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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In Dadeville, Ala., in 1999, Mr. Gabel Taylor, 38, who had just prevailed in an informal Bible-quoting contest, was shot to death by the angry loser. And in 1998, the Rev. John Wayne "Punkin" Brown Jr., 34, died of a rattlesnake bite while ministering at the Rock House Holiness Church in northeast Alabama near Scottsboro. In a landmark book on snake-handling preachers in the South ("Salvation on Sand Mountain" by Dennis Covington), the legendary Brown was called the "mad monk," the one most "mired in the ... blood lust of the patriarchs." His wife, Melinda, died in the same way three years earlier at a church in Middlesboro, Ky.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

ON AUG. 13, 1961, Berlin was divided as East Germany sealed off the border between the city's eastern and western sectors in order to halt the flight of refugees.

■ In 1521, Spanish conqueror Hernando Cortez captured present-day Mexico City from the Aztec Indians.

■ In 1624, French King Louis XIII named Cardinal Richelieu his first minister.

■ In 1846, the American flag was raised for the first time in Los Angeles.

■ In 1946, author H.G. Wells died in London.

■ In 1960, the first two-way telephone conversation by satellite took place with the help of Echo One.

## THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"Regrets are as personal as fingerprints."

— MARGARET CULKIN BANNING  
AMERICAN WRITER (1891-1982).

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# President Bush leaves SM with millions

## He promises to compete for California's vote in November

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

**SM AIRPORT** — More than 500 people gathered in a hangar here Thursday evening for a Republican Party fundraiser that officials said netted \$3 million.

Guests paid up to \$25,000 apiece to nosh on roast beef filet and grilled asparagus, and hear from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, first lady Laura Bush and President George W. Bush.

Backed by 12 American flags and dressed in a dark blue suit, Bush told supporters he would spend the next four years working to improve public schools, fix an ailing healthcare system, reform

medical liability, encourage new business growth and fight terrorism.

"There's a lot of talk in Washington, but this administration, like Arnold Schwarzenegger in California, is getting things done," said Bush, who concludes his 12th visit to California as president this morning, flying on to Portland, Ore., Seattle, Wash., and Sioux City, Idaho, before returning to the capital.

Bush spent the bulk of his 30-minute address discussing the role of the United States in the Middle East and pointing out inconsistencies in Sen. John Kerry's voting record. He also discussed military efforts in Afghanistan, Pakistan,

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Michael Owen Baker/Special to the Daily Press  
Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger greets President George Bush as Bush is introduced during Thursday's fundraising dinner at a hangar at the Santa Monica Airport. Laura Bush introduced her husband.

# Protesters, supporters face off for Bush visit

BY JOHN F. MULLER

Special to the Daily Press

**SM AIRPORT** — Demonstrators clashed here Thursday as Santa Monica became the latest stage to showcase the stark partisanship that has come to characterize this year's presidential campaign.

Dozens of police officers and traffic officials worked to contain an estimated crowd of 1,000 supporters and protesters of President George W. Bush that took over the intersection of 31st Street and Ocean Park Boulevard throughout the afternoon.

No punches were thrown, but few left their opinions up to the imagination of their companions.

The vociferous crowd expected Bush's motorcade to come through the intersection as the president made his way to a private fundraising dinner in a hangar

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Crill Hansen/Special to the Daily Press

More than 1,000 demonstrators descend upon the intersection of Ocean Park Boulevard and 31st Street, near an entrance to the Santa Monica Airport, where President Bush attended a private fundraising dinner on Thursday.

# New state council established to watch over the oceans

## Leading environmentalists unveil ocean proposal

By Daily Press staff

A new, cabinet-level board may be needed to clean up the Pacific Ocean.

The state's leading environ-

mentalists have unveiled a long-term proposal to manage and care for the ocean, and are gathering public input before sending it on to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Santa Monica resident Terry

Tamminen, the secretary of the Environmental Protection Agency, and California Resources Secretary Mike Chrisman said their plan aims to nurture sea life, support sea-based businesses, and clean up California's ocean, bays, estuaries and coastal wetlands.

Meeting those goals will require forming a cabinet-level Ocean Council, Chrisman said. The council will "conduct a top-to-bottom review of ocean protection laws, evaluate the economic contribution of the ocean and coast to the state,

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★★★★-Dynamic   ★★★★★-Positive   ★★★-Average   ★★-So-so   ★-Difficult





**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

★★★ You might wake up with a heavy heart or a lack of energy, but that will change. You find an idea or insight so exciting, you cannot help but show your enthusiasm. Doors open because you are willing to let go of some rigidity. Tonight: Nap and then decide.



**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★★★ You manifest a serious tone no matter what you do, whether saying hello or having a conversation. You see others respond in unexpected ways, opening new doors. A relationship could heat up. Let your imagination flow. Tonight: Join pals after work.



**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

★★ What might seem grim in the morning becomes exciting by the end of the day. Give up your convictions and flow with the moment. Excitement surrounds a meeting. Roll with it. Tonight: Head home.



**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

★★★★ You might be slightly serious going into work, but that mood won't last. Flow with the moment and be willing to integrate some new concepts. Worry less. Someone tells you how much he or she cares. Tonight: The world is your oyster.



**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

★★ You have an unusual sense of direction. You still need to take a low-key position. Look at a depression and deal with it — maybe not today, but in the near future. Be honest with yourself about what doesn't work. Tonight: Careful with money.



**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

★★★ You have an unusual sense of direction, with the determination you need. A friend might be solemn about life. Let it go. Conversations take interesting twists and turns. Tonight: Just don't be alone.



**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

★★★★ You continue to be a strong force at work. You might be overly hard on those you work with. You expect peak performance, and can be quite difficult when others fall. Be open to better ways to complete a project. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.



**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

★★★★★ You might be closing your mind off from an option. Let others brainstorm with you, and you might be delighted with the results. A friend might care a lot more than you realize. Be careful with his or her feelings. Tonight: Split for a mini-vacation.



**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

★★★★ Let an associate lead, and you won't have a problem. Right now uproar could surround your home. Don't worry; simply go with the flow. Your ability to open up to different concepts emerges. Tonight: The only answer is yes.



**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

★★★★★ Others clearly let you know what they think. You might be upset about sudden changes. Flow with them rather than resist. You aren't going to change the outcome anyway. Tonight: Out with friends.



**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

★★★ You have your hands full with work. You could be distracted by a partner or loved one. Know when to take a break and when to screen calls and conversations. Buy a little present for a loved one. Tonight: Get some exercise.



**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

★★★★ You continue to surprise others. Your creativity keeps emerging. You find solutions while others lock up. Know that anything is possible. A surprise comes your way when another declares his or her feelings. Tonight: Celebrate.

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# LOCAL

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Coastal protectors upset over Hearst deal

By Daily Press staff

California's voter-approved bond funds for acquisition of land to protect watersheds and wildlife have been co-opted by large corporate interests selling overpriced deals that circumvent public interest and the good faith voters who supported these conservation bonds, preservationists say.

"The Hearst Ranch deal that will go before the California State's Wildlife Conservation Board this week and the Coastal Conservancy's board next month is a perversion of the conservation objective of taxpayer's money toward corporate land development interest, said Garry Brown, president of Vote the Coast, a grassroots organization committed to the protection of California coastal and ocean resources and is based in Malibu. "There are many public and natural resources that we strongly support preserving, but no one who supposedly represents the public seems to have the vision to negotiate a deal that really serves the public."

On behalf of Vote the Coast, Brown offered a number of changes in the Hearst Ranch deal that the organization considers necessary for approval of the deal:

- Conservation easement language must be written prior to funding. The terms of the easement do not yet contain the specific policies identifying what the resources are or how they will be protected. The terms are to be written by the Hearst Corporation and presented to the state a year after the funding of the transaction. The state does not know what it will be funding.

- Terms of the easement must be fully enforceable. The state will have no direct enforcement of the conservation easement as it stands.

- There must be full and public monitoring and oversight on the implementation of the agreement. As written, the public has no effective mechanism for overseeing what is a public asset, purchased with public money.

- Public access west of Highway 1 must be improved and expanded. In the deal being considered, access to five of the 18 miles along the ranch would be severely limited. Access to areas that the public now enjoys would be restricted.

- Provisions must be made for access east of Highway 1. The deal offers no provision for public access on the east side of Highway 1.

### Teens square off in dance competition today

By Daily Press staff

Teenagers today can be square at the pier if they participate in a dance competition with actress Taryn Manning and recording artist Kimberly Caldwell.

Manning, an actress and singer in the band BOOMKAT, and Caldwell are hosting and judging the "Party Like A Square" dance competition where talented teens can show off their best "square" dance moves. The national dance contest will travel to 10 cities this summer.

Manning is currently filming "A Lot of Love" with Ashton Kutcher and Amanda Peet. A favorite contestant on American Idol, Caldwell's new CD is expected in stores this summer.

The festivities include:

- A custom-made gum truck that dispenses free gum.
- The "Party Like A Square" Dance Competition.
- Two winners take home tickets to a teen awards show, or tickets to a hot summer concert.

- Listen to music spun by KISS-FM DJ Dave Styles.

- A chance to appear on national TV, on Fox's new entertainment show, "Cingular presents the Menu from Atlantis."

- A caricaturist.

The event will be held from noon to 2 p.m., on the pier's central plaza.

**CORRECTION** — The bands listed as playing at Thursday's Twilight Dance Series on the pier in the Aug. 12 edition were inaccurate. Andrea Echeverri and Ely Guerra performed on Thursday. Billy Vera & the Beaters and Thee Midnitters will perform next Thursday, Aug. 19.



# SURF REPORT

Today we will see a mix of smaller NW windswell (290+), some dropping but still steep SE swell (150-170), and some building but inconsistent SW swell. Most spots will hold in the knee-waist high range while the stand-outs see some chest-high sets. Expect 2-3' knee- to chest-high waves and fair conditions.

Saturday the SE swell will back down slightly leaving us with NW windswell, and background SW swell. Most spots will hold in the knee-waist high range while the combo spots drop off slightly in consistency.

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The **Q**Line

A group of Malibu residents is spearheading a formal push to break away from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. What it boils down to, supporters of the breakup say, is Malibu isn't connected to Santa Monica by land, and there's no longer any need for the two cities to share their schools. They also point out that if the district did split, Santa Monica wouldn't have to share a \$6 million annual contribution from City Hall.

A similar attempt to form a separate

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

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

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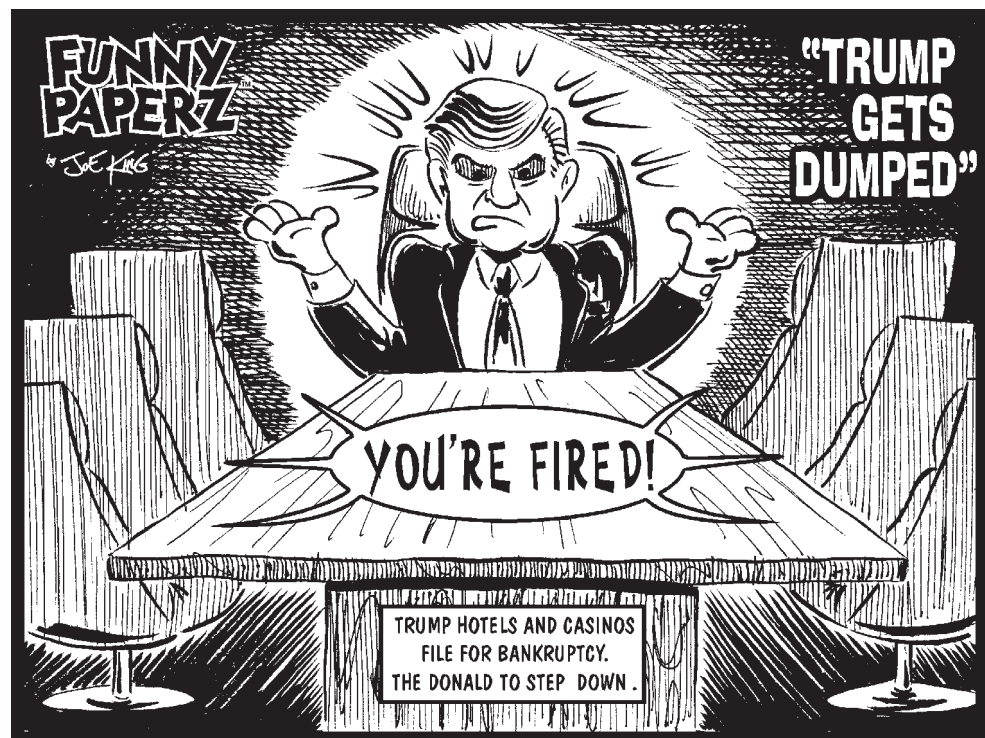
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# OPINION



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### City Hall squandering our money

Editor:

The city of Santa Monica, with approximately 85,000 residents, is spending in the neighborhood of \$75 million for its new 104,000-square-foot Main Library currently under construction, or \$720 per square foot. As a comparison, the city of Seattle, at least 10 times larger in population, recently completed a new Main Library in its downtown by world-famous architect Rem Koolhaas, at a cost of \$165 million, including \$10 million for a temporary location during construction. Seattle's Main Library houses 363,000 square feet, and costs \$450 per square foot.

Although Seattle's Main Library is more than three times larger in size, it cost only twice as much. Furthermore, Santa Monica with far less population than Seattle, is building a facility whose costs rivals that of a major urban library. The responsibility for this financial fiasco rests on the shoulders of this City Council, some of whom have never held a full-time job and cannot balance their own checkbook. Voters should hold government officials accountable for wasting public funds on extravagant projects.

Jeff Weinstein  
Santa Monica

### Fatally flawed

Editor:

In his column (SMDP, Aug. 10, page 4), John Marciano says there is blame upon democrats who voted for Bush. True, some did vote for Bush. But most of the 2 million-plus who voted for that idiot Nader would probably have voted for Gore if Nader wasn't running. Or they wouldn't have voted at all. The true blame for the Bush "victory" lies upon the faulty system. One who wins the state gets the electoral votes. The system doesn't count right, it does not keep all votes equal. So if Bush had won all the votes in Florida he claimed, I would have been no where near the 550,300 votes that Gore actually won the election by. Back when Roger Maris hit 61 home runs for the record season, they had an asterisk.

Maris did it in a 162-game season, Ruth had hit 60 with a 154-game season. Bush should go down in history with an asterisk, noting he didn't really win the vote, only won the election due to a flawed electoral college system and Supreme Court.

Then again, Bush is a flawed president.

Mike Kirwan  
Venice

### Fumed over jet traffic

Editor:

Thank you for finally addressing the problems (air quality, noise, etc.) surrounding the Santa Monica Airport (SMDP, Aug. 11, page 5). Out of significant frustration, I recently wrote to my state representative in an effort to combat the direct effects on the quality of life created by jet traffic at the airport. My niece and I were playing catch in the front yard, but we were forced inside after the fumes from an idling jet made us both nauseous. Jet traffic is the only negative in our beautiful neighborhood. I sincerely hope by raising the awareness of this issue, we can create positive change. Thanks again.

Josh Kriteman  
Santa Monica

# Don't count the economy out before it's hatched



**POLITIGIRL**  
BY BETH SOLOMON

**WASHINGTON** — Some Democrats are gleeful that recent U.S. job statistics were grim. Bush administration officials, hearing news that nonfarm payroll jobs increased by just 32,000 in July — one-sixth the amount predicted by economists — were sullen.

But John Kerry supporters should put the breaks on their shadenfreude and Republicans have reason to smile: A deeper look at the statistics shows that the economy is quietly surging forward — and creating jobs.

Here's how it works. The 32,000 figure represents a piece in a much larger puzzle. The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor produces two sets of job counts each month. One is the Establishment (Payroll) Survey, the other is the Household Survey. The payroll survey takes data from employers, the household survey measures things from the perspective of job seekers. In July, as the payroll survey reported a disappointing 32,000 jobs created, the household survey reported 629,000 new jobs.

This strange phenomenon didn't start in July. Since November 2001, the payroll survey shows 401,000 new jobs created. The household survey shows 3.2 million.

How can this be?

The reason is that the payroll survey does not measure the self-employed, the entrepreneurs, the people who don't get measured by broad-sweeping government counts. The payroll survey does not count any employed person not registered with a state unemployment insurance system. Are you registered? Do you even know?

As technology makes it easier to start a business, to earn money as a consultant, to sell things across state lines, more people are operating as entrepreneurs, fitting nimbly into a quickly changing economy. That's good. But it's harder to measure. Those people don't get counted when traditional job statistics are gathered.

How is the economy really doing? Here

are some more statistics: In the second quarter, Gross Domestic Product growth was 3 percent. This news was greeted with disappointment — it was less than expected. But at the same time, the government revised its measure of first quarter growth. Instead of showing 3.9 percent expansion, the economy really grew at 4.5 percent. That's a big difference. By comparison, growth during the Clinton administration averaged 3.7 percent.

On another front, exports grew at a rate of 18.4 percent during the second quarter when job growth looked so grim. Business-fixed investment jumped almost 9 percent for its fifth straight quarter of growth. Experts say this means that companies are expanding — and willing to take risks to be competitive.

The truth is, the burst of the stock market bubble at the end of the Clinton administration caused a cyclical downturn. Businesses retracted. Because income had risen and tax rates remained the same, the net revenues flowing out of business and into government hands increased. Some economists say this amounted to a de facto tax hike.

The first Bush tax cut in 2001, called "temporary," didn't turn things around. But the second round of tax cuts in 2003 immediately resulted in higher rates of business investment. Economists say reductions in capital gains and dividend tax rates spurred entrepreneurial activity by encouraging risk-taking. Since that time, business-fixed investment is up 13 percent.

We're not out of the woods yet. Oil prices are haywire — and climbing rapidly. Anything can happen in Iraq and the Middle East. Congress just passed one of the largest defense budgets in history, siphoning money away from more direct investment in our economy and taking funds away from long-term needs like education that make our country strong.

But nobody should pounce on a single jobs statistic with too much confidence that it supports their economic ideology.

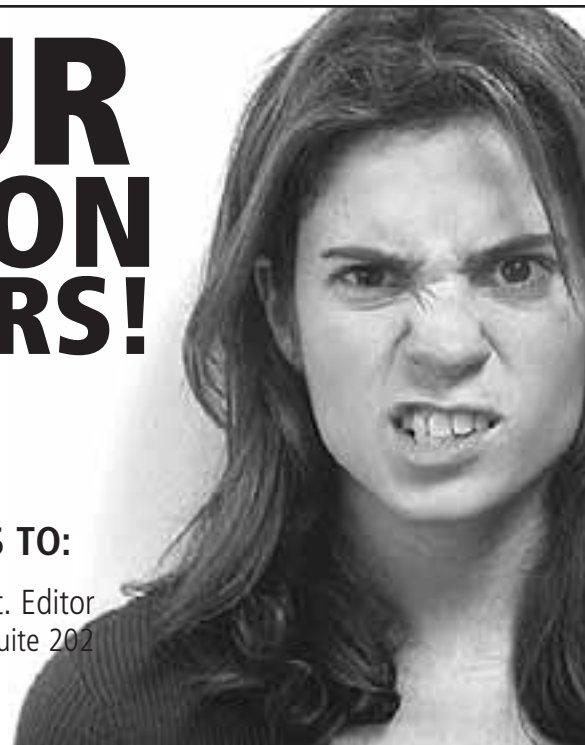
And no one should underestimate the savvy Bush administration when it comes to economic growth, and optimism.

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## LOCAL



# Locals exercise their First Amendment rights

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at Santa Monica Airport. The motorcade was rerouted and arrived at the airport by way of Centinela Avenue.

While passing cars honked at the crowds lining the blocks surrounding the intersection, Bush supporters and protesters equipped with homemade signs, banners and cheers screamed their support or distaste for the nation's commander-in-chief.

On the southeast corner, a group made up predominantly of Bush supporters yelled chants at protesters on the southwest corner. On the north side of Ocean Park Boulevard, supporters and protesters mingled and argued as the two sides exchanged chants and verbal shots via microphone.

"No more Bush," protesters shouted.

"Four more years," supporters said.

"Three more months!"

"Support our troops!"

"Bush lies, people die!"

While many Bush protesters carried Kerry/Edwards signs, they focused almost exclusively on the president. At one point, a protester asked a vocal group of companions to lay off Bush and make up a chant for Kerry. The only response came from a middle-aged man, who matter-of-factly told her to shut up.

"I came out to not let the Bush-ites control the talking the way they always do," said Charles Fernandez, 44, of Mar Vista. Fernandez was running through the



Crill Hansen/Special to the Daily Press

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There were more anti-Bush protesters than Bush supporters during Thursday's rally.

## Public to hold two workshops on ocean plan

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establish a state ocean research strategy, and coordinate California's approach to protecting and managing marine resources, coastal water quality — and even the sand on our beaches."

Both the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy and the Pew Oceans Commission have identified an emerging national crisis situation regarding the nation's ocean and coastal resources. Chrisman and Tamminen drafted their plan, called "California Ocean Resources Management: A Strategy for Action Plan," in response to a June directive from Gov. Schwarzenegger for California to better manage its ocean and coastal resources.

"The governor's directive specifies that this plan assess ocean strategy and indicate the important actions that can be taken by the Schwarzenegger administration and our partners in both the private sector and the environmental community," said Tamminen, a long-time environmental leader in Santa Monica. "The final action plan to protect our precious coastal resources will be on the governor's desk by Sept. 2."

Gov. Schwarzenegger made his concerns known earlier this summer. While commenting on a preliminary report of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, Schwarzenegger said this is a wake-up call, the oceans are in trouble and in need of help. Actions must take place at the international, national, state, regional and local levels, as the issues are just as important globally as they are locally,

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**TERRY TAMMINEN**  
Secretary, EPA

Schwarzenegger added.

California has been a leader in ocean and coastal management, and continues to lead initiatives for improving the management of fisheries, marine protected areas, water quality, shoreline erosion and coastal development, according to a press release prepared by Tamminen and Chrisman.

California's ocean management mission is to ensure comprehensive and coordinated management, conservation and enhancement of California's ocean resources for their intrinsic value and for the benefit of future generations.

"The need for enhanced ocean and coastal management measures is underscored by the demands of California's growing population, both along the coast and inland," the release says. "There is a clear need for action to address our current management challenges and those that will be faced by future generations of Californians."

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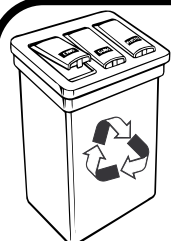
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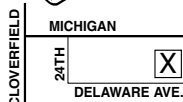
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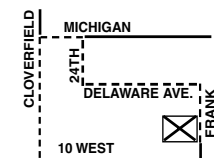
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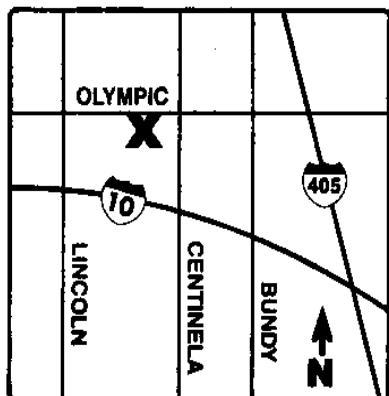


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## LOCAL



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Mike Davis, who served six years in the United States Army, holds an American flag in the Bush/Cheney camp, showing support for the troops in Iraq.

## Crowd shows differing opinions

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crowd with a Kerry/Edwards sign yelling at Bush supporters. "I don't see how anyone can support Bush at this point. It has to be a character flaw."

A group of Bush protesters — calling themselves "The Billionaires for Bush" — dressed up in tuxedos and fancy dresses, and circled the crowd chanting "four more wars" and sarcastically thanking other Bush protesters for paying their taxes.

"We really have to thank the proletarians for taking care of our corporations," said Benjamin Ball, 36, who works as an architect in Silver Lake. Ball said he'd been going by the name of N. Ron Hubbub. "This is a mode of free speech which energizes part of the population that wouldn't otherwise respond to these kinds of issues. I think we live in an era where satire speaks louder than direct speech."

Stephanie Sokol, a Bush supporter who overheard Ball's chants, expressed dissatisfaction with the divisive nature of recent politics. The 37-year-old Santa Monica said she came to welcome the president and express her support.

"This is like the only time I can vent my frustration," Sokol said. A pharmaceutical salesperson, Sokol said she is an independent who has chosen to support Bush. "It's like it's cool to vote Kerry. It has nothing

to do with the future of this country."

Ted Estes, 46, took Sokol's sentiments a step further. The Marina del Rey resident rolled around the sidewalk in rollerblades with a sign that read: "Since when do world leaders consult court jesters on policy matters? Shut up and perform, Hollywood."

Estes, a rocket scientist, said he frequents Santa Monica on rollerblades and came to welcome the president first and respond to the protesters he heard would converge on the intersection second. He reserved the back of his sign for a point on Santa Monica policy: "Liberate the People's Republic of Santa Monica!"

Only a few of the demonstrators expressed non-partisan sentiments. Sean Maytum, 35, carried a homemade sign on a bamboo stick that read "Nuke the whales for Jesus," on one side and "Kill the poor" on the other.

Maytum, who, like Ball, made the trip from Silver Lake, joked and argued with supporters and protesters alike. He said the only way to get anyone's attention was with outrageous statements like "I hate freedom," which he had written on a piece of blue tape stretched across the back of his black T-shirt.

"In this century, the idea of open debate is completely dead," he said. "So what we end up with is blatant stupidity. I don't listen to what (the two sides) say anymore. I look at what they do. The Democrats are no different from the Republicans."

## LOCAL



# Bush will fly to Oregon and Washington today

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Libya and Iraq, saying force was used as a last resort.

Without a diligent approach to foreign policy, America will drift toward tragedy, Bush said.

"That isn't going to happen on my watch," he added, to booming applause. "After September 11, America must deal with threats before they fully materialize

..." "We don't create terrorists by fighting back. We defeat the terrorists by fighting back."

Gov. Schwarzenegger, who has in the past distanced himself from Bush's campaign, said he was honored to salute a great president who has improved California and the nation. He told Bush he was working hard on his behalf, campaigning for support from California Republicans, bodybuilders and even "girlie men" for Bush/Cheney, referring

**"Nobody should take this state for granted in 2004."**

**GEORGE W. BUSH**

President of the United States

to a joke he made about state legislators stalling approval of the budget.

He also told Bush that although he had to debate with a Kennedy-backed democrat regularly on the campaign trail, referring to Kerry, he had to debate with one each morning over breakfast. Maria Shriver, Gov. Schwarzenegger's wife, is John F. Kennedy Jr.'s niece.

Bush, who took the stage to chants of "four more years," responded in kind, going over the many commonalities he shares with Gov. Schwarzenegger.

"We both married above ourselves. We both have trouble with the English language. We both have big biceps — well, two out of three ain't bad," Bush said to laughter.

Bush told supporters he would campaign tirelessly in California, saying the state's important electoral votes, which traditionally have gone to Democrats, were not a foregone conclusion.

"Nobody should take this state for granted in 2004," he said.

Members of the national and international press on hand to cover the event were kept in a separate airplane hangar during the beginning of the event, while campaign organizers snapped photos with Bush and some 1,000 protesters marched outside on Ocean Park Boulevard and 31st Street.

After dinner was served, members of the press were ushered between hangars

12 and 13, past a cocktail area and a VVIP lounge — for the very, very important people — and into the event.

Money raised will go to the Republican National Committee. Bush stopped fundraising for the Bush/Cheney 2004 team in April, after he exceeded his stated goal of raising \$170 million by more than \$50 million, said Scott Stanzel, press secretary for the reelection campaign.

"The president is turning his attention to Republican candidates and Republican committees throughout the country," Stanzel added. "It's part of his effort to ensure that he doesn't have a lonely victory."

Still, Bush told supporters he was impressed by early interest in his campaign.

"I'll tell you what I'm seeing," said Bush, who traveled through the South earlier this week. "The crowds are big, the enthusiasm is high — we're going to win in November."

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# Entertainment

## WHAT'S PLAYING

**COLLATERAL**  
Cruise makes for one bad-ass bad guy in this unsettling thrill ride from director Michael Mann.  
Starring: Tom Cruise, Jamie Foxx

**OPEN WATER**  
If you thought the crew in "Jaws" were screwed out there in their little boat, wait 'til you see what happens to the unfortunate young couple in this one.  
Starring: Daniel Travis, Blanchard Ryan

**LITTLE BLACK BOOK**  
No one deserves to watch this movie—and its pot-holed, nonsensical plot—unfold.  
Starring: Brittany Murphy, Ron Livingston

**CODE 46**  
It's difficult to wrap one's head around the film's basic conceit because as lovers, Robbins and Morton generate less heat than a meat locker.  
Starring: Tim Robbins, Samantha Morton

**THE VILLAGE**  
The final act shocker isn't worth enduring the rest of the film for.  
Starring: Joaquin Phoenix, Bryce Dallas Howard, William Hurt

**THE MANCHURIAN CANDIDATE**  
Director Jonathan Demme returns to "Silence of the Lambs"-type form, taking us on a suspenseful journey rife with intrigue and fueled by paranoia.  
Starring: Denzel Washington, Meryl Streep

**HAROLD & KUMAR GO TO WHITE CASTLE**  
A stoner flick at heart, but even those who've never inhaled will find plenty to laugh at from start to finish.  
Starring: Kal Penn, John Cho

**GARDEN STATE**  
A smart love story that is a welcome diversion from all that cacophonous summer noise at the multiplex.  
Starring: Natalie Portman, Zach Braff, Peter Sarsgaard

**THE BOURNE SUPREMACY**  
A stellar sequel awash with superb performances and edge-of-the-seat action sequences.  
Starring: Matt Damon, Joan Allen, Brian Cox

**CATWOMAN**  
About as pleasant an experience as staying up all night listening to alley-cats in heat.  
Starring: Halle Berry, Benjamin Bratt

**I, ROBOT**  
Earthbound sci-fi entertainment most everybody can appreciate, and one that merits mention alongside such popular favorites as "The Terminator" and "The Matrix."  
Starring: Will Smith, Bridget Moynahan

**THE DOOR IN THE FLOOR**  
Combines the whimsy of "The World According to Garp" with the profundity of "The Cider House Rules." An amply-layered study of relationships and how they form and come apart.  
Starring: Kim Basinger, Jeff Bridges

**A CINDERELLA STORY**  
A vapid collection of clichés and stereotypes that have already been exhausted in at least three other teen-girl-in-turmoil flicks this year.  
Starring: Hilary Duff

**RIDING GIANTS**  
There's plenty here to capture the imagination of damn near anyone with the slightest sense of adventure. An entertaining and highly informative tutorial on the history of big-wave surfing.  
Starring: Laird Hamilton, Greg Noll

**SHREK 2**  
There are oodles of gut-busting gags for all ages in a sequel that not only does its predecessor proud, but ranks among the funniest animated features ever.  
Starring: Mike Meyers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz

## Performance poor for the Princess

BY DAN DUNN  
Special to the Daily Press

Thank heaven for little girls. Surely that is what the Disney brass must be thinking as this trifling sequel hits theaters, because

**Review** the flick's financial fate largely depends upon

that indiscriminating demographic. Little girls still dream about marrying the handsome prince, and so what if he can't act very well. And little girls don't even know what empowerment means, let alone care that this 21st Century film twists the feminist movement's principals to conform to a decidedly Eisenhower-erasque ideal: If a gal wants to succeed (i.e. become queen) well, darn it, that gal's got to get herself a good husband first.

Such is Princess Mia's (Anne Hathaway) quandary as she returns fresh out of college to Genovia, the fictional kingdom



she is destined to rule. Her grandmother, Queen Clarisse (Julie Andrews), has announced her imminent retirement and intention to hand the crown over to Mia. But after the duplicitous Viscount Mabrey (John Rhys-Davies of "The Lord of The Rings" trilogy) invokes an ancient Genovian law that mandates a woman be mar-

ried before assuming the throne, Mia has just 30 days to get hitched to a proper suitor or abdicate to Mabrey's handsome young nephew, Nicholas (newcomer Chris Pine). She quickly commits to the qualified but unremarkable Duke of Kenilworth (Callum Blue), all the while getting more deeply entwined in a hormonally-

charged love-hate relationship with Nicholas. No points here for guessing who Mia winds up with. Pine is certainly good-looking enough to make a princess's heart flutter, but pretty blue eyes and a toothy smile alone do not a beau ideal make ... except in director Garry Marshall's fairy tale universe, that is. Pine's performance goes nowhere. Of course, even the most accomplished thespian would be hard-pressed to gather momentum working with such static material. Hector Elizondo reprises the role of the kindly, all-knowing lackey he's played in virtually every other Marshall film. The truly-talented Andrews and up-and-comer Hathaway are pleasant enough at the outset, but as they muddle through this mess their performances take a turn for the hypnagogic that may even induce yawns from the little princesses in the audience.

(Rated G. Running time 115 minutes)

## Naomi Watts comes into her own at 35

BY DAN DUNN  
Special to the Daily Press

Australian beauty Naomi Watts wowed critics in 2001 playing an aspiring actress in David Lynch's haunting ode to Hollywood, "Mulholland Drive." In the

**Q&A** ensuing two

years, Watts became a bona fide star thanks to the hit horror flick, "The Ring," and her mesmerizing performance opposite Sean Penn and Benicio Del Toro in "21 Grams." In the coming months, the 35-year-old Watts will seemingly be everywhere — at least, for those of us who live in movie theaters — appearing in "The Assassination of Richard Nixon" (again opposite Penn), David O. Russell's "I Heart Huckabees" and the sequel to "The Ring." Oh yes, in 2005, she's the female lead in a little Peter Jackson project called "King Kong." In her latest film, the powerful drama "We Don't Live Here Anymore," Watts stars as a woman unhappily married to "Six Feet Under's" Peter Krause who has an affair

with his best friend, played by Mark Ruffalo.

**QUESTION:** The characters in this movie are pretty awful to one another. Do you worry that audiences may have a hard time mustering sympathy?

**NAOMI WATTS:** Yes, but that's life. We're capable of doing terrible things to each other. But I really had a tough time with the material in the same way that many of you might, but I still feel that there is something in this movie that is truly human.

**Q:** There are certainly lessons to be learned about the human condition, especially once the marital indiscretions come to light.

**NW:** Exactly. We hope never to get to that point, but maybe it helps us think about what we have, and what we must do to avoid such a crisis. These are the films I love doing. Films that are thought-provoking.

**Q:** Your character, Edith, and her husband Hank seem to have all the makings of a great partnership. What happened to their marriage?

**NW:** She believed in him and who he was, and she was constantly propping him up. They had something that binded them, but unfortunately it mutated into codependence. They still needed each other but the wanting and loving had dissipated.

**Q:** You've confessed to being a big fan of "Six Feet Under." What was it like meeting Peter Krause?

**NW:** You mean was star-struck? (Laughs). I do get star-struck every now and again, but it's usually over people who I knew of when I was really young, like Dustin Hoffman or Debby Harry. Less so with people my own age, my contemporaries.

**Q:** What do you do when people are star-struck by you?

**NW:** I don't know that people get star-struck around me. Really? It's such a short-lived career for me so far, that it would be surprising.

**Q:** Stardom came relatively late in the game for you. Do you feel as though being in your mid-30s makes you better equipped to deal with the trapping of fame?

**NW:** If I'd gotten famous and

busy at the age of 22, I don't think I would have made the right decisions. I wouldn't have been equipped to know myself enough and know what I want to do. I probably would have gotten talked into doing things just for the paycheck.

**Q:** You've been best buds with Nicole Kidman for a long time. Do the two of you ever talk about how far you've both come in this business?

**NW:** Not all the time, because when you're in it, you're in it. But there was a moment (a while back) when she had just gotten her "Cold Mountain" script, and I'd just gotten my "21 Grams" script, and we were reading scenes to each other and having a good old chuckle. We were, like, can you believe we're doing what we love to do with this caliber of people.

**Q:** You're doing "King Kong" with director Peter Jackson. What can you tell us about the film?

**NW:** It's a beautiful, simple love story. Even though it's high concept, and it's going to be a spectacular film, there are some real basic elements, particularly about unrequited love.

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Kelly Carlson driving the coast in the lap of luxury

By The Associated Press



Kelly Carlson

**SANTA MONICA** — Actress Kelly Carlson finally gets it. FX’s “Nip/Tuck” star got behind the wheel of a \$330,000 Lamborghini Murcielago Roadster and led a caravan of 50 Lamborghini luxury cars on a 300-mile cruise up the coast to Monterey this week.

It brought back memories of one of the show’s most talked about episodes when plastic surgeon Christian

Troy (Julian McMahon) is rewarded with a Lamborghini Murcielago after setting up a date between Carlson (Kimberly Henry) and another character.

“I’ve always thought about what it might be like to drive a Lamborghini so when I was invited to take part in this event I was excited, especially after last season when my character on ‘Nip/Tuck’ was traded by her boyfriend for a Lamborghini. Now I know why,” Carlson said Tuesday.

“We thought it would be fun to invite her to test out the Murcielago Roadster,” Lamborghini’s North American chief Ehren Bragg said. “I’ve seen some pretty wild things done with our cars, but I don’t think I’ve ever heard of trading a Lamborghini for a date.”

“We thought she deserved a chance at a test drive.”

**NEW YORK** — Eve Ensler is going from “The Vagina Monologues” to “The Good Body” — and bringing it to Broadway.

The writer-performer’s latest rumination on the female form will open Nov. 15 at Broadway’s Booth Theatre for a limited 12-week engagement. Preview performances begin Oct. 22, it was announced Wednesday.

“The Good Body” deals with women’s body issues, including what Ensler calls her own “less-than-flat, post-40s stomach.” The solo show had a successful summer engagement at American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco.

“The Vagina Monologues,” which celebrates female sexuality while decrying violence against women, was one of off-Broadway’s biggest hits, running for more than three years and touring around the country and the world.

Ensler opened “The Vagina Monologues” at off-Broadway’s Westside Theatre on Oct. 3, 1999, and it ran there through Jan. 26, 2003, with the show performed by a rotating cast of three women after Ensler left the production.

**NEW YORK** — Beyonce, Rod Stewart and Usher will take the stage in a multidimensional media event that’s part performance, part magazine and part museum exhibit to celebrate the relationship between fashion and music.

The Fashion Rocks event, created by the Conde Nast Media Group, includes a supersized concert — billed as “an extraordinary evening of style and sound” — at Radio City Music Hall on Sept. 8, the start of New York Fashion Week.

Andre 3000, Avril Lavigne, Mary J. Blige, Alicia Keys, Faith Hill, Hoobastank and the Black Eyed Peas are also scheduled to perform. The concert will air Sept. 26 as a prime-time two-hour special on Fox.

A collector’s magazine supplement on music’s impact

on fashion will be included in subscription copies of the October issues of 12 Conde Nast and Fairchild magazines including Vogue, W, Vanity Fair and Cargo.

“Today’s fashion trend-makers are musicians. Entire fashion movements have been inspired by bands and individuals,” said Bob Love, Rolling Stone founding music editor. The Fashion Rocks supplement was created under Love’s editorial direction.

There also will be a monthlong exhibition at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland.

**NEW YORK** — The American Girl dolls are coming to life, thanks to Julia Roberts.

The actress is the executive producer of “Samantha: An American Girl Holiday,” The WB’s first made-for-TV movie, which will premiere Nov. 23, WB publicist Cathy Schaper told The Associated Press Wednesday.

Set in 1904, the movie is based on the popular American Girl dolls and their accompanying books. It stars AnnaSophia Robb, 10, as the title character, Mia Farrow as her grandmother and Kelsey Lewis, 9, as Irish maid doll Nellie O’Malley.

The movie explores the girls’ different worlds and the challenges they face together — including Nellie’s snowy escape from a New York orphanage.

American Girl, a division of Mattel, has become a retail sensation. Along with the movie, the dolls have spawned several theme stores.

**NEW YORK** — Pat Summerall is returning to an NFL broadcast booth, to work ESPN’s coverage of the game between the Atlanta Falcons and Baltimore Ravens.

Summerall, who had a liver transplant in April, will pinch hit Thursday night for Mike Patrick, who underwent triple heart bypass surgery.

“I feel better than I have in 15 years,” said the 74-year-old Summerall. “It’s an honor for me to be working with these guys.”

Summerall will work ESPN’s four preseason games and hopes to do more games after that. “I feel well enough and love to do it,” Summerall said. “Thus far, it’s four games. After that, I’m available.”

**LONDON** — Stripped-down news anchors posed outside the Houses of Parliament to launch the latest addition to Britain’s competitive news media — “Naked News.”

The revealing format, in which anchors disrobe while reading a digest of news, sports and entertainment, will begin broadcasting Monday on a British satellite station.

Inspired by a Russian program, Toronto-based “Naked News” made its debut on the Internet in 1999, and soon was claiming 6 million individual viewers a month. It later moved to pay-per-view television and last year to a Toronto cable station, where a flood of complaints triggered a move to Sex TV, a channel with a much smaller audience.

“Naked News” claims a potential weekly audience of 34 million in the United States, where the program is available on pay-per-view TV. A Hong Kong company launched its own version of the format in February, and “Naked News” plans to air a French-dubbed version on French satellite TV.

The British version will air on Get Lucky TV, a satellite station available to 7 million subscribers in Britain and Ireland.

The Web site features both men and women, but the television broadcast will be an all-female affair.

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## NATIONAL

# Levers of power can give incumbents the edge

BY GEORGE GEDDA

Associated Press Writer

**WASHINGTON** — An incumbent president seeking re-election can have a clear advantage, especially in foreign policy.

With a powerful military and vast diplomatic corps at his disposal, President Bush can make things happen. As just one of 100 senators, John Kerry can't.

Unlike Kerry, Bush gets to play the role of statesman. He'll be invited to address the U.N. General Assembly next month, not Kerry.

Will Bush thwart Kerry's stab at history with an October surprise?

Foreign policy moves also can be an albatross for a president seeking another term. Just ask Jimmy Carter. Will Iraq do to Bush what Iran did to Carter?

Forty years ago, Democratic President Lyndon Johnson was able to parlay a minicrisis off the coast of Vietnam to his benefit against his Republican opponent, Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona.

Johnson claimed that two American destroyers had come under fire from North Vietnamese torpedo boats in the Gulf of

Tonkin. No harm was done, but an almost unanimous Congress gave Johnson the authority to "take all necessary measures" to repel armed attacks against U.S. forces.

For a week, the political playing field was decidedly uneven. Johnson came across as an engaged commander in chief; there wasn't much Goldwater could do about it. He lost badly in November, but for reasons that went beyond the tiff in Vietnamese waters.

Although it was not clear at the time, Johnson was able to use the Gulf of Tonkin resolution as justification for a major buildup of U.S. forces in Vietnam after his inauguration.

In late October 1972, President Nixon was in a re-election struggle with Sen. George McGovern, D-S.D. A week before the balloting, Nixon authorized national security adviser Henry Kissinger to say "peace is at hand" in Vietnam. It was welcome news to a war-fatigued nation, which gave Nixon a big mandate days later.

Kissinger's bold prediction of impending peace was far off the mark; the heaviest bombing of the war was to occur starting just before Christmas 1972, much too late to help McGovern, who opposed the war. A peace deal was finally struck in late January, but peace still was not at hand for the Americans until the last ones abandoned Saigon in 1975.

Nixon had been buttressing his reputation among voters as worldly wheeler-dealer throughout 1972, making historic visits to China and Russia, among other initiatives.

President Reagan no doubt had his re-election in mind when he visited China in April 1984. He also quieted an outcry over his pugnacious Central America pol-

icy by authorizing peace talks that June. Once Reagan's defeat of challenger Walter Mondale was in the bag, he called off the talks.

For almost a half-century, Fidel Castro has proved to be a handy election-time target. Trade with Cuba was curtailed two weeks before the 1960 election. The first President Bush signed sanctions-tightening legislation against Cuba a week before his failed re-election bid in 1992.

With President Clinton's blessing in the election year of 1996, Congress again tightened the screws on Cuba. And this past May, it was no surprise when the current President Bush hardened sanctions against the island still further.

Kerry is no doubt aware of how previous presidents have used foreign policy to keep challengers off-balance during election campaigns.

At the same time, he knows that foreign issues can backfire on an incumbent seeking a new mandate. In 1980, the Iran hostage crisis contributed to the wreckage of Carter's presidency. His attempt at a military hostage rescue operation six months before the election failed dismally.

Bush obviously has his hands full with problems abroad, particularly the continuing violence in Iraq. And a deadly pre-election terrorist attack on U.S. soil almost certainly would have an effect on the November balloting; it is not clear which candidate would benefit.

Intelligence reform is another issue on which Bush and Kerry already are seeking voter favor before November. It may be another example of the incumbent having the advantage. Bush can act. Kerry can only react.

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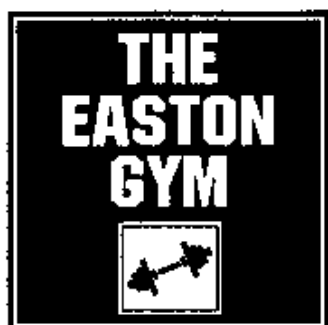
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# Low-oxygen water moves off Oregon coast again

BY JEFF BARNARD

Associated Press Writer

**NEWPORT, Ore.** — His hand on a toggle switch and his eyes on a computer screen, Oregon State University graduate student Anthony Kirincich “flew” an array of scientific instruments up and down through the waters of the Pacific, searching for the deadly low levels of oxygen that mark the return of the dead zone.

Standing next to him in the cramped cabin of the research vessel Elakha, Oregon State University postdoctoral researcher Francis Chan processed water samples, measuring the dissolved oxygen and indicators of phytoplankton, the microscopic plants that are the foundation of the food chain.

“This is definitely a cat-and-mouse game,” because the dead zone keeps ebbing to and from the shore and changing characteristics, Chan said. “It really takes us almost daily trips to really pinpoint the data.”

Two years ago when local fishermen started hauling up pots filled with dead crabs, scientists figured out that a huge mass of sub-Arctic water with very low levels of oxygen and high levels of nutrients had welled-up from the ocean’s depths and settled in for the summer on the Continental Shelf off central Oregon.

The Dead Zone dissipated that fall, and based on 40 years of ocean monitoring and local fishing lore, many thought they would never see it again.

This summer, the Dead Zone came back, causing scientists to think it may be a sign of a fundamental change in the Pacific Ocean.

“What I think we are seeing is a tipping of the balance of the ecosystem,” said Jack Barth, a professor of oceanography at Oregon State University. “We don’t fully understand what the cause of that is. We have some good ideas that it is related to some fundamental changes in circulation and the source of water for the Oregon Continental Shelf.”

There are more than 30 man-caused dead zones — scientists call them hypoxic or low-oxygen events — around the world in enclosed waters, including Hood Canal in Puget Sound, the Mississippi River delta and Chesapeake Bay. There, excess fertilizer from farm fields washing down rivers fuels a surge in phytoplankton. When they die, bacteria decompose them, using up the oxygen in the water and leaving fish, crabs and other

sea life to suffocate.

Naturally caused dead zones in open water like the one off Oregon are rare, and less well understood. Others have been found off Peru and South Africa.

The phenomenon is similar to the way the ocean food chain gets kick-started for good salmon returns, Barth said. Strong north winds push down the water along the coast, causing deeper waters laden with plankton to be drawn up.

In this case, a mass of deep ocean water was transported south from the sub-Arctic region by a shift in the California Current and came to rest on the Continental Shelf off Oregon. Already low in oxygen from being deep in the ocean, it lost even more when abundant phytoplankton died and decomposed.

Though Oregon’s Dead Zone is relatively small, “It might be a window into possibly important larger scale changes in the Pacific,” said Jane Lubchenco, professor of marine biology at OSU.

Barth does not think it is related to El Nino, the ocean warming that periodically hits the Pacific. It might, however, be related to the Pacific Decadal Oscillation, a cyclic climate condition in the northern Pacific discovered just 10 years ago that controls upwelling events. It is not behaving as it has in the past. Scientists have noticed unusually warm water and different wind patterns.

“Because we think it is potentially a long-term change, to be absolutely certain we need many years of observations,” Barth said of the Dead Zone. “We are still at the fundamental research level, but the impacts could be quite large.”

To understand it better, the 54-foot Elakha — Chinook for sea otter — goes out several times a week from the Hatfield Marine Science Center to gather water data in conjunction with PISCO — the Partnership for Interdisciplinary Studies of Coastal Oceans.

On Tuesday, Capt. Perry York motored south through the Dead Zone to Cape Perpetua. On the way, sooty sheerwaters skimmed along the surface, gulls soared, a

whale rolled and porpoises showed their dorsal fins.

Water samples Chan process from near the surface showed low oxygen, but not Dead Zone low.

The readings on water temperature, dissolved oxygen, depth and salinity coming from the instruments towed behind Elakha told a different story. About five miles out, at a depth of about 150 feet, the green line describing dissolved oxygen slid below the threshold into the Dead Zone.

The zone generally extends from Newport south to Florence, a distance of about 50 miles. On Tuesday, Elakha found it about five miles offshore at a depth of about 150 feet. It lays on the bottom, about 120 feet thick, and extends at least 10 miles out.

“This is one of the most productive parts of the coast,” said Chan. “There are deepwater fish that do fine with even hypoxic water. It’s the shallow-water fish that we worry about.”

This year, fewer dead fish are washing up than in 2002, which might indicate the condition is less severe. Fishermen are not reporting pots loaded with dead crabs.

Last weekend, Hal Weeks, marine habitat project leader for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, used an ROV — a remotely operated vehicle — equipped with a video camera to look at the bottom of the Dead Zone. They saw scattered sea pens and crab on the sandy bottom.

“Because we never looked at it before, we don’t know if its normal,” said Weeks.

Barth and others want to develop an ocean monitoring system based on instruments moored to the bottom that can pop up and transmit data and drones that tow instruments through the water. That would enable oceanographers to understand the ocean weather and predict future events.

“We are not entirely sure that (man-made) effects — say global warming — are influencing these ocean patterns,” said Barth. “But we sure better understand it if that is the case.”

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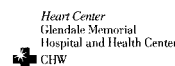
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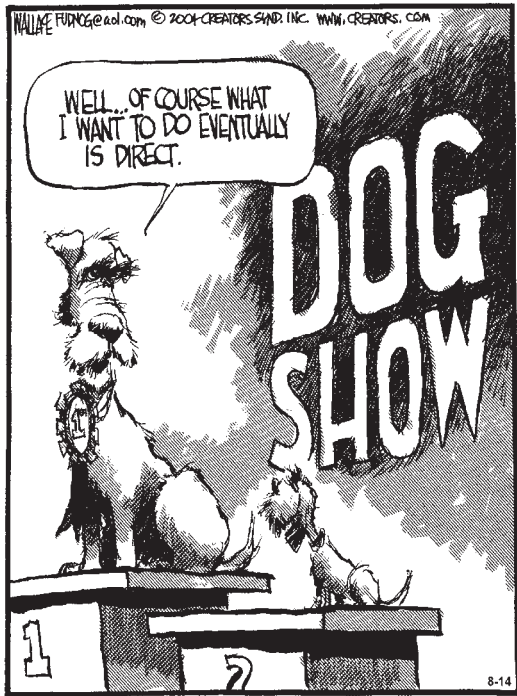
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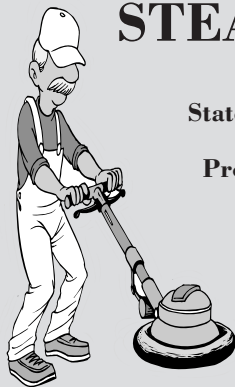
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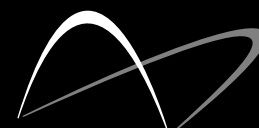
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