 'no' on everything."

Local measures could be cast aside because of voter fatigue, Klink warned.

To ensure this doesn't happen, voters need to become educated about the issues. Here's a brief look at the local initiatives and bond forecast, with more detailed stories to follow as the campaign season heats up.

SANTA MONICA-MALIBU SCHOOLS SAFETY AND REPAIR MEASURE

Citing the need to repair leaky roofs, improve computer technology and replace deteriorating, 30-year-old school restrooms, the school board on Aug. 3 voted to place a \$268 million bond measure on the ballot.

No money would be used to pay salaries or other administrative costs, district officials said.

The bond must be approved by 55 percent of voters in Santa Monica and Malibu before any money is issued. If so, property owners can expect to pay an additional \$30 for every \$100,000 of assessed value when their property taxes are due.

The measure comes as the district completes an extensive community outreach process to develop a facilities master plan, which will drive land use in the district for the next 20 years.

School board members and other supporters believe the money is needed to prepare the district for the future, which could include the construction of new classrooms to ease overcrowding at some of the district's largest schools, including John Adams Middle School and Santa Monica High School.

Those opposed point to two parcel taxes — Measures S and Y — already providing roughly \$10 million a year for district operations, as well as declining enrollment figures as reasons not to support a new tax.

A district-sponsored survey conducted by an independent firm in Santa Monica found that an overwhelming majority of the 500 voters contacted said they would support a bond if the tax level stayed at or below \$30.

MARIJUANA LOWEST LAW ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY POLICY ORDINANCE

The council reluctantly placed this measure on the ballot earlier this week, forced to do so under California elections code because supporters — Santa Monicans For Sensible Marijuana Policy — were successful in gathering the 5,580 signatures needed for it to qualify. That figure represents 10 percent of the 55,801 registered voters living in Santa Monica, according to the City Clerk's Office.

The measure, supported by the National Organization for Marijuana Reform and Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, would make adult marijuana use in someone's private residence the lowest law enforcement priority for the Santa Monica Police Department. "Adult" applies to anyone over 21 years old. The initiative would not legalize marijuana, nor allow adults to smoke it in public or while operating a car.

Supporters brought the initiative before the council following a survey which showed that 73 percent of voters here "agree that adults that use marijuana, but otherwise follow the law should not be criminalized," according to the group's Web site. Supporters believe the war on drugs has failed and that valuable law enforcement resources are being squandered on locking up harmless marijuana users.

The measure would prohibit the SMPD from working with state or federal agencies to do enforcement work with-

A show of force



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Santa Monica Police Officer Capri Redondo attempts to recruit Tom Magee, 48, a former World Super Heavyweight Powerlifting Champion during a recruiting expo at Gold's gym in Venice this week. Unlike other police departments, SMDP has no upper age limit. The starting salary is \$5,179.00 per month. For an application, call (310) 458-8414.

in the lowest priority and from receiving federal funds for such work. The measure would also require oversight by the council to ensure compliance, including semi-annual reports on arrests and other statistics. The council would also be required to receive complaints from those who believe they were arrested in a manner inconsistent with the measure.

The City Clerk's Office would also be forced to send letters every year to federal and state officials, including the President of the United States and the governor of California, requesting that similar laws be enacted elsewhere.

SMPD Chief James T. Butts, as well as the president of the Police Officer's Association, have come out against the ordinance, charging that it would inhibit officers from uncovering more serious crimes and allows for the smoking of hashish and other cannabis products containing high concentrations of THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol, the psychoactive substance found in marijuana plants. The president of the police union, Sgt. Greg Smiley, said officers will campaign to defeat the measure.

CLEAN BEACHES AND OCEAN PARCEL TAX ACT

To continue protecting Santa Monica Bay from harmful urban runoff and other pollutants, the council is calling on voters to approve a new parcel tax, expected to raise \$40 million over the next 10 years to fund a watershed management plan.

For each parcel which is a single family dwelling, meaning most homes, the annual maximum tax rate will be set at \$84 for the first year, with annual reviews. Other housing and businesses will pay a tax based on the size of the parcel and the amount of runoff found there.

In addition to reducing urban runoff pollution, supporters of the tax claim it will increase water reuse and conservation, recreational opportunities and open space, not to mention wildlife and marine habitat.

Arguments against the tax should be submitted no later than Aug. 22, according to the City Clerk's Office.

GOOD GOVERNMENT ACT OF 2006

In an attempt to simplify and clarify a voter-approved initiative prohibiting kickbacks to elected officials in exchange for votes, the council chose to place the Good Government Act of 2006 on the ballot. Councilman Kevin McKeown opposed the move, stating he preferred to deal with campaign contributions and gift limits at the same time the council considers public financing of campaigns, also known as "clean money."

If approved, the act would replace current restrictions on gift-giving or campaign contributions in exchange for a

Seats up for grabs

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required to submit at least 100 valid signatures from Santa Monica voters. Those who failed to do so are out of the running, unless they requested an extension. That deadline is Aug. 16.

Three City Council seats are up for grabs.

Those who have turned in their homework now must wait until sometime next week — likely Tuesday afternoon — to find out if they've made the grade, meaning the required signatures gathered are legit.

Those who have made the cut so far include Armstrong, who is running on a platform dedicated to helping homeless women get off the street, while hooking up youngsters with early education opportunities. She is joined by Mann, a former teacher with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

Speaking of the school district, in which four seats are for the taking this election, all three incumbents — Emily Bloomfield, Shane McCloud and Oscar de la Torre — submitted their papers on time and are awaiting certification. Bloomfield and de la Torre secured the highly coveted endorsement of Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, as did challengers Barry Snell, a single parent of three, and Kelly Pye, an education activist. Snell and Pye have yet to file, according to the City Clerk's Office.

On the Rent Control Board, where there are three seats available, incumbent Jennifer Kennedy, a SMRR candidate, appears on her way to securing a second term. She was joined by two SMRR-backed hopefuls, Zelia Mollica and Marilyn Korade-Wilson. They will face off against Robert Kronovet, whose petition has been certified.

Last but not least, the Santa Monica College board of trustees, where incumbent and long-time SMRR member Nancy Greenstein filed papers along with education advocate Louise Jaffe, who is also endorsed by SMRR. They are the only two, as of Friday, to file nomination papers. Andrew Walzer and David Finkel, also SMRR-backed candidates, have yet to file, in addition to Thomas Donner, former interim president of the college and chief business officer.

Four seats are available in that race.

Gathering signatures was an ordeal for some candidates, given the city's strong political alliances and a large contin-

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Hundreds take part

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we always wonder when we're going to quit."

The Buffos are just one of hundreds of teams taking part in Santa Monica's rich and expansive adult sports program, which has been around since the mid-1960s.

The program features softball, basketball and volleyball, with plans to add soccer and a softball seniors league in the near future, according to Ray Fitzpatrick, the city's community sports program supervisor for the last 24 years.

As for Bell's squad, well, they just feature too much intrigue to quit just yet.

Founded in 1972 as Bell's Auto Service — taking a sponsorship from Bell's father's shop on Pico Boulevard — by Bell and four fellow Santa Monica College students, the team has only featured its R-rated name since 1982.

"We lost our sponsorship in 1982 and somebody had a dog by the name of Buffo," said Bell, a former logistics manager in the aerospace industry. "We made what it stands for — it somehow evolved into meaning something."

Today, the team members include policemen, private businessmen and an ex-middle school principal, with five of the original members — including Bell — still on the current roster.

But another reason giving the players pause before hanging up their cleats is more practical — they got game. The Buffos have won a league championship in every decade since the team's inception, with the latest title coming in 2005.

"We don't have a win-at-all-costs attitude, so we could've actually won more championships," said Bell, whose team currently plays in the Wednesday Men's "C-" Softball League. "With that philosophy, you wouldn't last 24 years."

"You have to keep things in perspective, remember you're playing with friends. We're here to have fun."

THEY CERTAINLY WILL COME

Close to 2,000 participants take part in the city's recreation leagues on a weekly basis. Games are staged daily at Memorial Park's softball fields and inside its 10,000-square foot gymnasium. For a minimal fee specific to each sport, Santa Monica residents can test their team's strength against other local competition.

"Any time you create a place for the people to take their leisure time and have a great recreational experience, it's good for the community," Fitzpatrick said. "The last survey we put out, we got a 99.5 percent total rating, which is excellent."

Fitzpatrick said that between 330 and 350



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TAKING A HIT Dennis Otterbein, 48, bats for the Buffos on Wednesday. Otterbein has been playing for the Buffos for the past 18 years.

adult sports teams take part each year, with the teams being put in leagues based on skill level. Leagues range from the highest skill level of an "A" team to the lowest skill set, which is "D-."

"We're pretty user-friendly," said Fitzpatrick. "We don't do a lot of what I call 'fitting the round hole with the square peg.' We don't have a formula in which we try and fit teams into. We don't care how good or bad they are. We have some leagues with seven teams, some with nine. It takes time to balance leagues out."

"When we do that, it's a better recreation experience."

Fitzpatrick said that Santa Monica has become renowned throughout the area for its rich rec leagues, which have grown considerably under his tenure as program supervisor. With just 10 co-ed softball teams when he began in 1982, the Santa Monica leagues now feature 80. The men's league has swelled from 42 teams to more than 110. As for the women's league, Santa Monica is the only city on the Westside that even offers such a league.

"Most of the leagues have doubled or tripled in the time I've been here," said Fitzpatrick. "There's fathers and sons playing together, fathers and daughters, husbands and wives ... that's what's going on out there. It's a nice aspect of the leagues' successes."

Registration for the leagues are continuous, but they do fill up quickly, according to Fitzpatrick. Softball can be played throughout the year, with up to three seasons being offered.

Softball begins in the summer and costs \$330 for a co-ed or women's team to register and \$350

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Voters have some homework before Nov. 7

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"yes" vote in favor of those giving the gift, with prohibitions against any gift-giving of more than \$50, regardless of the vote. One person could not give gifts totaling more than \$250 a year. City officials would also be prohibited from making decisions on issues in which the party directly involved is negotiating, or has any arrangement concerning current, future or prospective employment with that official.

The act would replace the Oak's Initiative, or Prop. LL, passed by nearly 60 percent of voters in 2000. City Hall sued the City Clerk's Office to have the Oaks Initiative ruled unconstitutional because it believed the law prevents residents and others from participating in the electoral process, discourages public participation on boards and commissions, and is too burdensome and confusing to be complied with correctly, forcing part-time politicians to hire expensive, expert treasurers to ensure they aren't violating the law.

Those opposed to the act, including the Santa Monica-based Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights, claim elected officials are doing away with the law because it limits their ability to raise funds for their re-election campaigns. They say the act proposed would weaken current standards and allow for City Council members and others to receive

kickbacks in exchange for their votes.

"The ... council has spent years trying to overturn the voter mandate that said city officials can't reap personal rewards from people they grant taxpayer dollars or award other public benefits," said Carmen Balber, of the foundation, which helped author the Oaks Initiative. "This time, they've bulldozed a last-minute measure onto the ballot in the hopes of pulling the wool over the voters' eyes. Politicians lost this fight once at the ballot. They'll lose it again when the voters don't fall for their bait-and-switch scheme to replace Santa Monica's strongest-in-the-nation ethics law with weak rules every city in the state already follows."

AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING CITY CHARTER SECTIONS

This measure would give the city manager more power in the hiring and firing of City Hall's top executives by re-classifying department heads as "at-will" employees, stripping them of protections granted under the city's civil service system. Voters are also being asked to give the City Manager sole authority over the hiring of department heads without first seeking the approval of city commissioners and board members.

City Manager Lamont Ewell said the reforms are necessary because the civil service system is outdated and hinders the swift removal of those managers who perform poorly. In some extreme cases, it has taken as long as two to three years to fire someone under the system's lengthy disciplinary and review process, Ewell said.

The charter changes — four in all — would create greater accountability on all levels of government, while modernizing the civil service system to bring about more efficiency in operations, said Ewell, who made the request for the council to place the measure on the ballot.

Those who would be affected by the proposal include all department heads, except the chief of police. City Attorney, council members and the City Manager, all of whom are already considered at-will employees, are not covered by the civil service system.

Of those department heads that may be affected, several said they support the reforms. They include the director of

The papers trail

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gent of renters, many who are not registered in the city.

"It was hard," said O'Day, who collected 155 signatures and is running for the council for the first time. "It was definitely a lot harder than I thought it was going to be. I found a lot of people who didn't live in Santa Monica ... and others who were really passionate about who they wanted to vote for. It was nice though to get out in the community and talk to voters, hear their concerns."

Other prospective candidates, in particular incumbents and those with strong ties to community groups, had less trouble. O'Connor, who is seeking her fourth term on the council, said she had the luxury of taking time off to call friends and colleagues to see if they would sign up. Her brother-in-law also stood outside a local grocery store, in which he encountered those who supported O'Connor, those who felt she was just too liberal, and others who had never heard of her before. She also had friends circulate petitions on her behalf.

"It's really about the network you have and that comes from working in the community," O'Connor said. "Someone on a board or commission could have a strong network as someone from the PTA. I think it just depends on how active you are."

Community and Cultural Service, Finance and Human Resources, according to prior interviews.

The charter changes have been implemented in other cities, including Beverly Hills, Culver City, Burbank, Long Beach and Pasadena.

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Airports carrying on in wake of terror plot

BY ROBERT BARR
Associated Press Writer

LONDON — British officials Friday identified 19 of the suspects accused of planning to blow up U.S.-bound aircraft in the biggest terrorist plot to be uncovered since 9/11. In Pakistan, officials reported signs of an al-Qaida connection and said they had detained a “key person” in the case.

Travelers saw shorter lines at airports as flight schedules slowly returned to normal, one day after the disclosure of the alleged conspiracy severely disrupted British air traffic.

British police have arrested 24 people suspected of involvement in the plot. At least one was reportedly a woman with a small child; two others were converts to Islam. One of the suspects reportedly worked at Heathrow Airport.

The identities of 19 were disclosed by the Bank of England as it announced it had frozen their accounts. They ranged in age from 17 to 35 and had Muslim names, many of them common in Pakistan. Pakistani officials said they were British-born.

Pakistani officials said they had arrested five Pakistanis and two Britons in the case, including British national Rashid Rauf, arrested about a week ago and described as a “key person” with ties to al-Qaida.

“We arrested him from the (Afghanistan-Pakistan) border area and on his disclosure we shared the information with British authorities, which led to further arrests in Britain,” Interior Minister Aftab Khan Sherpao The Associated Press. The five Pakistanis were described as suspected “facilitators” of the plot.

Later Friday, Pakistani intelligence officials said more people had been arrested in eastern Pakistan.

British and U.S. investigators, describing a plot on the scale of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, said the planners sought to use common electronic devices to detonate liquid explosives to bring down as many as 10 planes.

The bombs were to be assembled aboard the aircraft, apparently with peroxide-based solution and everyday carry-on items such as a disposable camera or a music player, two American law enforcement officials told The Associated Press. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because Britain asked that no information be released.

A federal law enforcement official in Washington said at least one martyrdom tape was found during raids across England on Thursday. Such a tape, as well as the scheme to strike a range of targets at roughly the same time, is a hallmark of al-Qaida.

British Home Secretary John Reid said Britain was grateful for Pakistan’s cooperation and that officials believed the main suspects were in custody. However, the threat level in the U.K. remained at “critical,” the highest level.

Agents in Pakistan arrested at least seven people, including two British nationals of Pakistani origin who provided information on the terror plot, a senior government official said Friday. The arrests were made in the eastern city of Lahore and in Karachi, the official said on condition of anonymity because he did not have the authority to speak formally on the issue.

Two were Britons arrested about a week ago, he said. The five Pakistanis were arrested on suspicion they served as local “facilitators” for the two Britons, the official said. It wasn’t clear when they were detained.

The Guardian newspaper, citing unidentified British government sources, said after the first two arrests were made in Pakistan, a message was sent to Britain telling the plotters: “Do your attacks now.” That message was intercepted and decoded earlier this week, The Guardian said.

A U.S. congressman briefed by intelligence officials, who did not want to be identified because of the sensitivity of the investigation, said U.S. intelligence had intercepted terrorist chatter.

Authorities pressed ahead Friday with efforts to smash the purported terror ring. Two U.S. officials said British, U.S. and Pakistani investigators were trying to trace the steps of the suspects in Pakistan and determine whether some of them attended terrorist training camps there.

Police would not say where the suspects were being held — which is not unusual in highly sensitive cases — but terrorist suspects are usually brought to the high-security Paddington Green police station, in central London.

British law permits terrorist suspects to be interrogated for up to 28 days without being charged, although after the first 48 hours court permission is required for further detention.

Airline passengers faced a second day of disruptions and disappointment as airports struggled to restore flight schedules.

“It is going to be another difficult day today, both for airports and for passengers, but there is cause for optimism that we will get more flights off today,” said Stephen Nelson, chief executive of British Airports Authority, which runs Britain’s major airports.

At Heathrow, Europe’s busiest airport, around 70 percent of flights were running, and most inbound flights arrived on time, although flights from the United States — which increased security measures in the wake of the threat — were heavily delayed.

The raids in Britain on Thursday followed a monthslong investigation, but U.S. intelligence officials said authorities moved quickly after learning the plotters hoped to stage a practice run within two days, with the actual attack expected just days after that.

The test run was designed to see whether the plotters would be able to smuggle the needed materials aboard the planes, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Targeted were United, American and Continental flights from Britain to major U.S. destinations, which counterterrorism officials said probably included New York, Los Angeles and Washington. Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said the individuals plotted to detonate liquid explosive devices on as many as 10 aircraft.

A British police official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the investigation, said the suspects were “homegrown,” though it was not immediately clear if all were British citizens.

Tariq Azim Khan, the Pakistani minister of state for information, said “these people were born and brought up in the United Kingdom. Some of them may have parents who were immigrants from Pakistan.”

The raids were carried out at homes in London, the nearby town of High Wycombe and in Birmingham, in central England. Police still guarded homes in High Wycombe, where the Muslim community expressed outrage that their community and children have been thrust into the international spotlight.

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

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

PROPOSITION " ": Shall City Charter Article XXII be amended by replacing restrictions against a person giving, and a City official receiving, any campaign contribution, employment, or valuable gift, after the official votes “yes” on certain matters benefiting the person, with prohibitions against giving or receiving anything valuable in return for an official decision and against using public office to gain employment, and restrictions on gifts from persons doing business with the City and other gifts?	Yes
	No

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

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

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

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

Maria M. Stewart, City Clerk
August 9, 2006



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Dependable umps and officials play a crucial role in SM

REC LEAGUES, from page 13

for a men's team to register. Basketball, a spring sport, costs \$250 and volleyball, which costs \$200 per team, begins in the fall.

"The league fees help offset the cost of the program," Fitzpatrick said. "We go around and survey other cities, see what they're charging, and determine our rates like that, trying to keep ours in the comparable amount."

Fitzpatrick added that the programs bring in \$110,000 annually.

But no sport, whether professional or recreational, would be complete without officiating.

Fitzpatrick said that independent contractors furnish referees and umpires to the program, with softball umpires getting paid \$30 per game, volleyball officials getting \$24 per game and basketball officials getting \$20 per game. Basketball is the only sport that features two officials per game.

"We want people to come out and have a recreational experience," Fitzpatrick said. "The last thing we want is for you to go away thinking about the officials."

"We want you to leave thinking about the game, and if you leave thinking about the officials, we're failing in providing a good recreational experience."

For more information on Santa Monica's community sports, go to www.santamonicasports.com, or call Fitzpatrick at (310) 458-2244.

(Staff Writer **Michael J. Tittinger** contributed to the reporting of this story.)

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Florida	53	61	.465	16 1/2
Atlanta	52	61	.460	17
Washington	50	64	.439	19 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	62	52	.544	_
Cincinnati	59	56	.513	3 1/2
Houston	56	58	.491	6
Milwaukee	54	60	.474	8
Chicago	48	66	.421	14
Pittsburgh	42	73	.365	20 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dodgers	59	56	.513	_
Arizona	58	56	.509	1/2
San Diego	58	56	.509	1/2
Colorado	55	59	.482	3 1/2
San Francisco	54	60	.474	4 1/2

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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New York	67	44	.604	_
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Minnesota	67	47	.588	9
Cleveland	49	64	.434	26 1/2
Kansas City	41	73	.360	35

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Oakland	62	52	.544	_
Angels	59	56	.513	3 1/2
Texas	58	58	.500	5
Seattle	56	58	.491	6

Saturday's Games

Kansas City (OPerez 0-0) at Cleveland (Sabathia 8-8), 10:05 a.m., 1st game
 Kansas City (De La Rosa 1-1) at Cleveland (Guthrie 0-0), 4:05 p.m., 2nd game
 Baltimore (Benson 9-9) at Boston (Johnson 3-11), 10:20 a.m.
 Angels (Escobar 8-9) at N.Y. Yankees (Wright 8-6), 10:20 a.m.
 Detroit (Rogers 11-5) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 9-10), 10:20 a.m.
 Toronto (Downs 5-1) at Minnesota (Baker 3-7), 4:10 p.m.
 Seattle (Moyer 6-10) at Texas (Volquez 0-1), 5:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Fossum 6-4) at Oakland (Blanton 12-9), 6:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

San Francisco (Cain 8-8) at Dodgers (Penny 12-5), 1:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Sheets 2-4) at Atlanta (Barry 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
 San Diego (Peavy 5-11) at Houston (Hirsh 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
 St. Louis (Weaver 5-12) at Pittsburgh (Snell 9-8), 4:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Maine 2-3) at Washington (Bergmann 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati (E.Ramirez 4-8) at Philadelphia (Mathieson 1-3), 4:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Guzman 0-2) at Colorado (Fogg 7-7), 5:05 p.m.
 Florida (Olsen 9-5) at Arizona (Webb 12-4), 6:40 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Milwaukee at Atlanta, 10:05 a.m.
 N.Y. Mets at Washington, 10:05 a.m.
 St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 10:35 a.m.
 Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 10:35 a.m.
 San Diego at Houston, 11:05 a.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Colorado, 12:05 p.m.
 Florida at Arizona, 1:40 p.m.
 San Francisco at Dodgers, 5:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Angels at N.Y. Yankees, 10:05 a.m.
 Kansas City at Cleveland, 10:05 a.m.
 Baltimore at Boston, 11:05 a.m.
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Edit this! Allen wins \$95K in legal fees over flap regarding movie cuts

WOODY ALLEN has been awarded \$95,000 in legal fees in a dispute with his former producer. State Supreme Court Justice Bernard Fried on Thursday ordered Jean Doumanian, Allen's former producer and friend of 30 years, to pay the sum to Allen's Moses Productions.

The two clashed earlier this year over how to edit Allen's films to meet television standards. The judge ordered the producer to pay Allen \$48,000 in legal fees, and held Doumanian's production company, Sweetland Films, in contempt for failing to put money in

escrow. Fried ordered Sweetland to pay Allen another \$47,000 in fees. In May 2001, Allen had filed a lawsuit charging that Doumanian and Jacqui Safra, her personal and professional partner, had cheated him out of \$12 million from six movies. The parties settled the dispute

in 2002 for an undisclosed sum. Allen, 70, won a best director Oscar for "Annie Hall" and a screenwriting Oscar for "Hannah and Her Sisters." He has also directed "Bullets Over Broadway," "Crimes and Misdemeanors," "Interiors" and "Mighty Aphrodite."

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Artist willing to put up 'Dukes'

JAMES BEST, who is best known for playing Rosco P. Coltrane on TV's "The Dukes of Hazzard," will receive the Harvey Award from The Jimmy Stewart Museum. Best, 80, is scheduled to receive the award Oct. 20 at an event hosted by Nick and Nina Clooney.

Because Best is also an artist, the museum is hoping to organize a show of his works, said museum executive director Tim Harley. Best starred with Stewart, a native of Indiana, in the films, "Winchester '73," "Shenandoah," "The Mountain Road" and "Firecreek." He also appeared in several

other films, including "Seven Angry Men," "The Last of the Badmen," "Cast a Long Shadow" and "Gator." His TV appearances include roles in "Gunsmoke," "Bonanza," "Perry Mason" and "Rawhide." Best played Coltrane on "The Dukes of Hazzard" from 1979 to 1985. He once said the

character's persona was developed from a voice he used when he would play with his three children. Earlier this year, the Harvey Award was given posthumously to Spencer Tracy and accepted by his grandson Joseph Spencer Tracy.



GOT KIRK?

WILLIAM SHATNER, aka Capt. James T. Kirk of the "Star Trek" TV series and movies, is looking for a spokesperson for his new science fiction DVD club. He's launched an online contest and wants the voting public to select 10 finalists. Celebrity judges, including Chase Masterson from the cast of the TV series "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine," will select seven additional finalists.

Shatner will pick the winner, who will be named spokesperson for the William Shatner Science Fiction DVD Club. The winner also will receive "a large cash award."

AP



Bo knows airline safety

BO DIDDLEY was traveling light, just like other passengers who couldn't bring liquids or gels on flights because of new anti-terrorism rules. The 77-year-old singer-musician didn't have carryon items when he passed through security Thursday at Gainesville Regional Airport. But Diddley

said he'd already left his most important item in a city where he was stopping on his way to a concert in Canada. Diddley popularized rhythm 'n' blues in the 1950s with hits including "Bo Diddley," "You Can't Judge a Book by Its Cover" and "Mona."

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Close Encounters of the Third Kind (PG)/ THX-1138 (R) 7:30
Saturday
Robocop (Unrated)/ Starship Troopers (R) 7:30
Sunday
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Barnyard: The Original Party Animals (PG)
10:15, 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00
Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (PG-13)
11:50, 2:20, 2:50, 4:50, 7:20, 8:35, 9:50, 11:10, 12:00
John Tucker Must Die (PG-13)
11:45, 2:00, 4:20, 7:00, 9:10
Miami Vice (R)
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Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (PG-13)
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Superman Returns (PG-13)
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An Inconvenient Truth (PG)
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Clerks II (R)
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Lady in the Water (PG-13)
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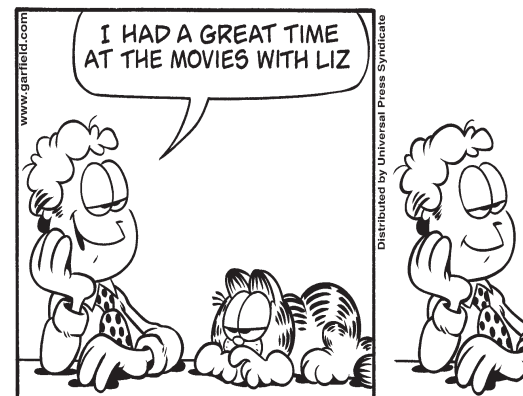
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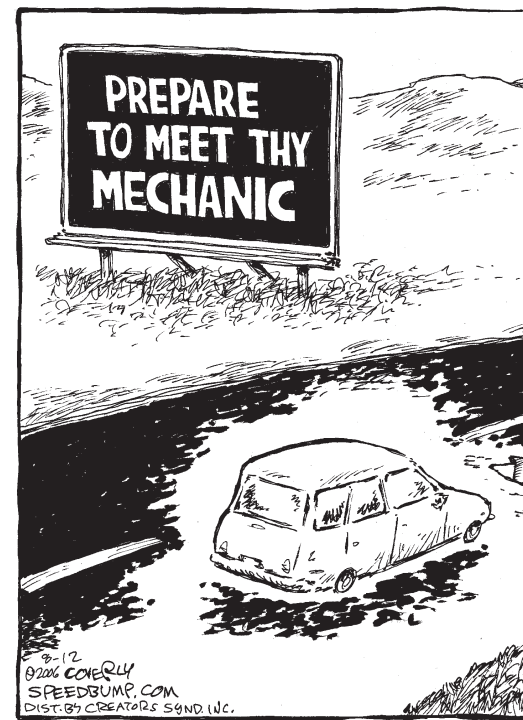
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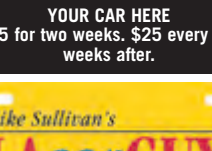
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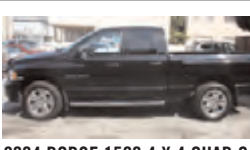
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