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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Disbarred lawyer Robert M. Short, who was convicted in June for stealing \$439,000 from his former Vienna, Va., law firm and who had been on the lam for two years, received a suspended sentence from Circuit Judge Leslie Alden (except for four months in jail), in part based on his promise to pay restitution of \$245,000 to the law firm. However, Short's offer was to pay it at a rate of \$50 a month, which, without interest, would take 408 years to pay off.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 237th day of 2005.
There are 128 days left in the year.

On Aug. 25, 1944, during World War II, Paris was liberated by Allied forces after four years of Nazi occupation.

In 1916, the National Park Service was established within the Department of the Interior.

In 1921, the United States signed a peace treaty with Germany.

In 1943, U.S. forces overran New Georgia in the Solomon Islands during World War II.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The chains which cramp us most are those which weigh on us least."

ANNE SOPHIE SWETCHINE
RUSSIAN-FRENCH AUTHOR (1782-1857)

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Artist David Legaspi touches up the eye on the face of a viking mural on Wednesday at Santa Monica High School. Legaspi, a Service Award recipient who has done all the murals within the school district, acknowledged the viking was his biggest work to date.

Buckwheat to make the funk the Pier funk

By Daily Press staff

SM PIER — Concertgoers can expect to get funky up tonight with what's been dubbed as the "world's greatest party band."

Buckwheat Zydeco will headline tonight's Twilight Dance Series free summer concerts at the Santa Monica Pier, with the jazz of Kermit Ruffins' Barbeque Swingers starting off the evening.

Buckwheat Zydeco has been called the most successful zydeco band ever. Playing a slightly modernized brand of accordion-led zydeco, Stanley "Buckwheat" Dural's funk- and rhythm-and-blues-influenced music has won him several Grammy nominations and inclusion in numerous soundtracks.

Sneaking into jazz bars and clubs as early as 9 years old, Dural knew music would be his life. He'd been dubbed "Buckwheat" by his pal Eddie Taylor because his hair looked like that of the Little Rascals' character. The name stuck.

Dural's father was an accomplished accordion player who



Photo courtesy

Buckwheat Zydeco headlines tonight's Twilight Dance Series concert at the Pier.

played the old-time music of the black French-speaking Creoles of southwestern Louisiana. Some called it "la la" music or "zydeco."

Though Dural rejected zydeco early on in favor of rhythm and blues, and funk, hearing Clifton Chenier's accordion-led zydeco band changed his mind about the genre, officials said. Already an

accomplished keyboardist, he took up the accordion and formed Buckwheat Zydeco and the Ills Sont Partis Band in 1979. Twenty years later, Buckwheat Zydeco infuses indigenous Louisiana folk music with elements of rock, pop and soul. He has collaborated with

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Shriver digs in to assist veterans

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT

Efforts to rally regional forces in the fight against homelessness may have taken an historical step forward on Wednesday, when Councilman Bobby Shriver called on westside political leaders to endorse a proposal intended to help chronically down-and-out veterans.

A coalition of service providers have agreed to work together in hopes the Veterans Administration will convert abandoned buildings at its West Los Angeles campus into "long-term, therapeutic supportive housing" designed to assist homeless veterans, according to the proposal Shriver shared with representatives from westside cities on Wednesday.

To convince the V.A. that a homeless facility would make good

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Bring LA Home plans get put on shelf again

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

LA CITY HALL — Already delayed for more than a year, the ambitious plan to end homelessness throughout Los Angeles within the next decade has been put on hold once again.

Dubbed "Bring LA Home," the eagerly-anticipated plan was supposed to be unveiled in July of 2004, but was delayed for various reasons until last December. The plan was delayed yet again and was supposed to be presented in June.

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★ You wake up with cobwebs in your brain, but they will quickly clear out. You find yourself quick to lose your temper, especially with a child or loved one. You might regret the words you say. Avoid all risk if possible. Tonight: Be careful with money, too.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ No matter what you say or how hard you try, you find yourself in chaos, a misunderstanding and/or a change of plans. You might be viewing life through rose-colored glasses once again. Listen rather than jump in. Tonight: Ease off; slow down.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Information or gossip you hear might be quite uncomfortable no matter how you look at the situation. You also might not be getting the whole story. Stay calm and keep your temper in check, for now. You will get a problem straightened out — just not today. Tonight: Happy away from others.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ At the moment, you cannot depend on anyone concerning a money matter. Someone might cause a problem without meaning to. You could find that others misunderstand your ideas. A red light flashes financially. Tonight: Find your real friends.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Avoid a tussle with someone close to you. Listen to what he or she thinks, and know that you might not be clear. Misunderstandings run rampant. You aren't seeing facts clearly. If you are disappointed with someone, you might not have been realistic about how you were seeing this person. Tonight: Do what you must.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ If you take an overview, you will be much more relaxed. You find that you are uptight about a key matter, though facts, what you hear and your sources could be way off. Dig up information on your own. Tonight: Relax to some good music.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ A friend could be distorting information. Though you might think you are on target, you will find that what you do right now might not work. Lie back and don't get uptight about an upset. Someone could be on the warpath. Tonight: Spend time with a favorite person who helps you forget the here and now.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Work and bosses seem to cause problems. You aren't realistic about what is happening behind the scenes or with others. Try to not take comments and events personally. Your sense of direction could be off. Tonight: Listen to others' suggestions.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Your stamina makes a difference in your daily life, but not if you are working on false pretenses. You could be distorting information. What you sense is off, as is what you hear. Tonight: Please choose a stress-buster.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ What you deem as creative and exciting, others don't. Finding agreement, especially with a key person, could be tough, at best. Money also seems to drip right through your hands. Try to not be negative. Tomorrow is another day. Tonight: Do something fun.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ You cannot clear the air with a family member. Domestic matters could be difficult, at best. Your instincts are off, and you aren't hearing information clearly. Let go and don't worry. Others might be confused too. Tonight: Cozy at home.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ What you say could be easily misinterpreted. Others might be grumpy or touchy, at best. You need to know that you are off-base as well. Be empathetic to others rather than get into verbal sparring. Tonight: Return calls.



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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Boys & Girls Club promotes literacy with Sparks

By Daily Press staff

In an effort to promote literacy and the importance of reading, Disney hosted an event featuring Los Angeles Sparks players Tamecka Dixon and Nikki Teasley, who read stories to children at the Boys & Girls Club of Venice on Aug. 18.

Disney Publishing Worldwide, the world's largest publisher of children's books and magazines, gave each child a book and donated a library of books to the Boys & Girls Club of Venice. The event culminated in a visit from Minnie Mouse.

DisneyHand, worldwide outreach for the Walt Disney Co., the Los Angeles Sparks and Radio Disney AM 1110, joined forces to put on the event.

DJ Adam from Radio Disney, got the crowd of 300 youth ranging in age from 6 to 18, pumped up with music and prizes before Dixon and Teasley entered the packed gymnasium.

"It was a great day for our kids," said JR Dzubak, chief professional officer of the Boys & Girls Club of Venice. "Making reading fun is one of the best ways to get young people interested and excited about literacy."

Boys & Girls Club programs are aimed to help young people find positive alternatives to negative influences, especially during the critical after-school hours from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. when juvenile crime doubles, officials said. The number of young people victimized by violent crime — including murder, sex offenses, robbery and assault — also goes up during after-school hours, officials said.

At least 7 million children are left alone after school each day, according to U.S. Department of Education estimates. Youth who attend after-school programs are not only less likely to commit or be victims of crime, but they also are less likely to use drugs, alcohol or tobacco, or engage in other risky behaviors, and they are more likely to get good grades and graduate from high school, officials said.

The Boys & Girls Club of Venice has served the community for more than 35 years, providing daily programs and services to approximately 4,000 young people. The Boys & Girls Club of Venice offers core programs in character and leadership development; education and career; health and life skills; the arts; sports, fitness and recreation; and special initiatives for youth ages 6-18 in the hours they are not in school.

Grant to make history

By Daily Press staff

Chalk one up for history.

The Santa Monica Conservancy received a matching grant from the California Council for the Promotion of History (CCPH) to support the organization's major new project, creating a publicly-accessible database of photographic and written documentation of historic buildings throughout the city.

The CCPH is part of the California State University Department of History. Its mission is to promote high standards for historical research, presentation and professional practices. The council awarded the conservancy \$750 toward the ongoing documentation program entitled "Discovering Our Past." The materials collected and written will become a web-based historic resource catalog, available online at www.smconservancy.org <<http://www.smconservancy.org>> .

Historian, author and Santa Monica Conservancy member Paula Scott has been researching and writing the narratives for each of the properties included in the catalog.

"We were pleased to be awarded the grant," said conservancy board secretary and program coordinator Anne Troutman. "This is a new, ambitious program for the Conservancy. Getting support from a leading history institution is a huge boost."

The program is part of the conservancy's long-term commitment to document and promote the rich architectural and cultural resources that comprise the character of Santa Monica. Over the past several months, the conservancy has held a series of public presentations to solicit suggestions for other local properties to be considered for future documentation. Additional suggestions may be made by visiting the conservancy Web site at www.smconservancy.org.

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The QLine

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Santa Monica has received more than \$700,000 in federal funding as part of a \$10 million nationwide pilot program designed to get chronically homeless people off the streets. Santa Monica officials, who hope the grant will help put 30 people in housing, estimate 90 percent of the money will go toward rent for some of those who have been on the streets the longest.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "What has to be taken into consideration by local officials to make this pilot program as successful as possible?"

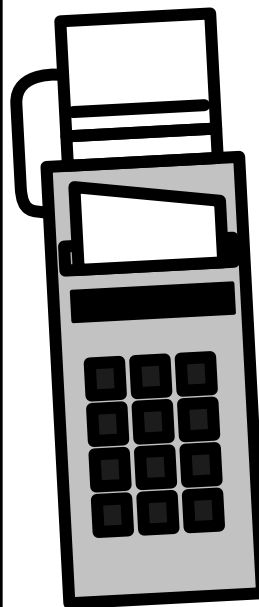
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OPINION

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Government programs promote common good

Editor:

Once again, the SMDP has published yet another two full column "guest commentary" rant from the Ayn Rand Institute (SMDP, Aug. 17, page 4).

To say that "Social Security in any form is morally irredeemable" typically reflects their perverted anti-humanistic capitalist philosophy. The attack on Social Security is all part of the larger scheme to privatize or destroy all government programs designed to promote the universal common good through progressive taxation. Capitalist privatization turns essential social programs into for-profit businesses that are then run to maximize profit for their owners. Access to these programs is then available only to those who can pay the profit-inflated price.

There are some 45,000,000 people who cannot afford privatized health insurance in the U.S. today, with estimates of 100,000 people a year dying as a result.

The homeless dying in the streets of Santa Monica are yet another example of the capitalist philosophy of Ayn Rand (and the Bush gang) run to its logical and barbaric conclusion.

Jeremy Wells
Santa Monica

No Child Left Unrecruited at our nation's high schools

NEWS ON THE EDGE

BY RON SCOTT SMITH



(With renewed attention being given to tactics used by the Pentagon in a stepped-up attempt to meet military recruiting goals, I thought a look back on this report which ran in "The Santa Monica Bay Week" in January of 2003 — just weeks before the start of the Iraq War — would set the stage for a further look into the situation at Santa Monica High, which will be presented here in an upcoming report.)

With the drums of war beating louder by the day, and the prospect of other worldwide conflicts growing, a barely-noticed provision buried deep within the "No Child Left Behind" education bill signed into law last year by President Bush is gaining the attention of educators and parents alike.

In October, 2002, Santa Monica High School, as with all other high schools across the nation, received a memorandum from the U.S. Office of Accountability and Technology Services. It was an official directive ordering the release of the names, addresses and phone numbers of every high school upperclassman into a military database run by the Pentagon, under threat of withheld funding.

The memo concludes with this thinly-veiled warning: "We urge you to read these documents carefully and take actions necessary to ensure that your school complies with the law." It is signed by, among others, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

Section 9528 of "No Child Left Behind" gives military recruiters unprecedented and unrestricted access to information on underage students in public schools. The compassionate title of the bill takes on surprising new meaning when parents realize it's the US Armed Forces that wishes no child be left behind.

Mark Kelly, Co-Principal of Santa Monica High, said, "Nobody from the military has followed up and said we want those names as of yet." So the school is taking a wait-and-see approach, while

informing parents of the directive through the monthly newsletter, which will contain a form where they are able to approve or refuse the release of their children's data. Many schools are adopting an "opt-in" policy, which requires parents to notify the school only if they want their children's information sent along to the Pentagon. The data will not be given without expressed authorization, so students can stay focused on reading, writing and arithmetic rather than the opportunities afforded them by signing up for the armed services. But many parents are likely to be apprehensive about being added to a list of "non-compliers" and will simply go along with the request.

The military is already complaining that up to 15 percent of the nation's high schools are "problem schools" for recruiters.

Louisiana Congressman David Vitter, who sponsored this addition to No Child Left Behind, says, "Such schools have demonstrated an anti-military attitude that I find offensive."

Since federal law already requires teenagers to register with the Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday, this new directive is seen by opponents as overly aggressive and unnecessary. When, they wonder, did providing a list of potential new soldiers to the government become one of the callings of high school educators? With the Department of Education budget for 2003 projected to be around \$56 billion, compared to that for the Department of Defense around \$396 billion, it's clear which slice of American life has priority in Washington.

The law also mandates that the military have the same access to high school campuses that businesses and college recruiters now enjoy.

Dr. Kelly said that visits from recruiters are fairly routine. "The military is a part of the college and career center here. If they want to come on campus, we do it like we would a visit from a college. They're provided with an area to make their presentations and interested students are free to attend."

That it will be students at the lower-income levels who will be the majority of those enticed by the recruitment campaign seems not to be of concern to proponents of the directive.

GUEST COMMENTARY BY MICHAEL BEATTIE

Ex-Bridge pupil has to give credit

When I think about life-changing experiences that I have had in my life, I can probably count them on one hand.

They don't come around often, and at the times when they happen I usually don't recognize them, so I miss out. Recently, I had a life-changing experience that my way of viewing and understanding the world and my place was found in Santa Monica.

Last September when I was staying in The Turning Point Transitional Housing Program, I had the opportunity to become involved in an amazing, though little-known program supported through Antioch University called "the bridge program." It is a nine-month interdisciplinary course designed specifically to bring the college experience to those individuals who normally would never have the chance to participate in higher education. The poor, the low-income, the homeless, and those others in the invisible segments of our society who would never have the opportunity to have their voices heard.

The bridge program is free to those students accepted and includes books, supplies, tutors, child care, transportation, and a free catered meal before class. The next session starts in September and completes in June 2006. One of the greatest benefits is that you get to keep all the materials at the end of the year. If you complete the program, you are eligible to receive nine university credits from Antioch, although that is not required to participate.

The most wonderful aspect of the program is the way it is taught. It is taught by five university professors who all donate their time, and bring knowledge and understanding in ways that are just unique.

Unlike traditional college classes, there are no grades and no wrong answers. The classes are broken down into five disciplines: philosophy, history of democracy, art history, literature, and creative writing. Whereas in most college classes you may study the philosophy of Plato in one class but the renaissance period in art history. Bridge does this differently. When we start each semester, all classes are based on the same time period and this is where the students shine.

We study the writings of Aristotle and Plato, then we move to the history of democracy to study about the birth of Democracy in the Greek city states, then we jump to art and learn about the different statues and painting from the same period. We leap to reading Liysistrada, and finally study the academic writings of ancient Greek, Sparta and Rome. It continues like that in each semester.

The greatest aspect of the program of course is its students. Over my time in Bridge, I was able to see the growth of each of these students and myself in ways that I never expected. While developing critical thinking skills, over time, we became a learning community that respected each other and our varied opinions. Everyone grew in that time and I am confident that each one of them would agree with me.

Remember, these are homeless and poor people. You wouldn't expect them to be ready for Shakespeare's "King Lear," or the poetry of Walt Whitman and Emily Dickson; the philosophy of Hobbes and John Locke describing the state of nature or the state of man; the Napoleonic artwork of David, or the writings of Maya Angilou, Martin Luther King, and Malcolm X. But we did.

We took field trips to the Getty to see some of the art we studied in class and also to the Washington Mutual Life building to see one of the largest collection of African-American art in the country. Because of the safe learning environment created by us, we can share our view and opinions in accordance with our individual beliefs. I have gained back my self-respect, self-worth and dignity through Bridge, something that I lost in my homeless condition. Bridge taught me that I do have a right to my opinion and that I do have a place in this world.

If you are interested in The Bridge Program or want to apply for the next session, log onto www.thebridgeprogram.org.

I can guarantee that you will never be the same afterwards and it is the best decision that you will ever make.

(Michael Beattie, formerly homeless in Santa Monica, can be reached at michealbeattie1@yahoo.com.)

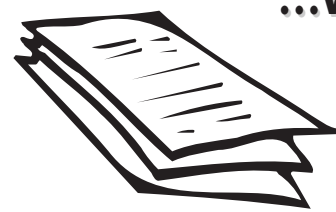
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World taking its cuts to making itself over

BY LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — After performing makeovers on virtually every willing man, woman and house in America and beholding the result — attractive ratings — television had only one logical course of action. It had to improve the world.

Thus was born an international flood of programs aimed at taking an average-looking planet and giving it the kind of overhaul once reserved for Hollywood starlets eager to maximize their assets.

“Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” has aired from Scandinavia to Africa to Latin America; a poignant Iraqi version, “Labor and Materials,” restores war-damaged homes. The original “Extreme Makeover,” which started it all in 2002 on ABC, also is worldwide and jockeying for attention with other surgery shows.

The corporal makeover trend has allowed American standards of beauty, often as determined within Beverly Hills city limits, to established new beachheads abroad. Don’t just dream of looking like your favorite actor; copy their perfection with plastic surgery!

But adopting American looks doesn’t translate to gaining an American psyche. Doctors who have worked on shows both foreign and domestic say there are distinct differences in how patients think about self-improvement and what it means.

There’s also a gulf between doctors here and abroad when it comes to TV fame and how, or whether, they can capitalize on it.

A British show, “Brand New You,” offers a window of insight into cultural variations among patients. Airing on Channel 5 in the United Kingdom and on BBC America, the series tracks British women who gained a U.S. beauty rehab with plastic surgeons, a dentist and stylists.

“Americans want perfection. The British just want to look better. They look better, they’re happy,” said Dr. Paul S. Nassif of Beverly Hills, a specialist in facial plastic surgery who worked on “Brand New You” and a number of U.S. shows.

With plastic surgery long entrenched here both on screen and off, Americans are familiar with their options and know what questions to ask and how to paint a detailed picture of their desired outcome, Nassif said.

According to data compiled by the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, there’s been a 700 percent increase in cosmetic plastic surgery procedures from 1992 to 2004. There were more than 9 million U.S. procedures last year, compared to an estimated 75,000 in the United Kingdom. (Note, of course, the U.S. population totals 297 million vs. the U.K.’s 60 million.)

“British patients don’t ask a lot of questions. They’ll book surgery without even seeing you. They’re low-maintenance, might be a way to say it,” said Nassif.

Patricia Pitts, a clinical psychologist

who evaluated potential patients for “Brand New You” and TLC’s nonsurgical series “10 Years Younger,” noted sharp differences between Americans and British applicants.

“When I sat down with those from the U.K., their strong concern was would they be judged by family, friends and culture for doing cosmetic surgery. They thought it would be misunderstood,” she said. Their typical goal: to look as young as they felt.

Americans wanted the same thing but had higher expectations. They focused on how their appearance could affect their chances for success in work and love.

“They’re big on first impressions. If you look younger, you have a better chance of getting ahead in life,” Pitts said. They also were demanding of themselves, stressing the effort they put into exercising and eating right.

“When I asked ‘Brand New You’ contestants what they do for exercise, practically all of them answered, ‘Walk the dog,’” she said.

Makeover patients typically appear to be ecstatic over their transformations. The doctors who perform them often have reason to smile as well, as shows swell demand for services in general and the TV Pygmalsions in particular.

Nassif, who already had European patients familiar with his work revising unsuccessful operations by other doctors, has seen his overseas customer base increase in recent years because of exposure from “Brand New You” and a much-aired BBC segment he did.

Before, about 1 percent to 2 percent of his business was from Europe; now it’s as high as 15 percent, he said. Besides the results, he said, patients appreciate both the privacy they have away from home and the exchange rate of the soft U.S. dollar.

Dr. William M. Dorfman, the first dentist on “Extreme Makeover” and part of “Brand New You,” is another beneficiary. The perfect American-style smiles flashed in the shows have turned out to be a bounty for Discus Dental, a tooth-whitening products company which Dorfman founded and partly owns.

Demand for one particular in-office whitening treatment has “skyrocketed. We can’t even supply the product fast enough,” he said.

For one Dutch dentist, however, participation in a makeover show left only a sour taste.

Dr. Harry-Paul Stassen took part in the “Make Me Beautiful” series filmed at a dental practice in Oosterhout, Netherlands. The program disrupted the office schedule and cost the practice money, since it was paying for half of each TV patient’s procedure.

But didn’t it draw interest from potential new business?

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STATE

LA-area port truckers neutral about nights

BY ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Some days, Wilfredo Jimenez logs almost as much time sitting in his blue tractor-trailer watching TV as he does on the road hauling cargo from the nation's busiest port complex.

But the longer he's forced to wait his turn to pass through the procedural gauntlet at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the less money he stands to make.

The delays, which Jimenez says sometimes can drag on for several hours, cut into the port truckers' ability to earn money, because drivers get paid for every load they move, not for every hour they work, like other port employees.

A new program at the twin ports to expand the hours during which truck drivers can retrieve cargo was supposed to ease such delays, but Jimenez says he's seen little improvement.

"The day before last, I was delayed from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. to take out one load," said Jimenez, 30, while waiting to make a pickup during an evening shift last week. "How is it possible that one has to wait so long when this new system was supposed to make the system better?"

The ports' expanded hours program, dubbed OffPeak, was designed to help lessen drivers' wait times inside the ports and ease traffic congestion on nearby highways by giving shippers a financial incentive to move their cargo during evening and weekend hours when there are fewer vehicles on the roads. The port complex now handles 40 percent of all the cargo shipped into the United States and 80 percent of U.S. imports from Asia.

In the first three weeks since its launch July 23, roughly 30 percent of the cargo containers hauled through the ports were moved during evening or weekend off-peak hours, according to data released by PierPASS Inc., which administers the program.

The ports already moved about 10 percent of their cargo in the evenings before the program and some terminals kept their gates open into the night to move cargo bound for rail.

Still, while the increase has been generally regarded as a sign the program is working, the persistent delays at some marine terminals could threaten the success of the ambitious initiative, said Robin Lanier, executive director of the Waterfront Coalition, a Washington D.C.-based trade group that represents retailers, manufacturers and other cargo importers and exporters.

Lanier said truck drivers have complained about delays during the evening shifts coinciding with whenever longshoremen take scheduled breaks.

"If they can't resolve the productivity issue within the terminals," Lanier said, "then the long-term success of the program could be in jeopardy."

The drivers who work the L.A.-area ports typically own their trucks but often lease them to the trucking companies they work for. They must pay for their own fuel costs, which have hit drivers particularly hard this year. The average price of diesel fuel at the pump in California last week was \$3.04 a gallon, .92 cents higher than a year ago, according to U.S. Department of Energy.

Many drivers blame delays on the port longshore workers who, drivers say, have little incentive to work faster because they get paid more if they work at night and get to take regular breaks.

"Since they get paid by the hour, they always take their time, so the ones who don't make money are the drivers," said Elizandro Menendez, a driver from Los Angeles. He typically gets to complete two pickup and delivery trips per day.

"I've been working the ports since 1985 and it's always been the same problem," he said.

Truck driver Mario Aguilar, 55, said he's refused to work evening shifts because his company does not pay extra for working nights. While he's seen fewer trucks on the highways since OffPeak began, Aguilar said the program has had little effect on delays inside the terminals during the day.

"The terminals are very slow; the people over there are lazy," Aguilar said. "Sometimes we have to wait in line for two hours just to drop an empty (container) and to pick it up and load it, another hour and a half."

Bruce Wargo, the president and chief executive of PierPASS, acknowledged drivers' turn times — or the time it takes for a driver to pick up a container, deliver it and return to the ports — could be better, but stressed the program has only been up and running a few weeks.

"We expect that to improve over time," Wargo said.

He noted that the amount of cargo being moved during evening hours shows early concerns by some truck companies — that drivers would not be willing to work evenings — never materialized.

PierPASS officials have also had to contend with some glitches and customer confusion with the system set up to track and collect the \$40 to \$80 fees per container charged to cargo owners for moving their goods during peak hours.

Some 1,500 companies have registered for PierPASS to date, Wargo said.

The expanded port hours have resulted in noticeably fewer trucks traveling on the highways near the ports in the morning, said state Sen. Alan Lowenthal, D-Long Beach.

"It seems to be exceeding its expectation in terms of the amount of cargo they're diverting to off-peak hours," said Lowenthal.

OffPeak's true test may be yet to come, however.

So far, cargo levels at the ports are lagging what they were last year at this time, the traditional start of the peak cargo shipping season.

In the first seven months of the year, the ports saw 200 fewer container ships than in the same period last year, when an influx of Asian imports combined with a shortage of trained dockworkers to create a logjam at the ports, said Capt. Manny Aschemeyer of the Marine Exchange, which tracks ship movements at the ports.

As early as June last year, ships often were forced to wait at sea before they could enter the port because of delays working the ships.

Now, most cargo container ships are able to dock as soon as they arrive, Aschemeyer said.

STATE



Leader looks to mend fences over the border

BY TOM CHORNEAU
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez leaves for a three-day trip to Mexico this week to meet with Mexican President Vicente Fox and other officials, a visit he says is needed to repair frayed relations between California and its largest trading partner.

Nunez said Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's recent comments on border security, including his praise of the volunteer Minuteman patrols, offended some Mexican officials.

"I didn't realize the attitude in Mexico toward Gov. Schwarzenegger is bad, very bad," Nunez, D-Los Angeles, said during a Tuesday news conference. "When I talk to people from Mexico, high-ranking officials from Mexico, it is pretty clear that they feel put off by Gov. Schwarzenegger."

Republicans reacted swiftly, saying Nunez is looking to score political points against the governor as the two sides battle over initiatives on the November special election ballot. Administration officials deny that there are problems in the relationship between Schwarzenegger and Mexican leaders.

"We have a very positive relationship," Schwarzenegger spokeswoman Margita Thompson said. "Just last month, there was a very productive meeting with the border governors where they discussed and shared challenges on both sides of the border."

Thompson said that meeting allowed Schwarzenegger to elaborate on the Minuteman Project to Mexican governors. He said he did not think the volunteers should be armed and envisioned them much like a neighborhood watch group to assist authorities in monitoring border activities.

Earlier this year, Schwarzenegger called for greater security along the U.S.-Mexican border and criticized billboards that identified a Los Angeles television

station's market as "Los Angeles, Mexico."

The Nunez trip, beginning Thursday, comes at a busy time in the Capitol, when hundreds of bills are pending in the Legislature awaiting action before the scheduled end to the session on Sept. 9. The speaker said he will miss only Thursday's Assembly meeting and return Saturday night ready to resume his role next week.

He said he has no intention of using the meetings to upstage the governor, but some Republicans question the timing of the mission as well as his motivation.

"Everything that Nunez does between now and November should be put into the perspective of turning out votes in the special election," said Karen Hanretty, spokeswoman for the California Republican Party.

She said the trip will be heavily covered by Spanish-language television in California — reaching voters that Nunez wants to turn out in big numbers to oppose Schwarzenegger's ballot measures. Those initiatives include a proposal to limit state spending and another to take responsibility for drawing legislative districts away from lawmakers and give it instead to a panel of retired judges.

Nunez is well-positioned to try to bridge any perceived gap between California and Mexico, said Harry Pachon, president of the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute at the University of Southern California.

He was born in San Diego to an immigrant gardener and a maid but lived in Tijuana until the age of 7, when he returned to Southern California.

"Why shouldn't the speaker of the Assembly go down there? Mexico is one of our leading trade partners," he said. "The governor has gone to Japan. Why shouldn't Nunez go to Mexico?"

Nunez also is scheduled to meet with the mayor of Mexico City, congressional members and business leaders.

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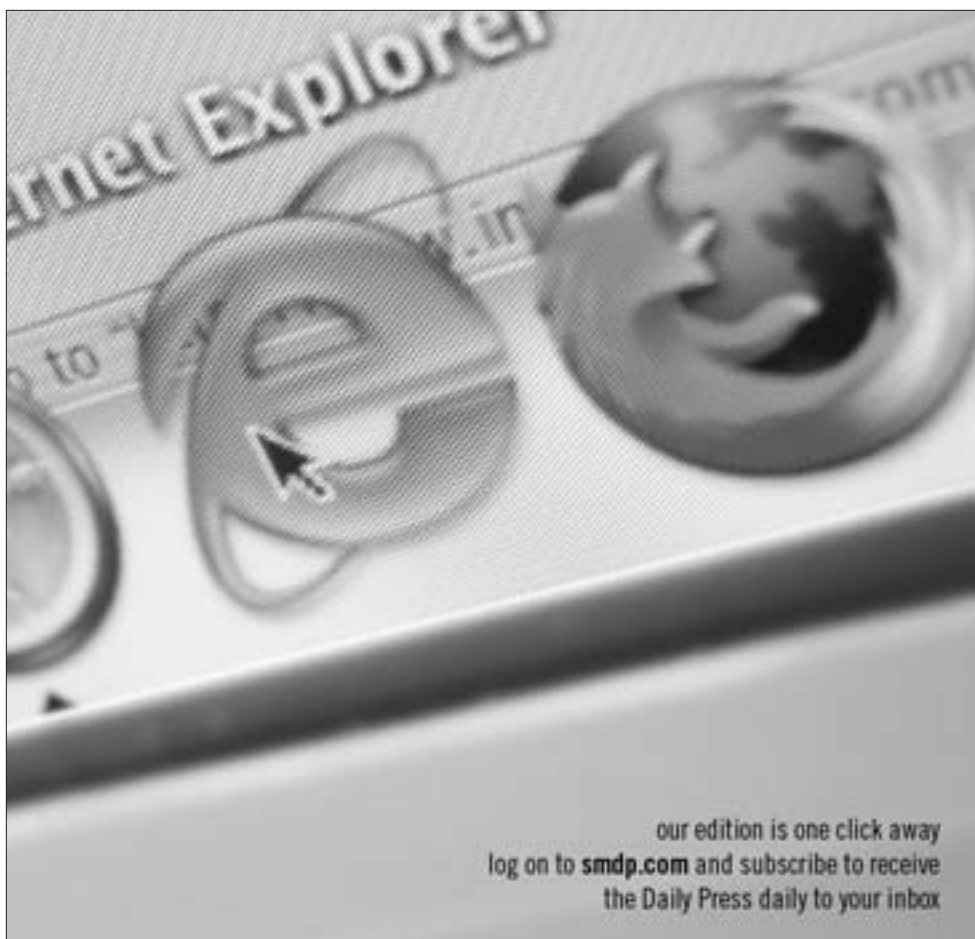


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Sir Speedy owner makes dash to the top

By Daily Press staff

Husna Hossain, owner of Sir Speedy located at 1909 Santa Monica Blvd., in Santa Monica, was awarded the prestigious Century Club award at the Sir Speedy International Convention in Tampa, Fla., July 13-17.

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WISE Senior Services names new CEO

By Daily Press staff

Prominent business executive and Santa Monica resident Grace Cheng Braun, has been named president and chief executive officer of WISE Senior Services, an award-winning nonprofit organization, serving seniors, their families and caregivers throughout the greater Los Angeles area.

Braun has served as a healthcare administrator, business coach and educator in Southern California for more than 20 years.

In announcing Braun's appointment, WISE board chairman Mark Mitchell, vice president of commercial banking at Union Bank of California, cited her extensive business experience and knowledge of the community as reasons why she was selected.

"We anticipated doing a national executive search but after meeting with Cheng Braun and speaking with individuals who had worked with her, we quickly determined that we had found the best person for the job," he said.

Mitchell added that significant growth in demand for services in the past few years has involved fairly extensive changes at WISE.

"We're placing a priority on establishing stronger presence and visibility in the communities that we serve, and continuing to look for opportunities to expand our services," he said.

WISE was founded in 1968 by volunteers and community members to address the needs of the growing senior population in Los Angeles County. Initially, the acronym stood for "Westside Independent Services to the Elderly." Over time, the letters have come to represent the organization's mission to support the well-being, independence, self-esteem and education of seniors, with emphasis on assisting low-income and/or underserved individuals, and preventing premature institutionalization whenever possible.

Braun will provide leadership for WISE's services and programs, including nursing home advocacy, care management, transportation, an adult day care center in Santa Monica, an adult day support center in Koreatown, elder abuse prevention, a senior volunteer program and an educational program to inform seniors on economic and consumer issues.

WISE employs 70 people assisted by more than 300 volunteers. Among its services, WISE also staffs nine office sites throughout Los Angeles County with long-term care ombudsmen who serve as advocates for improved quality of care and quality of life for senior residents.

In 2002 WISE was named "Agency of the Year" by the city of Los Angeles in recognition of its innovative and creative programs.

Prior to joining WISE, Braun has held a number of executive-level positions in health care, including a six-year term as vice president for marketing and public relations at Cedars-Sinai Health System in Los Angeles.

Reduce your risk in your bond portfolio



MARKET MATTERS

BY BRIAN HEPP

In an investment portfolio, "risk" is something you want to avoid. In a basic sense, the word simply refers to the possibility of decline in the portfolio's value. The degree of risk to your portfolio can vary greatly, depending on how likely a decline is and/or how quickly such a decline could occur. In addition, different securities can be affected by any number of different events, so each has its own associated risks.

In order to handle risk appropriately, proper portfolio management requires a clear understanding of your investment objectives. Through a thorough analysis of your goals, time horizon, investment experience, suitability, and even your ability to accept and recover from losses, you can map out your investment objectives clearly. Once you have those objectives defined, you can craft a plan to manage the risks you will surely encounter along the way.

The key is to build and maintain a portfolio that is consistent not only with your investment objectives, but also with the current market outlook. There are a few general steps that all investors can use to help manage portfolio risk.

Previously we discussed risk management as it relates to your stock portfolio. Following are some ideas to keep your bond portfolio on track as well.

Step one: Identify your bond investment objectives. Bonds can have several different uses when included in an overall investment mix. Some people — like retirees — depend on bonds to generate current income, while other investors incorporate them into their portfolio to reduce their risk of losing principal. Still others see them as an investment they can use to benefit from movements in the bond market.

Step two: Establish credit suitability. A

rating agency's assessment of a bond issuer's ability to make timely interest and principal payments to bond holders determines the bond's credit rating and provides a relative measure of the risk you're subject to should you purchase those bonds. Buying a bond is never an absolute guarantee you will get your money back, and we cannot predict what will happen going forwards. But bonds with the strongest credit ratings typically have lower default rates than those with weaker ratings. Credit ratings, however, do not guarantee against market fluctuations.

Step three: Evaluate current conditions. An evaluation of your tolerance for interest rate or market risk will help decide which bonds are best suited for you. Even if you're not concerned about the trading price of bonds — because you plan to hold them to maturity — you still need to be aware of how changing interest rates could affect your holdings. In general, bond prices tend to move in the opposite direction of current interest rates, so the price of outstanding bonds declines as yields increase. Bonds with long maturities are usually more sensitive to interest rate moves, while those with shorter maturities tend to react less severely to rate changes.

Again, staying abreast of current conditions helps you gauge the amount of risk your portfolio is subject to. The stock and bond markets can be unpredictable, which could lead to unwelcome risk and concern about your portfolio. However, with careful planning you can take precautions against the risks you may face and position your portfolio to help meet your financial goals.

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LOCAL



VA site project could house up to 500 vets

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use of the site, Shriver asked local city leaders to speak on behalf of his proposal during a community input session to be held on Sept. 21 and 22, when the V.A. administration will consider what to do with its abandoned buildings on the 11300 block of Wilshire Boulevard, in Brentwood.

City staff participated in a May 6 meeting hosted by the VA, at which officials discussed alternative uses for several VA sites around the country, including the West LA campus. The proposal intends to take advantage of the existing facility in order to provide "all services on site" for the homeless veterans, including medical, psychological and social assistance.

The project would accommodate as many as 300 to 500 chronically homeless veterans, as well as those with other needs, such as those dealing with mental illness or suffering from substance abuse. It's the coalition's intent that half of the veterans served are chronically homeless — those who have been without shelter for at least three years.

The number of homeless veterans in Los Angeles County is estimated to be between 17,000 and 18,000, based on a recent head count.

The project would be financed from the five participating organizations, which include the U.S. VETS, New Directions, Inc., and the Salvation Army. Primary sources of funding are expected to come from federal, state and local grants, as well

as private donations. The proposal doesn't state how much the project might cost.

Shriver said he is glad to see his proposal moving forward, while noting the VA will be the final vote of approval.

"This is a significant first step, but there is still a long way to go," Shriver said. "This needs to be a coordinated political strategy in order to be effective."

Of course, the site may not be there for the taking, as other organizations and causes could make a pitch for the West LA digs.

However, Shriver's idea has much appeal. Councilman Richard Bloom, who also advocates more regional efforts to address homelessness, said the timing is right for Shriver to move forward with the proposal.

"More and more people are signing on to the idea and that's what gives its greatest chance of success," Bloom said. "The more wind you have on your back, the more likely you are to prevail."

"It's important to have the broadest possible coalition, and he and staff have been working hard on this."

Brodie Seagrave — a field deputy for Los Angeles 11th District Councilman Bill Rosendahl, whose constituents live near the proposed facility — said they will likely endorse the proposal.

"Councilman Rosendahl is supportive of the project and he has many goals that are similar to Santa Monica," Seagrave said. "Homelessness is one of our largest issues."

Mayor's office deems plan to be too 'touchy-feely'

BRING LA HOME, from page 1

Now, the plan has been pushed back until January 2006 — this time by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villagrosa.

"Bring LA Home is kind of adrift right now and we're trying to get it under control," said Krista Kline, a spokeswoman for Mayor Villagrosa. She added that the most recent plan was full of holes and too "touchy-feely," with few action items.

"We want to take a more holistic approach," Kline said.

CHRONIC DELAYS

It's been more than two years since a panel of community leaders convened to devise a plan to end homelessness in Los Angeles County within the next 10 years. There have been countless community meetings and thousands of man-hours worked on the plan, which has been revised and fine-tuned a number of times.

The latest version specifically targeted chronic homeless and families, which was tailored in response to results released this past spring by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LASHA) that showed a significant portion of unhoused individuals have been on the streets for more than a year, or are families.

But at a meeting earlier this month, it was announced that Mayor Villagrosa wants to refocus the plan to include all homeless, which it had done in its early incarnation. Yet another revised plan is expected sometime in 2006, although officials are hopeful it can be released

when they apply for federal funding early in the year.

The delay is frustrating to Santa Monica City Councilman Richard Bloom, who has been involved in the project since its inception.

"I was pretty upset about it because, as far as I'm concerned, it's time to move forward and get this thing out of the gates," he said, adding that with existing funding, targeting two segments of the homeless population — those who are chronic or are families — seemed more feasible.

"With limited resources, if you don't focus your energies on something smaller, it will prove to be difficult," Bloom said.

Bloom is a member of the Bring LA Home's blue ribbon panel, comprised of about 80 people — from politicians to business leaders to homeless advocates. The councilman said he wished he could have been at the group's executive committee meeting earlier this month, when it was decided to delay the plan.

"I would have been advocating for something completely different," he said. "I understand Mayor Villagrosa is just starting his job, but he was on the blue ribbon panel. This is not a new issue."

"I have immense disappointment that we are not moving this forward," Bloom said, adding his frustration level is hitting its peak. "I will only give it so much longer."

To Mitch Netburn, executive director of

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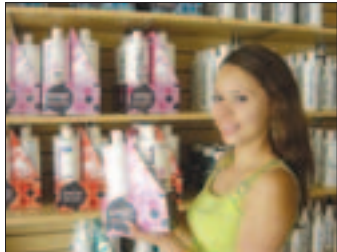
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Officials mark the opening of the Santa Monica Visitors Information Center on Wednesday at their new location on 1920 Main Street. Mayor Mayor Pam O'Connor (cutting the ribbon) is flanked by (left to right) Tim Kittleson, chairman of the center's board of directors, Debbie Lee Nyguen, VP of business development, City Manager Susan McCarthy, and Misti Kerns, CEO of the Visitors Center.

**Bebop meets hip-hop
at Twilight Concert**

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a diverse range of talented musicians, including Eric Clapton, Willie Nelson, David Hidalgo, Robert Plant, Ringo Starr, Greg Allman and Neil Young.

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The Barbeque Swingers consists of Corey Henry, trombone; Emile Vinette, piano; Kevin Morris, upright bass, and drummers Shannon Powell and Jerry Anderson.

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Toasting the BC range after avoiding a spill

EASY WRITER

NOTES FROM THE ROAD



(Editor's note: Santa Monica resident Lance Schmidt is cruising through Alaska on his motorcycle. He will file reports every Thursday through September.)

BY LANCE SCHMIDT

Special to the Daily Press

Anchorage, Alaska — Traveling aboard the AMHS Columbia through the Inside Passage was a great way to ease into a trip that promised to become more rigorous as the days go by. For my new riding partner (the lovely professor) and me, it provided an opportunity to get used to each other without the added stress of backbreaking motorcycle camping.

After dispatching with the touristy cruise ship port of Skagway, the professor and I gunned the motorbike up the Klondike Highway toward Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. It was late in the afternoon and we needed to get to Whitehorse by sundown. We headed up the Chilkoot Pass toward Canadian customs. The road was windy and beautiful, essentially traversing the trails used by stampedes during the Klondike Gold Rush of the late 1800s. The road was strewn with sharp jagged rocks — one of which found its way into the tread of my rear tire.

The blow-out was loud. The professor's screech was even louder. As the motorbike swerved sickeningly I tried desperately to hold us in a line while breaking softly to a stop. Once at a stop, we got off the bike on the opposite shoulder of the pass to inspect the damage. The professor was surprisingly cool, considering the situation. I withdrew the repair kit and CO2 bottle, and started to work while my partner ate a Clif Bar. Very apropos.

It took much longer than expected to repair the tire. We were several miles from the border crossing and it was getting dark. We had to make some decisions. We agreed to continue on and make it to Whitehorse.

As we approached the Canadian border crossing, we were met by a militaristic-looking crossing gate — one that reminded me of a World War II movie. The gate was now in its closed position, blocking the road. The customs station was shut down for the night.

"Well, what now Mr. Adventure?" chimed the professor, who was becoming just a little less lovely as the trip unfolded. "I suppose your garage door opener also works on border gates."

In my earlier days, before 9-11, I might have slipped my bike under the cross gate and snuck across the border without prop-

er control, but these days, that would probably not be a good idea.

We set up camp near the border crossing in a relatively flat area off the pass road. I had brought along about a half-dozen or so military MRE's (meals ready to eat) I had acquired from Army Surplus before departing Santa Monica. They varied from Thai chicken and beef stew to tofu and noodles. All came with desert, waterproof matches, chewing gum, and a tiny bottle of Tabasco, and were heated to perfection by the revolutionary chemical boil bag. I also carry a small bottle of Jack Daniels in my tank bag to accompany such occasions.

As the late evening sun slipped its head under the British Columbian coastal mountain range, the professor and I toasted our first night together camping in it.

Day seven: We broke camp, warmed some old coffee left in my thermos, packed up the gear and headed out once again. We crossed the border without incident, save for the RCMP's puzzled look when we told them where we stayed last night.

We pulled into Whitehorse about noon and immediately fell in love with this surprisingly energetic and fun Yukon outpost. I remembered Whitehorse from many years earlier when I passed through while on summer break in college. Yukon's capital city was and still remains a major transportation hub, both by land and from the adjacent Yukon River, which stretches into Alaska's interior. It was named by gold miners at Miles Canyon, who thought the rapids resembled the manes of charging white horses.

After "Mr. Adventure's" misadventures, I decided it would be wise to secure a nice hotel — if only to keep the lone Indian-rapidly-turning-Chief happy. It succeeded and we spent a great afternoon and evening cruising around town just being tourists.

Day eight: We mounted up the Zebra and headed north on the Alaskan Highway — or what is known as the Alcan — toward Haines Junction, Beaver Creek and then into the interior of Alaska towards Tok. The Alcan represents many things to adventurers and travelers throughout Canada and Alaska. For many, it's the heart of a trip that has been planned for years. For others, it's an annual pilgrimage. It's 1,422 miles long and runs from Dawson Creek, B.C. to Delta Junction, Alaska.

For good or bad, there are many hard-fought and hard-kept traditions in the Yukon and Alaska. Among the good traditions are the mileposts. As the name implies, these are waypoints along the Alcan that are marked in both kilometers and miles. Sometimes they are simply groups of signs with arrows and distances — some of which are dubious — and sometimes they are posted at trading posts or watering holes. There is even an indis-



Lance Schmidt/Special to the Daily Press
(Above) Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.
(Top Right) The Yukon-Alaska border.
(Bottom Right) Welcome to Haines Junction.



pensible trip planner named the milepost that I highly recommend for anyone traveling in the outback of Canada or Alaska.

Day 10: We pulled into Beaver Creek (virtually everything in the Yukon is named either after a creek or an animal or both), which is the westernmost settlement in Canada.

The happy campers decided to camp out in Beaver Creek, population 109. We settled in a campsite run by the First Nation Tribe (part of the Tanana tribe), which relies on tourists during the short summer months for their income.

We could feel the northern chill, which meant that summer's end was fast approaching. However, for us it meant that the migration into the Alaskan interior would bring with it varying temperature changes, climate uncertainties and the

impending warm or wet days combined with chilly or wet frosty nights.

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LOCAL

Homelessness project similar to other cities

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LASHA, the delay makes sense because the plan needs to consider the latest results taken from a comprehensive census of homeless individuals conducted in 88 cities this past spring. A detailed analysis is expected within the coming weeks.

"The plan we had didn't have those numbers and the prior concern was that it wasn't specific and accurate enough," he said. "It made sense to analyze those numbers before approving the plan."

Kline said representatives in Mayor Villagrosa's office surmise that the plan focused on chronic homeless individuals to appease federal agencies that fund homeless services in LA County.

"The mayor recognized that it's much more than chronic homeless," she said, adding the blue ribbon panel and the executive committee had no direction. "It seemed people were spinning their wheels ... a lot of talk and no action."

"We are still trying to find leadership."

LEADING THE WAY

A change in leadership at LA City Hall also affects the direction of the plan, Netburn noted.

"With a change in mayor, it's important to have all elected leaders on board," he said. "We certainly would want a new mayor to have a policy outline."

LASHA officials characterize the plan as moving forward. The planning team for Bring LA Home is planning to hire a consultant to write the final plan. In the meantime, the group's executive committee will be working on a timeline and working with various members of the blue ribbon panel to complete the plan, according to Scott Ito, LASHA director of development and communications.

The plan is similar to that of dozens of other cities who are taking on the daunting task, which was spurred by the Bush Administration's goal to rid the nation of its homeless population. However, no new funding has been established by the federal government to help cities in attaining their goals.

"It's going to take more than public money," Kline said. "The mayor has to

use his bully pulpit to get the public to buy into this for fundraising and donations.

"You need to have resources and you need to have buy-in from the public, and (the Bring LA group) didn't have either."

In LA County, comprised of 88 cities, Bring LA Home is considered the largest effort ever by community leaders to tackle a problem that some say is the biggest one facing the country.

The philosophy behind the plans thus far has been to convert emergency shelters into supportive housing.

LOOKING FOR CONSENSUS ON THE CENSUS

There are as many homeless people in all of Los Angeles County as there are residents in Santa Monica, according to an analysis on the county's homeless population. Of the 91,000 people who live on the streets at any given time during the year, 35,000 of them are chronically homeless. And 2 percent of the entire homeless population live in Santa Monica.

And while Santa Monica handles 2 percent of the county's homeless population, it's a huge impact on the community, residents say. With the exception of Venice, there aren't many westside cities that share the burden of taking care of the homeless, officials say. That's one of the reasons Bloom is involved — to solve the problem with a regional approach and mandate that other communities help.

Santa Monica currently spends about \$2 million each year on services for homeless people. The city of Los Angeles spends more than \$14 million, most of which comes from the federal government, according to LASHA officials.

LA County also spends tens of millions of dollars on homeless services and special needs programs, such as mental health and social services, officials said.

Bring LA Home's goal is a comprehensive plan that would redistribute the economic resources dedicated to the county's homeless services to include an additional 70,000 emergency shelter beds, 40,000 units of affordable housing and a region-wide housing trust fund that would be based on donations from philanthropists.

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NATIONAL



Commission votes to close five major Army bases

BY LIZ SIDOTI
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Commissioners weighing the Pentagon's plan to restructure hundreds of U.S. military bases spared a large Army depot in Texas but agreed with proposals to shut down five other major bases elsewhere.

The nine-member panel chose to shrink, rather than close, the Red River Army Depot in Texas, which repairs Humvees and Bradley Fighting Vehicles.

As it began final voting Wednesday with lightning speed, the panel sided with the Pentagon in closing Fort Gillem and Fort McPherson in Georgia, Fort Monroe in Virginia, Army Garrison Selfridge in Michigan and Fort Monmouth in New Jersey.

The panel also signed off on closing nearly 400 Army Reserve and National Guard facilities in dozens of states, creating instead new joint centers.

Most of the Army's proposal was approved in minutes and as a package. After finishing with the Army, the commission moved on to the fate of Navy bases.

Commissioners had said changes to the Pentagon's proposal were likely before they send their final report next month to President Bush, who could make his own changes. Congress also will get the chance to approve a joint resolution rejecting the plan after Bush considers it. Lawmakers haven't done that in previous rounds.

Before voting started, Chairman Anthony Principi said reviewing the proposal to close or shrink hundreds of bases set a daunting and unprecedented challenge for commissioners.

"The commission went to extraordinary lengths to ensure the soundness, correctness and integrity of the base realign-

ment and closure process and to fulfill our commitment to transparency, honesty and fairness for all," said Principi, a former Veterans Affairs secretary.

He said the task was especially difficult because Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's proposal included more than double the recommendations in the four previous rounds of base closings combined.

Opening at least three days of final deliberations on which bases to spare and which to scrap, Principi said the commission recognizes that closing bases is necessary to save money and transform the military to meet new challenges.

"At the same time, we know that the decisions we reach will have a profound impact on the communities hosting our military installations, and more importantly, on the people who bring those communities to life," he said.

Previous commissions — in 1988, 1991, 1993 and 1995 — altered about 15 percent of what the Pentagon proposed as it sought to get rid of bases considered no longer needed. But analysts say the current environment — including the emphasis on homeland security since Sept. 11, 2001 — make it difficult to predict just what the commission will change.

"It's not about just trying to get rid of excess capacity. It's actually about trying to reorganize the forces for future challenges," said Loren Thompson, a military analyst with the Lexington Institute, a think tank in Arlington, Va.

On Tuesday, Rumsfeld was optimistic his plan would remain largely intact. "I feel that we made very solid recommendations," he said. "I suspect the commission, when all is said and done, will endorse the overwhelming majority of those recommendations."

The Pentagon proposed closing or con-

solidating a record 62 major military bases and 775 smaller installations to save \$48.8 billion over 20 years, streamline the services and reposition the armed forces to face current threats. It's the first such effort in a decade to reconfigure domestic military bases and the most ambitious by far.

Announced in May, the proposal set off intense lobbying by communities fearful that the closures and downsizings would hurt their economies and by politicians worried they would be blamed by voters for job losses.

In the months since, commissioners reviewing the plan have voiced serious concerns about several parts of it, including the Pentagon's estimate of how much money will be saved.

The most contentious issues have been

the Air Force's proposal to strip aircraft from about two dozen Air National Guard facilities and the Navy's efforts to scale back its forces in New England.

Commissioners fear those proposals could hamper homeland security, a contention the Pentagon rejects.

The Air Force's attempt to close Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota, home to freshman Republican Sen. John Thune, has stirred the most political consternation. Thune argued during the 2004 campaign that he — not Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle — would be in a better position to save the facility.

The panel must send its final proposal to Bush by Sept. 8. The president can accept the report or order the commission to make changes.

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Bush also singled out Idaho resident Tammy Pruett, of Pocatello, as an example of the sacrifices military families make. She has four sons in Iraq with the Idaho Army National Guard. Her husband, Leon, and another son are back after helping train Iraqi firefighters in Mosul.



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Sheehan flew to Los Angeles last week after her 74-year-old mother had a stroke, but was expected to return to Texas to resume her vigil before Bush ends his five-week vacation and returns to the White House at the beginning of September.

NATIONAL



Hawaii sets tone with nation's first gas cap

BY AUDREY MCAVOY

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — Officials have set the nation's first ever state cap on the wholesale price of gasoline in Hawaii where island motorists pay more at the pump than anywhere in the U.S. and a gallon of fuel on Maui topped \$3 this week.

The price ceilings imposed by the Public Utilities Commission on Wednesday and due to go into effect Sept. 1 would in theory allow the state's two oil refiners to charge more for wholesale gasoline. Gasoline prices could potentially rise above current record high levels consumers are paying at the pump.

On Wednesday, the average statewide retail price of a gallon of regular unleaded reached a record \$2.84, four cents higher than California and the highest in the nation, according to AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report.

Prices on Maui topped \$3 a gallon this week for the first time.

Hawaii has long endured some of the nation's highest gasoline prices, and the state enacted the law in an attempt to force its two refineries, Chevron Corp. and Tesoro Corp., to bring their wholesale prices in line with mainland rates.

Critics say the refineries take advantage of Hawaii's small market and the

lack of alternative suppliers to charge excessively high prices.

The oil companies have said the state should ease Hawaii's excessive regulations to reduce prices rather than setting price caps. The companies did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

The state's Public Utilities Commission said Wednesday that the wholesalers may not charge more than \$2.1578, or about \$2.74 including taxes, in Honolulu for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline. The commission set separate price caps for other islands.

If retailers keep their usual 12 cent per gallon markup, prices for regular unleaded in Honolulu could rise to about \$2.86 per gallon.

On Wednesday, the average retail prices of regular unleaded in Honolulu stood at \$2.761 — a record high.

Direct comparisons between the gas cap and current wholesale prices are not possible because the oil companies do not release wholesale price data.

The ceilings will be in effect through Sept. 4. Next week, the commission will announce a new caps for Honolulu and seven other geographic zones for Sept. 5-11.

Frank Young, a member of Citizens Against Gasoline Price Gouging, a group that has backed the gas cap law, said the price caps were generally in line with cur-

rent market rates in the state.

He said he was confident that over the long run, the cap would ensure Hawaii residents paid fair prices because the limits would link the state's wholesale prices to national and world markets.

"The purpose of the cap is so that we move with the rest of the country," Young said. "The problem in Hawaii has been inelastic retail and wholesale prices."

But Fereidun Fesharaki, an energy expert with the East-West Center in Honolulu, said the gas cap — the result of a 2004 law passed by the state Legislature — was "a stupid idea" and said it was a futile attempt to hold down oil prices as they rose around the globe.

"This kind of thing it just gives us a bad name, frightens people from investing, it may make one of the refineries shut down and leave Hawaii," Fesharaki said. "It reduces competition and does all harm but doesn't gain us anything."

The caps are based on a baseline price calculated from the five-day average of spot rates from three mainland markets: Los Angeles, New York harbor and the U.S. Gulf Coast.

The commission then adds allowances for the cost of shipping to the state and for transporting gasoline from Oahu to more remote and less populated islands.

Gov. Linda Lingle, who unsuccessfully

sought repeal of the 2004 law, has said the cap will increase prices and create fuel shortages.

State Sen. Ron Menor, the chief architect of the law, has said he is convinced it will lead to lower prices at the pump and should be given a chance.

The governor has the power to suspend the price caps if she determines they would seriously hurt the economy, public order, or the health, welfare or safety of the people of Hawaii.

The state Legislature first passed a gas price cap law in 2002 based on the average weekly price on the West Coast, but it was never implemented. Lawmakers in 2004 amended the law to set the cap based on the three-market average index.

"The fact that their pricing mechanism is market-related minimizes the risk that a physical shortage would arise," said Tim Evans, senior oil analyst at IFR Energy Services in New York.

"They are attempting to go about this in an intelligent fashion," he added.

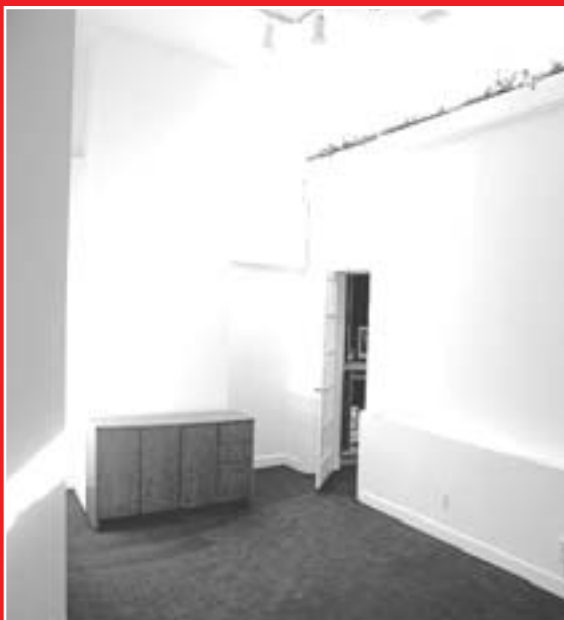
Other analysts were less sanguine about the possible damage from interfering in the market.

"It's a slippery slope," said Tom Kloza, director of the Oil Price Information Service in Wall, N.J. "You run the risk of dissuading some folks from marketing in certain areas."

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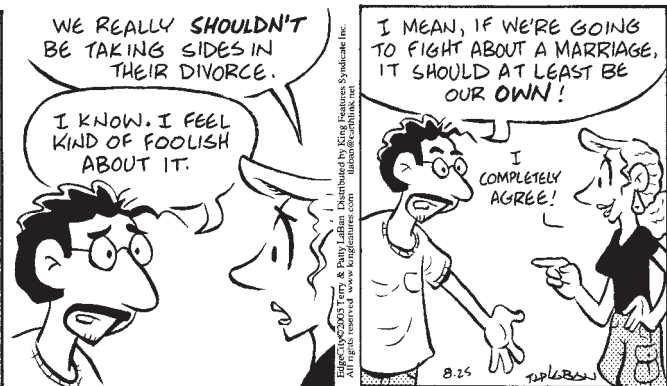
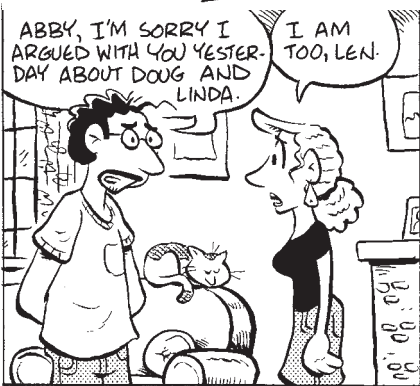


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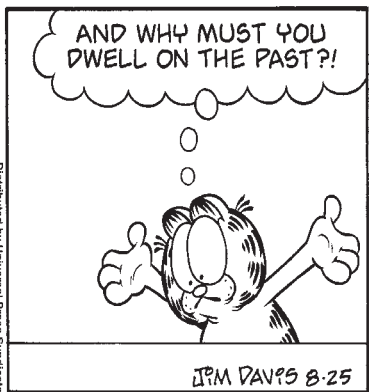
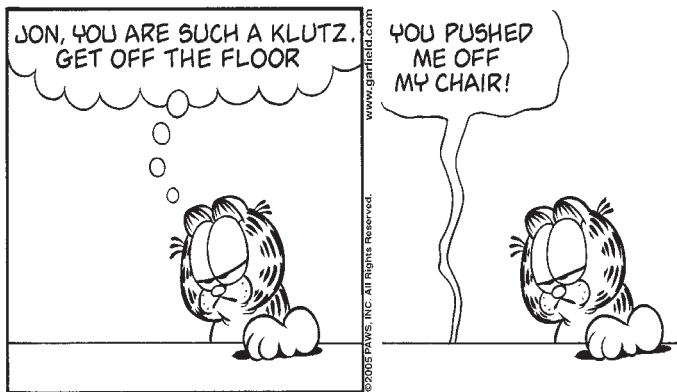
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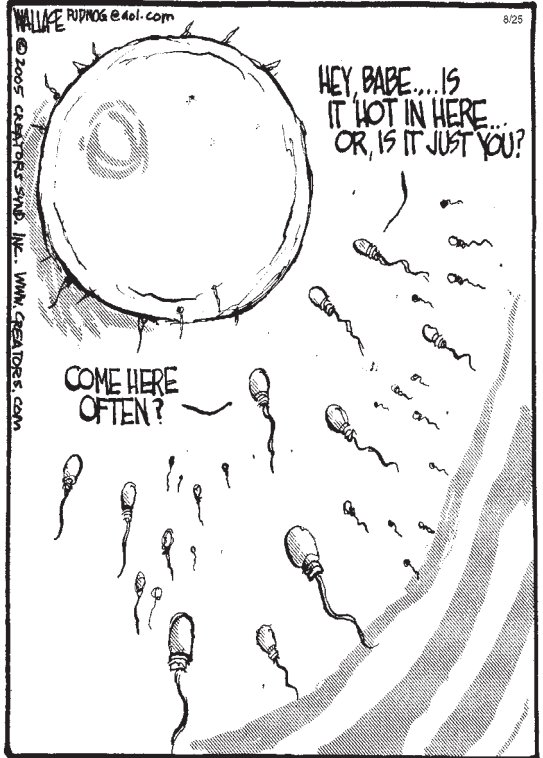


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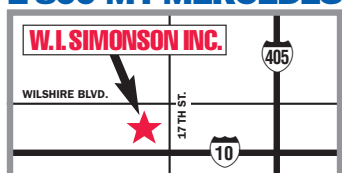
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