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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In July, after word got out that the video game "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" could be fitted with an online update to make some of its scenes explicitly sexual, an 85-year-old grandmother in New York sued the company, Rockstar Games, for having failed to rate the game AO (adults only, age 18 and up) to take account of the modification. However, Florence Cohen apparently freely purchased the M-rated version (age 17 and up) for her then-14-year-old grandson, even though it invites players to murder, steal and engage in gang violence and attacks on police. She complained only when she found out that the M version's unexplicit sex and partial nudity could be made explicit.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 232nd day of 2005.
There are 133 days left in the year.

On Aug. 20, 1968, the Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact nations began invading Czechoslovakia to crush the "Prague Spring" liberalization drive of Alexander Dubcek's regime.

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Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Getting into the swing of things are (left to right) Bob Summers, on trumpet; Eddie Daniels, clarinet; and Brian Scanlon, on saxophone, as Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band jams on Thursday night at the Santa Monica Pier.

NATIONAL

Hawaiian coastal flap mirrors Malibu

BY TARA GODVIN

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — Low thickets spill onto the sand from a number of oceanfront yards along the beach where Nancy Taylor has been walking for 35 years.

By law, every beach in Hawaii is public. However, Taylor and others say the beaches have narrowed drastically over the years and it is increasingly difficult to discern between public beach space and the yards of affluent beachfront homes.

"That's not public land anymore. I can't go there," she said during a recent afternoon stroll on Oahu's Kailua Beach, pointing to a verdant clump connected to the backyard of a private residence.

Disputes over the reaches of beachfront property aren't limited to Hawaii.

The California Coastal Commission has ordered residents of a

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Squirrels better get their nuts in a row

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

KEN EDWARDS CENTER — The debate over how to deal with some 500 ground squirrels believed holed up beneath Palisades Park reared its head again on Thursday, when a local group voted to continue eliminating the rodents at the county's request.

The Recreation and Parks Commission narrowly voted in favor on Thursday of upholding a Los Angeles County Department of Health Services directive which would likely require the ground squirrels at Palisades Park continue to be killed in the future, in order to keep the rodent infestation at appropriate health levels, officials said.

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Wishes granted for alcoholics, chronic homeless

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Officials here have received more than \$700,000 from the federal government to help pay the rents of Santa Monica's most chronic homeless residents.

The catch? They must be alcoholics who are ready to get help.

Individuals who have been on the streets of Santa Monica the longest and have chemical dependency problems qualify for the rent subsidies. They also can't have used government-funded transitional or permanent housing in the past five years.

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) granted the city of Santa Monica \$717,000 earlier this month as part of a \$10 million nationwide program aimed at getting chronic homeless alcoholics off the streets.

Santa Monica is the only city in Los Angeles County that is part of the two-year pilot program which includes 11 cities. The program, dubbed "Housing for People Who Are Homeless and Addicted To Alcohol," includes such cities as Chattanooga, Tenn., which received the largest grant of \$999,936, and New York, N.Y., which received \$637,560, the lowest grant amount.

A recent survey that encompassed 88 cities in the Los Angeles region found that nearly 90,000 people are homeless in LA County, 42 percent whom are chronic — meaning they've been on the streets for more than a year, or have had at least four episodes of homelessness in the past three

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

A person rests in the alley off the Third Street Promenade on Friday. City Hall recently received more than \$700,000 in federal funding to help chronically homeless people get off the streets.

STATE

Smugglers' script warns of road ahead

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT

Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — An immigrant smuggler assures a woman he has years of experience sneaking people into the United States from Mexico inside car trunks.

"Don't worry, everything will be OK," the mother assures her fearful daughter. "This man will take care of you."

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ What you think you are going to do and what actually happens could be two different stories. You might need to review a money matter or balance your budget. Don't allow another's request to get you down. Tonight: Hide out.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Surprise plans could energize you. You might get into a new sport. Be ready to meet new people. Someone's judgment might be important to you, but is this person realistic? Tonight: You are the party.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Others look to you for their cues. You might need to do something or handle a responsibility that you would prefer not to. You might need to clear the air. Carrying a grudge might be ruining your health as well as a relationship. Tonight: In the limelight.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Take off if you want. An invitation might be too appealing to say no to. On the other hand, you could change plans to be with a friend. A loved one or dear friend might feel left out, hence his or her attitude. Tonight: Opt for something different.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ A partner or dear friend could surprise you this morning. Why not go along with this person's idea or plans? You might be running around a little more than you would like to. Slow down when you need to. Find a friend you love to gab with. Tonight: Focus on that special person.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Others are full of surprises, as you shall see. Your flexibility is tested once more. You might be delighted by a day trip or adventure. Assert yourself in a key conversation. Talk through a money matter. Tonight: Go along with another's ideas.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You need a health weekend, or at least a day. You have pushed yourself so hard lately, you need a break. A talk with a friend helps you gain perspective. Is a partner or loved one demanding too much? Tonight: Relax in your favorite spot.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You are full of surprises, which delights children, family and friends. You might get more feedback than you'd like from a key person. He or she needs to let off steam. You need to enjoy the moment. Tonight: Let loose.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ A calm day at home might be nice to wish for, but even at home, the unexpected continues to occur. You might decide to rearrange the furniture or do some unanticipated project. Invite friends over to pitch in. Tonight: Barbecue.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Wherever you go, there are action and admirers. Are they following you? Are you that magnetic? Get together for a team sport or a game of tennis. Work off your high energy positively. Tonight: At your favorite hangout.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ An unanticipated money switch could have you swinging back and forth like a pendulum. You are likely to go to extremes financially, so play it conservatively for now. Others might not be as helpful as you would like. Tonight: Choose a movie or concert.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ More and more, you energize others. Don't start a problem because you are antsy or need to get out and do something. A partner might need something totally different. Work through your nervous energy. Tonight: It's your call.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC to kick off environmental lecture series

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College will be holding a lecture series focusing on a wide range of environmental issues, including alternative fuels and recycling. SMC's fall "Environmental Issues Lecture Series," featuring a wide range of topics from biofuel to biodiversity, begins Thursday, Sept. 8. All lectures are at 6:45 p.m. in science lecture hall 145, 1900 Pico Blvd. The lectures are free and seating is on a first-arrival basis. The series is sponsored by SMC's Center for Environmental and Urban Studies. The center, which is open to the public, features displays, a library and information center, video collection, native garden, and other services and activities related to environmental and urban studies. SMC has been offering courses in environmental and urban studies since fall 2001. The line-up for September includes "How to Make Your Life and Business More Efficient and Sustainable" on Sept. 8, "Santa Monica College Recycles" on Sept. 15 and "The Case for Biofuel" on Sept. 29. The series continues most Thursdays through Dec. 1. For info, call (310) 434-4743 or go to <http://www.smc.edu/ces/default.htm>.

Church recognizes residents for their grandiose

By Daily Press staff

Local do-gooders will get a nod next month from their community. The Church in Ocean Park will host its seventh annual Communitas Awards on Sept. 10. Organizers said the Communitas Awards honor local community members whose personal and public lives "embody and elevate the spirit of community." This year the church will honor artist Sylvia Gentile; her husband Mario Fonda-Bonardi, an architect; long-time social justice activist Torie Osborn and Chris Chapple, a religion professor at LMU; and Maureen Shannon-Chapple, a teacher and member of the Church in Ocean Park. The event begins at 6 p.m. with a buffet dinner, followed by the awards ceremony, a raffle and music at 7:30 p.m. The church requests a \$50 donation for the event, which benefits its capital campaign to continue restoration and upkeep of its buildings.

Pacific Park stays connected

By Daily Press staff

Visitors to the Santa Monica Pier's Pacific Park can now stay connected with the addition of two SeePoint Kiosks located within The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf. The two kiosks with Windows XP allow guests to visit pacpark.com, Pacific Park's Web site, for free. In addition, users can have general Internet use for \$2.94 for each 15-minute period or WiFi access on their personal laptops for \$4.95 per hour. Pacpark.com is the homepage on the system and gives guests up-to-date information on events and provides virtual tours of the rides and attractions. Users also can send a free, custom iPostcard of Pacific Park that features images of the Park and has an area for personal comments. Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier is Los Angeles' only admission-free amusement park. For more information, call (310) 260-8744 or visit pacpark.com.

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SUNDAY	5:10	-0.7	5:10	1.0	11:27	5.2	11:16	6.0
MONDAY	5:45	-0.1	6:06	1.0	N/A	N/A	12:04	5.4
TUESDAY	6:19	0.6	7:08	1.0	N/A	N/A	12:43	5.5
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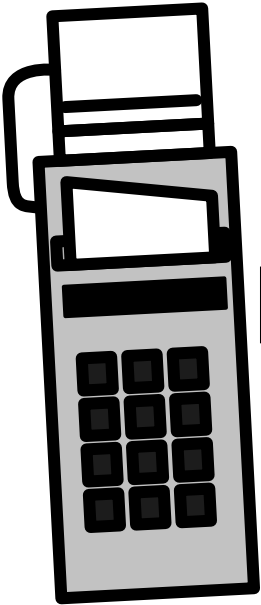
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The Q Line

PUBLIC WEIGHS IN ON SAFETY DEPOSITS

This past week, Q-line asked: **Are you in favor of beefing up security in Santa Monica? If so, how should it be funded?** The question was asked in response to a possible probe of the Santa Monica Pier by suspected terrorists.

Here are your responses:

© “I am in favor of beefing up security in Santa Monica, but how it should be funded is President Bush — well we have to say ‘President’, he’s not a President for me — should fund all this because he’s scaring the public and really scaring them. Also, the idea that I read in the paper was that we should take the two daughters of President Bush and put them in uniform and send them over to Iraq and that way two soldiers can be relieved and come home. There’s no reason that President Bush’s children should not be going into battle. He didn’t want to do it when he was younger because he was afraid and now he’s afraid to send his children, but he’s not afraid to send other people’s children.”

© “The citizens of Santa Monica have been pleading for increased security throughout Santa Monica for a long time, which, of course, has fallen on the deaf ears of the police and city administration. The plague of vagrants, bums and criminals in this city increases daily with no sign of abiding. Now we have the additional threat of terrorists. If they would stop the profiteering of the homeless programs and the enabling of this constant flow of free-loaders, lots of money would be freed up for the citizens’ protection.”

© “Those who are intent on the destruction of people and property will always circumvent the police and security. Very rarely do the police or security inhibit a crime from being committed. The police work constitutionally after a crime has been committed. The best security is the security that the individual provides for themselves and understand that only fools rush in to high-risk areas where others fear to tread. The best security is when the media warns us of possible strike areas. Still, there are those among us who do not listen to the radio, television and do not read the newspaper. They are too busy talking on their cell phones. Those individuals are the terrorists’ lawful prey.”

© “Right after the Oklahoma City bombing, the police arrested a couple of bearded Arabs only to release them when they discovered a clean-cut, ex-Marine was the murderer. After 9/11, the press and cartoonists had a great time depicting the terrorists looking like Osama bin Laden. But when the photos of the 19 terrorists were released, they looked and dressed more like President Bush and Dick Cheney. Why would three Arab-looking men, whatever that means, be so obvious walking around with an obsolete video camera when everyone and their grandma has a video cell phone? There may be terrorists checking out the pier, however my guess is that the millions spent on surveillance will just have police gawking at bikini girls and chasing some bearded home-

less guy while the real terrorists walk by completely unnoticed because they will look like everyone else.”

© “Whoever saw those Arabs videotaping the pier should have reported it then and there instead of weeks later. A lot of good it does now. They should beef up security, although the Arabs are less of a threat than all the homeless we have in this town. They are a bigger problem than the terrorists. Frankly, there’s not much in Santa Monica worth blowing up. Though some things should be like the City Council, we don’t need them, though I doubt the Arabs would waste their time on those fools.”

© “When’s the last time anyone went to the library? ‘Brave New World,’ ‘1984,’ — Huxley and Orwell hit it right on the head. This new crisis is always a crisis that will involve cameras watching our every move. Who watches the police watching us? Government always induces some new fear to partially strip away another freedom, slowly over years of panic-induced crisis. Say your own (SMDP columnist) Bill Bauer was photographed somewhere that might be embarrassing to him and his family. City leaders could use that information to stop his attacks on City Hall incompetence. How do you think J. Edgar Hoover stayed in power so long? He had information on everyone. Do you notice nowadays what government does? Free child care, free lunch, free or low-cost housing, rent control, food for homeless, security against criminals — you are not allowed to protect yourself. The police will protect you. Do you trust your leaders? Greed, ego, corruption, control are powerful motivators. Thomas Jefferson said the price of freedom is constant vigilance. The greatest evil that confronts this country comes not from outside, but from within.”

© “I think Santa Monica could use a little bit more security, however, I don’t think video cameras or surveillance cameras are the answer. Surveillance cameras are not going to save anyone who is in trouble. It’s not going to save someone from getting mugged. It’s not going to save anyone from getting hit by a car. As far as the pier is concerned, there’s a police station on the pier. We can’t do much more than that. It’s their job to monitor the pier. I have not seen any photos of these suspicious characters who are videotaping the pier. I’m not even sure they exist. So this whole wave in America, installing surveillance cameras for security reasons, could be just for surveillance of the citizens which may have negative aspects for freedom of speech and that movement. Anyways, thanks for the opportunity to speak. I think we need more lights in Santa Monica, streetlights that work, that brighten the streets. That would be better security than cameras.”



Cool cat, but looks familiar



MODERN TIMES

BY LLOYD GARVER

The big news in science this summer is that South Korean researchers cloned a dog. They created a genetic identical twin of an older donor dog. They claim their purpose is not to allow pet-owners to reproduce their pets, but to use their research to help cure human diseases. But if you think that pet owners are not going to line up for “Xeroxing” their aging pet, think again. There’s a company in Northern California (where else?) called Genetic Savings & Clone that’s already cloning pet cats. If cats and dogs are being cloned, how big of a leap is it for people to clone their beloved Aunt Martha?

The South Korean cloned dog is an Afghan puppy. A Labrador was the surrogate mother. I wonder if they made the Lab sign a paper swearing she’d give up the baby even if she got attached to it. The puppy was delivered by caesarian section, adding to the debate about whether there are too many caesarians these days. For you dog owners who want to sign up to create a dog just like the lovable one who sheds all over your house, relax. It took these guys in South Korea three years, and cost about a million dollars. That doesn’t even include the leash and collar.

Because of their unusual reproductive systems, dogs are considered to be the most difficult animal to clone. Apparently, cats are a snap. If you want to clone your cat, Genetic Savings & Clone recently lowered its price to a mere \$32,000. That’s \$32,000 for an animal that doesn’t even catch a Frisbee.

But will making a genetic copy of your pet really produce another pet with all the qualities you love? Most of us don’t just like the way our pets look. We like their personalities. Is there a guarantee that a younger genetic twin will do all the exact same cute things that our beloved pet does?

When it comes to cloning, the big worry is always about whether human cloning is just around the corner. Do we really want to encourage a technology that will make exact copies of certain individuals? My feeling is that dogs might be the most difficult animal to clone, but

people are the easiest. Our society already has too many cloned humans.

Go to a chain restaurant, and the food, the décor, and the servers seem the same as those in the chain’s restaurant in any other neighborhood or city. If you’re in a strange city, you know exactly what to expect from the local Cheesecake Factory or McDonalds, and that’s exactly what you’ll get. Nothing more, nothing less. You might even forget what city you’re in because there’s no local flavor there. It’s a genetic copy of the original.

The world of entertainment has long been into cloning. If they can’t afford Tom Cruise, they want a Tom Cruise type. If they feel Stallone’s too old, the call goes out for a young Stallone — just like that younger identical twin puppy. There are all those Law & Order and CSI clones. After the success of “Friends,” all the networks rushed to get sitcoms on the air with twenty-somethings who sort of lived together and sort of dated each other but who definitely drank a lot of coffee. They might have been genetic duplicates of the originals, but they couldn’t duplicate the size of the audience.

Walk by any high school and you’ll see many kids who look exactly the same. They dress the same, their hair is the same, and they talk the same. To the outside observer, they appear to be interchangeable clones.

Go out to lunch and you’ll see all those young executives wearing identical stylish clothes, eating identical salads, and talking on their identical cell phones. At first, it looks like they may be talking to each other, and then you realize they’re talking to someone else who probably looks and acts just as they do. Many politicians seem interchangeable. They speak in the same intentionally unclear way. They take the same risks that their pollsters tell them to take, and they even wear the same kind of ties and hairstyles.

So, I’m not just against future human cloning, I’m against present human cloning. We have to make it desirable for people to be “different.” Maybe our society should concentrate on how to create people who are individuals, not copies. The good news is that we already have the scientific technology to make that happen.

(Lloyd Garver can be reached at smdp@lloydgarvermoderntimes.com and a weekly column for *SportsLine.com*.)

COMMENTARY



Getting comfortable, again, in your skin



EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT! BY THADDEUS REICHLEY

It seems like nowadays no matter what you do to try and take care of yourself, there is always something else that you are forgetting. I am going to add one more thing to the list — skin care. I know you have probably heard it all before, especially living in Southern California, but I have recently spent quite a bit of time with my dermatologist and I'm especially cautious right now.

Like most athletes, I spend a lot of time outside and don't use sunscreen nearly as much as I should. Already when I go to hop on my bike I have to worry about tire pressure, proper clothing, nutrition and hydration needs, helmet, ID, sunglasses, cell phone ... you get the idea. I don't always remember to put on sunscreen before I hit the road.

Recently, two things have happened that have me taking that extra minute to apply. First, I got married. There is nothing like taking someone into your life till death do you part that can make you think twice about some of the riskier things that you do in your life. I am a little more cautious driving now. I have been seeing my doctor more regularly, and I don't descend on the old mountain bike nearly as fast as I used to. And, yes, I do apply sunscreen before I workout. Otherwise, my wife won't let me out the door.

The second thing that happened that made me think twice was a recent visit to the dermatologist. Based on my profile, I am fairly prone to skin cancer. I spend a lot of time in the sun, I have a history of skin cancer in my family, and I have more moles than most. Because of that, I have been pretty diligent about getting routine skin exams.

A few months back I went in for a routine skin exam. An hour later I was lying on the exam table having a rather large piece of skin removed for testing. I have had biopsies in the past and was not too worried until a week later when my doctor called me with the results. He used a lot of words that sounded like ingredients you might find in a Twinkie. He finally let me know that my results had come back "atypical." Next thing I knew, I was at the John Wayne Cancer Research Center having tissue that must have been about the size of a Twinkie removed. Luckily, the results from the second biopsy were normal, but it was a wake-up call.

On top of this, I did a little research online and found some pretty shocking statistics about the prevalence of skin cancer today.

1. More than 1 million people will be diagnosed with skin cancer this year.
2. About half of all new cancers are skin cancers.
3. One in five Americans will get skin cancer in the course of a lifetime.
4. One person dies every hour from skin cancer, primarily melanoma.
5. Nationally, there are more new cases of skin cancer each year than the combined incidence of cancers of the breast, prostate, lung and colon. (www.skin-cancer.org)

My goal this week is not to scare the crap out of you — but it makes sense to be a little more careful with your skin. It does not take a complete lifestyle change, just a little shift in awareness. Here are a few simple things you can do to take care of your skin so that it will continue to take care of you:

■ Have a yearly skin exam from a licensed dermatologist. It is not as much fun as a trip to the dentist, and they make you take your clothes off but catching problems early is really important.

■ Take care of your skin. Face it, we live here because of the sunshine. Still, it is not too hard to be a little skin smart as you frolic outside. Wearing sun protective clothing is probably your best bet, but won't get you a lot of dates. So, when you are showing off that perfectly toned set of buns, make sure that they are well lathered. You could probably even use that as a pick-up line, but you didn't hear that from me.

■ Oil is for salad, sunscreen is for your skin. Just because that tanning oil smells good doesn't mean that it will protect you. Use a good sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 when doing activities outside. I hate greasy, fragrant lotions and have found some great options out there that are oil free, fragrance free, and have zero calories.

■ Re-apply. It might seem like a pain, but it really does not take much to put on another layer every couple of hours when you are out. There are some great sunscreen sticks out there now that makes it easier to bring along in a backpack, pocket, or bike jersey. There also are sprays that you can apply by yourself, which is good because I just don't feel right asking guys in the locker room to "get my back" before I go for a swim.

■ Move to Portland, and become a computer programmer. There is no getting around it. Depending on where you live and what you do, you might have very different levels of exposure. If you live some place sunny and like to be outside, you need to be careful.

I know that I would rather take a few small precautions than have to spend any more time under the knife. Not only will you live longer, but you might even look a little better along the way.

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Forest officials testing spy planes over fires

BY ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES — Firefighters across the West are getting a high-tech ally in their battle against wildland flames: A remote-controlled spy plane that doesn't mind smoke, can see in the dark and never sleeps.

Scientists have been testing whether flocks of the planes — similar to the spy drones the U.S. military flies over Iraq and Afghanistan — can help track the direction and behavior of fast-moving flames.

After the experimental flight of three unmanned aerial vehicles this summer, the U.S. Forest Service will launch the first real-life deployment next spring. The plan calls for planes to traverse a dozen Western states, mapping real forest fires 24 hours a day.

"Unmanned aircraft have the capability to do what we call the 3-D missions — the dull, dark and dangerous missions where you don't want to put a pilot on," said Vince Ambrosia, research scientist at NASA's Ames Research Center in the San Francisco Bay area, where the experiment was done.

Wildfire surveillance currently relies on pilots who fly over hot spots and fire perimeters in aircraft and helicopters outfitted with special heat-sensing cameras that see through smoke and spot fires. The cameras relay images to ground personnel who use the data to help them plot how best to confront the blaze.

The biggest shortcoming: Most planes can fly only during the day because of risks inherent in night flying. The Forest Service adopted a night-flight ban after several crashes involving firefighting airtankers were blamed on poor dusk visibility.

Forest officials have long considered using unmanned planes to patrol blazes, but only in the last decade has technology allowed miniature heat-detecting sensors to be fitted on small robotic planes.

There is plenty of ground to cover — tens of thousands of fires burn millions of acres each year.

Unmanned aerial vehicles — or UAVs as they are called — are controlled by a pilot on the ground. They look like test-kit airplanes and act like flying fire towers, relaying data via antenna or satellite.

The use of UAVs will come with restrictions. The Federal Aviation Administration must first approve pilotless planes in civilian airspace before such planes can be routinely deployed. UAV flights are permitted on a case-by-case basis if they can be flown safely alongside passenger-carrying aircraft, FAA spokesman Allen Kenitzer said.

Within the United States, UAVs have served both science and security.

The Department of Homeland Security uses unmanned planes to patrol the seas and U.S.-Mexican border. And when Mount St. Helens was belching steam and ash last year, scientists flew a small unmanned plane into the caldera to monitor the volcanic rumbling.

Overseas, spy drones such as the Global Hawk and Predator have been used in the war against terror, spotting enemies from high up and in some cases firing laser-guided missiles.

Last month, the Forest Service tested three UAVs with 12-foot wingspans — about twice that of a bald eagle — over Moffett Field. The UAVs, which could fly as low as 1,000 feet, were equipped with thermal sensors and hovered over four deliberately set fires, beaming back almost instantaneous infrared updates.

In the spring, the Forest Service plans its first night flight using UAVs to monitor fires near Fort Hunter Liggett, 250 miles northwest of Los Angeles. Next summer, the agency will team up with NASA to test the high-flying Altair, an extended-wing commercial version of the Air Force Predator B that is used in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Altair, with its 86-foot wingspan, can crisscross Western states for up to 32 hours without refueling. It can reach as high as 52,000 feet and has a maximum range of about 4,200 miles.

An Altair costs upward of \$1 million, while small UAVs are priced up to \$100,000 each.

While UAVs are not cheap, and won't replace piloted aircraft, they're another set of eyes in the sky for firefighters who must chase the next fire all summer long.

"The more tools you have available in your toolbox," said Everett Hinkley, who heads the Forest Service's Remote Sensing Applications Center in Salt Lake City, "the better job you can do."

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Queen Mary caught in a storm

By The Associated Press

LONG BEACH — Operators of the city-owned Queen Mary tourist attraction want a bankruptcy judge to approve a \$30 million short-term loan to help it reorganize while it seeks potential investors.

Queen's Seaport Development Inc., which leases the ship from the city, filed for bankruptcy protection in March after the city demanded more than \$3 million in back rent. Queen's Seaport said it doesn't owe the money.

The operators have until Oct. 15 to submit a plan to reorganize and pay its debts.

The loan request filed last week in U.S. Bankruptcy Court calls for the mortgage firm George Elkins Co. to prepare the loan package for Queen's Seaport, which wants to secure the loan with a lien against the company's lease on the ship and surrounding area.

The short-term commitment is known as a "bridge loan," which is typically issued while permanent financing is secured. As compensation, the mortgage firm is seeking 1 percent of the loan commitment, or \$300,000, plus another 1 percent for any additional money generated in the next five years from a new loan or expansion of the original loan.

George Elkins Co. also wants \$10,000 in "room, food and drink credit" aboard the ship.

"It's a valid request," Queen's Seaport president Joseph Prevratil said.

Spanish-speaking ads warn of death traps

SNEAKERS, from page 1

It's the script from a Spanish-language media campaign the U.S. government launched Thursday to warn Mexican border crossers about the risks of potential death traps in vehicles. The public service announcements call attention to what authorities say is the alarming practice of immigrant smugglers to stuff children in all kinds of vehicle compartments, including trunks, dashboards, engines and even gasoline tanks.

The announcements coincide with the launch of another, slickly produced, Spanish-language media campaign by the U.S. Border Patrol to discourage illegal immigration and call attention to the dangers of clandestine border crossings.

Those television spots — which invoke images of a graveyard and a funeral procession — began airing last week in several Mexican states with high migration rates and were due to begin this week in U.S. cities including Los Angeles, Chicago and Houston. The campaign unveiled Thursday will target cities closer to California's Mexican border.

Nearly 6,500 children were arrested at California border crossings in the 12-month period ending Sept. 30, 2004, a 17 percent increase from the previous year, according to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection bureau's San Diego office, which is sponsoring the campaign.

Since October 2004, some 4,200 youngsters have been arrested.

Just how many of the children were concealed in compartments isn't known, but in August 2003, authorities found a 12-year-old Mexican girl who had spent nearly two days crammed in the side panel of a van that was seized and stored in San Diego. She survived.

Migrants who heard or watched the anti-smuggling ads at a Tijuana, Mexico, shelter Wednesday night said they were accurate, even powerful. But they vowed to return to the United States anyway.

"Everything they say is true," said Ramon Fuentes Lopez, 38, a farmworker

who has done stints picking apples in Washington state and plans to rejoin his family in Lompoc, Calif. "It's a disaster what's happening. People die of hunger. People die of thirst."

Agustin Jaime Ortiz, 33, said the warnings against hiding inside vehicles were "100 percent effective," stirring memories of a previous crossing inside a meat freezer truck. He remembered turning purple on the 1994 trip from Tijuana to Los Angeles.

"I have to cross because I have family over there, but I won't do it in a trunk — that's for sure" he said, laughing.

The Mexican government has published a booklet warning of the dangers of border crossings, but the publication has been criticized by some in the United States because it also shows safe ways to cross for those, like Ortiz, who won't be deterred. The 32-page "Guide for the Mexican Immigrant" is illustrated in a comic book style.

The two U.S. campaigns don't mark the first time the federal government has campaigned against illegal border crossings, but they do appear to be of the more ambitious efforts.

The Border Patrol's \$1.5-million campaign, called No Mas Cruces en La Frontera, or No More Border Crossings, marks the first time the agency has bought airtime, said Gloria Chavez, one of the organizers.

One 30-second spot produced by Elevacion Ltd., a Hispanic marketing agency in Washington, D.C., features a graveyard and ends with a narrator's warning in Spanish: "There are many reasons to cross the border. None is worth your life." A second spot recreates a small-town funeral for a Mexican man who died in the desert.

Customs' San Diego office had no money to produce its ads or buy airtime so the radio spots were donated by Univision Communications Inc. They warn that migrants can be killed inside cars from heat, inhaling gas fumes or from lack of oxygen.

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Creating life from scratch, one molecule at a time

BY PAUL ELIAS

AP Biotechnology Writer

BERKELEY — They're called "synthetic biologists" and they boldly claim the ability to make never-before-seen living things, one genetic molecule at a time.

They're mixing, matching and stacking DNA's chemical components like microscopic Lego blocks in an effort to make biologically based computers, medicines and alternative energy sources. The rapidly expanding field is confounding the taxonomists' centuries-old system of classifying species and raising concerns about the new technology's potential for misuse.

Though scientists have been combining the genetic material of two species for 30 years now, their work has remained relatively simplistic.

Scientists might add one foreign gene to an organism to produce a drug like insulin. The technique is more art than science given the brute trial-and-error it takes to create cells that make drugs.

So a new breed of biologists is attempting to bring order to the hit-and-miss chaos of genetic engineering by bringing to biotechnology the same engineering strategies used to build computers, bridges and buildings.

The idea is to separate cells into their fundamental components and then rebuild new organisms, a much more complex way of genetic engineering.

The burgeoning movement is attracting big money and some of the biggest names in biology, many of whom are attending the "Life Engineering Symposium" that begins Friday in San Francisco.

"Synthetic biology is genetic engineer-

ing rethought," said Harvard Medical Center researcher George Church, a leader in the field. "It challenges the notion of what's natural and what's synthetic."

Already, synthetic biologists have created a polio virus and another smaller virus by stitching together individual genes purchased from biotechnology companies.

Now, researchers are getting closer to creating more complex living things with actual utility.

In Israel, scientists have created the world's smallest computer by engineering DNA to carry out mathematical functions.

J. Craig Venter, the entrepreneurial scientist who mapped the human genome, announced last month that he intends to string together genes to create from scratch novel organisms that can produce alternative fuels such as hydrogen and ethanol.

With a \$42.6 million grant that originated at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Berkeley researchers are creating a new malaria drug by removing genetic material of the E. coli bacterium and replacing it with genes from wormwood and yeast.

"We're building parts that can be assembled into devices and devices that can be turned into systems," said Jay Keasling, head of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory's Berkeley synthetic biology department, which was created last year.

Keasling, who doubles as a chemical engineering professor at the University of California, Berkeley, hopes to create never-before-seen living molecules by

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fusing genes from the three species — a new breed of bacteria capable of spitting out malaria-fighting artemisinin, a chemical now found only in small traces in the wormwood plant.

Artemisinin has been extracted from finely ground sweet wormwood for more than 2,000 years as a treatment for a variety of ailments, but the method is expensive, time consuming and limited by access to wormwood, which is found mainly in China and Vietnam.

Keasling has a similar project in the works to synthetically create a compound now found in Samoan trees, one that shows promise in fighting AIDS.

Such efforts are attracting more than grant money.

A group of topflight venture capitalists led by Vinod Khosla of the Menlo Park-based Perkins, Caufield & Byers invested \$13 million in Codon Devices of Cambridge, Mass., which was co-founded by Keasling and Church. Keasling also co-founded Amyris Biotechnologies of Emeryville to build microbes that will produce novel or rare drugs.

Venter, meanwhile, has launched Synthetic Genomics Inc. with Nobel laureate Hamilton Smith and will compete with Codon and several other recent startups to commercialize the technology.

But with success also comes ethical

questions.

For example, national security experts and even synthetic biologists themselves fret that rogue scientists or "biohackers" could create new biological weapons — like deadly viruses that lack natural foes. They also worry about innocent mistakes — organisms that could potentially create havoc if allowed to reproduce outside the lab.

"There are certainly a lot of national security implications with synthetic biology," said Gigi Kwik Gronvall, a researcher at the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Biosecurity.

Researchers are casting about for ways to self-police the field before it really takes off. One solution could be to require the few companies that sell genetic material to register with some official entity and report biologists who order DNA strains with weapons potential.

The Arthur P. Sloan Foundation in June awarded the Venter Institute, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Center for Strategic and International Studies a \$570,000 grant to study the social implications of the new field.

"There are a cascade of ecological issues," said Laurie Zoloth, a bioethics professor at Northwestern University. "Synthetic biology is like iron: You can make sewing needles and you can make spears. Of course, there is going to be dual use."



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FEC lets lawmakers go against redistricting

BY ERICA WERNER
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WASHINGTON — The Federal Election Commission voted Thursday to let members of Congress raise unlimited donations of so-called soft money to fight Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's redistricting initiative.

The 6-0 decision by the commission came in response to a request from U.S. Reps. Howard Berman, D-North Hollywood, and John Doolittle, R-Rocklin, both of whom oppose the redistricting plan.

The decision will allow federal officeholders to raise unlimited sums from unions, corporations and other donors to support or oppose any measure on the Nov. 8 special election ballot.

In general, federal campaign finance law limits federal officeholders to donations of \$5,000 from individual contributors for nonfederal electoral issues. Commissioners decided those limits, which lawmakers enacted in 2002, should not apply in the case of the special election, in part because there are no federal candidates on the ballot.

"I just have to conclude that they did not mean to get into the ballot initiative kind of question," Commissioner Danny L. McDonald said.

The redistricting initiative, Proposition 77, would take the responsibility of drawing boundaries for congressional and state legislative districts away from lawmakers and give it to a panel of retired judges.

Schwarzenegger believes the plan would lead to more competitive districts and electing lawmakers who better represent voters. Of 153 state legislative and congressional seats up for grabs in California last November, none changed party hands.

Schwarzenegger hopes to have new districts drawn before California's June 2006 primary election, a timeline that others have said is unrealistic. Redrawing district lines normally would occur after the 2010 census.

Under California law, Schwarzenegger can raise unlimited sums for his campaign committee to promote the initiative. Berman and Doolittle argued that it would be unreasonable for federal law to prevent them from doing the same on the other side.

"Any other ruling would have been manifestly unfair," Berman said after the vote. "Whatever you think of redistricting, whatever you think of politicians, I don't know how an objective person wouldn't come to the conclusion that when you have two sides of a proposition, both sides should be governed by the same rules."

However, an author of the 2002 campaign finance law criticized the ruling as "simply incomprehensible."

"The FEC's decision to reopen the soft money loophole, which overruled the advice of its general counsel, has no basis in law or common sense," said Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis.

FEC Chairman Scott E. Thomas voiced similar criticism. He said allowing federal officeholders to raise large amounts of money created "a real potential that donors will expect down the road maybe some favor in return."

Thomas said he voted with the rest of the commissioners only as a procedural matter after he was defeated on an earlier vote to prohibit the soft money expenditures.

House members of both political parties have concerns about the redistricting plan. Doolittle and other Republicans fear redrawing district lines in Democrat-leaning California could cost the party House seats.

Democrats suspect Schwarzenegger's motives in part because of the example of Texas, where a GOP redistricting plan cost four Democrats their House seats last year.

"I think they're terrified, I suppose, that the governor's going to be able to terminate them," Thomas said jokingly before the vote.

Commissioners said they were lobbied directly by Berman, Doolittle and several other California House members. Those included House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-San Francisco, and Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-San Jose.

Except for Doolittle, California's Republican House members have muted their opposition to Schwarzenegger's plan. State GOP Chairman Duf Sundheim urged Republicans to stay out of the fight.

"I ask that every Republican elected official in California, whether he (or) she holds a municipal seat or a seat in the United States Congress, support the fundamental principles of fairness and competition and not provide financial aid to defeat Proposition 77," Sundheim said in a statement issued Thursday.

Giving members of Congress the ability to raise unlimited sums from their political supporters could help generate powerful opposition against Schwarzenegger's plan. Berman said lawmakers also were interested in other propositions on the Nov. 8 ballot, including measures related to parental notification when minors seek abortions and the participation of unions in political campaigns.

A spokesman for Schwarzenegger's campaign committee said the ruling wouldn't change the outcome of the election.

"We always knew that when we launched this reform campaign we were going to be running against some very, very deep pockets who have a vested interest in preserving the status quo. And thanks to the FEC, their pockets just got even deeper," spokesman Todd Harris said.

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Court keeps limits on abortion coverage

BY DAVID KRAVETS

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — U.S. armed forces medical benefits don't cover abortion costs unless a mother's life is at risk, a federal appeals court ruled Thursday.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said an abortion for a Navy sailor's wife, of Bremerton, Wash., wasn't covered even after two doctors diagnosed the fetus with a fatal birth defect.

In a 3-0 ruling, the judges acknowledged the ruling was "callous and unfeeling," and said they were not judging the "wisdom, fairness or logic" of congressional legislation that limited abortions under military medical plans.

Lawmakers served a legitimate governmental purpose by denying such benefits because of "an interest in potential life," Judge Richard C. Tallman wrote for the San Francisco-based court.

The case concerns Jane Doe, whose real identity has been concealed, who had an abortion five months into her pregnancy when doctors said her baby would probably only survive two months.

Tests in 2002 showed the baby had anencephaly, a defect that causes a fetus to develop without a forebrain, cerebellum or cranium. An ultrasound at the University of Washington Medical Center confirmed the diagnosis.

Coverage for the abortion was denied, so she sued, claiming an armed forces health plan then known as Civilian Health and Medical Program for the Uniformed Services, now known as TRICARE, owed her \$3,000 for the procedure.

The government paid her after a judge ruled in her favor, but then appealed to get its money back.

On appeal, the government argued that refusing to cover such services "furthers the government's interest in protecting human life in general and promoting respect for life." The government did not contest medical findings that the woman's fetus, at most, would live for a few hours if delivered.

The appeals court, reprinting coverage regulations, wrote: "Abortions performed

for suspected or confirmed fetal abnormality ... do not fall within the exceptions permitted within the language of the statute and are not authorized for payment."

The court cited a 1980 Supreme Court decision in which the justices upheld Medicaid legislation forbidding payment for abortions unless the "the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term."

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Lisa Stone, executive director of the Northwest Women's Law Center, which represented the sailor's wife, said the case was a long-shot because federal funds generally cannot pay for abortions except in limited circumstances.

"We believe it was worth it to pursue it because the basis for upholding the government's ban — the interest in potential human life — does not apply here," Stone said. "There is no potential for human life."

Stone said the center was considering its next move. Options include letting the decision stand, asking the court to rehear the case with all 11 judges or seeking Supreme Court review.

The Justice Department, which defended the government's position in court, had no comment, according to spokesman Charles Miller.

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NATIONAL



Bush visit raises question: Where is Donnelly?

BY JOHN MILLER
Associated Press Writer

DONNELLY, Idaho — When aides to President Bush announced he'd be here for two days of vacationing, reporters at the president's ranch in Crawford, Texas, were mystified.

"What's in Donnelly?" one asked.

"I can't find it," another said.

Not even Dana Perino, a White House spokeswoman, could say just where it was.

"We can look at a map and try to figure it out," Perino said.

This tiny highway town of 132 people, however, is far from wilderness. A new ski and golf resort, Tamarack, where Bush will be staying, has been carved from a mountainside nearby, and investors have flocked to the region as the median price of a home has risen by 116 percent in the past year.

Donnelly is part of the boom — and sometimes bust — that has characterized the Rocky Mountain West since prospectors first descended on towns named Virginia City, Helena or Wallace in the 1800s searching for gold or silver.

One big difference: Most of the 21st century prospectors, many of them baby boomers on the edge of retirement, have already made their fortunes. They're here to spend them. Some say the president's seal of approval on Donnelly could accelerate the rush.

"We're in the midst of this continental migration into the mountains that's been going on for a decade and a half and shows no signs of letting up," said Dan Kemmis, a senior fellow at the O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West at the University of Montana. "As the most attractive and alluring spots or valleys get filled up, then the migration begins to focus on new places. We see that happening all over the West."

Bush arrives Monday night following a speech in Salt Lake City. He plans no public events in Donnelly, though he will speak Wednesday in Nampa about America's war on terrorism.

At Tamarack, construction crews, who outnumbered guests on Thursday, were furiously hammering on new chalets. The outlines of recently laid sod on the golf course were still visible. Workers were clearing brush — something Bush is famous for on his ranch — so the president can go mountain biking.

In nearby McCall, on the southern shore of Payette Lake, Rick Harvey sits in his office at the local airport where Bush's helicopter will be hangared while the president fishes for wild rainbow trout and bikes on Boise National Forest trails.

The airport manager surveys the tarmac where two private jets have just taken off and two others — a Cessna Citation and a Dassault Falcon, each costing more than \$2 million — shine in the sunlight. The region, he says, is starting to resemble Sun Valley, Valley County's tony neighbor across the Sawtooth Mountains to the southeast.

"There's a joke around here. People say in Sun Valley, the billionaires are crowding out the millionaires, and they're coming here," Harvey said. "The baby boomers have a lot of discretionary income. They want a piece of this before it's gone."

Longtime residents say the changes come at a price.

The 400 timber-industry jobs lost in a 2002 sawmill shutdown are being replaced by construction jobs. But there's a shortage of affordable housing for people filling the jobs. It's the same issue facing other resort communities in the West, including Sun Valley, Jackson, Wyo., and Park City, Utah.

According to the Valley County study, rents here have risen 50 percent since 2000. Mobile home parks are disappearing and recreational-vehicle parks are being used for employees, the study said, making it tough to fill some jobs because people who would take them don't have a place to live.

"I was in one of the local restaurants, and we were talking about what we would ask the president if he came in," said Jerry Elrod, Donnelly's town clerk. "The owner

said, 'I'd probably ask him if he wanted a job. I need a cook.'"

Still, many wouldn't trade the tradeoffs that come with sudden growth.

"It's nice to see people with jobs," said Cynda Herrick, Valley County planning and zoning commissioner. "It's not depressed like it used to be."

And some Donnelly locals point out

gleefully that Bush is skipping Sun Valley, where stars and politicians typically head when they're in Idaho. They think they know why: In 2004, 72 percent of Valley County voters chose Bush, while Blaine County, home of Sun Valley, was the only one in Idaho to favor his Democratic rival, John Kerry. Kerry has a home there.

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section of Malibu to stop installing "Private Property, No Trespassing" signs along the beach and using heavy equipment to push sand from the public area up toward their homes. The barriers, up to 8 feet in places, essentially shrink the public beaches in front of the homes.

In recent years, some Honolulu residents have complained that their neighbors are encouraging the growth of sea-side vegetation to extend their properties closer to the shoreline, building a buffer between their verandahs and the prying eyes of beachgoers.

In Hawaii, where some vacant beachfront lots of less than a half acre are priced as high as \$7.5 million, making the most of every inch of paradise has become critical.

Public concern over decreasing beach space has prompted legislation, state-sponsored working groups and changes in how the state Department of Land and Natural Resources reviews the work of private surveyors. A lawsuit filed last month by the group Earthjustice on behalf of Public Access Shoreline Hawaii and the Sierra Club seeks to invalidate the

state's definition of "shoreline."

Homeowners have said the barriers were meant to restore sand dunes that washed away during storms — not to block public access.

Property owners apply for shoreline certification in Hawaii when they decide to build. The location of the shoreline is first determined by a private surveyor hired by the homeowner.

Under state law, the shoreline is defined as "the upper reaches of the wash of the waves, usually evidenced by the edge of vegetation growth or by the upper limit of debris left by the wash of the waves."

However, department rules have refined the second part of the sentence to read: "usually evidenced by the edge of vegetation growth, or where there is no vegetation in the immediate vicinity, the upper limit of debris left by the wash of the waves."

Earthjustice and other critics say that language gives preference to vegetation, thus providing incentive for landowners to take over public beach land by planting more greenery.

"This is a loophole in the law that allows beaches to be only for those who

Hawaiians begin debate where the beach begins

By The Associated Press

DISAPPEARING BEACHES: Critics say Hawaii's public beaches have narrowed over the years because homeowners have planted vegetation to extend property lines toward the water.

PUBLIC CONCERN: The issue has prompted a lawsuit, legislation and changes in how the state reviews the work of private surveyors.

DEFINING SHORELINE: Some say the best way to protect property rights would be to develop a better system for certifying shorelines, such as one based on elevation.

have been appealed, with seven of those appeals coming in the last few years, said Board of Land and Natural Resources chairman Peter Young.

"We're not talking about a lot," he said. "But we are talking about a very important thing."

Young said there is evidence of residents tinkering with natural vegetation lines, including installing irrigation systems that reach well beyond property lines. He said he has asked a shoreline expert in his office to take a closer look at the sites that have attracted public concern and hopes to add a second expert to assist in reviews.

Paul Schwind, director of research and legal affairs for the Land Use Research Foundation, which represents landowners and developers, said the best way to protect property owners' rights would be to come up with a more scientific system for certifying shore lines, such as one based on elevation.

"We're just trying to say, 'Let's quit arguing about things that may be difficult to do and don't really resolve the problem. Try something different, basically,'" he said.

own beachfront property," said Rep. Brian Schatz, D-Tantalus-Makiki, the co-sponsor of a bill this year that would have prohibited the practice of altering the vegetation line.

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LOCAL



City mulls poisoning solution

SQUIRRELS, from page 1

The Recreation and Parks Commission — a group of citizens appointed by the City Council to make recommendations regarding park policy issues — decided (4-3) to honor county guidelines regarding ground squirrel population control. This means that unless an alternative solution is presented and accepted by government agencies, City Hall would likely poison excess squirrels in coming months in order to comply with vector control.

A separate motion which would have requested that City Council write a letter to the county to clarify aspects about the squirrel infestation — and perhaps lead to a legal challenge of the county's request — was voted down (4-3) at Thursday's meeting.

LA County officials classify ground squirrels as communal rodents, many of which are believed to have fleas that carry the bubonic plague — a health risk to humans and other animals when a field inspection reveals there are more than three squirrels per acre visible above ground, said Gail VanGordon, a supervisor for the vector-born disease surveillance unit.

Exceeding this visual survey, VanGordon said the county conducted two in-depth inspections at Palisades Park in March, which revealed the number of below-ground burrows had increased from 46 to 146 in a matter of weeks. Since the ground squirrels frequently burrow together, that likely puts their number well into the hundreds, spread over a 1.5-mile stretch.

Joe McGrath, city parks operations superintendent, said City Hall had been attempting to suppress the ground squirrel population at the park since the spring, following a warning from vector control. City Hall stopped using pesticide to reduce the ground squirrel population in late June. However, since there are no prohibitive measures currently in place to stop their growth, the ground squirrel population is expected to continue to grow in coming months.

Unless City Hall can find a non-lethal alternative, it would likely be directed to begin poisoning the squirrels again, officials said.

McGrath said it is not a solution he looks forward to putting in effect.

"We are asking for proposals of non-lethal ways to control the ground squirrel population," McGrath said. "As long as it is not too expensive, we will look at whatever we can do."

Parks Commissioner Neil Carrey, who supports City Hall staying within the county's guidelines, said his primary concern was dealing with any health risks the squirrels might pose.

rels might pose.

"I would never wait until the plague hits before we resolve this issue," Carrey said. "If the city started to challenge this, that would mean more legal fees, and I think the city is already challenging enough cases already."

However, some dispute the county's squirrel elimina-

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Swing into action



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Atomic Ballroom dancer Katie Jordan holds partner Peter Flahiff upside down while they perform alongside Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band on Thursday night during the free summer concert series at the Santa Monica Pier.

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Lakers star Kobe Bryant (left) and Boys & Girls Clubs vice president John Schroeder (right) help local youths recognize ‘National KidsDay’ on the Santa Monica Pier on Aug. 7.

Kobe makes a play for kids at the pier

By Daily Press staff

SM PIER — It certainly was a day to remember for hundreds of children earlier this month when famed LA Lakers Kobe Bryant helped celebrate their own dedicated day.
On Aug. 7, at the Santa Monica Pier, Pacific Park, the Boys & Girls Clubs from the Greater Los Angeles Area joined with Bryant, and Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s Regional Vice President John Schroeder, to celebrate the fifth annual

“National KidsDay.”
It was part of a national effort to establish National KidsDay as an “official day” on the nation’s calendar. The effort is backed by research showing that millions of Americans recognize the link between spending meaningful time with their kids and the tough issues facing youth, but say they don’t have the time, skills, or resources to do as much for their children as they feel they should.

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City hopeful grants will put 30 in housing

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years. They also suffer from one or more disability, mental illness, or from a form of substance abuse.
Although city officials requested \$1 million, they still anticipate that they can place 30 people in market-rate housing with the HUD grant. Ninety percent of the money will go directly to rent, with the other 10 percent going towards administrative costs and housing searches, said Santa Monica Human Services Administrator Stacy Rowe.
“We’ll make the money we have stretch as far as we can,” she said.
City officials, who applied for the grant in May, expect to receive the money in the next four to six weeks.
“I know HUD is anxious and their seriousness is shown by how quickly they gave us the grant,” Rowe said.
The HUD grant will complement, as well as help fund and expand the city’s already-established chronically homeless program that was created last year.
Rowe said City Hall has \$178,560 in local taxpayer dollars budgeted for the upcoming year to assist 12 people in finding one-bedroom apartments in Santa Monica. The local government is helping them pay the rent, either through a subsidy or in full — if the individual has no income such as Social Security, welfare or government disability.

Since the program was established last summer, 25 people have participated — 12 female and 13 male, said Mona Miyasato, City Hall’s human services manager. The average time those individuals have been homeless is 12 years, she added.
Ten of them are in permanent housing; three are in temporary housing with permanent placements pending; eight are still homeless and in the process of accepting the terms of the program; one is living on the street, but looking for an apartment; two are either in jail or in the hospital; and one has since died, Miyasato said.
The HUD grant will most likely go to help those individuals pay the rent.
Local outreach workers and police who are regularly in contact with Santa Monica’s homeless population identify who is chronic and addicted to alcohol. The goal is to engage them and convince them to get help, official said.
People who accept the subsidy have to agree to be involved in intense supportive services that include mental health counseling, treatment for their addictions and a host of other case management work by a team of local social service providers.
“The real key is wherever they are put, they are tied to the services,” Rowe said. “The goal always is to move people to self-sufficiency.”
But Rowe admits that some people

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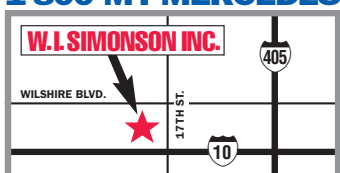
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LOCAL

Kobe takes his shot for giving kids a day

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Boys & Girls Clubs of America and KidsPeace launched National KidsDay (NKD) nationally in 2001 to foster stronger relationships between adults and children by educating them on the importance and value of spending such meaningful time together.

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LOCAL

Taking sides in the great poisoning squirrels debate

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tion policies and want City Hall to step up its efforts to fight the county and state.

Parks Commissioner Jennifer Wolch said a non-lethal approach to population control should be within the city's grasp.

"I think there are a variety of non-lethal control measures that have been developed to address human wildlife problems, and the regulatory agencies are not necessarily utilizing them yet," Wolch said.

Travis Longcore, a USC science researcher, said government agencies often see eradication as a solution without attacking the source of the problem. In the case of Palisades' ground squirrels, the conditions causing the "infestation" are not being addressed.

According to Longcore, park visitors who feed the squirrels are a major source of the problem. Providing the squirrels with food creates an unnatural habitat

from which the squirrel population swoons. If greater enforcement was taken to prevent feedings, it might go a long way to naturally control the squirrel population.

In addition, the idea that the fleas carry the "plague" is also misunderstood, Longcore said. The fleas on ground squirrels in Santa Monica are not at a high enough altitude to be the same fleas that carry the plague. If humans were infected by fleas that carried this plague, it would cause flu-like symptoms in 20 percent of today's population.

Longcore suggested putting flea powder in the bait boxes — which would kill the fleas and not the squirrels.

Nick Steers, a Santa Monica resident and former parks commissioner, said the ground squirrels pose a further problem of erosion on the Palisades Bluffs that's not being considered with the health risks.

"The ground squirrels are undermining the whole park," Steers said.

Santa Monica official hopes pilot program will become permanent

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might always need help, particularly if they are disabled or are mentally ill.

"Some of these folks will probably never be able to transition out of the program," she said.

Santa Monica's chronic homeless program was born out of City Hall's "continuum of care," which involves a host of local services and outreach help. City Hall spends more than \$2 million a year on homeless services through its "continuum of care."

"The chronically homeless program is more focused, more intense, on a difficult segment of the population," Rowe said, adding many of the chronically homeless are high users of police, fire and paramedic resources. "We are deliberately going after the tougher programs because our other programs have been so successful."

City officials hope the HUD grant program will become a permanent funding source, with City Hall reapplying annually.

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Rowe said. "We're all probably going to go at this in different ways.

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Arizona high school trades textbooks for laptops

BY ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN

Associated Press Writer

VAIL, Ariz. — Students at Empire High School here started class this year with no textbooks — but it wasn't because of a funding crisis.

Instead, the school issued iBooks — laptop computers by Apple Computer Inc. — to each of its 340 students, becoming one of the first U.S. public schools to shun printed textbooks.

School officials believe the electronic materials will get students more engaged in learning. Empire High, which opened for the first time this year, was designed specifically to have a textbook-free environment.

"We've always been pretty aggressive in use of technology and we have a history of taking risks," said Calvin Baker, superintendent of the Vail Unified School District, which has 7,000 students outside of Tucson.

Schools typically overlay computers onto their instruction "like frosting on the cake," Baker said. "We decided that the real opportunity was to make the laptops the key ingredient of the cake. ... to truly change the way that schools operated."

Two years ago, about 600 school districts nationwide had pilot projects to provide laptops for each student — a figure that's likely doubled since then, said Mark Schneiderman, director of federal education policy for the Software and

Information Industry Association in Washington.

But most still issue textbooks — for now.

"Because most schools are not starting from scratch ... most districts are using a blended approach now and will phase out their printed textbooks," he said.

For example, in the Henrico County school system near Richmond, Va., students in 23 middle and high schools will be using laptops for the fifth straight year, though teachers still use textbooks, said spokesman Mychael Dickerson.

Many publishers of traditional textbooks are offering digital formats to address the growing use of computers, and that provided some of the material for Empire High's curriculum. Teachers also used subscription services and free Web resources.

Students get the materials over the school's wireless Internet network. The school has a central filtering system that limits what can be downloaded on campus. The system also controls chat room visits and instant messaging that might otherwise distract wired students.

Students can turn in homework online. A Web program checks against Internet sources for plagiarized material and against the work of other students, Baker said. "If you copy from your buddy, it's going to get caught," he said.

Before Empire High opened, officials looked at the use of laptops in other

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schools and decided that high school students were more engaged when using computers. Unlike many adults, teens weaned on digital material seem to have little difficulty adapting to reading primarily on computer screens, Baker said.

But educators also decided they could do more with the technology.

In addition to offering up-to-date information, teachers can make the curriculum more dynamic. For example, lessons in social studies, which might previously have been done in summaries, can include links to full Supreme Court rulings or an explorer's personal account of a discovery.

Social studies teacher Jeremy Gypton said the transition was easier than expected. Gypton said he assigns readings based on Web sites, lists postings to news articles, uses online groups and message boards to keep the students connected on weekends and asks them to comment on each other's work.

One of the more surprising things, he said, was finding that students' proficiency at video games and e-mail hasn't always translated into other computer skills.

"One of the greatest challenges actual-

ly is getting the kids up to speed in using Word, in using an Internet browser for other than a simple global search," Gypton said.

All of Empire's students knew about the laptop-only setup when they enrolled, and students who were uncomfortable with it were allowed to enroll in the district's other, more traditional schools. But Empire has a waiting list.

Julian Tarazon, a freshman, said he doesn't miss lugging around a bag full of books.

"It was kind of hard at first, because you had to put things in folders," Julian said, referring, naturally, to virtual folders on his computer's desktop. "After a couple of days, you kind of get used to it."

Freshman Morgan Northcutt said the computer system has made it easier to do assignments, and she isn't as likely to lose them.

"There's complications like hooking up with the Internet, but other than that it's been pretty easy," Morgan said.

The school isn't entirely paperless, however. It has a library, and students are often assigned outside reading.

"We're not trying to eliminate books," Baker said. "We love books."

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NATIONAL



Young Roberts showed his conservative colors

BY JESSE J. HOLLAND
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court nominee John Roberts was a staunch defender of the conservative policies of the Reagan administration during his time as a young White House lawyer, and a surprising critic of then-Chief Justice Warren Burger and the nation's highest court.

Roberts, nominated by President Bush to replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, thought little of Burger's idea to add an additional court to the federal judiciary to help relieve the high court's workload.

"While some of the tales of woe emanating from the Court are enough to bring tears to the eyes, it is true that only Supreme Court justices and schoolchildren are expected to and do take the entire summer off," Roberts wrote on April 19, 1983, in a memo to his boss Fred Fielding, the White House counsel.

He went on to say: "The generally accepted notion that the Court can only hear roughly 150 cases a year gives the same sense of reassurance as the adjournment of the court in July, when we know the Constitution is safe for the summer."

Those words may return to haunt Roberts when he faces the Senate Judiciary Committee next month, where senators will question him on his ability and qualifications to sit on that court.

The memo and other materials made public Thursday by the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif., and the National Archives completed the disclosure of more than 50,000 pages that cover Roberts' tenure as a lawyer in the White House counsel's office from 1982-86.

Nearly 2,000 more pages from the same period have been withheld on national security or privacy grounds.

Additionally, over the persistent protests of Senate Democrats, the White House has refused to make available any of the records covering Roberts' later tenure as principal deputy solicitor general during the administration of President George H.W. Bush.

Taken as a whole, the material released Thursday reinforced the well-established image of Roberts as a young lawyer

whose views on abortion, affirmative action, school prayer and more were in harmony with the conservative president he served. In one memo, he referred favorably to effort to "defund the left."

Democrats say they will question Roberts closely on those subjects and others at his hearings, and they scoured the newly disclosed documents. And despite the apparently long odds against them, civil rights and women's groups are beginning to mount an attempt to defeat his nomination.

Emily's List, which works to elect female candidates, drew attention to a recent speech by Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., in which she raised the possibility of a filibuster if Roberts doesn't elaborate on his views on abortion and privacy rights at his hearings.

"I have the ultimate step," Boxer said. "I can use all the parliamentary rules I have as a senator to stand up and fight for you."

The documents released Thursday recalled the battles of the Reagan era and underscored the breadth of the issues that crossed Roberts' desk.

Reviewing material for Reagan, he counseled the president against saying AIDS couldn't be transmitted through casual contact, writing that scientists at that time weren't completely certain. "I would not like to see the president reassuring the public on this point, only to find out he was wrong later," he wrote.

On other issues, Roberts: ■ Disparaged state efforts to combat discrimination against women and wondered whether "encouraging homemakers to become lawyers contributes to the common good."

■ Advised senior officials not to try to circumvent the will of Congress when it established a nationwide 55 mph speed limit.

■ Struggled to define the line that Reagan and other officials should not cross in encouraging private help to the forces opposing the leftist Sandinista government of Nicaragua.

■ Wrote in October 1983 that he did not share Fielding's opposition to a national ID card. Separately, anticipating a presidential interview with Spanish Today, he wrote, "I think this audience would be pleased that we are trying to grant legal status to their illegal amigos."

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NATIONAL

Border ranch turned over to immigrant border crossers

BY BETH DEFALCO

Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — An Arizona ranch that once served as the headquarters for a civilian group watching for illegal immigrants has been turned over to two people caught trying to enter the United States illegally.

The ranch was conveyed to satisfy a judgment against its owner, Casey Nethercott, a member of a self-styled border-watch group that seeks to protect private property from illegal immigrants crossing the border from Mexico. Nethercott had been accused of terrorizing the immigrants when he and others caught them in Texas.

Morris Dees Jr., co-founder and chief trial counsel of the Southern Poverty Law Center, which represented the immigrants, said he hoped the ruling would serve as a cautionary tale to landowners or civilian patrols.

"When we got into this case, ranchers all along the border were allowing these types to come on their property," Dees said. "Now, they're very leery of it, especially when they see someone losing their ranch because of it."

The ruling comes as the governors of Arizona and New Mexico declare states of emergency in their border counties, moves designed to free up money for enforcement while drawing more national attention to the problems of illegal immigration.

The transfer of the Douglas, Ariz., ranch outraged border-watch groups.

"If the federal government was doing its job, ranchers would not be living in fear," said Chris Simcox, president of Minuteman Civil Defense Corp., a group that watches for illegal immigrant crossings and reports them to the U.S. Border Patrol.

"They can't even protect their own property for fear of these frivolous lawsuits when people are trespassing on property," he said. Ranchers "are held captive by the federal government who tells them, 'Well, we can't protect you but you can't do anything to protect yourself.'"

Simcox disputed the notion, however, that the ruling would deter other landowners from welcoming civilian watch groups. He noted that the Minutemen have a policy against touching the migrants and use video to document their patrols.

Nethercott was part of another group called Ranch Rescue and had founded a group called the Arizona Militia,

which he based at his 70-acre ranch in Douglas, Ariz.

In March 2003, Nethercott, who had previously been convicted of assault in California, was accused of pistol-whipping an illegal immigrant as he and other people from Ranch Rescue patrolled a ranch in Hebbronville, Texas. A jury deadlocked on the charge but convicted him of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Edwin Alfredo Mancía Gonzales, the man who accused Nethercott of hitting him, and another immigrant traveling with him from El Salvador, Fatima del Socorro Leiva Medina, filed a civil lawsuit last year saying they were harmed while being held by Ranch Rescue members.

Named in the suit were Nethercott; Jack Foote, the founder of Ranch Rescue; and the owners of the Hebbronville ranch, Joe and Betty Sutton.

The Suttons settled for \$100,000, Dees said. Nethercott and Foote did not defend themselves, he said.

So in April of this year, a Texas judge issued default judgments of \$850,000 against Nethercott and \$500,000 against Foote.

Nethercott, serving a five-year prison term for the firearm conviction, transferred ownership of his Douglas ranch to his sister.

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NATIONAL



McCain, Clinton agree visit confirms views on climate

BY DAN JOLING
Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Anyone doubting the effects of human activity on global climate change should talk to the people of Alaska and the Yukon, U.S. Sen. John McCain said Wednesday.

Fresh from a trip to Barrow, America's northernmost city, McCain said anecdotes from Alaskans and residents of the Yukon Territory confirm scientific evidence of global warming.

"We are convinced that the overwhelming scientific evidence indicated that climate change is taking place and human activities play a very large role," McCain said.

McCain, accompanied by Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., spoke to villagers in Canada whose spruce trees are being attacked by the northward spread of spruce beetles. On Alaska's northern coast, they met Native Alaskans dealing with melting permafrost and coastal erosion.

"I don't think there is any doubt left for anyone who actually looks at the science," Clinton said. "There are still some holdouts, but they are fighting a losing battle. The science is overwhelming, but what is deeply concerning is that climate change is accelerating."

Graham, who declared himself "on the fence" about climate change legislation, said an academic debate about global warming is different in the North.

"If you can go to the Native people and listen to their stories and walk away with any doubt that something's going on, I just think you're not listening," he said.

McCain and Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., are sponsoring legislation that would limit greenhouse gas emissions from utilities and industry. The Climate Stewardship and Innovation Act would cap U.S. emissions levels at levels recorded in 2000.

Opponents of the legislation, including Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, chairman of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, attribute warming to natural cycles.

McCain said the trip has been valuable for the accumulation of evidence that can be used to push the bill. Ultimately, he said, Americans will demand laws to decrease emissions, just as they demanded campaign financing reform.

"It's coming up from the bottom," he said. "It's the special interests vs. the people's interests and I still have enough confidence in our system of government that the people's interest will ultimately prevail."

Collins said the senators were approached by Alaska guides who thanked them for taking time to look at how climate change affects Alaska. They echoed what indigenous people in Canada told the senators.

"I don't think anyone who has talked to these individuals as well as the scientists would have any doubt that this is a real and growing problem," she said.

McCain said his bill continues to face opposition from industry, but that may change from businesses that operate overseas.

"They have to do business in Europe, and thereby comply with the requirements for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions," he said. "You will see more and more international corporations going in that direction because they have to."

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Graham said he remains undecided on global warming legislation. But he says his Alaska visit reinforces his view on the need for energy independence, including petroleum drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Continued dependence on foreign fossil fuels makes America vulnerable, he said.

"The sooner we get started with alternative energy sources and recognize that fossil fuels makes us less secure as a nation, and more dangerous as a planet, the better off we'll be," Graham said.

Opponents who ignore evidence of humans contributing to climate change, Clinton said, are participating in a trend of turning Washington, D.C. into what she calls an "evidence-free zone."

"You just keep saying something no matter how untrue and unfactual it might be, over and over and over again, and try to drive the politics to meet your ideological or commercial agenda," she said. "That is a grave disservice to our country."

The senators planned to travel to Seward later Wednesday.

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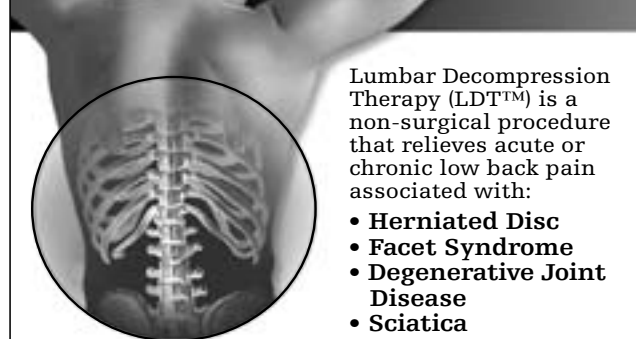
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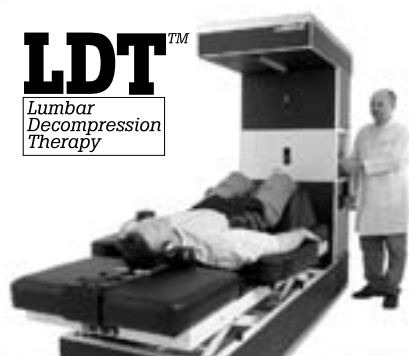
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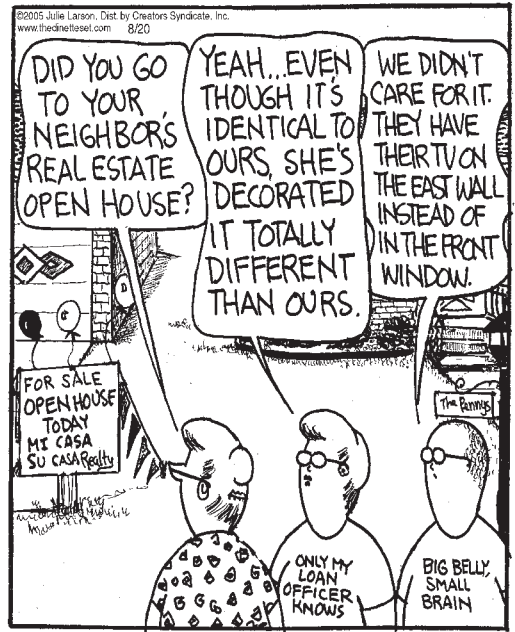
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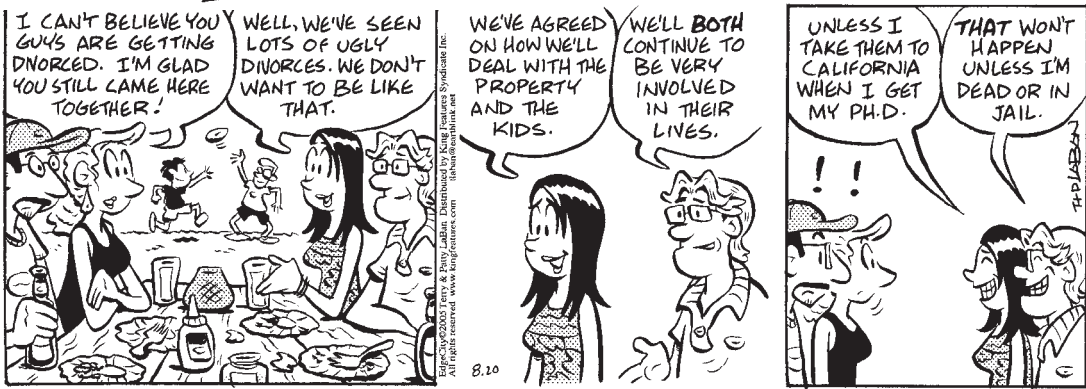


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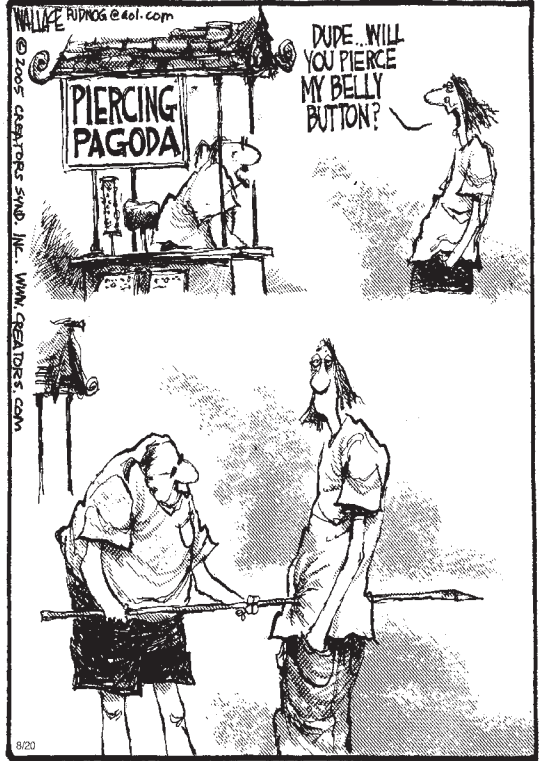


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Arthur Hindle, Jr., a long-time resident of 3005 Main St. (Santa Monica) passed away Saturday, August 13 at his home.

Born in Somerville, MA on December 18, 1918 to Arthur and Katherine (MacLellan) Hindle, Arthur attended school in Cambridge, MA and later went on to join the Army in 1942. He was honorably discharged in 1945. He was a 20 year member of the American Legion, post 0123.

Arthur made Santa Monica his home over thirty years ago where he would ride his bike to the pier to fish and socialize. He was a fixture in town, known to many of his friends as "the mayor". Arthur loved music and had a beautiful tenor voice.

He is survived by three sisters: Florence H. Rodgers of So. Portland, ME; Mary H. Landfear of Bedford, MA and Anne H. Landfear of Hyannis, MA. Arthur leaves behind many more family members throughout the country and friends here who have become his family. He was loved and will be missed by all who knew him.

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