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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

In July, at an isolated hospital in Peru's Andes mountains, Dr. Cesar Venero realized that patient Centeno Quispe could not be airlifted to a full-service hospital in time to save his life from a brain injury incurred during a street fight. Luckily, the hardware store in the town of Andahuaylas was open, and with a drill and pliers, Venero (who earns the equivalent of about US\$5,000 a year) saved Quispe's life by making the necessary holes in the skull to remove the clots that were putting pressure on the brain.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I eat merely to put food out of mind."

— N.F. Simpson

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Blair Calderhead/Special to the Daily Press
The driver of the car above swerved to avoid another vehicle on Tuesday and took out a fire hydrant, sending water nearly 60 feet in the air at the corner of 14th and Oak streets.

Majority of City Hall workers face commutes

Houses in town too expensive for most

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

More than 80 percent of City Hall employees commute to work in Santa Monica.

That means thousands of car trips each day from inland areas like Santa Clarita or Burbank, despite a plan that is supposed to reduce such impacts.

Only 17 percent of city employees live in town, with the highest percentage of locals working in city libraries and the lowest working in the fire department, said Judy

Rambeau, a city spokeswoman.

Santa Monica Fire Department Chief Ettore Berardinelli said only two of his 114 workers live in Santa Monica.

"Anybody that had the wherewithal to live in the city would love to live in the city," said Berardinelli, who commutes each day from Newbury Park. "I would love to live here. I think it would really be a pleasure."

"But the houses have been way out of the ballpark for my entire career."

Adrian Overton, an analyst for the Rand Corp., a local think tank, said the median value of an owner-

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Doubletree Hotel case heard by labor judge

Ruling not expected for three more months

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

A national labor judge on Monday heard testimony in a case that accuses a Santa Monica hotel of mistreating its employees.

National Labor Relations Board Administrative Law Judge Jay Pollack will consider the evidence and likely deliver a verdict in the next three months, said Laurel Spillane, an attorney at the NLRB.

Local union officials filed charges against the Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel in April, alleging that managers illegally forbade employees from wearing buttons in support of the union. The NLRB decided in June to hold a formal hearing on the matter.

Kurt Petersen, organizing director of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Local 11, said after the hearing that he anticipates a victory.

"Workers have a right to wear buttons," he said. "They want to discourage and take rights away from people for as long as they possibly can. It defies logic and common sense — and the law."

If Pollack rules in favor of the union, Doubletree managers will be required to allow employees to wear the buttons. They will also be required to post a sign for 60 days explaining the rule, Spillane said.

Francois Khoury, Doubletree

general manager, said after the hearing that he isn't sure Pollack will view the facts the same way as Petersen.

"If they had more than that they wouldn't be fighting over union buttons, let's face it."

— FRANCOIS KHOURY

General manager

Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel

He said the union agreed in an earlier settlement that employees would not wear the buttons.

"There is an agreement on this," said Khoury, who added that only five or six of the Doubletree's 120-plus employees have asked to wear the buttons. "We are not hurting our employees, nor preventing them from organizing."

Khoury said the nature of the union's charges against the Doubletree, located at 1707 Fourth Street, show how weak the union's case is against the hotel.

"From what I've been told, it's less than 10 percent (of employees) that are asking for the union in this building," Khoury said. "The

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Rodeo to receive facelift

By The Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS — Workers are giving opulent Rodeo Drive a bit of a facelift.

Work began this week on a long-planned overhaul to, among other things, remove wads of gum from the sidewalk and repaint scuffed and scratched trash cans. By Thanksgiving, there will also be wider sidewalks and new palm trees and streetlights.

The work is part of an \$18 million rehabilitation of five streets in the city's business triangle. Phase I will tackle parts of Rodeo and Beverly drives and Phase II will refurbish Brighton Way, Dayton Way and Canon Drive.

Ficus trees will be replaced with palms and flowering trees.

"It's long overdue," said Chuck Dembo, a commercial real estate broker on the street. "It will make Rodeo look more like a European walking street, which is what it should be."

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2003

You have the unique opportunity to do things differently this year. You pioneer in new directions, breaking new ground. The only one who can or will hold you back is you. Your instinctive reactions might be timid or somewhat off. Learn to get past your inhibitions and zoom in on what is important. Although you might often think that the world revolves around money, who has it and who doesn't, you will discover otherwise. Your assets often involve your natural talents and gifts. Trust your creativity. If you are single, you will easily meet people, though whether you decide to make more of a connection or not depends on you. If attached, your relationship will develop in a new direction if you share more of yourself. PISCES helps you make money, but also helps you spend it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Deal with others. Realize what is going on behind the scenes. You might have a great idea, but perfecting it first could be instrumental. Consider your priorities, especially when talking to a family member. You could be stunned by another point of view. Tonight: Mull over an idea with a trusted pal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Listen to feedback, even if you find a friend unusually assertive or aggressive. Your perspective might change with different feedback. A friend or trusted associate might have a conservative view compared with you. Tonight: Follow the crowds.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ A boss could be stern. Use care, as this could impact your finances if you're not careful. This person means business. Discussions need to involve what he or she wants, as opposed to your opinions. At another point, your feedback will be requested. Tonight: A must show.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Investigate what you want, with an eye to breaking out of the box. Your perspective will change if you allow others to give you more of their opinions. This is not a time to shut down but rather to open up and have discussions. Tonight: Consider taking a class.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ A partner takes a strong position with you. Decisions revolve around what might be possible. Think about what would be an appropriate expenditure when it comes to a loved one. Discussing it makes all the difference. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Others ask for feedback. Their frustration could emerge if you don't share what is on your mind. Be more open, and a relationship will flourish. Talk about mutual goals and long-term desires. You get what you want. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Dig into work, though on some level you could feel like you're in the trenches and cannot get out. Knowing when to put a halt to a difficult task can make all the difference. Schedule time for some exercise and refresh your mind and body. Tonight: Take a walk or go for a drive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Your ability to tap into unusual resources helps you surmount problems that few can. Tap into your endless source of ingenuity. Use your creativity and think outside of the box. A flirtation starts out of the blue for those who are open. Tonight: As you like it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Take action quickly. You're coming from a more secure position than in the past. Understanding builds between you and a partner. Explain more and express your feelings. You build a stronger bond. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You say "yes" while others toss their hands in the air. Your ability to zero in on what you want could make a substantial difference. Examine possibilities with an open mind. A partner who might be a little down responds to your efforts. Tonight: Go to a favorite place.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Examine your work with an eye to simplifying. Laugh and allow your sense of humor to come in to play. You have many more assets than you realize, and not all of them are financial. Get through your work. Tonight: Easy does it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You have all the energy you need to finish a project. Examine what might be a possibility between you and a child or loved one. If someone is acting a bit dire, it might be because he or she feels that way. Tonight: Be the personality kid.

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LOCAL



Patrick Kinmartin/Special to the Daily Press
An elderly couple driving this Toyota was hit by a man test-driving an Infiniti SUV on Tuesday in Santa Monica Canyon.

Man fails SUV test drive

Elderly couple suffers minor injuries in crash

BY PATRICK KINMARTIN
Special to the Daily Press

A man test driving a new SUV plowed into a Toyota on Tuesday, injuring an elderly couple in Santa Monica Canyon.

The 32-year-old man taking a test drive in an Infiniti FX 45 with a salesman lost control of the vehicle while going up Entrada Street before he slammed on the emergency brake, sending him screeching into the left side of the oncoming Toyota.

The couple, both believed to be in their 70s, was taken away in an ambulance and treated for minor injuries, said Officer Jerry Post of the Los Angeles Police Department.

The test driver of the car told Post he was trying to brake as he began to make

the sharp turn up the hill, but his sandal got caught and touched down on the accelerator.

"He just fish tailed into the opposite lane and then 'boom!' — right into the side of the car," said Mark Landay, who saw the collision from the second story of his nearby house. "It's amazing though, 'cause had he hit them a split second later, he would have smashed into the driver-side door and killed them."

Airbags in both cars were released during the accident. The driver of the SUV and the salesman in the passenger's seat walked away from the scene uninjured.

Post said the sticker price of the vehicle, which was from Advantage Infiniti in Santa Monica, was \$47,000. He also said one of the tow truck drivers at the scene told him it was the third time in a week an FX 45 from the dealership has crashed on a test drive. Officials from the dealership declined to comment.

Center begins renovations

By Daily Press staff

Construction has begun on a \$15 million renovation at the 15-acre Colorado Center, formerly the MGM Plaza, in the 2400-2500 block of Colorado Avenue.

The project includes a \$6 million interior lobby renovation and a \$9 million exterior and landscaping remodeling.

While the renovation is scheduled to be completed late this year, the office complex will remain in operation throughout the construction.

The complex encompasses an entire city block with six multi-story office buildings around a central courtyard. A three-acre park is on the northeast corner of the site.

Exterior renovations include new concrete walls, ledger stone, plaster, blue stone pavers and landscaping which will include two waterfalls that use fiber optics to illuminate and enhance the features.

surf report

All swells — the SW, tropical S and NW wind swell — begin to back down today. Expect some knee-waist high sets with South-facing breaks the best.

OUTLOOK: NW wind swell is on the rise for the next few days. A new SSW starts to arrive Friday and brings some waist-high sets. Expect a better swell next week.

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SUNDAY	3:14	-1.1	2:29	2.3	9:48	4.3	8:41	6.8
MONDAY	3:53	-1.1	3:15	2.0	10:22	4.4	9:24	6.8
TUESDAY	4:29	-1.0	3:58	1.9	10:55	4.5	10:05	6.5
WEDNESDAY	5:03	-0.7	4:40	1.8	11:27	4.6	10:44	6.1
THURSDAY	5:34	-0.2	5:23	1.8	11:58	4.7	11:22	5.6
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The Q Line

A proposed homeless shelter at Cloverfield Boulevard and Michigan Avenue has many residents upset because they think transients will loiter, panhandle and engage in other anti-social behavior in their neighborhoods.

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

The agency may have a tough time

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

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

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OPINION

LETTERS

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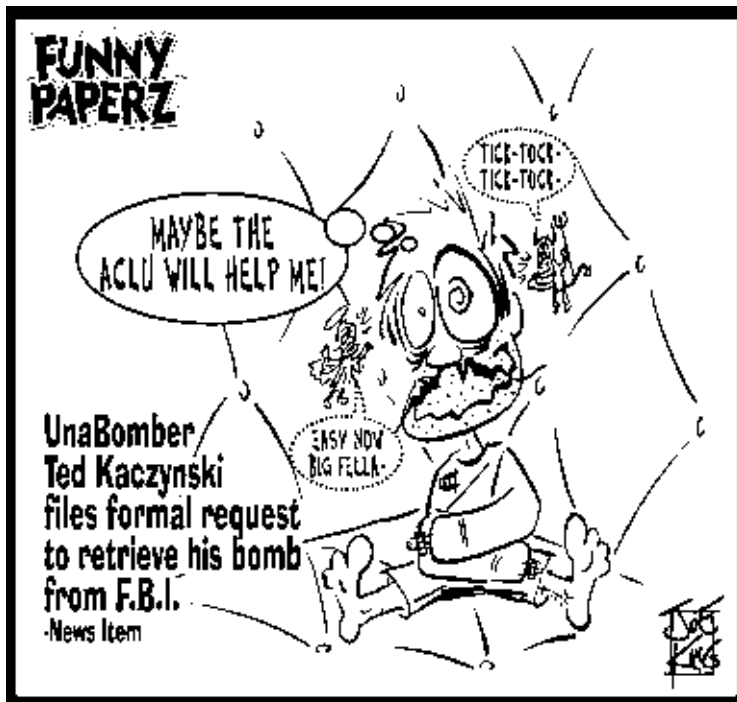
I've just read the article about the chamber of commerce's criticism of the size of the Santa Monica city government (SMDP, Aug. 8, page 1). The statement by the chamber president, Dr. Mike Gruning, is laughable. He complains that Santa Monica has more employees than other cities of similar size.

My husband and I moved to Santa Monica a little over a year ago from the City of Alhambra. By coincidence, Alhambra is just about the same size as Santa Monica. Both cities have about 89,000 residents. I don't know how many employees either city has, but it would make a lot of sense that Santa Monica would have many, many more.

Alhambra didn't have a beach, so Alhambra doesn't need the lifeguards, parking attendants and cleaning crews that Santa Monica needs. Alhambra doesn't have an airport, so it doesn't need the people to run one, but Santa Monica does. Alhambra doesn't have a bus line, but Santa Monica does, and needs drivers and mechanics to run it. Alhambra doesn't have big hotels, office buildings and the Third Street Promenade that bring thousands of people to it every day, but Santa Monica does. That means more police to direct traffic and keep people safe (and it means more people to patronize the members of the chamber of commerce.)

When my husband's job required us to move to the westside, we chose to move to Santa Monica because of many of these aspects, and we're glad we decided to live here. We have generally found a high level of service from the city and we are happy that it has the staff to provide it. My property taxes aren't any higher in Santa Monica (in proportion to value) than they were in Alhambra and the few extra bucks I spend on utility taxes each month are a small price to pay to live here.

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How to get through airport security in three days or less



INCITES

By Ed Silverstein

Florida: 3 p.m. I am sitting in the bar at the Fort Lauderdale airport. Though I make it a rule never to drink during the day, flying these days requires copious consumption of alcohol (possibly in conjunction with high quantities of tranquilizers) in order to survive.

Look, I understand the need for security. But it seems like the more our government tries to protect us from terrorists, the more it makes you want to become one. The current security system seems to have been designed by eight monkeys doing something to a football. Add to this an airline industry that believes that "passenger" is synonymous with "cattle," plus a healthy dose of corporate greed and the first word that comes to mind is ... Greyhound.

Let's start with checking in at the ticket counter. Here we encounter the first of the now ubiquitous waits. Figure 20 to 40 minutes. And if you're a senior citizen with circulation problems or an enlarged prostate, you're screwed. Seats are rare and bathrooms are rarer. And should you require assistance, you better try the unemployment line because with all the layoffs there's less of a chance of finding an airline representative than the Clippers winning next year's NBA title.

After completing the check-in phase (though only after discovering that the aisle seat we booked on-line has mysteriously turned into a middle seat, next to the engine, sandwiched between a cranky Hell's Angel and the leader of a satanic cult that does not believe in bathing) you are ready to move on to the first of the various x-rays. This one, for your checked baggage, has been strategically placed 300 yards from the nearest ticket window. In fact, the only way they could have put it any further away would be to lose a runway.

Now you would assume that the air-

lines would provide some means to transport your 12 bags to the x-ray machine. Say a cart for instance. What are you, crazy? That would cut into their lucrative contracts from the cart concessions. Thus, you are left with two options: A) hernia surgery, B) shell out \$3 (which was the price yesterday, however, keep in mind that prices have been increasing at about 90 times the rate of inflation) for a 90-second cart rental. All this and the enjoyment of waiting in yet another line.

Now it's time to go through security. This line makes a convict doing 40 years to life at Leavenworth look like a short-timer. We're talking Disney on July 4th during a T-shirt give away. And that's if things are normal. God forbid some new and terrifying threat has been created by the Bush Administration, that is, terrorists. Then we're talking a really long line. I mean really, really long. Like the end of the line is in your destination city.

Our current threat du jour is that weapons may be hidden in electronic gear. Hence we must dig out all cameras, cell phones, transformers, cables, hearing aids, hair dryers, alarm clocks, personal massagers and just about everything else you might be carrying. These items are then placed in trays along with your shoes and computers. Wait ... not all together. Almost every item needs its own separate tray. Otherwise some passengers might actually make their flights.

Now even someone who graduated from LA Unified would understand that these additional safety requirements could conceivably cause delays. And it only makes sense to beef up the number security personnel, right? Wrong. It seems our Homeland Security president has a little problem with the \$450 billion (and climbing) budget deficit that he's created. So rather than cut, say, corporate welfare, farm subsidies, no-bid contracts to his buddies at Halliburton, or even reduce the tax cuts, the president has decided that the very best way to save money (during 6.2 percent unemployment) was by cutting airline security screeners. Because, after all, anyone killed in a terrorist attack can't really vote against the president, can they?

I was fortunate. True, only two of the three security lanes were in operation and the waiting time was half my life expectancy. But I had adhered to the government's recommendation of arriving at the airport three days ahead of my flight. So I had nearly 20 minutes to kill before boarding.

Here's a little known fact. If you reach security with five minutes or less before your flight, you will randomly be chosen to have the contents of your carry-on luggage inspected. This will of course take a minimum of six minutes.

Now anybody, even if they had a fraction of the sensitivity of the official executioner for the State of Texas, would realize that it would be prudent to carry out these inspections off to the side or behind a partition. But of course we're talking about the Department of Transportation. They feel that it is their sworn duty to insure that your two weeks of dirty underwear, nasal hair trimmer, mustache bleach, adult diapers and/or feminine hygiene spray is displayed in front of at least 200 other passengers. Oh, and a little tip on how to avoid an attack by religious fanatics. Do not, under any circumstance, have Dixie Chicks CDs in your carry-on.

But you can't say these security systems aren't efficient. I once had my carry-on bag inspected at check-in, searched at security and again at the boarding gate. Even I was starting to wonder what I was hiding. But I didn't feel so bad. The 90-year-old man behind me got pretty much the same treatment. But of course you can't be too careful with those guys. You wouldn't believe the crap they can hide in those colostomy bags.

Even if you should make it through the gauntlet of check-in, x-ray and security, the airlines still have one more trick up their sleeve. Early departure. Yup, the plane can leave before it's supposed to. But don't feel so bad. The alternative would have been to spend five hours with recent graduates from the De Sade School of Charm, more commonly known as flight attendants.

Then there's first class, which is an oxymoron if ever there was one. True, you

still get a larger seat. But as far as the cuisine goes, think prison. Now think of John Ashcroft doing the cooking. Well at least you get a choice of three items. Well, actually you don't, unless you're the first to give your order. And you can forget about getting to the gate faster. The DOT (who have undoubtedly shorted all the airline stocks) have ordained that no passenger shall receive any sort of priority through security. I mean just think how horrible it would be if people who pay 30 times the price of an economy seat were given preferential treatment. The airlines might even become solvent.

With Americans avoiding airlines like the plague, or at least like a SARS epidemic, you would think the airlines would try to make air travel friendlier. Well, not exactly. Instead the airlines have concocted an assortment of schemes designed to bleed us dry. Case in point, itinerary changes. Once upon a time you could change your travel dates for free. Then it was \$100, but you had a year to re-book your flight. Now it can be as much as \$200 and if you don't have the new travel dates at the time you cancel your original flight you forfeit your ticket. For \$50 less you can have a session with a dominatrix and still receive only half the abuse. But what can you expect from an industry that was bailed out with billions of our tax dollars?

Now for the serious stuff. The DOT must come to grips with the fact that they are dealing with a business. They can't create policy in a vacuum that ignores both the needs of the airlines and their customers. It is crucial that, while they maintain our safety, they do so by working closely with the airlines so that the industry remains viable. As for the airlines, it is time to realize that air travel is a service industry. While it is true that most passengers may make their travel choices based on price, if the airlines punish them for doing so, their choice will be not to fly at all.

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OPINION



LETTERS

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If Dr. Gruning wants to be in a city with fewer employees, perhaps he should move his business to one. But, as a resident, I am happy to live in a city with good city services and more things to do. And somehow, in spite of the protests of the chamber of commerce, it is apparent that many more businesses want to be here, too.

Mat Berger
Santa Monica

Misinformation about anti-homeless

Editor:

This is a response to Bill Bauer's column of Aug. 8, (SMDP, page 4) regarding the homeless issue and the new OPCC site in particular. As a member of the Disabilities Commission, I first want to clarify Mr. Bauer's spin on the commission's vote. A majority of Disabilities Commission members informally expressed their support for OPCC and its intended site on Cloverfield. However, we recognized that we knew far too little about the site to give a meaningful endorsement of the specific project. This is a far cry from Mr. Bauer's spin that the commission "did not vote to support the project." In fact, the commission voted to inform the City Council that our community has an overwhelming need for homeless services — 1,000 beds needed every night and currently only 35 provided by OPCC — such that the commission supports increasing the level of homeless services offered and would oppose any effort to decrease them, such as allowing OPCC's services to shut their doors if unable to find a new home.

While Mr. Bauer's column attempts to signal the coming electoral war over homeless issues, Santa Monica isn't completely gentrified just yet. It is my hope that the City Council and Disabilities Commission will serve important roles in cutting through the misinformation often created by anti-homeless hysteria. I do apologize if my comments appear anti-social, as I know that such behavior is not acceptable in Mr. Bauer's Santa Monica.

Chris Knauf
Santa Monica

Children in danger with OPCC proposal

Editor:

We applaud OPCC's mission. Helping the needy is always a good thing. But, as parents of a small child, we would be negatively impacted by the proposed OPCC site at Cloverfield and Michigan. In fact, we feel this move would have a negative impact on all of the surrounding neighbors, but especially the beleaguered residents of the Pico neighborhood. It would make shopping at Ralph's difficult for families. It would make getting gas at any of the three gas stations around the proposed center a risky business, especially for women and seniors. It would degrade the Bergamot experience. It would mean turning over the Pico neighborhood's only park — Virginia Park — to hundreds of sick people. Remember, as study after study has shown, the great majority of the "homeless" are, in fact, alcohol and/or drug addicted and/or mentally ill ... or all of the above. Do we want these individuals descending on the homes and businesses of the Pico neighborhood? Do we want them hanging out at Rite Aid ... or in front of Grant Elementary School? We wholeheartedly support the Pico Neighborhood Association's views in this matter and we urge the City Council and the citizens of Santa Monica to do the same.

Philip and Susan Harnage
Santa Monica

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LOCAL

City's cheapest average house price is \$350,000

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occupied unit in Santa Monica is \$479,200.

In the city's most expensive zip code — 90402 — the median value of a single-family home is \$1.4 million, according to the 2000 Census. The Census pegged the same value in the 90401 zip code, the city's most affordable, at \$350,000.

William Selby, a local resident and Santa Monica College professor who specializes in urban and governmental issues, said the high cost of housing has increased the number of people with long commutes, some of which are more than four hours.

"It's a transportation nightmare and it's an environmental disaster," Selby said. "Not only are people spending so much time on the road when they could be spending time with their families or being productive, at the same time they're sitting in their cars polluting the air with their engines idling."

"And at the same time we're laying more concrete and building more structures to serve the car," Selby added. "It's a losing situation for everyone involved."

City Hall isn't the only local employer that hires workers from outside the area. Ted Braun, spokesman for the UCLA-Santa Monica Medical Center, said many of the hospital's 1,200-plus workers commute from outside Santa Monica.

"I'm lucky enough to live in Santa Monica but I can certainly empathize with my co-workers who have to commute from outside the area," said Braun, adding that most would opt to live on the westside if they had the means. "It's no fun to have to commute an hour to work and have that same drive at the end of the day."

Braun said the hospital offers incentives to employees who carpool or use alternative forms of transportation to get to work.

In the meantime, City Hall is pursuing its sustainable city plan, which was adopted in 1994 and updated in February. The plan calls on residents and businesses to minimize negative effects on the natural

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— WILLIAM SELBY
Santa Monica College professor

environment and use renewable energy sources whenever possible.

As part of that plan, City Hall is closed every other Friday to limit the amount of time workers spend on the road. To make up for the downtime, City Hall keeps its doors open for longer hours during the other 13 days of each two-week period.

But without the construction of more affordable housing, Selby said the problem will continue to grow. And although the median income in Santa Monica — \$50,714 — may have been enough for people to survive in the city a few years ago, that is no longer the case, he said.

"We know we're not going to solve the problem by building more roads," Selby said. "We don't have room. People need to live closer to their work or their school or their childcare. It's that simple."

Percentage of City Hall workers who live in Santa Monica, by department:

Big Blue Bus	9%
City attorney	27%
City clerk	17%
City manager	17%
Community and cultural services	20%
Environmental and public works management	17%
Finance	17%
Fire department	2%
Human resources	12%
Library	42%
Planning and community development	15%
Police department	11%
Resource management	16%

Ruling on union charges expected in three months

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fact that supports the feeling is the mere fact that the union has not presented us with any petition nor pushed on any other legal fronts.

"If they had more than that they wouldn't be fighting over union buttons, let's face it," he added. "If they had union support (among employees) they would be fighting for a lot more than that."

One Doubletree worker who asked not to be identified said Tuesday the pluses of organizing are still unclear and the process isn't worth the hassle. The union turned off the majority of workers by being too aggressive in recruiting, the worker said.

"They would walk on to the property and harass people," said the four-year employee. "People felt unsafe."

Two Santa Monica hotels — the Viceroy and the Fairmont Miramar — are already unionized.

Two others — Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel and Four Points Sheraton — have agreed to allow workers to decide if they want union representation in what's called a "card check election." Under a card check election, union officials have an extended period of time to gather signatures from employees who want to be organized.

Six other hotels in Santa Monica do not have any union presence at all. They are the Doubletree, Radisson Huntley Hotel, Shutters on the Beach, Le Merigot Beach Hotel, Holiday Inn Santa Monica Pier and Casa Del Mar.

Pollack gave each side one month to present the NLRB with written briefs explaining why they should prevail in the case, Spillane said. The ruling can be appealed to the NLRB itself, in Washington, D.C., and that ruling can then be appealed to federal courts.

The NLRB does not award punitive damages.

REAL ESTATE

Why local real estate prices should remain high



DAYS ON THE MARKET

By Jodi Summers

California still rules.

For the second consecutive year, more Americans would like to live in California than in any other state, as indicated by a recent online poll by Harris Interactive. Florida retained its second place ranking — Florida ruled 1997 and 2001. Hawaii retained third place, even though it is suffering from a decline in tourism and a high cost of living.

Everyone wants to live in sunny Southern California. That's why housing prices are so high. The state is trying to accommodate everyone. According to the Construction Industry Research Board's projections, housing production in California will total 186,000 for 2003 — the most in 14 years. Total housing starts for the first six months of 2003 were 98,695, up nearly 26 percent over 2002. Sounds impressive until you realize that California needs to build closer to 230,000 new homes and apartments each year to house our state's growing population.

"Not nearly enough homes and apartments have been built for the past 14 years, there are nearly 1 million fewer housing units than needed," said Robert Rivinius, chief executive officer of the California Building Industry Association. "This ongoing imbalance between supply and demand is the reason that while production is up by almost 26 percent, and the median home price, as calculated by the California Association of Realtors, is up over 15 percent during the past 12 months."

According to a report released by the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, this will be another record-breaking year for home sales. An unprecedented 6.8 million homes are expected to be sold nationally in 2003. That's a 4.4 percent increase over 2002, itself a record year.

Home ownership rates are at record levels, as easy credit and historically low interest rates have expanded the ability of average folks to buy. Any property for sale in Santa Monica that's perceived as a good value is purchased in a heartbeat, as everyone wants to live in a "safe," picturesque, sunny community by the sea. There's only a limited amount of property west of the 405 and much of the U.S. population would like to live here.

"I just sold my house in Calabasas, I'm trying to buy into the area," said home buyer Jon Cohoe. "I can put 30 percent down. I have a good job with a paycheck that comes every two weeks. I am pre-approved by my lenders. I'm competing

with half a dozen people for a property, I'm offering more than the asking price. My offers came in as back-up offer, second or third or were not even in contention."

Although the prices of local homes are skyrocketing, it does reflect the national trend. Real estate has increased in value so rapidly that it's now perceived as a much greater part of our portfolios. According to Federal Reserve data, at the close of 1992, American homes were worth \$13.64 trillion, 92 percent more than a decade ago, while our mortgage debt totaled \$6.05 trillion, more than double.

"What's going on is portfolio adjustment," says Karl Case, a professor of economics at Wellesley College and co-founder of Case Shiller Weiss, the country's premier housing researcher.

Housing is more affordable because of low interest rates and forecasters don't expect drastic increases. "We're looking at a gradual increase to 5.7 percent by the end of the year," NAR spokesperson Walt Maloney noted in reference to 30-year fixed loans.

The National Association of Realtors reports that four out of 10 buyers are first-time buyers.

"There seems to be a sense of urgency, especially among first-time buyers," said Chris Cota of Venture West Funding. "We're seeing people in their 20s and 30s who have the 'I need to buy a home now' attitude. The reason behind this is that there is a major concern that interest rates are on the rise. Even so, this is still a great time for first time home buyers and repeat buyers to be making purchase offers. The reason for this is simply that at the current interest rates, buyers can still get maximum leverage with minimal down payments and can qualify with minimum income."

Though only a disaster will see housing prices plummet, rising interest rates should ease the buying frenzy into a more modest offer/ counter offer situation, according to economic forecasters such as MBAA chief economist Douglas Duncan. Forecasters see the next few years of bringing a shift in the economic focus to other sectors of the economy, such as travel and recreation.

(If you would like more information of interest to property owners, e-mail Jodi Summers at jodis@boardwalkrealty.com, or call at 310-309-4219.)

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STATE

Scandals may force changes in ethics rules for lawyers

BY ANNE GEARAN
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Lawyers who learn that a client is cooking the books or looting a company's till could snitch to authorities with a clear conscience under proposed changes to lawyers' ethical rules.

The American Bar Association traditionally has refused to place society's concern over financial crimes above a lawyer's duty to keep client confidences. Corporate scandals such as those at Enron and Tyco, which have harmed the finances of many thousands of workers and shareholders, might now force a change.

The ABA's policy-making board is considering changes to ethics guidelines during the organization's annual meeting in San Francisco.

The changes do not go as far as regulators want but would bring the nation's largest lawyers' group in line with state rules that already bind many lawyers.

"In this post-Enron, post-Tyco age, I get the question all the time: 'Where were the lawyers on this? Why couldn't they do anything to stop it?'" said Alfred P. Carlton Jr., whose term as ABA president ended Monday.

The ABA's model ethics rules are not law, but they often are the basis for state mandates and policies on lawyer conduct.

The new rules would affect in-house lawyers for corporations as well as outside lawyers who learn of current or planned wrongdoing.

One proposed change would clarify when corporate lawyers should report fraud or other lawbreaking up the chain of command and when those lawyers should take their concerns to authorities outside the company.

Another would permit lawyers to disclose confidential client information if it would head off fraud, accounting flimflams or other wrongdoing that the lawyer thinks would harm other people, including shareholders. Lawyers also could rat out a client without violating ethics in instances where a client had used or abused a lawyer's services to commit a crime in the past.

"Although the public interest is usually best served by a strict rule requiring lawyers to preserve the confidentiality of information relating to the representation of their clients, the confidentiality rule is sub-

ject to limited exceptions," lawyers who support the proposed ethics revisions wrote in a report accompanying the proposal.

Lawyers already can breach a client's confidence to save lives or prevent serious injury. An ABA ethics panel used the example of a hypothetical lawyer who knows that a client has accidentally discharged toxic waste into a town's water supply, and alerts authorities to try to head off a health crisis.

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Likewise, it makes sense that lawyers disclose information that could head off a financial crisis, and a client who uses a lawyer's services to commit fraud is not entitled to the protection that the confidential lawyer-client relationship affords, the panel said.

The ABA previously has tried and failed to make many of the same changes. Opponents say any loosening of the traditional expectations of confidentiality would make clients reluctant to confide in lawyers. Lawyers have a higher ethical duty to protect and defend clients no matter what, lawyer Lawrence Fox told colleagues when the ABA last considered similar changes in 2002.

This year, Fox and others planned to oppose the changes, and the bar group's president-elect, Robert Grey Jr., also planned to oppose at least one proposed change as too vague.

The Securities and Exchange Commission said this year that lawyers must report possible fraud to a company's board of directors. The agency, which regulates publicly traded companies, soon might go further.

The Internal Revenue Service wants law firms to tattle on clients who buy possibly shady tax shelters, and other government regulators also are pressing lawyers to be more forthcoming.

Chief justices of all 50 states have voted to back the proposed changes.

Automakers settle emission standards suits in California

By The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — Three automakers have settled their lawsuits challenging the nation's toughest auto emissions standards, improving the chances that California's rewritten regulations forcing the auto industry to build cleaner cars could take effect, state officials said.

Under terms of the deal, General Motors, DaimlerChrysler and Isuzu will not challenge new regulations for creating low-polluting and nonpolluting cars. In turn, the state will drop its appeals of lawsuits brought by automakers, said Jerry Martin, an Air Resources Board spokesman.

The settlement, scheduled to be announced Tuesday, strengthens the possibility that automakers will be forced to build cleaner cars rather than continue fighting to weaken the emissions rules.

A GM spokesman in California who spoke on condition of anonymity confirmed the settlement and said it depends on the air board adopting the rules as they now stand. The board changed its emissions regulations in April, but they are still in a public comment period and subject to change.



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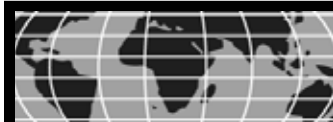
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WORLD BRIEFLY

Guerrillas hurt U.S. soldiers in Iraq

By The Associated Press

■ **AIN LALIN, Iraq** — Guerrillas wounded three American soldiers in northern Iraq, and a U.S. raid on a remote village near the Iranian border failed to capture a top fugitive suspected of plotting attacks on coalition forces.

In Basra, British troops restored badly needed electricity to parts of the southern city and supervised distribution of gasoline after two days of protests over fuel and power shortages.

In central Baghdad, two grenades were thrown from a car at a U.S. military checkpoint; soldiers returned fire, killing one Iraqi, witnesses said.

In al-Shumayt, just north of Tikrit, guerrillas fired rocket-propelled grenades and detonated at least one homemade bomb, wounding three American soldiers, U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Bill MacDonald said. All three were in stable condition, he said.

Monday's morning raid missed its main target, a former member of Saddam Hussein's regime who is on the U.S. list of 55 most-wanted Iraqis, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Mark Young said.

Seventy suspects were taken into custody, he said. Ain Lalin is about 60 miles northeast of Baghdad.

Democrats: Economic plan a failure

By The Associated Press

■ **PHILADELPHIA** — The Democratic White House candidates are unified in their argument that President Bush's economic plan has been a failure, but

not on what to do about it.

Their differences were on display Monday night at a town hall meeting hosted by Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell and the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association.

While some of the candidates want to repeal all of the Bush tax cuts, others warned that running on a promise to raise taxes across the board is the wrong position for Democrats.

"I think it's bad economics," said Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry. "I think it's bad social policy and I think it's bad politics." He has called for keeping some of the middle-class tax cuts.

Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman, Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich and former Illinois Sen. Carol Moseley Braun line up with Kerry's position in saying they would only repeal Bush's tax cuts for the wealthy.

Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt, former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean and Al Sharpton said the first step to repairing the economy would be to repeal Bush's tax cuts across the board. They would spend the money on health care and other programs.

Microsoft Corp. to appeal \$520M ruling

By The Associated Press

■ **CHICAGO** — Microsoft Corp. says it will appeal a jury's ruling that it pay more than \$520 million in damages to a university and a software company because its popular Web browser infringed on a patent.

The jury could have awarded as much as \$1.2 billion to University of California and Eolas Technologies Inc., based in Chicago.

"We are very satisfied," Eolas attorney Martin R. Lueck said Monday.

Microsoft attorney Andy Culbert said Monday's finding would be appealed.

Eolas was launched in 1994 to market technology that allows users to access interactive programs embedded in Web pages. Eolas chairman Michael Doyle along with two others developed the technology while at the University of California at San Francisco. Eolas owns the exclusive rights to market the technology, while the university owns the patent.

Eolas and the university say Microsoft made their technology part of Internet Explorer and bundled it with Windows. Microsoft attorneys argued that the patent was invalid and said that in any case their client had never infringed on it.

National park entrance closed due to fire

By The Associated Press

■ **WEST GLACIER, Mont.** — One week after it reopened, the west entrance to Glacier National Park was closed again to visitors Monday because of a spreading wildfire. Another round of evacuations was also ordered.

Authorities said it was not immediately clear when the park entrance would reopen. Apgar Village, at the southern end of Lake McDonald about two miles north of West Glacier, was temporarily evacuated as firefighters prepared to set backfires in hopes of keeping flames away.

"We're trying to remind everybody that we're taking this a day at a time," said park spokeswoman Amy Vanderbilt.

High winds and hot temperatures have pushed the fire to more than 36,600 acres.

The National Interagency Fire Center said 18 new large fires were reported Sunday in the northern Rockies and eastern Great Basin, many apparently sparked by lightning days ago and just now growing to the point that they can be spotted.

Suicide bombings kill two Israelis, shatter summer calm

BY STEVE WEIZMAN

Associated Press Writer

■ **ROSH HAAYIN, Israel** — Palestinian suicide bombers attacked a strip mall in Israel and a bus stop in a Jewish West Bank settlement less than an hour apart Tuesday, killing two Israelis and raising new doubt about the fate of a shaky Mideast truce.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said he would not move forward with an already troubled U.S.-backed peace plan "if terrorism doesn't cease completely."

Still, it appeared unlikely Sharon would order a large-scale military action in response to the attacks, which shattered a summer of relative calm. He did not change his itinerary or convene his security Cabinet, as is customary after major attacks. Sharon was to meet later Tuesday with a senior U.S. envoy, State Department official William Burns.

The Islamic militant group Hamas claimed responsibility for the West Bank attack, its first open violation of the three-month cease-fire it declared June 29. Hamas said it was avenging two of its members' deaths in an Israeli army raid last week.

The second blast was carried out by renegade followers of Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, army officials said.

Iranian-funded Fatah rebels have refused to comply with truce and have carried out several attacks in the past six weeks, and an Israeli commander said the attacks were apparently not coordinated.

Both assailants were from the West Bank city of Nablus.

Israel sealed Nablus, and imposed a curfew on surrounding villages. Israel also called off the planned release Tuesday of 76 Palestinian prisoners, none of them involved in anti-Israeli violence. Some of the detainees had already boarded buses and were brought back.

Sharon accused the Palestinian Authority of shirking its obligation to dismantle militant groups. The Palestinian leadership said it remains committed to the "road map" and would not allow truce violations, but did not explain how it intended to stop attacks. Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas, who was considering whether to cut short a tour of Gulf states, has said he will not confront the militants for fear of touching off a civil war.

The bombings in the Tel Aviv suburb of Rosh Haayin and the West Bank settlement of Ariel marked the most serious truce violations yet.

The first suicide bomber struck in Rosh Haayin, a bedroom community not far

from Tel Aviv. The blast went off at the entrance to a supermarket and pharmacy in a small shopping center, leaving a mass of twisted blinds and shattered glass.

"I saw fire and a cloud of smoke. They brought out an injured child and then his mother," said Avigail Josef, who sells lottery tickets in a booth near the site of the attack.

The bomber and a bystander were killed, and nine Israelis wounded, one seriously. A security guard at the store entrance was among the hurt. Army Radio said a pregnant woman also was wounded.

The blast set off a large fire in the supermarket in Rosh Haayin, which is only yards from the line between Israel and the West Bank.

Soon after, an attacker blew himself up at a bus stop near the entrance to Ariel, killing an 18-year-old Israeli army recruit and seriously wounding two others. The attacker was later identified by Hamas as Islam Yousef Qfeishat, 21, from Nablus.

"There appears to be no connection with Rosh Haayin," said army commander, Col. Harel Knafo.

The slain Israeli lay at the side of the road, covered by a white plastic sheet. Knafo said the bomber detonated 22 to 33 pounds of explosives.

Knafo said that since the truce was

declared the army had arrested 10 would-be suicide bombers in the Nablus area.

The Hamas military wing Izzedine al Qassam claimed responsibility for the Ariel attack, saying it was avenging the deaths of two of the group's members in an army raid in Nablus last week.

A political leader of Hamas in Gaza, Ismail Hanieh, suggested that the group would return to observing the cease-fire now that the score had been evened in Hamas' view. Asked whether Hamas was calling off the cease-fire, he said: "No, this is a reaction to the continuous violation (of the truce) by Israel."

Palestinian officials had warned Israel about the attacks in Rosh Haayin and Ariel, Israel TV's Channel 10 said, citing Palestinian security officials. The Rosh Haayin police chief said police had been on high alert about possible attacks.

Palestinian legislator Saeb Erekat said the Palestinian leadership "absolutely rejects the Israeli accusation" that the Palestinian Authority isn't doing anything to stop attacks.

Israeli officials said the attacks underscore the need for completing a security barrier between Israel and the West Bank. The United States has criticized the barrier, which cuts through West Bank land.



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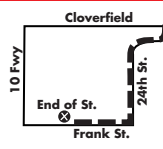
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Woods comes oh-so-close to grabbing Grand Slam

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Everyone is picking on Tiger Woods.

The latest onslaught was a harmless prank Tuesday morning at Oak Hill. After Woods ducked into a portable toilet just off the 12th tee at Oak Hill, good friend Mark O'Meara heaved his golf ball smack into the door.

The five-deep gallery erupted in laughter, and Woods emerged with a sheepish grin, tossing the ball back at O'Meara.

It was a playful moment during a practice round for the PGA Championship, but his week took on a more serious tone when he faced a skeptical line of questions.

Is there a sense of urgency to win this major?

Has the gap narrowed from a chasm to a crack?

Does he feel any less confident about breaking Jack Nicklaus' record of 18 majors?

So much has changed in one year.

Woods was oh-so-close to the Grand Slam in 2002, winning the first two majors and missing the others by one bad round at the British Open and one stroke at the PGA.

Now, he could be oh-for-the-Grand Slam, territory he hasn't tread since 1998.

"That's the way it goes," Woods said. "I've tried. Sometimes I just can't quite get it done and other times you can. Obviously, this year I've come close and just haven't quite gotten over the hurdle."

The hurdle this week comes in a variety of sizes.

Oak Hill presents a stiff challenge with its tight fairways framed by rough so thick Woods didn't bother hitting out of it Tuesday. Why bother? The only option is to hack it back into the fairway.

Worse yet, Woods watched the maintenance crew use rakes to brush up the tall grass, making the blades of grass — some of them 8 inches — go away from the green.

"You really can't get the ball to the green if you drive it in the rough," he said.

The opposition could come from any number of players, especially considering the eight multiple winners on the PGA Tour this year are the most since 1969.

But the real hurdle is going into the off-season without a major.

Woods has made it look routine since winning the 1999 PGA Championship at Medinah. He won three more majors the next year, completed his own version of the Grand Slam in 2001 at the Masters, and added another Masters and U.S. Open last year.

Now that he's gone five majors without a trophy, don't expect a lot of sympathy.

"He might as well join the queue," said Ernie Els, the second-best player in the world who has accumulated three majors in 10 years.

"We would all like to go in there and

win major championships, but it's not always going to work out for you," Els said. "It's amazing what he's done in his short career, to win majors every year. Some people go through their whole career maybe not winning one."

Phil Mickelson comes to mind.

"You've got to have your whole game with you," Els said. "And you've got to have a bit of luck going for you, also."

Woods is the last player to argue with that.

When he was winning four straight majors, Woods made every important putt inside 10 feet. During that record-smashing season in 2000, he played his final 47 rounds of the season at par or better and finished out of the top 10 only twice.

"I really haven't got any positive momentum going for a sustained period of time," Woods said. "It's been maybe one round here, six holes here, nine holes there. When I won those majors, I played well for the entire week."

Everything is traced back to "those majors."

Every season is compared to his best one. The bar keeps getting higher.

Since Woods turned pro in 1996, only three other players have won four times in one season — David Duval, Mickelson and Davis Love III.

Woods already has four victories this year. He's the only player in history to have won that much five years in a row.

"Is it up to his standards? Is he probably happy with his year? I would say probably not, but you'd have to ask him," U.S. Open champion Jim Furyk said. "Is it a bad year? It's not even close by anyone's standards."

"If the rest of us could win once in a year, it's a good year. If we win multiple times, it's a great year. He won (four), he's got a lot of his schedule left and he's being criticized."

Furyk is among those having a great year. So is Mike Weir, the Masters champion with two other victories. Love won his career-best fourth tournament last week.

All of them are a lot closer to Woods than they were two years ago, and the gap will be perceived as shrinking even more if Woods isn't holding the Wanamaker Trophy at the end of the week.

"He was on a great roll for a long time, and he still is," Weir said. "It did feel for a lot of us like we were playing for second, and that's probably how much ahead he was at that time. He's still the best player out there. But the gap is narrowing just a little bit."

Meantime, the gap between Woods and Nicklaus is the same as it was five majors ago after he won the U.S. Open at Bethpage — Woods has eight majors, Nicklaus 18.

Can he catch him?

"I feel like if I keep playing well, keep giving myself chances, I'll get my share," Woods said. "And hopefully, it will be enough."



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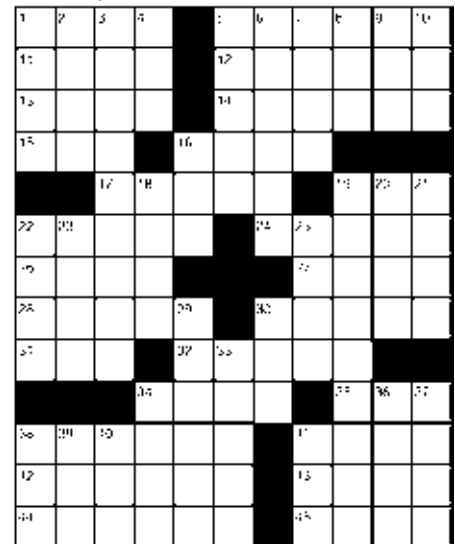
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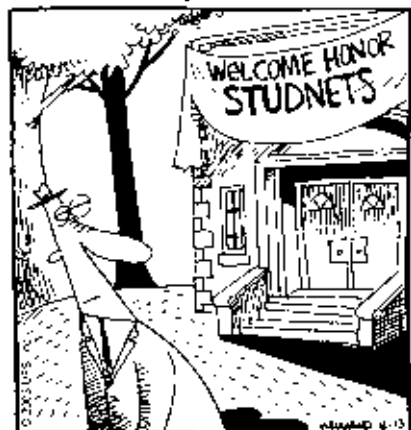
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Here visitors can enjoy concoctions like White Chocolate Martinis, a Gingitini or a Razzmatazz. Those who are really hungry can enjoy a Chicken Tamale Plate with Fried Plantains. Temple Bar even offers vegetarian options like veggie eggrolls and burgers. But no good bar would be complete without live music. Tonight Fredalpa performs at 8:30p.m. Square Circle at 9:45, and BMC at 11. Admission for party-goers is \$5.

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Whale Rider PG-13 — 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
The Magdalene Sisters — 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
I Captured the Castle — 1:50, 7:00
The Holy Land — 4:25, 9:30
The Secret Lives of Dentists — 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Shockproof and Zus & Zo — Sat-Sun only 11:00 a.m.

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

AMC SANTA MONICA 7

1310 Third Street Promenade
American Wedding R 11:35, 2:05, 4:35, 7:20, 10:15
Bad Boys II R 12:20, 3:45, 7:10, 10:30
Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle PG-13 — 4:00, 10:00
Finding Nemo G — 12:40, 2:35, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55
Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life PG-13 — 11:45, 2:25, 4:00, 5:10, 7:55, 10:30
Spy Kids 3D: Game Over PG — 11:15, 1:20, 3:25, 5:30, 7:45, 9:50
Freaky Friday PG — 11:25, 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
Cigiti R — 1:00, 7:05

MAJIN CRITERION 6 THEATERS

1313 Third Street Promenade
Johnny English PG — 12:00, 2:15, 4:35, 7:05, 9:30
The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen PG-13 — 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25
Pirates of the Caribbean PG-13 — 11:45, 12:20, 3:15, 3:45, 6:45, 7:15, 10:05, 10:35
S.W.A.T. PG-13 — 10:30, 11:00, 1:30, 2, 4:15, 4:45, 7, 7:30, 10, 12:45

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

'Girls Gone Wild Doggie Style' puts Snoop in doghouse

By The Associated Press

■ **NEW ORLEANS** — Two Louisiana women are suing rapper-actor Snoop Dogg, saying they were offered drugs during Mardi Gras 2002 to flash their breasts for pictures that later appeared on the cover of a "Girls Gone Wild" video.

The lawsuit by Jaime Capdeboscq, who was 17 at the time, and Whitney Candiotto, who was 18, also names Joe Francis, owner of Mantra Films Inc., which produces the mail-order videos that feature nudity and sexual activity.

The women claim Francis broke a promise that their picture wouldn't be used in connection with a video. However, when the video — known as "Girls Gone Wild Doggie Style" — came out, they found themselves on the cover, the lawsuit alleges.

The pictures were taken during a party at a New Orleans hotel for Snoop Dogg, who hosted the video, said plaintiff attorney Ron Macaluso.

Macaluso also said his clients were offered drugs but did not accept them.

Attorneys for Francis and Snoop Dogg, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, have denied the allegations in court filings, saying any pictures taken were with voluntary consent. They also say a sign was posted in the video shooting area that said: "By entering, you consent to the use of such film and your image in a commercial film product."

The women are asking for an unspecified amount of money in the lawsuit, originally filed in February in state court in Tangipahoa Parish where the two women lived, but later transferred to federal court in New Orleans.

Francis was arrested April 2 while shooting video during spring break at Panama City, Fla. He faces 22 charges including racketeering, procuring minors for sexual acts, filming minors engaged in sexual performances and conspiracy. Mantra Films has disputed the charges, contending crews always ask young women

their age and take video only of those who say they are 18 or older.

■ **KNOXVILLE, Tenn.** — A U.S. district judge has rejected country singer Kenny Chesney's request for a nationwide ban on merchandise bootleggers outside his concerts.

Judge Leon Jordan said Chesney's failure to show the court an "official" T-shirt as evidence was key in his refusal to grant the merchandise ban.

"This omission makes it impossible for the court to perform a complete comparison of the goods to determine the likelihood of confusion caused by the bootleg merchandise," Jordan wrote in his opinion released Monday.

At a June hearing, the judge told Chesney's attorney, John G. Jackson, to "bring me a T-shirt" when Jackson returned to court in July to argue for the ban. Jackson laughed at the comment, then brought T-shirts he said were bootleg merchandise but not an official shirt.

Chesney, 35, sought an injunction before his June 7 concert at the University of Tennessee, saying bootleggers were following his tour and selling merchandise outside the venues.

His lawyer argued the items were inferior and not sanctioned by his merchandising company, tricking fans and depriving the singer of thousands of dollars in revenue.

Jordan noted in his ruling there's no proof that the bootleggers have ever been identified.

■ **ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.** — Promoters of the Justin Timberlake/Christina Aguilera tour have postponed three more concerts after a weekend stage mishap.

The shows had been scheduled for Monday in Albany, N.Y., Wednesday in East Rutherford, N.J., and Thursday in Hartford, Conn.

On Saturday afternoon, three stagehands were injured when a lighting grid above the stage at

Boardwalk Hall collapsed.

About 30 people were working below the 100-by-100-foot grid when it buckled and lurched before falling, forcing postponement of the sold-out show that night.

Neither Timberlake nor Aguilera was in the building at the time. The 22-year-old pop stars are nearing the end of their "Justified and Stripped" summer tour.

Boardwalk Hall remained closed to all nonessential personnel, although the box office was open.

No new date has been set for Saturday's show. Jeffrey Vasser, executive director of the Visitors Authority, said ticketholders should hold on to their tickets in case the concert is rescheduled.

Several messages left Monday for promoter Concerts West and a spokeswoman were not returned. \

■ **LOS ANGELES** — Kevin Costner stars in the Western drama "Open Range," which opens Friday. But first, he received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

"It's just nice that people showed up," the actor joked after the ceremony, which drew about 2,000 people.

Costner co-produced, directed and starred in 1990's "Dances with Wolves," which won seven Oscars, including best picture and best director.

His other films include "The Untouchables" (1987), "Bull Durham" (1988), "Field of Dreams" (1989) and "JFK" (1991).

Costner joined a community theater group while attending California State University, Fullerton. After graduating and getting married, he had a marketing job for a short time before deciding he preferred acting.

Now 48, Costner said he still loves watching movies as well as being in them.

"I love to pay my money and go sit in the dark," he said. "I always have."

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