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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

The latest results from America's pre-eminent lawyer enrichment program (class-action lawsuits):

(1) In a \$350 million settlement between AT&T and customers over-charged on telephone leases, lawyers get \$84 million, and customers get back \$15 to \$20 each (December). (2) In a recent settlement between Sears and customers with improperly done wheel balancing, lawyers get \$2.45 million, and customers get \$2.50 a tire. (3) In a \$3.7 million settlement between televangelist Jim Bakker's Praise the Lord Ministries and 165,000 defrauded Christians, lawyers get \$2.5 million, and each victim gets \$6.54 (July). (4) In a settlement of price-fixing charges against cosmetics manufacturers and retailers, lawyers get \$24 million, and each customer gets a free cosmetic (July).



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Everything you see I owe to spaghetti."

— Sofia Loren



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Park construction totals more than \$11M

It will cost another \$1 million a year to operate Virginia Avenue Park

(Editor's note: This is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures which appear on the upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agenda. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.)

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

City officials are expected to approve an \$11 million expenditure to overhaul a city park tonight.

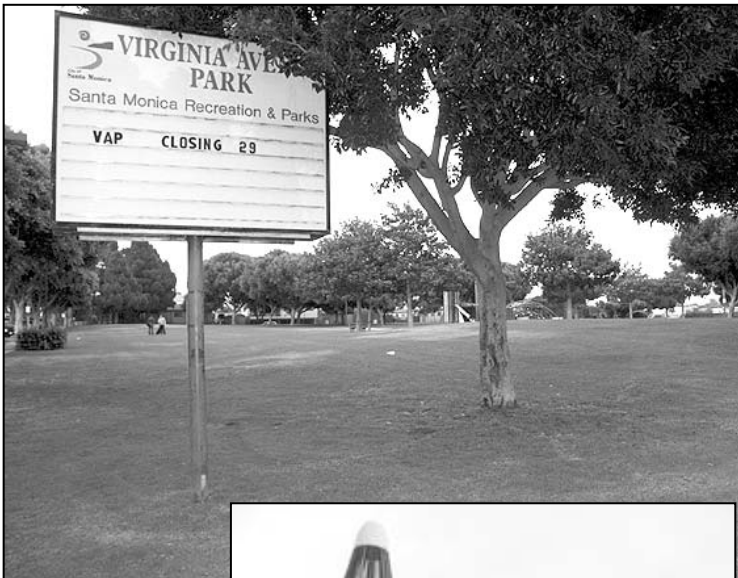
While the expansion of Virginia Avenue Park was previously approved by the City Council and will be paid out of City Hall's capital improvement budget, operating the park will cost taxpayers an additional \$1 million a year after it's completely finished.

But where that money will come from is unclear. Because of City Hall's multi-million dollar deficit for the next few years, officials are certain that the park's new costs will contribute to future deficits unless additional revenue is raised or expenses are cut from some where else, according to city staff.

City Councilman Ken Genser said the park's \$1 million annual operating budget was discussed in June and elected leaders have agreed to put other projects on hold so City Hall can afford to adequately operate Virginia Avenue Park.

"It came up in our budget discussions," Genser said. "It will effect the timing of the capital improvement projects and some things are being delayed."

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John Wood/Daily Press

Above: The Virginia Avenue Park sign shows the area will be closed to the public for the next year and a half while it's under construction.

Below: The park's playground will be overhauled and buildings will be renovated or replaced.



Man found dead on Santa Monica beach identified

By Daily Press staff

A Latino man found dead on Santa Monica Beach last week has been identified as 51-year-old David Anthony Nieto of Los Angeles.

Nieto was found at about 5 a.m. on Aug. 18 lying face down near the water just north of the Santa Monica Pier wearing socks, a T-shirt with a plaid shirt and blue shorts.

A preliminary report noted that Nieto, who suffered a head injury from an unknown source, may have drowned in the Pacific Ocean.

Officials from the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office have ordered toxicology reports, and said the cause of death will

not be released for at least a month.

Nieto was identified by his fingerprints. Though he did not possess a driver's license, Nieto had a criminal history and had used his brother's name as an alias.

"He's got a record in the system and he was apparently on probation," said coroner spokesman Craig Harvey.

Officials said it is unlikely Nieto was swimming because he was clothed.

It appears unlikely that Nieto fell off a boat because watercraft don't frequent the area north of the pier, officials said. The likelihood of him falling off the pier is small because the current and tide were not strong enough to carry him hundreds of feet down the beach to where his body was found, officials said.

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You have the unique opportunity to make a difference this year. You have an unusually gentle manner that separates you from many. You have only good intentions, though sometimes someone misreads you. Responsibility weighs on you, often encouraging you to take another path. For some, there might be a change of residence. For others, a lifestyle transformation might be in the works. The good news is your flexibility. You enter a new life cycle in September that could be unusually lucky, but events and feelings often go to extremes. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone this fall who will knock your socks off. If you are attached, you will often find your partner to be difficult or perhaps overly energetic. Seek guidance from LEO.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Express your ideas. Do less thinking, and opt for more spontaneity. You will find that this method is the route to where you want to go. Passion runs high when dealing with others. Express your caring in a way that makes a difference. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ A partner gives you important feedback that helps you feel far more secure and anchored. You do need to give more information to this person, because he or she helps you make key decisions. Give in to a more passionate relationship with a loved one. Tonight: Order in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Make phone calls. Find information that could be critical to your well-being. You should think more carefully about a situation that means a lot to you. Others finally work with you, especially associates. Tonight: Happy wherever you are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Passion runs high at work and in your personal life. How you want to handle a private matter could be a lot different from how you handle a work-related issue. Do be careful with communications. Someone might think you mean something other than what you're saying. Tonight: Treat yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You might not be as sure of yourself as you would like, but you're on stronger ground than many. You can trust that. Others seem to be wandering around aimlessly, and though it might be quite worrisome, you can do little about it. Tonight: You make the call.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ The emotional climate could easily go on overload, and you'll have your hands full. Knowing when to say "enough" could be instrumental. Others feel as strongly as you do. Just don't get into an unnecessary argument. Tonight: Screen your calls.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You seem to choose the right words at the right moment. As a result, you get much more of what you want. Plead your case in whatever style works. Be careful if you have a tendency to be overly sensitive. Screen new people carefully; they might not be all they seem. Tonight: Round up your friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might wonder how you got in the middle of a disagreement of the present nature. You have the strength to stay focused on what you want, especially your long-term goals. A professional opportunity could be close to impossible to say "no" to. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Your approach wins the hearts of many but could start controversy where you least expect it. Your ability to read between the lines helps with a difficult family member. Understand more of what might be happening here. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Relating to others will take all your skill and intelligence. It appears that someone in your immediate environment could get quite upset when you question what is wrong. You will have to do your own snooping or research. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You might want to think through a decision more carefully that involves a friendship vis-a-vis a partnership. The answer might not be forthcoming. You might need to do your share of soul-searching to find the answer. Tonight: Cut the spending.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You might mean well, but others could take your words as severe or difficult. Think before you spout the first thing that comes to mind. A partner or loved one doesn't quite understand where you're coming from. Tonight: Off to the gym.

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LOCAL

Sanctions and bombings take toll on Iraq's children

Commentary



BY KELLY HAYES-RAITT
Special to the Daily Press

"I can't wait to get back to LA and clean out my lungs," I joked sarcastically while in Baghdad in July.

Three wars, 12 years of sanctions and two decades of rule by a cruel, uncaring tyrant have left Iraqis—especially children—with high rates of respiratory diseases, typhoid, chronic dysentery and leukemia.

Even before this year's war, Iraqi children suffered from the unhealthy environmental effects of previous wars and sanctions. In 1991, during the first Gulf War, US-led forces bombed sewage treatment plants, and 50 percent remained unrepaired a dozen years later because sanctions held up the importation of spare parts and chlorine. (Chlorine, suspected of being used to build chemical weapons, was particularly difficult to import.)

Before this year's devastating "shock and awe" bombing in March and April, Iraqis dumped 500,000 metric tons of raw sewage daily into the Tigris, Euphrates and other rivers. These rivers are sources of drinking water.

We bombed water treatment plants in 1991, which remained unrepaired by the time we bombed again this year—once again, because sanctions held up the importation of spare parts and chlorine.

The result is that for years children drank non-potable water. Childhood diarrhea quadrupled over the last decade. The average Iraqi child had diarrhea 14 days each month before this last war. The United Nations has estimated that childhood diarrhea has tripled again over the last five months.

The immediate future doesn't bode well for the few functioning water treatment plants that still exist. I visited a small water treatment plant in Fallouja that serves 5,000 people with clean, chlorinated water. Faiza Ahmed, the dynamic female chief engineer who oversees drinking water for 200,000 residents of Fallouja and its suburbs, said, "We have chlorine for two months more. After that, who knows."



Kelly Hayes-Raitt/Special to the Daily Press
Mustafa, a 9-day-old infant dying of leukemia, is comforted by his mother, Senna Abbadaas, at the Basra Hospital for Obstetrics and Pediatrics in Iraq. Only 1 percent of children in Iraq with cancer will survive, doctors say.

While visiting a Croce Rossa Italiana (Italian Red Cross) emergency M*A*S*H-style tent hospital erected on a vacant parking lot next to the old prison in Baghdad, I met Ebade, a fragile infant who had had diarrhea for 49 consecutive days.

"She came in more dead than alive," said Anna Prouse, a compassionate, hard-working volunteer from Milan, Italy. "She screams regularly now, so she will be OK."

The Italian volunteers distribute 8,000 one-liter plastic bags of filtered water each day to schools, orphanages and hospitals. Yet pediatricians at the dramatic tent hospital treat between 150 and 180 Iraqis daily, primarily children who suffer from malnutrition, hepatitis, meningitis and typhoid, Prouse explains over the sound of nearby gunshots.

"We see everything," she said, looking at the long line of Iraqis waiting in the 120-degree afternoon heat. "Thousands of children with desperate diseases, some we

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BACK FROM
BAGHDAD

surf report

Look for leftover S swell today, a slight increase in NW wind swell and a small, new SW swell. Most spots will see waist high and below surf, while best combo breaks see more consistent waist to occasional chest high surf.

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MONDAY	3:04	-0.3	2:21	2.3	9:34	4.2	8:28	6.3
TUESDAY	3:33	-0.5	2:58	2.0	9:57	4.4	9:06	6.4
WEDNESDAY	4:02	-0.6	3:37	1.7	10:22	4.7	9:44	6.4
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Recently, City Hall approved \$9.2 million to relocate and expand the city's largest provider of social services.

Some say all the services are necessary because of the large amount of homeless people in Santa Monica who desperately need help.

Others say the mere fact that the resources exist continues to attract more homeless to

Santa Monica than can be helped. They say we should limit our services in accord with what neighboring cities spend.

The debate has raged on for decades.

So, this week Q-Line wants to know, "Is Santa Monica making itself a magnet for more and more homeless people or are we simply doing our fair share for society at large?"

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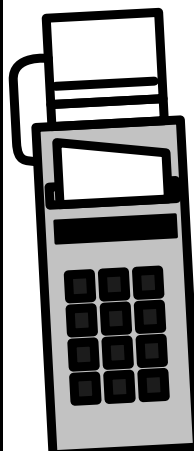
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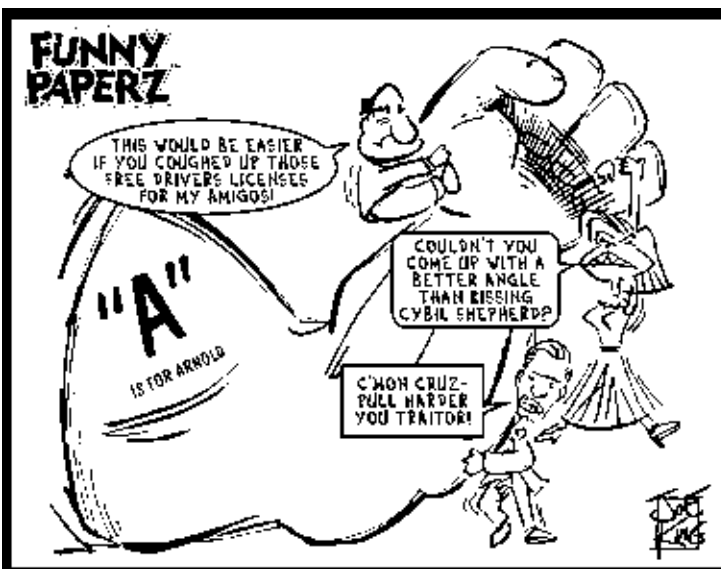
Editor:

To all Big Blue Bus riders.

Think you are safe when you ride the Big Blue Bus? Think again. As shown by Deputy City Attorney Hirata's comments on the case last week, the city would rather fight you than help you. Case in point, the new S.L.O.W. program enacted at the Big Blue Bus with the help and the direction of the City of Santa Monica. S.L.O.W. stands for "Stop, Look, Open and Walk."

It works like this. Your daughter, mother, wife or grandmother get on the bus early in the morning or late at night. It is empty except for her and a sexual predator. He makes a move to sexually assault her. What will the driver do if he wants to keep his job? Failure to follow these steps will result in his/her termination from their job. First, "Stop" the bus in a safe place. A place where you will not block traffic or cause an accident. Second, "Look" at the suspect so you can identify him later. Third, "Open" the doors so the victim can run off the bus if she gets away or for the suspect to leave in a hurry. Also, it will allow the police to board the bus when they get there. Fourth, "Walk" to the nearest pay phone and call 9-11. If you can find a working pay phone. And at night? In the dark? Tell them what is happening and then standby to assist the police. Is this stupidity run amok? The city would rather face a lawsuit from the victim than one from the criminal or the driver who may help. Let the victim fend for herself, they say. After all, what should you expect? Trained drivers and a caring City Hall?

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Bush fails the environmental test with his recent actions on parks and EPA



Evelyn Jerome

■ **WARNING:** The Bush Administration's environmental policies may be hazardous to your health.

The Los Angeles Times recently reported that the White House tinkered with, or rather, completely changed, the EPA's reports about air quality in lower Manhattan in the days following the September 11 terrorist attacks. While the EPA initially wanted to issue warnings about the toxic asbestos, lead and other dangerous particles in the air, the White House quashed those efforts, instead forcing the EPA to report that the air was safe. Thousands of New Yorkers hacked

and coughed their way through the end of 2001 and all of 2002, all the while being told by their President that the air they were breathing was just fine.

Adding insult to injury, literally, Bush recently criticized past administrations' policies for maintaining national parks while on a trip to the Santa Monica Mountains. Wanting to be all things to all people, Bush agreed with those who have criticized his lack of concern for upkeep of the national park system and emphasizing his plan to spend \$5 billion on them.

The most egregious of Bush's environmental failures is the direct and secretive input from oil and gas industry tycoons on the administration's "national energy policy," which fails to call for higher mileage standards for autos and SUVs, or stricter

emissions standards for big business. These make up the great majority of the pollution we've seen increasing in the past decade. It's no wonder Houston surpassed Los Angeles as the smog capital of the nation a few years ago. Special thanks to their former governor for the honor.

What should we expect from a President on the environment? What should we expect from this President?

While I don't agree with his policies on oil drilling or deforestation, at least I understand his motivation. He's buddies with the oil drillers (actually, he is one of them). He's buddies with the logging companies. His actions have lined their pockets.

But this is the President who immediately rescinded the previous administration's arsenic policy that protected the quality of

our drinking water. What was the point? Is Bush buddies with arsenic dealers?

Why lie about New York's air quality? Or tout a failed national parks policy?

We need more from this administration. "The environment" is not just a fluffy issue that people in sandals care about. It's about public health. It's about protecting the future for our children. It's about the greater good. And it's about telling the truth.

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Todd Flora

■ When George Bush looked over all of his national parks in August, he wept ... for there were no more natural lands to exploit.

Like Alexander the Great, our President is out of land to conquer, short of getting his latest plot approved to "thin" the forests of small brush and trees that serve as kindling for major forest fires.

In theory Bush's "forest thinning" initiative will sound appealing to many average voters not willing to look closely. In that especially effective Republican way — the same way that a tax cut for the wealthy or the Patriot Act is somehow spun to make sense — President Bush will campaign to allow loggers to enter

the nation's federal lands.

Thinning forests, the President will argue, is the only "patriotic" way to ensure the "security" of our natural resources (from Democratic arsonists, no doubt).

Democratic lawmakers and environmentalists correctly argue that loggers entering federal lands will not discriminate between smaller trees, dry brush and giant old growth evergreens.

Loggers will just cut them all. While environmental patriots rightly contend that any forest thinning initiative should spare giant old growth treasures, they will nevertheless be painted by Bush and the Republican environmental team as extremists who would put our national forests — and nearby Republican communities — at risk just to save a few trees.

All of this is of course intended to

make our environmentally abusive President look "moderate and reasonable" going into 2004.

This was supposed to be an administration that — unlike "that evil, immoral Bill Clinton" — promised to not run a White House based on polling. Instead, under the leadership of Bush's Rasputin, Karl Rove, this administration has possibly been the most politically driven in history.

Rove, who essentially propped up Bush from embarrassing son of a President to what he is today — embarrassing son of a President who is hell bent on triangulating issues and seizing the moment away from the Democratic Party. Rove's whole game is about making the arch conservative President look "not all that bad" to independent and some Democratic voters.

Bush's Achilles heel may be his

appointment of conservative Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt as the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. While affable, Leavitt's vow to give states more flexibility in environmental enforcement should be a red flag to voters. "State's rights" is of course code for allowing President Bush carte blanche access to chop up, strip mine and drill our natural resources to the fullest, most environmentally damaging extent possible. Beware.

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COMMENTARY

Why our employers are important this Labor Day



LEGAL VIEWS AND NEWS

By David Pizarra

"The business of America is business," thus saith President Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President of the United States of America.

This often quoted phrase is what many an entrepreneur hangs their hat on to begin the process of becoming their own boss.

In America the importance of the small business cannot be overstated. The fact of the matter is that 94.8 percent of the companies in this country have under 50 employees. When the under 100 sector is included, the percentage rises to 97.6 percent, which means that only 2.4 percent of the country is working for big business — companies with 100 or more employees.

When you look at it that way, being the boss is suddenly a very important job. Business owners provide for many people in this country. They make sure that children eat, that rent gets paid, that people have what they need to thrive and grow. A business owner is now a person who should be held in high esteem, and luckily in America, for the most part they are. Certain government officials seem to think that business owners are really nothing more than societal ATMs to be taxed until they break. But for the thoughtful, the business owner is a driving force in our society.

The good entrepreneur is a person who has the ability to see what isn't there, to create what no one else has created and is willing to find their own untapped reserves to create their vision. As an entrepreneur, an individual has to have the ability to seek within themselves the fortitude to work longer hours than they ever have, for less money and more responsibility, to eventually be able to say "this is mine and I built it."

There are three kinds of entrepreneur: The fake, the misguided and the real.

The fake entrepreneurs are the ones who brought us the Internet bubble. These are the people who are the modern day carpetbaggers. They came into a situation, inflated values based on puffery and nonsense, took their profits and left. They are the kind of people who buy a business, knowing nothing about it, thinking they can run it, and then when they run out of money, (which is frequently not their own) they declare bankruptcy, and move on to the next latest craze.

The misguided ones are the ones who think that as their own boss, they will have more freedom, work less hours and make more money. These people are forever hawking some new product, service, or trend. They are looking to make \$1 million in a month, working from home part-time. Remember, fools rush in, where angels fear to tread. Being your own boss is not about taking it easy and working part-time.

Now for the real ones. These are the people who have a burning passion to pursue their dreams in spite of all the downsides — and there are many downsides. As an entrepreneur, they ARE the business. They are the ones who will be not paid if the product is not what is promised. If the service is bad, they will be eating the costs. If the employees don't show up for work, they will be working late. They will be the ones who have to work on Saturdays and Sundays. They will be the ones who have to take out the trash, meet with the next big corporate client and make sure that the

office staff gets paid this week so that they will show up next week.

When they get sued — and they will likely get sued at some point, if they last long enough — they are the ones who are on the hook. An entrepreneur is a risk taker by nature. They are gamblers, willing to sacrifice their last dollar and frequently that of their spouse's, to make their dreams come true.

As an entrepreneur they have to be a juggler of people, places, things and most importantly, finances. They have to be willing to make a decision whether they will pay their cable bill so that they can watch "Sex in the City," or pay the staff so that they continue to work next week.

It frequently means that they will have to live on the edge of bankruptcy for awhile as the business grows. Being the boss means that they will have to keep up the appearance that all is swell, even though their bank account is down to \$2 and they have outstanding bills of \$101,000.

Being an entrepreneur means having to juggle cash flow, credit lines, employees and vendors. It means paying their bills when their customers and clients aren't paying theirs. It means being willing to stay in the uncomfortable, the uncertain and the anxiety of not knowing, waiting for that big break. It's why so many businesses fail.

Humans like comfort. We like to be where it is warm and soft and we like to be well-fed. Being the boss is about going beyond that like and seeing what it is to not be warm, soft and well-fed. It is certainly not for everyone. It is very hard to be the boss. Like most things, it sounds great in the abstract, but the reality is very different.

With all of that said, what are the rewards of being an entrepreneur and the boss? The rewards are when you do make it, you have your office up and running, you have your staff to handle things for you, (which is its own set of problems). You get the reward of making key decisions. You get to be the one who decides how the filing system is organized, how the phones are going to be set up, what hours you are going to work, what the dress code will be and who your clients are.

I love entrepreneurs. Nothing gives me as much of a charge as talking with someone about their new ideas and how to make them real. When someone comes into my office and wants to start their own company I sit them down and we have a long chat about all the downsides of their idea. I actively try to talk people out of going into business for themselves because I know that if someone is a true entrepreneur, they will fight me. And the harder they'll fight, the better chances they have at success. Men like Henry Ford who had one bankrupt company before founding Ford Motor Co., and Fred Smith, founder of Federal Express who almost lost it all before flying to Vegas so he could make payroll, and Steve Jobs who co-founded Apple in a garage, are all fighters.

They are Americans, who with a fierce determination to succeed — and a bullish inability to give up — made their dreams reality and in the process did a great deal for labor. They provide jobs, incomes, opportunity and security. So on this Labor Day, while we honor labor, let's not forget the bosses who make it all possible.

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LOCAL

Crosswalks will be added around Virginia Avenue Park

PARK, from page 1

The expansion of Virginia Avenue Park, located at Pico and Cloverfield boulevards, is expected to start in September and be done in early 2005.

The construction of the park is estimated to cost \$10.3 million while managing the job will cost an additional \$1 million.

City Hall already has spent millions on the project — from more than \$1 million in design, engineering and architectural plans to the purchases of additional land to expand the park.

The project has been in the works for more than a decade and its price tag has grown each time the plans have changed and the years have passed.

City Councilman Kevin McKeown said the project is an absolute priority for the council because it's been promised to the community for years and millions of dollars already have been invested. The new park also will revitalize a blighted area of the city and a neighborhood that's riddled with crime.

"We said we would not let the community down on this because of the budget issues," McKeown said, adding the park which is currently underutilized will attract more families to the area when it's renovated. "That park will make it a safe place to be and will be staffed adequately ... it will help the neighborhood."

McKeown also noted that City Hall's deficit in upcoming years reflects the operational costs of Virginia Avenue Park.

"That's why the deficit went up because we anticipated the costs," he said.

Even though the park will cost an addi-

tional \$1 million annually to operate after its third year, officials did budget for the first two years of operation.

City Hall's 2004-2005 budget accounts for \$96,000 in ongoing and \$154,000 in one-time costs for the project in that fiscal year. Those expenditures are part of start-up costs that include grounds and facilities maintenance for additional landscaping, a parking lot, basketball courts, play areas, building facilities, outreach and registration activities, and the resumption of programs that will be relocated or suspended during construction, according to city staff.

In future years, operating costs will be budgeted for expanded park programming that include services provided by city staff, volunteers, non-profit organizations and other community groups.

A host of new amenities will be built on the 9.5-acre site, which includes the existing 5.8-acre park, a 2.9-acre vacant parking lot and a .8-acre parcel across from the park.

The new amenities include an open lawn area with a "meandering path," two full size basketball courts, two playgrounds, an interactive "water feature," and additional parking to accommodate the Saturday's farmers market and the expanded park. The "water feature" is similar to a wading pool with a sprayer that's designed for children, McKeown said.

The existing buildings at the park will be renovated to accommodate community workshops, an older youth center, the Police Activities League fitness gym, park administration offices and a Santa Monica

Police Department substation.

The Thelma Terry Center, the park's main community center, will be overhauled, and a new 1,300-square-foot building will have restrooms, park program space and mechanical equipment for the "water feature."

The project also involves several crosswalk, signal and street improvements that will partially be paid by the state through Metropolitan Transit Authority funds. One of the improvements will be at the intersection of Pico and Cloverfield boulevards.

Currently motorists are able to make a free westbound right turn onto Pico from Cloverfield, requiring pedestrians to cross while cars are turning. The small island

will be removed and replaced with a standard right turn lane, requiring vehicles to stop before turning at a red light. The corner of the park will be enlarged and the existing crosswalks will be realigned.

A crosswalk will be added at the corner of Pico Boulevard and 22nd Street, which will be the main entrance to the park. And an in-pavement flasher system will be installed, which are similar to five other crosswalks along Pico Boulevard.

And finally, the crosswalk at Cloverfield Boulevard and Kansas Avenue will be made safer with a landscaped pedestrian island on both sides to allow people to cross one direction of traffic at a time.

'Grease' is the word on the Santa Monica Pier tonight

By Daily Press staff

As the sun sets over the Santa Monica Pier tonight, movie fans can take in a screening of the classic film "Grease" in an outdoor "drive-in" environment.

"Grease" is the final film in the month-long Tuesday movie screenings hosted by Santa Monica Film Festival and the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp.

Over the past three weeks, more than 8,000 people have come to the pier to watch classic films and to support the Cancer Relief Fund, which provides support for those suffering from cancer. Monies raised for the fund are generated from chair rentals, merchandise sales, and the raffles of a Vespa motorscooter and a Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf basket.

The film will begin at 8 p.m. on the pier and is free to the public. Through the sponsorship of DirectTV, there will be "Hopelessly Devoted" karaoke performers, a costume contest and a booth for greasing up your hair. The film will be introduced by director Randal Kleiser and various stars from the film will attend the event.

Other movies screened this month were "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "Jaws."

The next Santa Monica drive-in series will be held in December.

Iraqi children suffer from disease, diarrhea, cancer

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haven't seen before. Some are congenital, many families marry among themselves. Some of the congenital diseases are due to depleted uranium."

In 1991, we dropped 320 tons of depleted uranium on Iraqis. The United Nations estimates we used between 1,100 and 2,200 tons — between three and seven times as much — during this recent war. While there are no specific scientific studies linking depleted uranium exposure and incidents of cancer or birth defects, Iraqi doctors widely cite high incidents of childhood leukemias, birth defects and stillbirths in people who live near areas that were exposed to this nuclear waste. (American soldiers may also have been exposed to depleted uranium during both wars.)

In July, I toured a pediatric unit of the Basra Hospital for Obstetrics and Pediatrics.

"The situation was not good before the war," explains Dr. Mohammed Masser, head pediatrician, as he clicked his worry beads. "Previously, there were no drugs, no sanitation, no electricity. I had one patient die every month because of cancer, but I have five people die every day from diarrhea, due to malnutrition."

The impact of this epidemic of childhood diseases is staggering: 50 percent of Iraq's population are children under the age of 16 — that's 13 million children.

Before this last war, every other family experienced the death of a child under the age of 5. Iraqi families will be living with the effects of this most recent war for decades.

"Most patients have come from areas with heavy bombing," said Dr. Mohammed Kamil, head of pediatric residents at the Basra Hospital for Obstetrics and Pediatrics, when describing his young cancer patients. "The children with cancer ... only 1 percent will live. We can't get the chemotherapy. We cannot tell people their children will die, we just do our best."

(Kelly Hayes-Raitt is a political consultant specializing in fundraising, public relations and community organizing for campaigns and non-profit organizations. She traveled to Iraq in February and July, and has been addressing audiences throughout California about the people she met. To schedule a presentation, call (310) 581-4421 or e-mail C2CCampaigns@aol.com. Her photos may be viewed at www.CommunityCampaigns.com/Iraq.)

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Parking for the event is free at the Civic Auditorium, beginning at 6 p.m., and Big Blue Bus lines 1, 5 and 9 stop nearby. This event is wheelchair-accessible. If you require a disability-related accommodation to participate, please call 458-8474.



STATE



CALIFORNIA BRIEFS

Corruption costs \$1 billion a year for taxpayers

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Fraud, waste and corruption cost the county up to \$1 billion each year and officials concede little has been done to stop it.

Critics said the county could have cracked down on fraud, including welfare cheaters and county employees running private businesses during office hours, and avoided the deepest budget cuts, such as hospital and clinic closures.

"I think it's far more widespread than people realize," Jon Coupal, president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, said of fraud in the county.

The county's 189 welfare fraud investigators detect between \$14 million and \$19 million a year in overpayments and fraud, but Coupal said they are apparently only "scratching the surface" of the problem.

The county also has nine "fraud cops" who catch some of the county's 85,000 employees and contractors costing up to \$4 million a year through timecard forgery, kickbacks, bribes, theft and employees who drive county vehicles after hours.

At the same time, the district attorney's workers' compensation fraud division, with 14 prosecutors and investigators, collected \$2.1 million in restitution last year and arrested six county employees.

Marion Romeis, chief investigator in the auditor-controller's special investigation office, said the fraud identified by her unit does not include substantial losses from lost productivity, including viewing pornography or gambling on the Internet and other abuses of county work hours and equipment.

Based on the county's \$16.7 billion budget, it's reasonable to assume the county loses \$1 billion a year to fraud, waste and similar abuse, said John Warren, associate general counsel of the Austin, Texas-based Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

Fear of gang retaliation keeps reward coffers full

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Fear of retaliation is the reason at least \$3 million in reward money in gang killing cases has gone unclaimed in the past 12 months, investigators said.

The standard \$25,000 reward offer just isn't enough. Out of at least 120 such awards offered in the past year, only two have been paid. In other cases, witnesses with useful information chose to remain silent rather than take cash, police said.

Most of the unsolved homicides are street crimes committed in front of witnesses, in part to enhance the reputations of the killers. People commonly watch as the shootings go down, then hear them bragging about them afterward.

Getting them to testify in court is a major challenge for law enforcement.

"Twenty-five thousand is not enough for a person's life," said Sylvia Washington, the mother of one of the dozens of South Los Angeles murder victims so far this year. "You need enough for a person to get out of there and start a new life — to get away to another state where they don't have to look behind their backs."

The City Clerk's office estimates only about eight rewards have been paid out in the last three years. Rewards are paid for information leading to arrest and conviction.

Poll results fuel call for GOP unity, contenders will fight on

BY BETH FOUHY

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — A new poll showing actor Arnold Schwarzenegger trailing in the campaign to replace Gov. Gray Davis if he is recalled may have sparked suggestions for Republican unity, but the other major GOP candidates say they won't quit.

"This horse is in the race to the finish line," state Sen. Tom McClintock said Sunday, a day after fellow conservative Bill Simon abandoned the race, arguing that the crowded field could hurt GOP chances.

A spokesman for former baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth said Ueberroth also plans to stay in the contest, and will begin airing radio ads this week.

The vows from McClintock and Ueberroth that they would battle on came during a weekend that yet again reshuffled the ever-changing race, with Simon giving up, Democrats offering signs of increasing unity and the new poll results showing that Schwarzenegger may no longer be the leading man.

The recall ballot will have two parts. Voters first will be asked to vote yes or no on whether to recall Davis, and then will choose from a list of 135 candidates to replace him if he is recalled.

The new poll, conducted by the Los Angeles Times, showed a big lead for Democratic Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, the only major Democrat on the replacement ballot. Bustamante had 35 percent support among likely voters, compared to 22 percent for Schwarzenegger, a significant reversal of earlier polls showing a virtual dead heat or a Schwarzenegger lead.

Trailing well behind the two leaders were McClintock with 12 percent, Ueberroth with 7 percent and Simon with 6 percent. Simon, last year's Republican nominee for governor, abandoned his campaign Saturday, after the poll was conducted. The poll of 801 likely voters had a margin of error of plus or minus three percentage points.

Some Republicans saw the poll results as evidence that the field of replacement candidates should be winnowed.

"The headline here is that Republicans are winning but the vote is split, so pressure by Republicans to coalesce behind a single candidate will be greater than ever," said Allan Hoffenblum, a former Republican strategist. "It's a competitive race, and it needs to be turned into a two-person race between Schwarzenegger and Bustamante."

Not surprisingly, the Schwarzenegger campaign agreed.

"Mr. Simon spelled it out clearly yesterday — there are too many candidates in the race," said Schwarzenegger spokesman Sean Walsh. "Clearly, from all parts of the spectrum, there is activity that says Arnold is the guy, and we should be supporting him very vigorously."

On the Democratic side, the poll was the latest piece of good news for Bustamante, whose campaign picked up several key endorsements in recent days. Even Davis, who has opposed the lieutenant governor's "no on recall, yes on Bustamante" strategy, edged closer to adopting that plan as the Democrats' best alternative.

"There is no question that I have a lot of confidence in Cruz Bustamante — he is the most qualified person on question number two," Davis told CNN Sunday. "I understand why other Democrats would want a safety valve — it is a perfectly rational position to take."

Davis refused to say whether he would vote for Bustamante on the second part of the ballot, saying he'd announce that decision 10 days before the election.

Bustamante was said to be unfazed by the poll's results.

"He said to me ... we have to work harder," said Bustamante strategist Richie Ross. "We're working 19 hours a day, and he told me to bump it up to 20."

"Cruz is projecting a level of confidence that is reassuring to Democrats," said longtime Democratic strategist Bill Carrick. "It sends a message to the base that says hey, maybe we can pull this off."

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

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

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

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A weekly look at events and programs

Dealing with challenges of bedtime and children

Guest Commentary

By Jeffrey S. Penso, M.D.

QUESTION: What can I do to help my newborn son establish good sleeping habits?

ANSWER: Putting a newborn or a toddler to sleep is a challenging task for all parents at one time or another. But the whole family will sleep better at night if parents make an effort to promote good sleeping habits from the start.

Although every child's sleep needs are different, newborns tend to sleep about 16 hours in a 24-hour period. While newborns sleep a lot, they may only sleep one or two hours at a time. Their sleep cycles are irregular and take up to about six months to mature. As children grow older, the total hours they need for sleep decreases and they sleep for longer periods of time. But getting them to wind down and actually go to sleep can be challenging for tired parents.

For a newborn or infant, these tips may help promote more restful and regular sleep:

- Don't let your infant sleep for long periods of time during the day — if he does, he'll be more likely to be awake at night.

- Try to keep your baby as calm and quiet as possible when he wakes at night — when feeding or changing him, avoid stimulating him too much. Keep the lights low and your voice quiet.

- Put your baby in the crib at the first signs of drowsiness. It's good for a baby to learn there is a specific place for him to sleep.

- Begin to delay your reaction to infant fussing at 4 to 6 months old. Wait a few minutes before you go to check your baby. Give him a bit of time to settle down and fall back asleep on his own. Help him learn that he can soothe himself back to sleep.

- Avoid putting your baby to bed with a pacifier or bottle. If your baby falls asleep with one of them, gently remove it before putting him into his crib.

- Be patient. Although it seems like your baby will never sleep through the night, eventually they all do.

As your child grows older, his sleep needs will change. Typically, toddlers and preschoolers need about 10 to 12 hours of sleep at night. It is common for young children to resist going to sleep, especially if there are older siblings who are still awake.

To help ease the transition to bedtime and encourage

good sleep habits for young children, you should:

- Create a quiet transition period before your child goes to bed. Establish a calm routine that may include a warm bath, reading or snuggle time.

- Be consistent with your bedtime schedule and make bedtime the same time every night. It helps your child to know that there is a routine he can expect.

- Make sure your child is comfortable. He may want to have a drink of water or a night light left on. Try to handle all of your child's needs before bedtime so he doesn't use them to avoid going to bed.

- To reduce a toddler's typical resistance to being put to bed, let your child feel in control of some of the routine. Allow him to choose his pajamas, a bedtime story and a special stuffed animal.

- Try not to return to your child's room every time he or she calls out or complains. A child learns quickly if you always give in to his requests at bedtime.

- Don't let your child sleep with you on a regular basis. It is important that a child learn to settle himself and fall asleep when alone.

(Jeffrey S. Penso, M.D. is a pediatrician and chair of pediatrics at Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica. For more information, contact Saint John's at (310) 829-5511 or visit the hospital's Web site at www.stjohns.org.)

Children learn from parental tantrums and behavior



Guest Commentary

By Margaret Altman

Temper tantrums are not limited to the infant population. Tantrums are, in fact, a highly probable human behavior when a person has very weak abilities in the area of emotional intelligence.

The field of developmental emotional intelligence has found that when people of any age have problems with the four key abilities of emotional intelligence they tend to explode or implode more easily. The key abilities of emotional intelligence have been developing since infancy and adults may not have learned them, or they may have been pushed off course in terms of using them. Here are the key abilities that protect adults from losing their tempers when they are with their youngsters.

- The ability to delay immediately responding to an emotional stimulus.

- The ability to self-soothe or to get into a workable, balanced emotional state.

- The ability to re-focus or to have flexible attention for the emotional data in a situation.

- The ability to organize or to set emotional goals and to prioritize and plan for action.

Here are the three most asked questions for the experts in developmental emotional intelligence:

Question: What kind of harm can adult tantrums do to a child?

Answer: When adults have tantrums they are loud and dangerous. Children can be impacted in two basic ways. First, the sights and sounds of the tantrum may be traumatic for sensitive kids. Second, the child learns that exploding or imploding are expected ways of cop-

ing with problems.

Question: How can I control myself?

Answer: When you know that your tantrums are a problem you can begin to do the specific strengthening work that you need to do. Each of the four abilities play a large part in helping you have control over your emotions so that you can use your intelligent mind to cope with the emotion-loaded stresses of life. We will give you a brief exercise that you can use to begin to strengthen each ability.

- The ability to delay immediate responding. One of the key impulse-blocking skills that helps you to delay your responses is the skill of emotion-expression reading. The time that it takes you to look at and read the emotional expressions from face, voice, gesture and body language is precious time for your brain to process information. Take several minutes each day to read the expressions of children and other people around you and jot it down.

- The ability to self-soothe. This is where you get yourself into an optimal comfort zone. In order to get into this state you must know what it is. We identify it as an alert, aware, brain-engaged state. This is for adults an optimal, workable comfort zone and it is not super-relaxed or over-excited. Your exercise is to make a log of when you are in this zone during one full day. You may be in this zone as you read this information. Are you there?

- The ability to re-focus. Adults have the ability to pay attention to more than one thing at a time. This ability will help you stay on track during a challenging emotional event or switch your attention if you need to. Here are simple exercises to strengthen flexible attention skills and memory capacity:

- Listen to a radio news program, take written notes on the key stories and when you are done, put your notes aside and see how much you recall.

- When you do two tasks at the same time (watching TV and sorting laundry) stop occasionally to test yourself on what you have absorbed on TV.

— When you are with other people, select two of them and watch their gestures and face expressions. Compare and contrast these signals mentally.

- The ability to organize. It is important that adults learn how to set emotional goals, prioritize their needs and wants, and plan to achieve what their heart's desire. When we are clear about what our emotional goals are, we will find that we make better decisions and don't get as frustrated.

- Make a list of your emotional goals. For example, one goal may be to improve your parenting skills.

- Make a separate list of what you are actually doing to achieve these goals. For example, you are now doing these exercises.

- Work on adding to the activities that will lead you to your goals.

Question: How can I help my partner with temper tantrums?

Answer: If your partner is aware that there is a problem, you can introduce your partner to the four-key ability approach. The following are tips for engaging your partner in a new learning activity:

- Engage your partner when he or she is in their optimal learning state: Aware, alert and brain-engaged.

- Use positive reinforcement instead of guilt or blame.

- Use the language of emotional intelligence with your partner. The words, "comfort zone," "delaying," "self-control" and "emotional priorities" are key words.

- Model emotional intelligence for your partner.

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

Lap Time - 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. - July 23 - Aug. 27, for 0-24 month olds.

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

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

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

Yoga

Yoga Baby Studios closed through Labor Day, Sept. 1.

Breastfeeding Group

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

Other

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

August 27 - Nature Walk (Children's Nature Institute)

- Temescal Canyon (Pacific Palisades) - 10:00am
 Reservations required - 310-998-1151 or www.childrensnatureinstitute.org

THURSDAY

Storytelling

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

Preschool Story Time - 10:30am - Reed Park. Stories for ages 3-5. 310-458-8922 for info.

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

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

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

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FRIDAY

Thomas the Tank Engine in Fillmore.

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KidsWorld at Santa Monica Place

Fridays in August - 11a.m. and 1 p.m. The Reader's Theatre Project, a performing troupe from the Children's Museum of Los Angeles, bring children's picture books to life with professional actors, dancers and musicians.

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

Call 310-394-9779 for info.

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

Call 310-451-2241 for info.

Yoga

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

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SATURDAY

Thomas the Tank Engine in Fillmore.

See details above in the Special Events section.

Storytelling

Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Promenade - Kid's Story Time - 10am - 310-260-9110

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

Yoga

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SUNDAY

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

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

MONDAY

Thomas the Tank Engine in Fillmore.

See details above in the Special Events section.

Storytelling

Barnes and Noble - 3rd St. Promenade - Toddler Story Time - 10am - 310-260-9110

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, Closed for Labor Day.

Yoga

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

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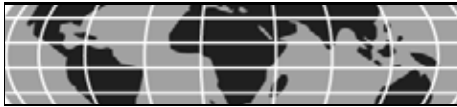
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WORLD BRIEFLY

Middle East militant group promises revenge

By The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The militant group Hamas promised revenge Monday after Israel killed four of its members in a missile strike and declared anyone in the group a legitimate target for “liquidation.”

With Palestinian leaders stuck in a power struggle over control of their security forces, Palestinian officials warned that Sunday night's airstrike — part of Israel's response to a suicide bombing last week that killed 21 people — would undermine efforts to rein in militants, a key requirement in a fading U.S.-backed peace plan.

The Hamas military wing, Izzedine al Qassam, issued a statement promising revenge.

In Gaza City, witnesses said Apache helicopters fired at least three missiles at a group of armed men near a crowded beach front Sunday evening, killing four members of Hamas' military wing and wounding more than a dozen bystanders.

U.S. troops back off in Liberia

By The Associated Press

MONROVIA, Liberia — U.S. Marines returned in heavy rains to warships off Liberia's coast, insisting shipboard troops would be better positioned to respond to any flare-ups in the country's still-gelling peace accord.

The unannounced departure of the 150-strong fighting force ended a significant U.S. military deployment on the ground after just 11 days.

Liberians, watching U.S. military helicopters hustling out of sight, spoke fearfully of being deserted in the midst of bringing an end to 14 years of conflict that has claimed more than 150,000 lives.

A West African peace force has helped stop fighting in Monrovia, but clashes persist in the countryside.

Sunday's withdrawal leaves about 100 U.S. troops still on the ground — 70 guarding the U.S. Embassy, and 30 working as a liaison team with a 3-week-old West African peace force, Lt. Col. Tom Collins, spokesman for the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit force, told The Associated Press on the tarmac as he left.

“We're here to support (the West Africans), but we can do it better from the ship,” Collins said.

NASA goes deeper into the universe

By The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A rocket carrying the largest diameter infrared telescope ever put into space roared from its seaside pad early Monday.

The Space Infrared Telescope Facility, known as SIRTf, is the last of four NASA spacecraft designed to peer deeper into the universe using an array of tools that measure light of varying wavelengths.

The telescope will add to the work of the Hubble Telescope, launched in 1990, the Chandra X-ray Observatory, launched in 1999, and the Compton Gamma-Ray Observatory, which operated for nine years before falling back into Earth's atmosphere in 2000.

The telescope will look at some of the same deep space objects as its sister craft in order to make comparisons between the views. It will also survey other parts of the cosmos.

The 110-pound, 33.5-inch telescope is designed to measure heat from faraway celestial objects and give scientists a view of distant solar systems being born.

Autistic boy dies during exorcism

By The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — An autistic 8-year-old boy died while wrapped in sheets during a prayer service held to exorcise the evil spirits that church members blamed for his condition.

A man has been arrested in connection with the death, which occurred Friday night at a church in a run-down strip mall. Authorities have not identified the man or disclosed what charges he could face.

The mother had been taking her son to Faith Temple Church of the Apostolic Faith three times a week for the last three weeks in hopes of curing his autism, said Bishop David Hemphill Sr.

It was after more than an hour of prayer that a parishioner noticed the boy was no longer moving and called emergency workers, Hemphill said. The boy's grandmother said force was used, an allegation disputed by church members.

Hemphill identified the boy as Torrance Cantrell and the man arrested as Ray Hemphill, his brother and another minister who led Friday's service. David Hemphill said he has not talked to his brother or the boy's mother, Patricia Cooper, since Friday night. Cooper could not be reached for comment.

David Hemphill started the independent church in 1997. It meets twice a week and has a congregation of six families.

SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

■ **SAN FRANCISCO** — Bobby Bonds, a three-time All-Star and father of Barry Bonds, died Saturday. He was 57. Bobby Bonds had been ill for nearly a year with lung cancer and a brain tumor.

Bobby Bonds, hit 332 home runs and stole 461 bases for eight major league teams, including the San Francisco Giants.

Barry Bonds was placed on the Giants' bereavement list on Sunday.

TRACK & FIELD

■ American Kelli White won gold in the women's 100-meter dash at the World Championships on Sunday, beating countrywoman Torri Edwards.

Jon Drummond was disqualified from his 100-meter heat when he was the second runner in the group to commit a false start. The heats were then thrown into chaos when the American sprinter refused to leave the track following his disqualification. Four other runners were disqualified in the heats under a controversial new false-start rule.

BASKETBALL

■ **SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico** — The United States routed the Virgin Islands 113-55 on Saturday, finishing the first round of the FIBA Americas Olympic Qualifying tournament 4-0.

The Americans will face Canada in their first game of the second round, which starts Monday.

■ **BRAUNSCHWEIG, Germany** — Dallas Mavericks star Dirk Nowitzki injured his ankle Sunday night while playing in a game for Germany. Mavericks spokeswoman Sarah Melton said that Nowitzki sustained a mild left ankle sprain. An MRI exam showed no bone or ligament damage.

FOOTBALL

■ **NEW YORK** — New York Jets quarterback Chad Pennington broke and dislocated his left wrist on Saturday and is expected to be out 12 weeks.

Vinny Testaverde, a 17-year-veteran, becomes the Jets starter.

■ **PHILADELPHIA** — Duce Staley returned to the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday, choosing to end his 26-day holdout without the contract extension he was seeking.

GOLF

■ **AKRON, Ohio** — Darren Clarke joined Tiger Woods as the only multiple winners of the World Golf Championship series, winning the NEC Invitational and a \$1.05 million payoff Sunday.

Clarke, from Northern Ireland, closed with a 3-under 67 at Firestone for a four-stroke victory over Jonathan Kaye. He finished at 12-under 268, the first European to win on the PGA Tour this year.

Woods, a winner the last three times at Firestone, bogeyed three of his last seven holes and closed with a 70, six strokes behind.

■ **KUTZTOWN, Pa.** — Candie Kung shot a 2-under-par 70 for a two-stroke victory over defending champion Se Ri Pak and Meg Mallon at the Wachovia LPGA Classic. Kung finished at 14-under 274 for her second title of the season.

■ **WEST DES MOINES, Iowa** — Don Pooley pulled away from a six-man scramble with an eagle on No. 11 and went on to shoot a 4-under 67 to win the Allianz Championship by three strokes.

He finished at 13-under 200 to earn his second Champions Tour victory.

■ **OAKMONT, Pa.** — Nick Flanagan rallied to win the first playoff hole in the U.S. Amateur final.

■ Flanagan never trailed in the 37-hole match, but top-ranked Casey Wittenberg won two of the final four holes to force the playoff.

Wittenberg hit his 3-wood into the rough on the playoff hole and his second shot found the rough again behind the green. Flanagan hit an excellent drive, an approach to 25 feet, then calmly two-putted to win.

■ **RENO, Nev.** — Kirk Triplett shot a 9-under-par 63 to win the Reno-Tahoe Open at 17-under par, tying both the course and tournament records with a three-stroke victory over Tim Herron.

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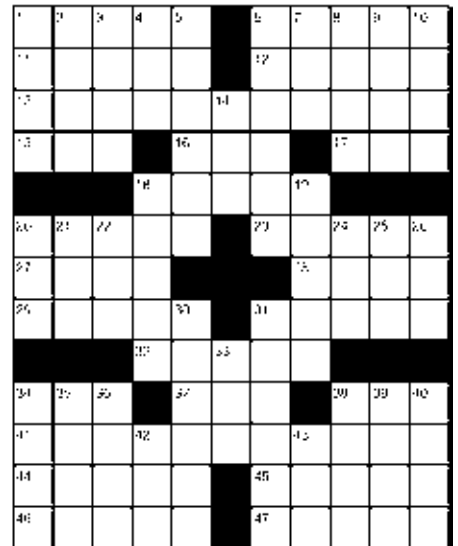
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

O.J. says money and pot got him through ordeal

By The Associated Press

■ **LOS ANGELES** — O.J. Simpson says that without the money to pay for a "dream team" of lawyers, he wouldn't have been acquitted of murder charges.

In an interview with Playboy magazine nine years after his trial, Simpson repeatedly vowed he was innocent of killing his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and Ronald Goldman.

"I didn't commit the crime. That is why I got off," he said. "I feel in my heart that I got off because I was innocent. But I don't know if I could have proven my innocence if I didn't have the money. And that's a shame. Yes, it is a shame that in this country it costs so much to get good representation."

In the wide-ranging interview published in the current issue of the magazine, Simpson also disclosed that after his acquittal he smoked marijuana in order to get to sleep.

"My drug of choice now is Vioxx," said Simpson, who suffers from arthritis. "When I got out of jail, I kind of appreciated pot more than I ever had in my life."

Simpson was acquitted of murder charges in the 1994 slayings of his ex-wife and Goldman. A civil jury later held Simpson liable for the killings and ordered him to pay the victims' survivors \$33.5 million.

■ **PORTLAND, Maine** — The filmmakers at the center of HBO's "Project Greenlight" say they didn't even finish watching the television series, which they thought portrayed them negatively.

Instead, Kyle Rankin and Efram Potelle began focusing on the theatrical release of the film the series chronicled them creating, "The Battle of Shaker Heights," which opened Friday in New York and Los Angeles.

If the film earns critical praise or box office success, or helps land them other major movie jobs, then looking silly on national television will have been a small price to pay, they say.

"The movie will be our redemption," Rankin said from Los Angeles. "We wished the show showed more of the fun we did have making (the film). But I think through this we've learned to have thicker skin."

Rankin and Potelle, both 30, appeared in the HBO documentary series as a condition of winning the "Project Greenlight" contest, which Matt Damon and Ben Affleck established to help aspiring filmmakers.

They were filmed 12 to 13 hours a day, and they knew there was a good chance they'd look like novices. Cameras caught the infighting, name-calling and backstabbing that sometimes takes place on film sets but is rarely seen in great detail in American living rooms.

But the pair, who previously made independent films in Portland, got to direct a \$2 million film. The story, set in the upscale Cleveland suburb of Shaker Heights, Ohio, focuses on a teenage boy (Shia LaBeouf) who's obsessed with battle scene re-enactments.

■ **LISIEUX, France** — French actor Guillaume Depardieu was placed under investigation Monday on suspicion of having threatened a man with an illegal firearm while at a bar in Normandy, a state prosecutor said.

The dispute took place early Saturday after someone at the bar outside the resort town of Deauville mocked the clothes the 32-year-old actor was wearing, the police official said on condition of anonymity.

Depardieu, the son of celebrated French actor Gerard Depardieu, drew the weapon and fired it in the air before being restrained, the official said.

The younger Depardieu was placed under investigation — a step short of formal charges — for possessing an illegal weapon, armed violence and threats.

He was released on bail, but instructed to return to court for a new hearing on Sept. 9, said state prosecutor Philippe Perroux.

Depardieu, who often spends weekends at his father's home in Normandy, was taken into custody Sunday after

the unidentified man filed a complaint.

In June, Depardieu had his right leg amputated to end years of pain from a bacterial infection that followed a motorcycle accident in 1996. Last week, he was featured on the cover of popular French magazine Paris Match.

■ **DENVER** — The Doors have hit the road again — without Jim Morrison, of course — but with many legal headaches.

Led by founding members Ray Manzarek on keyboards and guitarist Robby Krieger plus The Cult's Ian Astbury, the Doors 21st Century are playing both classic and new Doors music.

"Jim died in 1971, and the problem of trying to replace him was insurmountable at that time," Krieger told the Denver Post on Sunday. "But after 30 years or so goes by, it doesn't seem so insurmountable."

The new band has been involved in three lawsuits.

Original drummer John Densmore sued Manzarek and Krieger in February, claiming they were infringing on the band's trademark by using the name. His request for a temporary restraining order was denied in May.

Another lawsuit came from Morrison's parents and in-laws in May, accusing Manzarek and Krieger of tarnishing the group's reputation by continuing to make new music and tour.

And former Police drummer Stewart Copeland, who played with the reconfigured Doors in 2002, filed a lawsuit against Manzarek and Krieger after he injured his arm in a bicycling accident last fall and was replaced. Copeland claimed they reneged on a promise to use him during the tour and on an upcoming studio album and asked for more than \$1 million in damages. He settled his lawsuit amicably in June.

"It doesn't dampen my enthusiasm. It's just an annoyance," Krieger said. "It seems like the better you're doing, the more that happens. If nothing's going on, nobody cares."

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