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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit recently ruled that just because convicted marijuana dealer Frederick R. James had sent the judge invoices for \$500,000 each time the judge uttered his name during the trial (which his threats to do were reported in News of the Weird in 2002), that was not proof that James was legally insane. The court thus rejected James's appeal of his 22-year sentence, which makes it further unlikely James will ever collect on the \$151 million he says District Judge Michael R. Reagan owes him for the "copyright" violations.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I base my fashion taste on what doesn't itch."

— Gilda Radner



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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press
(Above) Police and emergency personnel respond to an accident Monday on the Pacific Coast Highway that involved a coroner's van. (Right) Officials remove a body from Santa Monica Beach minutes before the van was hit by an oncoming car.

Man found dead on beach

Coroner hit during transport

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

The body of a middle-aged man was found washed ashore on Santa Monica

Beach early Monday and police are determining whether foul play was involved.

Shortly before 5 a.m., a passerby noticed a body lying on the shoreline a few hundred feet north of the Santa

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Woman drives down Promenade

Cars illegal on pedestrian mall

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

A confused 67-year-old woman drove her car down Santa Monica's pedestrian mall on Monday, but no one was injured.

The Third Street Promenade, normally crowded with thousands of people during the day, was virtually empty at 10:05 a.m. when the woman traveled nearly an entire block driving on the sidewalk, weaving in and out of trash cans, outdoor vendors and outdoor seating. She stopped just short of a sidewalk vendor.

A Santa Monica police motorcycle officer was flagged down by a witness on

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Ross Furukawa/Daily Press
A woman drove her car nearly a block on the Third Street Promenade Monday. Police released her and sent the case to the City Attorney's office.

Farmers Market fund reaches \$120K

By Daily Press staff

The fund established to help victims of the July 16 Farmers Market crash has raised more than \$120,000.

In just over a month, the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce has been able to raise tens

of thousands from the community to financially assist victims and their families in the short term.

The fund was set up within 48 hours after the accident that claimed the lives of 10 and injured close to 80 people when Santa Monica resident Russell Weller, 86, drove through the busy

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Free parking in Santa Monica comes at a price

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

A territorial battle is brewing over valuable free parking in downtown Santa Monica.

The dispute is over the two city-owned garages at Santa Monica Place, which sits between Broadway and Colorado Boulevard and Fourth and Second streets.

Santa Monica Place, the indoor shopping mall which has a lease on the publicly-owned facility, claims too many downtown employees have caught on to the garage's three free hours of parking. It's widely known that people other than mall shoppers park in the garages and move their cars every three hours to avoid getting a ticket.

As a result, officials are considering restricting the free parking to only two hours, which is what the city offers at its other seven downtown garages.

But in the meantime, mall officials have closed off the stairways on each level that lead to the street to deter the public from parking there for any other reason than shopping at the mall. The outside doors to the garage are locked and the doors inside the garage have large signs that read, "Fire door, alarm will sound." However, no alarm sounds when the door is opened.

City Hall currently gives \$47 tickets to parkers caught remaining in the same space for more than three hours.

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'Drive-in' at the pier features 'Willy Wonka'

By Daily Press staff

It's that time of the week to take in a flick at the pier.

The third movie screening on the Santa Monica Pier tonight will feature "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory."

The "drive-in" screenings throughout August were organized by the Santa Monica Film Festival, which raises money for the "Cancer Relief Fund," although the movies are free to the public.

All of the proceeds from concessions and chair rentals will go to "The Cancer Relief Fund," which gives money directly to cancer victims and their families.

Next week's showing of "Grease," will be shown on a large screen at the pier. Movie time is 8 p.m.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might be hard-pressed to say "no" to another's heartfelt request. You could be uncomfortable with a loved one's desires and need to cut your expenditures. Be willing to express your needs here. Your ability to have a conversation opens up an associate. Tonight: Treating doesn't need to be expensive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You might feel hard-pressed to turn a situation around. Your laughter and happy ways might cause someone close to feel a bit inadequate. Be sensitive to this person and his or her feelings. In the long run, you will bond far more closely. Tonight: Say what you think.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might be most effective working behind the scenes. You will be able to change another's opinions more easily in a quiet way. Someone might let the cat out of the bag, sharing too much. Be discreet. Tonight: A night just for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Meetings provide strong support and help you create more of what you want. Laugh and relax in the company of someone else. You find that a positive attitude helps you with nearly anything. People cannot resist a smile. Tonight: You are the action.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Establish your presence at work. You might want to lie back and have a leisurely discussion, but that attitude ultimately won't work. "Take charge" needs to be your motto right now. You might want to indulge someone you put on a pedestal. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ What might not have been as clear as you would have liked becomes clear as a bell through a talk. You can find your way through a barrier or a restriction. You might want to be discreet about someone's secret. Tonight: Wherever there is music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You want to work as a team to get the job done. Your ability to come to a clearer understanding can make all the difference in what happens. You might need to visualize more of your inner thoughts. Tonight: Hook up with a very special friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Defer to a friend or partner. You are likely to be delighted by what you hear. Loosen up about an interchange. Sometimes you get too uptight. Review a personal matter more carefully that surrounds a loved one or friend. Tonight: Caring abounds.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Someone's bright idea could give you more work to do, but as you do the research, you'll find solutions that please you. News from a distance puts a big smile on your face. Check out the rates of a trip or vacation. Tonight: A must show.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You'll see more going on than you anticipated if you keep an open mind. What someone reveals could initially have your head spinning. A partner will reveal more of him- or herself. Refrain from making any judgments now. Allow yourself to relax. Tonight: Opt for closeness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Your home life could point you in a new direction. You need to know more and understand where a loved one is coming from. You could be delighted by what a partner shares or what might be going on. Take the opportunity to open up. Tonight: Anchor in.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Reach out for a friend or someone you care about. Reaching an understanding with this person could happen if you decide to back off your position and listen. Empathizing is easy for you. More nurturing flows between you. Tonight: Talk away.

CORRECTION — In the Aug. 18 edition, Joe Weichman was referred to as a SMC student. He actually attends USC.

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LOCAL

America's rebuilding of Iraq shuts out Iraqis

Commentary



BY KELLY HAYES-RAITT
Special to the Daily Press

While I was in Baghdad last month, I sneaked into a Bechtel meeting. I had heard that the American company held regular, public briefings for Iraqis interested in bidding for rebuilding contracts. But as I found my way to room 202 of the Sheraton Hotel, I was in fact entering a private, non-descript suite with the only "no smoking" sign I saw in Iraq.

I slipped in as if I were an invited VIP guest, smiling confidently to the burly Iraqi who sat bouncer-like behind an imposing desk. From my seat on the couch, I had a clear view of Randy Jackson, of Dallas, Tex., who represents Bechtel in choosing which Iraqis received contracts to rebuild the damage at the airport, such as fences that American tanks had demolished.

I watched team after team of Iraqi men (and one woman) wander in with their 10-page application form completed (in English). Once granted an audience with Mr. Jackson, they were asked questions such as: "How many employees do you have?" "How old is your equipment?" "Do you have insurance?"

This last question was a stopper. Before this last war, there were six insurance companies in Iraq, the largest of which were run by Saddam Hussein's government. They offered basic auto and casualty insurance, workers compensation and liability insurance with maximum policies of either 200 million or 150 million dinars (about \$100,000 or \$60,000, respectively). As of July, only one insurance company was operating. The others had been shut down or looted.

"But the government was our insurance," said one Iraqi, shrugging his shoulders.

To get a job rebuilding their country, Iraqis are required by Bechtel to carry three types of insurance:

■ \$2 million minimum indemnification insurance, which costs up to 10 percent of the contract's cost. It covers misfortunes such as equipment loss and injured work-



Kelly Hayes-Raitt/Special to the Daily Press
A truck has fallen through a collapsed bridge on the only highway between Baghdad and Basra. The bombed bridge remains unrepaired for four months after the war.

ers. The \$2 million minimum policy is 20 times Iraqis' previous insurance policies' maximum and far exceeds Iraqis' ability to afford it, or the local insurance companies' ability to underwrite it.

■ Bid securities insurance, where banks provide a guarantee that the company will not withdraw its bid. The Iraqi contractor bidding on the project must provide a cashier's or certified check for 10 percent of the projected amount of the project. As of July, 43 of the 47 banks were at some level of operation, but it was unclear if they had the capacity to issue bonds. The 10 percent bond may be held for the duration of the contract.

■ Performance insurance guarantees that the job is completed. It, too, can cost 10 percent of the projected cost of the contract.

Although Iraqis are used to advance payments, Bechtel is not providing any up-front money. So Iraqis hoping to participate in the rebuilding of their country have to advance money for materials, labor, insurance policies and bonds at a

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BACK FROM
BAGHDAD

surf report

Look for a mixture of holding NW wind swell, fading SSW swell and building, long period SW swell today. Most spots see knee- to waist-high sets, with better conditions in the morning.

OUTLOOK: Recent storm activity has set up our next S swell which will arrive on Friday the 22nd and hold through the 23rd. There may be some chest-high bombers in that swell. Yipee.

Get stoked on an epic sesh? Get burned by a bad report? Write us at wood@smdp.com and tell us what the surf is doing today at your local break.

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	LOW TIDE				HIGH TIDE			
	Morning	Height	Evening	Height	Morning	Height	Evening	Height
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SUNDAY	6:59	1.4	8:04	2.0	12:45	4.2	1:37	4.7
MONDAY	7:26	2.0	9:33	2.0	1:41	3.6	2:18	4.6
TUESDAY	7:54	2.5	11:17	1.7	3:19	3.1	3:12	4.6
WEDNESDAY	8:42	2.9	N/A	N/A	6:24	3.0	4:21	4.7
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The Q-Line

An elderly Santa Monica woman who broke her hip on the Big Blue Bus last year recently lost a lawsuit against City Hall.

In the lawsuit, the woman claimed City Hall should compensate her for her medical bills, as well as for pain and suffering because it does not require its drivers to wait for elderly passengers to be seated before they begin driving.

The jury said they had compassion for the elderly woman but that there

were too many questions raised by city attorneys to rule for her.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Should Big Blue Bus drivers wait for elderly people to be seated before they take off on their routes?"

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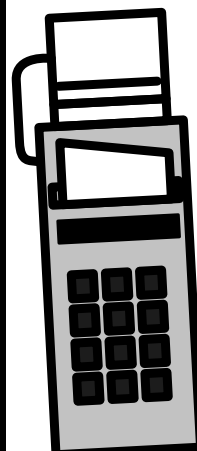
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LETTERS

City Hall needs to train bus drivers

Editor:

What was he thinking? Deputy City Attorney Noman Hirata is reported as stating that if City Hall enacts stricter training guidelines, it would face more lawsuits (SMDP, Aug. 16, "City Hall not liable in Blue Bus suit.") That being elderly is not a special need and so drivers only need to wait for people with disabilities or special needs. Would he like to define special need? How do you spot a person with a disability that doesn't clearly show itself? I guess the City of Santa Monica should thank former Big Blue Bus Director John Catoe for the untrained drivers we have because he started a new training department that he felt would do better than the old system that had been training drivers like me for 50 years. The problem is City Hall's attitude towards the public transit. The idea is not that the drivers don't care, but if you run late on your schedule that management has made up, your penalized or fired. That's the wrong message. Yet it is the message repeated over and over again. How many people are hurt each year? If you were to take a look, both reported and unreported, the average is four or five a week. City Hall's message is the public be damned.

Brian A. Gray, Sr.
Santa Monica

Recall is the cause of the mistake

Editor:

The upcoming California Recall vote may be many things: media circus, mother lode of late-night talk show material, PR bonanza for Z-list celebs and probably a great ice-breaker in singles bars: "You're running for Governor? Hey, me too!" But any notion this is really the democratic process at work, the "voice of the people," is bunk. If anything, this may be the final exhale of breath, the "death-rattle of the people" when it comes to the idea of majority rule. Just look at the numbers.

In the last gubernatorial election, almost 7.5 million people fought total boredom and went out and voted anyway. The rest of the 22 million eligible voters in this state just didn't think it warranted missing a latte after lunch to bother. It only takes 12 percent of those who voted, in this case about 900,000 to sign the petition to force a

recall. Forget that a Darrell Issa-sized bank account can buy all the signatures you want in supermarket parking lots. Even put it on your club card. But say those 900,000 really meant business and on Oct. 7 they all go to the polls. And the rest of us have a typical Election Day and go any place but the polls. If the recall passes, that means whoever gets the most votes among all those names on the bible-sized ballot,

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How much of the homeless problem should fall on City Hall's shoulders?



Evelyn Jerome

■ Here's how your City Councilmembers have dealt with a multi-million dollar budget deficit this year: They voted to give a "loan" of \$7.4 million to the Ocean Park Community Center, a "loan" which they publicly admit will likely never be repaid.

Here's what the Ocean Park Community Center is going to do with that "loan" money: Build a new homeless shelter. Just what Santa Monica needs.

Ever the champions of Orwellian "double-speak," those Santa Monica city leaders. It's called the "Ocean Park Community Center." It's not in Ocean Park. And it's not a community center.

Almost \$2 million of that "loan," by the

way, is funding from Big Blue Bus revenue. Remember that next time City Hall tells you that revenues are "restricted" and can only be used for certain purposes.

Your City Council approved the project, despite a chorus of opposition from Santa Monica residents, the business community, two city commissions and strong opposition from the Pico neighborhood, where the new shelter will be located. But wait, there's more. The original plan was to close the current OPCC shelter near Colorado Boulevard and Seventh Street so that the bus maintenance yard could be expanded, and move services to a new location near Michigan Avenue and Cloverfield Boulevard. But homeless advocates argued that some downtown services should be retained. So the current location will continue to

have daytime "drop-in" services in addition to the new overnight facility.

It's like having twice as many homeless shelters. Just what Santa Monica needs.

You might surmise that I'm opposed to all homeless shelters, but you'd be wrong. But I don't understand why Santa Monica has designated itself to be the social conscience of Southern California, while other communities are happy to ship their homeless problem directly to us.

Homelessness is a growing problem and I agree that the "community" has some responsibility to deal with the problem humanely. But it's fair to discuss what "community responsibility" really means and how much public funding goes to the cause. It's fair to say that shelters and public feedings are only band-aids to this problem.

And it's important to recognize that Santa Monica taxpayers, homeowners and businesses have shouldered a hefty burden as our city has dispensed those band-aids.

Let's focus on ending the cycle of homelessness. Encourage local businesses to grow and hire more workers. Ensure that rent-controlled apartments are used by those who truly need them. Take steps to move people from the streets back to productivity.

Food and shelter are important but temporary. Give a man a fish, etc. You get it.

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Todd Flora

■ It's no secret that one of the biggest problems Santa Monica faces is homelessness. The problem is much larger than one entity can solve but Santa Monica continues to try.

Let me be clear. I believe our city carries far too great a burden in caring for the homeless population. If you ask me, the city should be lobbying around the clock for a greater county and state role in caring for the needs of the area's homeless.

Further, we must certainly foster business efforts to remain a more attractive shopping destination than emerging local competitors like the Grove. And while I

don't exactly see the homeless population as more culpable than consumer confidence with regard to Promenade foot traffic, concerns of merchants and residents must be addressed.

Unfortunately, City Councilmembers — popular punching bags that they are — didn't do themselves any political favors by creating a compromise in voting to relocate the Ocean Park Community Center last week. Now, a new facility off of Cloverfield Boulevard will house homeless persons at night, while a smaller version of the existing facility downtown will provide daytime services.

In so doing, the Council has displaced Pico neighborhood residents by relocating the new property in their backyard and handed downtown political

interests even more political fodder by spending more than \$7 million to do it, all while creating at least the appearance of another insufficiently planned, rail-road decision.

And can I just ask? Where is the city's communications machine every time council-bashers pounce? It's constantly a one-sided debate out there, with a reticent city leadership either unable or unwilling to defend its decision-making.

For example, I beg someone at City Hall to publicly correct me on the following: I believe that dragging a portion of the homeless population from one end of town to the other at separate times of the day will prove to be a mistake. It may result in not only the homeless populations using its limited resources to bus

themselves to the Cloverfield site, but also increases the chance that many won't make the trek to use the new facility at all.

The fact is whatever level of future aid we might wrestle from the county and state, we have a homeless population NOW. And regardless of how divided our city may be on aspects of this issue, I hope we all remember that the biggest problem remains — people are homeless, many are mentally ill and someone must help them.

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OPINION

LETTERS

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becomes governor. Not the majority of votes — not even 50 percent of the 12 percent of the 30 percent of those eligible to vote. Just the most votes, period.

Let's say it comes down to a handful of major candidates, ranked by box-office appeal and then the other 200 clowns in the small car. Will 100,000 votes do it? What about 40,000? 10,000? Picking the next Governor of California could be up to less people than you'll find at a Clipper home game. When they play Cleveland.

A voice can't be heard if it doesn't make a sound. If the majority wants to rule, they're going to have to conquer their fear of jury duty (it's not so bad these days, you could almost call it in), and register to vote. And then vote. Don't like Gray Davis? Fine. Vote him out in the next real election. Love Arnold? The superstar? The sit-com character? Fred Ziffel's pig? Fine. Let any of them campaign during a real election and win the hearts and minds of the majority. The recall process was intended to be a way for the electorate to correct a terrible mistake. Now it's manipulated to become the cause of one.

Larry Balmagia
Santa Monica

Build a homeless hotel instead of shelter

Editor:

Am I the only one to notice?

The City Council recently approved a homeless shelter on Cloverfield Boulevard that has a total purchase and construction budget of approximately \$11.3 million (\$9.2 million City of Santa Monica, \$0.4 million, LA County, \$0.9 million state of California, and \$0.8 million private funds, SMDP, Aug. 14, page 1). The new shelter will now have a sole purpose to provide beds for 55 homeless individuals per night. The math works out to \$205,000 per bed.

A reasonable alternative would be to build a hotel for the homeless. Let us assume that the homeless would be willing to stay two to a room. This would allow \$410,000 to be spent per room on the new homeless hotel. Let us plan a hotel with 129 rooms which would house 258 homeless a night. That number of rooms times \$410,000 per room gives us a construction budget of \$53 million.

"Hotel Casa Del Mar (which coincidentally has 129 rooms and suites), once the grandest of the opulent Santa Monica beach clubs and hotels, re-emerged in October 1999 true to its storied past as one of the most luxurious hotels on the West Coast. More than \$50 million was spent to restore the historic landmark to its former grandeur and create an elegant and sophisticated European lodging experience on the sands of Santa Monica Bay," the hotel's Web site states.

Regardless of what one thinks about how Santa Monica should provide for the homeless, the plan approved by the Santa Monica City Council appears overly costly when viewed on a per bed/homeless person served. Unless the City Council and OPCC intend for the new shelter to provide an "elegant and sophisticated European lodging experience" for the homeless, either much less should be spent or more services should be provided. Or perhaps the city should just purchase a floor of the Hotel Casa del Mar and turn it into a homeless shelter.

Michael Stone
Santa Monica

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COMMENTARY

A solution to prostitution and its place in society



LEGAL VIEWS AND NEWS

By David Pizarra

It's a problem as old as civilization. It dates back to the dawn of humanity.

People fight over it, families are destroyed as a result of it. Neighbors argue with neighbors about it. Should we stop it? How can we stop it? Why won't the government do something about it?

In horror we drive down the street, tsk tsking about them. We don't want our children to see it, we just want the problem to go away. When is the City Council and the police going to do something? These people are elected and appointed to take charge, to make our fair city fairer, to keep them in their place.

What the heck am I writing about? Prostitution or homelessness? Hard to tell isn't it.

The greater social evil is actually the homeless, yet which do we have laws against? Whom do we put in jail? Someone who is actually working for a living.

In the state of California we have a penal code that defines the criminal laws of the land. For example Cal. Penal Code 653.20. reads as follows:

"For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(a) "Commit prostitution" means to engage in sexual conduct for money or other consideration, but does not include

**"Make no mistake about it, prostitutes work.
Only we don't consider it work ..."**

sexual conduct engaged in as a part of any stage performance, play, or other entertainment open to the public."

Make no mistake about it, prostitutes work. Only we don't consider it work, because a millennia or two ago, it was decided by some guy who probably got turned down by a professional, that it was "immoral" and therefore should be illegal. And a great source of tax dollars was relegated to the trash pile.

Two weeks ago, our fine police force was quite diligent in enforcing the law and arrested a business owner. He was arrested for providing a continuing nuisance because his hotel was used by prostitutes to ply their trade.

It remains to be seen what his actual role in this grand scheme was, but it seems to me to be another example of the law of unintended consequences. We as a society wish to foster stability in relationships and marriages. So to do this, we outlaw prostitution.

We politely ignore the fact that a fair percentage of marriages are those May/December kind that are a result of his money and her looks. But for the cover of decency provided by a marriage license, the above penal code section could be applied to many a marriage

through that "... other consideration ..." part. Personally I cannot tell the difference between that and the ladies of the night who are available for an evening — other than it seems like with the May/December marriage, one is buying wholesale versus buying retail.

Now the other reason we outlaw prostitution, in theory, is to reduce crime. Apparently there is a great deal of associated crime with the sale of pleasure and companionship. It seems that there is a probability of being mugged, drugged and infected with some nasty germs by associating with prostitutes. Frankly I think that comes with the territory and if you want to associate with people like that, you run the risks. Mom used to say, "If you lie down with dogs, expect to get up with fleas." But then again, Mary Magdalene was good enough for Christ, just not Pat Robertson.

I pretty much believe that the government should stay out of an individual's right to be an idiot and a fool. Evidently I am in the minority here.

Our penal code is replete with language of morality and judgment that should be removed. I think the meaning of phrases like "house of ill repute," "immoral place," and "other place of questionable repute" are all rather vague. Given the high number of molestations in the Catholic church, maybe we should be shutting them down.

So the government decides that prostitution is bad, outlaws it and then arrests the hotel owner, the hooker, the hooker and the

innocent spouse, then files for divorce. Sounds more like the full employment plan for criminal and divorce attorneys.

It seems to me that a better system would be to allow those who so desire it to become licensed prostitutes and limit the area in which they are allowed to ply their trade just like we do with other businesses. We could require that they be regularly tested for various sexually transmitted diseases and charge the businesses accordingly. That way we could increase the hotel tax income because many of these people do not want to use their own homes, understandably. We could increase the sales tax revenue by requiring the collection of taxes. We would increase our licensing fees and we would increase the number of government workers because where there is an industry, there must be a government agency to regulate it.

And with the added income to the city coffers, maybe we could hire a few more police officers to patrol the streets so my car wouldn't get broken into by some drunk homeless guy who was kind enough to climb in through the partially open moon roof I accidentally left open, setting off my alarm at 2:15 in the morning. He did leave his ice cold beer for me though, so I guess I should be grateful for that. But it was only a Budweiser and I prefer the imported kind.

Clearly though, a hooker, who is minding her own business is a much greater societal ill than the homeless thieves that roam the streets of our fair city, driving away tourism and waking me up at 2:15 a.m.

(David Pizarra is a partner in the Santa Monica law firm of Pizarra & Grist. He welcomes questions, and can be reached at (310) 664-9969 or e-mailed at DPISARRA@PISARRA.COM)

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American companies eye other countries for rebuilding

BACK TO BAGHDAD, from page 3

time when they are emerging from 50 percent unemployment, three wars and 12 years of sanctions. On top of it all, Iraqi contractors must read and agree to the Federal Acquisition regulations — a 3,000-page document written in English.

"These are American tax dollars," Jackson said to a despondent Iraqi. "Americans don't want to pay for insurance, they want to pay for rebuilding."

"Where do I get insurance?" asked the Iraqi.

"If you don't have insurance, you can't get a contract with Bechtel," boomed the imposing Iraqi behind the desk.

"Don't worry, there will be American insurance companies coming in to sell you insurance," Jackson offered. "Two companies like yourself have already obtained insurance from American companies. We have a big Bechtel managing team to work with you."

As I watched the contractor slowly

rise from his chair, I realized that Iraqis must now buy insurance from American companies in order to work for an American company to rebuild the airport that the Americans bombed. It occurred to me that this war is a warped WPA program for well-connected American companies.

While reviewing the application of one Iraqi team, Jackson brightened and said, "I'd like to work with you. If we can't get something going here, then maybe (we can) in Iran."

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LOCAL



Santa Monica Place garages under construction

PARKING, from page 1

But many avoid the fines by moving their cars.

To Santa Monica Place management, the technique is tawdry.

"The intent was not to park for two hours and fifty nine minutes and then move," said Michael Guerin, senior manager at Santa Monica Place.

At issue is the widely-known ability of parkers to simply move their cars to gain another three hours of free parking. That not-so-secret fact has lured employees at other downtown businesses to park there. Complicating the issue is the fact that the garage was built with public money, though it is leased to Santa Monica Place.

"The agreement clearly gives them certain rights for operation," said Tina Rodriguez, the city's redevelopment administrator. "They checked with the fire department, you can still use (the doors) to exit, just not to enter. It's well within the operational agreement."

When the two entities signed a lease agreement in the 1980s when the mall was built, downtown didn't have a bustling business environment and a tourist draw like the Promenade like it does now.

It was agreed at the time to allow shoppers to park for free three hours during the day and then charge at night. The city's other seven parking structures give the first

two hours free and then charge \$1 for each additional hour, with a maximum price of \$7.

Despite that Guerin said the mall's sales figures are down partly because of the parking situation, the garage

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— TINA RODRIGUEZ

City redevelopment administrator

rarely runs out of space on weekdays. However, mall officials are worried about the day it will.

Bill Bortfeld, the city's parking operations specialist in the parking office, said there have been discussions between city officials and Santa Monica Place representatives about putting the mall garages on the same pricing level. Even so, the garages are for everyone to use, he said.

"They are open to the public because the ultimate owner is the city," Bortfeld said. "Anyone can park there."

And they do. Guerin said he watches people run through the garage, move their car from one space to another. He also sees people pull out their rollerblades and head to the beach.

Bortfeld said there are a total of 2,900 spaces in downtown parking structures No. 1 through No. 6 and No. 9, of which 1,900 are rented out monthly by individuals and businesses. There is a four-year waiting list to get one of those spaces, which cost \$82.50 a month and is below the market average, Bortfeld said.

City Councilman Ken Genser, who was on a task force to create a new plan for downtown parking, said more spaces are desperately needed. The group targeted some general sites along Fifth Street, which could help alleviate traffic along Fourth and Second streets, where most cars enter and exit the parking garages, Genser said.

Three of the taller parking garages will be retrofitted to withstand an earthquake, while three others will be torn down and replaced with taller ones that can hold more spaces, Genser said.

And while the eventual plan is to tear down the garages surrounding the mall once the area is redeveloped, they are currently being seismically retrofitted, Rodriguez said. The work began a few weeks ago and is scheduled to be completed shortly before Thanksgiving.

Farmers Market accident still under investigation

PROMENADE, from page 1

Ocean Avenue who saw the woman driving northbound on the Promenade from Santa Monica Boulevard. When the officer entered the outdoor mall from Arizona Avenue, he saw the woman's white Honda Accord parked on the eastside of the Promenade, said SMPD Lt. Frank Fabrega.

The vehicle suffered only minor damage after brushing up against a trash can. The woman, whose identity wasn't released, was let go after the incident. However, police submitted a request to the Department of Motor Vehicles to have the woman's driving abilities re-examined. A police report was taken to the City Attorney's office where it will be determined if the woman should be cited for violating Santa Monica law for driving on the Promenade, Fabrega said.

Bob Deffendoll, a Santa Monica resident, witnessed the incident.

"I was sitting at Starbucks when she just came zipping through," he said,

"I was sitting at Starbucks when she just came zipping through. It's a good thing there was no crowd out here."

— BOB DEFFENDOLL
Witness

adding that she was driving about 10 to 15 miles per hour. "It's a good thing there was no crowd out here."

The removable guard posts designed to keep vehicular traffic from entering the Promenade were up and in locked position when the incident occurred. The driver didn't have to drive over any curbs.

According to witness Ken Karl, the woman thought she could drive on the outdoor mall. "She said to me, 'I thought it was a street ... you can't drive here?'" and asked me to back up her car for her."

The event is reminiscent of the Farmers Market tragedy that occurred July 16 when 86-year-old Santa Monica resident Russell Weller reportedly hit the gas pedal instead of the brake and drove through a crowded Arizona Avenue, killing 10 and injuring nearly 80 people.

Two weeks ago, an 86-year-old Santa Monica man smashed his car into a fence that surrounds a home daycare center and then left the scene. No one was injured. The unidentified man drove out of the Elks Lodge parking lot off on Pico Boulevard into the alley and plowed straight into Perviz Esmail's iron gate that blocked the north side of her home.

The iron gate was pushed within feet of playground equipment where Esmail operates a private daycare facility for up

to 12 kids. Her home is directly across the alley from the Elks Lodge parking lot.

And earlier this month, a 75-year-old man was arrested after he drove nearly two miles while a police officer attempted to pull him over for a vehicle code violation.

Gino Gottorelli, of Santa Monica, was arrested on Aug. 5 for failing to stop for an emergency vehicle after he drove down several streets, ignoring the police car's sirens, lights and public address system indicating that he should pull over.

Gottorelli finally stopped when he arrived home on the 1000 block of Fifth Street. However, he led the officer from the 1400 block of Fifth Street, turned west on California Avenue, north on Fourth Street to Adelaide Drive, made a U-turn and headed south on Fourth Street, east on Marguerita Avenue to Seventh Street south and then to the 1000 block of Fifth Street.

He was arrested in his driveway.

July's Farmers Market crash is still under investigation and charges are pending against Weller. The incident has instigated national debate about senior citizens' driving abilities and whether their licenses should be renewed on an annual basis.

(Santa Monica Daily Press Publisher Ross Furukawa contributed to this report.)

Market victims' assistance fund still raising money

FUND, from page 1

Farmers Market on Arizona Avenue.

Several thousand dollars have been distributed so far and applications from victims and their families who were injured are being reviewed.

Chamber executive director Kathy Dodson said more victims are beginning to come forward, with about one a day inquiring on how to apply for assistance. Case workers, who are local business leaders, work with individuals in assessing their needs.

"They need help first getting through the application process," Dodson said. "The hardest part is that they don't know what they need. It's a lot of hand holding."

While hundreds of individuals and local businesses have donated to the fund, larger corporations like Wells Fargo, US Bank, Whole Foods, Wild Oats, Casa del Mar, Shuttles on the Beach, Bank of

America and First Federal Bank have donated large sums.

Wild Oats will present a \$3,900 check on Wednesday to the fund.

The two stores located in Santa Monica on July 28 held a 5 percent day, where 5 percent of that day's total sales went to the cause. In addition, the stores set up collection cans for customers to donate to the fund with the promise that Wild Oats would match the money collected. The total money raised from both efforts was nearly \$4,000.

To donate, individuals are asked to either log onto the chamber's Web site at www.smchamber.com, or call (310) 393-9825, ext. 10.

If you are a business owner and want to donate a portion of your sales to the fund, contact the Bayside District Corp. at (310) 393-8355.

Police investigating death, not ruling out homicide

BODY, from page 1

Monica Pier. The man appeared to be in his 40s or 50s, wearing a white T-shirt and blue shorts.

Santa Monica Police investigators and forensic officers were on scene most of Monday morning, gathering evidence. Police sealed off a large section of the beach while curious passerby inquired about the scene.

The Los Angeles County Coroner's Office arrived at about 8:30 a.m. to transport the body to the morgue for an autopsy. But as the coroner's van carrying the body made a right turn out of the

beach parking lot, it was hit by an oncoming vehicle that was traveling south on the Pacific Coast Highway.

The woman driving the coroner van was taken to a nearby hospital for a neck injury.

The woman driving the Infiniti SUV appeared to be uninjured, but shocked that the van pulled out in front of her onto the busy highway.

"I was startled that she pulled out because I was right there," the unidentified driver said, adding she had slowed down anticipating the upcoming traffic signal on Ocean Avenue.

Both vehicles had significant damage to the front ends.

REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY FOR MANY FALL PROGRAMS IN SANTA MONICA.

Santa Monica YMCA – Parent/Child Gym and Water Enrichment – 3 months and up. Registration is underway for the fall session beginning September 20th - December 13th. Call 310-393-2721 for information or pick up a registration form at the YMCA at 1332 Sixth St.

City of Santa Monica – the city offers a number of classes for parents and children together, kids and adults including Baby/Toddler classes, dancing, yoga, art and a variety of sports. Registration begins August 28, most classes begin the week of October 6. Class details and registration forms can be found in the current fall issue of Seascap (in the Recscape insert) or online at www.santa-monica.org then follow Recscape and registration links.

Music Together – a music and movement program for infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers. For ages birth to 4 years. Pre-registration deadline for returning families is August 23rd. New families registration begins September 1st until full. Classes begin September 15. Free demonstration classes are being held on September 3rd, 6th and 13th. Classes are held in downtown Santa Monica, the Santa Monica Airport and Pacific Palisades. Call 310-396-4436 for info.

Santa Monica Swim Center – Community Aquatics Program Registration began August 18, classes begin the week of September 15. The Swim Center offers a variety of classes including Parent and Me (ages 6 months to 3 years), swim instruction, diving, life-guarding and water polo. Pick up a brochure and registration form at the pool on the campus of SMC at 2225 16th Street.

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The importance of good health before pregnancy

Guest Commentary

By Jon S. Matsunaga

QUESTION: My husband and I are considering starting a family. Is there anything I should do to help prepare myself for a healthy pregnancy?

ANSWER: Most women know the importance of prenatal care. But many don't realize that even before you get pregnant, you can make wise choices that will benefit both your health and the future health of your baby.

If you are planning on becoming pregnant, it is a good idea to make an appointment with your Ob/Gyn or primary health care provider to arrange a physical exam and discuss preconception care, which includes medical, lifestyle and family history assessments.

When a woman is preparing for pregnancy, there may be special medical concerns to consider, including diabetes, high blood pressure or cardiovascular problems, all of which can increase pregnancy risks for the mother or the baby. Current treatments and possible adjustments to treatment need to be considered.

You should also tell your doctor about any medications you are taking, either prescribed or over the counter, as some may be harmful to a fetus.

Other medical topics that should be discussed are infections and vaccinations. Infections can harm both the mother and fetus. Vaccinations can prevent some infections such as measles, mumps and rubella. If you have not been vaccinated for those diseases, your doctor needs to know as he/she may recommend immunization. Because certain health conditions occur more often in families, a full family health history should also be taken during the exam.

In terms of lifestyle issues, your doctor should ask you about your family life, work and lifestyle to learn of any behaviors and exposures that could be a risk in a pregnancy.

Diet and nutrition should be reviewed, and changes may be suggested in areas such as:

- Your weight and whether it would be beneficial to gain or lose some before becoming pregnant.
- Your use of vitamins and other food supplements.
- Your eating habits, such as being a vegetarian.
- Any eating disorders you may have.

Regarding diet and nutrition, it is advisable to take folic acid supplements prior to conception to reduce neural tube birth defects – deformities in which the spinal cord is exposed in a developing fetus.

Certain fish contain high levels of mercury and

should be avoided for health reasons: Swordfish, shark, tilefish and mackerel.

Alcohol and illegal drug use can harm both you and your fetus. No amount of these substances has been proven safe to use during pregnancy.

Cigarette smoking can cause premature birth, low birth weight, premature rupture of membranes and problems with the placenta. The risk of the baby dying from sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) also is increased. If you do smoke, your doctor can give you resources and provide options for quitting before pregnancy.

Environmental factors should also be considered. If you are a cat owner, have someone else change the litter box for you. Cats are the primary hosts for the parasite *Toxoplasma*, which can be transmitted to humans who come into close contact with the litter. If you become pregnant, you can transmit the infection, called *Toxoplasmosis*, to your unborn child. *Toxoplasmosis* outbreaks are linked to undercooked meat, so avoid eating raw beef, pork or lamb, and always wash your hands after handling raw meat.

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Dealing with the emotional intelligence of 1-year-olds

Guest Commentary

By Margaret Altman



QUESTION: I have a 1-year-old boy and he is incredibly fussy. He is walking and is always moving into things. My sister says that he may have attention deficit disorder and I am worried that this will lead to problems in school and with friends. What do you suggest?

ANSWER: 1-year-olds differ in many ways but many of them are easily distracted and full of energy. They are paying attention to all kinds of things around and inside of them because their attention abilities have not fully developed. Before the age of 4, or even 5 and 6, most little ones are easily engaged by many kinds of events around them. This is very normal. They are excited little learners and explorers, and they can be temperamental and impulsive. The ADHD disorder can not be diagnosed until the child is 7 or 8 years old.

Your concern brings up an important issue in the development of your child's emotional intelligence in the first year. By this age, there are several vital accomplishments or milestones that your little boy may have achieved. And these milestones will enable him to direct his attention when he is older.

Let's take a look at these milestones so that you can

see, hear and feel just how far he has come in developing the foundations for emotional intelligence.

Instead of looking at your child's attention span it may be helpful to look at how your little boy is progressing in his ability to read and recognize your face, voice and body language expressions. These recognition skills will enable him to direct his attention to his teacher and other adults in his environment. You may want to make sure that when you smile, frown, raise your voice or signal, your child recognizes these vital emotional signals. Children are learning these skills from infancy onwards and the best emotional expression readers are on track for knowing where to direct their attention.

As another example, you may want to be sure that you know what your child's comfort zones are. Can you tell when he is in a comfortable alert, awake and aware state? Can you help him get into that state when he is distressed? A child who knows what comfortable feels like will be better able to get himself into that balanced state when he needs to concentrate and learn.

Suggestions from the experts in Developmental Emotional Intelligence:

■ Parents can become aware of their own temperamental states so that they can identify different states in their children. Keep a log of two important emotional states — your awake, aware, alert state and your distressed state during the day. Get to know the difference between being comfortable and being stressed. Begin to work on moving from your distressed state into your balanced zone.

■ Observe your little one during the day and see

how he expresses his different states. Does he get red-faced when he is distressed? Do his eyes glow when he is comfortable?

■ Try to move your child into his comfortable state so that he will recognize and understand the difference. You can use soothing techniques such as reading to him, singing, music, playing on the floor, etc. This comfort zone is the one that he will have to get into in order to learn in school.

■ Practice emotional communication with your child. Use your voice, face and hands and make sure that he focuses on you and what you are doing.

■ Take a few minutes each day to let your child share emotional experiences with you. This will help him with expressing feelings and with his impulse control. You might sit on the floor with the child and let him show you toys or watch him simply point to interesting things in the room.

Emotional Intelligence Milestones at age 1: Your child can explore his surroundings with interest and excitement. Your 1 year old looks at you and understands your emotional expressions. He or she engages you in exploration of the environment and shares experiences with you.

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Meet at 10:00 am outside the Yvonne Burke Center at 2509 Pico Blvd and walk to Virginia Park on Pico (about .2 miles one way). Mothers, babies, families and supporters welcome. Moms can breastfeed at the park and meet other moms! For additional information email michelleb@phfewic.org or leave a message at 626-856-6650 and someone will call you back.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST

Free Workshop! "Saving for College", 5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Jackson Federal Bank, 1101 Montana Avenue
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The Santa Swim Center has extended hours for recreational swimming thru August 24. The "Splash Pool" is great for kids of all ages (with their parents of course). The water temperature averages about 85 degrees, lifeguards are always on duty and the price is very reasonable. Located at Santa Monica College, 2225 16th St. (corner of Pico and 16th). Call 310-458-8700 for more info.
Summer Hours – June 23 thru August 24
Monday-Friday – 10:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday – 10:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday – 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Family Weekend Pass - \$5.00 for two adults and two children
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TUESDAY

WIC Breastfeeding Walk – Today at 10:00 a.m. – see details above under Special Events

Storytelling

Main Library - Toddler Story Time at 10:00 and 10:30am – Reed Park/West Auditorium/7th and Wilshire – 2 yr. olds with parent. 310-458-8922
Fairview Branch – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443
Twilight Story Time - 7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.

Montana Avenue Branch – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081
Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.

Ocean Park Branch – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804

Toddler Storytime – July 22- August 26 at 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. For 24 – 36 months with parents. Registration is underway.

Yoga

Yoga Baby (Venice) – 310-306-9381, Prenatal yoga – 7:00-8:15pm, \$13, Mommy and Me (ages 0-5) – 10-11am, \$9

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 310-826-5774, no pre-reg required, \$10 per class, first class free. Moms/babies 0-4months, 1:00 – 2:30pm

WEDNESDAY

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Lap Time – 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. – July 23 – Aug. 27, for two year olds

Toddler Story Time – 11:15 a.m. – July 23 – Aug. 27, for two year olds with parents

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144

Border's, Westwood – 11am – 310-475-3444.

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Other

Puppetolio – 1:00pm, 310-656-0483, 1255 2nd St., ages 3 & up, reservations suggested

August 20- Nature Walk (Children's Nature Institute) – Topanga State Park (Topanga) – 10:00am
Reservations required - 310-998-1151 or www.childrensnatureinstitute.org

THURSDAY

Storytelling

Main Library – Toddler Story Time – 10:00 a.m. – Reed Park, for 2 year olds.

Preschool Story Time – 10:30am – Reed Park. Stories for ages 3-5.

310-458-8922 for info.

Montana Avenue Branch – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081

Toddler Story Time – 10:15 a.m. – July 24 – Aug. 28

Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m., for 3-5 year olds.

Yoga

Yoga Baby (Venice) – 310-306-9381, Prenatal yoga – 7:00-8:15pm, \$13, Mommy and Me (ages 0-5) – 10-11am, \$9

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 310-826-5774, no pre-reg required, \$10 per class, first class free. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00-2:30pm

FRIDAY

KidsWorld at Santa Monica Place – Fridays in August – 11a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Reader's Theatre Project, a performing troupe from the Children's Museum of Los Angeles, bring children's picture books to life with professional actors, dancers and musicians.

"Cinderella" – (thru Sept. 14) 6 p.m., Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St., Admission: Adults \$12, kids 12 and under \$10

Call 310-394-9779 for info.

Magicopolis – 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20

Call 310-451-2241 for info.

Yoga

Yoga Baby (Venice) – 310-306-9381, Prenatal yoga – 11:15am –

12:30pm, \$13, Mommy and Me (ages 0-5) – 10-11am, Mommy and me (infants) 1-2pm, \$9

Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150, Pre/Postnatal – 12:15 – 1:45pm, \$15

SATURDAY

Storytelling

Barnes and Noble, 3rd St.

Promenade – Kid's Story Time – 10am – 310-260-9110

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30am – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144

Yoga

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Magicopolis – 2 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$15. Call 310-451-2241 for info.

MONDAY

Storytelling

Barnes and Noble – 3rd St.

Promenade – Toddler Story Time – 10am – 310-260-9110

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 310-826-5774, no pre-reg required, \$10 per class, first class free. Moms/babies 0-4months, 1:00 – 2:30pm

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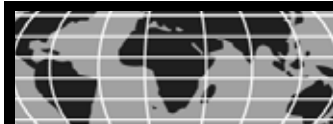
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WORLD BRIEFLY

Taliban attack police compound

By The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Just hours after a deadly raid on a police station that left 22 people dead, suspected Taliban attacked another police compound in southeast Afghanistan, setting it ablaze and taking four policemen hostage, officials said Monday.

The latest attack took place Sunday night at Tarway, a village in Paktika province a few miles from the Pakistan border, provincial police chief Daulat Khan said.

"There were several hundred of them," Khan said of the assailants. "They set the police station on fire, took four of our men and fled to Pakistan."

It was unclear if they were the same group that carried out a similar assault earlier Sunday at Barmal, much farther to the north, but also in Paktika province.

The violence in Paktika province is the latest in a wave of attacks in the region that have underscored how unstable Afghanistan remains, despite the presence of 11,500 coalition troops deployed in the country to hunt the guerrillas down.

In the attack at Barmal, hundreds of insurgents in a convoy of trucks assaulted a police headquarters, triggering a gunbattle that left seven police and 15 attackers dead, officials said.

Homes reduced to ashes in Montana

By The Associated Press

MISSOULA, Mont. — The burned remnants of two homes were found Sunday in the ashes of a wildfire that spread three miles in two hours and forced about 250 families to evacuate.

More than 100 families were allowed to return

Sunday, but the homes of those who were kept out of the area south of Missoula were still threatened. Winds up to 55 mph pushed the fire to 5,200 acres in less than two hours Saturday night.

"All you can do at that point is just get out of the way," said Mike Litterst, a fire information officer.

Fifty-seven new fires totaling more than 47,600 acres started between midnight Friday and midnight Saturday, said Julena Campbell, fire information officer for the Northern Rockies region. There were already a few dozen large fires burning about 250,000 acres in Montana.

"It's going to take a significant amount of moisture, which around here means snowfall," she said. "Nature started most of these, and that's what's going to put them out."

Elsewhere, all 50 miles of Glacier National Park's Going-to-the-Sun Road reopened, and residents on the north end of Lake McDonald were permitted to return home.

Authorities calm nerves over murders

By The Associated Press

CAMPBELLS CREEK, W.Va. — Police stepped up their patrols and conducted door-to-door interviews in this mountain valley, hoping to calm residents fearful that a potential serial killer lurks in their midst.

Two residents from Campbells Creek were killed Thursday — one in the town itself — and police said their deaths, along with an earlier killing, could be the work of a single shooter.

As night fell Sunday, five patrol cars patrolled the area — usually a job undertaken by two units. Several officers began interviewing residents at their homes, searching for clues and hoping to reassure nervous homeowners.

"It has a calming effect on the public," Chief Deputy Phil Morris said.

All three killings had been after dark near gas stations or convenience stores. Police stopped black trucks with tinted windows and extended cabs; witnesses described seeing such a vehicle at the shootings.

The shootings were an immediate reminder of the sniper attacks last fall in Maryland, Virginia, Washington, D.C., Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana. Two men were arrested and accused of shooting 19 people, killing 13 and wounding six.

Smallpox shots may have been worth it

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Those smallpox shots millions of Americans got as children may still offer some protection, a new study suggests.

But half of all Americans have never received the vaccine, and many scientists believe protection wanes over time for those who did.

The vaccine has been assumed to offer its best protection for from three to five years. However, according to a paper scheduled for the September edition of the journal *Nature Medicine*, lab tests can detect immune response in 90 percent of vaccinated people for many years.

The study, led by Mark Slifka of the Oregon Health and Science University, was prepared for Monday's online issue of the journal.

"The stuff that they did really does look comforting," Dr. John Treanor of the University of Rochester (N.Y.) School of Medicine and Dentistry said in a telephone interview. "But it wouldn't be safe to assume that you were going to be immune to the disease based on the fact that you can still detect some immunity."

Treanor noted there have been cases where people who had been vaccinated became infected later with smallpox, but with a milder case than people never vaccinated. "The risk increases the further you get from vaccination, but it's never as bad as not having been vaccinated at all," he said.

Journalist killed after camera was mistaken for rocket launcher

BY TAREK AL-ISSAWI
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The Army acknowledged Monday that it had killed a television journalist after soldiers mistook his camera for a rocket-propelled grenade launcher.

Meanwhile, saboteurs set back efforts to rebuild Iraq over the weekend with attacks on the country's lifeblood oil pipelines and the capital's water supply.

The water main bombing came Sunday as two oil fires raged out of control along an oil pipeline to Turkey, halting exports just days after they started. The first blaze appeared to be sabotage, a coalition spokesman said.

A new group of resistance fighters vowed on Sunday to battle the U.S.-led occupation whether or not it helps rebuild the country.

In new violence, a mortar attack on a Baghdad prison being used by the United States killed six Iraqis and injured about 60.

Reuters cameraman Mazen Dana, 41, was videotaping outside the prison hours after the attack when U.S. soldiers shot him. He was the 17th news organization employee to be killed since the war began.

The videotape in Dana's camera showed two U.S. tanks coming toward him. Shots were fired, apparently from the tanks, and Dana fell to the ground. His body was taken away by a U.S. helicopter.

"We saw a tank 50 meters away, I heard six shots and Mazen fell to the ground," Dana's driver Munzer Abbas said.

One of the soldiers started shouting at us, but when he knew we were journalists, he softened. One of the soldiers told us they thought Mazen carrying a rocket-propelled grenade."

"There were many journalists around. They knew we were journalists. This was not an accident," Abbas said.

A U.S. military official said on condition of anonymity that American soldiers saw Dana from a distance and mistook him for an Iraqi guerrilla, so they opened fire. When the soldiers came closer, they realized Dana was a journalist, the official said.

"This is clearly another tragic incident, it is extremely regrettable," Central Command spokesman Sgt. Maj. Lewis Matson said.

Stephen Jukes, Reuters' global head of news, said, "Mazen was one of Reuters' finest cameramen and we are devastated by his loss."

Sunday's explosion in northern Baghdad blew a hole in a 5-foot-diameter water main, flooding streets. People waded through chest-high water in some areas. Witnesses said two men on a motorbike left a bag of explosives and detonated it minutes later.

"It was an act of sabotage," said Majid Noufel, a Baghdad water company engi-

neer. "We've had to stop pumping water to the whole city so we can fix the damage."

Residents, finding their taps dry, rushed to buy bottled water but many stores ran out.

"I couldn't find any water to wash the clothes," lamented housewife Amira Ali, 46. "The next few days we're really going to suffer."

A new group of resistance fighters, the Iraqi National Islamic Resistance Movement, said in a videotaped aired on the Al-Jazeera television network that they would battle the occupying troops even if the U.S.-led coalition helps Iraq recover from war.

"This resistance is not a reaction to the American provocations against the Iraqi people or to the shortage of services, as some analysts believe ... but to kick out the occupiers as a matter of principle," a man read from a statement.

He sat with several other men holding grenade launchers and Kalashnikov automatic rifles. All had their faces covered with checkered headscarves.

The motivation for the attack on the prison was unclear. Abu Ghraib, where Saddam's regime executed political prisoners and others, is being used by Iraq's U.S. occupiers to house high-security criminals. U.S. troops at and near the prison have been attacked in past months.

Further north, two blazes a few miles

apart raged out of control along the 600-mile pipeline exporting Iraq's oil to Turkey.

The first fire began Friday, only two days after oil exports to Turkey resumed, and the second started Saturday night. The fires were 125 miles northwest of Baghdad.

Coalition spokesman Charles Heatly said the first blaze appeared to be sabotage. Police commander Brig. Gen. Ahmed Ibrahim vowed to pursue "a group of conspirators who received money from a particular party" to blow up the pipeline.

Military spokesman Col. Guy Shields said it would take up to two weeks to fix the pipeline.

Meanwhile, U.S. troops shut down a major bomb-making facility near Tikrit, arresting two people, Lt. Col. Steve Russell of the 4th Infantry Division said. Troops seized C-4 plastic explosives, mortars, automatic rifles and other equipment.

Near Baquoba, 45 miles north of Baghdad, U.S. forces captured 12 suspected Fedayeen Saddam militia members near a U.S. base, said Lt. Col. Mark Young of the 4th Infantry Division. The men were all later released for lack of evidence.

An informer, who lived near the battalion's base at a former Iraqi military camp, told U.S. troops that Fedayeen were in the area, trying to make residents leave before attacking the base, Young said.

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SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

By The Associated Press

GOLF

■ **ROCHESTER, N.Y.** — Clinging to a one-shot lead, Shaun Micheel hit a 7-iron from the first cut of rough that stopped 2 inches from the cup for a tap-in birdie and a two-stroke victory in the PGA Championship on Sunday.

From 175 yards away, the ball descended, hopped three times and trickled toward the cup. Micheel knew it was good from the roar of the crowd, but he didn't know how good until he jogged up the steep slope of shaggy grass in front of the green and saw only inches of grass between his ball and the hole.

Winless in 163 previous starts on the PGA Tour, ranked No. 169 in the world when he arrived at Oak Hill for the final major of the year, Micheel closed with an even-par 70 and won \$1.08 million.

■ **SYLVANIA, Ohio** — Se Ri Pak became only the eighth player to win the same LPGA tournament four or more times, struggling at times during an even-par 71 Sunday to hold off Hee-Won Han and Marisa Baena by two shots in the Jamie Farr Kroger Classic.

As a rookie in 1998, Pak shot a 61 in the Farr to set an LPGA scoring record that has only been exceeded by Annika Sorenstam's 59 in 2001.

In addition to the 1998 Farr, Pak also won the tournament in 1999 and 2001 to give her the title in four of the last six years.

■ **EAST MEADOW, N.Y.** — Jim Thorpe rolled in a 10-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole to overtake Bob Gilder and win the Long Island Classic.

The victory, worth \$225,000, ended a 42-tournament drought for Thorpe. He shot a 3-under 67 in the final round to finish with a 54-hole total of 15-under 195 at the Eisenhower Park Red Course.

FOOTBALL

■ **BEREA, Ohio** — Kelly Holcomb is the new starting quarterback for the Cleveland Browns. Browns coach Butch Davis ended eight months of drama Sunday by picking Holcomb as his starter over Tim Couch, the player that the Browns coach once said would lead his team to the Super Bowl.

Holcomb, a 30-year-old career backup, was locked in a heated competition since training camp opened with Couch, a four-year starter who will make \$6.2 million standing on the sideline this season.

■ **CHARLOTTE, N.C.** — Carolina Panthers linebacker Mark Fields has been diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease and will miss the entire season, the team said Sunday.

Fields, 30, was hospitalized last week when a cut on his thumb became infected and didn't heal. Further tests detected Hodgkin's disease Thursday and he began chemotherapy Saturday.

■ **ALLEN PARK, Mich.** — Free-agent defensive tackle Dan Wilkinson signed with the Detroit Lions on Sunday.

Wilkinson cut by the Washington Redskins on the second day of training camp after he refused to accept a pay cut, attended team meetings and was at Detroit's practice Sunday afternoon.

TENNIS

■ **MASON, Ohio** — Seventh-seeded Andy Roddick rallied to beat Mardy Fish 4-6, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (4) and win the Cincinnati Masters on Sunday.

Roddick had not lost a set all week. After dropping the first set against Fish, Roddick survived two tiebreakers to win the \$400,000 first prize. It was the longest final in terms of games in a Cincinnati-based pro event since 1960.

■ **TORONTO** — Justine Henin-Hardenne beat Russian teenager Lina Krasnoroutskaya 6-1, 6-0 Sunday in the final of the Rogers AT&T Cup for her 12th career title.

Henin-Hardenne, the French Open champion ranked No. 3, made quick work of the unseeded 19-year-old Krasnoroutskaya, winning in 54 minutes.

Krasnoroutskaya defeated top-ranked Kim Clijsters in the third round, but had no answers against the other Belgian in the field.

BASKETBALL

■ **NEW YORK** — Tim Duncan had 21 points and 15 rebounds and the United States broke open a semi-close game with a 10-0 fourth-quarter run to defeat Puerto Rico 101-74 in an exhibition game Sunday.

It was the only tuneup for the Americans before beginning play Wednesday night at the Olympic qualifying tournament in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The game, originally scheduled for Friday night, was postponed for two days due to Thursday's blackout in the northeastern United States and Canada.

GYMNASTICS

■ **ANAHEIM** — One of Cuba's male gymnasts defected at the World Championships after the team competition finished Sunday night.

Michel Brito Ferrer planned to compete in the meet so he could travel to the United States and then defect, according to his uncle, Ramon Ferrer, who lives in Los Angeles. He called his uncle to pick him up at the team hotel Sunday.

Ramon Ferrer said the first thing his nephew asked for was to stay in the United States.

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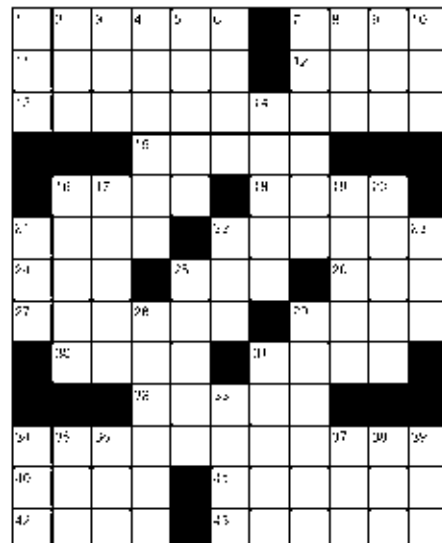
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Actor envisions casino in former Wal-Mart space

By The Associated Press

■ **CARSON CITY, Nev.** — Nearly four years after his dreams for a Jethro's Beverly Hillbillies casino fizzled in Reno, actor Max Baer Jr. is planning a \$54 million resort in a former Wal-Mart store a half-hour's drive away in Nevada's capital city.

"It's a very different concept from anybody that's doing anything else," Baer said Friday in describing the 240-room hotel-casino venture that will key on the popular "Beverly Hillbillies" TV series in which he starred as the doltish Jethro Bodine.

Among the highlights: a 200-foot-tall, flame-belching oil derrick, a "Granny's shotgun wedding chapel," Uncle Jed's gift shop, Jethro's buffet and "Elly May's buns bakery." Baer also envisions a 9-screen movie theater and a dancehall-show lounge.

Jethro's Beverly Hillbillies Mansion and Casino also will have a 30,000-square-foot gambling area with 16 table games and 800 slot machines.

"This becomes an attraction," said Baer, 65. "It's not a casino, it's an attraction, it's someplace that if you're in northern Nevada you have to go to — you can't come up here and not go to."

■ **BURBANK** — Actor and longtime Democrat Rob Lowe says he's volunteering for Arnold Schwarzenegger's gubernatorial campaign because he believes the action-film star has injected new energy into California politics.

Schwarzenegger is "motivating and energizing peo-

ple in this state that haven't been interested in politics in many, many years," Lowe said in a taped interview with the syndicated TV entertainment show "Extra," airing Monday.

Despite their party differences, Lowe said he wanted to help the Republican candidate unseat Gov. Gray Davis in the Oct. 7 recall election because Schwarzenegger will "put the people above partisan politics."

Lowe, who will organize celebrity support for the campaign, said Schwarzenegger is a natural leader.

"I know that when I'm on a set, I want to know who the director is. I don't want to have to guess," the 39-year-old said. "That's what Arnold will bring to this state. He's a leader."

The former "West Wing" star also described the campaign as "a tremendous sacrifice for Arnold and for the family to give up their way of life — the privacy they value so much."

Lowe's participation in the campaign was announced Friday. He's one of several high profile advisers to join Schwarzenegger's team. Last week, George P. Shultz, secretary of state during the Reagan administration, and billionaire Warren Buffett also said they'd help the campaign.

■ **MIAMI** — The will of Bee Gees member Maurice Gibb leaves his widow more than \$2 million, their six homes and all ownership in copyrights and musical compositions.

Gibb's last will and testament, drawn up 12 years ago and filed in Miami-Dade County court, also establishes trust funds for his children — Adam, 27, and Samantha,

22, of Miami Beach.

"We're in the process of administering the will," Rose La Femina, the local attorney representing Yvonne Gibb, told The Miami Herald for Monday's editions. She declined to discuss specifics.

The couple, married for nearly 30 years, owned two homes in England, two in Miami Beach, one in Spain and one in the Bahamas. Most are now up for sale.

Gibb, a longtime Miami Beach resident, died Jan. 12 at 53 after emergency surgery for a blocked intestine.

The surviving Gibb brothers, Barry and Robin, have not yet followed through on a threat of legal action against Mount Sinai Medical Center on Miami Beach, where their brother died. The singers have said mistakes occurred at the hospital.

"I believe the doctor completely screwed things up," Robin Gibb, Maurice's twin, told the Daily Mail in London on Aug. 9. "There is a tremendous amount of anger and the hospital is not off the hook. The lawyers are looking into it — they have been since the day it happened, because his death was totally preventable."

Arnold Gitomer, the New York lawyer representing the family, didn't return a phone message Monday. A spokesman for Mount Sinai declined to comment on Gibb's case because of patient privacy concerns.

Maurice Gibb died after part of his small intestine twisted back on itself, shutting off its blood supply and flooding his system with toxins, according to an autopsy by the Miami-Dade Medical Examiner's Office. Gibb's intestinal problem was congenital, the autopsy report said.

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