

Santa Monica Daily Press

A newspaper with issues

City wins suit alleging excessive force by police

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

A Los Angeles jury last week found two Santa Monica Police officers not guilty of using excessive force against a teenager arrested for public drunkenness 2 1/2 years ago.

Ken Cooper sued SMPD officer Michael Von Achen and former SMPD officer Brent Ferguson, alleging he was beaten by them after he and his best friend, Matt Speck, were pulled over on Fifth Street and Santa Monica Boulevard in the early morning hours of Christmas Eve 1999.

After a day of deliberations, the 12-person jury came back with a verdict clearing the officers of any wrongdoing last Wednesday after a week-long trial in downtown

Los Angeles Superior Court.

Cooper was seeking \$75,000, plus punitive damages.

According to Deputy City Attorney Tony Serritella, SMPD officers pulled Speck over on suspicion of drunk driving. After failing a field sobriety test and having a keg of beer in the bed of his truck, Speck was arrested for DUI and placed in the back of a police car, Serritella said.

Cooper, who was asleep in the truck's back cab, became agitated when officers woke him up. When officers determined Cooper could not care for himself, they placed him in protective custody — destined for a night in the "drunk tank," Serritella said. Cooper, visibly drunk, resisted and kicked officers. He was handcuffed and placed in the same police car Speck was sitting in, Serritella said.

Then, Speck slipped out of his handcuffs and seat belt, and managed to kick out the passenger-side back window of the police car. Both teenagers were taken to jail, where Cooper's blood alcohol level registered at .22, more than twice the legal limit. Serritella said Cooper sustained minor injuries in his scuffle with police officers.

A third teenager who was a passenger in Speck's truck was not arrested and allowed to find transportation home.

Friends since they were 10 years old and residents of Little Rock, Calif., a suburb of Lancaster, Speck and Cooper were 18 years old at the time, said Cooper's attorney, Ellen Hammill-Ellison. They were in Santa Monica trying to find the home of a girl they knew.

See SUIT, page 6



Andrew H. Fixmer/Daily Press

Lester Hershon goes to get his prescription filled at Central Pharmacy on Wilshire Boulevard Tuesday.

Prescription costs hurting area seniors

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER

Daily Press Staff Writer

Rose Kaufman and her husband spend more than \$1,200 a year for the four prescription medications they must take daily.

And they are some of Santa Monica's more fortunate senior citizens.

Covered partially by an HMO, the Kaufmans are spared some of the high costs many senior citizens in Santa Monica pay for their prescription medications.

A recent congressional report compiled by officials in Congressman Henry Waxman's (D-West Hollywood) office indicates that seniors living on the west-side of Los Angeles pay some of the highest prescription drug costs of any industrialized country in the world.

"There are many seniors living in Santa Monica who have to pay the majority of their fixed income on their prescriptions," said Kaufman, who

"Seniors here suffer as much as any other senior across the country from the ridiculous cost of drugs."

— JOEL GREENBERG
City's commission on older Americans

must additionally spend another \$80 a month on over-the-counter medications a doctor has instructed her to take daily.

Santa Monica is host to seven affordable senior housing complexes, which house hundreds of senior citizens living on fixed incomes.

Many seniors who are forced to

spend much of their income on prescriptions then must turn to local food banks and charities for meals and services they would otherwise be able to afford, officials said.

"I have clients who are paying a lot of money for prescriptions that they cannot afford," said a social service worker at Wise Senior Services, who asked that he not be named. "They are buying them ... and then taking less than a full dose just to stretch it out. They are going without food sometimes."

Joel Greenberg, a member on the city's commission on older Americans, said high drug costs have degraded the quality of life for many local seniors, who are seen as more wealthy than those in nearby communities.

"Seniors here are not exempted from anything. They are subject to the same prices and the same federal laws," he said. "Seniors here suffer as much as any other senior across the country from the ridiculous cost of drugs."

Pharmaceutical companies have argued they are only trying to recoup years of research costs associated with getting approval from the Federal Drug Administration.

But Greenberg believes the companies could find ways to cut some of their costs and make their drugs more affordable.

"I question the millions of doses of these medicines that are sent to every physician in the country free of charge as samples, which is a very high price passed along to all of us to pay," he said. "The advertising is another great cost that we are all paying for."

Kaufman said she had to switch medications she takes for her osteoporosis, a degenerative bone disease, because the cost of the medication she had been taking for nearly five years

See PRESCRIPTIONS, page 5

In effort to save Aero theater, owner looks to neighborhood

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER

Daily Press Staff Writer

Saving the Aero movie theater is a simple equation to its owner Chris Allen.

"The neighborhood theater is the place to be," he said. "And as long as we continue to give people a reason to show up, we plan on being here."

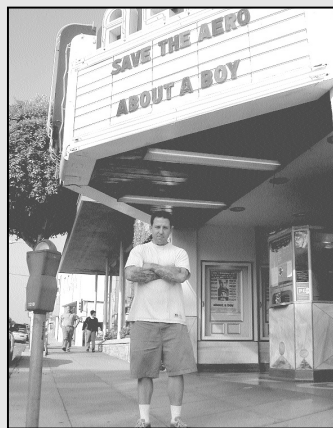
The Aero is in a race against time to raise enough money to stay in its Montana Avenue location. A fundraiser last month raised nearly \$40,000 but the theater still owes its landlords \$20,000 in back rent.

Failure to pay off all of its outstanding

debts by the beginning of September will be the end of the Aero, a World War II-era movie house that used play around-the-clock films for military plane manufacturer Donald Douglas employees.

"There is some sense of urgency," Allen said. "If the checks aren't there, the theater will go dark."

Allen said the theater has always struggled financially, but over the last several years, fewer and fewer people have come through the doors, while the rent has remained the same. As other forms of entertainment move into the area, there are just too many other



File photo

See AERO, page 6 Aero theater owner Chris Allen.

basco, ward & nolan
R. JEFFERY WARD
attorney at law
Business Litigation • Entertainment
General Litigation • Business Transactions of all Types
204 Bicknell Ave. 1329 Century Park East Suite 300
Santa Monica, CA 90401 Century City, CA 90067
310-995-0726 www.bwn.com
rjward@bwn.com

THE EASTON GYM
Easton Gym • Santa Monica
1233 Third Street Fremont
Santa Monica, CA 90401
310 395 4441
Easton Gym is your neighborhood gym.
AERO THEATRE • 1329 CENTURY PARK EAST • 310 395 4441

TAXES
All forms • All types • All states
SAMUEL B. MOSES, CPA
(310) 395-9922
430 3rd Street Suite 200 Santa Monica, CA 90401

Get a good night's sleep, Sag



The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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

★★★ A commotion sets the day's tone. Handle individuals directly. Don't leave out details, and zoom in on facts, even if others seem uninterested. The quality of your follow-through is reflected in the end results. A co-worker whispers important news in your ear. Tonight: Let someone have what he or she wants.

★★★ A risk might be quite appealing but could lead to a distinct problem. Postpone any blind leaps of faith for a day or two! You realize later on what might be a stronger action. Talk to an adviser about a money matter. The more information you get, the sounder the decision. Tonight: Your treat.

★★★ You might wish to have more control. Don't be surprised to find yourself dreaming about life as if you were the boss. Meanwhile, let others reveal their thoughts. Your ability to brainstorm creatively marks your success. Tonight: Add more spring to your step.

★★★★ Trust yourself to make solid decisions, even in what appears to be a confusing personal matter. If you're questioning your decision, list your goals. Prioritizing will help you clarify. A friend and/or a meeting spews yet more possibilities. Tonight: What would make you happy?

★★★★★ Defer to others this morning, when facts and events confuse more than clarify. Your insightfulness and grounding make all the difference to associates. A family member reveals what he or she considers a deep, dark secret! Tonight: Happy at home.

★★ You might like to believe what you hear, but your better sense tells you otherwise. Stall a decision, taking your time. Not everything needs to be decided right now. Your perspective changes radically as the day ages. A parent or boss shares interesting insights. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

★★★★ Your imagination could take you down some “forbidden” path. A partner might be reading you loud and clear, letting you know how he or she feels. Schedule an important discussion for later in the day, once you move out of your revelry. Tonight: Only fun.

★★★ Choose to not reveal your thoughts this morning, especially those involving money and a personal matter. What you can be sure of is that more information will come forth. Seek out experts. Return all calls, especially to someone at a distance. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

★★★ Going back to the basics helps you sort through what could be a difficult problem. Though your perspective might easily change because of input later on, you come up with a sound idea. Use your finances to enhance your domestic life and security. Tonight: Happy at home.

★★★ Trust that you aren't seeing a situation clearly. The more information you get, the better off you will be. Schedule a discussion with a trusted associate later in the day. This person gives you the scoop. Refuse to be scammed. Tonight: A must show.

★★★★ You speak, and others listen. However, don't make the assumption that associates understand, especially this morning. Verify data, information, messages and meetings. Eliminate confusion through communication. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

★★★★★ Sometimes another's perspective helps you understand where others come from. Taking a strong stand might not benefit you. Listen, exchange ideas and detach. Given time, you will stumble onto the proper solution. Tonight: Take in a movie.

“You may eventually come to realize that chastity is no more a virtue than malnutrition.”

— Alex Comfort

Santa Monica Daily Press

Published Monday through Saturday
Phone: 310.458.PRESS(7737) • Fax: 310.576.9913
530 Wilshire Blvd., Suite #200 • Santa Monica, CA 90401

Ross Furukawa ross@smdp.com

Carolyn Sackariason . . .sack@smdp.com

Andrew H. Fixmer andy@smdp.com

Del Pastrana del@smdp.com

Angela Downen angela@smdp.com

William Pattnosh william@smdp.com

Kiutzu Cruz kiutzu@smdp.com

Dave Danforth dave@smdp.com

The Brats and the Bees

brat

Street Clothing & Accessories for Guys and Gals



ROCKS



SERIOUS

www.bratstore.com (310) 452-2480

Between 9am and 6pm Open Everyday 12-6

UP TO 75% OFF
 RETAIL PRICE

\$25 FLAT RATE from SM to LAX

(or less)

THE TRADITION CONTINUES
Serving Santa Monica since 1920

- Professional, Courteous Drivers
- Clean, Well-Maintained Vehicles
- On-Time Reliable Service
- Fully Licensed and Insured

All Major Credit Cards Accepted



THE ORIGINAL

Yellow Cab Co.

Name:

Address:

For Dispatch or Service Call Toll Free
800-711-8294

Please complete and present coupon to driver

Wednesday's Special!

\$5.⁹⁵

Fish-n-Chips

REEL INN RESTAURANT

FRESH FISH MARKET & RESTAURANT

Portland Location:
 120 Broadway
 Portland, ME 04101
 360-521-7821



TUESDAY PINT NIGHT
PALE ALE • AMBER • LAGER • HEFEWEIZEN
PILSENER • ESB • STOUT • IPA

1st pint \$5.00
Refills for only \$3.00
You get to keep the glass!

HAPPY HOUR 4-6pm
Monday thru Friday

**PLAN YOUR NEXT
PARTY ON THE PATIO**

2911 Main Street • Santa Monica • 11:30am - Midnight Mon-Sun
Telephone 310.314.4855 • Fax 310.314.4857

LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CityTV election coverage tweaked

By Daily Press staff

For the fifth consecutive election, the City of Santa Monica will partner with the League of Women Voters of Santa Monica on informative election coverage on CityTV Channel 16 and, for the first time, on-line at www.smvote.org for the Nov. 5, 2002 election.

"As always, CityTV will be full partners with the league for school board and college board of trustees candidate forums," said City Manager Susan McCarthy. "But a special circumstance this year and a desire by both the city and the league to be seen as completely impartial require us to take a different approach to cablecasting City Council candidate forums and local ballot initiative programs."

The special circumstance referred to by McCarthy is the league's action/advocacy arm, which has taken a position in opposition to the qualified ballot measure commonly referred to as "Veritas," which would change the governance structure in the city.

"We recognize and agree that the city's governance structure is an issue that will be discussed at length by candidates for City Council," noted Karen Carrey, president of the League of Women Voters of Santa Monica. "Because there is a high probability of the league's position being mentioned frequently during the forums, and because CityTV-produced election programming is funded with public money allocated by the City Council, we will not be involved with either the live, interactive city council candidates forum or the taped local ballot issues forum."

McCarthy said the city and the league agree that the public could perceive a conflict, which could prove confusing as election activities proceed this year.

CityTV is working with the Center for Governmental Studies to produce this year's City Council and Rent Control Board candidate forums and local ballot initiative programming. The Center, established in 1983, is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that studies and helps implement innovative approaches to civic involvement, including improving communication with voters. City officials expect to partner fully with the League for future elections.

A full slate of election programming on CityTV and additional educational events planned by the League of Women Voters of Santa Monica will be announced in the near future and posted on www.smvote.org.

Paving the way



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

City crews construct a new alley between Fifth and Sixth Streets off of Idaho Avenue, Tuesday, as part of a citywide \$3 million replacement project.

Free music on the Promenade

By Daily Press staff

Bayside District Corporation and Spaceland continue the Third Street Promenade Concert Series with performances by Neon Venus with Staci Twigg on Friday, Aug. 16, beginning at noon.

Staci Twigg are an indie rock band that hail from San Francisco. The band pop out minty singalongs out of streamlined indie smarts. Staci Twigg are Julie Z (singer/songwriter), Timy Free (bass), Steve the plow (guitars) and Jeff G (drums).

Neon Venus gets their audiences dancing with songs performed with raw energy on top of deep grooves of hip-hop and Latin influenced rock. They deliver tight three-part harmonies completing the full sound of the six-piece band composed of Peter Valentine (Guitar & Vocals), Pablo Alemann (Percussion), Michelle Aguirre (Bass), Lisette Salazar Napoleoni (Vocals), Roger Hilmer (Keyboards), Pete Roman (Drums) and Nestor Salazar (Percussion).

The concert stage is located at the Third Street Promenade's Center Court on the 1300 block between Santa Monica Boulevard and Arizona Avenue. All concerts are free to the public. Parking is free for two hours (no validation is necessary) in public parking structures one through six located on Second and Fourth Streets.



Tuesday saw the peak of our current southwest swell, but enough energy is left for semi-consistent surf today. Sets look slightly smaller, but should remain waist level and above at spots with some southwest exposure.

Thursday should see swell back down further. Off-shore buoys don't detect any new activity, and forecasts haven't predicted any new swell for a few days.

"C" advisories hold for Leo Carrillo, Paradise Cove and the Santa Monica Canyon storm drain.

Today's Tides:			
High-	2:12 a.m.	4.05'	
Low-	8:03 a.m.	1.48'	
High-	2:49 p.m.	5.39'	
Low-	9:54 p.m.	1.21'	

Location	Tuesday	Wednesday	Water Quality
County Line	2-4'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Zuma	2-4'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Surfrider	2-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	A
Topanga	2-3'/Fair	1-3'/Fair	A
Breakwater	2-4'/Fair	2-3'/Poor	A
El Porto	2-3'/Poor	2-3'/Poor	A



The headlines continue to indicate the city is in a major economic slump. Budget shortfalls of up to \$8 million annually, 5,000 jobs cut from City Hall and millions worth of capital improvements put on hold, prove that Santa Monica is suffering — not just in government, but also in business.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know: "Is the City of Santa Monica doing

everything it can to promote and support businesses here? What suggestions can you offer the powers that be?"

Call (310) 285-8106 with your response before Thursday at 5 p.m. We'll print them in Friday's paper. Please limit your comments to a minute or less; it might help to think first about the wording of your response.



"A slice of NY in your own backyard."

— Anthony Dias Blue
Bon Appetit Lifestyle

Voted Best in LA!

— America Online Poll

**Large 1-Topping Pizza
and 10 Wings
\$19.95**

310.451.SLICE (7542)

**915 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica
1622 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica**

Since 1967
Quality & Value Always!

Open 6am - 2:30pm Mon. - Fri.
6am - 4pm Sat. - Sun.

**310-399-7892
2732 Main St.
Santa Monica**

**Ordinary Food
with Extraordinary
Flavor!**



OPINION

LETTERS

Living wage supporters won't back off of hotels

Editor:

I have been active for many years in Santa Monicans Allied for Responsible Tourism (SMART) and its campaigns for workers' rights and for a Living Wage Ordinance for Santa Monica. I write this letter on behalf of my colleagues who have joined me in signing below.

Over the past two years, Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel has been accused of many labor abuses. Sadly, the National Labor Relations Board has decided that a number of these charges were legitimate.

I have recently learned that, over the past few months, an increasing number of worker leaders allegedly have been unfairly targeted for disciplinary actions for supporting the Living Wage Ordinance and standing up for better working conditions at the hotel. Some have been given warnings that their jobs are in danger.

The alleged harassment endured by many Loews workers highlights the immediate need for a strong living wage law. Not only will the Living Wage Ordinance on this November's ballot guarantee that workers earn enough to support their families and provide them with health insurance, it will also protect their fundamental right to advocate for these improvements.

Given the current climate of corporate betrayal of the public trust, our hope has been that Loews would embrace its responsibility to treat its workers with respect and dignity. Instead, Loews has aggressively fought the Living Wage Ordinance, spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to stop it. The recent actions allegedly targeting worker leaders represent a regrettable continuation of this pattern.

We all know that the process of substantiating these allegations takes a long time and dramatically slows down a final resolution of differences between labor and management.

Our goal is the opposite: to engage Loews in meaningful and productive discussions that will lead to the following:

- A loyal and productive workforce that is guaranteed a living wage, good benefits and fair working conditions

- An end to any current or potential harassment of employees

- The continued financial success of Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel

- A respected place for the hotel in the Santa Monica community

To demonstrate our support for the Living Wage Ordinance and for the courageous Loews workers trying to improve their lives, my colleagues and I gathered in front of Loews last week. We had hoped to meet with Loews management, and we still do.

Just as the hotel has placed workers on notice with a warning to them, this will be our form of a warning to the hotel. Our warning is this: We will not be satisfied until the rights and the jobs of the workers are secure, and their ability to support themselves in dignity

is protected by the Santa Monica Living Wage Ordinance.

Until then, Loews may be assured that we will not disappear and we will not allow the workers' situation to disappear from the consciousness of the community. There are religious values that mandate us to be present in these situations and it is a calling we will not refuse.

Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels, President, Santa Monica Bay Interfaith Coalition

Rev. James Lawson, Founding Minister, Holman United Methodist Church

Bishop Frederick H. Borsch, Retired Bishop, The Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles

Rabbi Leonard Beerman, Founding Rabbi, Leo Baeck Temple

Rabbi Steven Jacobs, Temple Kol Tikvah

Rabbi Steven Carr Reuben, President, Board of Rabbis

Rev. Peggy Krong, Westwood Presbyterian Church

Fr. Richard Gillett, Social Justice Minister, Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles

Fr. Mike Gutierrez, St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church

Rev. Sandie Richards, The Church in Ocean Park

Rev. Ronald Williams, First AME by the Sea

Rev. David Wheeler, First Baptist Church

Rev. Francisco Canas, First Methodist Church, L.A.

Al Albergate, Sokkai Gai — USA

Rev. Heidi Gamble, Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jim Boline, St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Rabbi Haim Beliak, Coalition for Justice in Hawaiian Gardens and Jerusalem

Rev. Donna Lee Merz, First Presbyterian of Santa Monica

Rev. Sandra Yarlott, United Church of Christ Minister, Santa Monica

Rev. Judith Meyer, Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Santa Monica

Rev. Anna Olson, Trinity Episcopal Church

Jo'Ann DeQuattro, Outreach Director, Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church

Herm Fischer, Social Justice Committee, Temple Kol Tikvah

Mae Gautier, Social Justice Committee, All Saints Episcopal Church

Dorothy Christ, Social Justice Committee, All Saints Episcopal Church

Marty Coleman, Call to Renewal

Lisa Smithline, Office of the Americas

Carlos and Susan Stouffer, Social Justice Committee, University Christian Church

Steven Rohde, American Civil Liberties Union

Cathy Gentile, Social Justice Committee, Unitarian Universalist Church of Santa Monica

Rita Ries, Social Justice Committee, Westwood Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jarvis Johnson, Calvary CME

Rev. Alexia Salvatierra, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice

Unfair labor practices: Barry and Mary at Loews



**EDGE
of the
WEST**

By Ron Scott Smith

Later this summer, on Monday, Sept. 16, Barry Bonds, the biggest, baddest Giant of them all, will arrive in town with his teammates for a crucial three-game series with the Dodgers — the NL wildcard berth in the playoffs on the line.

They will likely check into a luxurious Santa Monica beachfront hotel, let's say the Loews just for kicks. Bonds will find time to get to the bank before game time to deposit the mid-month paycheck handed to him the previous day, Sunday the 15th, by a team secretary. That paycheck, his second of the month, will have on it seven figures, a one and six zeroes. And that's before the decimal point.

Not a bad living for a lowly leftfielder, but hey, he's got room to improve. Alex Rodriguez, down there in Texas where they like to say everything's bigger, will cash his second September check in the amount of one million, five hundred seventy thousand and change. Shortstops rule, man.

Barry will pull down the covers on his bed after that big Monday night game, a bed

made for him by a housekeeper on the Loews staff. Let's say her name is Mary, just for kicks. Mary got her paycheck on the 15th too, five figures — not so bad — except for the decimal point is there, two numbers from the right.

Mary and Barry share a ... bond ... today, as both their professions are embroiled in deep labor struggles.

The Major League Baseball Players' Union is ready to announce a strike date, even as they surprised many by holding back that announcement at their pow-wow in New York on Monday.

Raul Mondesi is hitting .229 back there for the Yankees. He went 0 for 4 Sunday — payday — against the A's, striking out all four times at the plate. Raul's checks, wherever he deposits them, add \$790,000 bucks to his account, twice a month, for the seven months of the baseball season. That is unless he does as the teachers of our children do all over this nation, and asks for the money to be spread out throughout the year so he doesn't get caught short for Christmas or the kids' birthdays. But he stands firm, lunch pail in hand, with his fellow "team stars" or whatever this baseball "union" is called, poised to shut down the season.

The Dodgers' Cesar Izturis is a rookie and must bear up under the lean, mean \$200,000 minimum Major League wage. His 1st and 15th-of-the-month checks add only a drab \$14,300 or so to his new account. Cesar probably drove to the stadium Sunday in a

modest new Cherokee; then he had an infield single to celebrate payday. He too stands up against the penny-pinching owners, threatening to take his ball and go home if they don't "come to the table and give us what we're looking for," as Sammy Sosa, another 15 million-dollar man, said Monday.

OK, OK, the figures I present here are before the taxes and before the agents' fees. Not all that great, you might argue. But our five-dollar hotdogs at the ballpark, soon to be six, they're not all that great either, unless you put a lot of mustard on them.

As for Mary, down there pulling linen off Barry Bonds' bed on Tuesday morning, she'll be praying that night that the \$10.50 per hour living wage, plus health benefits, approved by the Santa Monica City Council last summer, will become a reality. It's about to be voted on by the public in November. She'd like a union too, though fighting that fight takes a different kind of sweat and courage than that of Bonds and Mondesi. Hers would be the not so glamorous Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Local 814, and they've had some teammates dropped from the hotel roster recently by a not so generous management because they dared to stand up and defend their ten bucks an hour.

Loews workers, union or not, are bringing in their closer — that referendum on the ballot in November, to seal the deal that will allow them to put enough food on the table for their families and pay the rent. Cars, new or old, might be out of the picture for many on

this team, but the Big Blue Bus runs steady.

Barry, you are the best ever, even though your post seasons have been something short of heroic. Redemption is one autumn around the corner. Keep bashing your way to Aaron's HR record. Sammy? Hope you hit 60-something again, even if it is only second best again. Pound that chest, throw those kisses, show us the love, man. Mondesi, your slump will be over soon, you found the right team, and you'll be playing in the fall classic this October. Young Cesar, keep plugging that hole at shortstop for the Dodgers, and the Cherokee will soon become a Mercedes. But remember, although your Dodgers and those Giants may decide not to play that big game on Monday, the 16th, the Eagles and the Redskins are on, and it could be that nobody'll even notice you guys are gone.

Go on, everybody, make whatever you can make, whatever you can get them to give you. Me too. Ain't that America, land of the free? But when your bad joke of a millionaires' labor union rears its swollen head and spews out trash about unfairness and work stoppages, take some advice: Shut the hell up and play ball.

And, Barry, don't leave the room too big a mess for Mary. Matter of fact, Barry, leave a little something under the pillow.

(Ron Smith can be reached at edgeofthewest@aol.com).

Opinions expressed are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the Santa Monica Daily Press staff. Guest editorials from residents are encouraged, as are letters to the editor. Letters will be published on a space-available basis. It is our intention to publish all letters we receive, except those that are libelous or are unsigned. Preference will be given to those that are e-mailed to sack@smdp.com. All letters must include the author's name and telephone number for purposes of verification. Letters also may be mailed to our offices located at 530 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 200, Santa Monica, 90401, or faxed to (310) 576-9913. All letters and guest editorials are subject to editing for space and content.

LOCAL



Medicare prescription drug program not likely

PRESCRIPTIONS, from page 1

went from \$30 a prescription to \$130.

Kaufman said she was fortunate her doctor could prescribe a similar medication that did not cost as much.

"People are at the mercy of whomever prescribes or fills their prescription," she said. "Nobody at our level knows if something is working right until something happens."

Santa Monica resident Lester Hershon, who was filling a prescription Tuesday at the Central Pharmacy at 327 Wilshire Boulevard, said even with an HMO he is paying too much for his medications.

"Even with my discount, I had to pay \$48 for my prescription," he said. "And for me that's still a lot of money."

One of Central Pharmacy's owners, Sharon Steen, said it's not the drug stores who are making huge profits off medications. Steen said most pharmacists are fortunate if they make \$1 or \$2 on each prescription.

"The pharmacies aren't making money anymore," she said. "It's all the pharmacy companies at this point."

Steen doesn't place much faith in the Federal government to correct the situation.

"I don't see how it could ever work," she said. "Pharmaceutical industry lobbyists are too strong in Washington."

And Federal legislation including prescription drug coverage in Medicare is not

promising. Last month a bill partially written by the HMO industry died in the U.S. Senate for lack of support after clearing the House of Representatives. A new prescription plan will not likely be debated until after the November elections.

"If Medicare doesn't step up these people are going to be left high and dry and that's just a shame."

— LISA PINTO

Congressman Henry Waxman, spokeswoman

Officials in Waxman's office said the congressman has been working to incorporate a prescription plan into Medicare for years. Waxman has long blamed pharmaceutical companies for the high costs of medications.

"There's no where else to go. It's not like there is an alternative out there," said Lisa Pinto, Waxman's spokeswoman. "If Medicare doesn't step up these people are going to be left high and dry and that's just a shame."

The library is on the move

BY SARA VAN DYCK

Special to the Daily Press

Santa Monica library users will see a lot of moving going on this fall.

First comes the reopening of Montana Branch this September, followed by Fairview Branch reopening in November. Meanwhile, the Main Library on Sixth Street will begin its move to an interim site, in preparation for demolishing the current building in December or January and constructing an entirely new one.

Library patrons — and that means most of us, since the library lists over 116,000 registered borrowers — are wondering what to expect during this period, and what the new building will be like. Look for this column to update Santa Monica Daily Press readers on these developments and on how to find the materials, services and programs they need.

A banner currently in front of the Montana library site announces, "Your help is needed to outfit our library!" Why, residents are asking, are community members being asked to help raise funds for the newly renovated library? Isn't that the city's job? According to city librarian Wini Allard, much of the available funding is restricted to capital improvements and cannot be used for furnishings.

The Friends of the Library have committed themselves to raising money for shelving, chairs, tables, audio visual

equipment, and other amenities. Residents can contribute by purchasing personalized engraved pavers for the walkway and patio. For details, call (310) 394-4835, or library administration at 458-8606.

Despite all these changes, library staff are continuing to present exciting programs, including summer programs for children at the Main Library. Not to leave the adults out, two book discussion sessions are scheduled for August and September, with the theme of "Art in Literature." The books are:

■ The Passion of Artemisia, by Susan Vreeland, on Saturday, Aug. 24, 2 p.m.

■ Lydia Cassatt Reading the Morning Paper, by Harriet Scott Chessman, on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2 p.m.

These are free and open to the public, but reservations are required. Contact Rebecca at (310) 434-2644, or e-mail rebecca-ryan@santa-monica.org.

Finally, "Citywide Reads" is coming soon, giving all Santa Monica residents the opportunity to read and discuss the same book. Similar citywide reading programs have been very successful in other communities. Residents are invited to offer their suggestions to a committee that is selecting which book to read. To make a recommendation see the brochure, "What If All of Santa Monica Read the Same Book?" at the library or visit www.smpl.org/cwr/cwr-suggest.htm.

ULTIMATE IN DOG GROOMING

All Breeds • Affordable Prices • Show Quality • First Aid & CPR.

Robin Gold, Master Dog Groomer

Located in the Animal Kingdom

300 W. 3rd St. (1/2 Block South of Pico)

(310) 392-4074 • Pager (310) 596-0314



ED'S LIQUOR
Discount Wine and Liquor

Full Selection of Wine & Spirits
Convenience Store • ATM Machine
Parking • Free Delivery 5pm-8pm

825 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica
(1 block east of Lincoln) 310-450-6463



KARTEK
MUFFLER & AUTO REPAIR

\$49.95 MUFFLER SPECIAL
Includes: Muffler, Catalytic Converter, Labor & Parts

Complete Auto Repair Foreign & Domestic

We Specialize in Custom Exhaust Systems & Transmissions

2310 COTNER AVE., WEST LA 90064 11490 GATEWAY BLVD., WEST LA 90064
310.444.4038 310.477.7475



Sunkissed Tanning
926 Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica
Call for an appointment • 310.451.9895

NEW CUSTOMERS: 6 tans for \$30 (good for 3 months)
Regular beds only

only with this coupon • more coupons at www.sunkissedtanning.com



Dee's Diner
"We Deliver"

Oldest Diner in Santa Monica
Breakfast Special

*Ham & Eggs w/hashbrowns, toast & jam **\$4.99**
*2 Hotcakes, 2 sausages, 2 Bacon, 2 Eggs **\$4.95**

Lunch
Sandwich, Soup or Salad **\$4.95**

316 Santa Monica Blvd. (310) 394-4273

Celebrating 21 years in the Neighborhood



Earth Wind & Flower
Dine In • To Go • Delivery

DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS
Sandwich with Soup or Salad **\$6.99**

2222 Wilshire Blvd. Santa Monica 310.829.7829

1776 Westwood Los Angeles 310.470.2499

DID YOU KNOW?:

The world's youngest parents were 8 and 9 and lived in China in 1910.

Hammill-Ellison said she presented enough evidence that proved Von Achen and Ferguson were guilty, but the jury ignored it because the alleged incident was overshadowed by teenagers who were involved in illegal activities.

"It was a disappointing verdict but not a surprise because the reality of this jury, like many juries, is that they could not bring themselves to follow the law," she said. "They couldn't bring themselves to condone 18 year olds drinking ... 18-year-old drunken boys cannot win against police officers."

She added that when they entered the courtroom after deliberating, jurors didn't make eye contact with either side's attorneys.

"This is the body language of a jury that was not proud of its decision," Hammill-Ellison said. "They were marching to the drum of the police."

According to testimony by Speck and Cooper, they alleged that Von Achen and Ferguson slammed Cooper's head into the truck when he was being led to the police car and then again slammed him head first into the trunk of the police car, Hammill-Ellison said.

She said Speck became enraged while he watched the officers allegedly beat Cooper. Testifying that he once saw a suspect kick out a police car window during an episode of the television show, "Cops," Speck attempted to free himself to rescue his friend.

"All of that behavior Matt saw, he said 'F--- them' and decided to do something about it," Hammill-Ellison said, adding Speck, a skinny, agile teenager, managed to work his way out of the seat belt and handcuffs in an attempt to stop officers from hurting Cooper anymore.

now," according to Hammill-Ellison.

She noted that the boys were drunk and may have not fully cooperated with officers, but that isn't enough of a reason to slam Cooper's head into the truck and police car.

“I’m very pleased with the outcome and not surprised because we are one of the least sued departments in the state of California.”

— JAMES T. BUTTS JR.
Santa Monica Police Department Chief

Cooper also testified that in his attempt to be awakened, Von Achen hit him on the leg with a flashlight hard enough to leave a substantial bruise the next day, which Hammill-Ellison showed the jury pictures of.

“The evidence went in like a knife through butter,” she said. “The jury didn’t weigh the facts and apply the law ... It was always a tough case and I felt it deserved to go to trial.

"The judge (Florence Marie Cooper) gave us a very good trial," she added.

SMPD Chief James T. Butts Jr. said he is satisfied with the jury's verdict.

"I'm very pleased with the outcome and not surprised because we are one of the least sued departments in the state of California," Butts said. "It's a professional organization in that our officers' actions are often found to be appropriate."

Cooper is now a college student at California State University of Northridge studying to be a solar scientist.

AERO, from page 1

things for people to do, he said.

James Rosenfeld, the Aero's landlord, said through an assistant that as a matter of policy he does not comment on stories regarding the theater or any possible tenants lined up to take its place.

But paying the back rent still won't give Allen any guarantees on running the theater in the future, since he operates on a month-to-month lease.

However, due to the overwhelming success of the first fundraiser, Allen has scheduled a second event on Aug. 21 that will feature a screening of the silver-screen classic "Casablanca" with wine and food provided by Wolfgang Puck Cafe.

If the second fundraiser is successful — and the theater is still running pictures — Allen said he will host a similar event once a month. The events would all feature classic movies and catering from local restaurants.

"It would definitely be a new thing for

us," he said. "We usually just run the films, but these events have really worked. People came out and had a really good time."

Allen also is proposing to re-run classic children's movies and cartoons on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

“We’re trying to make going to a movie a fun experience all over again.”

— CHRIS ALLEN
Owner of the Aero

"A lot of people want the theater to be there but they want it to show things they want to see," Allen said. "So that's what we're trying to do. We're trying to make going to a movie a fun experience all over again."

For more information about how to help save the Aero theater, call (310) 395-0144.

MAGICOPOLIS

www.magicopolis.com

Birthday Parties - Special Events

Spectacular magic, wizard effects and comedy tied together in an unforgettable way.

LA Weekly

Magicopolis birthday parties are a blast.

Los Angeles Magazine

The Magicopolis mix of comedy and illusion creates lasting memories. LA Times

see the look of surprise and wonder in your children's eyes.

Eye On LA, ABC 7 TV

Amazing Shows - Magic Shop

1418 Fourth St, Santa Monica • 310-451-2241

GOOD THING YOU RECYCLE YOUR PAPER...
CHANCES ARE YOU'RE READING IT AGAIN.

STATE



Trial of two officers in videotaped beating moved

BY ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press Writer

INGLEWOOD — The trial of two police officers indicted in the videotaped beating of a black teenager will be held in a court outside Inglewood, where the incident occurred, a judge ruled Tuesday.

The decision prompted outrage from community activists who called it an unofficial change of venue designed to thwart conviction of the officers involved in the July 6 beating.

In the videotape, Officer Jeremy J. Morse, who is white, was seen slamming 16-year-old Donovan Jackson down on a police car and then punching him in the jaw.

A grand jury indicted Morse for assault by a peace officer under the color of authority and Officer Bijan Darvish for filing a false report.

Superior Court Judge Rodney G. Forneret referred the videotaped beating case to Torrance Superior Court, which is in the same judicial district as Inglewood. The ruling came after defense attorneys challenged assigning the matter to a judge in the Inglewood courthouse.

Activists described Torrance as a middle-class, mixed race city and compared it to Simi Valley, the suburban area where four white Los Angeles police officers were acquitted in the 1991 taped beating of Rodney King.

"The prosecution is in bed with police officers, the Police Department," said Leo Terrell, a defense attorney who has handled a number of police abuse cases.

"They don't want to win."

Sandi Gibbons, a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, called the claim silly. She said most felony cases from Inglewood are routinely heard in the Torrance court.

A pretrial hearing was set for Aug. 21, with a tentative trial date of Oct. 15 before Superior Court Judge Francis Hourigan.

The charges stem from the alleged assault of Jackson during a confrontation at a gas station. Officers had stopped Jackson and his father because their car registration tags were expired.

The city of Inglewood has placed Morse on administrative leave. Darvish and Officer Willie Crook, who also was involved in the arrest, continue to work.

Earlier this month, Inglewood Police Chief Ronald Banks announced that all three officers would be disciplined, but he refused to provide further details.

On Monday, Darvish and Crook won court orders temporarily barring the Police Department from taking any action against them.

The two officers argued in court papers that internal affairs investigators did not inform them of their rights under the Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act before questioning them.

Morse, who is facing possible termination, has made a similar claim.

Torrance Superior Court Judge Bob T. Hight granted the temporary order involving Darvish and Crook and set an Aug. 15 hearing.

Judge sets pretrial motions date in Ryder shoplifting case

By The Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS — A judge has set an Aug. 26 date for pretrial motions in the shoplifting case of actress Winona Ryder, who is charged with four felonies for allegedly taking clothing and other items from a Saks Fifth Avenue store.

The 30-year-old actress did not attend Tuesday's hearing, in which Beverly Hills Superior Court Judge Elden S. Fox said a trial date would be determined within 30 days of the upcoming pretrial motions.

Ryder, the star of "Girl, Interrupted" and the recent Adam Sandler comedy "Mr. Deeds," was arrested in December. She allegedly was carrying painkillers without a prescription and stole nearly \$6,000 worth of designer merchandise.

Charged with second-degree burglary, grand theft, vandalism and possession of a controlled substance, Ryder could face more than three years in prison if convicted.

Judge facing peeping charges in Carmel returns to bench

By The Associated Press

CLEARWATER, Fla. — A judge who faces a criminal trial in California on peeping charges is back on the bench in Florida after a year of paid leave.

Circuit Judge Charles Cope returned to the bench Monday, a week after a hearing panel of the Judicial Qualifications Commission recommended to the Florida Supreme Court that Cope receive a public reprimand.

"I would like to thank all my supporters," Cope said as he started work. "I am pleased to return to the bench and will continue to serve with excellence."

Two women accused Cope, 53, of peeping and prowling at his hotel during an April 2001 judicial conference in Carmel, Calif. They told police that Cope tried to enter their locked hotel room after making unwanted advances toward one of them.

Cope still faces a criminal trial in California.

The commission found Cope guilty of public intoxication and inappropriate sexual conduct. It had earlier dismissed more serious allegations that he stole a hotel key from the women and tried to enter their room as they slept.

The Florida Supreme Court has the final word on what discipline, if any, to impose on Cope and is not bound by the public reprimand recommendation.

15% DISCOUNT WITH THIS COUPON

MÄNI'S

BAKERY-CAFÉ

SUGAR FREE

Breakfast & Lunch

Comfort Food & New Juice Bar

- Fantastic Baked Goods
- Organic Juice Bar
- All Fresh Homemade Breads
- Large Selection of Estate Grown Organic Coffees & Teas

2507 Main Street • 310.396.7700

Open day & night — Call for the exact hours

Printing B/W & Full Color

- Laser Color Copies
- Transparencies
- Scripts
- Legal & Medical Copying
- Computer Output

SANTA MONICA COPY & PRINTING

924 Wilshire Blvd.

(Between 24th & 10th Street, Across from Fed Ex)

(310) 319-1341

Fax: (310) 319-1343

FREE Pick-Up & Delivery

FREE Passes in Read

Email: sam.copyp@ig.net

Volume Discount Also Available

Canon Color Laser Copies

79¢

On 8 1/2 x 11 Paper

Reduction & enlargement also available

Personalized Calendar

\$19.95

12 Months Full Color

MALFER MULTI MEDIA

Full Service Website Design & Development

Santa Monica based • Building great websites since 1997

CLIENTS INCLUDE:

- The City of Santa Monica
- Red Sands/Vintage Capital Group
- Mori Lee Wedding Dresses

Visit www.malfer.com for a complete description of our services and to view the sites we have created for our clients

CONTACT US TODAY FOR A FREE ESTIMATE:

Warren Malfer 310/656-1082 warren@malfer.com

Natural Fibers in Handknitting Yarns

yarns unlimited

"Quality Yarns for Less"

10% OFF

store items

Glasses • Instructions

Finishing Available

Pattern Books to All Knitting Accessories

Open Mon. to Sat. 11am-6pm

major credit cards accepted

828 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica (310) 395-3880

Are You Suffering From

HOT FLASHES?

"I suffer from frequent hot flashes. During the day, at the middle of the night, after exercise, or whenever I'm nervous, I have hot flashes. They are very uncomfortable and embarrassing."

"My doctor has told me about a new natural treatment for hot flashes. I've tried it and it's worked! I'm no longer bothered by hot flashes. I feel like a new person. I'm happy to say I'm back to my normal self."

You may be eligible to participate if you:

- Have gone through natural menopause
- Experience hot flashes at least once a week

Multiple copies of our new book, "The First Step to Your Call," are available. Contact us today for more information and to schedule a free consultation.

For more information, please call:

1400 Wilshire Boulevard • Suite 210

Los Angeles, CA 90026

1-800-682-0884

The First Step to Your Call™

Ness

Direct Imports from India & Malaysia

Eclectic Home
Furnishings at
Affordable Prices



20% - 50%
DISCOUNT



1855-A Lincoln Blvd.
Santa Monica
(near the corner of Pico and Lincoln)
310-392-0151

Open 7 Days
10 a.m. til 6 p.m.

Complimentary Gift Wrap • Nursery & Custom Furniture • Unique Bedding & Room Decor • Specialty Gifts

Bassinets & Blueberries
**GRAND
OPENING!**

Open Mon.-Sat. 10-7 p.m.
Sun. 11-5 p.m.

410 Wilshire Blvd.
Santa Monica
(310) 260-7970

2405 Sepulveda Blvd.
Manhattan Beach
(310) 802-0412

369 E. 17th St.
Costa Mesa
(949) 650-2244

Clothing & Accessories • Prenatal, Layette, Infant up to 24 months • Christening Items & Moses Baskets



**Exercise
your First
Amendment
Rights!**

Write a letter to the editor

GET UP
ON YOUR
SOAPBOX

Email to sack@smdp.com or fax 310.576.9913

Santa Monica Daily Press

THE BENIHANA
EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

Hibachi Chicken or
Teriyaki Beef Julienne **\$10.95**

Includes Salad, Soup, Spring Appetizer, Hibachi Vegetables,
Braised Pork and Green Tea

Monday thru Thursday 11:30 - 2:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday 10:00 - 2:00 pm

LUNCH BOAT SPECIAL

Soup • Salad • Chili Kimchi Roll • Sashimi • Tempura
Chicken or Teriyaki Salmon • Sashimi • Steamed Rice • Fruit Dessert

Only \$7.50

Mon-Fri 11:30-2:00 pm

1000 Loc. by 11th & Sepulveda St. Santa Monica, CA 90401
www.benihana.com

THE BENIHANA
www.benihana.com

(310) 260-1423
1447 4th Street • Santa Monica



STATE

Hollywood, Russia squabble over Lance Bass' space trip

BY LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — Lance Bass' space voyage was at risk Tuesday while Hollywood dealmakers and Russian bureaucrats squabbled over payment for the pop idol's \$20 million trip.

"We have a contract, but we don't have any money," Russian Aerospace Agency spokesman Konstantin Kreidenko said.

Bass hopes to be a member of the crew scheduled to travel on a Russian Soyuz rocket to the international space station in October.

But the deadline for the 'N Sync singer to make a payment to secure his spot was Tuesday, according to a Russian space agency official who spoke on condition of anonymity. Kreidenko would not confirm that.

David Krieff, a Los Angeles television producer who plans a series about Bass' trip and is gathering sponsors, blamed the problems on paperwork snags — and Russian bureaucrats.

"In my mind it's a lot of talk and posturing. That is their style and I can appreciate it," Krieff said Tuesday.

"This is 100 percent going forward."

Krieff declined to discuss whether a payment was due Tuesday, saying there was a nondisclosure agreement. He singled out space agency spokesman Sergei Gorbunov as a vocal critic of Bass' voyage. Gorbunov called such comments "foolish."

"But should he fly for free?" Gorbunov asked on Tuesday. "Perhaps he (Krieff) thinks I am against the mission because I keep saying that he needs to pay."

Krieff acknowledged there was a delay in transferring funds to Russia and said it was because he had received only an e-mailed copy of the contract. A signed paper version was required to secure insurance, he said.

Bass had no comment on the matter, a

spokeswoman said Tuesday in Los Angeles.

The 23-year-old would become the youngest person, the third paying tourist and the first pop star in space.

He has been training at Russia's Star City cosmonaut center outside Moscow since July. Cameras are recording his progress for the TV show.

"He's doing beautifully, he's kicking butt in every way. He's totally dedicated and everybody loves him there," Krieff said.

Things are looking rosy financially as well, he said. He's lined up three sponsors so far who have committed between \$5 million and \$15 million each, he said.

Although he declined to identify them yet, he said they include a "huge soft drink" manufacturer and a conglomerate "like Procter & Gamble." He said a U.S. TV network, also unidentified, was attached to the series and that the program had been sold to 40 other countries.

"Celebrity Mission: Lance Bass" would include six one-hour episodes showing the singer training for the voyage and a two-hour special showing the launch and Bass in space. The series would end with an episode about Bass' return to Earth and a concert, perhaps held a week after he's released from post-space quarantine, Krieff said.

Krieff's Destiny Productions is working with Amsterdam-based MirCorp and the William Morris Agency on the project. Both Bass and Krieff, whose credits include a Fox special on skating rivals Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan, are represented by the agency.

The cost of the week-and-a-half-long space trip is in the \$20 million range. Businessmen Dennis Tito of California and Mark Shuttleworth of South Africa have paid to journey to the space station.

Bass' journey could be just the beginning of other "Celebrity Mission" chapters, Krieff said.

Sprawling California cities have most pedestrian deaths

BY OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — California streets grew increasingly deadly for pedestrians last year, especially for those who traverse fast-growing cities designed for drivers rather than walkers, according to a new report released Tuesday.

Pedestrian deaths in the state increased from 689 in 2000 to 721 in 2001, according to an analysis of police and hospital reports by the Surface Transportation Policy Project, a transportation reform group.

Topping the list of the most dangerous locales are the counties of Solano, Sacramento, Los Angeles, Contra Costa and San Joaquin. The rankings were based on the number of injuries and deaths per capita and the levels of pedestrian activity within those counties.

A key similarity among the most dangerous cities with populations of at least 100,000, is a hastily advancing sprawl of homes and businesses which has been built without making pedestrian safety a priority, said James Corless, California director of the transportation group.

"The trend is to separate housing by great distance from schools, shops and

work," Corless said. "We're not thinking about pedestrians when we design new communities."

The study lists Vallejo, in Solano County, as the state's most dangerous for walkers. Inglewood, in Los Angeles County, ranked second and Oxnard, in Ventura County, third.

In Los Angeles, the number rose 36 percent to 116 people last year, even though Los Angeles police actively enforce jaywalking laws.

Officer Jason Lee, a police spokesman, said the city issued 60,642 tickets in 2000, the most recent year in which data was available. The citations are issued to people who cross in the middle of a street, walk against a red light or when a red light is blinking, said Lee.

Pedestrian advocates say safety should be improved, but would prefer that community planners look to urban, pedestrian-friendly layouts when designing future growth.

"I can walk to a vegetable market and to a wonderful French bakery," said Oakland resident Zac Wald, a pedestrian advocate with the group California Walks, which also took part in the study. "We want to be able to walk conveniently and safely."

NATIONAL



Federal Reserve leaves key interest rate unchanged

BY JEANNINE AVERSA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve left a key interest rate unchanged at a 40-year low Tuesday, but signaled that it stands ready to cut short-term rates if economic conditions worsen.

By keeping rates low or possibly nudging them down later, federal policymakers could expect consumers to be motivated to spend more and businesses to step up investment. Such a combination of circumstances would boost the recovery, which has lost momentum from the beginning of the year.

The Fed's decision comes amid economic uncertainties, a roller-coaster stock market and anxiety among Americans about the economy's direction.

A softening in consumer and business demand that emerged this spring "has been prolonged in large measure by weakness in financial markets and heightened uncertainty related to problems in corporate reporting and governance," the Fed said.

For now, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his Federal Open Market Committee colleagues opted to hold the federal funds rate at 1.75 percent, the lowest level in four decades. It marked the fifth consecutive Fed meeting this year that policy-makers opted to leave rates alone.

The Fed changed the wording of its announcement Tuesday, saying that the greatest risk looking ahead is a further slowing of the economy, raising the odds of later rate cuts.

"The risks are weighted mainly toward conditions that may generate economic weakness," the Fed said.

Since its March meeting, the central bank's announcement indicated that economic risks were equally balanced between inflation and possible weak growth, a "neutral" policy stance.

The Fed's decision to hold the funds rate steady means that commercial banks' prime lending rate will remain at 4.75 percent, the lowest level since November 1965.

The Fed said that low rates "should be sufficient to foster an improving business climate over time."

After bolting out of the starting blocks at the beginning of the year, the economy lost momentum in the spring, growing at a rate of just 1.1 percent in the second quarter. That's down from the brisk 5 percent pace seen in the first three months of this year.

And, key economic reports suggest that the second half of the year is getting off to a disappointing start.

Manufacturing slowed down considerably in July. Consumers' confidence in the economy sank again in July, reflecting worries about jobs, the wave of accounting scandals and the stock market decline. And, companies, unsure of the recovery's staying power, added a paltry 6,000 jobs last month, keeping the nation's unemployment rate stuck at 5.9 percent.

Sales at the nation's retailers rose by a brisk 1.2 percent in July, but much of the strength reflected people taking advantage of free-financing offers and other incentives to buy cars and trucks, according to a Commerce Department report Tuesday.

Shoppers trimmed spending on furniture and home furnishings, electronics and appliances, building and garden supplies, and clothes, the report showed. Home sales have been solid, thanks to low mortgage rates.

While consumers haven't closed their wallets and pocketbooks through the recent turmoil, businesses have remained reluctant to make big commitments in hiring and capital spending, restraining the recovery. Consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity in the United States.

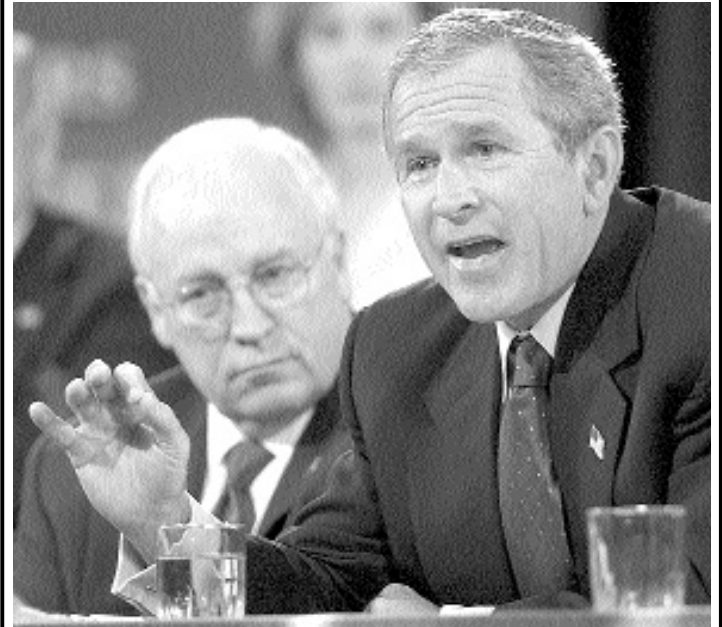
The sputtering economy is posing a political challenge for President Bush, with Democrats sharpening their attacks on the administration's handling of the economy as the country heads into midterm elections.

At an economic forum that he convened Tuesday in Texas, Bush assured

Americans Tuesday that his administration has a steady hand on the economy.

"Even though times are kind of tough right now, we're America," he said. "I'm incredibly optimistic about the future of this country because I understand the strength of this country. ... We got a lot going for us."

'We've got a handle on the economy'



David Phillip/Associated Press

President Bush, right, makes a statement as Vice President Dick Cheney looks on during The President's Economic Forum plenary session in Waco, Texas, Tuesday. Bush assured Americans Tuesday that his administration has a steady hand on the economy after hearing blue-collar workers and blue-chip CEOs alike voice concern about slower growth and market volatility.

EXTRA!! EXTRA!!

Santa Monica Daily Press now at newsstands around the city!

Readers and customers can now find the Daily Press in permanent newsstands at these locations:

- 17th Street and Montana Avenue
- 14th Street and Montana Avenue
- Montana Avenue, between 14th-15th Streets
- 7th Street and Montana Avenue
- 3rd Street and Wilshire Boulevard
- Ocean Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard
- Wilshire Boulevard, between 22nd-23rd Streets
- 14th and Santa Monica Boulevard
- Wilshire Boulevard and Lincoln Boulevard
- Colorado Boulevard and 3rd Street
- Santa Monica Courthouse
- Arizona Avenue and Second Street
- Arizona Avenue and Fifth Street
- Three newsstands at the intersection of Arizona Avenue and Fourth Street

- Broadway and Lincoln Boulevard
- Broadway and 10th Street
- Colorado Avenue and Second Street
- Santa Monica Boulevard and Lincoln Boulevard
- Lincoln Boulevard and Broadway Avenue
- Lincoln Boulevard and Pico Boulevard
- Lincoln Boulevard and Strand
- Two newsstands at the intersection of Lincoln Boulevard and Raymond
- Main Street and Kinney
- Main Street and Strand
- Main Street and Ocean Park
- Main Street and Ashland
- Montana Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard
- Montana Avenue and Euclid Street
- Montana Avenue and 16th Street

Watch for future newsstands at a location near you!



CATERING
Tea Party for All Occasions
The Culture of Tea
High Tea • Mom & Me Tea
Ph: (310) 314-0946
Fax: (310) 314-0917
Chay-Kakoi.com
Email: tea@chaykakai.com

"World Famous"

Big Dean's Cafe

AT SANTA MONICA BEACH

When the "World" meets the "Isle" it's a love story!

SUN • FUN • GREAT FOOD • BEER • WINE • MUSIC

Sports TV • 2 Outdoor Patios • Smoking Allowed
Reasonable Prices! Children Welcome!

1615 Ocean Front, Santa Monica (310) 393-2666

All Santa Monica Foods by product of the United States. Just behind the boardwalk of the night. This is a real beach town location!

www.beingthin.com

Lose Weight or Your Money Back!

- Nutrition for Men, Women & Children!
- All-Natural Hair, Skin & Beauty Products.
- 100% Safe, Doctor Recommended.

Visit our website or call 1-800-690-1421

CRONES COUNSEL 2002

*10th annual gathering of elderwomen
to celebrate the fruits of conscious aging*

Storytelling, workshops, friendship, ceremony, fun on the beach!

For more information and/or to register:
visit www.cronesounsel.org
or contact Nancy Lehto, Registrar
303-697-6016, nancylehto@att.net

October 23-27, 2002

Asilomar Conference Center

Pacific Grove, California

(on the beach!)

PRODUCTION ASSISTANT NEEDED

Santa Monica Daily Press is looking for a
part-time designer proficient in:

Quark Express 4.0 • Photoshop 6.0 • Illustrator 8.0

Please fax resumes to Production Manager:

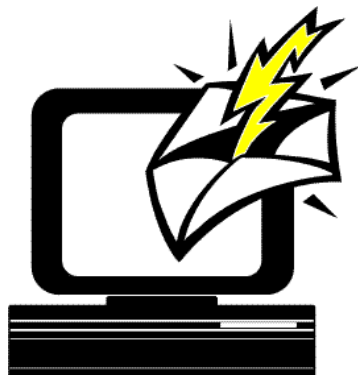
310.576.9913 • E-mail: del@smdp.com

Santa Monica Daily Press

Has a new 'E-dition!'

Home delivery by E-mail

Check the day's headlines, news stories,
classifieds, comics, horoscopes and ads
all before you leave the house!



**FREE
SUBSCRIPTIONS
AVAILABLE!**

For more information, please call: **310.458.Press (7737)**
or e-mail to: todaypaper@smdp.com



NATIONAL

Florida adoption law requires mother to give sexual history

BY JILL BARTON

Associated Press Writer

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Since Rodger and Dawn Schneider took in baby Neena a year ago, they have taught her to call them mommy and daddy and helped her get over a fear of Mickey Mouse with four trips to Disney World.

The Schneiders would love to adopt the little girl given up by a 16-year-old family friend. But they can't do that without potentially destroying the young mother's reputation.

Under Florida law, any mother who doesn't know who fathered her child must bare her sexual history in a newspaper advertisement before an adoption becomes final. The goal is to find the father and stave off custody battles that can break up adoptive families.

The law makes no exception for rape and incest victims or minors, like the girl who gave up legal custody of Neena. Adoption advocates have condemned the law as a draconian invasion of privacy and say it encourages abortions.

"There's no comparable law in any other state and it's really hard to imagine how a legislature could pass such a law if they thought about it," said Bob Tuke, president of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys. "It treats women like chattel."

The law requires a mother to list her name, age and description, along with descriptions of any men who could have fathered the child. The ads must be placed in a newspaper in the city where the child was conceived.

Neena's mother, for example, would have to run the ad in a Long Island, N.Y., newspaper, where her friends, classmates and grandmother could see it.

"It's pathetic what we have to go through," Rodger Schneider said. "I feel that all these legislators didn't take into account how these laws are going to affect not just the girls who want the adoptions but also the families who want to adopt."

The law took effect last October, but adoptions are only now beginning to be held up in court.

When lawmakers overwhelmingly signed off on the bill last year, they cited the three-year fight over Baby Emily, whose father, a convicted rapist, contested

her adoption.

The Florida Supreme Court ruled in 1995 that Emily's adoptive parents should keep her, but told lawmakers to set a deadline for challenging adoptions. The law prohibits anyone from opposing an adoption after two years.

A judge has already ruled that the law should exempt rape victims in Palm Beach County. Later this month, an attorney representing six women plans to ask a judge in West Palm Beach to declare the entire law unconstitutional.

Democratic State Sen. Walter Campbell, the law's prime sponsor, said it needs to be changed so it does not embarrass mothers and their children. He stopped short of saying the law violates privacy rights.

"The fairest system would be to let the birth mother make the final decisions," he said.

Gov. Jeb Bush, who allowed the legislation to become law without his signature, supports a system that allows men who believe they might have fathered a child to put their name in a confidential registry that must be checked during adoption proceedings.

"We should be making adoption easier, not more difficult and not stigmatizing women who are trying to do the right thing," Bush spokeswoman Elizabeth Hirst said.

Adoption proponents say the registry provides the best balance of a father's rights and a mother's privacy.

"How many potential birth fathers comb the newspapers everyday to see if they might possibly have a child somewhere? It's a silly statute," Tuke said. "But for someone who's really interested, this gives them something to do, and that's what other states that are sensible have done."

For the Schneiders, who cannot have a child of their own, the only way to deal with the law is to put off Neena's adoption. They don't want to force her mother to detail her past in the newspaper.

They will keep custody of the child, however.

"The birth father has a right but where has he been? This child is 2 years old," Rodger Schneider said. "We want her to be ours, to have our name, but this is nobody's business except the family's."

Stamps may soon feature bats

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Holy stamp collecting Batman! America's flying mammals are about to be featured on postage.

Four stamps illustrated with bats found in the United States will go on sale Sept. 13, the post office said Tuesday.

First day ceremonies will be held at Austin, Texas' famous Congress Avenue Bridge, which houses the largest urban bat colony in the world.

Some 1.5 million bats emerge each evening at dusk to devour insects. The stamp ceremony has been scheduled for 7 p.m. so the bats will be included.

The 37-cent stamps will go on sale nationwide the following day.

Though feared by some people, bats perform a useful service by eating millions of pounds of insects, including mosquitoes and many farm pests. They also pollinate desert plants and disperse seeds.

Featured on the stamps are:

—The red bat, found throughout much of North America. The red bat is solitary, roosting alone in dense foliage. When it hangs upside down by one foot, its predators may be fooled by its resemblance to a dead leaf.

—The pallid bat is found in western North America, where its pale, sandy color allows it to blend with its desert surroundings.

—The spotted bat, which lives in the western United States, British Columbia and Mexico where the staple of its diet is believed to be moths. Its ears, the largest of any bat on the continent, measure nearly two inches.

—The leaf-nosed bat, a resident primarily of caves or abandoned mines in Southern California, Nevada, Arizona and northern Mexico. Its large ears allow it to hear the extremely faint sounds of insects such as grasshoppers and caterpillars walking amid dense foliage, and its large eyes provide excellent night vision.

INTERNATIONAL



Homes reduced to rubble



Enric Marti/Associated Press

A Palestinian flag flutters above the rubble of the home of Issa Bdeir's family after the Israeli army destroyed it in the Doha refugee camp in the West Bank town of Bethlehem, Tuesday. Bdeir was 16 when he blew himself up in a crowd of elderly Russian immigrants playing cards in Rishon Letzion, just south of Tel Aviv on May 22. Two Israelis died. The sign at left reads, "The lawyer Abed Rabbo Bdeir, civil and legal, a Masters degree in legal science and criminology, from the American University of Wisconsin." Abed Bdeir is the father of Issa and he had his office in the same building as the family house.

U.N. report sets stage for Earth Summit

BY EDITH M. LEDERER

Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS — A U.N. report sets the stage for this month's Earth Summit with a sobering assessment of a planet where sea levels are rising, forests are being destroyed and more than 2 billion people face water shortages.

The report, to be released Tuesday, reviewed the most authoritative data from U.N. and international organizations about the use of natural resources.

Fossil fuel consumption and carbon emissions continued to rise in the 1990s, particularly in Asia and North America, according to the study. Signs of climate change linked to global warming were more apparent, including more frequent and intense droughts in parts of Asia and Africa and rising sea levels.

During the 1990s, the report said, 2.4 percent of the world's forests were destroyed, almost all in tropical regions in Africa and Latin America. The estimated total area destroyed — 220 million acres — is larger than the size of Venezuela.

U.N. Undersecretary-General Nitin Desai, who will lead the Earth Summit in Johannesburg from Aug. 26 to Sept. 4, said the report underscores that the world is at a crucial crossroads in the new millennium.

"If we do nothing to change our current indiscriminate patterns of development, we will compromise the long-term security of the Earth and its people," he said.

More than 100 world leaders are expected to attend the summit and adopt a plan aimed at accelerating economic development while preserving the environment.

The report by the U.N. Department for Economic and Social Affairs, which Desai heads, focuses on five key issues: water and sanitation, energy, agricultural pro-

ductivity, biodiversity and human health.

The need to feed a rising global population — now over 6 billion and projected to reach 8 billion by 2025 — is exacerbated by an increase in food consumption, from 2100 calories to 2700 calories a day in developing countries, and from 3000 calories to 3400 calories a day in industrialized nations, the report said.

At the same time, it said, the capacity to produce enough food is diminishing, especially in developing countries.

The report found that global water use has increased sixfold over the last century, at twice the rate of population growth, and that agriculture represents 70 percent of this consumption. The greatest drain on the world's freshwater supplies is inefficient agricultural irrigation systems.

Meanwhile, about 40 percent of the world population face water shortages; by 2025 that figure is expected to increase to 50 percent, the report said.

"A top priority at the summit is the need to agree on policies and programs that improve agricultural yields in order to meet our long-term food needs," Desai said. "Equally pressing is the goal of expanding sustainable agricultural practices, including the introduction of efficient irrigation systems."

Despite some recent improvements, 1 billion people still lack access to safe drinking water and 2.5 billion lack adequate sanitation facilities, the report said.

More than 3 million people die every year from the effects of air pollution and 2.2 million people die from contaminated water, it found.

The great majority of those who die from polluted air are children in developing countries who suffer from respiratory infections, the report said.

Spanish foreign minister: U.S. attack on Iraq is 'hypothetical'

BY BARRY SCHWEID

AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON — Spanish Foreign Minister Ana Palacio said Tuesday a U.S. attack on Iraq was only hypothetical at this point and urged that any action to depose President Saddam Hussein be guided by international rules of law.

After a briefing by Secretary of State Colin Powell on U.S. policy, the Spanish minister said "the world would be better off without Saddam Hussein."

But she gave no indication President Bush was about to make a decision on whether to employ military, economic, diplomatic or other means.

"This is a hypothesis that I don't think that we should address now. It's not realistic," Palacio told reporters in a joint news conference with Powell.

"Having said that, Spain and the United States are committed to what I would call the rule of law in the world and the fight for the rule of law in the world, but are committed to the community of states within the United Nations," the minister said.

Last week, Powell and other senior Bush administration officials met with a group of political opponents of Saddam, and Powell said Monday that further meetings would be held.

He said the aim was to measure the effectiveness of the opposition elements to see whether a representative form of government could be put in place in Baghdad after Saddam.

Powell said he was not sure this was possible, stressing the Bush administration was looking for successors to Saddam who "will reflect the best values of the 21st century world and not the criminal values represented by Saddam Hussein."

Meanwhile, like the Spanish foreign minister, American lawmakers say they are waiting for Bush to make his case for invading Iraq before they endorse it. They

say evidence that Saddam is prepared to use weapons of mass destruction was the key factor.

Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, meanwhile, urged the United States to give diplomacy more time to resolve the Iraqi situation. He reiterated that his country would not allow itself to be used as a staging area for an attack its neighbor.

"This is a hypothesis that I don't think that we should address now."

— ANA PALACIO
Spanish Foreign Minister

At the Pentagon on Monday, officials said Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is scheduled to meet with Bush at his ranch in Crawford, Texas, on Aug. 21. The officials did not disclose the meeting's agenda.

Saudi Arabia also confirmed Sunday that it was holding 16 alleged al-Qaida members who had been turned over by Iranian officials in June after they sought refuge in that country.

Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., said that while not inevitable, it now is "probable" an invasion of Iraq will be necessary. But, he added, Bush has to clearly tell the American people why Saddam is a danger.

"The president has to make the case that ... to wait for provocation (from Saddam) is to invite a very, very large disaster," Lugar, a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said he agreed the president has not yet made the justification for a war with Iraq, but that "he's in the process of doing that."

Drug Czar: New leaders cooperative in drug fight

BY LAURIE KELLMAN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — American drug czar John Walters said Tuesday that freshly-minted governments in Bolivia and Colombia will inject new strength into the fight against drugs and terrorism.

"I think we have a unique consensus today about how we need to work together to seize the future," Walters, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, told reporters in Washington.

"I think that there is a common understanding that especially the revenues of the drug trade are particularly susceptible to support of terrorist organizations and organizations that undermine the lawful order in countries."

The narco-terror link, touted in a series of advertisements, has been the centerpiece of the Bush administration's anti-drug message in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Colombian, Peruvian and other officials, Walters said, "expressed their desire to work more closely with us on counter-narcotics matters and the need to provide a regional attack, if not a hemispheric attack, on the trade."

Just back from the inaugurations of presidents Alvaro Uribe of Colombia and Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada of Bolivia,

Walters praised the new governments for recognizing the link and promising action despite the brutal nature of the drug cartels that operate within their borders.

Uribe, whose festivities were shadowed by violence, has shown particular courage in instructing his new administration, Walters said.

"They face an enormously difficult task, but I found them to be some of the bravest, smartest and most dedicated people it's ever been my pleasure to work with in government," Walters said.

"The new government understands that this is not just a security matter," he added. "It's about re-establishing the cohesiveness of Colombian society and making the institutions work for everybody, and that's the right answer."

"I think there is, if anything, a wide, wide consensus that this is a regional problem," Walters added.

Uribe has taken a hard line against rebels in his country, vowing "unconventional, transparent and imaginative solutions" to wipe out rebels who have been fighting in the South American nation for 38 years.

Uribe's inauguration Wednesday was rocked by explosions killing 14 people in nearby neighborhoods. Three blasts ignited a few blocks away as Uribe entered a parliament building to take the oath of office.



SPORTS



Morry Gash/Associated Press

Defending champion David Toms tees off on the 12th hole during practice for the PGA Championship at the Hazeltine National Golf Club, Tuesday, in Chaska, Minn.

With best-ever field in PGA, is this August — or Augusta?

BY ALAN ROBINSON

AP Sports Writer

CHASKA, Minn. — The PGA Championship finally arrived at Hazeltine National Golf Club, and there wasn't a grand slam in sight. Not that it seemed to matter.

No, Tiger Woods' this-can't-be-real 81 at Muirfield made certain this late-summer week in Minnesota won't be one for the history books or story books — a historic convergence of a superstar athlete and a once unthinkable but suddenly obtainable achievement of a lifetime.

Still, Woods' bid for the calendar year grand slam sweep of the Masters, U.S. Open, British Open and PGA may be all that's missing from a tournament that looks very major league for what often is the least-watched and least appreciated of the four majors.

Woods' presence alone — he's won seven of the last 12 majors — makes any tournament big, but not even the Masters boasted this: 99 of the world's top 100 players, a real-life field of dreams.

"This may have the strongest field of any tournament that we play all year," Tom Lehman, a Minnesota native and the 1996 British Open champion, said Monday.

Woods, one day removed from his Buick Open victory, was a first-day no-show, although his caddie, Steve Williams, was spotted rechecking all 7,360 yards of one of the longest courses in PGA Championship history.

As a result, it seemed as if every one of the tens of thousands of fans who

streamed onto the course Monday — a lot of PGA events would love crowds this big Sunday — wondered where Woods was, and when he was coming.

"Maybe he's shopping, I don't know," said Tim Herron, who jokingly suggested that his own family members were curious.

"They all said, 'We'll be the ones with signs for Tiger,'" he said.

"This may have the strongest field of any tournament that we play all year."

— TOM LEHMAN

1996 British Open champion

They won't have to wait long; Woods is scheduled for a practice round Tuesday that may draw a throng big enough to make the Twins envious.

And if the crowd is as large and as revved-up as Monday's gathering on a windy, overcast day, even Woods might be asking: Is this August — or is this Augusta?

"This is Minnesota," said Lehman, a Minnesota native who will wear his Golden Gopher pride on his head covers this week. "This is the land of the greatest golf fans in the world, so I'm not surprised at all. People are very excited about this championship."

The only surprise, he said, might be for those who haven't seen Hazeltine since its

Wilpon, Doubleday settle lawsuit in Mets ownership

BY RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Nelson Doubleday agreed Tuesday to sell his 50 percent of the New York Mets to co-owner Fred Wilpon, settling an ugly lawsuit filled with accusations of misconduct.

Wilpon sued Doubleday last month in federal court to try to force a sale of his partner's 50 percent share based on a \$391 million appraisal of the team made in March by Robert Starkey.

There was no immediate word on the price Doubleday will receive as part of the agreement, which was first reported Tuesday on Newsday's Web site.

Under the Starkey appraisal, Doubleday would have received \$137.9 million — half the team's value, after adjustments for the team's debt.

In addition to a higher appraisal, Doubleday had been seeking provisions for an additional payment in the event the Mets move into a new ballpark, which would increase the team's value.

Dick Cummins, a Doubleday adviser, confirmed the agreement but would not elaborate, and Wilpon spokesman Richard Auletta said the announcement of the settlement by commissioner Bud Selig "speaks for itself."

Wilpon will move to dismiss his suit when the deal closes, Selig's office said. The commissioner's office said the sale is expected to close within 30 days.

"I was confident that at the end of the day they put their personal feelings aside and act in the best interests of the game," said Selig, whose mediation led to the settlement.

"We could not have completed the deal without the direct involvement and help of commissioner Selig," Wilpon said. "I am sorry the commissioner had to become involved."

In a counterclaim last week, Doubleday asked the court to throw out the appraisal, claiming Starkey was biased because of his work for Selig.

Doubleday, saying the Mets were worth far more, claimed the commissioner's office was "in cahoots" with Wilpon to put an artificially low value on the Mets, and said Starkey and Selig conspired to "manufacture phantom operating losses" in baseball's books as part of its strategy in labor talks. Wilpon and major league baseball denied the allegations.

"We could not have completed the deal without the direct involvement and help of commissioner Selig."

— FRED WILPON

New York Mets co-owner

"I am pleased this is behind us," Doubleday said in a statement issued by the commissioner's office. "While I was not happy with the results of the appraisal, I deeply regret and apologize for the conclusions many drew from the papers that were filed last week by my lawyers."

"I did not in any way mean to impugn the integrity of the commissioner, who has been a longtime friend and will continue to remain one, or anyone from his office. Nor did I intend the counterclaim to get in the way of the ongoing collective-bargaining process. That was not my intent or goal. If it did, I apologize to the commissioner and to Don Fehr if it in any way had a negative effect on bargaining."

Doubleday & Co., a publisher, bought the Mets in 1980 from the family of founding owner Joan Payson for \$21.1 million, with the company owning 95 percent of the team and Wilpon owning 5 percent.

When Doubleday & Co. was sold to the media company Bertelsmann AG in 1986, the publisher sold its shares of the team for \$80.75 million to Wilpon and Nelson Doubleday, who became 50-50 owners.

infancy during the 1970 U.S. Open, when Dave Hill described the immature, built-in-the-middle-of-nowhere prairie course as a "cow pasture."

Now, urban sprawl has brought the Twin Cities nearly to Hazeltine's door step, and numerous alterations have been made to a Robert Trent Jones-designed course once known for its boomerang-like doglegs, blind shots and unchallenging finishing stretch.

Now, the par-5, 636-yard No. 3 hole requires a monster mash of a drive, even by Tiger standards. No. 16 has been transformed from a laughingly easy par 3 to the course's signature hole, a 402-yard par-4 that requires a pinpoint drive to a fairway guarded by Hazeltine Lake and a 150-yard approach to a peninsula green.

"The setup is very much like a U.S. Open," Lehman said. "The length is not going to kill you. The only hole that I think is Bethpage-ish is No. 3. If you get a good wind in your face, some guys won't be able to reach that fairway."

"Other than that, it's all right there in front of you. That's what I like about the course. It's not untricky, it's not unfair."

It's also not for the pros who disdain using the driver. Lehman figures he'll use

a driver on nearly half the holes. Woods squeezed in a practice round with buddy Mark O'Meara last week before the Buick and proclaimed it a long hitter's course — and who better fits that description than Tiger Woods?

"Even though the length is long on the scorecard, it doesn't play that long," Lehman said. "There's so much in the par 5s here. The other holes are much more target golf, put it in the right spot thing, as opposed to taking a driver out and bombing it."

The week's story lines go beyond Woods trying to become the first to win three of the four majors in the same calendar year for a second time, and the second time in three years.

There's also the anticipation this could be the week that Sergio Garcia, who's challenged for the lead Sunday in five of the last six majors, takes one from Tiger. Or that Phil Mickelson, so close but yet so far away so many times before, finally adds a major to the 21 PGA Tour victories he already has. Or that Padraig Harrington will become the first European-born golfer to win the PGA in 72 years.

"The favorites are still the favorites," Lehman said. "There are still the handful of guys that are the guys to beat."

COMICS



The Dinette Set by Julie Larson



Natural Selection® By Russ Wallace



CROSSWORD By THOMAS JOSEPH

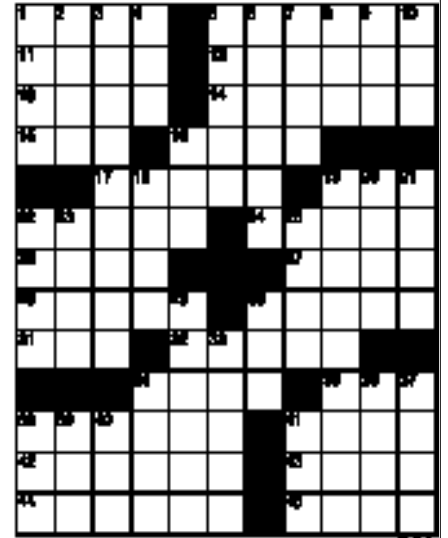
ACROSS
 1 Rum cake
 8 Illinois city
 11 Vaccine type
 12 Grove product
 13 Pleasant
 14 Attacks
 16 Hairy beast
 18 Site from Memphis
 17 Kathy of "Misery"
 19 Stomach
 23 Pound resident
 24 Star class of
 26 General Bradley
 27 Clickable picture
 28 Does KP work
 30 Foot connector
 31 Cut off
 32 Star
 34 Foyer
 36 Pindar product
 38 Log
 41 Dumbo's wings
 42 Immediately
 43 Cylindrical sandwich
 44 Oil heater
 45 Nervous

DOWN
 1 Lean
 2 Solo song

WICE TWILL
 ADORE HENIE
 MYMANJEEVES
 ILM TIE AGE
 ELICIT KITE
 START INON
 SEETO
 CHIT HOWDY
 LOBB BLARED
 ATE QUI IMA
 SPRINGFEVER
 POISE EVENT
 STATS ELIS

Yesterday's answer

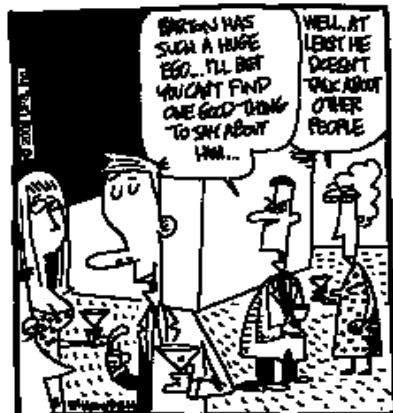
22 Vatican
 23 Midwest region
 25 Bank patron's name
 26 Uncommon
 30 Greedy one's dogma
 33 Church leader
 34 Grace comment
 36 Pull along
 37 Spot
 38 Informer
 39 H
 40 lookalike
 41 Lamb tender



edge city by TERRY & PATTY LEBAN



Reality Check® By Dave Whammond



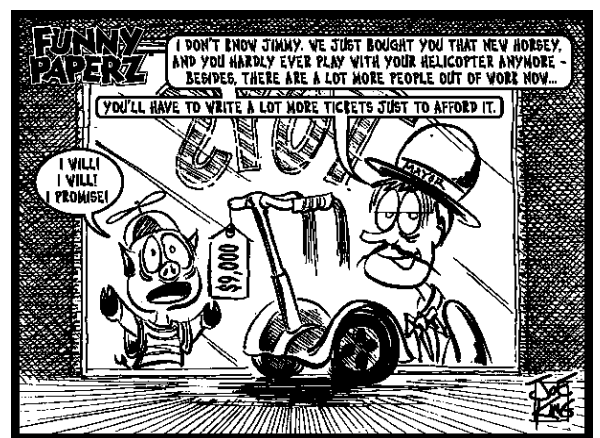
Speed Bump® By Dave Coverly



NEWS OF THE WEIRD by Chuck Shepard

Man claims that slippery sports cream made him touch boy in private area

Among recent denials of child sex-abuse: Choir official Frank Jones, 51, said he was merely massaging a 13-year-old boy with slippery sports cream and that "My hand slipped" onto a "private area" (New York City, April). And teacher Carl D. Reid, 38, said he had no idea that several female elementary school students of his had crawled under his desk, and that before he knew it, they had put their hands underneath his gym shorts and touched him (Newport, R.I., May).





CLASSIFIEDS

Got junk in the trunk? Classifieds for \$1 per day.

Santa Monica Daily Press

up to 15 words, 20 cents each additional word
call 310-458-7737 and sell that trunk full of junk that is collecting dust.



Creative

\$99.00 PORTRAIT hand painted from your favorite photo. Real canvases. Great gift idea! (310)664-1434.

www.99DollarPortrait.com

STARVING ARTIST? Showcase your work through promotion in the classifieds! Easily reach over 15,000 interested readers for a buck a day! Call (310)458-7737 to place your ad today.

Employment

ASSISTANT TO President for small investment firm. Requires MS Word, AOL, Excel, Act, 50-60 wpm, dictation, phones, reports, travel arrangements. Fax to: (310) 827-5541

ATTENTION LOCAL EMPLOYERS! The Santa Monica Daily Press is your ticket to future employees that live in the area! Ask about our hiring guarantee! Call (310)458-7737 to place your ad today.

BABYSITTER WANTED My SM home or yours. Some evenings and weekends. Mom's preferred. (310)463-5517

EXPERIENCED TELESales person needed. Outbound classified ad sales. Experience preferred. Self starter. Plenty of leads. Aggressive pay/commission structure. Call 310-458-7737 x 104.

PRODUCTION ASSISTANT NEEDED

The Daily Press is looking for a part-time production assistant. Proficient in Quark 4.1, Photoshop 6, & Illustrator 8. Flexible hours. Fax Resume to (310)576-9913 ATT: Del

WORK FROM HOME. International wellness company. Opening five new divisions. Work around your schedule. Full training and support. \$500-2500 a month part-time. \$3,000-\$7500 plus full time. (800)267-3909.

For Sale

LADIES STORE Merchandise. Including showcase, cash counter, glass displays, etc. \$5,000 OBO. (310)399-3397

SANTA MONICA furniture business for sale. Great deal, must sell, very good location. Willing to carry inventory more than 75K, asking only 45K. (818)472-6033.

SEA KAYAK Cobra Explorer sit on top. White with rear cut out for scuba, fins and snorkel or beer cooler. Two hatches, seat, paddle, and leg straps. Good condition. Excellent boat for surf, exploring, or just tooting around. Everything for \$400.00. (310)922-4060

SWITCHBLADES CALIFORNIA legal, 10 Models, \$25.00 each. Call the Knife Dude @ (310)962-9071.

For Sale

TWO ELECTRIC Beach cruisers. E.V. Warriors, fully-dressed, LED Turnsignals, brakelights, rearview mirrors, headlight, speedometer, 6 speed. Both bikes, \$1200.00 (818)202-3827

Furniture

100% ITALIAN Leather set w/couch and loveseat. Brand new, still in crate. List \$2495.00. Sacrifice, \$895.00. Can deliver! (310)350-3814.

BRAND NEW Italian leather sofa. Beautiful! Still in bubble wrap. Must move! Cost \$995.00. Sacrifice \$495.00. Can deliver! (310)350-3814

DELUXE OAK roll-top desk. Holds computer and much more! 60"x36"x54" Beautiful desk! \$1250.00 OBO (310)386-8691

KING DOUBLE Pillowtop Mattress Set. Brand new in original wrapper. List \$895.00. Sacrifice \$295.00. Must sell! (310)350-3814.

QUEEN CHERRY Sleigh Bed. Solid Wood. New in box. Worth \$750. Sacrifice \$295 (310)350-3814.

QUEEN DOUBLE Pillowtop Mattress Set. Brand name, still in plastic with Warranty. List \$595.00. Sacrifice \$135.00. (310)350-3814.

Pets

AKC SHAR-PEI pups, breeding pairs, solid & flowered. (760)253-3802.

Jewelry

INSTANT CASH FOR OLD JEWELRY AND OTHER UNUSUAL OLD INTERESTING THINGS. (310)393-1111

Wanted

HOST INT'L STUDENTS in your home, condo, apt., townhouse. Full compensation! pay in S.M., MDR Westchester, Venice, W.L.A., L.A. & P.R. **310-675-1053**

NURSE AID companion needed quadriplegic male, for live in, in exchange for room, board and salary. (323)850-8517

For Rent

MARINA DEL Rey Peninsula. \$1695.00 Large 1 bdrm/1ba, very charming with hardwood floors, arched windows and ceilings, new paint, fireplace, stove, refrigerator, 1 year lease. No pets. (310)396-4443.

Elly Nesis Company, Inc.
www.ellynesis.com

MDR ADJACENT \$825.00 Studio, gated building, subterranean parking. Newer building with courtyard area, quiet neighborhood. Laundry room, 1 year lease, no pets. (310)578-9729

Elly Nesis Company, Inc.
www.ellynesis.com

For Rent

MARINA PENINSULA \$4995.00 3bdrm/3.5 bath beach front condo in newer luxury building with amazing ocean and mountain views, gourmet kitchen, W/D, steam/shower, jacuzzi bathtub and much more. Must see to appreciate. 1 year lease, no pets. (310)396-4443

Elly Nesis Company, Inc.
www.ellynesis.com

MARKET YOUR apartment in the only comprehensive, local guide that is FREE to renters! For a buck a day, you can't afford not to! Call (310)458-7737 to place your classified ad today.

MDR ADJACENT \$1400.00 2+2, gated building, subterranean parking, AC, newer building, courtyard area, quiet neighborhood, laundry room, 1 year lease, no pets. (310)578-9729

Elly Nesis Company, Inc.
www.ellynesis.com

NEW STUDIO Apartments from \$1100.00 to \$1400.00. Six blocks from the beach. Three blocks from Third St. Promenade area! Waiting list forming now. (310)656-0311. www.breezesuites.com

VENICE BEACH \$1995.00 Incredible, large work/live space. Free standing brick building, exposed brick walls, w/new kitchen and bath. One block from the ocean. 14 ft ceilings, skylights, concrete floors, parking, 1 year lease, no pets. (310)466-9778.

Elly Nesis Company, Inc.
www.ellynesis.com

VENICE BEACH front 1930's bath house. \$995.00 Completely renovated 4-story brick building with lots of charm and unbeatable views of the ocean, mountains and sunsets. Single w/full kitchen and bathroom, w/exposed brick. Laundry room, water and gas paid. 1 year lease, no pets. (310)450-1934.

Elly Nesis Company, Inc.
www.ellynesis.com

VENICE BEACH \$2100.00 Craftsman duplex 1/2 block from the beach, 2 bedroom, 2 bath upper, hardwood floors. Top floor, fireplace. Beautiful building. Has been totally upgraded, 2 car gated parking, 1 year lease. No pets. (310)396-4443.

Elly Nesis Company, Inc.
www.ellynesis.com

VENICE BEACH \$2500.00 Residential lot, completely renovated. 1bdrm/2ba, oakwood floors, high ceilings, rooftop patio, balcony, 2 car parking, lots of windows, lots of storage. Great looking unit. Open house Sat 10am to 2pm. (310)396-4443

Elly Nesis Company, Inc.
www.ellynesis.com

SANTA MONICA \$995.00 1bdrm w/ stove and refrigerator. Upper. (310)450-0646

For Rent

ROQUE & MARK Co.

2802 Santa Monica Blvd.
310-453-1736

SALES - RENTALS
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

RENTALS AVAILABLE
NO PETS ALLOWED
SANTA MONICA

139 Hollister #2 & #6
\$1150 & \$1195

Lower & Upper Bedrooms, Hardwood Floors, Steps to Beach

300 California #32 \$1195

Upper 1 Bed, Utilities Paid, Pool, Gated Entry, Near Promenade

143 Hollister \$1990. \$690

Single & Bedrooms, Wamy

Upgrades, Steps to Beach, Hardwood Floors

617 Hill \$1400

Lower 2 Bed, 1.75 Bath, Balcony, Gated Entry, New Kitchen Floors

1501 Wilshire \$1450

Lower 2 Bed, 1 Bath, Garage, Patio, Stone & Paving, Laundry Rm.

1214 California \$1695

Upper 2 Bed, 1.75 Bath, New Carpet, Large Kitchen, New Blinds, Fireplace

WLA/BRENTWOOD

648 S. Isomington #208 \$W\$1200

Upper 1 Bed, Pool, Remodeled, New Carpet & Bath Floor, 2 Parking

12258 Montrose #103, \$W\$1850

Lower 1 Bed, 2 Bath, Gated Entry & Parking, New Stone & Microwave

10345 Outdion, Rancho Park, \$2400

3 Bed, 2 Bath House, Garage, Laundry Hookups, Hardwood Floors, Near School

1208 Maine, WLA \$2250

3 Bed, 2 Bath House, 800 S.F. All Appliances Inc., Patio, Pool/Spa

FOR MORE LISTINGS GO TO
WWW.ROQUE-MARK.COM

SANTA MONICA \$985.00 Clean 1 bdrm, r/s, crpts, patio, Indry, pkgng. Westside Rentals 395-RENT

SANTA MONICA \$1250.00 Spacious 2 bdrms, stove, crpts, balcony, lrg clsts, Indry, pkgng. Westside Rentals 395-RENT

SANTA MONICA \$1300.00 Cozy 2 bdrm, PET OK, stove, crpts, Indry, close to SMC, pkgng. Westside Rentals 395-RENT

SANTA MONICA \$1850.00 2bdrm/2ba, wood floors, french doors, N. of Wilshire, parking available, on-site laundry. (310)451-2178

SANTA MONICA \$645 Cozy Bach Pad, frig, crpts, Indry, great view of Marina, pkgng. Westside Rentals 395-RENT

SANTA MONICA \$900.00 Lovely 1 bdrm, r/s, crpts, balcony, d/w, Indry, bright, pkgng. Westside Rentals 395-RENT

VENICE \$650.00 Unfurnished studio, no pets. R/S, hardwood floors. Bright, painted. Month to month. (310)392-1871

For Rent

SM \$2100.00 2bdrm/2ba, 3 blocks from ocean. Hardwood floors, balcony, oceanview. Available Aug. 20th. (310)399-1273

SM \$3200.00/NEGOTIABLE 3bdrm/2.5ba townhouse, N. Montana, 2 enclosed car garage, AC, fireplace, no pets. (310)393-8971

VENICE \$795.00 Very nice, sunny studio 1/2 block from beach, new paint, new carpet, very clean, large closet, 1 year lease, no pets. (310)396-4443

Elly Nesis Company, Inc.
www.ellynesis.com

VENICE BEACH \$795.00 Sunny studio 1 block from beach. Hardwood floors and full kitchens. Nery clean, security building. 1 year lease, no pets. (310)396-4443.

Elly Nesis Company, Inc.
www.ellynesis.com

VENICE SPACIOUS (1170 sq. ft.) 2bdrm/2ba apartment in well-kept three-unit building. huge closets. New refrigerator, carpets, paint, window treatments. Walking distance to beach. Laundry on premises. (310)714-3295.

Houses For Rent

MARKET YOUR rental house in the only comprehensive, local guide that is FREE to renters. For a buck a day, you can't afford not to! Call (310)458-7737 to place your classified ad today.

SANTA MONICA \$1250.00 Cozy Bungalow, CAT OK, r/s, hrdwd flrs, Indry, yard, pkgng. Westside Rentals 395-RENT

SANTA MONICA \$1350.00 Cozy Gst Hse, PET OK, hrdwd flrs, patio, w/d, pkgng. Westside Rentals 395-RENT

SANTA MONICA \$1500.00 Hse, CAT OK, r/s, hrdwd flrs, lrg clsts, w/d, sundeck, pkgng. Westside Rentals 395-RENT

SANTA MONICA \$1600.00 Furn. Cottage, PET OK, r/s, crpts, Indry, yard, pkgng, util+clb incl. Westside Rentals 395-RENT

SANTA MONICA \$950.00 Charming Hse, PET OK, r/s, pkgng, a must see! Westside Rentals 395-RENT

SM OCEAN Park \$3800.00 4bdrm/3bath house. Spa, lovely yard. Available Sept. 1. Pets ok. (310)452-6121.

Roommates

S.M. \$850.00 Ninth & Wilshire. 2bdrm, utilities/cable free, large, \$7000.00 recently paid for new furniture. (310)394-1050

W. LA \$500.00 per month. Pool house, share bath, partial utilities. Refrigerator, microwave, oven, toasteroven. Available now! Elaine (310)391-2718

Commercial Lease

ABBOT KINNEY High ceilings, architectural design, own bath, parking, sky-lights. 930, 1,350, 2,300 sq. ft. (949)723-5232.

RETAIL OFFICE on Wilshire in Santa Monica. 2116 Wilshire Blvd. Fred (310)476-5511.

Commercial Lease

COMMERCIAL SPACE can be leased quickly if you market to the right crowd. Reach local business owners by running your listing in the Daily Press. Call (310)458-7737 to place your listing for only a buck a day.

VENICE \$695.00 250 sq. ft. of office space with bathroom. High ceiling, large window. Fresh paint. Just off Abbot Kinney. 1 year lease. (310)396-4443

Elly Nesis Company, Inc.
www.ellynesis.com

VENICE BEACH \$1750.00 Office space with 4 parking spaces, one big room with high ceilings, skylights and rollup door. (310)396-4443

Elly Nesis Company, Inc.
www.ellynesis.com

Real Estate

WAREHOUSE OR Loft Style living. Quiet neighborhood. High ceilings. Kitchen. 2 bathrooms. 2000 sq/ft. Corner lot. M2 Zone. \$210,000. Broker 323-654-0478.

Storage Space

SINGLE CAR Garage - Enclosed @ 1217 9th St., Santa Monica. \$160.00/mo Manuel (310)391-1409

Vehicles for sale

91' OLDS Trofeo. 38,000 miles. Excellent condition. Perfect second car. \$ 3200.00 (310)470-9070.

94 FORD Escort Wagon. Blue, great condition. Brand new brakes, new tires, clean title. Runs like a top. Sport racks, A/C, seats 5. CD player, 5 speed manual. Blue Book 3,360. Will sacrifice for \$3,100. 310-922-4060.

97' ACURA 3.2TL Black, tan leather, 86K, sunroof, loaded, excellent condition. \$13,000 (310)207-9221

Massage

MASSAGE CARING, soothing, relaxing full body therapeutic, Swedish / back walking. You will melt in my magic hands! Home/office/outdoors ok. 1-4 hours. Non sexual out call. Anytime or day. Page Doris (310)551-2121.

MASSAGE ENJOY a really great, amazing and wonderful full body massage. Swedish, deep-tissue and Tantra. (Platonic only!) No time limit. Will come to you. 24/7 Cute, slim, fit, petite mature chocolate. 14 years experience. Dolly's pager (310)236-9627.

MASSAGE THERAPIST C.M.T., M.S., Therapeutic massage with specialty in physically challenged elderly and rehabilitation. Burke (310)459-5973.

CLASSIFIEDS



Massage	Massage	Announcements	Services	Services	Services
STRONG & soothing deep-tissue by fit therapist. Platon-ic. Intro: \$35/90min. Paul: (310)741-1901. TAKE CARE of yourself. In-crease well-being and decrease stress. Rebalance body and mind. Michael, CMT/LMT. 310-902-1564. Call the only DAILY paper in town for low advertising rates! (310)458-7737 Santa Monica Daily Press	SUMMERTIME SOOTHER! Shiatsu, Lymphatic, Deep Tissue, Sports, with handsome masseur. For women/men/couples. In/out. Angelo. (818)503-1408. THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE, Swedish, Acupressure, Deep-tissue, Sports Massage, Reflexology. For apt call Tracy at (310)435-0657. THE BEST solution to low cost advertising. Fill your appointment book by running your ad in the Daily Press. Only a buck a day, call (310)458-7737 to place your ad today.	GET YOUR message out! For only a buck a day, call (310)458-7737 to run your announcement to over 15,000 interested readers daily. VOTE FOR Pro Se Santa Monica City Council! Our Residents, Businesses, Schools must come first! Services ALLDIS PLASTERING Interior finish plaster. Acoustic ceilings plastered smooth (no dust). (310) 458-9955 License number 701350	HOUSE CLEANING - Available 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Windows, laundry, general house cleaning. References available. Responsible. Reasonable prices. Call Lalo (310) 313-0848. HOUSE/ PET- SITTING. Exchange for accommodations. Available Immediately. Mature, quiet, responsible California homeowner. References. (310)383-4908 NANNY LIVE-IN, young English spkg. German professional with refs. (310)777-7596 PRO SE of Neighborhood Project needs volunteers for events that honor our heroes. (310) 899-3888 pro.se@adelphia.net.	QUICK AND Dirty (if the news-print rubs off on your hands). Market your small business in our services section for a buck a day. Call (310)458-7737. REMEDIES BY ROTH Carpentry, Handyman Services. Reasonable rates. Contact Michael: (310)829-1316 MSG. (323)610-1217 Cell. SPECIAL EDUCATION Day program. Tutoring. Saturday program also available. For more information call Nelda. (310)459-5973.	TALENTED, DECORATIVE Painter. Walls, cabinets, furniture, moldings...glazing, antiquing, refinishing and much more! Call for estimate. (310)612-6042. WEDDING PREP Dance lessons for couples. Learn ballroom, salsa, swing. Gift certificates available. Free intro lesson. (310)828-7326 www.weddingmusic2dance.com Business Opps ESTABLISHED FILM Production company seeks financial partner for features and rentals. (310)822-7891

**Can't find the Daily Press in your neighborhood?
Call us. We'll take your suggestions.
(310) 458-PRESS (7737)**

Classified Advertising Conditions :DOLLAR-A-DAY NON COMMERCIAL: Ad must run a minimum of 12 consecutive days. Ads over 15 words add 20¢ per word per day. **REGULAR RATE:** \$2.50 a day. Ads over 15 words add 20¢ per word per day. Ad must run a minimum of twelve consecutive days. **PREMIUMS:** First two words caps no charge. Bold words, italics, centered lines, etc. cost extra. Please call for rates. **TYPOS:** Check your ad the first day of publication. Sorry, we do not issue credit after an ad has run more than once. **DEADLINES:** 4:00 p.m. prior the day of publication except for Monday's paper when the deadline is Friday at 4:00 p.m. **PAYMENT:** All private party ads must be pre-paid. We accept checks, credit cards, and of course cash. **CORRESPONDENCE:** To place your ad call our offices 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, (310)458-7737; send a check or money order with ad copy to The Santa Monica Daily Press, P.O. Box 1380, Santa Monica, CA 90406 or stop in at our office located at 530 Wilshire Blvd, Ste. 200. **OTHER RATES:** For information about the professional services directory or classified display ads, please call our office at (310)458-7737.

Calendar

Wednesday, August 14, 2002

movies

Loews Broadway Cinema
1441 Third St. at Broadway
Full Frontal (R) 11:20, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00. Stuart Little 2 (PG) 12:00, 2:10, 4:30, 6:40. Blood Work (R) 11:40, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 9:00, 10:20. Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat (R) 11:00, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40.

Mann Criterion
1313 Third St.
Minority Report (PG-13) 11:40, 3:15, 7:10, 10:30. Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) 11:00, 1:30, 4:15, 5:00, 7:15, 7:45, 9:45, 10:20. My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 11:10, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50. The Country Bears (G) 12:15, 2:30 XXX (PG-13) 12:00, 12:30, 3:30, 4:00, 7:00, 7:30, 10:15, 10:45.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street
Men in Black II (PG-13) 10:15. The Bourne Identity (PG-13) 12:55, 7:25. Signs (PG-13) 12:10, 1:00, 2:45, 4:00, 5:20, 7:00, 7:55, 9:45, 10:30. The Master of Disguise (PG) 12:20, 2:25, 4:45, 7:20, 9:30. Reign of Fire (PG-13) 4:10, 10:05. Road to Perdition (R) 12:45, 4:15, 7:05. K-11: The Widowmaker (PG-13) 12:30, 7:15. Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams (PG) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00.

Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
Sex and Lucia (NR) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45. Lovely and Amazing (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30.

Laemmle Monica
1332 2nd St.
Tadpole (PG-13) 1:30, 3:35, 5:40, 7:45, 9:55. Read My Lips (NR) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45. The Good Girl (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:55. Buddha Heads 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15.

Aero Theater
1328 Montana Ave.
Who is Cletis Tout? (R) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Today Community

Santa Monica Strutters, a FREE program sponsored by UCLA Healthcare's 50-Plus Program! Walking programs for adults 50 or older looking for safe, low-impact exercise in a comfortable environment. The Santa Monica Strutters meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 8 a.m. To 10 a.m., at Santa Monica Place, Fourth St. and Broadway Ave. in Santa Monica.

Senior Suppers - Discounted meals for people AGE 55 or older are served daily, from 3:30 p.m. To 7 p.m., in the cafeteria at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, 1250 16th Street in Santa Monica. \$3.69 Info only: (310)319-4837.

Classes / Lectures

Los Angeles Arts Academy, Summer Art Camp in Santa Monica & Westchester. Ages 5 to 13 years old. Lots of fun: art, acting, singing, karaoke, drawing, sculpture, drum circles, field trips & more! June 24 through August 16, M-F 9 a.m. To 3 p.m. (except field trip days). Now enrolling! laarts@earthlink.net.

Music/ Entertainment

Cara Rosellini hosts The Gaslite's Comic Review, followed by open-mic comedy karaoke, at The Gaslite, 2030 Wilshire Blvd. 7:30 p.m. FREE! (310)829-2382.

Poetry N Go Club, 8 pm. UnUrban Coffeehouse. 3301 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, (310)315-0056.

Rusty's Surf Ranch, 256 Santa Monica Pier. Walls and ceilings are lined with one of the area's largest collections of pre-1970's surfboards. Cover varies. Full bar. All ages. (310)393-7386.

LUSH 2020 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica. Three bars, plenty of booths, sofas, leopard-print carpet and a sunken dance floor. Mexican grill serves dinner after 5 p.m. Full bar. Over 21. Cover \$5 - Free. (310)829-1933.

Thursday Community

The Westside Walkers, a FREE program sponsored by UCLA Healthcare's 50-Plus Program!

Walking programs for adults 50 or older looking for safe, low-impact exercise in a comfortable environment. The Westside Walkers meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8 a.m. To 10 a.m., at Westside Pavilion, Pico Blvd. Between Overland Ave. and Westwood Blvd. In West LA. For more information about the program, call (800)516-5323.

Senior Suppers - Discounted meals for people AGE 55 or older are served daily, from 3:30 p.m. To 7 p.m., in the cafeteria at Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center, 1250 16th Street in Santa Monica. \$3.69 Info only: (310)319-4837.

Classes

Dharma at the Clubhouse. A weekly book and multi-media study group, no fee. Applying studies of Buddhism-Dharma into our daily lives. Every Thursday night at the Clubhouse at Douglas Park, 25th & Wilshire. 7:30 - 9pm. Dan (310) 451-4368 www.santamonivcakksg.org

Los Angeles Arts Academy, Summer Art Camp in Santa Monica & Westchester. Ages 5 to 13 years old. Lots of fun: art, acting, singing, karaoke, drawing, sculpture, drum circles, field trips & more! June 24 through August 16, M-F 9 a.m. To 3 p.m. (except field trip days). Now enrolling! laarts@earthlink.net.

a.m. To 3 p.m. (except field trip days). Now enrolling! laarts@earthlink.net.

Theater / Arts

Santa Monica Playhouse is proud to present Picon Piel! The World Premiere of a joyous and poignant musical play about the life and loves of legendary Molly Picon. Admission is \$23.50. Show starts at 8:00 p.m. 1211 4th Street, Santa Monica. For more information please call (310)394-9779 or visit www.santamonicaplayhouse.com.

Music / Entertainment

Komdey Krunch. UnUrban Coffeehouse. 3301 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, (310)315-0056.

Comedy Underground - SPLAT! Stand up comedy. \$5.00, 8:30 p.m. 320 Wilshire Blvd. (310)451-1800.

Rusty's Surf Ranch, 256 Santa Monica Pier. Walls and ceilings are lined with one of the area's largest collections of pre-1970's surfboards. Cover varies. Full bar. All ages. (310)393-7386.

Calendar items are printed free of charge as a service to our readers. Please submit your items to todaypaper@smdp.com for consideration. Calendar events are limited by space, and will be run at the discretion of the Calendar Editor. The Daily Press cannot be held responsible for errors.

KEEP YOUR DATE STRAIGHT

**Promote your event in the Santa Monica Daily Press Calendar section.
Fax all information to our Calendar Editor: Attention Angela @ 310.576.9913**



BACK PAGE

Town calls on shaman to rid its meeting hall of bad vibes

By The Associated Press

TELLURIDE, Colo. — A Town Council known for nasty squabbling has been setting town policy in occasional harmony since calling on a shaman to rid its meeting hall of bad vibes.

Shaman Christopher Beaver conducted a smudging ceremony in the Telluride Town Council chambers earlier this summer after he declared the basement room full of negative, even violent, energy.

Town leaders are reluctant to attribute the more agreeable atmosphere to Beaver's ceremony, which included burning imported menthol and wafting the smoke into every corner of the hall. But they say it opened their minds.

"I'm not saying there is a connection," said Mayor John Steel, a 67-year-old, cowboy-hat-wearing attorney. "What it really did maybe was to focus people's minds on trying to seek higher ground."

Telluride is a mountain town where Tibetan prayer flags flutter from Victorian porches and American Indian medicine men bless the ski slopes.

Its town leaders have other unusual practices among Colorado municipal boards. They open meetings with a poetry reading and a moment of silence.

"I'm not saying there is a connection. What it really did maybe was to focus people's minds on trying to seek higher ground."

— JOHN STEEL
Mayor of Telluride

Steel said he started that as another way of clearing council members' minds before they get down to business.

There is so much communicating going on now that council business regularly stretches meetings to nine or 10 hours. Two extra meetings have been added every

month. Steel said the open-minded Town Council may be open to whatever else might bring and keep harmony.

"We haven't gone to a sweat lodge yet," he said. "Maybe that will be the next step."

Beaver did his first council smudging ceremony immediately after last fall's acrimonious election that seated three new council members.

He was invited by incoming council member Hillary White, who said she felt it was difficult to make decisions, speak well or be clearheaded in the tense atmosphere.

The council and townspeople were embroiled in a fight over annexation of land to the east of town and condemnation of the valley floor to the west.

Those issues were brought to a simmer by public votes, and the council currently is dealing with watering restrictions, parking, midyear budget adjustments, new regulations for vending carts and noxious weed control.

White said she believes smudging, which is used in different forms by many Christian religions as well as by American Indians, should be done regularly. She lights little sage sticks when she arrives early for council meetings.

'Steady Ed Headrick,' father of the Frisbee, dies at age 78

BY RON HARRIS
Associated press Writer

SAN JOSE — "Steady" Ed Headrick, father of the Frisbee and designer of Wham-O's first "professional model" flying disc, has died. He was 78.

Headrick died in his sleep early Monday at his La Selva Beach home, according to his eldest son. He had been partially paralyzed after suffering two strokes last month at a disc golf tournament in Miami, Ken Headrick said.

Headrick patented toy maker Wham-O's first designs for the modern Frisbee after improving the aerodynamics of the

company's initial models. After joining the company in the early 1960's, Headrick incorporated concentric grooved lines into the top of the curved disc to create the first "professional model" for Emeryville-based Wham-O.

The added "ridges" created better lift, straighter flight and improved stability by increasing "interference with the smooth airflow pattern," according to U.S. Patent No. 3,359,678, filed by Headrick on Nov. 1, 1965 for a "Flying Saucer."

The patent was officially issued in 1967, but Wham-O had began selling its version in 1964, according to the compa-

ny's Web site. The patent number is stamped onto Frisbees around the world and has been rubbed by the hands of millions who toss the discs across park lawns and beaches, into the grasp of fellow players or the mouths of waiting dogs.

Without Headrick's design, Wham-O's Frisbee might have flopped, said longtime friend and flying disc salesman Dan Mangone.

"I believe that the product would have gone on but he's the one that gave it the kick in the pants," said Mangone.

Headrick was more philosophical about his invention.

"I felt the Frisbee had some kind of a spirit involved," he told the Santa Cruz Sentinel last October. "It's not just like playing catch with a ball. It's the beautiful flight."

Headrick founded the International Frisbee Association and Disc Golf Association to oversee the sport of disc golf, where players launch the discs at baskets to score points.

Ken Headrick said he will honor his father's wish that his ashes be molded into a limited edition of memorial flying discs to be given to a select few family and friends and others who make donations in his memory.

EARTH PURE

DEGRADABLE* DISPOSABLE DIAPERS

• **High Quality and High Performance Diaper**

• **No Leakage (Great for Night Time Sleeping)**

• **Contains Vitamin E and Aloe Vera**

• **Completely Degradable Plastic* Top sheet & inner liner that allow the natural pulp material inside to biodegrade**

• **Learn more at www.earthpureproducts.com/**

*complies w/ASTM D3826

Available exclusively at:

WHOLE FOODS
MARKET®

Westside Locations:

BEVERLY HILLS
239 N. Crescent Drive
(310) 274-3360

BRENTWOOD
11737 San Vicente Blvd.
(310) 826-4433

W. HOLLYWOOD
7871 Santa Monica Blvd.
(323) 848-4200

WEST LOS ANGELES
11666 National Blvd.
(310) 996-8840

\$9.99
per case
M — (38 ct.)
L — (34 ct.)
XL — (30 ct.)

"Retail Therapy"
75-90% off

From Gap
to Gucci...
L.A.'s hottest
resale store!

GREAT LABELS
Designer Goods

310.451.2277

Open 7 Days
1126 Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica