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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
by Chuck Shepard

■ The Baltimore Sun (May) and The Wall Street Journal (July) reported on the handful of schools (most prominent, University of Maryland, Baltimore County and University of Texas at Dallas) that vie for supremacy in intercollegiate chess and engage in annual recruiting battles to sign up established chess masters with cushy scholarship offers.

■ In April, the Saxonia Globe Snippers of Germany beat a British team, the Black Dog Boozers, to win the World Marbles Cup in Tinsley Green, England; the winner of the match is the first team to knock 25 of a circle's 49 marbles out.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Advertisements contain the only truths to be relied on in a newspaper."

— Thomas Jefferson



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Businesses get loud over new noise law

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Business owners are making a lot of noise over City Hall's attempt to make Santa Monica quieter.

Fliers circulating along Main Street warn people that City Hall's proposed noise ordinance could result in many bars and restaurants closing early. The flier calls for the public to contact their elected officials and demand that the effort to quiet the city be stopped.

City officials say the proposed ordinance won't result in Main Street or any other business district closing early. They say the new law is in response to the 10,000 noise complaints that City Hall has received in the past 18 months from residents, many of whom live near commercial areas.

City officials say the current noise law is unenforceable and the proposed ordinance is aimed at correcting that. It's unknown how many businesses and individuals in the past year have been cited for being too loud, but it's very few, according to city officials.

Business owners throughout the city are worried that the proposed changes would hurt their operations, mostly because they feel City Hall hasn't done an adequate job in determining the law's full effects.

The proposed law would lower the decibel level in a commercial zone by as much as 10 points after 10 p.m. Right now, if a noise is made in a commercial zone and a resident hears it in his neighborhood, the decibel level is governed

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SM schools are maxed, but ready to reopen

Enrollment is up, services are down

BY JOHN WOOD
Daily Press Staff Writer

Nearly 13,000 local students will shuffle back to class on Wednesday.

All of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's 18 campuses open for the first day of school this week, with no space to spare.

"We don't have a single open

classroom in the district," said School Superintendent John Deasy.

Deasy said more than 70 new teachers and staff members were hired for the 2003-2004 school year and enrollment is expected to increase by 50 to 75 students.

"We are definitely ready to open," said Deasy on Labor Day, which he spent dealing with last-minute details.

A jump in districtwide test scores and the redesign of Santa Monica High School into six

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Bye, bye birdie



Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press
Santa Monica High School senior Irene Vatjaranuruk, 17, stands next to the pin on the eighth hole at Penmar Golf Course, where she sunk a hole in one. See story, page 3.

Suspected arsonist extinguished by local police

Suspect believed to be responsible for 11 fires

By Daily Press staff

A convicted arsonist was captured by police early Saturday after he allegedly started almost a dozen fires in dumpsters near Montana Avenue.

Ronald Kenneth Sneed, a 55-year-old transient, was arrested at

about 1 a.m. on Saturday after police and fire personnel responded to 11 dumpster fires late Friday night. Sneed is suspected of starting all of the fires.

The blazes, which occurred in the alleys of Fourth and Fifth streets, as well between Montana and Alta avenues, from the 800 to the 1100 blocks, were started all within a few hours of each other.

Shortly after midnight, the

Santa Monica police and fire departments responded to the 1000 block of Fourth Street for a dumpster fire. One block to the north, police found several more smoldering dumpsters.

SMPD officers saturated the area, looking for Sneed, who was described by several witnesses.

In less than an hour, police saw a man matching Sneed's description at 11th Street and Alta

Avenue. He was arrested after the evidence against him was found by police. Police wouldn't say what the evidence was.

Sneed gave police a fake name but was later identified through fingerprints. He was booked for arson and is being held with no bail because of a parole violation. Sneed was previously convicted of arson "of an inhabited structure," police said.

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You have a way of attracting others to you. You might wonder what is appropriate or how much you want to do for others. Many will ask a lot of you. For you, the issue will be one of establishing boundaries, as difficult as that might be. Fiery reactions often come toward you. Understand that not all of these messages are directed toward you. In fact, they reflect the person giving them. You enter a new luck cycle this year where "expansion" is the key word. Your feelings might expand, as well as your waistline. Remember, you're in control. If single, your unusual ability to communicate will emerge, drawing many. If you want a special relationship, it can be yours. If attached, your emotional life will become much closer if you keep the communication flowing. Your partner has the assets you lack. SAGITTARIUS can be an albatross.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ You will have to pull back, not because anything is a problem, per se, but because you are so overwhelmed by what you hear. Your imagination and ability to zero in on what remains key mark your decisions. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Others surround you, wanting this or that. Your stability draws associates like honey attracts a bear. You might feel as if others are pursuing you like a bear as well. Know when to pull back or when to close your door. A one-on-one conversation remains key. Tonight: Say "yes."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Work with others, coming from a solid foundation. You know what you want, but you might not know for sure how to get it. In the p.m., others offer you a plethora of options, somewhat putting you on overload. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Allow your ingenuity to come to the rescue when others cannot find the answers. You could be overwhelmed by what is dropped on your plate. Buckle under for a hard few days of clearing out work — yours and others'! Tonight: Work off stress at the gym.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Establish the foundation and setting that you require to flourish, whether at home or at work. In these circumstances, your true creativity can and will flourish. Others have many questions as they seek you out. Tonight: The world is your playground.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Discuss what you feel and think, but don't be surprised by others' reactions. In the present astrological climate, expect that a consensus won't happen, even with like minds. Use differences to charge your ingenuity. Tonight: Happy relaxing at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Use caution around finances and be willing to ask for more, if need be. Your support might be absolutely necessary to complete a work project in the office. Ask questions, but don't be surprised if an associate takes them personally. Tonight: Join a pal for dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You have the ability to either smooth the waters or start a veritable rip tide. Which would you prefer to do? Claim your power, but do understand that whatever you trigger, you will have to deal with. Check out finances more carefully. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You might have a slow start to the day or might be easily distracted. Once you get started, there might be no stopping you. The Moon beams you into a position of authority where others respond, but do anticipate a little flak here and there. Tonight: You call the shots.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Use the morning hours to the max, when you feel empowered and unstoppable. Although others are responsive for a while, they will turn aggressive later. Play it cool, work on your own and close your door. That's a smart Goat! Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Handle matters and deal with those in power throughout the day. Consider more carefully what might be possible in the afternoon. Without busting your budget, you decide to head in a different direction. Tonight: Listen to your advisers.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Seek new information. What you hear could surprise you. Loosen up with a loved one who really does care about you but could be unusually demanding. Focus on work and getting the job done. Tonight: Work as late as need be.

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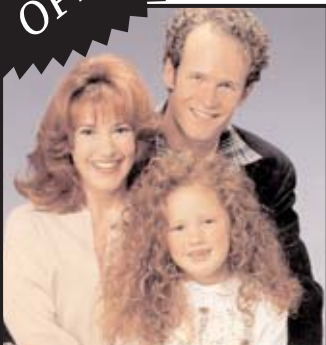
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LOCAL

Santa Monica High School golfer lands a hole in one

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At 17 years old, Irene Vatjaranuruk has accomplished what most golfers dream about but hardly ever do — a hole in one.

The Santa Monica High School senior and member of Samohi's girls varsity golf team, got a hole in one last week at the Penmar Golf Course in Mar Vista, which is the school's home course.

Vatjaranuruk said she had been playing horribly but then on hole No. 8, a 141-yard par 3, her game turned around.

She was the only female in a group of four men, all of who hit short of the green or off of the fairway. She grabbed her 7 iron and went for the green.

"I hit last and it dropped a foot from the pin and it kept rolling," Vatjaranuruk said. "All of the guys went into complete silence ... they were gawing over it."

Vatjaranuruk never expected the ball would keep rolling. The ball, which landed in front of the pin, took its time dropping into the cup.

"I kept thinking, it's a birdie," she said. "It was the slowest rolling ball you'll ever see ... it was freakin' dramatic."

Once the group realized what had happened, the men began jumping up and down on the tee box, making more noise than what's socially acceptable on a golf course.

Vatjaranuruk, whose handicap varies between 5 and 10, began golfing three years ago. She used to play hockey, but gave it up once the boys got bigger than her.

She plays for Samohi twice a week during the team's season which starts in mid September and runs through November.

After she sunk the ball, she called her

coach, Marty Verdugo, from the ninth tee box.

Verdugo couldn't believe it and asked her if she had witnesses.

"What a once in a lifetime thing," he said. "Professionals spend their whole careers trying to do that."

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— IRENE VATJARANURUK
SAMOHI senior

Vatjaranuruk, who plays several times a week at Penmar, a nine-hole track near the Santa Monica Airport, said she logged a seven on hole No. 1, which is a par four. From there, she was hitting double and triple bogies.

"It was one of the worst days," she said.

Vatjaranuruk and Verdugo hope last Thursday's event wasn't just a fluke, but rather a sign of what's to come for the Samohi team this season. Last year, the eight-girl team came in second in the Ocean League, which includes Beverly Hills, Torrance, Palos Verdes and St. Monica's.

"It's good that she is practicing this summer," Verdugo said. "A lot of the girls don't pick up their clubs all summer."

surf report

The SW swell will mix with a little NW wind swell to bring us waist-high surf. Those waves will hold through Wednesday.

OUTLOOK: Good SW to S swell is lining up for most of the week. Enjoy it.

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SUNDAY	6:06	0.9	6:59	1.1	N/A	N/A	12:30	5.5
MONDAY	6:41	1.5	8:15	1.0	12:58	4.3	1:14	5.5
TUESDAY	7:22	2.2	9:50	0.9	2:22	3.6	2:10	5.5
WEDNESDAY	8:22	2.8	11:26	0.5	4:33	3.2	3:24	5.5
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The Q Line

The state's recall election is heating up as the top leaders position themselves for the governor's seat.

There have been plenty of polls conducted by various news outlets trying to nail down who's in the lead for Gov. Gray Davis' job. One day it's Davis, then it's Arnold Schwarzenegger, or Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, or Arianna Huffington.

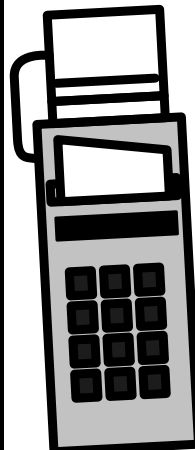
As we enter a new month, the public expects to hear some real messages coming from these candidates about how they are going to fix the state's problems. Even

if we don't get any answers, it promises to be an entertaining news cycle.

This week, the Santa Monica Daily Press will conduct its own poll of Santa Monicans' thoughts on the election, though it won't be quite as scientific as the others.

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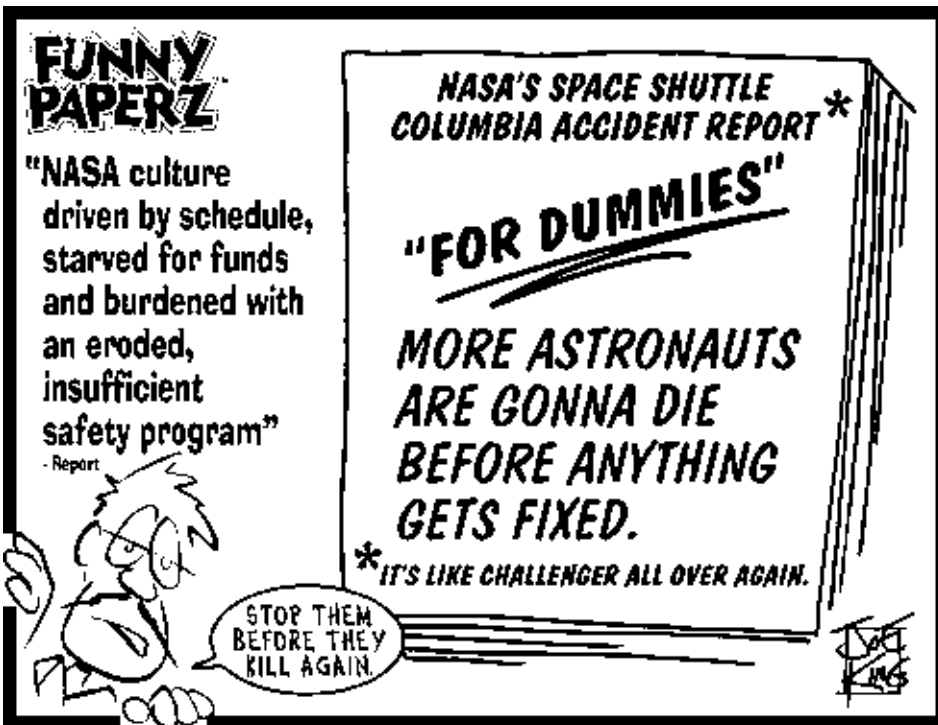
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Workers should be remembered every day, not just once a year on Labor Day



Evelyn Jerome

■ It's not just another holiday. Labor Day is a day to think about how working people fit into the fabric of American life. Officially, it's a "yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country," according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Today, only 13 percent of Americans belong to a labor union. Why has membership in labor unions decreased dramatically in the past several decades? And why has labor's political power remained constantly strong despite the drop in the number of people they represent?

The need for workers to join their

local labor union has declined because working conditions and legislative protection for workers have improved exponentially. In the 1920s and 1930s, it was common for entire families, including young children, to work side-by-side in factories for 12 hours or more, six days a week. As Upton Sinclair detailed, working conditions were such that "workplace injury" meant death. Unions rose to power because there was a great need for worker protection.

Today, at least in California, there is no threat to the protected eight-hour day or 40-hour work week, no threat that safety regulations will be loosened and no restrictions that would stop workers from bargaining for wages collectively.

And it seems, though I wouldn't pick a fight with a Teamster, that the most pow-

erful unions are the public employee unions. Though our state faced a \$38 billion deficit this year, and though the economy has dictated pay cuts and layoffs in the "outside" world, hundreds of thousands of jobs in California's government infrastructure were "off the table" during budget negotiations. Labor is the 800-pound gorilla in California politics, with Democrats in power.

Gov. Gray Davis has relied heavily on labor support throughout his career and now, as the recall election looms five weeks from today, Davis has won the endorsement — and the pocketbooks — of most major labor unions, and their commitment that even though most have also endorsed Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante for the second recall question, they will only give their money and people-power

to encouraging voters to vote "no" on the first question. They want to protect their protector.

There's a divergence of interests between what "labor" wants and what is good for all working people in California. In flush budget times, the difference is less visible. When government is forced to prioritize, schools, textbooks, hospitals, roads and infrastructure should take precedence over protecting a bloated bureaucracy.

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Todd Flora

■ Another Labor Day has passed with scores of executives no doubt skipping a barbecue to duck into the office, while millions of unemployed professionals in this economy look on with envy, more than willing to hand the serving plate to someone else.

They say those lucky enough to have jobs in George Bush's America are working longer and longer weeks, while people in other industrialized nation's value more time off for "holiday." Are we "No. 1" because we outwork the Europeans? Or do we have something to learn about work-life balance and its effect on productivity?

One thing is certain — too many poli-

cy makers have a lot to learn about working people and many need to gain greater respect for the working class. While no one doubts that the state workers' compensation system is in disarray, I can't fathom how more and more employers buy into the GOP notion that all their heavy internal costs for medical coverage would simply disappear with the adoption of tort reform. Never mind that the major causes of medical inflation are staggering drug cost increases and advances in expensive new medical equipment and procedures.

Is it me, or wouldn't a good health plan and a living wage for working class people mean greater employee loyalty, less absenteeism, and therefore less training and worker replacement costs to

employers? Happier waiters, cashiers and bellhops mean friendlier customer service, do they not? And won't well-served guests and patrons mean repeat business, and thus more profit through high business volume? I don't understand the ideological blinders that drive what I see as nothing short of an active campaign against working class Americans. There is an elitism and unspoken view of what constitutes a "second class citizen" emerging in this country — and locally — that should trouble us all.

Granted, like any group or company, organized labor could certainly use a little self-reflection. But its familiar call for living wages and greater health care coverage can hardly be called stale in a country without either. Further, some of the

nation's largest unions are calling for a major capital project to "green" their operations and retool the nation's infrastructure. According to the Sierra Club, organized labor is calling for a major capital investment in hybrid cars, wind power, mass transit and the clean up of power plants, among other initiatives. How refreshing!

As another Labor Day passes, let us not forget the needs, contribution and initiative of working people.

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COMMENTARY

Drivers in 'la la' land need a good lawsuit to wake up



LEGAL VIEWS AND NEWS

By David Pizarra

I hate tailgaters. You know the kind of driver I mean, the one that is so oblivious to the fact that they are in a 5,000-pound hunk of churning metal that they think it is acceptable to drive at 60 miles per hour, six inches from your back bumper. I take a rather cro-magnon man approach to this type of driver. Slow down. I will slow down until they change lanes and then I will return to an appropriate driving speed for the road I am on.

There really is only one thing that will make my blood boil faster and stronger — the use of the all pervasive "Phone Routing System," "please press one to lose your mind, two if you have five seconds of patience or more left, three to speak to a customer non-service technician, and four if you now never want to speak to us again."

Seriously though, I think the tailgater is the greatest danger on the road. It is not drunk drivers (the hypocritical candy lightner aside), it is not speeding, it is not talking on the phone, it is not eating while driving. It is that insane person who thinks that their car and its ABS will be able to stop in the six inches between theirs and mine.

I have no sympathy for these people. The law says they are at fault when they hit someone else's car and frankly I think they should lose their license for six months, and have to surrender their car for the duration of the suspension, so some traveling salesperson can use it and eat powdered sugar donuts in it all day.

I have a great deal of anger behind this issue because last year, on my birthday, a woman in a mini-van was racing to get to whatever life threatening social event was going on in her little life when to my ill luck she decided to tailgate me. I responded as I usually do, by slowing down. I know that if I have someone on my tail, and if I have to stop short, I have a much greater chance of being hit. Consequently I try to keep as much distance between me and the car in front as possible. She took this as an offensive maneuver on my part, whereas I viewed it as a solely defensive move.

Being the mature person she was, she decided to change lanes, speed up and cut me off, all the while we are in 50 mph traffic on the 405. Fine, I've now managed to upset her, so being the arguably more rational of the two of us, I try to avoid her and switch lanes. She cuts me off again. This happens four more times.

Finally I managed to get away from her, when much to my surprise a man in a big black truck pulls up beside me and indicates to me that he had the same problem with her, further south on the freeway. He then speeds up and goes on his merry way, but she's not done with me yet. She has now slowed down and is alongside me and attempting to drive me into the cement divider between the freeway. I slam on my brakes and she is now

flying by me. Thankfully I am now done with her.

Being the lawyer that I am though, and slightly miffed at this stupid game of freeway chicken, I rush back to my office and crank out a complaint against her. Yes, I am going to sue her, I valiantly declare. I draft this complaint in the heat of anger and forge of frustration. Luckily I had taken down her license plate and that of my erstwhile co-victim in the big black pickup.

"... I think the tailgater is the greatest danger on the road. It is not drunk drivers (the hypocritical candy lightner aside), it is not speeding, it is not talking on the phone, it is not eating while driving."

But I'm not a total idiot, I discuss it with my boyfriend, my law partner, and my spiritual advisor. All of whom think I should let it drop. I consider their words and their concern.

I mail it off to the clerk of the court to be filed.

In my haste to get it filed, I write the check for the wrong amount of money and it comes back to me. I think it might, just might, be a sign that perhaps I should reconsider this lawsuit.

I'm not ill advised. I know that a lawsuit for intentional infliction of emotional distress, assault, battery, attempted murder, vehicle code violations and negligent infliction of emotional distress, is a risky gamble even when you have a dead body. I had nothing more than some frayed nerves and an adrenaline rush. In my younger days I lived for adrenaline rushes, but I'm getting a little long in the tooth.

It's been a year, almost, and if I'm going to sue her, I need to do it soon. I really want to, not that there is any pot of gold in it, not that there was any great damage done, but what she did was wrong, and someone needs to stand up and start calling people on being idiots when they drive. A car is not a suit of armor, it is a very dangerous, powerful tool, and improperly used it will kill someone. Tailgating is an improper use of a car.

I've got three weeks to decide if I'm going to sue her just to make my point. I'd love to have your input on if you think this is a frivolous lawsuit or whether someone needs to take a stand. If that screeching attorney in Beverly Hills can bring charges against Michael Jackson for "endangering the life of his baby," why shouldn't I sue this crazy driver?

(David Pizarra is a partner in the Santa Monica law firm of Pizarra & Grist, he welcomes questions, and can be reached at (310) 664-9969 or e-mailed at DPISARRA@PISARRA.COM)



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LOCAL

City Hall attempts to find middle ground for noise

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by what's allowed in the commercial zone, which is between 60 and 65 decibels. But the proposed change would create a "transition zone," which means that the allowable decibel level is dictated by where the noise is heard from — most likely the residential neighborhood that has between a 50 and 55 decibel level limit.

"It averages out the decibel levels," said city planner Bill Rodrigues.

And that's what worries business owners on Main Street, who say a small faction of nearby residents don't like the noise emanating from the busy street.

"There is no evidence that the current level of 65 decibels is too loud," said Gary Gordon, executive director of the Main Street Merchants Association. "If it's lowered, it could harm outdoor dining and some live music establishments, and we are concerned about the negative impact on some of these businesses."

Gordon said City Hall hasn't provided enough evidence or data that proves the noise problem stems from businesses. The Main Street Merchants Association collected 16 months of data from the Santa Monica Police Department that tracked noise complaints from June of 2002 to April of 2003. There were 306 noise complaints on Main Street during that time and 25 of them were directed at businesses — the rest came from general activity like people talking and yelling on the street, cars, motorcycles and transients, Gordon said.

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Mayor Richard Bloom said City Hall is simply responding to residents' complaints about the city becoming too loud and officials are taking into consideration business owners' concerns. That's why the ordinance was put on hold several times in the past year, he added. And to circulate a flier suggesting City Hall is trying to shut down Main Street is alarmist, and it suggests that elected leaders are susceptible to intimidation, which they are not, Bloom added.

"Every city has a noise ordinance but we may be the only city that has one that's not enforceable," he said. "There have been a lot of complaints but they aren't being enforced so there is some fine tuning to the proposal. But to not do anything under the illusion that there is simply no noise problem would be a mistake."

Asked if he knew what the new law's

effects could be on businesses, Bloom pointed to who the law is intended to protect.

"Will it improve the life of residents?" he asked. "People are entitled to a little peace and quiet."

By comparison, the noise a Big Blue Bus generates is over 80 decibels, as well as some city garbage trucks. But those noises are considered "intermittent," meaning they don't last for 15 minutes, which is the standard for a continuous sound.

However, some residents who live north of Wilshire Boulevard and are subject to daily garbage pick-ups between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. would consider that noise as steady and continuous, despite the government's standards.

The proposed law has been in the works for more than a year. Gordon was contacted last July by a City Hall official who told him the ordinance was moving quickly through the approval process and was supposed to be approved before December. That's when the business community got involved. The ordinance has been in limbo ever since.

"For the past 14 months we have been trying to figure out why they are making the changes," Gordon said, adding he met with city officials, paid consultants and business owners for the first time about the issue last October. But he didn't get many answers.

"The staff had no information but said the law was going to be passed by the holiday," he said. "In all of my years dealing with government, it was the most Kafkaesque meeting I've ever been to."

The proposed law is scheduled to be approved by the City Council later this month.

"Our current noise ordinance has been the subject of controversy because the standards are not enforceable," Bloom said. "(The proposal) has been bouncing around for a long time."

Rodrigues and city planner Kim Christensen said it's difficult to answer how the proposed law could effect businesses. But the intention of the ordinance is to give clearer direction on how to enforce it and make it less subject to interpretation. Rodrigues said he doubts outdoor dining would be eliminated because of the new law.

Christensen said the law would most likely affect new businesses applying for alcohol licenses and city approval. Their operations would be subject to scrutiny under the new noise law.

"There would be opportunity for us to mitigate the residential and business areas with landscaping and buffer zones or even their hours of operation," she said. "It's to create a balance between the two."

Samohi redesign to launch

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separate campuses have given momentum to the back-to-school push, Deasy added.

Results from the May statewide tests in math and English were returned to the district last week. Deasy said they show the district is way above the state average and the results greatly improved over last year.

A complete report will be given to the SMMUSD School Board in October.

Deasy said the results show the district surpassing the statewide target in some categories by 300 or 400 percent. The most dramatic gains were by African American and Latino students, and were focused mostly in the district's elementary schools, Deasy added.

Samohi is expected to experience a significant boost this year because of the recently completed redesign process, which separates the school's 3,400 students into six campuses. Each of the six campuses — which are named "S" "A" "M" "O" "H" and "I" — has its own principal, two advisors, a teacher leader and about 600 students.

"It's coming together nicely," said associate principal Mark Kelly, who spent Labor Day straightening out complexities in student scheduling. Kelly said many of the lowerclassmen will have all of their classes in their respective houses, while administrators will work towards achieving that same goal for upperclassmen next year.

Under the plan, which is geared towards giving teachers more one-on-one time with students, the entire school will share athletic, music, theater and other non-academic programs.

One of the key tasks facing the school district in the coming year is figuring out how to handle an expected multi-million

dollar state shortfall for the 2004-2005 year. Much of the money needed for 2003-2004 was raised through a local parcel tax and extra cash contributions from the cities of Malibu and Santa Monica.

"There are a lot of services that aren't going to be there."

— JOHN DEASY

Superintendent of schools

City Councilman Ken Genser said he would like to make City Hall's one-time contribution an ongoing source of revenue for the district but City Hall has some serious financial problems of its own.

"It's going to be difficult," he said. "We're going to have additional cuts to make next year."

There are about 800 teachers and certificated workers, like special education workers, psychologists, and speech therapists, in the district. That number has stayed about the same over the past three years, with new teachers being hired only when others retire or take a leave of absence.

Programs and classes were kept at last year's levels, despite the historic shortfall in state funding. But funding for supplies, and maintenance, custodial, office and other workers was cut earlier this year to meet the budget shortfall.

"There are a lot of services that aren't going to be there," Deasy said, adding that students will be more seriously hurt if those services aren't quickly restored.

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Program helps American Indians get film opportunities

BY KIM BACA
Associated Press Writer

SUSANVILLE RANCHERIA — Slowly typing on a laptop computer outside the tribal health center, 14-year-old Cedrick Aguilar carefully crafts the script for his movie — the story of a son saving his father's good name.

"My teacher says I write well, but I think I could direct, too," Cedrick says, reviewing one of the acts where the father, a rich, corporate attorney has just been accused of stealing documents from his firm on the reservation.

Cedrick lives far from the glitz of show business, near this remote American Indian reservation in the Sierra Nevada about 80 miles northwest of Reno, Nev., where many never leave or even graduate high school. But Hollywood is coming to him.

Like dozens of other Indian children in California and Washington, he is learning moviemaking this summer through the American Indian Film Institute's tribal touring program.

Now in its third year, the program brings Indian directors to reservations in hopes youngsters might be inspired to futures in film or television.

"When I began college in the 1970s, there was a pressing need for attorneys, doctors, educators and social workers," said Michael Smith, a member of the

"The native youth can say, 'Yeah, that guy looks like me or that girl looks like me and if that's what he or she's doing, I can do that, too. It's also important to our Indian filmmakers because it gives them support and opportunity to share their knowledge.'"

— MICHAEL SMITH
Founder and president,
American Indian Film Institute

Sioux tribe and founder and president of the San Francisco-based film institute. "Now that we have native people in those fields, it's important we really impress the need for our people to be represented in the media."

Smith said equally crucial is that those who conduct the workshops are American Indians.

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While Indians have long been in movies, critics say the films often include inaccurate and sometimes demeaning portrayals. Indian actors find few nonnative

roles, and even fewer opportunities to work as directors, screenwriters and producers, Smith said.

The Oneida Indian Nation in New York has already created a production company, for example, and produced a documentary on Indian dancing that aired on NBC. While more Indian-owned production companies are in the works, some Indian actors say the road to Hollywood should start in native communities.

But some acknowledge there are a few obstacles to overcome.

Jack Kohler, a Yurok, Hoopa and Karuk actor and filmmaker, said students constantly teased him as "Injun Joe" — he was one of only two American Indians at his San Francisco Bay area high school.

"It was through acting that I got my esteem," said Kohler, 42, who took up act-

ing as he was about to graduate from Stanford University. "It was when I started to grow and come out of my shell."

Because he knows the transforming power of acting, he believes the touring program will succeed.

"Once they see themselves on the video, they'll think, 'Wow, I can do that,'" Kohler said. "That's what I'd like to do with the kids."

Another mentor is Ian Skorodin, a Jewish-Cherokee director based in Los Angeles with a degree from prestigious New York University film school.

Skorodin, 28, said he was a shy teenager from the Chicago suburbs until college and his film degree brought out his vivacious personality.

"In college you become a new person. And in filmmaking, as a necessity, you can't be a quiet person because you have too many decisions to make and too many people to meet," Skorodin said.

Cedrick Aguilar, a member of the Nonalaki tribe near Susanville, isn't sure yet what he wants to do when he graduates from high school in four years — but moviemaking might be in his future.

"I would have never have thought of doing it before, but it's fun," he says. "They need more Indians to ... show that they could do stuff like act and direct and make big money — not just living on the reservation and becoming an alcoholic."

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A weekly look at events and programs

How to handle your child being a victim of bullying



Guest Commentary

By Margaret Altman

In this age of sudden attacks and unexpected aggression, parents are more concerned than ever about their small children becoming victims. Bullies come in all sizes and young children may become the prey of kids who seem to sense that they can get away with tormenting certain children more than others. Who are the tiny victims of abuse and aggression? Many of them are smart, sweet kids who may go on to suffer from early victimization and as a result, never reach their full potential in the domain of emotional intelligence.

A young child who is persistently victimized is at high risk for becoming anxious, depressed and angry, and the memories of being picked on may continue to torment a person for many years. Neither the bully nor the victim demonstrates the abilities of emotional intelligence. In both cases the individual is more likely to be impulsive, emotionally uncomfortable, stuck in self-defeating patterns of behavior and unable to achieve long-term emotional goals in life.

Question: "My 6-year-old has always been shy and not assertive. I am afraid that he will be victimized in school. How do I prevent this?"

Answer: Children at the age of 6 are in the process of learning the primary skills that will develop into the four key abilities of emotional intelligence. These four abilities are: Delaying impulsive behavior, self-soothing into a comfortable emotional state, re-focusing upon important factors in situations, and organizing emotional and other information so that they can achieve meaningful goals.

Youngsters are practicing using their matur-

ing skills in the domains of memory, imagination, motor coordination, expression, attention and empathy, in many kinds of situations. And as they learn through trial and error, they come closer to achieving the four key abilities that will enable them to understand and control their emotions and use their intelligent minds to cope with daily problems of living.

Children vary widely on their successes and failures in using their maturing skills. Youngsters also differ from day-to-day in terms of how they engage their memory, their attention, their empathy skills and their imaginations. One day they may excel in using their skills when they need to prevent impulsive behavior or stay focused on important things or set priorities in order to achieve goals. On another day,

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the same child may have a meltdown in a similar situation. Youngsters need a great deal of encouragement from parents at this time in their lives so that they keep trying and striving to move towards emotional intelligence.

There are many youngsters who, because of repeated failures, tend to avoid situations and stay away from the frustration of failure. These children appear to be shy when they are actually avoidant. Their lack of skills and confidence in the area of emotional intelligence sets them apart from other kids. A child who wants to hang back and shy away from new situations that he

or she has not mastered may be at greater risk of being picked on and this can lead to serious emotional and social problems in the future.

Youngsters who seem to be shy but who are really avoiding things can be helped in many ways to strengthen their skills and achieve the abilities of emotional intelligence. Here are some vital tips from the experts:

Parents who are very anxious about letting their children approach new tasks are teaching their children to avoid situations. Many parents these days are fearful of allowing their youngsters to engage in new experiences because of safety risks that seem to be everywhere. Parents who are over-protective are sending the message to their young children that the world is a scary place and it is safer to avoid than to approach situations. There can be a healthy balance between caution and exploration that parents need to find. Then they must show their children how to be curious and excited explorers while paying attention to basic safety rules. Parents can model this attitude by engaging in new activities with their children.

Concentrate on your child's growing skills in areas of expressive abilities, memory, empathy, imagination and coordination. Praise and encourage the child to use his unique skills. For example, children with good imaginations can be helped to make up narratives in which they deal with new situations in positive ways and kids who like to role play can be encouraged to act out interactions in reversal for real events.

Steer clear of the shame-blame game. Teach children that small failures in handling situations are learning experiences and not reasons to give up or back down. Youngsters should not be shamed by their occasional impulsivity, their inattentiveness or their emotional ups and downs. Learning the four abilities of emotional intelligence is a long process and kids benefit from having their parents on their sides and cheering them on.

When we look at the shy child through the lens of developmental emotional intelligence, we will be able to strengthen the skills that this youngster needs in order to cope with the challenges of growing up in a very dynamic world. Shyness, although it may be easier for parents and teachers to deal with than impulsivity, is not a sign of emotional intelligence.

(For more information on this and other issues, read the author's new book: "Developing Your Child's Emotional Intelligence," visit www.deveq.com or e-mail to margiealtman@yahoo.com).

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This week's film is "Alex and Emma" starring Kate Hudson and Luke Wilson.

Next week, September 9th is a free advanced screening of "Second-hand Lions," starring Michael Caine, Robert Duvall and Haley Joel Osmont. Check our calendar weekly for detailed listings.

Fridays, September 5, 12 and 19
Night Sky Show at Santa Monica College's Digistar II Planetarium is followed by the presentation "California Stars," exploring how California has been the land of opportunity for astronomers for centuries.
7:00 p.m.; John Drescher Planetarium on the SMC Main Campus, 1900 Pico Blvd., 310-434-3000.

TUESDAY

Movies
11:00 a.m., Loews Broadway, 1441 3rd St. Promenade — for Moms and babies newborn — 1 year old. This week's feature is "Alex and Emma" starring Kate Hudson and Luke Wilson. See details above in the Special Events section.

Storytelling
Main Library - Toddler Story Time at 10:00 and 10:30 a.m., begins September 16, at Reed Park, 7th and Wilshire — 2 year olds with parents, 310-458-8600.
Fairview Branch — 2101 Ocean Park

Bld — 310-450-0443
Lap Time — 11:00 a.m., September 9 — October 14, a six-week series for babies 0-24 months.

Twilight Story Time - 7pm — an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.
Cuentos Para Pequenos — 10:00 a.m., September 9- October 14, a six-week series in Spanish for children 24-36 months with adult.

Montana Avenue Branch — 1704 Montana Ave — 310-829-7081
Family Story Time — 7:00 p.m., all ages.

Ocean Park Branch — 2601 Main St. — 310-392-3804
Toddler Story Time — September 16 — October 21 (registration required). Music, rhymes and stories for 24 — 36 months with adult.

Yoga

Yoga Baby (Venice) — 310-306-9381, Prenatal yoga — 7:00-8:15pm, \$13, Mommy and Me(ages 0-5) — 10-11am, \$9

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

WEDNESDAY

Storytelling
Ocean Park Branch — 2601 Main St. — 310-392-3804

Twilight Story Time — 7:00 to 7:30pm — for parents with 3-5 year olds.

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

Lap Time — 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. — Next series begins September 24 for six weeks, for 0-24 months, no registration required.

Toddler Story Time — next series begins September 24 for six weeks, for two year olds with adult, no registration required.

Fairview Branch — 2101 Ocean Park Blvd — 310-450-0443

Preschool Story Time — 10:30 a.m., September 10 — October 16, a six-week series for 3-5 year olds.

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

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Other

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

THURSDAY

Storytelling
Main Library — Toddler Story Time — 10:00 a.m. — Reed Park, for 2 year olds. Begins Sept. 11.

Preschool Story Time — 10:30am — Reed Park. Begins Sept. 11. 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. — Begins September 25 for six weeks, for 2 year olds with adult, no registration required.

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

Fairview Branch — 2101 Ocean Park Blvd — 310-450-0443

Toddler Story Time — 10:30 a.m., September 11 — October 16, a six-week series for children 24-36 months.

La Hora del Cuento — 7:00 p.m., Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.

Ocean Park Branch — 2601 Main Street, 310-392-3804

Lap Time — 9:20 and 10:20 a.m., September 4 — October 9. Six-week series for 0-24 months with adult.

Yoga

Yoga Baby (Venice) — 310-306-9381, Prenatal yoga — 7:00-8:15pm, \$13, Mommy and Me(ages 0-5) — 10-11am, \$9

Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station, 310-826-5774, no pre-reg required, \$10 per class, first class free. Moms/babies 4-8 months, 1:00-2:30pm

Other

September 4 - Nature Walk (Children's Nature Institute) — Malibu Lagoon (Malibu) — 10:00am

Reservations required - 310-998-1151 or www.childrensnatureinstitute.org

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p.m.; John Drescher Planetarium on the SMC Main Campus, 1900 Pico Blvd., 310-434-3000.

"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

Yoga Baby (Venice) — 310-306-9381, Prenatal yoga — 7:00-8:15pm, \$13, Mommy and Me(ages 0-5) — 10-11am, \$9

Other

September 5 - Nature Walk (Children's Nature Institute) — Solstice Canyon (Malibu) — 10:00am

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SATURDAY

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

Children's Book World — 10580 W. Pico Blvd., 310-559-B00K; 10:30 a.m., ages 3-8, 9/6 with Jennifer and Jon, 9/13 with Kathleen, 9/20 with Jennifer and Jon

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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

Main Library — Lap Time at Joslyn Park — 9:30 a.m., September 8 — December 15 (no program Oct. 6), a series for children 0-24 months old with adult.

Ocean Park Branch — 2601 Main Street, 310-392-3804

Spanish for Little Ones — 11:15 a.m., September 22 — December 15 (no class Nov. 3). Rhymes, songs and very simple stories in Spanish for ages 2-5 with adult.

Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station — 310-826-5774, no pre-reg required, \$10 per class, first class free. Moms/babies 8-12 months, 10:30 a.m. - noon; Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 — 2:30 p.m.

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

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WORLD BRIEFLY

Soldiers die in Afghanistan firefight

By The Associated Press

QALAT, Afghanistan — A weekend firefight with suspected Taliban guerrillas in eastern Afghanistan left two American soldiers dead, while hundreds of Taliban headed into the mountains to join a weeklong battle with U.S. and Afghan troops.

The two U.S. soldiers died and another was wounded in a 90-minute gunbattle Sunday in eastern Paktika province, near the Pakistani border. Four guerrillas also were killed.

It was the latest in escalating violence in Afghanistan, where guerrillas from the former Taliban regime have appeared to regroup, launching bolder and better coordinated attacks against Afghan government targets. Four U.S. soldiers have been killed during fighting in less than two weeks.

In the south, U.S. jets and helicopters pummeled rebel positions for a seventh day in the mountains of Zabul province. U.S. troops and their Afghan allies have been battling for a week with Taliban forces.

U.S. leads world in worker productivity

By The Associated Press

GENEVA — The U.S. worker is the most productive in the world, boosted by the use of new information and communication technologies, according to a study released Monday by the United Nations labor agency.

However, American employees also work longer hours, and three European countries — Norway, France and Belgium — beat the Americans in productivity per hour, the International Labor Organization said in its new issue of Key Indicators of the Labor Market.

The output per U.S. worker last year was \$60,728,

the report said. Belgium, the highest-scoring European Union member, had an output of \$54,333 per worker.

Schwarzenegger attacked by competitors

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger may be limiting his public appearances in California's gubernatorial recall election, but his views are getting plenty of attention.

Schwarzenegger remained out of the public eye Sunday even as a series of television interviews with Gov. Gray Davis and two leading candidates to replace Davis in the Oct. 7 election attacked the Hollywood star's stands on the economy and immigration.

Davis jabbed at Schwarzenegger's lack of specifics on his economic plan, while state Sen. Tom McClintock, the action star's chief Republican rival, chided him for failing to take a no-new-taxes pledge.

Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, the only prominent Democrat seeking to succeed Davis if he is recalled, criticized Schwarzenegger's record on immigration, which has become a central part of the campaign in recent days.

Schwarzenegger campaign spokesman Sean Walsh strongly denied Bustamante's accusations.

Presidential hopefuls hit the pavement

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential hopefuls were fanning out across Iowa and New Hampshire to shake voters' hands at Labor Day parades.

On Sunday, several in the crowded field of candidates took aim at fellow Democrat Howard Dean, a former governor of Vermont.

"Howard Dean has zero experience in international

affairs," said Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts. "The presidency is not the place for on-the-job training in this new security world."

Kerry, appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press" dismissed new polling numbers that showed Dean had opened a wide lead over Kerry in New Hampshire. "I'm not concerned about it," he said. "Summertime is not when presidential races are won."

Dean aides said their candidate is gaining ground and making Kerry nervous.

Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut also had Dean in the political crosshairs, saying Dean is not the candidate to take on President Bush. He also accused Dean of flip-flopping on some of his positions. "He's got to let the American people know exactly where he stands," said Lieberman on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Politicians want answers from Bush

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats and Republicans alike are telling President Bush he must get international help in rebuilding Iraq and tell the American people how much it will cost and how long it will take.

Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, estimated it will cost the United States \$30 billion over five years, not counting military spending.

"I think that is a period of time that will bring stability and give certainty to the Iraqis that we're not going to leave," said Lugar on "Fox News Sunday."

Rep. Marty Meehan, D-Mass., said Bush needs "to get a U.N. Security Council resolution so we're not seen as occupiers in the region."

"We basically need to have a discussion in this country with the American people about why Iraq is important and who is going to share the burden of paying for it," said Meehan on CNN's "Late Edition."

Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., said the United Nations is a necessary part of the Iraq equation now, no matter how distasteful the idea might be to the Bush administration.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

■ **PHOENIX** — Barry Bonds, drained by the emotions that followed his father's death, was hospitalized for exhaustion as a precaution Sunday night.

The Giants removed Bonds from the lineup five minutes before the start of the game against the Diamondbacks.

The day before, Bonds came out of his first game since his father's death because of an accelerated heart rate — up to 160 beats per minute.

Giants trainer Stan Conte said Bonds' resting heartbeat was down to 65 Sunday, but he showed other signs of being overwrought after his father's death.

Bobby Bonds died Aug. 23 at age 57. Barry Bonds missed the next six games.

■ **MIAMI** — The Florida Marlins acquired Jeff Conine from the Baltimore Orioles late Sunday night, just ahead of the midnight deadline for setting postseason rosters.

The Orioles sent Conine to the Marlins for minor league right-handers Denny Bautista and Don Levinski.

TENNIS

■ **NEW YORK** — In the third round of men's play at the U.S. Open, No. 1 Andre Agassi, No. 2 Roger Federer, No. 4 Andy Roddick, No. 8 Rainer Schuettler and No. 12 Sjeng Schalken advanced with straight-sets victories. No. 22 Younes El Aynaoui needed a fifth-set tiebreak to upset No. 10 Jiri Novak.

In the fourth round for the women, No. 1 Kim Clijsters won in straight sets over No. 17 Meghann Shaughnessy; No. 3 Lindsay Davenport defeated No. 19 Nadia Petrova; No. 5 Amelie Mauresmo beat Tamarine Tanasugarn; and No. 24 Paola Suarez beat Elena Likhovtseva.

TRACK & FIELD

■ **SAINT-DENIS, France** — The United States swept three relays Sunday at the world championships to finish on top of the medals table.

The U.S. squad struck gold in the men's 400- and 1,600-meter relays, and the women's 1,600 relay.

Americans took home 20 medals, 10 of them gold, to lead all nations in the nine-day meet. Next was Russia with 19 medals, including six golds.

Kenya earned its first gold medals of the meet on the last day, as Eliud Kipchoge won the men's 5,000 meters and Catherine Ndereba won the women's marathon.

FOOTBALL

■ **DENVER** — Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Joey Porter was seriously wounded when he was among six people shot early Sunday outside a bar following the Colorado-Colorado State football game.

Porter was in serious condition after being shot in the buttocks, but the injury wasn't life-threatening, police spokesman Sonny Jackson said. One of the other victims died, Jackson said.

According to Jackson, Porter was an innocent bystander in the shooting. The All-Pro linebacker, a five-year veteran, is a Colorado State graduate.

■ **ORCHARD PARK, N.Y.** — The Lions acquired Olandis Gary from the Buffalo Bills for an undisclosed draft pick on Sunday, giving Detroit another option for replacing injured starter James Stewart.

Stewart is expected to miss up to six weeks after dislocating his right shoulder on Thursday.

■ **NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — The Tennessee Titans cut veteran quarterback Neil O'Donnell on Sunday to make room under the salary cap to add defensive help. Billy Volek will open the season as backup to starter Steve McNair.

GOLF

■ **NORTON, Mass.** — Adam Scott leads the Deutsche Bank Championship after shooting a 4-under 67 to take a three-shot lead over Jonathan Kaye.

Scott, who was at 15-under, can wrap up his first PGA Tour win in Monday's final round.

■ **NORD-EICHENRIED, Germany** — Lee Westwood birdied six of his last eight holes in a 6-under-par 66 for a three-stroke victory at the BMW Open and his first win in nearly three years.

Westwood finished at 19-under 269, three shots ahead of Germany's Alexander Cejka.

BASKETBALL

■ **SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico** — The United States won the gold medal at the Tournament of the Americas, beating Argentina 106-73.

The Americans finished the tournament 10-0 and qualified for the 2004 Olympics in Athens, along with Argentina and Puerto Rico, which defeated Canada 79-66 in the third-place game.

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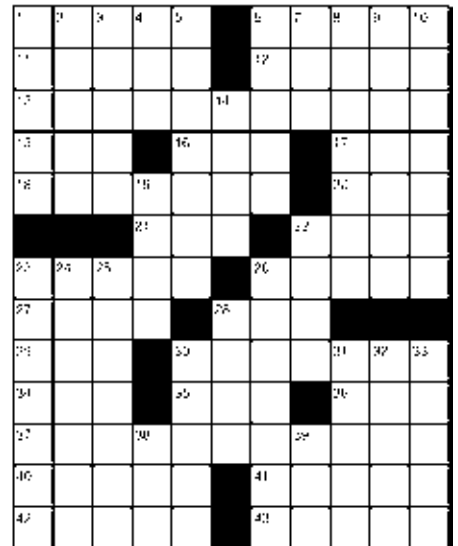
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Pierce Brosnan wins his name back from 'cyber squatter'

By The Associated Press

■ **GENEVA** — An alleged "cybersquatter" proved no match for James Bond star Pierce Brosnan, who won control of the Internet name www.piercebrosnan.com in a ruling by a United Nations panel.

Arbitrators ordered transfer of the domain name to the Irish actor, who had complained that it was being used illegally.

The ruling said the registered owner of the name — Alberta Hot Rods, of Alberta, Canada — had no rights or interests in the name and was using it in bad faith.

Brosnan's lawyers told the panel that the domain linked to another Web site that they said carries advertising but no information about Brosnan.

The owner of the site did not file a defense.

Anyone can register a domain name for a few dollars, which has led so-called "cybersquatters" to file for famous names to make a fast buck from those who want the names.

Brosnan's lawyers said Alberta Hot Rods is linked to Jeff Bugar, whom they described as a "notorious cybersquatter."

The U.N. panel said Bugar or linked companies have previously been ordered to hand over domain names to celebrities including actors Kevin Spacey and Pamela Anderson, "Jurassic Park" author Michael Crichton and singer Celine Dion.

■ **MILWAUKEE** — Harley-Davidson Inc. topped off its 100th birthday celebration with a concert featuring country star Tim McGraw, rocker Kid Rock and pop star Elton John.

McGraw rode onto the stage Sunday on a Harley motorcycle and went straight into a set. Kid Rock later joined him in a song and did more songs with McGraw's band.

After McGraw completed the set, a large gospel choir filled the stage and sang as dozens of spotlights swirled their beams over the audience, forming a cone or wheel shape.

John later took his seat at the piano, getting a mixed reaction from the biker crowd.

Evelyn Hickey, of Austin, Texas, said she likes John

but didn't think it was the best choice for the Harley event. She and her group were leaving after his first song rather than waiting for a closing fireworks show. "We all just are tired," she said. "It's been a long day."

The thousands of fans of the Milwaukee-based motorcycle maker spent Labor Day weekend taking in everything Harley — including motorcycle exhibits, memorabilia sales and a 10,000-motorcycle parade.

As the show began, fireworks shot from the sides of the stage. Blues Brother Dan Aykroyd welcomed the crowd and the Doobie Brothers opened the concert.

■ **BRIDGEHAMPTON, N.Y.** — Mayor Michael Bloomberg traveled to the eastern end of Long Island to watch his daughter compete in the main event of a major equestrian competition.

Georgina Bloomberg failed to place Sunday in the top 15 of 29 horse riders at the Grand Prix of the week-long Hampton Classic Horse Show.

The mayor's 20-year-old daughter was aboard Riviera, one of six horses she brought to the competition.

The mayor watched the competition from inside a V.I.P. tent, where guests at his table included actress Lorraine Bracco of "The Sopranos" and model Christie Brinkley.

Bloomberg noted his daughter was one of the youngest riders in the competition and said he was proud of her simply for qualifying for the Grand Prix.

"I came here knowing two things," he said. "She'll try as hard as she can and she'll come out with a smile on her face. She's turned out to be a great kid."

Georgina Bloomberg, who will enter New York University this fall as a freshman, is one of Bloomberg's two daughters. The other, 23-year-old Emma, works at City Hall.

■ **HENDERSON, Nev.** — The father of late astronaut William McCool surveyed the crowd gathered at Lamping Elementary School, taking in their youthful exuberance and dreams of the future.

"If you have the drive, the heart, you can do it," Barry

McCool told the students during an assembly Friday.

McCool, a retired U.S. Navy pilot who lives in Las Vegas, answered a variety of questions from the students, including what astronauts eat, how they sleep and what it's like to be weightless.

The school is planning to name a new science center after McCool's son, who was one of seven astronauts who died Feb. 1 when the space shuttle Columbia exploded during re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere. Willie McCool, 42, was the shuttle's pilot.

"To have Willie's name associated with it is a tremendous honor for us," his father said.

McCool urged students to follow their dreams and to pay attention to their teachers, especially in math and science. The country needs a new generation of astronauts, he said.

■ **CHARLESTON, W.Va.** — Country musician John Anderson is recovering from surgery after suffering a heart attack over the weekend.

Anderson, 48, was scheduled to perform at the Charleston Sternwheel Regatta on Saturday night but was taken to Charleston Area Medical Center that afternoon after suffering a heart attack, said the festival's entertainment director, Brad Bradley.

He said Anderson had surgery either Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

"The production group told me he tried to leave the hospital twice because he'd never missed a show before," said the festival's director, M. Sharon King.

She said a stent was placed in the country star's heart during surgery and he remained in the hospital Sunday evening.

CAMC officials had no information on Anderson's condition.

Anderson's 1983 hit "Swingin'" — the largest-selling country single in Warner Bros. history — was named best single of the year by the Country Music Association. His album "Seminole Wind" went double platinum in 1992.



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