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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Los Angeles psychologist Michael Cohn filed a lawsuit in May against the Los Angeles Angels baseball team because he didn't get a red nylon bag that the team was giving to women for "Family Sunday" on Mothers' Day last year.

■ Campaign worker for unsuccessful Rhode Island gubernatorial candidate Dennis Michaud was charged in July with falsifying election records, in that he allegedly made a sworn statement that 57 voters had signed Michaud's nominating petition "in (his) presence," including two people who had long been dead. Said the worker, "I did nothing wrong."

■ The signers this summer of a nominating petition for James T. Finnell for an office in Smithtown, N.Y., were all living, but the problem there was that Finnell himself had died in 2004, and according to a July report in Newsday, no one knows who circulated the petition.

■ Amarillo, Texas, officials, welcomed home eighth-place national spelling bee finisher Caitlin Campbell in June with a billboard, but misspelled her name as "Cambell."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Every man is wise when attacked by a mad dog; fewer when pursued by a mad woman; only the wisest survive when attacked by a mad notion."

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Collaboration cuts pollution



Kevin Herrera/Daily Press

NONTOXIC A berm built by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District keeps waves from pulling out harmful bacteria.

Alert out for suspicious man

By Daily Press staff

SUNSET PARK — Police are on the lookout for a Hispanic man who followed a young girl while she was walking her dog in the neighborhood.

On Sept. 6, at about 4:50 p.m., a 14-year-old girl was walking her dog in the area of 21st and Hill streets. She was followed by a man driving a vehicle who made repeated turning maneuvers in an apparent effort to follow her. The female ran and hid from the subject until he drove away

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Dressed to kill

Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Brandon Ramirez, 25, dressed in a full costume, tries to entice customers to enter the Halloween Adventures Superstore in Venice on Thursday.

NATIONAL

Five years and the threat is still real

BY LARA JAKES JORDAN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The threat of terrorism against the United States

remains chillingly lethal five years after 9/11, and officials predict another massive attack is not a matter of if — but when.

Despite a government overhaul

and more than \$250 billion spent to bolster security on airlines, at borders and in seaports, few doubt

See **TERRORISM**, page 11

Safe to swim after Will Rogers State Beach clean up

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

WILL ROGERS STATE BEACH — At first glance, it's hard to believe that the tranquil waters of a naturally occurring pond here could be the source of so much pollution in the Santa Monica Bay. Except for a few pieces of Styrofoam floating near baby birds swimming along the water's edge, there is no sign of a health risk to swimmers.

That is until one takes a deep breath and sucks in the nauseating fumes of fecal bacteria; invisible to the eye, but extremely toxic for the body.

For years, this pool of urban runoff percolating from underground has been a thorn in the side of environmentalists, who blame the stagnant body of water near Chautauqua Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway for making Will Rogers State Beach one of the most polluted in the state.

Filled with fecal bacteria from the hundreds of birds who flock there each year, the water is toxic, but yet attractive to youngsters, posing a serious health risk. Also, at high tide the ocean water and the pond often mix, sending pollutants into the bay that cause swimmers to become ill.

All that changed this week as officials with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District drained the pond and used the power of three bulldozers to build a berm to prevent waves from pulling bacteria out into the ocean — hence the appearance Thursday morning of a relatively clean-looking body of water.

"I think that this move will not only give Will Rogers an A (on Heal the Bay's annual beach report card), there shouldn't be any more violations of the water quality standards at the beach, making it safe for the millions who swim there each year," said Mark Gold, director of Heal the Bay, which was instrumental in pushing state commissioners to approve work permits for the project. "This beach has been a black

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your ruler changes signs, making life far more challenging. Pressure builds to work with a situation differently. Tension comes from the unexpected. Midafternoon takes on a different tone. You might feel differently as the day grows older. Tonight: You make the choice.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Take your time and look behind the scenes. Though you might want to see life differently, facts come out that need to be dealt with. You have a lot to do and the energy to follow through. A partner will change his or her tune. Tonight: Take some time off.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Take your time and make a stand. Think about what you want to say. Others change their tune and go in a different direction. Think about what you want from a special person in your life. Tonight: Keep your eye on the big picture.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Be willing to change your schedule or do something quite different. Think in terms of gains and growth. Much could change right around you. Be positive about news from a distance. Your attitude could determine the end results. Tonight: A must appearance.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You want to deal directly with someone you care about and not avoid key issues or situations. You will be happier if you detach and don't focus on details. Then you will gain understanding. Remember the big picture. Tonight: Take in a movie.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Others really hold the keys. You might try to coax them to turn on the engine, but nothing will happen until they are ready. Relate on a one-on-one level, knowing what you want. Open up. Tonight: Togetherness works.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Mars enters your sign, making you an unstoppable force. Understand what is happening with someone you care about. You don't have the whole story yet. Listen, and you will get all the details. Tonight: Say yes to a neat invitation.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ If you get a creative idea in the morning, run with it. Later on, test your thoughts on others. Take care of yourself first, and you will be much better for others. Know what is important to you. Tonight: Pace yourself.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You are hot energy going in a new direction. Understand more of what is going on. You might want to think through a decision. A new way of looking at a problem helps. Focus on people. Tonight: Ever playful.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Communication stars in the morning. By the afternoon, you are more than ready to call it a day. You have pushed beyond the call of duty. Trust your decisions, but also know when to let others run with the ball. Tonight: Thinking about rearranging? Why not?



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Deal with finances directly, and you will have clear answers. You will want to ask questions and get to the bottom of a problem. Keep chatting and opening up to others. You will get some interesting answers. Tonight: Hang out.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Use the morning hours for anything you deem important. Think about what you might want to do. Balance your finances carefully. You have a lot to offer. Think twice about a possibility. Tonight: Your treat.

BORN TODAY

Singer **Patsy Cline** (1932), actor **David Arquette** (1971)

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS



MARCIA CALDIROLA

New development for Red Cross

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica Red Cross, coming off a successful year of volunteer training and fundraising, will look to Marcia Caldirola to continue moving the organization forward as the new director of development.

At the Santa Monica chapter, Caldirola will be responsible for individual and corporate fundraising, marketing and coordination of fundraising activities for disaster services, the chapter's youth program and special fundraising opportunities such as acquiring donations for national and international disaster and recovery efforts such as Hurricane Katrina and the East Indian Ocean tsunami of 2004.

Caldirola comes to the Santa Monica chapter from the Art Institute of California-Los Angeles, a private design college where she was the assistant director of admissions and international recruiter. Prior to that, Caldirola was business development/sales manager for EMDS Consulting, a firm that specializes in international corporate recruiting.

She has a strong background in nonprofit fundraising and has developed marketing and planning strategies for reaching out and obtaining donations from individuals, as well as identifying, cultivating and soliciting corporations, foundations and major donors for a wide variety of nonprofits and charities.

Caldirola has worked with the American Red Cross Blood Drive Committee, National Council of African Women, World Affairs Council, March of Dimes, City of Hope Hospital and Washington Special Olympics among many others.

Caldirola is a graduate of Gonzaga University, Spokane Wash. and holds a master's degree in adult education/TSEL from Seattle University.

Caldirola lives in Santa Monica, is married and has a 3-year-old girl.

Santa Monica High School to host celebration

By Daily Press staff

This weekend is an opportunity to learn more about Persian culture, without the expense and travel time of a trip to Iran.

Santa Monica High School and UCLA's Center for Near Eastern Studies are hosting a celebration of Persian culture on Sunday.

The program will include an introduction to Persian culture and literature by professor Firoozeh Papan-Martin; a demonstration of traditional Persian santur and tombak music by Manoocher Sadeghi and Mehrdad Arabifard, and a concert of contemporary electronic improvisation accompanying traditional Persian violin music by Shahrokh Yadegari and Keyavash Nourai.

As part of Santa Monica High School's "One School, One Book" reading program, in which the entire school reads the same novel over the summer, all students are reading "Funny in Farsi" by Firoozeh Dumas. It is the memoir of a young girl being raised in both Iran and the United States.

The celebration will be held on Sept. 10, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Barnum Hall on the Santa Monica High School campus, 601 Pico Blvd. The event is free to students and the public.

Travel photography lessons at the public library

By Daily Press staff

Average photographers can take better photos on their next vacation with help from a professional. Photographer and Santa Monica College instructor Blue Fier will teach a free class at the Fairview Branch of the Santa Monica Public Library. Students can learn how to improve composition techniques, how to make pictures tell a story, and how to shoot under difficult lighting conditions.

Fier, a professional photographer for more than 25 years, shares the secrets of traveling on the road and working as a pro. He has shot for Travel & Leisure magazine, several French airlines, cruise lines and numerous clients who have taken him to many exotic locales.

The class will be offered on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Fairview Branch of the Santa Monica Public Library located at 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. For more information, call branch librarian Catherine Ronan at (310) 450-0443 or visit www.smpl.org.



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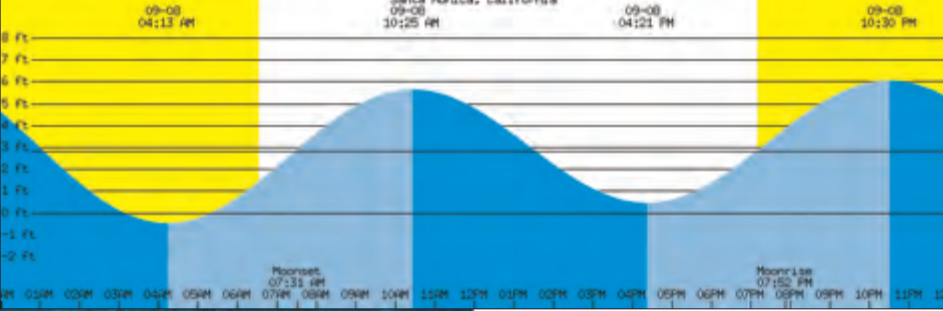
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The QLine

The school year begins this week for public schools in Santa Monica and Malibu. The school district in recent months has gone through several changes, including getting a new superintendent and a few new principals. There are many issues facing public education throughout the state and locally. So this week, Q-Line wants to know,
"What do you think are the biggest challenges facing local students and parents? How should they be addressed?"
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EDITORIAL

Keeping employees in town is the key

 While the rest of the country enjoyed a three-day holiday weekend, the majority of City Hall employees got a bonus day. That's because they get every other Friday off, working what's called a "9/80" schedule, meaning they work nine days from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. On the 10th day, they stay home — supposedly.

It's part of what's called a "trip reduction program," enacted by the Southern California Air Quality Management District (AQMD) in the 1990s. It requires that employers with more than 250 people at any one location must meet a mandated "average vehicle ridership" ratio. For most cities in our region, it's an average of 1.5 persons per vehicle.

The city of Santa has exceeded that goal for the past several years — the average daily ridership for 2006 is 1.6 persons per car.

If every municipal employee working at City Hall drove to City Hall alone, they would typically generate around 2,200 trips within one week. But city employees actually generate 1,365 vehicle trips within a week. The reduction is due to carpooling and employees taking alternative transportation, according to city officials. They also chalk it up to "light Fridays" every other week.

We don't buy it. We think it is highly unlikely that city employees spend their days off sitting at home. More than likely they run around doing errands or end up traveling. So instead of carpooling like they normally do, they are driving to the grocery store or the dry-cleaners in their own cars, thus creating more traffic on the road than if they had gone to work. And since most city employees don't actually live here, the traffic gets worse in cities outside of Santa Monica. A bonus for us, but not for the cities where these employees live.

What's problematic with that scenario is that the trip reduction program may have been created with good intentions, but it doesn't solve the problem. Encouraging — or even forcing people — to carpool is clearly what works. Or so it seems in City Hall's case.

And if City Hall is to practice its new motto of "Doing the Right Thing Right!" it ought to find ways to be fully staffed five days a week. City Hall in the past couple of years did open some of its more critical departments, like community and development, on Fridays. But we argue that if City Hall really wants to focus on customer service, it should be open every day of the week.

According to an official at the Southern California Air Quality Board, in the 180 cities in Southern California it's estimated only a couple dozen compress their work week. Many westside cities still use some combination of the compressed work week.

What would be an even better solution is to make it so Santa Monica is a city that can accommodate people who can live and work here, instead of driving 40 miles each way to their jobs because it's more affordable to buy a house elsewhere. Of City Hall's 1,822 permanent employees, only 264 live in the shining city by the sea. That's a sad statistic.

We are losing our middle-class and that could kill us in the future. City officials and elected leaders must address the mass exodus of established, knowledgeable and high-skilled workers who continue to leave Santa Monica because it's too expensive to own property, and they are tired of commuting to and from their houses that offer yards and two-car garages.

Mismanagement during crisis

**THE
SOAP BOX**
BY BENNET KELLEY



Sept. 10, 2001 was the 213th day of a presidency focused on tax cuts and Iraq. President Bush had yet to even speak of al-Qaida or Osama bin Laden and was "paying no attention" to terrorism, according to former aide Paul Bremmer. Sadly little has changed as we approach the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, as this tragedy has not been used as a call to action to secure the nation from future attacks but rather as a political tool to implement the Bush administration's Sept. 10 agenda.

With this anniversary coming on the heels of the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, it is striking how President Bush's response to the horror and barbarity of Sept. 11 parallels his response to the devastation of Hurricane Katrina — both of which are defined by Bush's three rules of crisis management. The first rule is to disclaim any responsibility for the calamity by claiming that no one had anticipated or imagined planes being used as missiles or levees breaching despite abundant evidence to the contrary and then opposing any independent inquiry of the catastrophe that would expose that claim.

The second rule is to deliver an impassioned speech in a dramatic setting expressing resolve and promising action. After Sept. 11, Bush spoke at Ground Zero, the National Cathedral and before Congress pledging that he "will not forget this wound to our country or those who inflicted it (and) will not yield ... rest (or) relent in waging this struggle for freedom and security for the American people;" just as he had stood in New Orleans' Jackson Square and promised to "confront ... poverty with bold action" after Katrina.

President Bush's third rule of crisis management is inaction. Just as Bush has offered no bold action to confront poverty, by the first anniversary of 9/11, Bush was offering only lip service to the fight against bin Laden as he ignored CIA calls in November 2001 to dispatch Marines to Tora Bora to prevent bin Laden's escape. By March 2002, he conceded that "I just don't spend that much time on him." By 2005, the administration would shut down the CIA's bin Laden unit even though its former head believes that al-Qaida "remains the single most important threat to the (nation)," while the campaign in Afghanistan receives less than 20 percent

of the troops and one-third of the resources spent on the much smaller and less populous Iraq.

Five years after 9/11, the consequences of the inaction are alarming. While Bush has blundered into a quagmire in Iraq, a resurgent Taliban now operates freely in and/or controls pockets of nearly one-fifth of Afghanistan's provinces and recently made a peace agreement with Pakistan giving bin Laden safe haven. National security experts overwhelmingly agree that not only is Iraq not part of the "war on terror" but it is part of the reason that we are losing the "war on terror" and are likely to suffer another attack on U.S. soil within the next five years.

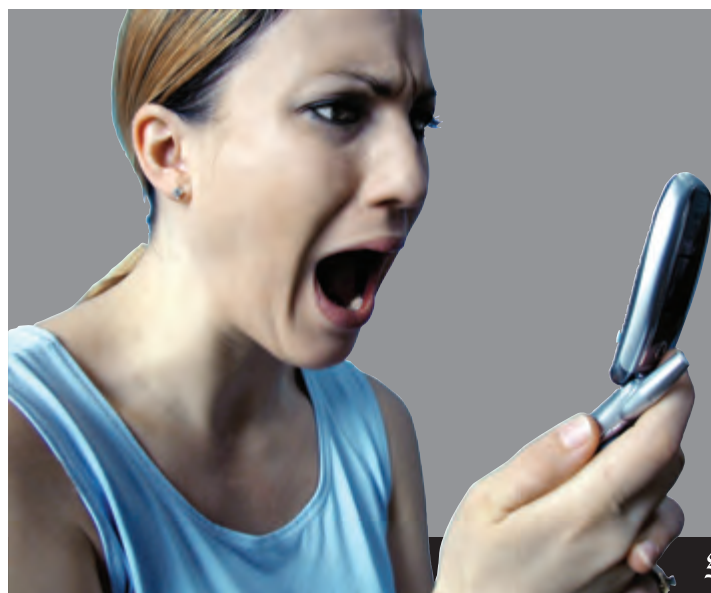
There also has been little progress on homeland security, as a follow-up report by the 9/11 Commissioners found unsatisfactory or minimal progress on almost all of the commission's key recommendations. Nothing highlighted this more than the administration's failure to respond to Hurricane Katrina.

President Bush, however, has been diligent in pursuing his Sept. 10 agenda of tax cuts and Iraq. For President Bush, 9/11 primarily has been a political tool to be exploited to promote his agenda and insulate him from criticism. This is evident in the timing of "terror alerts," or announcements to divert attention from negative press, as well as the fact that nearly 70 percent of the White House's speeches and remarks about Sept. 11 have been during election years and primarily refer to Iraq rather than al-Qaida or bin Laden, including the administration's latest round of fear mongering equating opponents of the war with bin Laden, Hitler, Lenin and slavery.

The contrasts between Bush and the last president to face such a national emergency are telling. President Roosevelt gave a weary nation hope with swift action and assurance that they need only fear "fear itself," while Bush has delivered only photo ops and fear. Roosevelt called for Americans to "face the arduous days (ahead) in the warm courage of national unity," while Bush has promoted division. Roosevelt lifted a nation up from his wheel chair, while Bush has left it dangerously exposed.

On this somber anniversary, all of us wish we could return to world of Sept. 10. The tragedy is that President Bush has never left that world and continues to be a Sept. 10 president.

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Image isn't everything

LAUGHING MATTERS

BY JACK NEWORTH



The U.S. Open tennis tournament officially ends this Sunday. But for me it ended when Andre Agassi played his last match. Afterwards, choked with emotion, he bid a magnificent farewell to the 24,000 fans.

"You have given me your shoulders to stand on to reach for dreams I could never have reached without you," he told the crowd. It was one of those rare moments that transcends sport. In fact, the next day Agassi's photo was above the fold on the front page of the L.A. Times.

In 1987 I took up tennis but still thought the game was too genteel. That is until I saw 17-year-old Agassi play in a tournament at UCLA. With fanfare afforded a rock star, he wore jean shorts, a multi-colored shirt and had surfer bleached-blond hair in a pony tail. His game was white lines and glory on every shot with reckless abandon. He had a TV commercial running at the time, a montage of his blasting away on the court that ended with his saying, "That should wake up the country club." That night he definitely woke me up.

But even as Agassi's tennis ranking skyrocketed, purists thought him brash and disrespectful of tradition. Perhaps he was, but keep in mind, with tens of millions of dollars in endorsements, he was still a teenager. And few knew beneath the "image is everything" mantra of his flashy commercials, was such a painful childhood.

From birth Agassi was trained to be the best tennis player in the world by his father, Mike. An immigrant from Iran, the father sensed his youngest child was a prodigy and drilled him on the courts 365 days a year, including Christmas. Then at 14, Agassi was shipped off to the Bolletteri Tennis Academy in Florida. He felt abandoned and alone. He hoped if he won enough he could come back home. Instead, his only way out was a pro career, at an age when most kids are just getting their driver's licenses.

Agassi's tennis achievements are legendary. He is one of only five men to have won each grand slam. Greats like Borg, Connors, McEnroe and Sampras couldn't do it. In 21 years on the tour, 16 times he finished in the top 10. But his lows were equally dramatic. With the end of his marriage to

Brooke Shields, injuries and burn out, his ranking fell to 141 in the world. His critics said it proved he was always more image than heart.

But then Agassi did something never done by a player of his caliber. At 27, he went on the challenger circuit, the minor leagues of tennis. Instead of crowds of 20,000 it would be 200, in matches at public courts, with no ballboys or linesmen, no rock-and-roll glamour, just grit. But this time tennis wasn't for his father, or his critics. It was for himself. Slowly he fought his way back onto the tour and within a few years he was No. 1 in the world. But even more impressive was the way he had grown up.

Today Agassi's humanitarian achievements also are legendary. His charitable foundation has raised more than \$70 million for disadvantaged, at-risk youth in Las Vegas, and include a K-12 charter school. Agassi is giving children a chance at a childhood that he didn't have. Take a second and check out his foundation at <http://www.Agassifoundation.org>.

Agassi's smartest move was when he married my dream girl, Steffi Graff in 2001 — I am just now getting over it. They have a son, Jaden, 5, and a daughter, Jaz, 3. Agassi has healed his wounds through the raising of his own children. Writer Gary Smith recounts in the July 17 Sports Illustrated, the time Mike chided his son for not bringing Jaden over for all-day tennis lessons with grandpa. Agassi replied tactfully, "Yeah, I might do that, Dad." But it was obvious to both it would never happen.

Agassi's focus now is helping others. "When you start out you think it's all about taking in experiences to fulfill yourself. But the greatest experience is changing someone else's experience. When you see the world through the lens of others, that's when you find yourself," he said.

Tennis is an individual sport. One's success comes by beating others. And yet in the locker room after his final match, Agassi was applauded by the other players. And at the end of his press conference, reporters, who never do such things, gave him a standing ovation that lasted eight minutes.

In Arthur Ashe Stadium when Agassi bid farewell to his fans he wasn't the only one with tears in his eyes. There were 24,000 in the crowd, and millions around the world, including me. I miss him already.

(Jack Neworth is a freelance writer who can be reached at Jackneworth@yahoo.com.)

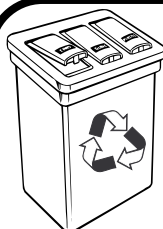
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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Willing to kill for a parking spot

On Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 8:31 p.m., a witness to an assault flagged down two Santa Monica Police officers who were driving by in the area of Fourth and Strand streets. Apparently, the victim and a friend were sitting in their vehicle when the suspect pulled up behind them, exited his vehicle and approached the driver. The suspect told the driver he needed to move his vehicle and the driver refused. The suspect walked to his vehicle and retrieved a knife. The suspect then approached the victim, and a passenger in the vehicle, who had exited the car. The suspect grabbed the victim around the neck and attempted to stab her in the abdomen, inflicting a minor cut. The driver attempted to intervene, at which time the suspect cut the driver in the right shoulder. The suspect fled on foot and ran into a market and stole two bottles of wine. When the suspect returned to his vehicle, the officers had arrived. The suspect was taken into custody after fighting with the officers. The victims were treated for minor stab wounds by Santa Monica paramedics and taken to a local hospital. They were listed in stable condition. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Santa Monica Jail where he was booked for attempted murder. His bail has been set at \$500,000. The suspect, who is homeless, was identified as James Darrell Gardner, 43.

On Tuesday, Aug. 29 at 10:51 p.m., police responded to the area of Third Street and Santa Monica Boulevard regarding an assault investigation. When officers arrived, they spoke to a man who said that he was stabbed once with a glass pipe — a four-inch glass cylindrical item, typically used to smoke narcotics. The victim knew the suspect and was able to provide officers with the suspect's information. The victim was taken to a local hospital with a stab wound to the upper torso, and was listed in stable condition. The next day, at about 1:35 a.m., officers spotted the suspect in the 400 block of Colorado Avenue. The suspect was arrested and booked for attempted murder. His bail was set at \$500,000. The suspect was identified as Ian Michael McNulty, 33, a transient.

On Saturday, Sept. 2 at 10:50 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of the beach regarding a report of an assault with a deadly weapon. When officers arrived, they spoke with a man who said he was drinking alcohol with two other transients when one of the men asked if he had any money. He said he had \$20 but would not give it up. The man who made the request threatened the other, saying he would take the money by force. The man with the cash refused again to hand it over, prompting the other to cut the other's throat, causing a two-inch long gash on his neck, police said. The suspect then fled on foot and the victim was taken to a local hospital for treatment. The next day, about 2:50 a.m., officers stopped the suspect in the 1500 block of Pacific Coast Highway. He was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon. The suspect was identified as Jeffrey K. Cervantez, 41, a transient. His bail was set at \$30,000.

On Saturday, Sept. 2 at 2:17 p.m., a woman claiming to be a victim of domestic violence filed a complaint at the Public Safety Building near City Hall. Officers took the report, which said the woman had been involved in an argument with her boyfriend, who picked her up and threw her out of their apartment, sending her down a flight of stairs. The woman was not injured, police said. Officers drove to the location of the alleged incident — the 2400 block of Oak Street — and contacted the boyfriend, who was arrested for domestic violence. He was identified as Jonathan Steinberg, 36, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$100,000.

On Sunday, Aug. 26 at 7:16 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Arizona Avenue regarding a report of a traffic accident. When officers arrived, they spoke with one of the drivers who said that while she was driving, she got into an argument with her boyfriend, who began to choke her, causing her to black out and lose control of the vehicle. She crashed into another car. The accident report was not available, police said. The boyfriend allegedly told his girlfriend not to call the police and fled the scene on foot. The woman was transported to a local hospital, complaining of pain around her neck. On Sept. 1, at 12:19 p.m., officers responded to a call from Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies who had the suspect in custody at Union Station in downtown Los Angeles. The suspect was taken into custody under a Santa Monica warrant. He was transported to the Santa Monica Jail and booked for assault with a deadly weapon. He was identified as Damien Anthony Blanco, 31, of Saugus, Calif. No bail was set because of a parole violation, police said.

On Friday, Sept. 1 at 4:14 a.m., police responded to the 2900 block of Nielson Way regarding a suspicious person in the parking garage of an apartment building. When officers arrived, they spoke to a security guard who pointed out the suspect, who was wondering around the garage. Officers detained the suspect and during their investigation recovered several items in his possession, including a handicap placard, road maps, a bicycle pump and identification cards. A search of the parking structure revealed that several cars had been broken into. The suspect was arrested for burglary. He was identified as Jeffrey Bly, 31, a transient. His bail was set at \$50,000.

On Friday, July 20 at 1:45 p.m., officers responded to Yoshinoya restaurant in the 2300 block of Pico Boulevard regarding a theft investigation. When officers arrived, they spoke to the district manager who said he received a phone call from an employee who said he had taken the receipts from two days of sales because he needed the money. The loss was estimated at \$4,018.04. On Thursday, Aug. 31, at 5:30 p.m., the suspect turned himself in to the police and was booked for grant theft. He was identified as Santhana Chann, 24, of Torrance. His bail was set at \$20,000.

On Thursday, Aug. 31 at 8:45 a.m., police responded to the 3200 block of Wilshire Boulevard — Armstrong Garden Center — regarding a report of theft. When officers arrived, they spoke to an employee at the nursery who said a woman tried to steal two plants. When the employee confronted her, she jumped in her car and put the vehicle in reverse, almost striking the employee, who got a good look at her license plate. Officers used that information to locate the suspect's residence, where they waited for her to arrive. When she did, officers placed her under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon, petty theft with a prior and two outstanding warrants. She was identified as Linda Gregorio Olmedo, 51, of Los Angeles. Her bail was set at \$41,500.

(Daily Press staff writer Kevin Herrera compiled this report.)

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SMC soccer team scores

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College athletics has geared up for the fall season. Here is a recap of what happened this past week:

WOMEN'S SOCCER: SMC 1, Oxnard College 0
Cuyamaca 3, SMC 2

FOOTBALL: Victor Valley 48, SMC 6

Victor Valley's victory

Victor Valley scored 31 unanswered points in route to a 48-6 victory over SMC Saturday at Corsair Field. SMC took an early 3-0 on their opening possession with a 28-yard field goal by Sean Whyte, highlighted by a 42-yard halfback pass from LaVaughn Macon to Terrell Carr. The only other score for SMC was a 45-yard field goal by Whyte with three minutes remaining in the first half.

SMC (0-1) will visit nationally ranked No. 21 Fullerton College (0-1) at Fullerton Union High School District Stadium on Saturday in non-conference action. Fullerton lost last week in double overtime 31-24 at Bakersfield. This is the 12th meeting between the teams with Fullerton leading the series 6-4-1, including last year's 38-17 defeat at Corsair Field. Game time is schedule for 7 p.m.

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Seattle at Detroit, 10 a.m.
N.Y. Jets at Tennessee, 10 a.m.
Denver at St. Louis, 10 a.m.
Buffalo at New England, 10 a.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 10 a.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 10 a.m.
Cincinnati at Kansas City, 10 a.m.
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 10 a.m.
New Orleans at Cleveland, 10 a.m.
Chicago at Green Bay, 1:15 p.m.
Dallas at Jacksonville, 1:15 p.m.

San Francisco at Arizona, 1:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at N.Y. Giants, 5:15 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Minnesota at Washington, 4 p.m.
San Diego at Oakland, 10:15 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 17
Buffalo at Miami, 10 a.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 10 a.m.
Houston at Indianapolis, 10 a.m.
Carolina at Minnesota, 10 a.m.
Oakland at Baltimore, 10 a.m.

Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 10 a.m.
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N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 10 a.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 1:05 p.m.
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Washington at Dallas, 2:15 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 18
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 5:30 p.m.

SMC FALL SPORTS

AT HOME

Sept. 8: Women's Volleyball hosts Long Beach at 5 p.m.

ON THE ROAD

Sept. 8-9: Women's soccer at Cuesta; tournament
Sept. 9: Football at Fullerton College 7 p.m.
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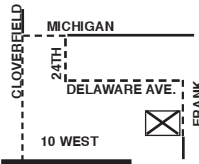
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HP chairwoman under scrutiny after investigation into leak

BY RACHEL KONRAD

Associated Press Business Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Hewlett-Packard Co. Chairwoman Patricia Dunn is under scrutiny from business and ethics experts after she oversaw an invasive and possibly illegal effort to snoop into the home phone calls of fellow HP board members.

Dunn, a former freelance journalist who has become one of the most powerful women in corporate America, oversaw the ouster of former HP CEO Carly Fiorina in February 2005 and the hiring of Mark Hurd as her successor. Now analysts say she may be the next one to leave.

"When you start spying on your own board, you darn well better have probable cause," said Peter Morici, professor at the Professor Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland. "If the chairman thinks this is the way business ought to be conducted, maybe it's time for her to take a sabbatical. It's arrogant and inappropriate."

HP disclosed in a filing Wednesday with the Securities and Exchange Commission that the company sought the private telephone records of board members in a bid to determine which director leaked confidential company information to the media.

In the SEC filing, the company said it would decline to nominate one board member, George A. Keyworth II, for re-election because he was a source of the leaks. Keyworth, who has acknowledged leaking information, will end his service on the HP board no later than March 2007.

But HP also revealed that lawyers hired to review its tactics could not determine if the investigation "complied in all respects with applicable law," the company said in the filing.

California's attorney general subpoenaed some HP officials Wednesday and is examining the tactics of the investigation, which relied on a data mining method known as "pretexting."

In this case, investigators hired by HP called the phone company and impersonated at least one board member to get logs of phone calls to and from his home, said the attorney of a former HP director.

California Attorney General Bill Lockyer characterized the state's investigation as being in the "early fact-finding stage" and refused to say whether criminal charges would be brought against any director or the private investigators HP hired.

"I don't have a settled view on whether it was illegal yet, but it certainly was colossally stupid," he said in a phone interview Wednesday.

HP said in the filing it would cooperate with the state probe and that no recording or eavesdropping of directors' phone conversations had occurred. Spokesman Ryan Donovan said the company would not provide other further details of the investigation. Dunn declined to comment through Donovan.

Keyworth's departure comes after a January article on CNET Network Inc.'s News.com, which included a quotation from an anonymous HP source who described a gathering of HP directors at a posh spa in Southern California. Although the source didn't leak high-level strategic details or say anything inflammatory, the statement angered Dunn, who has been on the board for eight years.

At a board meeting in May, Dunn identified Keyworth as CNET's source, as well as the source of other leaks dating to early 2005. The board asked Keyworth, 66, to

resign, but he refused.

The attempted ouster riled another board member, Tom Perkins, 74, who resigned and stormed out of the May 18 meeting.

In the months since his resignation, Perkins — co-founder of venture firm Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers — complained to other executives and journalists about the investigation's ethical implications. He decried it as an invasion of privacy.

His attorney, Viet Dinh, a former assistant U.S. attorney general, says he discovered that one of HP's private investigators also obtained the last four digits of Perkins' social security number.

The investigator used that information to open an online account with AT&T, Dinh said. The investigator then called the telephone company and impersonated Perkins, offering up his social security digits as proof of identity and asking AT&T to send a record of phone calls to and from his house in December 2005 and January 2006 to a free, Web-based e-mail account.

In August, Dinh asked the SEC to require HP to submit a regulatory filing with details of Perkins' resignation. HP acknowledged in the filing Wednesday that the SEC's Division of Corporation Finance sent the company a letter about Perkins' resignation.

Perkins was unavailable for comment but issued a statement through his lawyer.

"Despite this current disagreement, Tom Perkins has a warm place in his heart for HP and believes in the prospects and performance of HP under the leadership of Mark Hurd," Dinh said.

Dunn, 52, resigned as CEO of Barclays Global Investors in 2002 to battle breast cancer and melanoma, but she's taken an active role as chairwoman of HP, the 11th largest company on the Fortune 500.

She was one of the board members who hired Fiorina in 1999, but Dunn became disillusioned after years of lackluster stock performance and, in December 2004, wrote a four-page report to Fiorina detailing her concerns.

Dunn announced Fiorina's resignation in February 2005, and two months later introduced Hurd, who was favored by Keyworth and Perkins, among others.

Bruce Oliver, professor and director of the Center for Business Ethics at Rochester Institute of Technology, said Dunn had the right to seek out the source of leaks, but she crossed an ethical line in going after the home phone logs.

"To engage in some activity where you're hiring someone to do something on the QT where they're misrepresenting themselves, that's over the line of what constitutes ethical behavior," he said.

Experts say the fall of Enron Corp. and other recent scandals has made boards far more important in the governance of U.S. companies.

"The paradigm has shifted in the direction of the board as being at the top of the corporate governance pyramid," said Patrick McGurn, executive vice president and special counsel at Institutional Shareholder Services. "With that pressure, there's going to be greater opportunities for disagreement in the board room."

Others said the scandal could erode morale on HP's Palo Alto campus.

"This sends a message to employees that the company is willing to do just about anything to protect itself," said John W. Dienhart, business ethics professor at Seattle University. "This sends a bad message to existing employees, and it's bad for attracting good employees from outside the organization."



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BLM proposes drilling on Roan Plateau

By The Associated Press

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ters, so that no more than 1 percent of the 34,758 acres on top of the plateau would be disturbed at any one time. Wells would be clustered on pads spaced a half-mile apart, with one pad per 160 acres, BLM State Director Sally Wisely said. One operator would conduct all the groundwork for lease holders. Both moves would reduce the amount of disturbance to the land. Wisely said development would be allowed

only on higher ridges, away from ecologically sensitive canyons and water resources. The plan would preserve almost 23,000 acres of areas on top and below the plateau that the Colorado Division of Wildlife said deserved protection. The public has until Oct. 15 to submit protests to the plan, and Gov. Bill Owens has 60 days to review the plan to see whether it meets state law.

The BLM received nearly 75,000 comments on a draft of the management plan. The agency oversees 73,602 acres of federal land on the 9,000-foot plateau, home to elk, deer, mountain lions, peregrine falcons, bears, native Colorado trout and other wildlife. Town and city officials in surrounding communities have opposed any drilling on top of the plateau. Gas wells already have been drilled on private land there.

Hanford plant cost grows to \$12.2 billion after review

BY SHANNON DININNY
Associated Press Writer

YAKIMA, Wash. — The cost to build a massive waste treatment plant at the Hanford nuclear reservation rose to \$12.2 billion Thursday, as the U.S. Department of Energy

announced the results of a new review by the Army Corps of Engineers. The new estimate does not include any fee to be paid to Bechtel National, the contractor hired to build the plant at the highly contaminated site. The vitrification plant is being built to con-

vert millions of gallons of radioactive waste to glasslike logs for permanent disposal in a nuclear waste repository. The plant has long been considered the cornerstone of cleanup at the Hanford site, but the project has been mired in cost overruns, construction problems and delays.

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Coordination needed to protect bay from runoff

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eye and this has just been a huge improvement."

The project is just one small piece in the county's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, which brings together more than 80 municipalities in a coordinated effort protect the bay from urban runoff and other pollutants that make their way to the ocean from storm drains. County officials said \$20 million already has been spent on the diversion program, not to mention the millions of dollars City Hall has dedicated to local waste-water management systems.

"Over the last three years we have focused on 20 other locations in addition to (Will

Rogers), diverting the flow of water to the sewer, where it can be treated before it reaches the ocean," said Mark Pestrella, assistant deputy director for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, a separate entity within the county's Department of Public Works. "We've worked with the city of Santa Monica on projects there, including near the pier, in Venice and throughout the South Bay and we have seen a large improvement in water quality."

Pestrella said the three days spent draining and filling in the pond cost the county about \$20,000.

Will Rogers has been on the list of beaches that needed to be addressed, however, Pestrella said he was unable to obtain the permits necessary to do the work because of con-

cern about access to the beach and the possible disruption of grunion, small silvery fish found along the coast that come completely out of the water to lay their eggs in the wet sand.

After conducting a biological study that found no grunion would be affected, and a little lobbying by Heal the Bay, Pestrella said the Coastal and Fish and Game commission issued the permits.

"There was some concern about access to the beach," Pestrella said. "Normally the Coastal Commission doesn't like to issue work permits during the summer months because of the crowds, but with Heal the Bay, we were able to get them to come around."

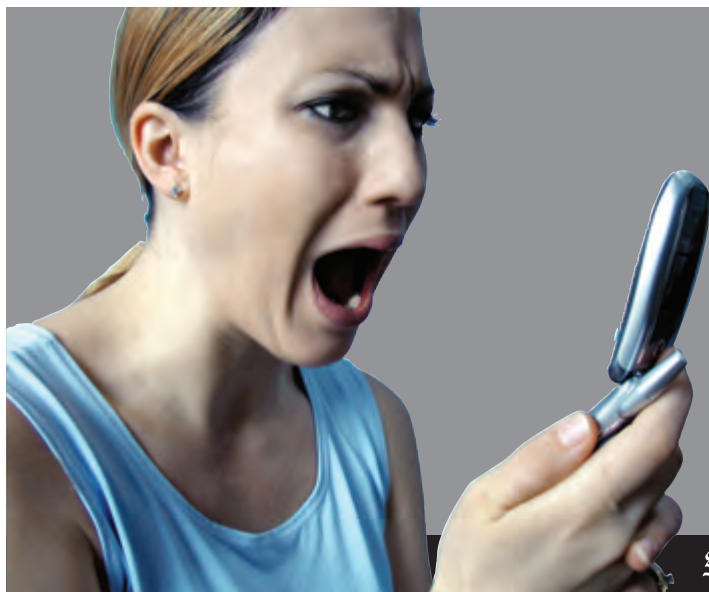
Gold said it is important for the public to

know that there are no native plants and no endangered species in the area.

"The pond has no natural resource value," Gold said. "It is in no way shape or form comparable to the Topanga Lagoon or the Malibu Lagoon, where you have extensive bio-diversity. This is literally a pit of sand with polluted water."

Pestrella said during the wet weather months, crews may need to return to the pond to drain it and fill it in with sand.

"This will be an ongoing maintenance routine," Pestrella said. "When we get a serious storm, it could blow the whole thing out, or high flows could come down and knock-out the berm we set up. We're looking at ways to better manage this in the future."



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Keep a watchful eye

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The suspect is described as having a dark complexion, approximately 30 years old, brown hair, a goatee and mustache, a muscular build and wearing wire-rimmed mirrored sunglasses. His vehicle is described as a '90s model black four-door Jeep Cherokee with dark window tint.

With school now in session, the Santa Monica police are asking parents, students and neighbors in the area to be extra vigilant in watching out for this person, or any other

WeTip

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Detective Lloyd Gladden at the Santa Monica Police Department's Youth Services Division at (310) 458-8931, or the Watch Commander at (310) 458-8426. Callers wishing to remain anonymous also may call the We-Tip national hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME (27463). Callers with information leading to an arrest and conviction may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward.

person, who is acting suspiciously around females. If observed, attempt to safely note the license plate and a description of the suspect's vehicle, as well as his physical description, and immediately call Santa Monica Police at (310) 458-8491, or dial 911.

The timing question remains

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al-Qaida's intent to strike the U.S. again. That the nation hasn't been hit since Sept. 11, 2001, may say as much about terrorists' patience as it does about steps taken to stop them.

"I know of nobody in the intelligence field who doesn't believe there will be another attack," said Thomas Kean, former New Jersey governor and Republican chair of the 9/11 Commission that investigated the government's security missteps leading up to the 2001 hijackings.

"There's going to be another attack," Kean said. "They just can't tell you when."

In a new age of rapid and widespread ID checks, locked and bulletproof cockpit doors in airliners, armed pilots, tracking foreigners' visas and monitoring Muslim and Arab communities, few expect a precise repeat of the plot that used airline hijackings to bring down big buildings.

The unsettling reality of terrorism, however, is that it is always in search of new ways to accomplish mass death and destruction. And always in search of the weakest link.

Authorities have disrupted a number of high-profile plots, including last month's bombing scare on as many as 10 Britain-to-U.S. flights. The CIA has helped ensnare some 5,000 terror suspects around the world. And the government has imposed hundreds of security measures on foreign visitors and U.S. residents alike, from making travelers take off their shoes at airport checkpoints to eavesdropping on phone and e-mail conversations.

Glaring gaps in the security net remain.

Undercover inspectors testing the nation's security system have repeatedly sneaked weapons through airport checkpoints, entered the country with fake identification and foiled detectors that catch the trace amounts of radiation in kitty litter and bananas, but not always nuclear materials. Air testers to sniff out biological agents are becoming obsolete. And not all port or airline cargo is rigorously inspected.

And, as Hurricane Katrina showed last year, disaster response systems at all levels of government are woefully unprepared for a catastrophe.

"No matter what you do, it's not enough," said Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., co-chair of a congressional 9/11 caucus. "But the systems we've worked hard on to put in place are not working."

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, whose department was created in 2003 as a result of 9/11, points to strides made in sharing intelligence and screening passengers and cargo on flights and at sea-ports as proof that the country has been made safer without shutting down commerce. Yet he acknowledges more needs to be done in his agency that largely grapples with reacting to past crises while also think-

ing about what terrorists might try next.

The intelligence community spends a significant amount of time doing what Chertoff described as "putting ourselves in the heads of terrorists — looking at emerging techniques and trying to figure out how terrorists might exploit our systems."

In one example, Chertoff said, the department last year relaxed its ban on scissors and small innocuous tools from being carried on planes to give inspectors more time to look for explosive devices. Screeners also are now being trained to interpret facial expressions and other behavioral patterns to pick out suspicious travelers.

"We will live with some form of this problem for a very long time," Chertoff said in an hour-long interview last month wedged between a phone call with British Home Secretary John Reid about the foiled flight plot and a meeting with FEMA director David Paulison about the hurricane season.

Several government-appointed panels have concluded over the last five years that the nation was vastly unprepared for the deadly attacks.

Their findings triggered a massive reshuffling of the government's counterterror missions, the largest since the Defense Department was created in 1947. In addition to merging 22 agencies into the new Homeland Security Department, a new position of intelligence director to oversee the nation's 16 spy agencies was established.

Congress approved policies such as the USA Patriot Act, allowing more surveillance in counterterrorism investigations. Federal spending on domestic security programs has more than tripled since 2001, to \$55 billion this year, almost equal to what is spent on education.

The results have been mixed. Criticism for Homeland Security has run from sweeping to nitpicky.

"Everything the department was supposed to do is still, at best, a work in progress," said Clark Kent Evin, Homeland Security's former inspector general.

The government's once-greatest target in the war on terror — Osama bin Laden — remains on the loose. Michael Scheuer, the former head of the now-defunct CIA unit dedicating to finding the al-Qaida leader, said catching him now is mostly a matter of luck. "He's going to have to zig when we zag and we'll end up in the same place at once," Scheuer said.

With or without bin Laden, authorities expect al-Qaida's threat won't dim in coming years.

Some sympathizers may not even be directly linked to al-Qaida but aim to carry out its mission. Those who make up al-Qaida's core will wait years, and even decades, for the chance to attack when America least expects it.

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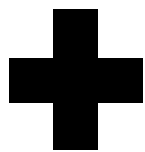
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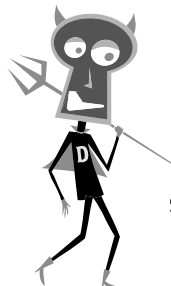
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SANTA MONICA ART PALETTE MAKING ARTS AND CULTURE COME ALIVE IN SANTA MONICA

Welcome to the Art Palette for Sept. 7. Summer is over and the fall season is starting off with a bang. There's definitely more hot happenings this weekend than any one person could possibly attend but choose your entertainment options carefully. The visual art scene is looking great with openings at the Santa Monica Museum of Art and many Bergamot galleries — plan on dedicating Saturday evening to a full-scale gallery crawl that starts at 4 p.m. and lasts until 11 p.m. The theatre scene comes alive with new shows at City Garage and the Powerhouse Theater. And for the younger crowd, the Santa Monica Pier premieres a new concert series for children and families. All in all, another great weekend for culture here in Santa Monica.



**Giorgio de Chirico
Gladiators and Lion, 1927**
Oil on canvas
51 x 64 inches

Enigma Variations: Philip Guston and Giorgio de Chirico

Giorgio de Chirico
Gladiators and Lion, 1927
Oil on canvas
51 x 64 inches
Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Louise and Walter Arensberg Collection
Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York/SIAE, Rome

The Santa Monica Museum of Art presents an exhibition of 26 paintings from early and late in the careers of these two artists revealing their affinities of subject and spirit. The work of Giorgio de Chirico had a tremendous impact on teenage Philip Guston upon his first viewing. This exhibition demonstrates the impact beginning with de Chirico's hauntingly beautiful paintings of the 1930s and 1940s through the monumental paintings Guston created late in his career.

At the end of their careers, Guston and de Chirico simultaneously embraced the idea of complete creative freedom. Flying in the face of received critical opinion, their canvases of the 1960s and 1970s sought to reinvigorate painting. Enigma Variations will feature several of de Chirico's New Metaphysical works from this period, which will be on view for the first time in the United States. The exhibition opens Friday, Sept. 8 with a reception from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and runs through Nov. 25.

Santa Monica Museum of Art
Bergamot Station G1
2525 Michigan Ave.
(310) 586-6488

Bergamot Station Gallery Openings

Peter Alexander, Dive, at the Craig Krull Gallery
Head back on over to Bergamot Station on Saturday night when several of the hottest galleries will be opening their fall exhibitions with an amazing assortment of artists. Beginning Saturday afternoon around 4 p.m. and continuing into the night, galleries will be open. Be sure to check out the LA Weekly Biennial and I'd Love To Turn You On at Track 16, as well as the Ryan Tabor and Graham Hudson exhibitions at Mark Moore Gallery; Sarah Perry at HunsakerSchlesinger; Peter Alexander's fab photos at Craig Krul; art surfboards at Frank Pictures Gallery; Lee Webster Shaw at Schomberg Gallery and a lot more. And the best part is that it's free.

Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave.
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Two Rooms

The Powerhouse Theatre joins forces with Triptych Theatre and Frantic Redhead Productions to present Lee Blessing's Two Rooms, which, like Law and Order, could easily have been ripped from today's headlines. Two Rooms tells the story of an American professor at a Beirut university who is captured by terrorists and held in a tiny cell. Back home, his wife has stripped his former office of all furniture so she can feel closer to her husband by imagining what it would be like in captivity.

Two Rooms
The Powerhouse Theatre Company
3116 Second St.
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Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 7 p.m.
Tickets are \$27 and \$22 for students and seniors.
Reservations: (310) 396-3680

The Bacchae

At the City Garage, Pentheus is drunk with power; his Armani-suited aides parrot his every thought; no one can resist the direction he is charting for his society — except the women. Rejecting his authority, they have disappeared into the hills, following a strange new god of sexuality, Dionysus. They have withdrawn into the dark, unknowable power of the ancient feminine, and Pentheus cannot bear it. He will return these crazed females to their proper place, contain them once again by male authority. But Dionysus, the ultimate seducer, persuades him that, ironically, the means to regain his power is to give it up — temporarily. If he wishes to gain access to the women's secret orgies, he must become a woman himself. It is a Faustian bargain Pentheus cannot resist.

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Wake Up With the Waves

The Santa Monica Pier presents a new concert series, targeted specifically for the young visitors and their families. Every Saturday morning from Sept. 9 through Oct. 28, the Pier will host free interactive concerts and activities for young children including singing, dancing and movement, puppets, talent shows, dress-up, face-painting, balloon art and bubbles. Pier mainstay Michael Cladis kicks off the series this Saturday.
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Santa Monica Pier Central Plaza
Sept. 9
Michael Cladis' "Fun with Music"

Pico Neighborhood Cultural Plan Workshop and Ice Cream Social

A community meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 3 p.m. at Virginia Avenue Park in our ongoing development of a new cultural plan for Santa Monica called "Creative Capital." The workshop will address needs and desires specific to the Pico neighborhood. Three workshops will be taking place at the same time — one for kids, one for teens and one for adults — followed by an old fashioned ice cream social with free ice cream for everyone attending.
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Thelma Terry Center
Pico Neighborhood Cultural Plan Workshop
2200 Virginia Ave.



Santa Monica Civic Auditorium

Do you have fond memories of the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium? Was it the site of the first rock concert you ever went to? Do you eagerly await the annual Photo LA? Whatever your past experience with the Civic might be, maybe you've got some ideas of how this historic facility could be used in the future. If so, join the Santa Monica cultural affairs and Civic Auditorium divisions for a workshop to take a close look at the Civic Auditorium and its long-term potential as a cultural facility on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. in the multi-purpose room on the second floor at the Santa Monica Main Library on Santa Monica Boulevard. The workshop is another element of Creative Capital.
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HEALING WORKS (Above and right) Art work for the "Art Heals" event supporting Step Up on Second.

'One Step Closer' to healing

By Daily Press staff

Step Up on Second is celebrating 22 years of support with an evening of food, wine, music and original art work created by people living with a diagnosed mental illness.

Step Up on Second provides assistance to individuals suffering from mental illness to help them reintegrate into the community. The charity fundraising event "Art Heals," will be held at the Akwa restaurant in Santa Monica, 1415 Fifth St. on Wednesday, Sept. 20, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

This year's theme, "One Step Closer," will celebrate the recent acquisition of a new property that adds additional facilities and housing for Step Up on Second members. The mayor of Santa Monica will attend, along with celebrities and more than 400 guests.

"The show will highlight some of the gifted talents of our participants, all of whom are living with a diagnosed mental illness," said Tod Lipka, CEO of Step Up on Second.

More than 60 pieces of art will be on display and several of the artists will be at the reception.

Following the fundraiser, the artwork will be on display for one month at the Focus Community Gallery in Santa Monica Place. All the paintings are for sale by the artists.

Tickets are \$100 a piece. For further information on Art Heals call Kimm Baersch at (310) 394-6889, ext. 46 or kimm@stepuponsecond.org.

Waking up on the right side

By Daily Press staff

Kids can scamper, laugh and play on Saturday mornings as the Santa Monica Pier hosts "Wake up with the Waves" children's concert series beginning Sept. 9. The series which goes through Oct. 28 features a host of free interactive concerts and activities for the little ones including singing, dancing, puppets, talent shows, dress-up, face-painting, balloon art and bubbles.

"I'm excited about this new series," said Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation Executive Director Ben Franz-Knight. "As a father of two young children, I know how great it is to have a fun activity planned for Saturday mornings."

The SMPRC enlisted local musician and children's entertainer Michael Cladis to help produce the series. The series includes musicians of all kinds, storytellers and children's artists. The show is welcome to all, but is highly recommended for children ages five and under.

All concerts are held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Santa Monica Pier Central Plaza unless otherwise noted. The schedule for "Wake Up with the Waves" is as follows:

SEPT. 9: MICHAEL CLADIS' "FUN WITH MUSIC." Cladis will kick-off the concerts

with his interactive musical program.

SEP. 16: OCEAN MUSIC FROM "UNDER THE SEA." Princess Ariel and friends search for treasures under the sea on the pier's west end.

SEPT. 23: LOU STRATTEN'S "STORIES AND MUSIC." Stratten and her friends Skunkooney and Sir Fretterick entertain with their songs and stories about family, diversity and respect for the environment on the west end.

SEPT. 30: MARIACHIS PARA SUS NIÑOS. Gary Valentine presents Mexican folk music for mini-bailadores.

OCT. 7: AFRICAN DRUMS AND DANCE. Bring a drum for the drum circle as the Village Arts Center demonstrate and perform African rhythms.

OCT. 14: TEN LOCAL MUSICIANS "LISTEN AND PLAY." An opportunity for children to play with some of Santa Monica's top musicians.

OCT. 21: KID'S KARAOKE. The stage and a huge collection of children's karaoke songs are turned over for interactive fun.

OCT. 28: HALLOWEEN PARTY WITH "THE JOY HOUSE." Professional dancer, entertainer and choreographer Angelina "Joy" Emanuele brings her music-driven kid's show "The Joy House" to the Pier. Costumes are encouraged for the parade.

For more information on these shows and all activities at the pier, call (310) 458-8900 or visit www.santamonicapier.org.

Garaj Mahal brings funk, jazz

By Daily Press staff

Collectively, Garaj Mahal brings a century of musical training to the stage, the combination of four first-class musicians with resumes that include playing/recording with Sting, Steve Kimock, John McLaughlin, Bela Fleck and Chick Corea. The band consists of Kai Eckhardt (bass), Fareed Haque (guitars), Alan Hertz (drums) and Eric Levy (keys).

Brought together in 2000 as a super jam session, Garaj Mahal has captured the hearts of music lovers across the nation with their ability to draw out serious "shut-up-and-listen" type grooves. Their musical experience allows them to constantly push the envelope of composition and improvisation. Their blend of funk, jazz, fusion and blues with a world music flare makes their sound different than many currently on the scene. Nominated for a "Jammy" in both 2002 and 2003, Garaj Mahal continues to gain the respect of music industry leaders.

Garaj Mahal's first studio album, "Mondo Garaj," has been well received and they are currently in the studio working on the second to be released later this year.

Garaj Mahal comes to Santa Monica on Friday, Sept. 8 at 14 Below, located at 1348 14th St. Showtime is 9 p.m. and doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12.



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Networks bet new dramas have happy endings

BY LYNN ELBER

Associated Press Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — The shorthand theme for the fall television season: "To be continued ... maybe."

Inspired by the creativity — or at least the ratings — of "Lost," "Desperate Housewives" and other shows with open-ended episodes that carry viewers from one week to the next, the broadcast networks have become serial junkies.

Brace yourself for dramas with intricate, ongoing plots about kidnappings, novice superheroes and fugitives from justice, all easier than ever to follow with TiVos, webcasts and iPods banishing any excuse for missing episodes.

And therein lies the problem. Just when you're truly hooked by the dangling story lines and emotional dilemmas, odds are that many of the shows will be canceled. You're unlikely to learn the ending, happy or otherwise, because you didn't have enough company in the Nielsen ratings.

"There's been a lot of backlash about shows that viewers get invested in and then they end before the ending, like (last season's) 'Threshold' or 'Reunion,'" said analyst Shari Anne Brill of ad-buying firm Carat USA. "I'm still annoyed that I never knew who the hell 'John Doe' was."

Brill's chagrin over the truncated 2002-03 Fox series about a mystery man with encyclopedic knowledge (starring Dominic Purcell, now on the run in Fox's "Prison Break") shows how long viewers can hold a grudge.

Given that this is one of the best-reviewed seasons in years, the heartache

could really endure.

The cruel reality is that nearly one-third of new fall series will be off the air by January, according to Brill's calculations. That's not unusual: Of the 57 major broadcast network series that debuted last season, only 26 percent are back this year.

But the success of Fox's "24," which follows a day's events over the season, and ABC's "Lost," which is weaving an elaborate story over not just episodes but years, led to TV's typical follow-the-leader mind-set even at the risk of alienating fans of failed serials.

"Whenever we have a style or approach that's successful" it gets copied, said analyst Bill Carroll of ad-buyer Katz Television. "We've gone from the age of the procedural to the age of the continuing drama."

Crime dramas "Law & Order" and "CSI" and their spin-offs, which wrap conflicts up neatly within each episode, remain popular. But it's complex, twisting plots and layered characters that have the momentum.

So among the season's 12 new dramas are Fox's "Vanished," with a senator's wife gone missing; NBC's "Kidnapped," about the abduction of a rich kid; new network CW's "Runaway," with a family on the run after the dad is accused of murder; ABC's "The Nine," which follows the aftermath of a hostage crisis, and NBC's "Heroes," about regular Joes and Jills given superpowers.

There are newcomers of a different stripe with considerable buzz, including NBC's "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip," which marks the return to TV of "The West Wing" mastermind Aaron Sorkin, and ABC's telenovela-flavored "Ugly Betty."

If this is a new golden age of drama, as

critics and industry insiders consider it, that's borne out at least numerically: In all, there are 50 new and returning dramas this fall on ABC, NBC, CBS, Fox and CW (the product of the merged UPN and WB).

By contrast, the introduction of nine new comedies will bring the total number to just 23, far less than the 42 sitcoms that tried for laughs last season.

Among them is "30 Rock" which, along with "Studio 60," makes a pair of NBC shows that are inspired by the network's long-running variety show "Saturday Night Live."

The hourlong comedy "Ugly Betty," based on Colombian telenovela "Yo Soy Betty La Fea" and starring America Ferrera ("Real Women Have Curves") as an unchic young woman adrift in the fashion world, has earned critical praise.

Telenovelas, limited-run soap operas, have been highly successful in the United States on Spanish-language networks such as Univision and Telemundo.

While "Ugly Betty" has designs on more than one season, programs that hew closer to the traditional telenovela format are the mainstay of debuting MyNetworkTV, the Fox-owned answer for those WB and UPN affiliates left out when CW formed.

"Desire" and "Fashion House" are airing each weekday on MyNetwork, to be replaced after 13 weeks by other novelas. The question is whether English-language American viewers will take to the genre as the rest of TV viewing world has.

The other newcomer, CW, also faces hurdles — as do its viewers. Although returning shows like WB's "Gilmore Girls" and UPN's "America's Next Top Model" make up much of the CW schedule, the shows may require some detective work to find.

For instance, in nearly 70 percent of TV markets, including New York and Los Angeles, UPN viewers must switch to a different station to watch CW. WB audiences have less of a burden, with nearly three-quarters of former WB stations becoming CW affiliates.

Effort may be required to find a few returning shows on other networks because of scheduling shenanigans.

The most daring change shifts ABC's hit medical drama "Grey's Anatomy" from Sunday to a Thursday-night showdown opposite CBS' veteran powerhouse "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" (which prompted NBC to bump "Studio 60" from its announced Thursday slot to Monday).

NBC is pairing comedies "My Name is

Earl" and "The Office" on Thursday against shows including "Ugly Betty" and CBS' "Survivor: Cook Islands," which this year is kicking up controversy with ethnically segregated teams.

Other big changes: CBS has ended its Sunday movies after more than two decades and, on NBC, Sunday night now means NFL football.

Fans also will have to brace for time-slot sharing as networks try to avoid annoying repeats. The examples include "Lost," which will take a three-month break after six episodes for newcomer "Day Break," and NBC's "ER," stepping aside temporarily for "The Black Donnellys."

There will be a measure of reassuring familiarity as veteran TV actors join returning shows or get new homes of their own this season.

Camryn Manheim ("The Practice") is coming to CBS' "Ghost Whisperer," Peter MacNicol ("Ally McBeal" and currently part of CBS' "Numb3rs") is joining "24" and John Stamos ("Full House," "Jake in Progress") will don a stethoscope for "ER."

Among the many new series' stars with a TV pedigree: Calista Flockhart (Ally McBeal herself) and Sally Field ("The Flying Nun") on ABC's "Brothers & Sisters"; Ted Danson ("Cheers," "Becker") on ABC's "Help Me Help You"; Gerald McRaney ("Major Dad"), CBS' "Jericho"; Jeri Ryan ("Boston Public"), CBS' "Shark"; Leslie Hope ("24"), "Runaway"; Ron Livingston ("Sex and the City"), Fox's "Standoff"; Gale Harold ("Queer as Folk") and Ming-Na ("ER"), "Vanished."

Others to look for: Matthew Perry ("Friends"), Bradley Whitford and Timothy Busfield ("West Wing") on "Studio 60"; John Lithgow (3rd Rock From the Sun) and Jeffrey Tambor ("Arrested Development"), NBC's "Twenty Good Years"; Dana Delaney ("China Beach") and Jeremy Sisto ("Six Feet Under"), "Kidnapped"; Victor Garber ("Alias") and Eamonn Walker ("Oz"), Fox's "Justice."

A handful of actors best known for their movie work are dipping a toe into TV, including Connie Britton ("Gladiator"), joining NBC's "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" and Eric Bogosian ("Wonderland") new to "Law & Order: Criminal Intent"; Hope Davis ("American Splendor") on ABC's "Six Degrees"; Delroy Lindo ("The Cider House Rules"), "Kidnapped"; Ray Liotta ("Goodfellas"), Virginia Madsen ("Sideways") and Simon Baker ("The Devil Wears Prada"), CBS' "Smith."



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Interior Department IG launches probe of lobbyist's memo

BY PAUL FOY

Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — The Interior Department's inspector general is looking into a memo written by a Washington lobbyist that says officials would "fix" problems that limit use of federal lands in Utah.

Robert Weidner, a lobbyist for rural Utah counties, wrote that the acting state director for the Bureau of Land Management, Henri Bisson, was a "take-charge leader" who "has the ear" of BLM Director Kathleen Clarke and would help speed up oil and gas development.

The federal government owns 64 percent of the land in Utah.

In his private e-mail, leaked by wilderness groups, Weidner said the Bush administration was "on the same page" with Utah. He advised his clients to "strike while the iron is hot" and hold Bisson to a promise to "fix" land-use plans that will guide development and use of federal lands for the next two decades.

Bisson, Alaska's BLM chief, is on loan until November, and Utah "has between now and then to take full advantage of his talents and desire to favorably resolve controversial public lands issues," Weidner wrote.

The memo describes a private July 18 conference the lobbyist arranged in Vernal for Utah counties and oil and gas executives with Bisson and BLM Deputy Director Jim Hughes.

Weidner recapped the meeting in an e-mail sent to officials at more than a dozen rural Utah counties. Weidner, who also represents business clients, takes in \$150,000 to \$300,000 a year, according to lobby disclosures compiled by The Center for Public Integrity and opensecrets.org.

Rep. Maurice Hinchey, D-N.Y., sponsor of Utah's 9.5 million-acre Red Rock Wilderness Act, a bill held up in Congress for years, called for an Interior Department investigation into what he called a violation of public trust.

Decision time at NASA

BY SETH BORENSTEIN

Associated Press Science Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL — NASA hopes to figure out what caused the latest problem keeping Atlantis earthbound: an electrical short in a 30-year-old motor.

If the agency determines by Thursday night that the cause of the short is not serious, NASA can try to launch the shuttle Friday morning.

On Wednesday, NASA scrubbed Wednesday and Thursday launch attempts because of the short in one of Atlantis' electricity-generating fuel cells. The delays follow postponements last month due to a lightning strike on the launch pad and the approach of Tropical Storm Ernesto.

If a Friday launch is viable, there's a 70 percent chance of good weather for an 11:40 a.m. EDT attempt.

Atlantis and its six astronauts plan to haul 17 1/2 tons of girders and solar panels into orbit and resume construction of the international space station, which has been on hold since the Columbia disaster 3 1/2 years ago. Astronauts will make three spacewalks to put the pieces together.

NASA is caught in a schedule squeeze. The space agency made an agreement with the Russians not to attempt a launch after Friday because Russia is sending a three-person Soyuz capsule to the space station on Sept. 18.

If it doesn't launch Friday, the space agency may have to wait until late October. Once the Russian Soyuz comes back, NASA may attempt a launch as early as Sept. 28 or 29 even though the launch would be in darkness, spokesman Allard Beutel said.

NASA rules say shuttles have to be launched in daylight so that the big external fuel tank can be photographed for evi-

dence of any broken-off pieces of foam of the sort that doomed Columbia.

There is a slight chance of a Saturday launch, but NASA would have to shorten its construction mission on the international space station, something Wayne Hale, space shuttle program manager, has said he would not like to do.

In a four-hour, 15-minute mission management team meeting Wednesday afternoon, engineers split evenly on what to do next.

"If you want high drama, this is about as good as it gets," Hale said in an evening news conference. "If you were an engineer you would really love this."

What happened in the fuel cell is something NASA has never seen in 25 years of flying shuttles, said deputy orbiter project manager Ed Mango.

The three fuel cells generate electricity for the shuttle during flight, and all three must work.

Hours before adding fuel to the shuttle's massive external tank, engineers discovered that a coolant pump that chills fuel cell No. 1 was giving strange readings.

One of three current paths in the fuel cell isn't working. If a second one doesn't work, the fuel cell can only run for nine minutes before being shutdown. The tiny motor involved was built in 1976 and validated for flight in 1981, Hale said. The problem could be the motor or wiring.

Complicating everything is the fact that NASA does not really know the innards of the system.

"The vendor sold us the thing and didn't exactly tell us how it works, amazing as that might be," Hale said.

NASA has to squeeze 15 shuttle launches into the next four years to finish the construction of the half-built space station by 2010, when NASA is scheduled to stop flying shuttles.



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Israel lifts blockade

BY SAM F. GHATTAS

Associated Press Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Workers at Lebanon's only airport prepared Thursday to receive a full flow of commercial flights as Israel pledged to lift an air and sea blockade imposed nearly two months ago when the war with Hezbollah guerrillas erupted.

Israel's announcement brought relief to the war-stricken country, but also set the first test for a U.N. peacekeeping force charged with keeping arms shipments from reaching Hezbollah.

Israel had come under international pressure to lift a blockade threatening to derail a U.N. cease-fire that ended 34 days of fighting between Hezbollah and Israeli forces. The blockade hampered rebuilding efforts, and business leaders said it cost the country about \$50 million a day.

Officials at Rafik Hariri International Airport began preparations early Thursday to resume full operations. The three runways have been repaired since the cease-fire took effect Aug. 14.

The airport reopened three days after the cease-fire, but only to flights of national carrier Middle East Airlines and Royal Jordanian. Those flights were allowed only through Amman, Jordan, an Arab country that has a peace treaty with Israel.

Cracks in the blockade showed last week when Qatar sent a commercial plane, and a flight arrived from Britain on Wednesday without stopping in Amman.

Israel agreed to lift the blockade under a U.N.-brokered deal in which Lebanon promised to ask for German monitoring of its coastline. Germany also could provide technical assistance to Lebanese authorities at the airport and at the border with Syria.

EgyptAir announced it would resume flights Friday, while Gulf Air has said it will start flying to Beirut on Saturday.

The agreement with Israel marked a major victory for U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, who has repeatedly demanded that Israel end the blockade.

Israel is slowly pulling its troops out of southern Lebanon as international peacekeepers arrive.

A deal on the thorniest unresolved issue will be far more difficult to broker. Israel has demanded their unconditional release, but Hezbollah has insisted on a prisoner swap.

The blockade at one point caused severe fuel shortages in Lebanon, leading to long lines at gas stations and forcing the electric company to ration power. In recent weeks, some supply ships had been allowed to dock after coordinating with Israel, easing the fuel crisis and allowing the electricity authority to lift some rationing.

Iraq to take over armed forces from U.S.-led coalition

BY REBECCA SANTANA

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's government takes command of its armed forces Thursday, a milestone American officials have hailed as crucial to the country's difficult road to independence and eventual withdrawal of foreign troops.

Iraq's bloodshed continued in the hours before the handover. Five bomb attacks targeting police patrols in Baghdad killed at least 18 people and wounded 57.

"This is such a huge, significant event that's about to occur," U.S. military spokesman Maj. Gen. William Caldwell said Wednesday of the handover. "If you go back and you map out significant events that have occurred in this government's formation in taking control of the country, tomorrow is gigantic."

The heavily touted transfer was scheduled to take place five days ago, but was canceled at the last minute as the two sides tried to work out differences over the documents involved.

Neither the Iraqi nor coalition officials would describe the exact nature of the disagreement, except to say that it was procedural rather than substantive. Caldwell said the two sides decided it would be better to delay the event until there was complete agreement.

"It's the one event that puts the prime minister directly in the operational control of his military forces as his role as the commander in chief," Caldwell said. "So that's not something you want to rush into."

Turning over control of the country's security is vital to any eventual drawdown of U.S. forces here. After disbanding the remaining Iraqi army after the U.S.-led invasion in 2003, coalition forces have been training the new Iraqi military.

It is unclear exactly how quickly Iraqi forces will be prepared to take over their own security.

"It's the prime minister's decision how rapidly he wants to move along with assuming control," Caldwell said. In Thursday's ceremony, the prime minister will take control of Iraq's small naval and air forces and the 8th Iraqi Army Division.

"They can move as rapidly thereafter as they want. I know, conceptually, they've talked about perhaps two divisions a month," Caldwell said.

The 8th Division has recently been in the center of one of the fiercest battles between Iraqi forces and Shiite militias. More than 20 soldiers and 50 militiamen were killed in the fighting between the division's troops and militia fighters on Aug. 28 in the southern city of Diwaniyah.

Days before the battle, the division's commander, Brig. Gen. Othman al-Farhoud, told The Associated Press that while his forces were capable of controlling security, they still needed support from the U.S.-led coalition. He said there was still a need for coalition air support, medical assistance and military storage facilities.

"In my opinion, it will take time," al-Farhoud said when asked how long it would take before his division was completely self-sufficient.

Iraqi President Jalal Talabani predicted in a Tuesday meeting with visiting British Foreign Secretary Margaret Beckett that fighting in Iraq will have abated by the end of 2007, and that Iraqi forces will be able to handle any remaining violence.

Iraqi police, meanwhile, were once again the target of attacks Thursday.

A suicide car bomb targeting a police patrol outside a gas station near the Elouya Hospital in central Baghdad killed 10 people, including four policemen, and wounded 21, police said.

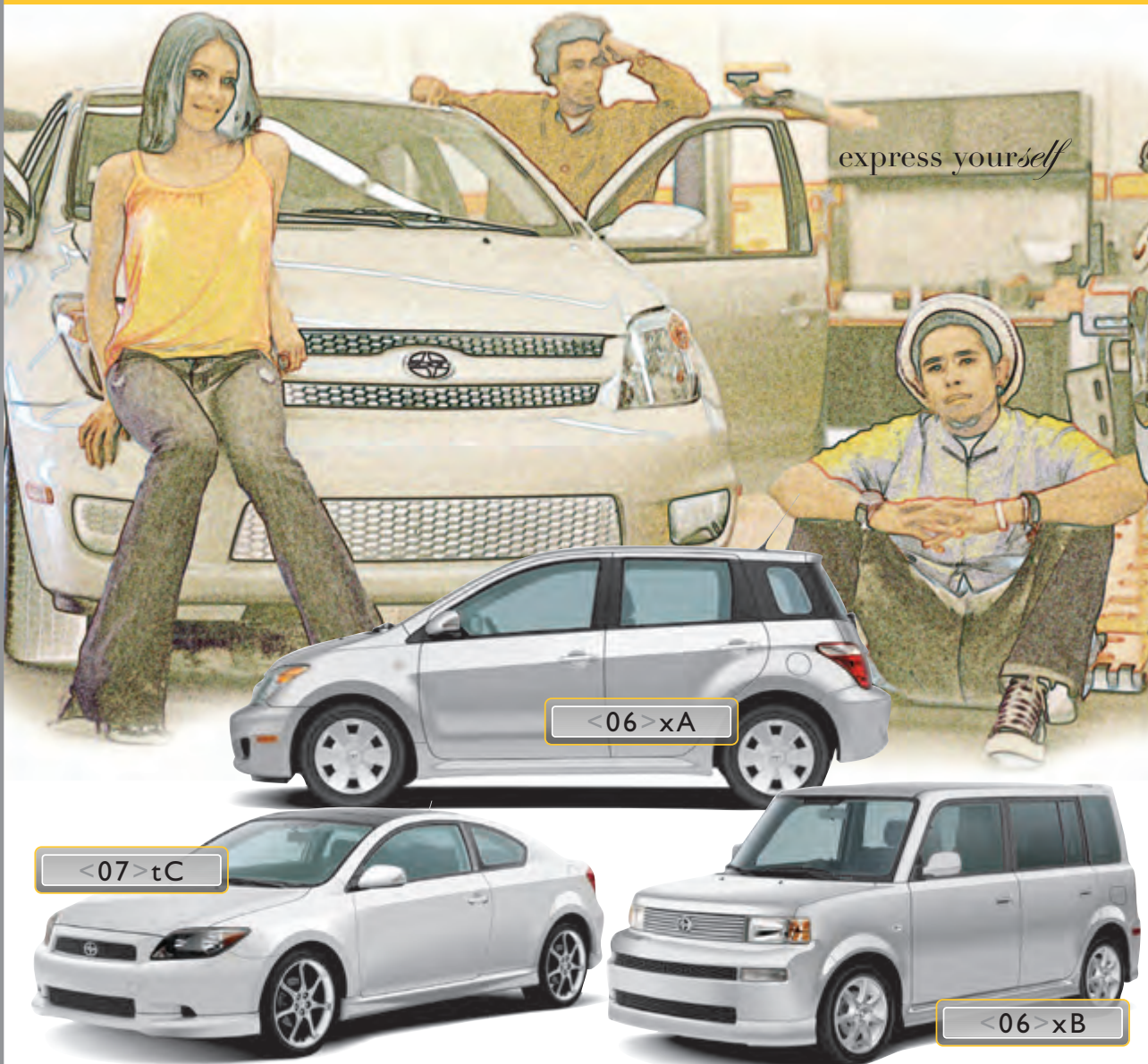
Earlier, a bomb hidden under a parked car near al-Nidaa Mosque in northern Baghdad exploded as a police patrol passed by, killing three civilians and wounding 20, police Lt. Thair Mahmoud said.

Another suicide car bomb in Taiyran Square in the center of the city killed two civilians and two police special forces members, and wounded 13 people, police said.

In western Baghdad, a roadside bombing in Qahtan Square near Yarmouk hospital wounded four people, including a policeman, Mahmoud said.

In the upscale district of Mansour, a roadside bomb explosion killed a man and injured his daughter and another person, police said.

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Elton John shifts focus from radio favorites to quality tunes

Though he's one of the most successful pop stars in history, **ELTON JOHN** says he's given up on the idea of making hit records now that he's 59.

"Our day in the sun has gone, as far as radio play goes," John told an audience Wednesday night. "And we're OK with that."

He and longtime writing part-

ner, Bernie Taupin, are now focused on making excellent songs, John said, and he previewed their new efforts while celebrating their old favorites at a concert to benefit his charity, The Elton John Foundation.

"OK, now we've come to the scary bit — for us, and maybe for you," he joked before playing the new material.

During the 2 1/2-hour concert, held at Jazz at Lincoln Center's intimate Frederick P. Rose Hall, John explained the inspiration behind the songs on "The Captain and the Kid," a complement to his classic 1975 album, "Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirt Cowboy."

"It was really an album about how we struggle with failure,"

John said. "The next 36 years were about struggling with success."

Among the songs he debuted were "Tinderbox," which referenced the struggles Taupin and John have shared as creative partners, and "Wouldn't Have You Any Other Way (NYC)," a tribute to New York.

He also played many of his

biggest hits, including "Tiny Dancer," "Rocket Man," "Bennie and the Jets" and "Believe," about the power of love, which he said spoke to the climate in the world today.

"We live in a funny old world at the moment and this song says everything I want to say about the situation," he said.

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Dylan proves he's still a 'Modern' man

BOB DYLAN is back at the top of the charts — for the first time in 30 years.

His new album, "Modern Times," reached No. 1 on the album sales chart, selling 192,000 units in its first week of release, according to Nielsen

SoundScan figures released Wednesday.

The critically acclaimed disc is Dylan's first No. 1 album since 1976's "Desire."

Jessica Simpson's "A Public Affair" debuted at No. 5 with 101,000 copies sold — the high-

est charting of her career. It was Simpson's first release since her divorce from Nick Lachey.

Girl group Danity Kane sold 117,000 copies of their debut album, "Danity Kane," slipping to second place from the top spot. Another debut, the rapper

Young Dro's "Best Thang Smokin'" placed third, selling 104,000 copies.

Christina Aguilera's "Back to Basics" slipped one spot to No. 4 with sales of 101,000, edging out Simpson by just a few hundred.

AP

Aiken in line for President's Committee

CLAY AIKEN is in line to be named to the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities, the White House said.

The 27-year-old singer, a Raleigh native who gained fame

as a runner-up on the Fox talent competition "American Idol," once worked as a YMCA counselor.

The committee's Web site said it advises the president on issues pertaining to people with

intellectual disabilities. The committee was established in 1961 by President Kennedy as the President's Panel on Mental Retardation.

President Bush intends to make the appointment, a White

House news release said Wednesday. Officials did not say when.

Aiken's new album, "A Thousand Different Ways," is due out later this month.

AP

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The Protector (R)

11:35am, 1:40, 3:45, 5:50, 8:05, 10:30

Snakes on a Plane (R)

7:30, 10:10

Step Up (PG-13)

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Idiocracy (R)

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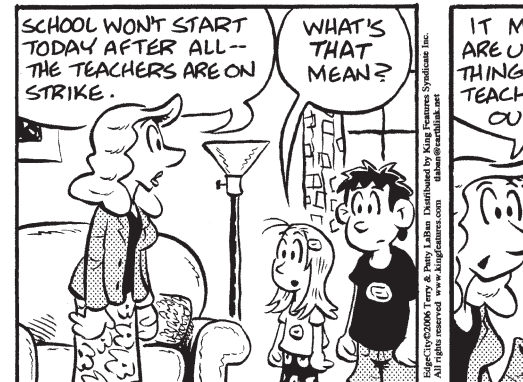
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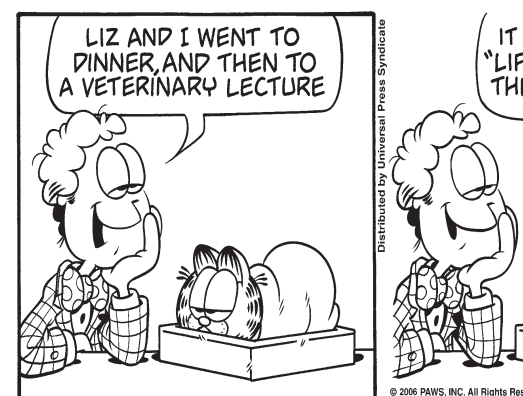
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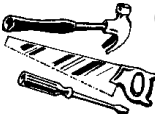
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Automatic, Premium Sport Pkg, CD & More!



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