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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Steven Buelow, whose Vermont prison sentence is up for a rape-murder he committed at age 15, still cannot be released until he proves that he has a place to live, and according to an August report on Burlington's WCAX-TV, the keenest idea he had was to pick women at random from the Burlington phone book, write them letters describing himself and his prison status, and asking them to take him in (with a total of 15 letters going out). Not surprisingly, at least one woman contacted by the station said she was terrified by the letter and considered moving away, and Buelow said he wouldn't send out any more.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 236th day of 2006.
There are 129 days left in the year.

1992 Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida, causing record damage; 55 deaths in Florida, Louisiana and the Bahamas were blamed on the storm.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Of the 20 or so civilizations known to modern Western historians, all except our own appear to be dead or moribund."

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KIRAN AHLUWALIA

India on the pier

By Daily Press staff

SM PIER — There's only two free outdoor concerts left for the Twilight Dance concert on the pier, so come hear Kiran Ahluwalia perform her regeneration of traditional Indian music, along with DJs didJital and eccodek and visuals by Amanda Boggs.

Kiran Ahluwalia is an Indo-Canadian singer who has devoted much of her life to learning the art of Indian vocal music. Accompanied by tabla, guitar and harmonium, Ahluwalia adds the drone of the tanpura to her voice to fill out an ensemble capable of both delicacy and power.

Trained in classical Indian singing, she found herself drawn to the ghazal form and folk songs of Punjab, her family's home region. It started with learning songs from her parents, both ghazals as well as Punjabi folk songs.

"When I was growing up in India, very few people had recordings of any kind," Ahluwalia said. "There were state-sponsored concerts that people from all over would walk to and crowd into. While some children would get bored, I was perfectly content taking it in, even if I had to stand up the whole time. We had lived in New Zealand for a time, and on the way back to India my father bought a reel-to-reel tape player in Hong Kong. We would listen to tapes of Indian music. We would also listen to Bollywood on the radio, and when a song came on that I wanted to learn, my mother would quickly write down the lyrics for me."

Ahluwalia specializes in gazhal, a poetic song form that came to the Indian sub-continent from Persia in the 14th century. The word "ghazal" is an Arabic word that means "to talk to women." Unlike the physical

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Making the grade

ON THE RISE: Student test scores showing promise

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS — The number of students in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District who are proficient in English and math has increased significantly over the last five years, with double-digit gains at nearly every grade level, according to a recent analysis of

standardized test scores.

What is more encouraging, district officials said, are the increases seen in the scores of African-American and Latino students, two groups that have been the focus of a district-wide effort to close the achievement gap and raise graduation rates.

Last year, only 27 percent of black students met the state's definition of proficiency in English, according to

figures released by the district. That number jumped to 40 percent in 2006. For Latinos, the level of proficiency was raised to 39 percent from 26 percent in the same time period.

The district has been under fire from black and Latino parents for failing to raise grade point averages and keep students from dropping out.

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Scootin' along



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Six models from the Do It Outdoors marketing group ride blue electric scooters down Seaside Terrace in Santa Monica as part of an Intel marketing campaign called "Believe the Hype." The scooters can hold an eight-hour charge and do an average of 30 miles per hour.

SM temp agency enters illegal immigration battle

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

MID CITY — In what may be the first in a series of lawsuits to curb illegal immigration, a Santa Monica-based temp agency specializing in the hiring of foreign laborers is suing a Central Valley blueberry grower and two competing companies for allegedly using undocumented workers.

Filed under the state's unfair-competition law, the suit claims companies that hire illegal immigrants make it almost impossible for others to compete unless they too break the law. Undocumented workers typically are paid lower wages than those who are here legally, and they don't demand pensions, health insurance or workers' compensation.

Similar cases claiming violations of federal anti-racketeering laws have seen mixed results. The current suit is believed to be the first based on a state's unfair-competition laws, legal experts said.

National anti-immigration groups are helping finance the legal actions,

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Back off if you find a situation exploding or making you unusually nervous. Your body is telling you something. Listen. You have the right words to create more of what you want. Careful with spending. Tonight: Vanish, but enjoy yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Knowing what you want helps you move with certainty. Your timing is right-on. Others admire who you are and how you handle your life, for good reason. Accept praise. It is honest. Meetings bring results. Tonight: Say yes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Others watch your star performance and abilities. You have a way of looking at others with caring. Express your depth and understanding. Take on responsibility and charge toward your goals. Check out news. Tonight: All smiles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Take the high road, even if you need to rethink your attitude. On some level, you could be touchy or overly sensitive about what a partner does. Add an element of trust. The unexpected occurs; enjoy the excitement. Tonight: Play a game or hop on the Internet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Work with individuals. If possible, in a meeting even, focus on one person at a time. Eye contact can make a big difference. Someone who proclaims friendship might actually be interested in a lot more. Tonight: With your best friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You can and will shake up the status quo. When you least expect it, someone expresses concern and helps you mellow out. Know that you aren't in control. Work with others' moods and ideas. You add a special touch to the workplace or to your daily life. Tonight: Go along with others' plans.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You'll accomplish a lot if you focus. You have energy and others' cooperation. Notice how an unexpected insight takes you in a new direction. Recognize that although they mean well, others could be exhausting. Tonight: Allow a loved one to add to your life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You cannot be stopped with a creative enterprise. You don't understand what is going on with a friend. Emphasize children, creativity and a special new person in your life. Trust in your appeal. Tonight: Make nice at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Your caring opens up a personality in your life. You actually have an interesting relationship, even if you cannot control it. Caring comes with your words. Consider a home office, or spruce up your workplace. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Your fundamentally caring nature comes forth. Others want your attention. Someone could be quite dramatic in his or her bid for your attention. Use the Moon Child's flexibility with changing news that impacts you directly. Tonight: Hang out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Your magnetism and caring cannot be suppressed, nor should they be. You'll see that others respond to your gestures. Be careful with joint financial dealings and assuming that someone else is coming from the same space as you. This person isn't! Tonight: Buy a new CD or item for your home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You hit your power days, where you have the energy and charisma to handle touchy or difficult scenarios. You find that others can be quirky, but you can deal. Your intuition works, especially with someone in charge. Tonight: You call the shots; others will follow.

BORN TODAY Baseball player **Cal Ripken Jr.** (1960), comedian **Dave Chappelle** (1973)

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC on a different planet

By Daily Press staff

Getting to Santa Monica College is half the fun. SMC's Planetarium presents "Getting There is Half the Fun (and Most of the Work)." It's a look at the complexities of space exploration. The show is scheduled for Sept. 8, 15 and 22 at SMC's Friday night astronomy series. The guest lecture will be "Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter: Aerobraking at Mars." Forest W. Fisher of the JPL/Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter project will talk about the challenges of getting the spacecraft into its science-mapping orbit. The guest lecture will be Friday, Sept. 29. The feature show and guest lecture are at 8 p.m. Each is preceded by "The Night Sky Show," which re-creates the night sky and provides the latest information on space exploration. It starts at 7 p.m. The astronomy shows are held in the John Drescher Planetarium, which features the state-of-the-art Digistar projection system. It is located on the second floor of Drescher Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd. The guest lecture is in Science Lecture Hall 140. Tickets are \$5 each or \$9 for the "double bill," with discounts for children and senior citizens. For information, call (310) 434-3000.

Time to shape Santa Monica's destiny

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica is a sense of place. And to prove it, the Santa Monica Public Library and Santa Monica Cultural Affairs Division will present "In A Sense: Santa Monica Live 2" — the second in a series of three spoken word events that celebrate Santa Monica as a sense of place. The event will be held on Aug. 31 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium. The series is offered as a part of Creative Capital, the cultural plan process that will examine the future of culture and arts in the city. Hosted by Paul Lieber, well-known host of "Why Poetry?" on KPFK, the evening will feature three poets who will read works inspired by Santa Monica. Guest poets for the event will be Sarah Maclay, John Harris and Noah Blaustein. Maclay's work has appeared in Ploughshares, ZZZZYVA and other journals including Poetry International, where she currently serves as book review editor. Her debut collection, "Whore," won the 2003 Tampa Review Prize for Poetry, and she has received a Pushcart nomination. A native of Montana, she currently lives in Los Angeles. In 1969, John Harris founded the Venice Poetry Workshop at Beyond Baroque with Joseph Hansen. In the 1970s and 1980s, he was the proprietor of Papa Bach Books, the historic bookstore and literary center where a generation of Los Angeles poets came of age artistically. His poems have appeared in many periodicals and anthologies, and in two collections, "Where Love Is" and "Against the Day of the Dead." Noah Blaustein's poems have appeared in journals such as "Orion" and "Pleiades." He is the editor of the poetry anthology, "Motion: American Sports Poems." A graduate of the University of Massachusetts MFA program, he currently lives and teaches in Los Angeles. For more information about the free public program, contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600 or visit the library's Web site at www.smpl.org.

Get your groove on at Brat

By Daily Press staff

Be a brat and groove to the sounds of Reverend Dan in Santa Monica on Labor Day. On Monday, Sept. 4, the Brat Store, 1938 14th St., from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., will feature DJ Reverend Dan from KXLU spinning all day. The event is also a CD release party for Teenacide Records artists the Shakes. The Shakes will perform at 3 p.m., and Blondes will perform at 4 p.m. The event is all ages and is free.



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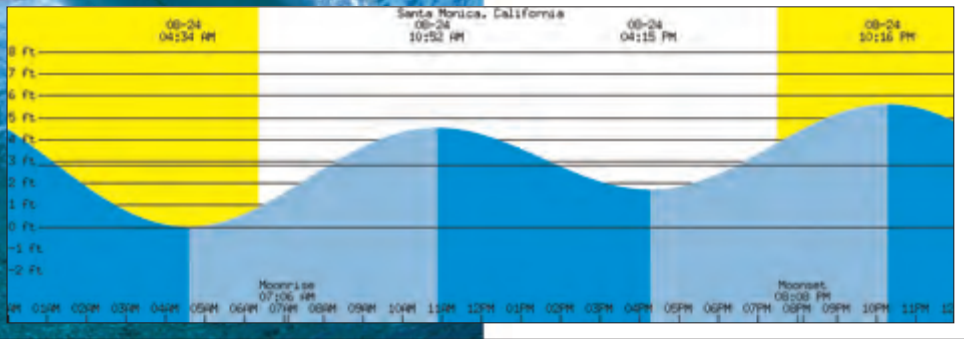
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The QLine

City officials are seriously considering restoring commercial boating by building a gangway at the Santa Monica Pier, where visitors would be able to embark on sight-seeing boat tours and sport fishing excursions. The concept is to revitalize the pier so it can stay competitive with other cities and tourist destinations. So this week's Q-Line wants to know: **"Do you support revitalized water activities off the pier? Why or why not?"** Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your responses in the weekend edition. Please try to limit your comments to a minute or less. It might help to think first about the wording of your response.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY KEN DOZIER

NASA project could help fix California's economy

The state legislature a few weeks ago passed the state budget on time for the first time in five years. Using an unexpected surge of new revenues, the budget makes significant new investments in our schools, health care and local government. Better yet, it chips away at the structural deficit that has accrued over the last several years. We're not out of the woods yet, but this budget has brought us a long way back.

What's important to know, however, is that the legislature balanced the budget without raising any taxes or making any significant cuts to programs. Over the last year and a half, California's businesses have been growing and expanding, bringing in over \$7.5 billion in new tax revenue. The whole state benefited from that expansion.

Now that this budget is completed, California has to keep this trend going. This state needs to make a renewed effort to keep businesses here and to find ways to encourage other businesses to relocate here.

One example: the NASA Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV). In case you're not familiar, the CEV is the vehicle NASA is going to use once the Space Shuttle program is retired in 2010. NASA and those who wish to build this vehicle are currently considering whether it makes economic sense to perform the work in California. Thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in contracts are at stake. And these are good jobs, too. On average, aerospace manufacturing jobs pay \$74,000 per year, well above the average for service or retail jobs.

Even better, the companies that win the CEV competition would subcontract out much of the work, supporting many more jobs in hundreds of smaller companies.

California should be perfectly situated to win this project. We boast the nation's largest and most highly trained aerospace workforce. We also have the largest infrastructure, with large manufacturing facilities already in place throughout the state that

could easily and quickly be converted to handle a project the size of the CEV.

Unfortunately, at this point, other states are simply moving faster than we are to secure the CEV. Florida already has put a package of tax breaks and other incentives on the table that will total more than \$200 million over many years, specifically directed at bringing the CEV to that state. Other states, including Texas, New Mexico and Colorado, have launched coordinated efforts, bringing together their congressional delegations, governors and state legislatures to promote their states' advantages.

So far, California has done basically nothing to woo this business for our workers.

In the legislature, a bipartisan group of legislators, led by Assemblymembers Ted Lieu (D-Torrance), Nicole Parra (D-Bakersfield) and Sharon Runner (R-Palmdale), have introduced a bill, AB 2033, to expand an existing tax credit to include

work performed on the CEV. This bill has industry and labor working hand in hand, as it has the support of both the California Chamber of Commerce and the California Federation of Labor. They both understand what's really at stake here: jobs. More in the legislature need to understand this.

While it won't equal Florida's investment, passing AB 2033 would make a serious statement that California is ready to do what it takes to bring jobs here. Combined with our other advantages listed above, it just might be enough.

As the legislature and the governor enjoy their summer break, I urge them to move quickly to pass AB 2033 when they return, or to include this tax break in another bill. There are literally thousands of jobs at stake, and there's absolutely no time to lose.

(Ken Dozier is the executive director of the Western Research Application Center USC Viterbi School of Engineering.)

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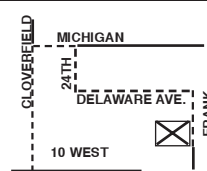
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Heated debate: Global warming bill in question

BY SAMANTHA YOUNG

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — A week away from their deadline, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and legislative Democrats remain apart over key elements of a landmark global warming bill that would make California the first state to cap industrial greenhouse gas emissions.

The stakes are high for both sides. The Democrats supporting the bill want to toughen California's already stringent emission standards, while Schwarzenegger is seeking to burnish his environmental credentials as he seeks re-election.

Differences remain over how industries would reduce their emissions by as much as 25 percent in the next 14 years.

Democrats released their latest compromise proposal this week, saying they had incorporated suggestions from Schwarzenegger officials to make the bill more palatable to businesses without weakening it.

"It's not going to be everything everyone wants," said the bill's author, Assemblywoman Fran Pavley, a Democrat from the Los Angeles area. "If it passes, it will be the strongest reduction law in the country."

Environmental Protection Agency Secretary Linda Adams said the bill as currently written lacks a key Schwarzenegger principle — a flexible market-based program that would allow businesses to trade, sell and buy emission credits rather than reducing their own emissions.

It's an idea being tested in Europe and

one that Schwarzenegger officials say must be in the bill. Democrats said they fear it could prove unworkable for one state.

"The governor has been clear on this issue from day one," Schwarzenegger spokesman Adam Mendelsohn said. "He is committed to working with legislators to find a compromise on (the bill). However, we must have legislation that creates a market-based system so we do not endanger consumers or open the door for another electricity crisis."

Democrats say they support a market concept, but say the California Air Resources Board should not be told to launch a program that may not work. At issue is how regulators would monitor a market-based system and be assured that plants in other states or countries that are trading credits with California companies are actually reducing their emissions.

"Philosophically, trading I think is the way other states and the world is going, and I'm fine with that," Pavley said. "But we've got to make sure it's workable and doable."

Schwarzenegger, who has made climate change issues a center of his environmental agenda, is eager to sign a bill before he faces the state's Democratic-leaning electorate in November. Both he and Democrats say the greenhouse gases that scientists blame for warming the Earth must be controlled in a state that is the 12th largest emitter in the world.

Some critics of the California bill say combatting global warming should be an international effort instead of a patchwork of state regulation.

Adams said the governor wants to make sure that any bill would be workable for businesses. Industry sources are divided over whether they can realistically meet the bill's mandatory reductions, both financially and technologically.

The bill calls for utilities, oil and gas refineries, and manufacturers such as cement plants to help the state reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to the levels of 1990 by 2020.

Cement manufacturers are particularly worried by the bill. They say carbon dioxide is a natural byproduct of their manufacturing process and argue that mandatory emission reductions will mean cuts to their business.

Another point of contention is what kind of "safety valve" should be included in the bill to allow government to react in an emergency. Although the latest draft of the bill would allow the 2020 deadline to be pushed back in extraordinary circumstances or catastrophic events, administration officials say the trigger to act comes too late.

"The way it's worded would preclude us from acting until we're in an emergency situation. What we want to avoid is an emergency," said Adams, who referenced the 2001 energy crisis when Gov. Gray Davis had to call a special session of the Legislature to respond.

Talks also continue over who should oversee the implementation of the caps. Schwarzenegger has proposed that a board composed of his agency heads be in charge, giving him and future governors complete say over whether to adjust the deadlines.

The latest proposal by Democrats would give the Air Resources Board the regulatory and enforcement powers to implement the caps and create an oversight council. That council would include five gubernatorial appointees and four legislative nominees.

"It provides a lot of accountability," Pavley said. "There would be a lot of voices heard at the table."

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Workers celebrate CA minimum wage hike

BY JULIANA BARBASSA

Associated Press Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — In the steamy heat of restaurant kitchens and behind the scratched counters of liquor stores, low-income workers counted the small ways in which their lives would improve if the state's minimum wage rose to \$8 an hour — the highest in the nation.

The \$1.25 an hour increase outlined in the agreement struck Monday between Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Democratic legislators could mean an occasional dinner out with family, moving into a less crowded home or being able to send a little more money to relatives abroad. But many said although the extra cash would help, it wouldn't change the daily struggle facing those at the bottom of the economic ladder.

"Maybe I can live somewhere a little nicer, not have to share a small apartment," said Oscar Garcia, taking a break from chopping vegetables in the kitchen at Las Palmas, a Mexican restaurant in Oakland. "But will I

be able to own my own home? No way. We would need so much more."

The agreement came after the governor vetoed two previous attempts to increase the earnings of California's more than 1.4 million minimum wage earners. If it's approved by legislators and becomes law, it would bump up California's minimum wage 75 cents in January, and another 50 cents in January 2008.

Politicians who pushed to get more money in the pockets of the state's poorest celebrated the victory, saying the compromise will reward workers without hurting California's business competitiveness. According to a Senate analysis of minimum wage legislation, several studies have concluded that an increase in the minimum wage would not result in significant job loss.

"At the end of the day, we'll have the highest minimum wage in the nation, and they deserve it," said state Sen. Gil Cedillo, D-Los Angeles.

Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, D-Los Angeles, said in a press conference the deal

sends the message to poor families that "we are continuing to move the ball down the field, to improve their quality of life."

But even as they made plans to use the extra cash, many minimum wage earners worried the increases would ripple through the economy, raising the cost of living in a state that is already the most expensive in the nation.

"Today, this costs 5 cents," said Mohammed Albna, pulling a piece of bright yellow candy from a bucket on the counter at an Oakland liquor store. "Tomorrow, maybe it'll cost 8 cents. I'm not happy with the minimum wage, but I'm afraid of what will happen, if everything started to go up and up."

Making \$1.25 more an hour still won't allow him to bring his wife and three children from Yemen, where they live, he said. At most, he'll be able to send them a little more money at the end of the month.

Business owners — even those who willingly acknowledged it's hard to get by on \$6.75 an hour — said the hike could hurt those trying to keep small operations afloat.

Shirley Everett-Dicko pays \$10 an hour to keep the 15 dependable employees she has at Everett and Jones Barbecue Restaurant, which has been feeding Oakland residents at its sidewalk tables for more than 30 years.

"You have to pay a decent wage to keep quality employees," she said.

But as part of the membership committee of the area merchants' association, she feels the pain of less established businesses that operate with a narrower profit margin.

"If you're a business trying to make a profit in the city of Oakland, it's going to be hard," she said.

Other business owners said the real way to help minimum wage earners would be to support small businesses and create more jobs, instead of increasing their costs and forcing them to pass that hike on to consumers.

"The price of each item in the store would have to go up to be able to pay the employees," said Mutahar Alkhateeb, manager and part owner of Evergreen Produce. "It'll hurt everyone."

But to those living paycheck to paycheck, any extra income helps.

Single mother Lydia Juan, 21, who makes about \$180 a week as a cashier at a gourmet sandwich shop in downtown Los Angeles said the extra money would help her pay bills, rent, public transportation and child-care — all essentials she can't do without.

"A 75 cent increase doesn't sound like a lot, but you're getting paid more than usual," Juan said.

African-American, Latino students closing the gap

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"It's not nearly as dramatic as we'd like, but we are seeing the gap closing for both African-American and Latino students," said Maureen Bradford, director of educational services for the district.

Math scores are expected to be broken down by race by the end of August, when more information will be provided by the state, Bradford said. At that time, the district expects to see even more improvements.

Further data analysis will also continue throughout the fall, as the district compares performance locally with that of the state and county. The district will also receive word on whether it is in compliance with the adequate yearly progress element of the No Child Left Behind federal accountability program, as well as with the academic performance index, the state's accountability measure for school improvement.

The current figures come from student performances on the annual California Standards Tests (CSTs) in English language arts and mathematics. History and science are also tested in some, but not all, grade levels. Students attain one of five levels of performance on the tests for each subject: advanced, proficient, basic, below basic or far below basic.

The state board of education, which has instituted some of the highest standards in the nation, has set the target for desired achievement at the proficient level.

Tim Walker, assistant superintendent for educational services, said the latest CST data "document strong academic growth for Santa Monica-Malibu students.

"In addition, we see many indications that our efforts are resulting in narrowing achievement gaps for particular groups of students," Walker said. "There are several good news stories here, as well as areas for continued focus."

In English, the greatest gains were experienced by students in sixth grade and juniors

in high school. From 2005 to 2006, sixth-graders increased their scores by eight points, from 59 percent efficiency to 67 percent. For juniors, the one-year gain was 11 points, from 49 percent efficiency to 60 percent.

District officials give credit for the increase to students, a dedicated faculty and intervention programs, such as those at Santa Monica High School, where students continue to demonstrate high levels of performance in ninth-grade English language arts. That grade level has posted double-digit gains over the past three years. In addition, ninth-grade English learners and economically disadvantaged students have posted similar gains.

"I definitely feel that our smaller learning communities have contributed to our academic success," said Ruth Esseln, principal of Santa Monica High's H House. "The house structure builds connection for students, especially ninth-graders."

For the past few years, several elementary schools have focused attention and resources in the area of writing. The fourth-grade CST writing assessment indicates that these efforts are paying off, district officials said.

The assessment, given in grades four and seven, is a performance-based test of students' writing ability. Fourth-graders must write an essay on a given topic in one of four genres. Neither they, nor their teachers, know what the prompt or genre will be until they open their test booklets. The tests are scored by a panel of outside experts, with each essay being graded by two different readers.

Since the inception of the writing performance test three years ago, SMMUSD's fourth graders have made impressive gains, according to data released by the district.

In 2003, 17 percent of students scored a one or a two out of a possible eight. In 2006, students in this low-scoring range were

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SAN BERNARDINO

Gang unit racks up arrests

The district attorney's office has put 419 gang members in prison and racked up 21 convictions from jury trials since launching its gang unit last year, according to county statistics.

From July 1, 2005, to June 30, county prosecutors filed 1,012 gang cases through the courts, according to the statistics released Tuesday.

"As you can see, we're very busy," District Attorney Michael Ramos said.

The gang unit was launched in March 2005 amid an increase in gang-related homicides, Ramos said. Since then, 15 prosecutors have been assigned to handle gang crime cases, and one more is coming, he said.

IRVINE

Man arrested in double stabbing

A 49-year-old man fatally stabbed two women in his home and then held off police for more than 90 minutes, authorities said.

The man's two daughters, 6 and 8, were found uninjured in the home after police subdued him with rubber bullets and entered the home Tuesday morning, officials said.

The man was identified as Bahram Nazeri, 49, Lt. Rick Handfield said.

Officers did not formally identify the women found slashed to death in Nazeri's home, but said they match descriptions of Nazeri's wife and mother-in-law, who was visiting from Iran.

SAN BERNARDINO

Farm owner gets go-ahead

Supervisors voted to permit a farm owner to hold Revolutionary War reenactments on his property, despite complaints of noise by neighboring residents — including his brother, who owns an adjacent apple orchard.

The supervisors did issue limitations Tuesday on which times and days Jim Riley and others in Colonial and British garb can hold their reenactments.

It also curbed musket firings to six shots daily and ordered the battle zone to be at least a football field's length from other properties.

The community has long been divided over the reenactments.

Some members joined Jim Riley's brother Dennis in expressing their annoyance over the musket blasts. Dennis Riley accused the supervisors after their vote of turning the hamlet "into a little Lebanon."

One supervisor has already been targeted for recall by Jim Riley's opponents.

Reenactment foes started collecting signatures in support of recalling Supervisor Dennis Hansberger, who they say supported Jim Riley's plan to expand guest accommodations on the farm.

SANTA ANA

Officer sues over police dog bite

A police officer has sued the city and his department, contending that a police dog that attacked him is an

"uncontrollable deadly and dangerous weapon."

Ygor, a 7-year-old Belgian malinois, bit Sgt. Bruce Leamer, 48, in June 2005 as he and another officer were searching a garage for a burglar, according to the suit filed last week.

Leamer was hospitalized with severe gashes to his lower right leg and bites to his right hand, according to the suit.

The suit also names dog trainer David Reaver, whose Riverside kennel is Adlerhorst International Inc.

SANTA ANA

Term limits to remain — for now

County supervisors agreed to pull a measure off the November ballot that would have extended supervisor term limits from eight to 12 years.

Supervisors said Tuesday after the unanimous vote that they preferred to wait for a statewide term-limits measure to come out of Sacramento.

Measure N would have also replaced a two-term consecutive limit with a three-term lifetime cap.

LOS ANGELES

DNA evidence allowed in rape case

A federal appeals court ordered a judge to allow jurors in a wrongful-conviction case to hear detailed evidence that cleared a man of rape and robbery charges.

The appeals court on Tuesday unanimously reversed an Aug. 17 decision by U.S. District Judge Percy Anderson, who had barred attorneys for Herman Atkins from presenting results of DNA tests that cleared him of a 1986 rape after he had spent 12 years in prison.

Lawyers for Riverside County had persuaded Anderson to prohibit Atkins from presenting jurors the specific evidence that showed his innocence.

But Atkins' attorneys predicted a "perverse result" if Atkins was not allowed to present the DNA test results and other proof that led to his exoneration six years ago.

The appeals court panel agreed, declaring that "evidence of actual innocence is both relevant and not subject to exclusion" under federal rules of evidence.

Atkins' suit for damages is set to begin in federal court on Aug. 29.

LOS ANGELES

\$3M system to detect welfare fraud

County supervisors approved development of a \$3 million computer system that will allow the welfare department to detect fraudulent overpayments.

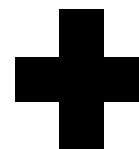
The new "data warehouse" approved Tuesday will allow social services staff to better detect fraud by comparing data now stored on a variety of mainframe and stand-alone computer systems, officials said.

"It enhances our ability to detect fraud by giving us the ability to compare all our programs and identify something that is inconsistent," Department of Public Social Services spokesman Shirley Christensen said.

A grand jury reported in June that welfare recipients and their friends and relatives have defrauded taxpayers of \$500 million a year. Prosecutors have also alleged that taxpayers are being defrauded out of tens of millions of dollars by in-home care workers and recipients.

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Shaky cease-fire put to the test by artillery fire

BY HUSSEIN DAKROUB

Associated Press Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The shaky cease-fire between Israel and Hezbollah was tested Wednesday as the Israeli army fired artillery into a disputed border region in response to what it said was an attack from inside Lebanon. An Israeli soldier was killed in a separate incident, the army said.

Lebanese security and military officials said there had been no fire by either Hezbollah or the Lebanese army in the region. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak with reporters.

Sporadic violence has marked the U.N.-brokered cease-fire that took hold Aug. 14

and ended 34 days of ferocious fighting, but the truce has thus far held.

Israel claimed there was a three-hour exchange of fire in the disputed Israeli-occupied Chebaa Farms area, where the borders of Lebanon, Syria and Israel meet.

Lebanese security officials said Israeli military fired artillery into the village of Chebaa, which is controlled by Lebanon. The officials said the artillery fire landed near Lebanese army positions but no one was hurt.

Lebanese troops entered the village of Chebaa last week for the first time in four decades as part of an eventual deployment of 15,000 troops in southern Lebanon under the cease-fire deal.

In a separate incident, an Israeli soldier

was killed and three were wounded by a land mine Israel planted in southern Lebanon, the army said.

The army had planted the minefield just across Israel's northern border to prevent Hezbollah guerrillas from infiltrating, the military said. Reports from Lebanon said the soldiers' tank drove over the land mine, but the Israeli military said it could not confirm that.

The dead soldier was the second casualty since an Aug. 14 truce ended a monthlong war between Israel and Lebanese Hezbollah guerrillas.

Lebanon has demanded that Israel hand over maps of the mine emplacements in the region. Hezbollah guerrillas also have laid mines in the south before and during the recent fighting to stop the Israeli army's ground push.

Another Israeli soldier was reportedly shot in the head during a military operation in the Lebanese border village of Taibeh, the Al-Arabiya satellite TV channel said. It did not say if the soldier was killed or how badly wounded.

The Israeli military said it could not confirm the incident.

Hundreds of Israeli troops have remained on the positions in southern Lebanon they occupied during the 34-day war as they wait for a U.N. peacekeeping force to move into the region and guarantee a buffer zone between Israel and Hezbollah guerrillas.

Under the U.N.-brokered agreement, Lebanon plans to deploy 15,000 soldiers in the south, establishing a government force in the region for the first time in four decades.

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Israel would not lift its air and sea blockade until international peacekeepers were deployed at the Beirut international airport and along the Lebanese border with Syria. Hezbollah's vast arsenal of rockets and other weapons is believed to originate in Iran and reach the guerrillas across the Syrian border.

Israeli officials said Olmert wasn't issuing an ultimatum. But the tough stance appeared to be an attempt to pressure the international community to speed the dispatch of a vanguard of the 15,000-strong force of international peacekeepers called for by the cease-fire agreement.

However, European Union nations who are expected to lead the U.N. peacekeeping force have moved slowly, apparently wary of committing soldiers without safeguards to ensure they don't get sucked into the Middle East conflict.

Diplomats said that E.U. talks taking place in Belgium on Wednesday were unlikely to produce a breakthrough, though there were expectations that nations may come forward with at least tentative offers of more troops ahead of a meeting scheduled Friday with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

Meanwhile, Syrian President Bashar Assad rejected the U.N. deployment along Syria's borders with Lebanon, saying such a move would create animosity between the two countries.

"This is an infringement on Lebanese sovereignty and a hostile position," Assad said in an interview with Dubai Television to be aired later Wednesday.

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Crackdown deterring illegal immigration

BY LARA JAKES JORDAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Nearly all non-Mexican illegal immigrants caught sneaking into the United States are being held until they can be returned to their home countries, the Bush administration said Wednesday.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said this marks the end of the “catch-and-release” practice that for years helped many illegal immigrants stay in the United States unhindered.

“There is a real deterrent effect to this policy,” Chertoff told reporters in Washington, pointing to a 20,000 drop in the number of illegal immigrants caught crossing the southwest border between this summer and the same period last year.

“Although we’re not ready to declare victory — we’ve got a lot more work to do — it is encouraging and it is something that ought to inspire us to continue to push forward,” Chertoff said.

The new policy generally does not apply to Mexicans, who are almost immediately returned to Mexico after being stopped by Border Patrol agents, said John Torres, detention and removal director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, an arm of Homeland Security.

Biotech breakthrough offers hope for more stem cell research

BY MATT CRENSON
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — A biotechnology company has developed a new way of creating stem cells without destroying human embryos, billing it as a potential solution to a contentious political and ethical debate.

“This will make it far more difficult to oppose this research,” said Robert Lanza of Advanced Cell Technology, the Alameda, Calif., company that reported the new method.

Stem cell researchers were impressed by the new technique’s ability to produce two robust lines of stem cells without requiring the destruction of embryos, and a White House spokeswoman called it encouraging. However, few on either side believe the new procedure will end the long-running bitter impasse over the science.

Stem cells have become a sort of holy grail for advocates of patients with a wide variety of illnesses because of the cells’ potential to transform into any type of human tissue. But the Vatican, President Bush and others have argued that the promise of stem cells should not be realized at the expense of human life, even in its most nascent stages.

“The science is interesting and important,” said John Harris, a professor of bioethics at the University of Manchester in Great Britain, commenting on the biotech company’s efforts.

But a representative of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops rejected the method as “gravely unethical.”

A number of stem cell researchers and bioethicists dismissed it as scientifically suboptimal and politically ill-advised.

“This will please no one,” predicted a longtime critic of the company, Glenn McGee, director of the Alden March Bioethics Institute in Albany, N.Y.

The new technique takes just a single cell from an early-stage embryo and uses it to seed a line of stem cells. The rest of the embryo retains the potential to develop into a healthy human.

A paper describing the method is being published online Wednesday by the British journal Nature. The journal published a similar paper by Advanced Cell Technology researchers last year demonstrating the technique’s viability in mice.

Stem cell researchers complain that the new approach, though it may hold future promise, simply isn’t as efficient as their current method of creating stem cells. That procedure involves the destruction of embryos after about five days of development, when they consist of about 100 cells.

Those who oppose any research that destroys a biological entity with the potential for human life argue that the new procedure solves nothing, because even the single cell removed in the technique could theoretically grow into a full-fledged human.

Most of the more than 1 million illegal immigrants who sneak over the southwest border annually are Mexicans, he said.

Of 2,010 non-Mexican immigrants stopped in the first two weeks of August, only 26 have been released — a 99 percent detention rate, Homeland Security data show.

Moreover, the immigrants are detained for an average of 21 days — down from 90 days a year ago — before they are taken home, Torres said.

Immigrant rights advocates have questioned whether the border crackdown actually deters people from sneaking into the U.S., noting that some illegal immigrants may just be shifting entry points to cross at more remote and dangerous areas.

But Border Patrol Chief David V. Aguilar said far fewer immigrants have been seen at traditional staging points in

Mexico, where thousands of people often meet up before trying to cross the border.

“We’re not seeing that any more,” Aguilar said.

Homeland Security also is putting more technology in remote parts of the 2,000-mile border to detect immigrants trying avoid U.S. agents, Chertoff said. “As it gets harder, fewer people will try to come,” he said.

In May, President Bush called for deploying 6,000 National Guard troops to the southwest border. The move was widely seen as an election-year nod to conservatives who have long complained about that porous border and the growing number of illegal immigrants in the country.

About 11 million illegal immigrants were living in the U.S. at the start of this year, compared with an estimated 8.5 million living in the country in January 2000, Homeland Security data show.

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Pier artist to explore the moods of love

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love depicted in Indian erotic art, ghazals operate on the plane of poetic imagery and metaphor. They explore the many moods of love, from the ecstatic to the despondent. Ghazals also use human love as a mask to address many other aspects of the human condition.

Ahluwalia is likely one of the only composers and performers of ghazal in the Western Hemisphere. Rasheed Nadeem, Rafi Raza and Tahira Masood live in Toronto, where they are deeply involved in a number of literary organizations. Their poems, written in Punjabi and Urdu, provide the texts that, combined with Ahluwalia's music, make an original contribution to the ghazal tradition.

Ahluwalia studied classical Indian music from the time she was seven, first in India and then in Canada where she immigrated with her parents. After getting an MBA and launching a career as a bond trader in Toronto, she decided to quit her job and become a full-time student of music; her parents were dismayed.

"Doors were slammed and tears were shed," Ahluwalia said. "But they saw that I was adamant about it and this was something I needed to do. And before I boarded the plane for India, I had their support."

Ahluwalia spent many years in Bombay studying Indian classical music. She finally discovered the ghazal maestro Vithal Rao and made plans to study with him.

Ahluwalia also spent much time in her native Punjab, traveling into villages, digging around, trying to find folk musicians who had never been recorded.

"I was familiar with Punjabi music from the club scene, bhangra and all of that. But I was more interested in the acoustic roots Punjabi music," she said. "And I always had my eyes out for poetry books and scholars for new material that I could compose."

While ghazals explore the many aspects of the human condition, Punjabi folk songs celebrate them. Punjab is a large region that is divided between India and Pakistan. Like many states of India it has its own language and traditions. Typically Punjabi folk music has faster, infectious rhythms. Many of the themes of Punjabi folk music come from rural farming communities.

With all of this traveling and searching, quite a surprise was in store for Ahluwalia much closer to home in Toronto.

"One day a poet friend of my mother invited us to a recital of various poets belonging to an organization called Punjabi Kalma da Kafla (Caravan of Punjabi Pens)," Ahluwalia said. "This turned into an immensely important night. Imagine how ecstatic I felt — I sing in a genre that

A hard day's play



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Kids enjoy a jovial moment at the playground at the newly renovated Virginia Avenue Park.

emerged in Persia in the 10th century and traveled to India in the 14th century, and here we were in the present day. I was composing music in this genre, and I found poets writing beautiful lyrics in this poetic form of ghazals right here in Canada. A huge door opened up for me."

Ahluwalia composed for one of the poems she heard that night, and she and this circle of poets became a part of the evolution of ghazals, thousands of miles away from the song forms origins.

In 2000, Ahluwalia decided to come home to Toronto and throw herself totally into a life devoted to the making of her own music. In the fall of that year she recorded her first album, "Kashish-Attraction," released in the spring of 2001. It won critical acclaim, and people in Canada began to pay attention. "Kashish-Attraction" was nominated for a Juno Award — the Canadian equivalent of a Grammy — in the World Music category. She toured across Canada, delighting audiences as she introduced them to one of the world's great vocal traditions.

In March of 2002 she performed at a world music festival in Lahore, Pakistan, where she was able to see how well her compositions of South Asian Canadian poets were received by an audience steeped in the tradition.

Released in 2003, "Beyond Boundaries" won the 2004 Juno

Award for Best World Music Recording, and Ahluwalia started performing on international stages: at the Kaustinen Festival in Finland, the Chicago World Music Festival, a small tour of northern Spain and many of the best theatres in Canada. In fact, her touring has been so successful that she was awarded the 2004 Canadian Arts Presenters Touring Artist of the Year.

In the beginning of 2005 Ahluwalia signed an international record deal with Triloka/Artemis. Her self-titled international debut album is comprised of fully re-mixed and remastered highlights from her two previous independent releases, as well as two brand new songs with guest artist, Cape Breton fiddler Natalie MacMaster.

Ahluwalia's bi-cultural life experience has made her adept at reaching new audiences — something evident in her thoughtful and modern explanations when on stage. To one recent audience, she explained that ghazals explore the many moods of love, from the ecstatic to the despondent, from pursuing the beloved to feeling the restlessness of unrequited love, and summarized by describing a ghazal as a "highly literate pick-up line."

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. on the west parking deck of the pier. For more information, go to www.twilight-dance.org. For bus information, visit www.bigbluebus.com and www.mta.net or call (310) 451-5444.

Defendant denies hiring illegal workers

LAWSUIT, from page 1

believing businesses in other states with similar laws will use the tactic and spark a national wave of litigation that could become a major deterrent to hiring illegal immigrants.

In a complaint filed Monday in Kern County Superior Court, Global Horizons Inc., located near the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and 14th Street, claims Munger Bros. opted out of a contract with the temp agency to hire 600 blueberry pickers and instead hired illegal immigrants from Ayala Agricultural Services and J & A Contractors.

Mordechai Orian, president of Horizons, said the suit is just as much an attempt to recoup losses incurred because of the contract dispute as it is a rebuke of the federal government's failure to devise an equitable immigration policy.

"We think the government should enforce its own laws against employers who hire illegal immigrants ... this lawsuit is calling attention to the inequities in the current system," Orian said. "Global is not anti-immigrant. It works with the immigrant community on a daily basis to provide workers to growers and farmers. It cares about the well-being of the workers and has formed an alliance with the United Farm Workers union to make sure that the rights of workers are protected. Both organizations see the guest worker program as a viable alternative to meeting the needs

of growers and farmers, but we can't be undercut."

With an estimated 11 million illegal immigrants in the United States, undocumented workers are a large part of the nation's work force.

Immigration law enforcement at work sites, however, is limited. In fiscal year 1999, there were 2,849 work site arrests compared to 1,145 last year, according to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

David Klehm, a Santa Ana attorney who file the suit, said he is readying similar claims on behalf of roofers, farmers, metal shop owners and other small-business owners.

Theodore Hoppe, a Fresno lawyer representing Munger Bros., denied that his client hired undocumented workers. While he hasn't seen the lawsuit yet, Hoppe said Global Horizons is using the contentious issue of illegal immigration to force his client into settling, when in fact it should be Horizons that pays damages for failing to fulfill its end of the bargain.

"(Global Horizons workers) represented themselves as experienced berry pickers and said they could perform at a rate that was much higher than workers Munger Bros. hired in the past," Hoppe said. "Two weeks into it, they weren't performing at a level needed nor at the level discussed in the contract."

That led Munger Bros. to go with other contractors it had

worked with before. Hoppe said Munger Bros. has a strict policy against hiring illegal immigrants and that's why it contracts out with professional temp agencies, which are responsible for screening all applicants for proper documentation.

"They will try to have this lawsuit decided in the press, using illegal immigration to grab headlines, and they're doing a pretty good job," Hoppe said just before he was to do an interview with CNN. "What this really boils down to is a simple contract dispute between two businesses."

To be successful in court, Horizons must prove that Munger Bros., Ayala and J & A directly harmed its business.

To prove competitors hire illegal immigrants, businesses could use public records involving prior violations, testimony from former employees who have worked alongside illegal immigrants, and recovered W-2 tax forms that show people working under fake names and Social Security numbers, said Klehm.

The Horizons lawsuit comes following a settlement in a Washington state class-action suit in which employees of Zirkle Fruit Co. sued their employer for driving down wages by hiring undocumented workers.

Based on federal anti-racketeering laws, the suit was settled for \$1.3 million in January after the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a lower court decision to dismiss it.

SMMUSD officials: More work to do

TEST SCORES, from page 6

reduced to 3 percent. In 2003, only 6 percent of fourth-graders scored a six or above, while in 2006, 40 percent received high marks.

Those gains are especially prominent in elementary schools that have high numbers of teachers engaged in on-going professional development in writing, district officials said.

One final bright spot is the success of a group of fourth-grade students involved in an after-school reading intervention program, Read 180, district officials said. Sixteen of the 19 fourth-graders enrolled in this program at Will Rogers Elementary School moved from below or far below basic from their previous year's CST scores to either basic or proficient on their 2006 tests.

In math, district officials said the number of students participating in more rigorous classes, such as algebra and geometry, has increased. Algebra enrollment has grown from 631 students last year to 657 students this year, and geometry participation has grown from 72 students to 107 students.

"We are especially pleased to see the number of eighth graders enrolled in geometry rising dramatically, with 94 percent of those stu-

English Language Arts CSTs					
Percent of Students Proficient or Advanced					
Grade Level	2002	2005	2006	1 yr Gains (05-06)	5 yr Gains (02-06)
2	54	64	65	+1	+10
3	53	57	63	+6	+10
4	58	72	77	+5	+19
5	58	68	68	+0	+10
6	54	59	67	+8	+13
7	60	66	63	-3	+3
8	56	61	62	+1	+6
9	54	65	67	+2	+11
10	50	49	60	+11	+10
11	49	48	50	+2	+1

Math CSTs					
Percent of Students Proficient or Advanced					
Grade Level	2002	2005	2006	1 yr Gains (05-06)	5 yr Gains (02-06)
2	60	74	72	-2	+12
3	54	74	72	-2	+18
4	60	67	77	+10	+17
5	53	62	68	+9	+15
6	51	54	58	+4	+7
7	48	55	56	+1	+8

Chart courtesy SMMUSD.org

dents performing at the proficient or advanced levels on the geometry exam," said superintendent Dianne Talarico. "While we still have far to go in closing achievement gaps across all grade levels in all subject areas, there are indications that with high quality professional development for teachers and specific and intensive intervention programs for students, we will continue to increase the magnitude of gains for underperforming groups."

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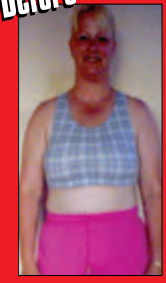
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Going organic

By Daily Press staff

Whole Foods Market, a natural and organic supermarket, is donating \$84,695 to the Organic Farming Research Foundation (OFRF).

The money was raised through a regional Community Day held Aug. 16, in which 5 percent of the day's net sales at 24 Whole Foods Market stores in Southern California, Arizona and Nevada were earmarked for the donation.

Whole Foods Market's donation to OFRF will support: research to establish best practices for weed management, organic dairy systems and soil fertility on organic farms; policy work to increase federal funding for organic systems and transition research; dissemination of educational materials and results of OFRF-funded research projects to the nation's 10,000 organic farmers.

Since 1990, the farmer-led OFRF board of directors has awarded more than 200 grants totaling more than \$1.5 million in support of organic farming research and education projects. The foundation's grant-making emphasizes grower-researcher collaboration through studies conducted on working organic farms and certified organic research land, as well as sharing of project results with other farmers and researchers to advance the state of the art of organic farming systems. OFRF grants also support educational projects to improve farmer access to science-based and field-validated organic farming information and practices.

Common questions about Social Security and Medicare



MARKET MATTERS

BY BRIAN HEPP

To build a secure retirement, you will likely take advantage of multiple building blocks to establish your overall plan. Two of the important pieces people most often take advantage of are Social Security and Medicare. Unfortunately, while many will eventually rely on these programs to assist in their retirement funding, relatively few have a good understanding of how these programs work. Following are the answers to a few commonly asked questions, to help educate you a little more on the subject. We'll also provide sources you can turn to for more information about these programs.

QUESTION: What is the minimum age for Social Security retirement benefits?

ANSWER: You can begin receiving "early" Social Security retirement benefits at age 62. However, if you retire at 62, your monthly benefits will be permanently reduced. Under the current system, which includes varying rates based your birth year, that reduction starts at 20 percent for those

born in 1937 or before, and climbs to as high as 30 percent for those born in 1960 or later. In addition, the full-retirement age — the age when you can claim your full benefits — is actually increasing. Previously, retirees who waited until 65 to apply would receive full benefits. Now, however, the full-retirement age is gradually increasing to 67. Your full-retirement age is a combination of years and months, and again depends on the year of your birth.

QUESTION: How much can I work and still receive my Social Security benefits?

ANSWER: No matter how much you earn from your job, you can receive all of your benefits, provided you are full-retirement age or older. However, if you're younger than full-retirement age, you must limit your on-the-job earnings to avoid losing benefits. The earnings limit for most workers is \$12,480 in 2006. If you exceed the limit, \$1 will be withheld from your benefits for every \$2 earned in excess of the limit. Keep in mind, only employment earnings count against the limit. Pensions, interest, dividends, capital gains and other investment income do not count, nor does money distributed from IRAs or from 401(k), 403(b) or other deferred-compensation plans.

QUESTION: When can I qualify for Medicare?

ANSWER: Medicare coverage does not begin until 65 for most individuals, even if they start receiving Social Security benefits at 62. Three groups that can receive Medicare coverage before 65 include people

who receive Social Security disability benefits because they have amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease); other disabled people who have received Social Security disability benefits for at least two years; and patients of all ages who need kidney dialysis or a kidney transplant because of end-stage renal failure.

QUESTION: What does Medicare cover?

ANSWER: Medicare consists of Hospital Insurance (Part A), Medical Insurance (Part B) and Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Part D). More specifically, Part A helps pay for inpatient hospital care, hospice care and skilled home health services for homebound patients. It also helps with short-term inpatient care in Medicare-certified skilled nursing facilities if the patient is there for rehabilitation. Part B helps pay for doctors' services, outpatient hospital care, and some medical equipment and supplies.

While these are just a few of the many questions you may have about Social Security and Medicare, the idea is to get you thinking about how these programs will fit into your retirement plan. Remember, these certainly won't be able to cover all your retirement expenses, but they can be an important part of your overall strategy. To find out more about Social Security, you can visit socialsecurity.gov or call 1-800-772-1213. To learn more about Medicare, go to medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE.

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SADDLE UP

Texan **WILLIE NELSON** is raising his voice in defense of a symbol of the West — wild horses.

Country singer Nelson is the latest to join an effort to ban the slaughter of horses in the U.S. for consumption of their meat abroad. The U.S. House is scheduled to vote Sept. 7 on a bill aimed at ending horse slaughter.

"If you've ever been around horses a lot, especially wild horses, you know they are part of the American heritage. I don't think it's right that we kill them and eat them," Nelson said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

In a news release issued this week, Nelson touts a Sept. 5 Washington rally in support of the bill sponsored by Rep. John Sweeney, R-N.Y. Nelson said he won't be at the rally, but his daughter Amy will, along with other celebrities, including former "10" star Bo Derek and Jennifer Pryor, wife of the late comedian Richard Pryor.

Nelson said he learned about the issue through country music producer Eddie Kilroy's show on satellite radio, Hank's Place.

"He was talking about horse slaughter one day and he called me and talked about what a horrible practice that is. One thing led to another," Nelson said.

AP

An arena with soul

Musicians performing in the hometown of **JAMES BROWN** may soon be getting a reminder that they're in the stomping grounds of the Godfather of Soul.

The Augusta-Richmond County Coliseum Authority voted Tuesday to rename the venue's 8,500-seat arena the James Brown Arena.

"I thank God and all the peo-

ple there," said Brown, 73, who lives near his hometown. "We want to build back Augusta."

Augusta also has erected a statue and named a street and music festival in his honor. The name change is pending legal research to verify that the board has the authority to rename the facility.

J.R. Riles, whose motion led to the 5-2 vote, said the tribute

would help improve the struggling civic center's public image.

The idea to name the arena after Brown had been discussed for several years, but got little traction until now.

While city leaders have sought to promote the town through Brown's celebrity, local support for the performer has been hit and miss in the past.

A 2000 concert in the venue that soon might bear his name sold only 1,700 tickets.

Coliseum authority member Richard Isdell, who voted against the renaming, said it might draw more soul acts to the city, but would do little to help attract the country and rock shows he thinks the venue needs.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bradbury still has head in the clouds

Author **RAY BRADBURY** has turned 86 and still has his eye on the stars — both celestial and earthbound.

The author of such science fiction and fantasy classics as "The Martian Chronicles" and "Something Wicked This Way Comes" said he believes that humans will return to the moon, then go to Mars and eventually to other worlds.

"Our future is wonderful," he told Patt Morrison in an inter-

view on KPCC, a Pasadena-based public radio station.

Bradbury also said he is working on a screenplay for a new movie version of "Chronicles" that he hopes will start shooting within two years. A 1980 TV miniseries version starred the late Rock Hudson.

Bradbury also said he hopes shooting will start within 18 months on a new version of "Fahrenheit 451," which was optioned years ago by Mel

Gibson. Bradbury's novel about a futuristic fireman whose job is to burn books was made into a 1966 film directed by Francois Truffaut.

Bradbury sold his first story at 21. He earned \$15.

"All of a sudden, I was rich," he said.

"I write hours every single day for the last 70 years. So that's how I'm spending my 86th birthday," he said. "You just keep doing it because it's so great."

Bradbury, born on Aug. 22,

1920, in Waukegan, Ill., is a longtime Los Angeles resident. The author, who doesn't drive, continued his long-standing griping about local traffic and called on the mayor to push mass transit.

"I want to talk to him about getting rid of our freeways, because they're no good. We have to have monorail systems," Bradbury said, adding that he'd be happy to have a station named after him.

AP

Weatherman's career climbs a degree

SAM CHAMPION, longtime weatherman for New York's ABC affiliate, has been named weather anchor of ABC News' "Good Morning America," the network

announced.

To be based at the program's Times Square studio, Champion also will serve as weather editor of ABC News, reporting on environment- and

weather-related issues, the network said.

He begins these duties September 5, the same day Chris Cuomo makes his bow as the broadcast's news

anchor, joining anchors Diane Sawyer and Robin Roberts.

A fixture since 1988 on New York's WABC-TV, which he will leave to take on the new job,

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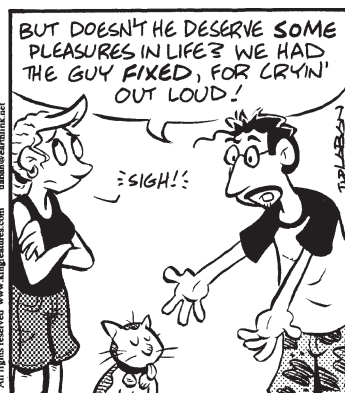
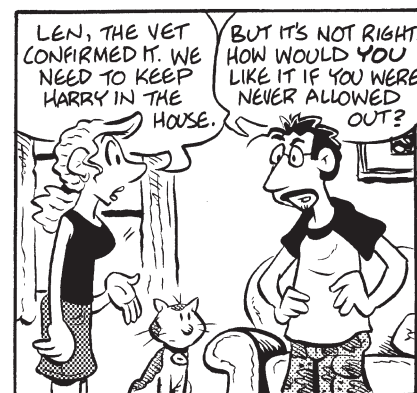
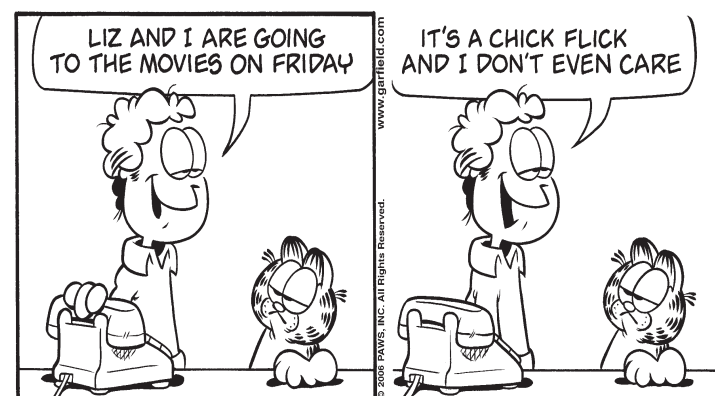
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JOHN JACOB STILES

Died August 5, 2006 at age 80. One of three brothers born to Edward and Gladys Stiles, John was born in Neptune, NJ on January 6, 1926 and raised in Wannamassa and Asbury Park, NJ. He joined in the US Army in World War II, earned his paratrooper wings at Fort Benning, GA, and served in Europe with the 13th and 82nd Airborne Divisions. He graduated from the Army Language School and was a Chinese language specialist in Army Intelligence, stationed in the Far East. Following his military service, he worked at the US Post Office in Los Angeles, retiring in 1986. John lived his last 15 years in Santa Monica, Ca.

A voracious reader, lover of classical music and a horse racing aficionado, John will be remembered for his story-telling, quick wit, cheerful nature and friendly smile.

Survived by his brother Malcolm, of Lawrenceville, Ga. John is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Los Angeles, next to his beloved wife, Nina Jo, who predeceased him in 1989.

John lived in accordance with his ethic: "Have courage and love one another."

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The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is: CELEBRITY ESCROW CORP, 9253 RESEDA BLVD, NORTHridge, CA 91324, ATTN: DAN E. LEVINE, ESCROW NO. E660062 and the last day for filing claims by any creditor shall be SEPTEMBER 11, 2006, which is the business day before the anticipated sale date specified above.
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CASE NO. SP006919

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LaVERNE HANELL in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LaVERNE HANELL be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate.

Notices

The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on 10/27/06 at 9:15AM in Dept. F located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401
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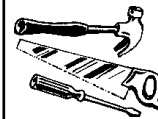
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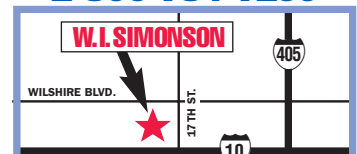
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