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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Catch a presentation & some BBQ, bra

1621 Abbot Kinney, Venice, 12:30 p.m.

Surfrider Foundation co-founder Glenn Henning will deliver his presentation titled "Modern Surfing: A Business, A Contact Sport, or a Religion?" at the QuikSilverEdition Mission on Abbot Kinney in Venice Beach. Following the discussion, the QuikSilverEdition Mission will host its final Neighborhood BBQ Competition starting at 2 p.m.

Compost your heart out

2200 Virginia Ave., 9 a.m. — 11 a.m.

The City of Santa Monica Solid Waste Management Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works are offering a free composting workshop at Virginia Avenue Park. Learn how to improve the health and water retention of your soils.

Sri Lanka Day Expo

Third Street Promenade, 10 a.m. — 10 p.m.

Sri Lanka Day Expo 2007 will host a Sri-Lankan cuisine food court, open-air entertainment and a parade of Sri Lankan culture.

Daybreak Designs end of summer sale

1751 Cloverfield Blvd., 10 a.m. — 3 p.m.

Daybreak Designs, a project-based business started in 1999 as an extension of Daybreak Shelter, will hold its annual end of summer sale holiday sale today. Items for sale will include a variety of specially designed arts and crafts. The annual sale provides the opportunity for these artists to increase their limited income and learn important self-supporting skills. For information, call Donna Miller at (310) 264-6646, ext. 235.

Bright Light Chamber Players in concert

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Bright Light Chamber Players return with a concert of chamber music at the MLK Jr. Auditorium. Limited seating; tickets available one hour before event.

Open a gallery, save a dog

1421 Aviation Blvd., Redondo Beach, 5 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Surf Dog Market, of Redondo Beach, is hosting an art show to benefit the dogs of Karma Rescue, a local Santa Monica non-profit organization. Karma Rescue saves at-risk dogs from Los Angeles-area shelters. To meet the dogs or for more information, visit www.KarmaRescue.org.

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'Notorious' natch

6000 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood, 7 p.m.

Cinespia presents Alfred Hitchcock's "Notorious," starring Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman, at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery. \$10 donation tickets available at the gate. For more information, visit www.cemeteryscreenings.com.

Sunday, Aug. 26, 2007

Markus Burger and Jan Von Klewitz in concert

1730 Wilshire Blvd., 7 a.m. — 10 a.m.

Pilgrim Lutheran Church presents a free concert by Jazz musicians Markus Burger and Jan Von Klewitz. Appetizers and drinks will be served following the concert. More information on the musicians is available at www.markusburger.com.

Jazz on the Lawn

1685 Main St., 5 p.m. — 7 p.m.

Bring a blanket and a picnic to City Hall's front lawn and catch some jazz performed this week by Maggie Palomo; also known as the Hot Salsa Momma. This event is free and free parking is available after 4 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.





FIDDLE FURY

Singer/songwriter Carrie Rodriguez works the violin while entertaining the crowd Thursday night at the Santa Monica Pier during the free Twilight Dance Series show. Next week's series-finale will feature the legendary Mexican-American band Los Lobos.

Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

Neighbors need to lighten up

Georgina Avenue residents divided over shedding light

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

NORTH OF MONTANA Aside from being pegged as one of the priciest corridors in town, dotted with beautiful multi-million dollar homes, this stretch of Georgina

Avenue has also become known as a neighborhood cast in the shadow of darkness. That will all soon change, as the 24 residences from Fourth Street to Seventh Street in this northern Santa Monica neighborhood will for the very first time have street lights illuminating their block. But not everyone who lives there is thrilled to be in the spotlight. Even as City Hall seeks a contractor to execute the approximately \$231,000 project — half of which will be funded by the residents along Georgina Avenue — neighbors remain divided over the neces-

sity of installing street lights, more than a year after some of them got the ball rolling with a petition. Watering his lawn on Friday afternoon, Louis Morneau said he has mixed feelings about paying for street lights. He wasn't initially supportive of the measure, but feels that, in the end, more lights might be a good thing. "It's not cheap," Morneau said. At issue for many residents is the price tag affixed to the project — though City

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AP Photo
FACING THE MUSIC: Self-proclaimed pedophile Jack McClellan arrives to court in the Chatsworth area of Los Angeles Friday, where a restraining order was extended.

Order targets self-described pedophile

BY ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES A judge revised a restraining order against self-described pedophile Jack McClellan on Friday, ordering him to stay at least 10 yards from places where children congregate, including schools, playgrounds and child care centers. Superior Court Judge Melvin Sandvig had initially ordered McClellan to stay at least 30 feet from every person under age 18 in California for a three-year period. As he left the hearing, McClellan told reporters: "I don't know what I'm going to do now." McLellan, 45, had made national news for a Web site in Washington state on which he had posted photos of children in public places and discussed how he liked to stake out parks, libraries, fast-food restaurants and other areas where little girls congregated. He subsequently fled Washington in favor of the Westside, where he was spotted in the children's section of the Santa Monica Main Library last month, prompting SMPD Chief Timothy Jackman to publish a controversial bulletin warning parents of McLellan's presence. McClellan has never been charged with molestation. He maintains that he launched the Web site as a form of therapy and wouldn't do anything illegal. His Internet server took his Web site down more than a month ago.

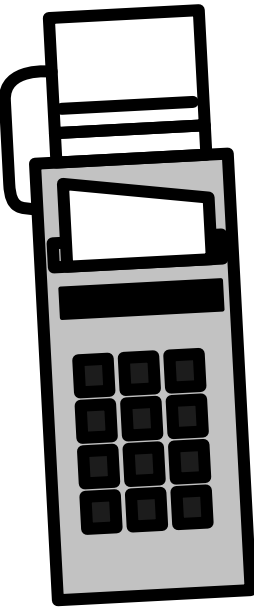
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fluoride belongs in toothpaste

Editor:

Just want to thank your brave paper for helping raise visibility for this divisive policy-driven experiment called fluoridation (“Flouride becomes standard,” Aug. 23) .

I forwarded (Kevin Herrera’s) excellent, objectively written front page report to our coalition networks, and to some other press members. The article’s photos, I think, nicely added eye appeal to this not-so-sexy, shall we say, acidic subject.

Speaking of acid, the phosphate fertilizer industry’s waste product – called hydrofluosilicic acid – really has no business going into our public water supplies, especially as a non-pharmaceutical grade additive administered as oral health care for everyone – whether we want it or not!

Let’s hope the MWD and others in the fluoride delivery chain, which includes our local governments, wake up before October’s add date.

The MWD and others health-policing our waters need to help stop this wild and very risky process – permanently.

Gene Burke

Founder, Santa Monicans for Safe Drinking Water Coalition

No landing zone for jet planes

Editor:

As a concerned citizen and taxpayer living here in Santa Monica, we need to stop the FAA and the City of Santa Monica from allowing fractionally owned jets from using the Santa Monica Airport.

There has been an increase in jet traffic by 1,500 percent. The airport is unsafe for these jets and the runway is not built for this kind of traffic.

In addition, the toxic fumes and loud decibel level makes it hard to enjoy my home or conduct any business via telephone. The airport is out of control and no one is doing anything about it – the FAA nor the city of Santa Monica nor the LA Air Quality Control. We need to stop the loopholes and start fixing the problem!

I ask all of you to attend the Aug. 28 meeting (of the City Council) for an important meeting concerning the safety issues of the airport.

No one seems to listen to the residents living here. We do not want the jets!!

Please, FAA, don’t submit some bogus report about a “Band-Aid” for the runways. It is only another ploy to keep the jets coming-

John Jib

Santa Monica

Army Corps’ weapons are shovels

Editor:

Please allow me to clarify a few facts in response to John W. Whitehead’s commentary on Aug. 20 – “Tyranny’s instruments seem to be everywhere.”

As Commanding Officer of the Los Angeles District, US Army Corps of Engineers, you can be sure that there are no “agents carrying deadly weapons” as Mr. Whitehead asserts. In fact, there are no “agents” in the Army Corps at all. Our employees are part of a team of teams dedicated to providing the American people the nation’s premier public engineering outfit. They serve with pride and put themselves in harm’s way, both at home and abroad. They are involved in a diversity of projects throughout Southern California designed to safeguard property and, even more importantly, the lives of those whom we serve. But they do it all unarmed!

The only “weapons” we bring to any of our projects are the blades of the engineer’s shovels, the lasers of the surveyor, various instruments and tools that move steel and dirt, and the willingness to use them to help people.

I recognize Mr. Whitehead’s right to his opinion and I respect his right to give it voice in a public forum. I would only request he check his facts before publishing erroneous information. Hooah!

Colonel Thomas H. Magness

Los Angeles



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Virtual sex, real major problems?

IN MY CONTINUOUS, YET ALWAYS ill-fated attempt to become more aware of computer technology, I recently tried to venture into the realm of “virtual worlds.” I should’ve known better than to try out virtual reality. I have enough trouble with real reality.

Still, millions of people have joined these sites. When you become a citizen or resident of one of these virtual world communities, you create an “avatar,” which is a cartoon or comic book-looking person. You make up a name, an age, a background, etc. So when you go on the computer, you can be great looking, highly educated, and have a fantastic job and an unlimited amount of money. Your virtual self can drive your dream car, you can have as much virtual sex as you want, and you can have been the most popular kid in high school.

Are you starting to see the attraction of these sites?

A recent article in “The Wall Street Journal” told the story of a married man who spends more time online in a virtual world than he does in the real world with his real wife. His virtual self has a virtual female friend that was created by a real woman. They talk, go for virtual motorcycle rides, shop at the virtual mall, etc. They’ve never spoken to each other on a real phone, and have no plans to meet in the real world. So, it’s no big deal, right? Well, a few months ago, his virtual self proposed virtual marriage to his virtual girlfriend. His real wife’s virtually furious about the whole thing.

Should we expect spouses to feel jealous or angry about virtual adultery? Will it soon be grounds for divorce in a real courtroom? It’s this blurring of the virtual and real worlds that is confusing. On at least one site, you can get some virtual money to spend on anything you want on the site — like a yacht, a mansion, even your own island. However, you have to buy that pretend money with real money, and there have been lawsuits about people claiming that a virtual site or one of their virtual associates owes them actual money.

But the emotional confusion is more interesting than the economic. The real wife of that guy who proposed virtually to his virtual girlfriend is fed up because he sometimes spends 14 hours a day on the computer in his virtual world. She bemoaned, “You try to talk to someone or bring them a drink, and they’ll be having sex with a cartoon.”

This virtually wayward husband is not alone in taking these “worlds” quite seriously. The “Wall Street Journal” story

went on to say that Nick Yee, a Ph.D. graduate from Stanford University polled 30,000 virtual worlders. Almost 40 percent of the men and more than 50 percent of the women said their virtual friends were just as good or better than their real-life friends. In other words, they feel as close to those computer images as they do to their next-door neighbors or those friends they’ve had since childhood. It gets weirder: More than 25 percent of them said their emotional highlight of the past week occurred in a virtual world. Yikes!

SHOULD WE EXPECT SPOUSES TO FEEL JEALOUS OR ANGRY ABOUT VIRTUAL ADULTERY? WILL IT SOON BE GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE IN A REAL COURTROOM?

I know many of you will react to this by saying these people should “get a life.” That was my immediate reaction, too, but I tried to be more tolerant. So, I told myself that maybe being obsessed with these virtual world sites isn’t any worse than being obsessed with golf, reading or watching sports on TV. And I believed that for an instant. But then I remembered: “Having sex with a cartoon?!”

However, I knew there would be little chance of my getting addicted to a virtual world, so I checked out a couple of these sites. Unfortunately, my poor computer skills were just as evident in the virtual world as they are in the real one. It took me an hour and a half just to figure out how to make the figure that represented me walk. By then, I was getting a stiff neck from looking at the screen so intently. I tried some more, but really couldn’t navigate the site. I couldn’t figure out how to make friends with important people, earn stacks of cash or be the father of a perfect family. It was just like in the real world.

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STRAY talk

A CENTER-CUT, NO-FAT REVIEW OF WHAT WAS SAID THIS PAST WEEK BY FOLKS THE WORLD OVER AND RIGHT AT HOME

"There's a good chance he was drunk or drugged. Only an idiot would jump into the bear cage."

— Vuk Bojovic, zoo director of the Belgrade Zoo in Serbia, on a 23-year-old man who was found half-eaten in a bear cage.

"I see the free stuff as kind of a bonus."

— Aaron Paulson on not having any qualms about illegally downloading music and movies because he feels he supports entertainers when he attends concerts or movies.

"I'm not a bad girl."

— Pop star, Gwen Stefani, on being accused by the National Union of Malaysian Muslim Students of corrupting Islamic youth.

"I thank God I did not injure others."

— Actress Lindsay Lohan in a statement released after her lawyer negotiated a plea deal for her many criminal charges.

"I don't know what I'm going to do without them. Oh boy."

— Ashtra Miller, a grandmother, who gets free 40-minute massages, three times a week, at Ceragem International, Inc., which is closing due to higher rent demands from its landlord.

"I was cutting myself after he found me in our room about to do drugs with a call girl and rightly said I was-n't good enough for him."

— Singer Amy Winehouse defending her husband after a fight in the early morning hours of Friday, which resulted in bloodied cuts and bruises for both.

"They're willing to pay more money. It's checkbook journalism to get heads up."

— Wayne Bilowit, the legislative advocate for the county sheriff's department, on the way Internet media goes after information from law enforcement to scoop the competition.

"But, if certain things happen between now and the election, particularly with respect to terrorism, that will automatically give the Republicans an advantage again, no matter how badly they have mishandled it, no matter how much more dangerous they have made the world."

— Sen. Hillary Clinton, Democratic presidential candidate in a speech to New Hampshire voters on Thursday.

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The QLine

Knocking the mighty down a peg

This past week, Q-line asked:
Which current sports debacle do you feel is the most damaging to our favorite pas-times?
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"THE MOST DAMAGING OF THE POPU-lar sports is football. Some of the players are outright thugs. Next comes baseball, followed by basketball. Ice hockey is the best of the lot so far. Come on boys, clean up your act: Stop disappointing your fans."

"UPON HIRING, THE CHARACTER OF AN individual is often not taken into consideration when that person has the excellent capability of performing a task that needs to be done. During World War II, mob boss Lucky Luciano was released from jail to run the east coast shipping docks; the reason being that no one could run the docks as well as Lucky. Sports heroes are not hired due to their being a nice person and being of excellent moral character. Football quarterbacks are hired on their ability to run and pass a football. Baseball players are hired on their ability to field and swat a baseball. There is a human side to every person in every walk of life, and no one is perfect. As it was once said, "Ye who have not sinned, throw the first stone." It is my understanding that no stones were thrown."

"BARRY BONDS IS THE WORST OF THE three, because he is the one who is escaping any and all punishment. Donaghy and Vick are likely never to appear in their respective leagues again; Barry Bonds is going to the hall of fame and he now holds the most revered record in all of America's professional sports."

"ALL THESE SCANDALS ARE RUINING the sports whether it's crooked referees in basketball or the drugs that Barry Bonds and all these other guys use. One thing they should do is ban all of these steroids; anybody caught using any of this stuff should be permanently banned. But the worst is that basketball player referee because referees are the ones who can change the outcome of the game by making a bad call, and if he's in for the ganders they're paying him off and it's not going to be fair. At least with Barry Bonds everybody knows he's on drugs."

"I LIKE THE IDEA OF BARRY BONDS ON steroids. Think what all of us could accomplish with super-human powers like his. Michael Vick, instead of drowning or electrocuting those dogs -- he could have ripped them apart with his bare hands. And Tim Donaghy would have been able to use ESP to know who to bet on. But Barry Bonds is the best: Nothing is more satisfying to the sports donkeys than an athlete who uses his super-enhanced, x-ray vision to hit the ball and cheat the record. Why would any school kid settle for honesty and hard-earned ability?"

"WELL, THIS IS A NO-BRAINER. Obviously, Michael Vick's transgression was the most egregious. Bonds' and Donaghy's were just about money. Vick's treatment of these innocent animals is appalling. Any person that tortures and kills animals for entertainment is a sadist. He should be locked up in the psychiatric ward and given massive doses of psychoanalysis at the very least. Dreadful man."

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Taking aim

Gov. Schwarzenegger hopes to set political district boundaries

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
AP Political Writer

LOS ANGELES Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Thursday he would try for a second time to reform rules at the heart of how California selects legislators and members of Congress — a system he says has all the fairness of loaded dice.

Flanked by former Govs. Gray Davis, a Democrat, and Pete Wilson, a Republican, Schwarzenegger said he wants voters next year to consider changing the way the state carves out districts for legislators and members of Congress.

He alluded to the possibility of calling a special session of the Legislature to take on the issue. He said he was prepared to make trade-offs to get what he wanted in negotiations in Sacramento, and he didn't rule out going to the ballot on his own if the Legislature doesn't act.

He wants the proposal on the Feb. 5 ballot, the same date the state holds its presidential primary.

In races for the Legislature and Congress, "there's no competition," the governor lamented. He noted that in hundreds of races over three election cycles, only four of those seats changed party.

"By reforming the way the districts are drawn and by taking it out of the politicians'

hands, we can ensure that our elected officials are always working hard and are competing for your vote," Schwarzenegger said.

The actor-governor has talked about the idea for years as part of his plans to upend the political status quo in Sacramento — a goal that has largely eluded him. Schwarzenegger pushed a similar proposal in 2005, which was snubbed by voters along with a slate of other initiatives to curb spending and public union power.

His idea is to give an independent commission the authority to draw district boundaries. Currently, legislators slice up districts for themselves and Congress every 10 years to reflect population shifts, a practice often criticized as a blatant conflict of interest. In other words, they draw the districts they run in.

Many California districts are heavily skewed to favor candidates from one party, turning them into fortresses of incumbency. Several attempts to take that role away from lawmakers over the years have been rejected by voters, including Schwarzenegger's 2005 proposal.

"Currently, our legislators pick their voters. Under our reform, voters will pick the legislators," Davis said.

There are four constitutional amendments that have been introduced in the Assembly to create commissions that would assume the power to draw district boundaries. Schwarzenegger will negotiate with the Legislature to agree on a plan, or could come up with one of his own.

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Judge to rule on allowing sex-abuse trials in San Diego

BY ALLISON HOFFMAN
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO A federal bankruptcy judge said Thursday she would decide by Monday whether to allow immediate civil trials in as many as 42 sex-abuse cases pending against the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Louise DeCarl Adler issued a preliminary ruling late Wednesday night tentatively granting the plaintiffs' request for state court trials, but said she needed to weigh additional issues brought up in oral arguments before making a final decision.

San Diego Superior Court trials already scheduled for five cases were automatically suspended when the diocese abruptly filed for bankruptcy in February, the night before the first trial was slated to begin.

Lawyers representing about 150 people who claim they were sexually abused by priests as children told Adler that re-activating those trials was the only way to force the diocese into a settlement after more than three years of fruitless negotiations in state and federal courts.

"A trial is something that drives settlement, maybe because we're afraid we'll lose, maybe because there are things they don't want to have come out on the stand," said James Stang, a bankruptcy lawyer representing the plaintiffs. "It worked in L.A., it worked in Orange, and it will work here."

The Los Angeles Archdiocese settled 508 cases for \$660 million in July, two days before jury selection was scheduled to begin in the first of 15 trials involving 172 abuse claimants. The Diocese of Orange agreed to settle 90 claims for \$100 million in 2004 after a judge promised to set trial dates and begin the discovery process if settlement talks collapsed. Bishop Tod D. Brown later said he couldn't risk a trial in a state where a jury once awarded \$30 million to two people who claimed they were sexually abused by clergy.

The San Diego diocese has offered about \$94 million to settle the claims as part of its bankruptcy reorganization plan. Plaintiffs' attorneys are seeking a settlement of about \$200 million, which they say would put San Diego in line with settlements reached elsewhere in California.

In her tentative ruling, Adler said jury trials were an efficient way of valuing claims against the diocese and accused the church of shopping its case to different courts to seek the best advantage. A district court judge decided earlier this week to hold off on a church request to assign a federal judge to estimate fair settlements for the abuse claims.

Attorneys representing the diocese told Adler they were looking for the fastest and most efficient way to reach a fair deal for both sides.

"This case is about plaintiffs who want lots of money," said John Harris, a diocese attorney.



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Test results continue to improve

Slightly more seniors pass California high school exit exam

BY JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Nine of every 10 seniors passed California's high school exit exam in time to graduate with their class last May, with black and Hispanic students making the greatest strides, according to figures released Thursday.

The state Department of Education said 93 percent of seniors in the class of 2007 had

passed the exam by May, about 2 percent more those in the class of 2006 at the same point last year. More than 88 percent of black and Hispanic students passed, a jump of nearly 5 percentage points for blacks and about 3 percentage points for Hispanics.

The pass rate is a cumulative figure that includes multiple opportunities for students to take the two-part math and English exam, starting in their sophomore year.

Pass rates also increased for those taking the test for the first time in 10th grade. The rate rose across every student subgroup except those learning English.

When English-learner students in the class of 2006 took the test, 39 percent passed the English portion the first time and 49 percent passed the math portion. When

English-learners in the class of 2009 took the test last winter, pass rates had dropped to 36 percent in English and less than 47 percent in math.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell said he is not sure what caused the decline but is hopeful an outside evaluation will help pinpoint what went wrong.

In releasing the results, O'Connell was optimistic but noted there is still a dramatic achievement gap between racial subgroups.

Emphasizing a point he made last week, he said the performance gaps appear to be racially based and not merely a result of socio-economic status, as many had previously thought.

White students from impoverished fami-

lies outscored their black and Hispanic counterparts even when those students came from wealthier households, O'Connell said. He blamed systemic inequities that have developed over time and pledged to "confront and change the things that are holding these students back."

Specifically, he said minority students typically have not had as many qualified teachers as their white peers, have not had the same quality of schools in which to study and have not been held to the same academic expectations.

Equally important in addressing the inequities, he said, is increasing the rigor and relevance of career and technical education programs that typically have high numbers of minority students enrolled.

Military gave troops the OK to enter Pakistan in '04

BY SCOTT LINDLAW
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Newly uncovered "rules of engagement" show the U.S. military gave elite units broad authority more than three years ago to pursue suspected terrorists into Pakistan, with no mention of telling the Pakistanis in advance.

The documents obtained by The Associated Press offer a detailed glimpse at what U.S. Army Rangers and other terrorist-hunting units were authorized to do earlier in the war on terror. And interviews with military officials suggest some of those same guidelines have remained in place, such as the right to "hot pursuit" across the border.

Pakistan, a key U.S. partner in the aftermath of the Sept.

11 attacks, has long viewed such incursions as a threat to its sovereignty. Islamabad protested loudly this month when Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama pledged to grant U.S. forces the authority to unilaterally penetrate Pakistan in the hunt for terrorist leaders.

Washington repeated assurances it would consult before any such incursions.

But summaries of the rules of engagement on the Afghanistan-Pakistan border in April 2004 say chasing al-Qaida leaders across the frontier was fair game.

One summary states that "Entry into PAK authorized for" the following reasons:

—"Hot pursuit" of al-Qaida, Taliban and terrorist command-and-control targets "from AFG into Pakistan (must be continuous and uninterrupted)."

—If the head of U.S. Central Command, which oversees American forces in the Middle East and Central Asia, approved direct action "against The Big 3," listed as Osama bin Laden; his deputy, Ayman al-Zawahri; and Taliban supreme leader Mullah Omar. The three are still believed to be hiding in the border region.

—If the Defense secretary approved such an incursion.

Other grounds for incursions into Pakistan, according to this summary, were "personnel recovery," including rescuing troops after the downing of aircraft; and troops "in contact with" the enemy, meaning under fire.

As for "geographic limits," the memo states: "General rule: penetrate no deeper than 10 km," or 6.2 miles.

Told of the guidelines, Pakistani military spokesman Maj. Gen. Waheed Arshad said.

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SANTA ANA
Medical marijuana users want their stash back

Two Orange County medical marijuana users want police to return their pot. Charges against Jim Spray, 51, of Huntington Beach and Felix Cha, 22, of Garden Grove were dropped but police agencies have refused to return the seized marijuana. The men, who are medical marijuana patients using pot to relieve pain under California's 11-year-old Compassionate Use Act passed by voters, argued their cases Thursday before the 4th District Court of Appeal, which has 90 days to issue a decision. Americans for Safe Access attorney Joe Elford, who represents Cha and Spray, said the men simply want return of property they lawfully possessed. Cha was arrested in June 2005 after Garden Grove police searched his car during a traffic stop and seized eight ounces of marijuana. Prosecutors dropped the case after contacting Cha's doctor and a judge ordered return of the marijuana. But Garden Grove appealed to the 4th District Court. The city's lawyer, Magdalena Lona-Wiant, said the judge made a mistake by ordering the return of the marijuana without determining whether Cha qualified as a medical marijuana patient. She also said the Compassionate Use Act did not establish a property right to the drug, claiming marijuana possession violates federal law. Spray was arrested in November 2005 after police confiscated five ounces of marijuana and paraphernalia from his home. Drug charges were dropped and Spray asked a judge to order Huntington Beach police to return the pot. But the judge refused and Spray appealed to the 4th District Court.

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SAN BERNARDINO
Judge closes Flesh Club for nudity, sex

The city is optimistic it will win its 12-year fight to close the Flesh Club, a gentlemen's retreat featuring nude dancers. Superior Court Judge Donald R. Alvarez, in a tentative ruling Thursday, fined the Hospitality Lane exotic dancing club \$25,000 and ordered it shuttered for eight months. The judge said it was a haven for illicit sex. The club has 15 days to appeal. The city has been trying to close down the club since 1995. "After more than 20 years of public service, the days just don't get any better than this," City Attorney James F. Penman after Alvarez's ruling. Attorney Roger Jon Diamond, representing Flesh Club parent Manta Management Corp., said the club would not close and he is prepared to appeal to the Supreme Court if necessary. "This is not over, not by a long shot," Diamond said. Flesh Club owner Ward "Ryan" Welty said the club remains open and there are no plans to close.

Joseph Arias, the city's lead attorney in the case, said he was pleased with the judge's 15-page tentative ruling after hours of lurid testimony from private investigators and dancers about sexual liaisons at the club. "These owners were pimps who brought a house of prostitution to our community," Arias said. "They thought we were small-time over here, and they learned otherwise."

AP

LOS ANGELES
Council members hesitant about parting with city property

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's plan to sell surplus city property to bolster the strained budget hit an obstacle: Council members are hoarding land in their districts. Nearly a year ago, the mayor said the sale of 252 parcels could generate up to \$58 million over the next few years. But no properties have been sold because of council member reluctance. Although a council member would keep half the sale proceeds for the district, most have objected to proposed sales or said they want to give them more consideration. "People feel territorial about property in their district and want to be part of the process," Villaraigosa spokesman Gil Duran said. Councilman Tom LaBonge said he is hesitant to part with 11 properties tagged for sale in his district, including several near Griffith Park. "Where there is no need today, there is a need tomorrow," LaBonge said. "I'm very cautious about getting rid of land just because it appears to be surplus."

AP

LOS ANGELES
Raids lead to 59 arrests, \$5 million and drugs seized

Fifty-nine people were arrested and a half-ton of drugs and \$5 million were seized during the bust up of a major Southern California trafficking operation based in Mexico. The Drug Enforcement Administration, FBI agents and local law enforcement, including the El Monte and Pomona police departments, participated in Wednesday's culmination of Operation Imperial Emperor, authorities said. Besides the arrests and confiscation of cash, more than 1,000 pounds of drugs, including cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana were seized. Investigators estimated the street value at \$30 million. DEA special agent Timothy Landrum said the arrests dealt a serious blow to drug trafficking in Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. "This operation targeted a complex confederation of Mexico-based drug trafficking organizations that put hundreds of kilograms of cocaine onto the streets of Southern California," Landrum said in a statement. The drug ring was allegedly led by Sinaloa, Mexico-based kingpin Victor Emilio Cazarez-Salazar, who arranged transportation of large shipments of cocaine from Colombia and Venezuela to Mexico, investigators said.

AP

Study: Back Pain Sufferers Benefit From New Technology

Santa Monica - "A new study shows that technology may have finally found a non-surgical solution for chronic back pain and sciatica sufferers." That's what Santa Monica Chiropractor, Dr. Tim Bullock is saying about a treatment called Spinal Decompression. Dr. Bullock has been using FDA approved non-surgical spinal decompression in his office for over two years now. This treatment is a drug free breakthrough to treat back pain, disc herniation and sciatica. "I am amazed at the results spinal decompression gets with patients who were about to give up searching for a solution for their problem. And how safe and easy it is... even for patients who have already had surgery. I am also shocked to learn that so few doctors throughout the country have this new technology available in their office," commented Dr. Bullock.

Due to the tremendous success in back pain patients using this technology, Dr. Bullock has made a copy of the Study available to anyone suffering from a painful back caused by disc herniation, for FREE! "I want back pain sufferers to know they have an option other than drugs and surgery... an option that really works. I want to let them know there is finally REAL hope for their condition. Learn all the details in this free report." To get your free copy of Dr. Bullock's recently released Research Case Study report titled, "The Effectiveness Of Spinal Decompression Therapy In Patients With Back Pain, Herniated Disc and Sciatica" just call (310) 562-6700 and listen to the 24 hr recorded message on how to have it mailed to you free. Call now, supply is limited. Or log on to www.lordexsamo.com and click on "Free Report."



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Driver could face jail time

CHP recommends charges in OC crash that killed children

By the Associated Press

MISSION VIEJO State officials recommended that prosecutors file charges against the driver of a big rig that crashed into a minivan on the Santa Ana Freeway in May, killing three young siblings.

California Highway Patrol investigators found that the driver, Jorge Miguel Romero, was driving too fast when he got into the accident that killed the three youngsters from Ladera Ranch, Officer

Chris Goodwin said Wednesday.

Goodwin would not disclose details of the report, which CHP investigators forwarded to the Orange County district attorney's office last week.

Romero, 37, of Apple Valley told police after the accident he was traveling 55 mph to 60 mph in Mission Viejo on May 5 when traffic slowed too suddenly for him to stop in time.

Killed in the crash were Kyle Coble, 5, and his sisters, Emma, 4, and Katie, 2. Their mother, Lori Coble, 30, and the children's grandmother, Cynthia Maestri, 60, were seriously injured.

Romero, who was not hurt in the crash, was suspended indefinitely as a driver for KW Express, the Carson-based company that owned the tractor trailer he was driv-

ing, company spokesman Bill Furlow said.

"This further underscores the tragedy that has befallen the Coble family," company officials said Wednesday in a prepared statement. "Our hearts continue to ache for them every day and also for Mr. Romero and his family, whose lives have also been changed forever."

Romero could not be reached for comment on Thursday. A telephone number for a J. Romero in Apple Valley had been disconnected.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration cited K.W. Express for 15 safety violations after the accident, including failure to keep proper records and improper handling of drug tests, officials said.

The company was given until mid-

September to appeal the citations, which cover incidents in March through May, or bring its operations into full compliance. Company officials said they would not contest the findings.

Only one citation — alleging that the company failed to require Romero to take a drug and alcohol test after the collision — dealt directly with the crash, company officials said. An alcohol test should have been administered within eight hours of the crash and a drug test within 32 hours.

The company thought Romero did not have to be tested because he passed breath and blood tests administered by the CHP after the accident, officials said.

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Weather plays major role in Santa Barbara fire

Humidity helps, hinders crews fighting huge SoCal wildfire

By the Associated Press

SANTA BARBARA Crews fighting a seven-week-old wildfire in the Santa Barbara County wilderness got a mixed blessing Friday as higher humidity slowed the fire but made it harder to burn off the dense brush in its path.

The so-called Zaca Fire, which nudged its way into Ventura

County this week, was 83 percent contained after burning 235,601 acres, or about 368 square miles of steep backcountry.

The fire was about 15 miles away from the community of Ojai and did not threaten any other large communities, fire spokesman Larry Griffith said.

Despite its size, the fire has only destroyed one structure, an outbuilding.

The blaze increased by about 3,000 acres overnight on its active northern front. Crews set backfires on Thursday to burn up chaparral and form a blackened fireline — a tactic that was successfully used in the past week to partially box the fire. However, they had to stop the effort when

humidity became too high for the brush to burn well.

The humidity on Friday was a moist 47 percent as a coastal marine layer dampened the canyon lands inland.

"It isn't helping with trying to get the fields to burn," Griffith said.

Along the fire's northwestern perimeter near the Sisquoc River, crews were cutting firelines by hand and had about seven miles to build, Griffith said.

Sparks from equipment being used to repair a water pipe ignited the blaze north of Los Olivos on July 4.

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Former Pakistani leader returns

BY DAVID STRINGER | Associated Press Writer

LONDON Immediately after Pakistan's highest court ruled he could return, former Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said he would go home soon to lead his party's campaign to oust President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, who exiled Sharif eight years ago.

Speaking to The Associated Press in his London office on Thursday, Sharif, who once dominated Pakistani politics, confirmed he planned to run for a third term as prime minister.

The ruling by Pakistan's Supreme Court on Thursday and Sharif's promise to return and run for office further complicate life for Musharraf, who as an army general overthrew Sharif in a bloodless 1999 coup.

Musharraf's recent failed attempt to fire the Supreme Court's chief justice triggered widespread pro-democracy rallies. He also faces U.S. pressure to crack down on Islamic extremists in Pakistan's volatile northwest region near the Afghan border, where attacks on soldiers have increased and the security situation has deteriorated.

Sharif and Benazir Bhutto — another banished former premier with strong popular support planning a comeback — insist Musharraf must let them compete in year-end parlia-

mentary elections if the vote is to be considered democratic.

"If the people of Pakistan elect me to serve the country, I'll be honored to do that," he said.

Washington has made clear that its war on terrorist groups takes priority over the speed of democratic reform in Pakistan. However, it appears to be growing impatient with Musharraf and has been prodding him toward a power-sharing deal with Bhutto and her political party.

THERE IS NO CHANCE FOR ANY RECONCILIATION."

Sadique al-Farooq, Senior leader of Sharif's party

On Friday, Sadique al-Farooq, a senior leader of Sharif's party said "there is no chance for any reconciliation" with Musharraf. "It is out of question," he told the AP. "Democracy and dictatorship cannot go together."

Al-Farooq said their party will meet in the capital, Islamabad, on Saturday to consider dates for the return of Sharif.

Sharif told the AP he had a cordial relationship with the

United States while he was in office, but said Washington must reconsider its relationship with Pakistan and not give its support just to Musharraf if it wants to quell religious militancy.

"In any democracy you can find such menaces, but if a democracy fights terrorism, ultimately it will win the battle," he said. "But if one individual is fighting the battle (he) cannot win."

Sharif appeared more vigorous during his interview than when he was forced from his homeland into exile in Saudi Arabia and London, when he looked frail, gray and nearly bald.

He said he would return to Pakistan soon, but gave no date. A committee from his party, the Pakistan Muslim League, will meet in London in the next few days to decide on plans.

The charismatic 57-year-old conservative secularist served twice as prime minister and is known internationally for authorizing Pakistan's first nuclear bomb test in 1998.

He was arrested when the army seized power a year later and eventually sentenced to life imprisonment on hijacking and terrorism charges. He was released from jail after signing a pledge not to return to Pakistan for at least 10 years.

On Thursday, the Supreme Court ruled Sharif has "an inalienable right to enter and remain in the country," said Chief Justice Iftikhar Mohammed Chaudhry.

Republican senator calls for immediate troop withdrawals

BY ANNE FLAHERTY

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Sen. John Warner's call for troop withdrawals from Iraq is likely to ratchet up pressure on President Bush substantially and lend momentum to Democratic efforts to end U.S. combat.

Warner, R-Va., former chairman of the

Armed Services Committee and Navy secretary during the Vietnam War, said Bush should bring some troops home by Christmas. Doing so, he told reporters Thursday, would send a powerful message that the U.S. commitment in Iraq was not open-ended.

Warner says the president should get to decide when and how many troops should leave. Bush has opposed setting a date to pull

out troops and contends that conditions on the ground should dictate deployments.

"I'm hopeful that this (redeployment) could lead to more emphasis on the Iraqi forces taking the major responsibility, as it relates to the internal insurgency in that country," the Virginia Republican said.

Warner's suggestion comes as a new intel-

ligence assessment says Iraqis have failed to govern effectively or reach the political compromises believed necessary to tamp down sectarian violence.

The report finds that Iraq's security will continue to "improve modestly" over the next six to 12 months, provided that coalition forces mount strong counterinsurgency operations and mentor Iraqi forces.

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GROUNDING: Many residents frown at the noise and pollution that the Santa Monica Airport creates. The FAA and City Hall are currently at odds over the best operating procedures for the facility.

Locals pine for propellers

FAA and City Hall clash over safety at the local airport

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK Weekend barbecues, quiet nights relaxing on the back patio, opening up windows to embrace the afternoon sun — residents here who live in the shadow of the Santa Monica Airport say forget it. They've given up on those idyllic outdoor pursuits long ago.

That is, unless they don't mind the roar of jets flying overhead every 10 to 20 minutes or the sickening stench of fuel left behind in their wake, permeating their living rooms.

Such is the reality for those Santa Monica residents who have chosen to live within 300 feet of the airport's runway. Nowhere else in the country are homes located so close to a bustling airport, one that accommodates 140,000 take-offs and landings each year.

"It's gotten worse over the years," said Adrian Harewood, who moved in 1992, along with his wife and two children, into a modest home at the corner of Pier Avenue and Clover Street, just a stone's throw away from the airport's northwest boundary.

"We're outside less," Harewood added. "I'd say it's had a negative impact on our lives."

Harewood isn't alone. The vast majority of residents living near either end of the airport's runway share similar stories about having to change their daily routines because of the municipal airfield. Some sleep with earplugs so they aren't woken up in the middle of the night when a jet makes an unscheduled landing. Others seldom take to their backyards, concerned the fumes they smell might be harming them physically.

"The sad thing, for me, is that I do love to garden and be outside, but since moving here I've noticed that ... I don't enjoy them as much because of the planes," said Ellen Mark, who has lived in Sunset Park for nine years. On Friday, Mark said she has no regrets and is not opposed to the airport, just the increase in jet traffic.

"People will say, 'Why did you move there knowing that there was an airport?'" Mark said. "It's not about that anymore. The issue is that the airport is a disaster waiting to happen."

SHOWDOWN WITH THE FAA

Residents are expected to show up to City Hall in force Tuesday night to confront officials from the Federal

never seen.

"I'm surprised by how bad the offer is," Larson added. "I wouldn't say I am living in constant fear, but I'm concerned because we know that we don't have the safety bumpers that the FAA recommends. We don't even have the minimum. We have less than the minimum. We have nothing, basically."

The FAA's proposal calls for City Hall to take extreme measures to enhance safety at the airport without limiting the types of aircraft that can use it, according to a letter from the federal agency to city officials.

As part of the proposal, City Hall would have to extend existing runways closer to homes in order to accommodate a 155-foot runway safety area that would include a 130-foot Engineered Materials Arresting System (EMAS), which is basically a ramp at the end of a runway made of collapsible concrete that crumbles under the weight of an errant aircraft. The extensions would reach the inside lane of the existing perimeter road, which would be reduced to one lane for several hundred feet at each end of runway. The extensions would be made through the addition of infill and the use of retaining walls.

The FAA also suggests City Hall, with the help of the City of Los Angeles, purchase 14 acres of land on each side of the runway (the eastern side is in Los Angeles) to create a Runway Protection Zone, a trapezoidal area "off the end of the runway end that serves to enhance the protection of people and property on the ground in the event an aircraft lands or crashes beyond the EMAS system."

That would require both cities spending millions of dollars to buy homes and demolish them, which is not likely a realistic option for city officials, who have received enough criticism from residents over the last 23 years — when City Hall last entered into a legally-binding agreement with the FAA over the operation of the airport.

That agreement ends in 2015 and city officials said they have no desire to extend it by accepting federal grants to help pay for the runway safety enhancements.

'LAUNCH PAD INTO THE COMMUNITY'

In an interview with the Daily Press on Friday, City Manager Lamont Ewell and Airport Manager Bob Trimborn expressed their extreme disappointment with

I DO NOTICE THAT WE'RE OUTSIDE LESS BECAUSE OF (THE JET TRAFFIC). I'D SAY IT'S HAD A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR LIVES."

Adrian Harewood, resident living just on the other side of the Santa Monica Airport

"Part of the reason why we moved here was because we could afford it, and that was because it was right next to the airport," Harewood said. "We knew we were living next to an airport, and after a while, we didn't hear the smaller planes at all. They were like flies just buzzing in the background."

"But in the last few years, more jets have been flying overhead," he said Friday. "Now it's almost unbearable. And what's more devastating than the noise are the fumes."

At present, Harewood has to periodically pause for 10 to 15 seconds if he wants to have a conversation with someone in his front yard, waiting for the jet engines to subside. Windows and doors are kept closed throughout the weekends, when jet traffic seems to spike, he said.

Aviation Administration, which will present its latest runway safety proposal, one that has already been rejected by city officials and residents for being inadequate, and in many ways, insulting since it places an emphasis on protecting private flights instead of the lives of pilots, their passengers and the people living less than a football field away from aircraft traveling at high rates of speed.

Residents plan to rally in front of City Hall to force the FAA to stop playing "runway roulette" with their lives.

"This latest offer (from the FAA) is absurd," said Sunset Park resident Cathy Larson, who is concerned that a jet will one day travel past the runway and collide with homes, causing a disaster the likes of which the city has

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EWVVV: Margaret Williamson, who lives just east of the Santa Monica Airport, cleans a windowsill in her backyard that is covered with what she says is a mixture of dirt and soot from aircraft emissions. Williamson said she and her husband rarely enjoy their backyard because of the loud, disruptive sounds of jets landing and taking off, as well as the nauseating fumes emitted by the aircraft.

Neighborhood fuming at jets

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the FAA's suggestions and hope that the Council discussion Tuesday will produce better results.

"It's extremely disappointing and frustrating," Ewell said of the process. "It took seven years to get here and (the proposal) is clearly inadequate and deficient ... We need to come up with a solution, like yesterday, and even that's not fast enough."

Ewell and Trimborn said the current proposal, which is estimated to cost around \$5 million or \$6 million, does not even meet the FAA's minimum standards for safety and would actually make the runways more dangerous because of the construction of runway extensions.

Since the EMAS beds would only work for aircraft weighing in excess of 12,500 pounds that exited the runway at 40 knots or less, smaller aircraft — which represent roughly 85 percent of the planes flying in and out of the airport — would roll over the EMAS and crash into homes or the service road below, "virtually ensuring a catastrophic event," Trimborn said in his report to the council.

The EMAS would act as a "launch pad into our community," putting residents living on the western end at risk, Ewell said. The effectiveness of the blast wall at the eastern end, built to deflect exhaust from aircraft taking off, would also be limited by the extensions.

For their part, the FAA has repeatedly said that it will not support any runway safety enhancements that dramatically reduce the length of the runway, and therefore, prevent larger jet aircraft from using it. Federal officials made it clear in previous interviews that they want Santa Monica Airport to remain a reliever for LAX.

"The FAA's focus seems to be on access and use," Trimborn said. "You won't read anything about safety ... All life is precious and we shouldn't be pitting one against the other."

Ewell said it is not the city's goal to close down the airport, but rather, make it safe for everyone.

Trimborn criticized the FAA for allowing larger aircraft to use the airport over the last decade. The airport was never meant to handle such aircraft, but because of advances in technology, pilots are able to land the jets on runways once considered too small.

Pilots have complained that if the runway were shortened, they would have to carry less passengers or make an extra stop to refuel. While Ewell understands the importance of the airport to the city's economy, he said he is not worried about pilots being inconvenienced.

"That's not a concern for us," Ewell said. "Our concern is safety, not the convenience of travelers going from point A to point B."

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Residents to finally get lights



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GEORGINA ON THEIR MINDS: Darkness descends on Georgina Street this week, seen here from Seventh Street, looking west.

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Hall will pay for half, the average resident along the three-block stretch will end up shelling out approximately \$4,800.

The homeowners' assessment will depend on whether their legal address sits on the street receiving the lights or if it is on a cross street of Georgina Avenue, the latter chipping in about \$2,400.

Concerned for their children's safety and wary of the increasing amount of shady activities occurring outside at night, several neighbors circulated a petition last year, asking if residents would be willing to open their pocketbooks to fund street lights.

"People park there constantly ... and they smoke pot and drink," said Kathleen Zadikian, a mother who helped initiate the petition after noticing several questionable transactions taking place outside her home.

The petition received the necessary number of signatures — 60 percent of homeowners on the block — to move the project forward, prompting a series of workshops reviewing the design of the lamps, culminating in an election in October when the measure narrowly passed.

The total votes cast in the public hearing last year to approve the project was split right down the middle — 12 residents in support and 12 against. The tie-breaker went to the "ayes" because their combined would-be assessment outweighed those opposing the measure, which is accounted

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Georgina gets brighter

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for in assessment elections. The outcome of the election established an assessment district along Georgina Avenue.

The project calls for the installation of nine Aegean-style ornamental concrete street lights, conduits, pull boxes and electric wiring, according to City Engineer Tony Antich.

The bidding process for contractors will close on Sept. 12 and the City Council is tentatively scheduled to award the bid on Oct. 23. Construction should begin shortly after the beginning of the year and be completed within 120 calendar days.

Nikolaos Koutouratsas, a retired doctor who has lived in his Georgina Avenue home since 1965, said he prefers the status quo, finding the darkness to be a charm unique to his street.

The former radiologist recalls a time when a new doctor was set to join his practice at what was then Santa Monica Hospital. The doctor was living in Palos Verdes and looking for a home in Santa Monica to shorten the commute. Koutouratsas mentioned a home on the market on Ninth Street, but the doctor said there was only one place in Santa Monica where he would consider living — Georgina Avenue, between Fourth and Seventh streets.

"He said he wanted to buy a house there because it has no lights," Koutouratsas said.

For many residents that supported the measure, installing street lights is a matter of protecting children.

"Anybody with a child wants a street light," said Ben Fitzgerald, father of three

children. "It's a safe street, but we still need lamps."

"It's as dark as the eighth circle of hell."

WHERE ARE THE LIGHTS

Contrary to what some Georgina Avenue homeowners might think, their block isn't unique for its absence of street lights.

"There are a lot of areas in the city that don't have street lights," Antich said.

Such requests are always done through an assessment proceeding, where the cost would ultimately fall on the residents. The only reason why Georgina has never had street lights is because the proposal had never gotten this far.

The Noma street is one of many assessment districts in the city.

The push to establish the district came at the same time when several residents in Sunset Park were petitioning the city to install street lights.

However, their proposal to install lights on 30th Street from Pico Boulevard to Pearl Street never saw the light of day, as it was defeated handily, 19-6. The election was held concurrently with Georgina's.

A good number of residents along Georgina Avenue are senior citizens, living on a fixed-income. Those who qualify will receive financial assistance, Antich said.

"In this case, the city is more of an accommodator," Antich said. "(Residents) could do this all on their own, but the approach of the city is to use its ability to do bond financing so residents can pay off the debt to the bond holder over a 10-year period."

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Pedophile makes court appearance

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Sandvig did not give specific reasons for revising his initial order but indicated he was aware of concerns about its constitutionality given its sweeping nature.

"Minor children are a group that do need extra protection because they can't be watched 24-seven," the judge said.

McClellan was arrested Aug. 13 for investigation of violating the order when he was found near a child care center at the University of California, Los Angeles. He had a camera with him at the time, but he told a local TV station there wasn't any film in it.

Prosecutors dropped the criminal case against him

after determining the order had been invalid because the judge failed to schedule and give McClellan proper notice of a hearing required to argue its merits.

Attorneys Anthony D. Zinnanti and Richard A. Patterson had sought the order behalf of their children. After the hearing, they said they believed McClellan would follow the restrictions.

Civil libertarians and others had argued that the original sweeping restraining order had virtually barred McClellan from the state by forbidding him from going near any child.

Zinnanti said that, with the modified order, "Mr. McClellan can go shopping ... he's not barred from having a life, but there is, however, a perimeter around chil-

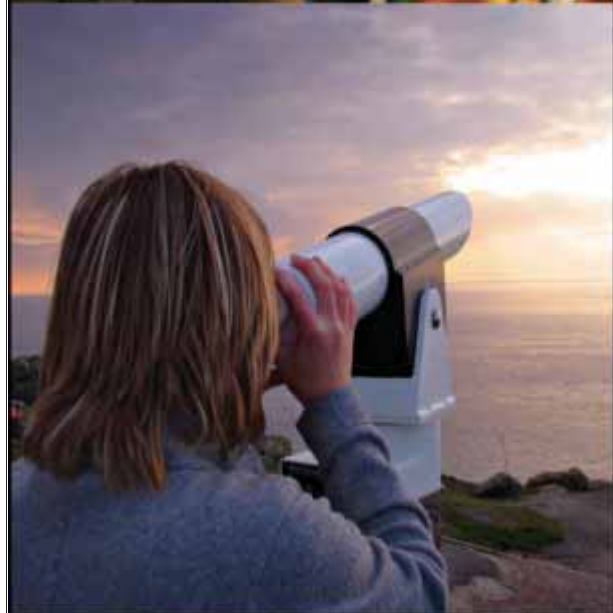
dren." He said he and Patterson had also offered to help McClellan get counseling.

McClellan has been unemployed and living out of his car, reportedly near Venice, since arriving in Southern California this summer from Washington.

At the hearing, he was represented by attorney Robert J. Wilson, who said he was acting at the request of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California. However, Wilson was handed a note by the bailiff during the hearing that said the ACLU would not be taking McClellan's case.

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'M*A*S*H' star discusses life, work

Actor Mike Farrell, best known for his role as B.J. Hunnicutt on "M*A*S*H," will discuss his new autobiography "Just Call Me Mike: A Journey to Actor and Activist" on Monday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Santa Monica Public Library's Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium.

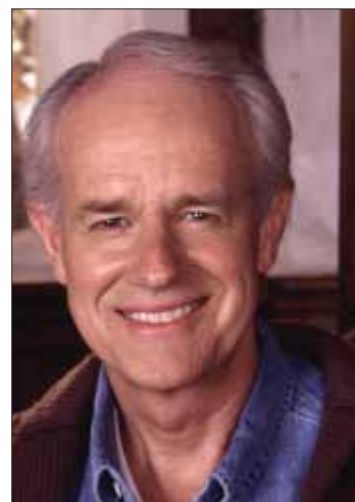
A book sale and signing will follow Farrell's talk.

Besides M*A*S*H, Farrell has enjoyed a long television acting career, appearing in successful series such as "Providence" and "Desperate Housewives," and has worked as a writer, director and producer. He is also the co-chair emeritus of Human Rights Watch in Southern California; spokesperson for Concern America; and co-founder of Artists United to Win Without War. As president of Death Penalty Focus, he has extensively worked to abolish capital punishment.

This library event is free and open to the public. Auditorium seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. Tickets for auditorium seating will be available one hour prior to the program. No prior reservations are available.

For more information on this and other Santa Monica Public Library programs, call (310) 458-8600 or visit www.smpl.org.

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Clothing drive for vets, Elk-style

The Santa Monica Elks, along with other local legions, initiated their annual clothing drive for the patients at the Westwood V.A. Hospital. Last year, the Elks delivered Seven pick-up truck loads, one van load, and one carload.

Many homeless are veterans, who are often taken to the V.A. hospital, where their clothes are immediately incinerated. Clothing is a lacking necessity at the facility, and donations of all sizes are gratefully accepted. Both men and women's clothing is welcome.

Serviceable shoes, clothing, books, etc. may be dropped off at the Santa Monica Elks (1040 Pico Blvd.) or the Westchester Elks (8025 Manchester Blvd., Playa del Rey), or call Curt Curtiss (310) 645-8989.

EMILY SKEHAN

Library to announce green winners

The Santa Monica Public Library will announce its winners for the 2007 Green Prize for Sustainable Literature on Sept. 29. The ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. in the Main Library North Courtyard, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. The winning authors, illustrators and publishers are invited to attend, as well as members of the sustainability community, local press and city staff.

For more information about the Santa Monica Public Library's Green Prize for Sustainable Literature, call (310) 458-8600 or visit www.smpl.org/greenprize.htm.

Waving goodbye to summer

Santa Monica Aquarium celebrates end of the season

BY MELODY HANATANI | Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA PIER Just because school has yet to begin doesn't mean kids can't squeeze in a lesson or two. The Santa Monica Pier Aquarium — operated by Heal the Bay — will host a series of educational and entertaining programs this weekend as part of its end of summer celebration.

"The Last Waves of Summer" will include a series of presentations and interactive learning activities for children and families to learn about the natural marine-life habitats in the Santa Monica Bay.

The feature presentation today will be headlined by animal ethics expert Thomas White, who will address the relationship between humans and dolphins. The chair of the Center for Ethics and Business at Loyola Marymount University, White will discuss his new book, "In Defense of Dolphins: The New Moral Frontier."

The book discussion will be followed by a computer animation presentation on Sunday by computer graphics engineer Stirling Duguid, who will talk about how waves were created in the Sony animated film, "Surf's Up."

Smaller activities will be included as part of the summer conclusion celebration, including an arts and crafts station where children can create take-home wave models and a demonstration of the aquarium's remotely operated vehicle (ROV). The ROV will be submerged 30 feet into the Santa Monica Bay, giving spectators a glimpse of oceanic life through the vehicle's camera.

Last Waves organizers hope the weekend's events will be the first of many to be held annually. The aquarium already hosts similar events at the end of the fall, winter and spring.

"It's fun for the staff to offer something new and it's something that keeps the public coming in," said aquarium Director Vicki Wawerchak.

SANTA MONICA: DEEP DOWN BELOW

The aquarium has been educating the public about Santa Monica's marine life since Heal the Bay took over what was then the UCLA Discovery Center in February 2003. The aquarium opened beneath the carousel building in 1996.

Heal the Bay is a non-profit organization advocating for cleaner coastal waters and watersheds in Southern California.

After the organization took over the facility, the focus was shifted toward exhibiting habitats in the bay.

The approximately 4,500-square-foot space holds 10 tanks, housing aquatic life unique to the Santa Monica Bay, including horn sharks, rock fish and several varieties of rays.



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FRONT ROW: Volunteers Shannon Lee (left) and Alicia Cooper examine a 3 1/2 foot moray eel at the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium.

Each of the 10 tanks focuses on a specific habitat and sea creature, including kelp forests, rocky reefs, octopuses and sharks.

The aquarium's budget is nearly \$1 million this year, funded mainly from government grants, membership fees and donations.

Ian Alkire, who lives in the Inland Empire, visits the Westside occasionally to see her granddaughter, Juliana, and take her to the aquarium.

Friday was one of those occasions as grandmother and granddaughter took another trip to the pier.

"You can learn by reading, listening or doing," Alkire



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Vicki Wawerchak, Director, Santa Monica Pier Aquarium

Approximately 65,000 people visit the aquarium annually, including 15,000 students on class field trips. Summer is the busiest time for the general population, but spring is the most popular for the aquarium's educational programs. Wawerchak estimates that more than 23,000 visitors will have come through the doors from June to the end of August.

said, as 5-year-old Juliana runs around her legs, asking grandma where are the turtles.

"It's a great place to learn hands on," Alkire added.

Daily Press intern Gerry Shih contributed to this report.

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Board spends quality time with BB projects

Construction would begin as early as next June at two campuses

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Construction and renovation for the district's two largest campuses could begin as early as next June, according to a timeline released recently for the spending of a \$268 million bond measure.

The district's consultant for managing projects funded by Measure BB — Parsons 3D/I — presented an outline containing ten-

tative dates for construction at Santa Monica and Malibu high schools on Thursday.

The timeline shows construction commencing for Malibu High School's athletic facilities in June 2008, though the project could be accelerated if it receives an exemption from several requirements set forth under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Many of the projects at both high schools — which include adding new parking lots, classrooms, locker rooms and playing fields — will likely not have a groundbreaking until 2009.

Tom Tomeoni of Parsons 3D/I presented the timeline during a school board meeting on Thursday, the first of several expected sessions in the coming months as Parson 3D/I begins hammering out dates for projects at

the elementary and middle schools. The projects are part of the district's Facilities Master Plan, which outlines the future of the public schools over the next 20 years.

At this point, the projects for both Malibu High and Samohi are estimated to cost approximately \$71.9 million, the majority of which is being earmarked for the Santa Monica institution.

One of the biggest concerns of school board members during the meeting seemed to be finding a way to incorporate joint use opportunities between the district and City Hall and Santa Monica College, allowing the three entities to share future facilities and programs.

Such programs have been successful in the past, one of the highlights being a play-

ground partnership that was funded by another bond measure a few years ago, allowing the district to improve playgrounds at the elementary schools

Thanks to the joint use agreement, the playgrounds are open to the public during non-school hours and City Hall provides employees to monitor the grounds, said Barbara Stinchfield, director of Community and Cultural Services.

There could be other joint use opportunities in the future, including the planned field space at the Civic Center, providing much needed athletic space for Samohi.

"We have a long history of collaboration," Stinchfield said.

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World War II submarine found

BY JEANNETTE J. LEE | Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska The mangled remains of a World War II submarine were found in the Bering Sea on Wednesday night, more than six decades after the U.S. Navy vessel disappeared with a crew of 70 off the Aleutian Island of Kiska.

The discovery of the USS Grunion culminates a five-year search led by the sons of its commander, Mannert Abele, and may finally shine a light on the mysterious last moments of the doomed vessel.

"Obviously, this is a very big thing," the oldest son, Bruce Abele, said Thursday from his home in Newton, Mass. "I told my wife about it when she was still in bed and she practically went up to the ceiling."

A remotely operated vehicle snapped pictures and captured three hours of video footage of the Grunion on a rocky underwater slope north of the volcanic island, according to John Abele, who was in Kiska Harbor with the search team on Thursday.

The submarine lies 1,000 feet from the surface and had been crushed by water pressure, said Abele. He is director and co-founder of the medical equipment company Boston Scientific Corp. and the youngest of the three brothers.

"The most surprising thing was the damage," said Abele. "It was much more than we or anyone else imagined. Initially it was very hard to recognize as a ship."

The hull had imploded so severely that the interior, including bunks and a dive wheel, are clearly visible, Abele said. No human remains were found.

The search team hired by the Abeles, Deep Sea Systems International, said no identifying markings or lettering could be seen, however, the location and appearance of the vessel indicate it is the missing sub.

"There's a 95 percent chance that this is the Grunion and a less than five percent chance that it's not," said Christopher J. Nicholson, general manager of the company based in Cataumet, Mass. "The fact that they actually found this in an expanse of ocean is really pretty spectacular."

The Grunion had a propeller guard, which was rare in subs of the day, Abele said. The vessel discovered yesterday



Photo courtesy U.S. Navy

BACK IN THE DAY: The USS Grunion as it looked when it took its maiden voyage in 1941. Researchers have found the sunken sub.

also had the fence, which prevented docking lines from getting caught in propeller.

The Grunion patrolled Alaska's Aleutian Islands during the early months of World War II. Her last official radio message to the submarine base at Dutch Harbor came on July 30, 1942 and described heavy enemy activity at Kiska Harbor.

Earlier that month, the Grunion had sunk two Japanese submarine chasers and heavily damaged a third near Kiska, one of two islands in the far west Aleutians captured by the Japanese.

Until a few years ago, the clues to the Grunion's disappearance were too fragmented to justify a search.

But after receiving more information from a model ship builder in Japan, the Abeles launched an initial expedition to Kiska in August 2006. Sonar images of a sub-shaped silhouette prompted a second journey this month.

As news of the search spread, several relatives of the Grunion's crew banded together to locate others with ties to the lost men. To date, the relatives of 69 men are following the progress of the search, said Mary Bentz of Bethesda, Md., whose uncle died on the Grunion.

The relatives of one more man, Byron Allen Traviss of Detroit, remain to be found.

Bentz said the news is a relief after decades of not knowing what happened. Her father's youngest brother, Carmine Anthony Parziale, of Weedville, Penn., was in his early 20s when he served as a torpedoman third class on Grunion.

"I know when my dad would talk about him, his eyes would well up with tears," said Bentz. "I was relieved to know that this is finally over, that now we can say, two and three generations later, that we know what happened."

A forensic engineer and other experts will use the footage to piece together the Grunion's final hours and figure out why it sank. The search crew of 17 plans to spend several more days looking for sunken Japanese ships in the area.

"Actually seeing the burial site was touching and in a way rewarding," John Abele said. "It provides a closing and hopefully an answer to the unknown."

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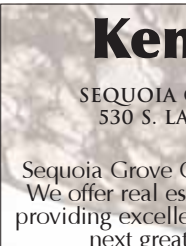
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Freshmen learn about each other

By the Associated Press

RENO, Nev. Incoming freshmen at the University of Nevada, Reno, got to meet one of the state's premier authors through his book and got to learn something about each other.

Earlier this summer, the university mailed each student a copy of "Sweet Promised Land" by the late Robert Laxalt.

The voluntary reading project is a way to help incoming students become part of the higher education community, said UNR President Milton Glick.

"The idea is to help them find the transition from high school to college. To say to them, 'Now you are entering a new phase of your life, and more of your learning will be on your back and less on being taught,'" Glick told the Reno Gazette-Journal.

Having 2,500 students take part in small

reading groups this week before classes start on Monday to discuss the same book also will convey that they share one common goal, he said — earning a degree.



FOR SOME STUDENTS, IT MIGHT HELP THEM FIND THEY ENJOY LITERATURE."

graduate expected some sort of Western saga.

"I thought, 'OK, it's about a Basque sheepherder,' but it ended up being much more than that," said Hoops, who plans to

really enjoyed the book," she said. "It deals with immigration issues that we're still dealing with, so it was definitely very interesting."

Ricardo Lopez of Las Vegas said the book gave him better a understanding of northern Nevada's history and of the Basque people.

"I was able to relate to it because when I look at my relationship with my own father. He also is an immigrant, but he came from Mexico," said the 17-year-old, who will seek a dual major in English and journalism.

"I think it's a good idea because you have all these students who are going to major in different areas, but a good college education has a basis in the liberal arts," he said. "For some students, it might help them find they enjoy literature and persuade those who are undecided to look into a liberal arts major."

Ricardo Lopez, English and journalism major

major in journalism. "It was more about becoming your own person when you have to move away from your home and figuring out how you can make a new life."

Having incoming freshmen read the book and discuss it is a great icebreaker for students to get to know one another, Hoops said.

"The idea is definitely a good one, and I

No criminal charges in Wyoming climber death

BY BOB MOEN | Associated Press Writer

CHEYENNE, Wyo. No criminal charges will be filed against a man who threw a bowling ball-sized rock over a cliff, hitting and killing another man climbing below, a prosecutor said Friday.

Fremont County Attorney Ed Newell said a number of factors went into his decision not to file criminal charges, including the fact that drugs and alcohol were not involved. Newell has refused to identify the man who threw the rock, saying only that he recently returned from military service in Iraq.

Pete Absolon, 47, died instantly when he was struck by the rock Aug. 11 while climbing the Leg Lake Cirque in the Wind River Mountains near Lander, 220 miles northwest of Cheyenne. Absolon was the Rocky Mountain regional director of the National Outdoor Leadership School in Lander.

Newell said Absolon's widow has the option of pursuing a civil case.

The man, who had no prior record, was hiking with several others on top the cliff when he threw the rock weighing about 15 to 20 pounds over the ledge and down a sheer rock wall, Newell said.

"He had no idea that there was anybody below," Newell said.

The man then leaned over and saw the rock hit Absolon, immediately calling his friends for help and running to the bottom of the cliff to check on Absolon, Newell said.

"He could have easily walked away, and it would have been assumed that the rock had simply fallen due to natural causes," Newell said.

In making his decision not to file charges, Newell cited the man's remorse and said he took responsibility and cooperated with investigators.

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Superferry is in jeopardy

BY MARK NIESSE

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU The Hawaii Supreme Court shot a legal torpedo at the Hawaii Superferry, jeopardizing next week's launch of the islands' first interisland passenger and vehicle ferry service.

Just hours after hearing arguments in the case Thursday, the five-member Supreme Court unanimously ruled that the Superferry should have been required to do an environmental study.

A full environmental assessment could delay the ferry service's launch by months or years.

Ferry officials, however, said it's their "continued hope and intention" to begin daily interisland service from Oahu to Maui and Kauai on Tuesday.

The flashy blue and white catamaran, painted with a giant manta ray logo, has already been tested at sea and toured by more than 16,000 people. A second ferry being built in Mobile, Ala., is scheduled to serve the Big Island starting in 2009.

The first 340-foot-long ferry can carry up to 866 passengers and more than 100 vehicles. Together, the two ferries cost \$190 million.

State law prohibits the ferries from entering into service at island harbors during a formal environmental study of their potential to create traffic jams, collide with humpback whales or spread invasive species, said Isaac Hall, an attorney for the groups that sued the Superferry.

"The order does not automatically stop or



Photo courtesy Hawaii Superferry

GOING DOWN? The Hawaii Supreme Court has ruled that the Superferry's operators should have done an environmental impact study before being allowed to begin service.

prevent the Superferry from using those facilities, but in our view they're going to be breaking the environmental law if they do," said Hall, who represents the Sierra Club, Maui Tomorrow and the Kahului Harbor Coalition.

He said he plans to ask state transportation officials to voluntarily halt the ferry. If they decline, he said he would seek an

injunction from a Maui judge preventing the Superferry from going into service.

"Clearly, we are disappointed," Superferry officials said in a statement. "Careful attention ... has been applied to the protection of whales, safety and security issues, community and harbor users, prevention of the spread of invasive species, and traffic management."

The state in 2005 exempted the Superferry from a law that calls for environmental reviews on projects that use government land and money — in this case, \$40 million worth of harbor improvements on Oahu, the Big Island, Maui and Kauai.

Attorneys for the Superferry and the state told the high court Thursday that members of the public don't have the right to bring lawsuits asking for environmental reviews.

"The state doesn't allow lawsuits by concerned individuals unless they can show harm to them personally rather than the environment in general," said Lisa Munger, an attorney for the Superferry, after the hearing. "The key is, were they harmed by the process?"

The state Department of Transportation allowed the interisland ferry to move forward without the environmental review because officials said it wouldn't be fair to require only the ferry to go through the process without holding other harbor users to the same standard.

The Office of Environmental Quality Control and county governments were consulted before the decision was made, but no public hearings were held.

County councils on Maui, Kauai and the Big Island have passed resolutions calling for environmental studies.

One-way fares start at \$52. It costs an additional \$59 to \$69 one-way to bring a car, and more to bring a pickup or van.

Superferry officials conducted their own voluntary review and say they have taken precautions to protect the environment.

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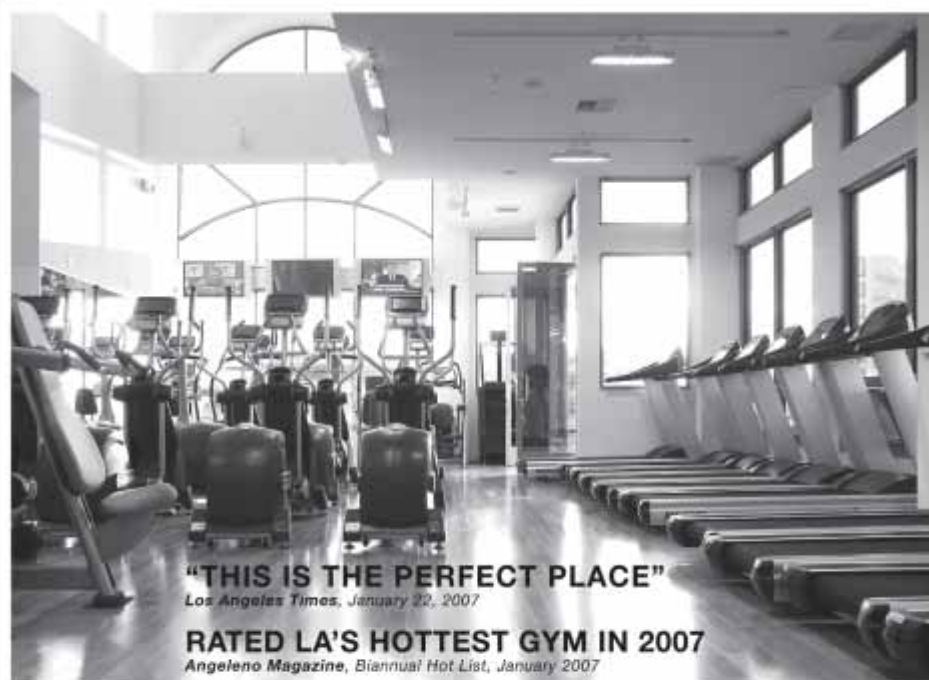


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Record bean crop raises hopes

BY BLAKE NICHOLSON
Associated Press Writer

BISMARCK, N.D. With farmers nationwide shifting acres to corn on a large scale this year, dry edible beans have suffered in many states. Not so in North Dakota, which is expecting a near-record crop and providing a bright spot for the industry.

"It's a good thing North Dakota has beans," said Cindy Brown, a Wisconsin producer who serves as president of the U.S. Dry Bean Council. North Dakota farmers "are our basis for bean production right now," she said.

North Dakota typically produces about one-third of the nation's dry edible beans, a category that includes everything from pinto and navy beans to garbanzos. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is projecting this year's North Dakota crop at 9.6 million 100-pound bags, up 25 percent from last year and close to the 2002 production record of 10.6 million bags.

In contrast, the U.S. crop is pegged at 23.7 million bags, down 2 percent from last year and 11 percent below two years ago. Planted acres were down about 8 percent and acres for harvest were expected to be down about 6 percent.

"Bioenergy is a major factor," Brown said, referring to the shift of acres to corn to meet the booming demand for ethanol fuel. "North Dakota (dry bean farmers) have done well in holding their acres."

Much of North Dakota's dry bean crop is in the northeastern part of the state, an area less suited to corn because of its cooler climate. While some dry bean farmers in the state did switch, "corn didn't erase our dry bean acre base," said Tim Courneya, executive vice president of the Northharvest Bean Growers Association, an industry group in North Dakota and Minnesota.

Planted acres and expected acres for har-

vest in North Dakota are unchanged from 2006, according to the USDA, but the average yield is expected to be up 25 percent over the year because of better weather during the growing season.

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Floodwater begins receding in Ohio, but more storms pound the Midwest

BY DAN STRUMPF | Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO Ferocious thunderstorms, heat and humidity added to the Midwest's flooding misery Friday as thousands of people returned to damaged homes, many without electricity to run fans or pumps.

Chicago was smacked by a sudden thunderstorm with 70 mph wind Thursday evening, tearing down huge trees and damaging buildings. In the suburbs, part of an industrial facility's roof collapsed, injuring 40 people, and a tornado hit struck western Michigan, downing about 700 trees in Montcalm County.

"Out of nowhere, the sky just went black," said Kimber Hall, 20, who was riding her bike along Chicago's Lake Michigan shore when the storm hit. "Sheets of rain. Lightning hit a tree about 25 feet away from me. A branch hit me in the face."

Friday morning, another band of thunderstorms was drenching communities from Missouri, through Iowa and into Illinois and Wisconsin.

Most of southern Iowa was under a flash flood watch through evening as as much as 8 inches of rain fell, the National Weather Service said. In Ottumwa, residents were asked to conserve water because the rain had backed up sewers and flooded a pump room at the water plant. The tap water wasn't contaminated yet, but the city's 25,000 residents were advised to boil it.

Flooding slowed drivers on northern Indiana's busy Interstate 80/94, where officials shut down a 3-mile stretch

of the eastbound lands and some of the westbound lanes. Several cities were redirecting traffic because of flooded streets.

In Illinois, forecasters warned residents in the northern part of the state to prepare for flooding as another 2 inches of rain was expected Friday afternoon and evening.

"That's what we're worried about right now," said weather service meteorologist Nathan Marsili. "It could turn out to be a pretty bad flooding situation for the area."

Nearly a week of powerful storms, heavy rain and devastating flooding across the upper Midwest has damaged hundreds of homes and has been blamed for at least 16 deaths.

The powerful storms that hit Illinois blew over a tree in rural Knox County, killing one man on Thursday. Flooding in Ohio was blamed for the death of another Thursday, a 92-year-old man who drowned trying to get to safety after his car became trapped in floodwater near Findlay.

About 310,000 homes and businesses in northern Illinois, 100,000 in Michigan and 30,000 in northern Indiana were without power afterward. ComEd spokesman Tom Stevens said it could take days to restore power for some customers north of Chicago.

While other storms lashed Iowa, Minnesota and Indiana on Thursday, hard-hit Ohio finally got a break, at least from the rain. Instead, the state got temperatures in the upper 90s, making that the cleanup from widespread flooding even more of a struggle.

In Findlay, which saw its worst flooding in nearly a century, people tried to pump water from their basements.

Go West, where the jobs are plentiful

BY MATT GOURAS | Associated Press Writer

HELENA, Mont. The owner of a fast food joint in Montana's booming oil patch found himself outsourcing the drive-thru window to a Texas telemarketing firm, not because it's cheaper but because he can't find workers.

Record low unemployment across parts of the West has created tough working conditions for business owners, who in places are being forced to boost wages or be creative to fill their jobs.

John Francis, who owns the McDonald's in Sidney, Mont., said he tried advertising in the local newspaper and even offered up to \$10 an hour to compete with higher-paying oil field jobs. Yet the only calls were from other business owners upset they would have to raise wages, too. Of course, Francis' current employees also wanted a pay hike.

"I don't know what the answer is," Francis said. "There's just nobody around that wants to work."

Unemployment rates have been as low as 2 percent this year in places like Montana, and nearly as low in neighboring states. Economists cite such factors as an aging work force and booming tourism economies for the tight labor market.

For places like Montana, it has been a steady climb in the nearly two decades since the timber and mining industry recession. The state approached double-digit unemploy-

ment levels in the 1980s and began the slow crawl back in the early 1990s.

"This is actually the biggest economic story of our time, and we don't quite grasp it because it is 15 years in the making," said economist Larry Swanson, director of the O'Connor Center for the Rocky Mountain West at the University of Montana.

The U.S. Department of Labor reports the mountain West region — covering eight states along the Rocky Mountains — has the lowest overall unemployment rate in the nation. The region hit an all-time low of 3.4 percent in May.

The effects are everywhere. Logging equipment in Idaho sits idle as companies have a tough time finding workers. A shortage of lifeguards has forced Helena to shorten hours at children-only pools. A local paper in Jackson, Wyo., has page after page of help wanted ads.

In Jackson Hole, the Four Seasons Resort still had openings in late July. The problem has created longer hours and tougher working conditions for current employees.

For years, the resort has imported dozens of workers from Eastern Europe who often come as much for the summer recreation opportunity as the money. This year, however, that wasn't enough and so for the first time the resort also sent recruiters to a high school job fair, said spokeswoman Greer Terry. It only helped a little.

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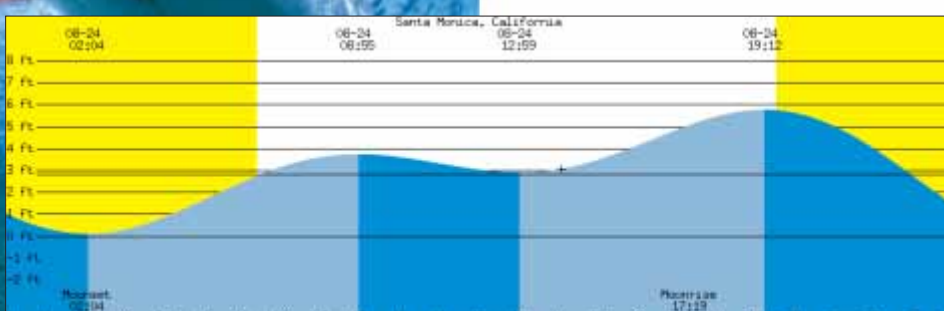
SWELL FORECAST (3-5 FT)

Saturday into Sunday is when our next SW swell is due. This is from a storm that skirted the lower reaches of the southern hemisphere near Antarctica recently. It didn't nudge northward much, but some of the energy from its 30-foot seas got thrown our way, but of course with a high degree of angular spreading decay.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

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TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



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QUICK STATS

(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 2

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0

Number of wet days -- 0

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / 11

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / 11

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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sepulch Creek mouth	A+	ns	Wil Rogers State Beach at Del Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Wil Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Las Aliso creeks	A+	ns	Wil Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	F	ns
Enchil Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns	Wil Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chantreaga)	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Tomales Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildfire Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Fica/Kenter storm drain	A	ns
Escamido Creek, just east of Escamido State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurant)	A+	ns
Larigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Addland Ave. drain	A	ns
Saltonia Canyon at San Blazier County Beach	A	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Reno Ave. storm drain	A	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	ns
Maine Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Molibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	ns
Sunridge Beach at Molibu Colony fence	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	ns
Sunridge Beach (beach location)- daily	A	ns	Venice Beach- projection of Topgall St.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- Equestrian tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Duckweiler State Beach at Bellona Creek mouth	D	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns	Duckweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Duckweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Puma Creek at Los Tunes County Beach	A+	ns	Duckweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DAW jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns	Duckweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Tapanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Duckweiler Beach- adjacent Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Carderock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	D	ns	Duckweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns			
Wil Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A	ns			

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A -- F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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NFL

Oakland continues quarterback hunt

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND For most teams, the third exhibition game is the chance to give the starters their most time on the playing field during the preseason.

The Oakland Raiders are still figuring out who that will be at the most important position on the field heading into the third preseason game against the St. Louis Rams on Friday night.

Daunte Culpepper will be the third quarterback to start for Oakland this preseason, following Josh McCown and Andrew Walter.

“This competition, as I said a long time ago, it’s going to be about guys that make the right decisions,” coach Lane Kiffin said. “It’s not going to be about the biggest arm or the best stats. It’s going to be about the guys that make the right decision, put us in position to score and don’t give the ball to the other team.”

When he has held on to the snap — he has fumbled three center exchanges in two games — Culpepper has been the best at that, throwing a pair of touchdown passes last week against San Francisco without an interception.

Now he gets a chance with the entire first-team offense working against a first-

team defense. Kiffin warned not to read too much into his pick as starter this week, saying he wanted to give all three of his quarterbacks a chance with the first team.

Kiffin said he’d like to pick his starter for the season opener after this game but cautioned that he might wait until the exhibition finale next Thursday at Seattle. One of the three may not even make the team if the Raiders sign top draft pick JaMarcus Russell and decide to carry the usual three quarterbacks on the 53-man roster.

The key for Culpepper is to transform himself from the risk-taker he has been earlier in his career to a quarterback who controls the ball.

Culpepper has thrown 137 touchdown passes, but also turned the ball over 124 times.

“This has guy been a big play-maker for his career, a ton of explosive plays, over 20-yard passes,” Kiffin said. “I told him from Day 1 that has to change, and that may sound weird to you guys, but he’s got to make smart decisions. We don’t want three-touchdown, three interception games.”

The Rams have no questions at quarterback where two-time Pro Bowler Marc Bulger signed a six-year, \$65 million contract extension in July.

NFL

After slow start, Jacobs gets the gist of Niners’ offense

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA Ten months after his daughter died, Taylor Jacobs quietly left the hospital where his son was born last weekend and dashed to Candlestick Park.

A tumultuous, tragic year has been getting much better recently for the veteran receiver. Though Jacobs was an afterthought when the San Francisco 49ers opened training camp several weeks ago, he appears to be playing his way into a job with both a dynamite training camp and a new perspective on life.

“I’ve just been working hard and believing in good things, and especially focusing on the mental aspect,” Jacobs said as the 49ers broke training camp Wednesday. “In the past, I think that’s been my biggest hindrance. Not that I’m weak-minded, it’s just that I’m real hard on myself.”

Jacobs knows his NFL career has been a disappointment, both to the receiver himself and to the two clubs that have employed him. He was an underachiever during his first three NFL seasons with the Washington Redskins, and his daughter’s death from sudden infant death syndrome consumed his first season in San Francisco last fall.

With just 34 catches in his first four seasons, Jacobs seemed unlikely to make the team after the 49ers’ offseason acquisitions of Darrell Jackson and Ashley Lelie.

But just when Jacobs was falling, he picked himself up. With one outstanding practice after another, he has played his way into position for a significant role with the 49ers — perhaps as their No. 3 receiver.

“I want to be a big productivity guy,” Jacobs said. “I want to be contributing in any kind of way that I can. I don’t want to take any situation for granted. I want to play every play all-out.”

Jacobs did just that last weekend, rushing from the birth of his son, Taylor Jr., to the 49ers’ preseason game against Oakland. He napped in the locker room until kickoff, then didn’t play much — and it still didn’t deflate his stock with the 49ers.

Nolan said Jacobs is “clearly the third guy to me right now.” Jacobs lines up in San Francisco’s three-receiver sets at practice, showcasing the speed and soft hands that made him a college star at Florida and a second-round pick by the Redskins in 2003.

“He’s done a great job of knowing what we expect of him, and then doing it,” Nolan said. “He’s made a lot of progress. He’s working hard and competing in practice, but he’s also playing smarter than I think he ever did before.”

Jacobs gained a new maturity over the past year when his life changed dramatically. Just two months after the 49ers acquired him in a trade last fall, his 2 1/2-month-old daughter, Taryn, died while at home with his wife, Christine.

Jacobs was devastated, but leaned on his strong Christian faith. At the same time, he worked tirelessly with the 49ers’ coaches, who gave him distractions and goals, along with instruction he rarely received when he first entered the league.

Wet ink 'American Idol' runner-up Lewis signs with Arista Records, album due this year

BLAKE LEWIS has reaped another “American Idol” reward – a record deal. Lewis, who finished second to Jordin Sparks in the final “Idol” faceoff in May, has signed a contract with Arista Records

in conjunction with 19Recordings, the label managed by “Idol” creator Simon Fuller, it was announced Friday. His debut album is slated for release later this year.

“Blake is one of the most unique `Idol' contestants I've ever seen,” Fuller said in a statement. “He brought something new to the competition and won fans all over America. I know

they're going to love his first album” Lewis, 26, of Bothell, Wash., specialized in beatbox sound-effects during his run on the Fox talent show's sixth season. His big TV

moment came when he added hip-hop beats to a performance of Bon Jovi's “You Give Love a Bad Name,” irking guest mentor Jon Bon Jovi in the process.

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MOS DEF WANTS JUSTICE

Although a jury convicted Jose Padilla of supporting terrorism earlier this week, rapper-actor **MOS DEF** thinks that Padilla may not have gotten the due process the criminal justice system promises. “We all know the history of insufficient evidence or testimony under duress – at the very least, legal circumstances that demand some sort of reinvestigation, a new consideration for facts, and just the truth – basically saying these people are not the criminals they're being made out to be,” he told The Associated Press in an interview Thursday. Mos Def is hoping to draw attention to what he sees as inequities.

AP

Winehouse bloody and bruised after supposed fight with her husband

A British newspaper splashed photos of singer **AMY WINEHOUSE** bloody and bruised across its Friday edition after she allegedly had a fight with her husband. The photos, supposedly taken early Thursday morning, showed Winehouse wearing blood-soaked ballet shoes, with bruises to her neck, bandages on her arms and makeup smeared down her face. A gossip Web site reported that Winehouse had said her injuries were self-inflicted.

Police confirmed they had been called to an incident at a London hotel by a concerned member of the public but said no charges were filed. The singer announced Tuesday that she was postponing her upcoming U.S. and Canadian tour dates after she canceled August performances due to “severe exhaustion.” Britain's Press Association said the couple were staying in the hotel after leaving a drug rehabilitation clinic in Essex, east of London.

AP



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★ Dynamic ★★★★★ Positive ★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult

Happy as can be, Aquarius

Happy Birthday!

You need to take a stand more frequently this year. Others want to know who you are. How you project and express yourself often determines the outcome of situations. Your public image takes constant tending. If you are single, your life takes a turnaround that might delight you. Clearly you can kiss your single days goodbye, if you so choose. If you are attached, your relationship can bloom if you let go of a tendency to be critical. **AQUARIUS** works well with you.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You happily move forward and try a different approach. Evaluate and think before you agree to a new level of commitment. Pressure builds, and you could become sassy. That attitude really doesn't support you. Tonight: Head out the door.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ If you have plans to take the day off, get going. Inevitably obstacles could appear in your path. Determination defines what you get done and choose to do. Tonight: Don't even think that others aren't noticing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ If you would like to do something differently or in a more creative vein, the time is now. Don't expect everyone or even one important person to agree. Obviously you are on your own. Consider what you want at this point. Tonight: Walk to a different beat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Others dominate and decide what is happening, when and where. You can make decisions that could define events, or you might opt to join in. Think about who you want to be with. Tonight: Say “yes” to an appealing offer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ The time has come to make some decisions and move into a new realm. How you feel about somebody could be redefined as a result of actions or disagreeable comments. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Sarcasm always has an impact. The true question remains whether you are willing to deal with the ramifications. Think before speaking. Creatively honor your feelings while getting to the bottom of a problem. Tonight: Fun and games.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ You might be a touch more sassy than you realize. Investigate and handle a problem head-on. If you are able to avoid a collision course with someone, you need to pat yourself on the back. You might want to allow your creativity to flow later on. Tonight: Let loose.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Speak your mind, but be careful. You don't want to be in the position of having to spend your last penny on another gesture asking for forgiveness, do you? Diplomacy can and will save your bank account. Tonight: Entertain from your pad.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You might need to move through a situation more efficiently. Someone might be triggered, but not caving in could be very important. Knowing where a problem begins and ends also could be important. Tonight: Visit over dinner or munchies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Step up and let others know where you stand and what your impressions are. You count, and others see that. Experience greater satisfaction through focusing on your goals. Tonight: Treat yourself and someone else ... you decide what.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You have a lot on your mind. Go forward knowing what you want and expect. Take the day to figure out what action is best. Timing is on your side. Tonight: Happy as can be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ You need to aim for what you want. Investigate what a friend suggests, even if you have a negative reaction. Your intuition suggests the most powerful direction possible. Use your free time to think. Tonight: Take a personal night.

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1:30, 4:05, 6:55, 9:45
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13)
11:00am, 1:50, 4:40, 7:35, 10:30
The Last Legion (PG-13)
10:00
No Reservations (PG)
11:55am, 2:30, 5:00, 7:20
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11:25am, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15

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11:10am, 2:00, 4:50, 7:50, 10:45
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Mr. Bean's Holiday (G)
11:00am, 1:15, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30
Ratatouille (G)
11:25am, 2:20, 5:10, 8:05, 10:40
The Simpsons Movie (PG-13)
11:15am, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
Stardust (PG-13)
11:05am, 1:55, 4:45, 7:45, 10:35
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11:20am, 2:05, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10

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12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
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The 11th Hour (PG)
12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00
Days in Paris
(Deux jours a Paris) (R)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55
Becoming Jane (PG)
1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
Delirious (NR)
1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 9:50
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11:00am
Sicko (PG-13)
11:00am

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Illegal Tender (R)
1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 10:00
The Invasion (PG-13)
12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20
The Nanny Diaries (PG-13)
11:50am, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
Rush Hour 3 (PG-13)
12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:50, 10:10
Superbad (R)
12:00, 1:30, 2:40, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30, 11:30

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Difficulty
GOLD

1			6					5
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	3			1		4		6
	2						5	
8					6			3

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

8	1	2	5	6	4	7	9	3
3	5	9	7	8	1	2	4	6
6	7	4	2	3	9	5	8	1
2	3	8	1	4	7	6	5	9
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YEAH, BUT HE'S WITH THAT CUTE GIRL.

I HATE IT WHEN CUTES PAIR UP. IT CAUSES MAJOR CUTE SHORTAGES.

YOU SHOULD WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN.

The Other Coast

By Adrian Raeside

TOYS

IT'S A VIRTUAL PUPPY. IT EVEN COMES WITH A VIRTUAL DOG POUND, FOR WHEN YOUR CHILD GETS TIRED OF IT.

Garfield

By Jim Davis

HAAACK

YOU'RE GONNA NEED SOME TRAFFIC CONES FOR THAT ONE

Dog eat Doug

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I'LL GRAB MY APRON AND TOSS THE RIBS ON THE GRILL.

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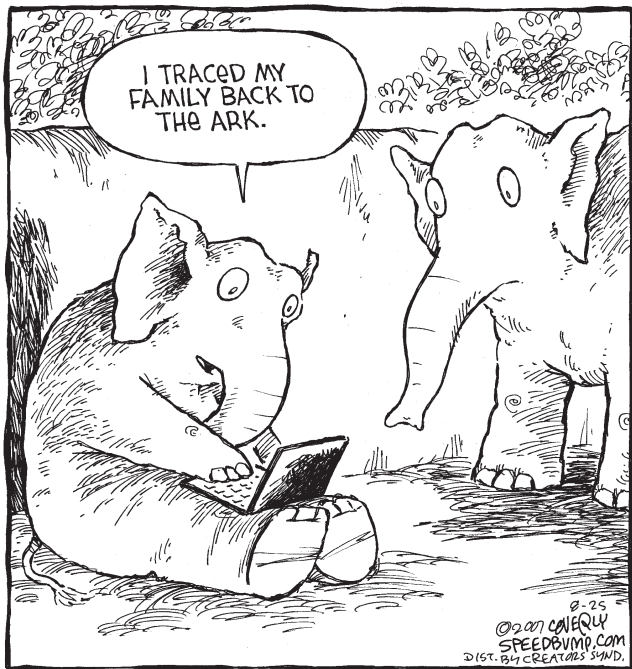
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 - 16 Seine contents
 - 17 Under-standing
 - 18 Modern door opener
 - 20 Less fresh
 - 22 Painting and sculpture
 - 23 Joust wear
 - 25 Co-star of Barry-more and Liu
 - 28 Corner
 - 32 Digestion aids
 - 34 Hurler's stat
 - 35 Seventh letter
 - 36 Skilled worker
 - 38 Block-heads
 - 40 Earthen brick
 - 41 Chop-house order

- DOWN
- 1 Hot dish holder
 - 2 Cigar city
 - 3 Chilled desserts
 - 4 Walkout partici-pant
 - 5 Cat's hangout
 - 6 Female rabbit
 - 7 Book-mark, in a way
 - 8 General J.E.B.
 - 9 Long journeys
 - 11 Taters
 - 15 "The Kitchen Maid" painter
 - 19 Course rental
 - 21 Slothful
 - 24 Not a temp

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Yesterday's answer

- 25 Actions
- 26 All told
- 27 Flowering bush
- 29 Found a new owner for
- 30 Fit for farming
- 31 Stamp groups
- 33 Ball wear
- 37 Notion
- 39 Gob

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Horror of War: A U.S. law professor representing Guantanamo prisoners compiled a book of poems by some of the detainees, to be published this month by University of Iowa Press and featuring a cover blurb by former U.S. poet laureate Robert Pinsky. Among the verses, for example, by Sami al Haj, quoted in a June Wall Street Journal story: "When I heard the pigeons cooing in the trees / Hot tears covered my face" and "My soul is like a roiling sea, stirred by anguish / Violent with passion." The U.S. military had to approve the text, citing the ease with which imagery could be used as coded messages to colleagues outside.

■ Police Report: (1) James Coldwell, 49, was arrested in Manchester, N.H., in July and charged as the man who robbed a Citizen Bank branch dressed as a tree (branches duct-taped to his body and head, obscuring much of his face, though he was still identified from the security camera). (2) A prosecutor in Chelsea, Vt., refused in June to pursue police officers' charges against Jayna Hutchinson, 33, that she had committed a crime because she made faces at a police dog and "star(ed)" at him.

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1609 Galileo Galilei demonstrates his first telescope to Venetian lawmakers.

1835 The New York Sun perpetrates the Great Moon Hoax.

1910 Yellow Cab is founded.

1920 Polish-Soviet War: Battle of Warsaw, started on August 13, now ends. The Red Army is defeated.

1944 World War II: Paris is liberated by the Allies.

1950 President Harry Truman orders the US Army to seize control of the nation's railroads to avert a strike.

1981 Mark Chapman, John Lennon's murderer, is sentenced to 20 years.

1989 Tadeusz Mazowiecki chosen as the first non-communist Prime Minister in Central and Eastern Europe.

1997 Egon Krenz, the former East German leader, was convicted of a shoot-to-kill Berlin Wall policy.

2003 Fifty-two people killed in two terrorist bomb blasts in cars in Mumbai, India.

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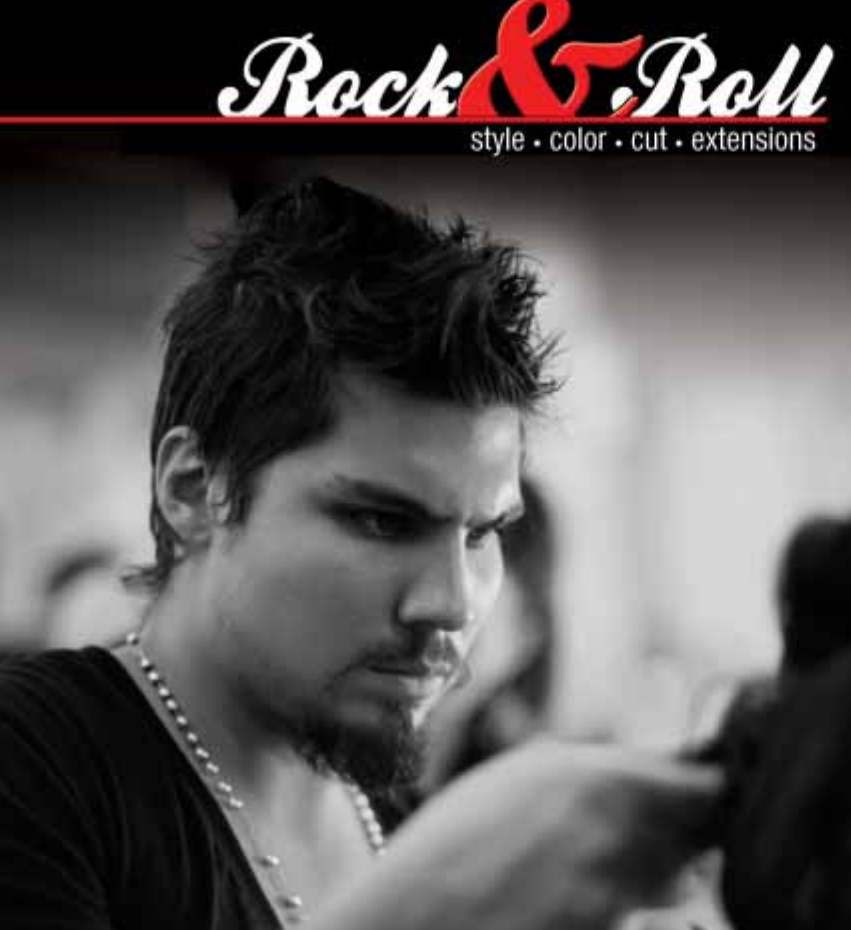
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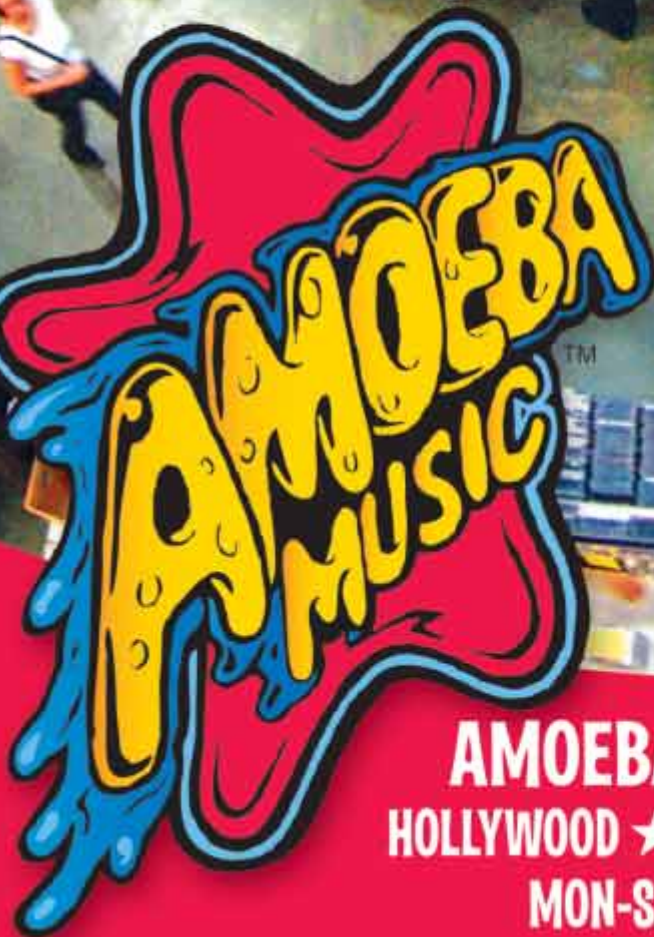
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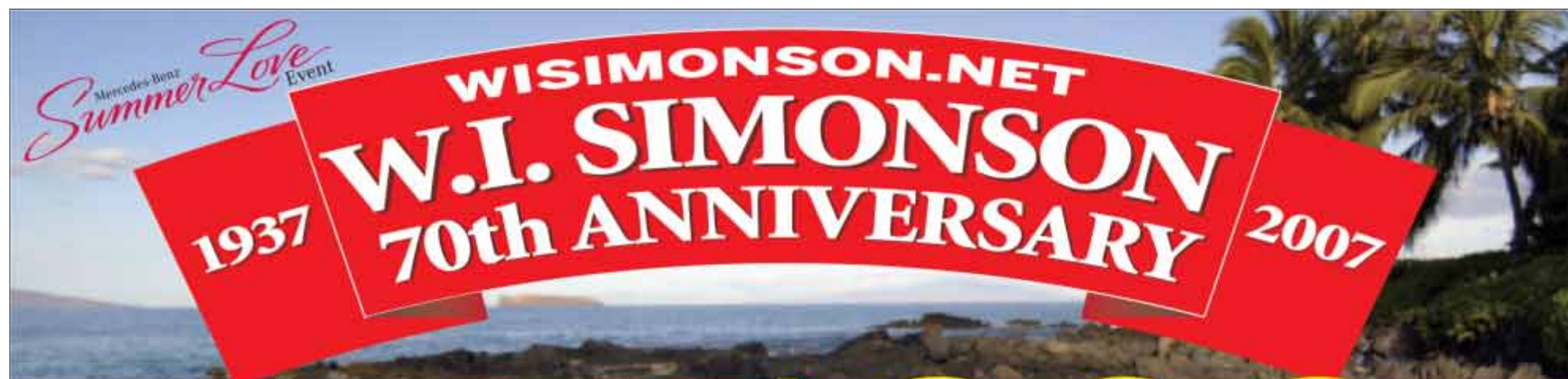
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