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TODAY IN HISTORY



1850 California officially became a state and situated its first capital in San Jose.

1849 Californians sought statehood and, after heated debate in the U.S. Congress arising out of the slavery issue, California entered the Union as a free, non-slavery state by the Compromise of 1850. Monterey, Vallejo, and Benicia each served as the capital before it was moved to Sacramento in 1854.

1849 Greek word "Eureka" has appeared on the state seal since, when California sought statehood, and means "I have found it."

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SMC faculty to get a raise, bonus

MO' MONEY: Faculty, administration say, 'Let's make a deal,' bury hatchet

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC — After more than two years of tense negotiations with administrators here, professors have a new contract that includes pay raises and secure health benefits.

Sources close to the negotiations said that under the tentative agreement reached Wednesday following more than seven hours of discussion, faculty will receive a 3 percent raise retroactive from the spring semester of 2006; a 1 percent raise for the current fall semester, as well as a 3 percent bonus, which will not be applied to the base salary schedule.

Details of the contract have not been finalized pending approval by the faculty and board of trustees.

The Santa Monica College Faculty Association, which staged protests earlier this year, had requested a pair of pay increases



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

SOUNDING OFF: Faculty members from SMC stage a series of protests earlier this year in front of the college's administrative offices.

totaling 5.5 percent, while the board of trustees offered only a 3.5 percent raise, citing budget constraints.

The agreement, which must be

approved by faculty and the board of trustees, represents a compromise that all parties can be proud of, faculty and administrators said.

"We are very pleased we have come to an agreement that is fair and one that treats us as other employees have been treated in the last year," said Lantz Simpson, president of the faculty association. "It's been a very difficult time for our members, who have been without a raise since 2002. It does affect morale. When you don't get a raise for four years and you see other employees getting raises, you kind of ask yourself, 'What's going on?'"

"I think morale now will be really high," Simpson added. "We had a union meeting (Thursday) and we had about 70 people there and everyone was quite enthusiastic and quite happy."

So were administrators, in particular SMC President Chui Tsang, who came aboard at the beginning of 2006 with plans to build a stronger relationship with faculty

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Police respond to call, find stash of bombs

By Daily Press staff

SM BEACH — Four juveniles were detained by police Friday after they were found with explosives.

At 4:38 a.m., Santa Monica Police responded to the 1400 block of the beach just north of the pier regarding suspicious activity. When officers arrived they heard several loud popping noises. Officers located two homemade pipe bombs, which were later detonated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad.

Officers also confiscated 3,000 to 4,000 firecrackers, several bottles rockets and several roman candles in the area.

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Governor apologizes once again

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CASA DEL MAR — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger apologized Friday for making statements that Cubans and Puerto Ricans were naturally feisty and temperamental because of their combination of "black blood" and "Latino blood," saying he didn't mean to offend anyone.

Speaking to reporters outside Casa Del Mar in Santa Monica following a meeting with the California Chamber of Commerce, the governor said the comments "made him cringe," when he read them in print on the front page of the LA Times Friday.

"Anyone out there that feels offended by those comments, I just want to say I'm sorry," he said. "I

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Kevin Herrera/Daily Press

'IT'S ALL GOOD' Assembly woman Bonnie Garcia (R-El Centro) defends Governor Schwarzenegger; admits she's a 'hot-blooded Latina.'

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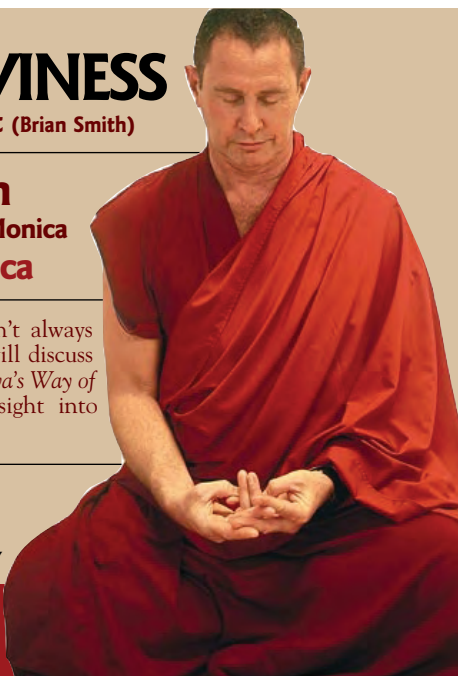
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Forgiveness sounds like a good idea, but we don't always know how to forgive, or why. Venerable Marut will discuss advice on this subject from *The Guide the Bodhisattva's Way of Life*. Perhaps this ancient text can give us insight into forgiveness in today's world.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ What you want is happening, if you open up. Your creativity and sense of well-being peak, as long as you are hanging with friends. You might want to open up to a change and a more dynamic interaction. Tonight: Fun and games.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Take some personal time. You might want to invite a special companion to join in and happily vanish with you. Recharge your thinking and energy. Life will start looking a lot different. Home is important. Tonight: Vanish.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ The Twin can be found where the action is. You might be a lot happier if you rock and roll with the moment. You discover the potential of making a dream a reality. What is stopping you at this point? Tonight: Party, play and enjoy Saturday night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You will want to take a stand and move on to a new concept or activity. Others will follow your lead. Know what you are doing, and follow through. Investigate a financial offer. Being a cynic might be good. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Take in a different point of view. Listen to what is going on, understanding another perspective. Be willing to choose what you never have before. Exploring can be fun. Why not do it in some shape or form? Tonight: Continue being avant-garde.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Spend your time with someone you really enjoy. You might be surprised and delighted by what comes down. Share more of your inner self, and you will be much happier as a result. Schedule some downtime to take a walk by a creek or river. Tonight: Dinner for two.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Ask for feedback and get information. You might want to see a situation a lot differently. Your imagination becomes a resource of fun and games. Let go and put on your dancing shoes. Anything goes. Tonight: Encourage someone to let down his or her hair.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Easy works. Sometimes you push yourself way too hard. Now is the time to find your favorite chair and curl up with a favorite drink. Visit with family. Achieving is great, but even better is enjoying your accomplishments. Tonight: Entertain at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Your creativity emerges when dealing with others. Talks loosen up others. Be more sensitive to what is going on. Listen to what is happening. Your playfulness emerges when dealing with a serious person. You can only do so much to loosen up this person. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Basics count. Listen to feedback and get past a situation that might be cumbersome. A partner might be having a difficult time opening up and listening. Remember, laughter is contagious. Use this gift. Tonight: Entertain.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Your imagination takes you in a different direction. Invite others to join in. You might have a much better time than you thought possible. You could find someone in your life to be quite serious. Tonight: Let your hair down.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Shop or price a new item. You want to think through an expensive purchase, especially if it cramps your style. Knowing when to lighten up could make a big difference. You don't need to make a decision right now. Tonight: Your treat. Not everything has to be costly.

BORN TODAY Actor **Hugh Grant** (1960), actress **Michelle Williams** (1980)

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BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **September 6, 2006**

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 1

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 2

Number of wet days -- 0

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39/ ns

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8/ ns

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	C	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	C	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	F	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	C	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken

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SWELL FORECAST (4-7 FT)

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MODERATE SOUTHERN HEMIS DUE NEXT WEEK...

TRACKING LIGHT NW GROUND SWELL FOR THE 12TH-13TH...

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA

More than 33 percent of SM Bay beaches have violated federal clean water act

By Daily Press staff

With tens of thousands of people expected to hit Southern California beaches this weekend, some popular stretches of coast-line continue to break a law that went into effect July 15 by not meeting federal clean water standards, according to weekly statistics compiled by Los Angeles-based environmental organization Heal the Bay.

That means beach-goers face a potential health risk from exposure to ocean water contaminated by fecal bacteria.

With the new addition this week of Herondo Street on the border of Hermosa and Redondo Beach, 23 of the 65 beaches tested in Santa Monica Bay have violated the Clean Water Act since the July 15 deadline to enforce clean water standards at area beaches. A total of seven beaches exceeded the standards in the past week.

“With over a third of the beaches tested in Santa Monica Bay now having exceeded the new beach bacteria standards in violation of

See **BEACH BUMMER**, page 7

CORRECTION — The name of Kelly Hayes-Raitt was spelled incorrectly in a guest commentary that appeared on page 4 in the Sept. 7 edition.

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The QLine

STUDENTS, PARENTS GET SCHOOLED

This past week, Q-line asked: **“What do you think are the biggest challenges facing local students and parents? How should they be addressed?”** Here are your responses:

© “One of the biggest challenges to students is to concentrate on, learn, re-learn and emphasize the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic. The thrills of computer learning, the arts, sciences, sports, etc. are nice and needed also. But unless the basics are emphasized, the others are weakened and undermined. Bad and improper English abounds. Calculating and computing math in all areas of life is falling short. And handwriting for the most part is deplorable. These should be a part of every grade level. Parents can help by helping and encouraging their children in these basic subjects.”

© “The biggest problem students face would be having to worry about what’s for lunch in the cafeteria, having to worry about not chewing gum in the hallway, and having to worry about Eddie Haskell hassling them. Oh, wait this isn’t the 1950s, this is the present. I guess they have to worry about gangs, drugs, and the punks that don’t belong in school because they should be in jail. And if they live in Los Angeles, they have to have to worry about going to LAUSD, which is probably run by a bunch of morons anyway.”

© “It has been said that Thomas Alva Edison and Albert Einstein were sent home from school for being too dumb to learn. It was said that Edison had knots on his head and that Einstein spoke in riddles such as $E=mc^2$. So parents, if the school calls your child a knot head and sends them home, do not despair, there could be genius lurking in their craniums.”

© “I think the greatest challenge now is the cost. My granddaughter’s college tuition, room and board only, is almost \$45,000 a year. And then she has four years of graduate school just around the corner. The only choice now for the middle-class family is the so-called interest-free or low-interest loan which would leave a graduate starting out in the world of debt of several hundred thousands dollars. And it’s the only choice.”

© “As a parent with two children attending Santa Monica schools, I wonder if the Santa Monica school district is bracing for and preparing for the hundreds upon hundreds of educationally disadvantaged children who will be moving to Santa Monica as a result of the City Council approving low-income housing projects that are being built downtown and even on

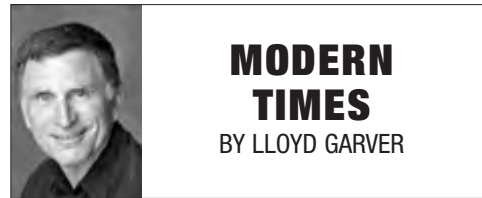
San Vincente Boulevard. Many will be the children of illegal immigrants whose parents cannot be filtered out of Section 8 and affordable housing programs. The enormous number of children who will be coming into the Santa Monica school system will require enormous resources and funds which will divert the resources away from average to advanced students in the system, and overall educational opportunities will diminish qualitatively. Furthermore, with the new trend in refugee housing planned by Rosario Perry who currently plans to throw residents and taxpayers out on the streets so that tax subsidized refugees can be brought in to enjoy the benefits of government programs and public schools. We are a few short years away from becoming a third-world school system. What is the school board going to do about that eventuality?”

© “The biggest challenge a student faces is the progressive hysteria of the school board. The political correctness of gender and affirmative action hires within the school district. I’m not sure the progressive, obsessed views of teachers and principals can teach the three most important learning aids: Rely on no one but yourself. Nothing gets done unless you do it. Have a discriminating mind about everything, and most of all, common sense. How many of our educators are capable of teaching anything but the nutty ideas from ‘it takes a village?’ Instead of the love of big brother type society teaching, young people need to be supported in their quest for intellectual independence. This life long quest of the understanding of the freedom to pursue true education in any area the mind seeks.”

© “Racism is the biggest challenge. The school district really needs to start dealing with it head on.”

© “I think the biggest challenge facing local students and parents is the information that they present to the school district. Many outside the city, families send false addresses to the school district when they are enrolling their child. They are ripping off taxpayers, they are ripping off families who can’t get into schools that should be able to enroll at a Santa Monica-Malibu school. But because they are outside students who are getting in and the school district is not enforcing their no into district policy, it’s a very bad situation. I think that’s the biggest challenge the district needs to take care of.”

No extra charge for UFOs and aliens



MODERN TIMES
BY LLOYD GARVER

And you thought your latest hotel bill was high?

Las Vegas entrepreneur Robert Bigelow hopes that within 10 years, he’ll be able to charge guests somewhere between \$5 million and \$13 million for a weekend at his proposed hotel. Even accounting for inflation and that raise your boss keeps promising you, the price seems a bit steep. On the other hand, you’ll be able to bring home some fantastic photos because his proposed hotel will be in space.

His idea is to send an inflatable space module on top of a rocket and then have it inflate and orbit the earth. It’s kind of a combination blimp and space station. He launched a one-third scale model on top of a Russian rocket in July and it’s orbiting the earth right now. If he can just get that other two-thirds up there, people will soon be lining up to bribe the bellman to get the best moon-view rooms.

NASA worked on inflatable space modules until 2000 when budget cuts ended the project. So, they sold their plans to Bigelow, feeling that he wasn’t some nut, but was a guy with a viable research plan.

It’s ironic that Bigelow made his fortune with the Budget Suites of America hotel chain. At his hotels, guests often pay \$79 a day for a two-bedroom suite with a kitchen. Now, he’s thinking of charging people thousands of times that just to go around in circles in a room where you can’t even open the window.

Bigelow has had a fascination with space since he was a child. His grandparents told him about a “close encounter” they had had with a UFO, and ever since then, he has wanted to become involved in space exploration.

Not everyone who works for and with Bigelow shares his belief in the paranormal. He has hired professors, engineers and even former astronaut, Edgar Mitchell, the sixth man to walk on the moon. Many of his colleagues don’t believe in things like UFOs, but they do believe that sending an inflatable object into space might be both possible and practical.

On the surface, it probably seems like the price tag is one of the major hurdles for the project. I know millions of dollars sounds like a lot of money for a weekend, but I’m sure there are a some super rich people who would be tempted to cancel their weekend in the Hamptons or Vail, and go for the outer space experience. It would have great snob appeal. They could brag that they were finally able to relax without worrying about “ordinary people” sharing their vacation space. They won’t have to get upset about not being able to park their Mercedes right in front of their favorite wine and cheese store because some weekend tourists parked their old Toyota there.

Weightlessness could turn the space hotel into the universe’s most desirable health spa. And if guests have any encounters with cute little aliens, they can always treat them as pets like those little dogs they carry in their purses.

But what about those of us who have limits on our Visa card somewhat below \$5 million? How can Bigelow make this kind of travel appealing to us?

I have an idea for him. How much would it be worth to you to travel by air and actually have it be a pleasant experience? You know, like it used to be.

So, Bigelow should hire flight attendants who love their jobs and enjoy serving the public. He should let you use your cell phone in the air. He should have the air conditioning set to a temperature that doesn’t freeze or broil you. You shouldn’t ever have to sit next to someone who elbows you the whole flight. And passengers should be able to eat meals that are actually edible.

I don’t know about you, but those kinds of perks would make it awfully tempting to me. And when you think about it, is \$5 million really that much to pay for a real-sized pillow and enough space so that your feet and your carry-on bag can both fit under the seat in front of you? In fact, I think I’m going to start saving now just so I can fly without today’s hassles. And if I start buying more generic stuff and make sure the living room light is off every night, it shouldn’t take me long to save \$5 million, right?

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY ALEX EPSTEIN

Stop appeasing 'Muslim opinion'

To listen to most of our foreign-policy commentators, the biggest problem facing America today — five years after Sept. 11 — is the fact that many Muslims are mad at us.

"Whatever one's views on the (Iraq) war," writes a "New York Times" columnist, "thoughtful Americans need to consider ... the bitter anger that it has provoked among Muslims around the world." In response to Abu Ghraib, Ted Kennedy lamented, "We have become the most hated nation in the world, as a result of this disastrous policy in the prisons." Muslim anger over America's support of Israel, we are told, is a major cause of anti-American terrorism.

We face, these commentators say, a crisis of "Muslim opinion." We must, they say, win the "hearts and minds" of angry Muslims by heaping public affection on Islam, by shutting down Guantanamo, by being more "even handed" between free Israel and the terrorist Palestinian Authority — and certainly by avoiding any new military action in the Muslim world. If we fail to win over "Muslim opinion," we are told, we will drive even more to become terrorists.

All of this evades one blatant truth: The hatred being heaped on America is irrational and undeserved. Consider the issue of treatment of POWs. Many Muslims are up in arms about the treatment of prisoners at Guantanamo — many of whom were captured on battlefields trying to kill Americans. Yet these same Muslims are silent about the summary convictions and torture — real torture, with electric drills and vats of acid — that are official policy and daily practice throughout the Middle East.

Or consider "Muslim opinion" over the U.S. handling of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, in which the United States is accused of not being "hard enough" on Israel — a free nation with laws that protect all citizens, Jew and Arab alike — for Israel's supposed mistreatment of Palestinians. Yet "Muslim opinion" reveres the Palestinians, a people who overwhelming want to destroy the only oasis of freedom in the Middle East, and who just elected Hamas, the Islamic totalitarian organization, to run their country.

So-called Muslim opinion is not the unanimous and just consensus that its seekers pretend. It is the irrational and unjust opinion of the world's worst Muslims: Islamists and their legions of "moderate" supporters and sympathizers. These people oppose us not because of any legitimate grievances against America, but because they are steeped in a fundamentalist interpretation of their religion — one that views America's freedom, prosperity, and pursuit of worldly pleasures as the height of depravity. They do not seek respect for the rights of the individual — Muslim or non-Muslim —

they seek a world in which the rights of all are sacrificed to the dictates of Islam.

The proper response to Islamists and their supporters is to identify them as our ideological and political enemies — and dispense justice accordingly. In the case of our militant enemies, we must kill or demoralize them, especially those regimes that support terrorism and fuel the Islamist movement. As for the rest, we must politically ignore them and intellectually discredit them, while proudly arguing for the superiority of Americanism. Such a policy would make us safe, expose Islamic anti-Americanism as irrational and immoral, and embolden the better Muslims to support our ideals and emulate our ways.

President Bush, like most politicians and intellectuals, has taken the opposite approach to "Muslim opinion" — appeasement. Instead of identifying anti-American Muslims as ideological enemies to be discredited, he has appealed to their sensibilities and met their demands — e.g., sacrificing American soldiers to save Iraqi civilians and mosques. Instead of seeking to crush the Islamists by defeating the causes they fight for — such as Islamic world domination and the destruction of Israel — he has appeased those causes, declaring Islam a "great religion" and rewarding the ongoing Palestinian terrorist Jihad with a promised Palestinian state. Instead of destroying terrorist regimes that wage war against the West — including, most notably, Iran — Bush has sought their "cooperation" and, in the case of Iran, engaged in feckless "negotiations" that give Iran time to develop the nuclear weapons and long-range missiles it lusts after.

Such measures have rewarded our enemy for waging physical and spiritual war against us. "Condemn America," they have learned, "and American leaders will praise your ideals and meet your demands." "Attack America via terrorist proxy," terrorist states and movements have been taught, "and America will neither blame you nor destroy you, but redouble its efforts to buy your love."

Every attempt to appease "Muslim opinion" preserves, promotes, and emboldens our enemies. Every concession to angry Muslim mobs gives hope to the Islamist cause. Every day we allow terrorist regimes to exist gives their minions time to execute the next Sept. 11. America needs honest leadership with the courage to identify and defeat our enemies — "Muslim opinion" be damned.

(Alex Epstein is a junior fellow at the Ayn Rand Institute in Irvine. The Institute promotes the ideas of Ayn Rand, best-selling author of "Atlas Shrugged" and "The Fountainhead," and originator of the philosophy of Objectivism.)



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Activist Support Circle gets a holistic visit

By Daily Press staff

Abigail Lewis, editor of the holistic consciousness magazine "Whole Life Times," will appear as a guest speaker at the Activist Support Circle in Santa Monica on Wednesday, Sept. 27.

The Activist Support Circle is an emotional support group for progressive activists. The purpose of the monthly gatherings is to guard against activist-related burnout; share activist-related frustrations and fears, as well as hopes and aspirations, in a supportive, safe environment; turn feelings of despair into feelings of empowerment; and learn helpful coping skills and ideas from other like-minded supportive activists.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Friends Meeting Hall, located at 1440 Harvard St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The gatherings are free and there is free parking on-site.

For more information call the Activist Support Circle at (310) 399-1000 or visit www.activistsupportcircle.org.

Math grant adds up for SMC

By Daily Press staff

Local students will raise their skills to a new power with the addition of \$3.5 million to fund pre-college level math studies.

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Santa Monica College a five-year grant in partnership with El Camino College in Torrance, to improve students' math performance.

The cooperative Title V grant will be used for a variety of purposes, including establishing a math and English learning center/computer lab at SMC's Bundy campus and integrating more technology into instruction. The grant funds are aimed at students taking pre-college level math.

"This grant gives us the means to create an exciting special program aimed at improving the achievement of our developmental math students," said Fran Manion, SMC math department chair. "It's particularly crucial because studies indicate that one of two students in pre-college level math classes fail."

The SMC program developed from the grant is expected to affect more than 1,000 students at SMC and El Camino College.

Each of the two colleges will receive \$300,000 a year for five years, with an additional \$100,000 a year going to SMC to cover grant management and evaluation costs, and to facilitate coordination between the two colleges.

This is the third Title V grant SMC has received in the past two years. In 2004, the college was the beneficiary of two Title V grants totaling \$6.2 million over five years that are being used to help first-time college students succeed and to help train teachers. The teacher-training grant also is a cooperative award with El Camino College.

China's Olympic artist makes U.S. debut in SM

By Daily Press staff

He may not win a gold medal for his work, but Guan Yuliang is China's official 2008 Olympic artist, and he will appear for the first time in the United States in an exhibition at the Los Angeles Asian and Tribal Arts Show (LAATA) at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium Sept. 29 to Oct. 1.

The reclusive Chinese artist is known for his 600-object exhibition at the National Art Museum in Beijing. Yuliang will show 10 of his newest works in a special exhibition at the Santa Monica show. A selection of the works will become part of the Beijing's National Art Museum collection.

LAATA has been a favorite with collectors and art professionals for the past 15 years. The show features more than 65 international dealers specializing in Asian and tribal arts. Offering a range of antiques and contemporary pieces from around the world, the show provides the public an opportunity to view and purchase art. The public is encouraged to pose questions to the experts, view up-close and in some cases, touch the ancient and modern works.

The show also will feature a select group of lectures to be held with the exhibitors on Saturday and Sunday.

The lecture schedule is as follows:

Saturday, Sept. 30

■ 2 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Tribal Masks and South East Asian Sculpture with Mark A. Johnson of Mark A. Johnson Asian and Tribal Arts

■ 3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Introduction to Chinese Snuff Bottles with Clare Chu of Asian Art Studio

■ 4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Discussion of Native American Art and Culture with Phillip Garaway of Phillip Garaway Native Arts

Sunday, Oct. 1.

■ 2 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Chinese Robes and Textiles with Jon Eric Riis of Jon Eric Riis Oriental Textile and Costumes.

■ 3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Ancient Ceramics: Pit Firing and Terra Cotta Techniques with Ryann Willis of Ryann Willis Ancient Art.

■ 4 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Central Asian Textiles: Suzani, Ikat and Lakai with Casey Waller of Caravanserai Gallery

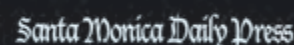
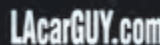
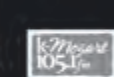
An opening night preview and auction to benefit the Fowler Museum of Cultural History will be held on Thursday, Sept. 28 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. This will be the first opportunity to view the Yuliang exhibition.

LAATA is open to the public Friday, Sept. 29, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 30, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 1 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

General admission is \$12 per person. Call for details regarding the opening night benefit preview. The show is held at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, 1855 Main St. For additional information, call (310) 455-2886, or visit www.caskeylees.com.

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Clean water is the goal

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the Clean Water Act, the numbers clearly demonstrate the Bay has a widespread problem," says Mark Gold, executive director of Heal the Bay. "We urge the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board to protect the health of millions of beachgoers by putting teeth in the beach water quality standards."

The board takes up the enforcement issue at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 14 at the Metropolitan Water District in downtown Los Angeles. Gov. Schwarzenegger has written a letter of support encouraging the regional board to make the limits easily enforceable.

In July, the RWQCB decided to postpone a vote to make the beach water quality standards more easily enforceable, rescheduling it for a vote at the Sept. 14 meeting. However, the board has begun sending letters to LA County and various cities violating pollution standards asking them to identify the source of the pollution and provide other information within two weeks. Failure to comply could result in a \$1,000 per day fine.

The new standards, called Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) require beach waters to be free from unhealthy levels of fecal bacteria. They would apply to all Santa Monica Bay beaches from the Ventura County line south to Palos Verdes during dry weather between April and October.

In 1999, Heal the Bay, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and Santa Monica Baykeeper went to court to fight for — and won — water quality pollution limits for in Los Angeles and Ventura County. The beach bacteria limits for Santa

Monica Bay were established in 2003.

Even with three years of lead time to the TMDL's July 15 compliance deadline, many of Santa Monica Bay's beaches still have elevated bacteria levels. In order to be easily enforceable, the bacteria pollution limits need to be incorporated into the LA County Storm Water permit by the RWQCB, environmentalists said.

The beaches that have had the most number of violations are:

Marie Canyon at Puerco Beach in Malibu
Castlerock storm drain in Pacific Palisades

Redondo Beach Pier, 100 yards south of the pier

Santa Monica Pier, south side of the pier
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth

Topanga State Beach at Topanga Creek mouth

Surfrider Beach at the breach point of Malibu Lagoon

People who swim in contaminated water are far more likely to develop ear infections, sinus ailments, upper respiratory problems or stomach cramps, diarrhea and vomiting. The resulting health care costs were estimated to be \$21--\$51 million annually in Southern California, according to a recent UCLA study.

Beach water at 65 locations in Los Angeles County is monitored by the LA County Department of Health Services, the City of LA's Environmental Monitoring Division and the LA County Sanitation District. Heal the Bay recommends beachgoers check the Beach Report Card at www.healthebay.org before heading into the surf at their favorite beaches.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Conditional Use Permit 06-009 & VARIANCE 06-009, 1355 Ocean Avenue. Request for Type 41 Alcohol License (Beer and Wine) for new sit-down restaurant and variance for off-site parking. [Planner: David Reyes – david.reyes@smgov.net] **Applicant: Richie Palmer. Property Owner: Belle Vue Plaza, L.P.**

Conditional Use Permit 06-011, 1443-47 12th Street. Request for 3-year extension of Conditional Use Permit 04-013 for Pluralistic School (PS#1) located at 1454 Euclid Street [Planner: Ava Pecherzewski – ava.pecherzewski@smgov.net] **Applicant/Property Owner: Pluralistic School, Inc.**

Development Review Permit 05-003, 1707 Cloverfield Boulevard. Request to convert existing manufacturing building into a self-storage facility with addition of a second floor within the existing facility. The Planning Commission will also be considering a Resolution to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program for the proposed project. [Planner: Dennis Banks – dennis.banks@smgov.net] **Applicant: Neighborhood Storage Associates, LLC. Property Owner: Perla Weinberg.**

Development Review Permit 06-008, 612 Colorado Avenue. Request to allow the modification of a previously approved Development Review Permit (04DR-008) for the Big Blue Bus Facility Master Plan. The modifications include the deletion of a previously proposed new 3-story, approximately 76,000 sq. ft. administration building with subterranean parking, retention of the existing administration building and the construction of a 100-space surface parking lot and perimeter wall along Colorado Avenue. [Planner: Scott Albright, AICP – scott.albright@smgov.net] **Applicant: Albert Kaneshiro/Big Blue Bus. Property Owner: City Of Santa Monica.**

Text Amendment 06-003 & Variance 06-012, 849 Ocean Avenue. Text Amendment (06TA003) to amend Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.08.06.020(a) to increase the limitation on the number of guest rooms that can be added to an existing hotel in the R3 district and a Variance (06VAR012) to allow the addition of 7 guest rooms at the Hotel Oceana without providing additional on-site parking spaces. [Planner: Jing Yeo – jing.yeo@smgov.net] **Applicant: CH Partners Limited Partnership. Property Owner: JRK Asset Management.**

Tract Map 06-013, 939 San Vicente Boulevard. 4-Unit Condominium. [Planner: Ava Pecherzewski – ava.pecherzewski@smgov.net] **Applicant: Chi Ming Gong. Property Owner: Gerald Manpearl.**

Tract Map 06-015, 1543 11th Street. 5-Unit Condominium. [Planner: Grace Cho – grace.cho@smgov.net] **Applicant: Don Baroukh. Property Owner: Westwood West Builders LLC.**

Tract Map 06-018, 1048 10th Street. 4-Unit Condominium. [Planner: Ava Pecherzewski – ava.pecherzewski@smgov.net] **Applicant: Harvey A. Goodman. Property Owner: 1048 Tenth Street, LLC.**

Tract Map 06-020, 1025 Euclid Street. 5-Unit Condominium. [Planner: David Reyes – david.reyes@smgov.net] **Applicant/Property Owner: LiveInStyle, LLC.**

Tract Map 06-023, 1433 18th Street. 4-Unit Condominium. [Planner: Gina Szilak – regina.szilak@smgov.net] **Applicant: Stan Scholl. Property Owner: Mary Coley.**

WHEN: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California



HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Case Planner at (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TTY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, and #8 serve City Hall.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

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Tram gets hollywood make-over

HORSEPOWER: Famous tour juiced up

BY VALERIE KUKLENSKI
Associated Press Writer

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. — In recent years, riders familiar with the backlot Studio Tour at Universal Studios Hollywood may have thought they could take over for their tram guide, chatting away about the Little Europe set and feigning fear of the “Jaws” shark and collapsing bridge.

But the tour has added some horsepower, getting its biggest revamp in more than a decade.

The centerpiece is a fiery mechanized stunt sequence from “The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift.” Its one of a half-dozen new or improved elements in the tram tour that debuted this summer.

“I don’t think there’s ever been that many elements that were done at once,” Thierry Coup, the Orlando, Fla.-based creative director of Universal Creative, said while showing off the “Fast & Furious: Extreme Close-Up” project.

All the attractions on the tour must be impressive and durable.

Universal Studios Hollywood creative director John Murdy said research indicates

that nearly every guest at the theme park rides the tram down the hill to hundreds of acres of sound stages, false-fronted buildings and production bungalows.

The tram ride is the park’s oldest attraction, opening in 1964 as the first ticketed public access to the studio lot. But it was ready for another facelift.

“Fast & Furious: Extreme Close-Up” is the hottest new feature. It’s designed to show visitors the pre-visualization, or “pre-vis,” process by which filmmakers use computer models and mechanics to plan lighting and camera placement for the best stunt results and fewest takes.

As the tram approaches the outdoor stage, tram monitors show sequences from “The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift,” the third in the series of street-racing movies. Riders then find themselves in the middle of a scene, with revving cars being strafed from a low-flying helicopter until bullets trigger explosions in nearby fuel tanks.

On the way to the action, visitors pass what those in the movie business call “picture cars,” noteworthy vehicles seen on camera, sometimes with a star behind the wheel.

The display includes the famed DeLorean

from “Back to the Future” as well as the Bluesmobile from “The Blues Brothers” movie, the Ferrari from the “Magnum P.I.” television show, a Dusenbergs used in “The Mummy” movie and even a 1932 Ford Model A seen in Marx Brothers movies.

The 80-foot drenching plunge on “Jurassic Park: The Ride” is “not everybody’s cup of tea,” Murdy said. So the park has perked up its “Jurassic Park” tram experience with the addition of four “spitter” dinosaurs that pop out from the bushes, growl, fan out their hoods and spray water as tram cars go by.

The 1970s version of King Kong still shakes things up in the New York City scene inside one of the sound stages. But Peter Jackson’s remake of the great ape story is the focus when the tram later rolls into the magically dividing pond formerly known on the lot as the Red Sea.

Tram riders now get a look at Skull Island — the home of King Kong — as it appeared in Jackson’s 2005 blockbuster.

To make the scene even more realistic, the studio built a state-of-the-art weather station that gauges temperature, humidity, wind speed and direction at the pond and

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“For the life of me, I can’t figure out why we ever had the Red Sea to begin with,” Murdy said, noting “The Ten Commandments” was a Paramount production, and the only film ever to use that backlot location — Mel Brooks’ “History of the World, Part I” — was released by 20th Century Fox.

In another change, actress and sassy Oscar host Whoopi Goldberg has been cast to host the video presentation seen on flat screens inside the tram.

She has taken over from an assortment of Hollywood notables, including Steven Spielberg, Brian Grazer and Ron Howard. Her narration lends family friendly insights and anecdotes to the attraction.

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Is Seattle losing trees to concrete and views?

BY PEGGY ANDERSEN

Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE — In the past quarter century, this Emerald City in the Evergreen State has lost nearly 1.7 million trees — roughly half the urban forest that shaded yards, parks and open spaces — to population growth, lax maintenance and view seekers.

City officials want to reverse the trend.

"Today I challenge every resident to plant a tree in your yard this fall," Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels said Wednesday. His proposed new Urban Forest Management Plan aims to get 650,000 new trees planted over the next 30 years. "We can all help turn back the threat to our forests, whether it's by planting trees in our yards or volunteering in our forested parks," he said.

Seattle's tree cover has shrunk from 40 percent in 1972 to 18 percent today, a city news release said — undercutting nature's ability to handle stormwater, reduce erosion and clean the air.

One catalyst for the project was "the realization that trees really are an important part of the civic infrastructure ... They produce cooling. They're a huge stormwater-management asset," said John Healy in the Office of Sustainability and Environment, which will take the lead role in restoring the greenery.

"I think one thing we hope to do ... is to dispel the myth that Seattle will be forever green if we continue on this trajectory," he said. "We have to make plans now so Seattle is not 'the city formerly known as emerald.'"

This isn't Seattle's first try, noted Cass Turnbull, founder of Plant Amnesty.

"I haven't seen it yet but I'm pretty sure it's not enough," she said of the plan. "There's a history of a lot of planning but no action in the city of Seattle."

A commitment to maintenance would be a start, she said. "Masses of trees were planted for the millennium and not watered," and many died along parched city streets. "We have the money for this. People are unwilling to part with it. We're going to be looking at a smog-filled Puget Basin and we're going to be taking bodies out of poor people's houses ... Trees are low-income air conditioning."

As the plan stands, she said, "it's not an urban forest program, it's a feel-good program."

So what happened to the hundreds of thousands of trees that gave the city its nickname?

"It's a combination of things," Healy said. "The city's second-growth forest is aging out, so old age is part of it. Invasive plants

like English ivy (are) part of it. Construction is a piece of it."

Sometimes it's all about the view. In May, following a jury trial, a judge on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals paid the city more than \$600,000 after nearly an acre of trees was clearcut in Colman Park, on land that bordered his Lake Washington view property. The judge claimed his gardener misunderstood his trimming instructions; the gardener said he was just carrying out his boss' wishes.

That case is just the tip of the iceberg, arborists say.

Gordon Bradley, chairman of the College of Forest Resources faculty at the University of Washington, praised the idea of making the urban forest "a high priority and actually do something about it, possibly. You'd be amazed at the kinds of innovative programs there are across the country."

A Sacramento, Calif., utility district spends about \$1 million a year on a tree-planting program for the express purpose of energy conservation, he said.

Turnbull said she thought city residents would love an effective urban forest policy. "But they don't have the political clout of the builders and developers," she said.

The construction industry, which has flourished as area population growth has boomed, is anxious about the undertaking.

"We had a little bit of dialogue with Deputy Mayor (Tim) Ceis today," said Tim Attebery with the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties. "We're just requesting a seat at the table when the task force comes together in the fall" to weigh input from the public.

"There's already fairly restrictive regulations in place," he said. "We don't want anything to get in the way of our being able to build affordable housing."

While there was a sense in the city's early history of clearing the wilderness to make way for civilization, the famed Olmsted Brothers, who designed New York's Central Park, were called in early last century to enhance nature in this Northwest town, Bradley said. City arborists have encouraged street-tree plantings through the decades.

To kick off the campaign, the city is giving away 2,000 trees this fall to residents who apply for the Plant-a-Tree-for-Free program. Residential trees make up 42 percent of Seattle's city's tree canopy.

Nickels' proposed 2007-08 budget includes \$500,000 for new park trees and \$400,000 for a Neighborhood Matching Fund Tree Program. A proposal on the city's November ballot includes \$1.5 million to maintain and expand the number of street trees.

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Giant worm is stuff of legends and must be saved

BY NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS

Associated Press Writer

SPOKANE, Wash. — It's 3 feet long, pinkish in color, smells like a lily and must be saved from extinction, conservationists said Thursday in asking the federal government to protect the Giant Palouse Earthworm under the Endangered Species Act.

Long thought extinct, the worm was rediscovered in the past year to occupy tiny swatches of the heavily farmed Palouse region along the Washington-Idaho border.

"This worm is the stuff that legends and fairy tales are made of," worm supporter Steve Paulson declared. "What kid wouldn't want to play with a 3 foot-long, lily smelling, soft pink worm that spits?"

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has not yet seen the petition regarding *Driloleirus americanus*, agency spokesman Tom Buckley said in Spokane.

Normally when the agency gets a request, it will consider whether an emergency listing is needed. Then it will do a 90-day review to determine if the issue warrants additional study, Buckley said.

If it deserves more study, there will be a year long review to decide if endangered species protection is needed, Buckley said.

"When you consider how the Palouse prairie has been utilized, with all the agriculture down there, how anything like that survived the effects of agriculture is beyond me," Buckley said.

He can also see other reasons the worm might need protection.

"If you are a fisherman, it might be a bonanza if you found something like that," Buckley said.

The petition was sent by certified letter on Aug. 30 to Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne, a former Idaho governor, said Paulson, an author of the petition who lives

in Lenore, Idaho.

It's too soon to know if anyone will object to the listing, or what lands might be considered critical habitat, Paulson said. He suspected that only lands that have not been developed, which represent only a fraction of 1 percent of the Palouse prairie, would be preserved as habitat.

The earthworm is native to the deep soils of the Palouse, which were built up by millions of years of volcanic ash and are some of the richest farmland on Earth. Little is known about the giant worms: how many there are, where they live, how they behave, or why they are so scarce.

The worm was first found in 1897, and the species has always been elusive. It can burrow down to 15 feet deep. There have been only three reported sightings since 1987.

The most recent was on May 27, 2005, when a graduate student from the University

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<http://palouseprairie.org/invertebrates/palouseworm.html>

of Idaho, Yaniria Sanchez-de Leon, unearthed one specimen.

The Giant Palouse Earthworm is described as the largest and longest-lived earthworm on this continent. It reportedly gives off a peculiar flowery smell when handled, and can spit at attackers, Paulson said.

Groups signing the petition are the Palouse Prairie Foundation, Palouse Audubon Society, and the Friends of the Clearwater.

Locals are belatedly trying to save the last remnants of the undeveloped Palouse prairie, and the earthworm could play a major role in that.

"Listing the Giant Palouse Earthworm may be the only salvation for the Palouse Prairie," said O. Lynne Nelson, who signed the petition.

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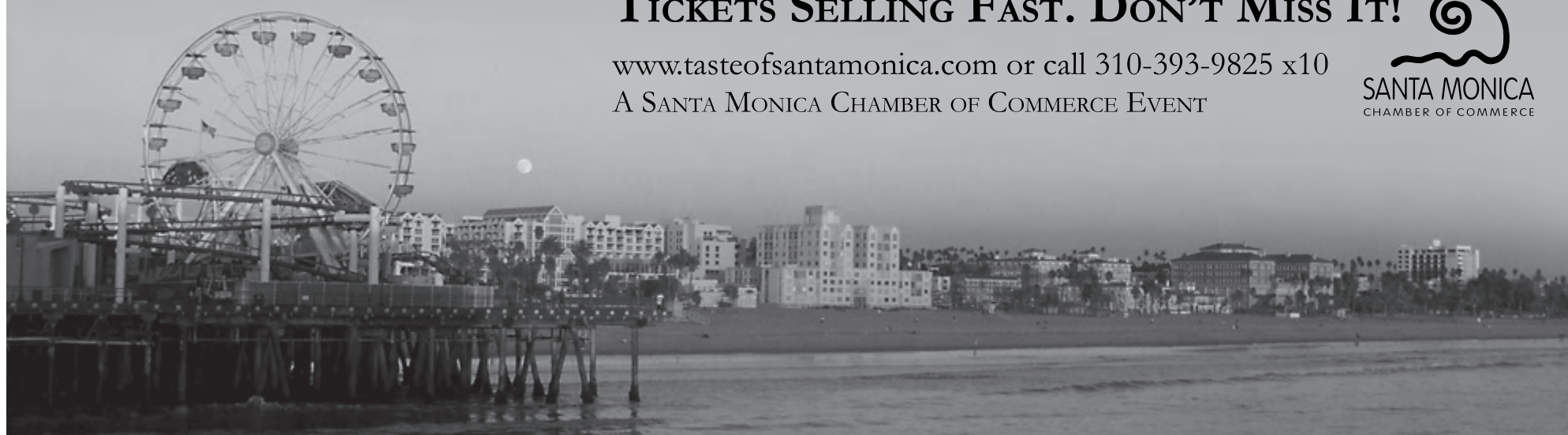
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In Starbucks' shadow, smaller coffeehouses thrive

BY ALLISON LINN

AP Business Writer

SEATTLE — It's hard to find a bad cup of coffee in Seattle, and that's not just because it seems like there's a Starbucks — or two or three — on every corner.

Although more than 100 of the ubiquitous green awnings dot the big coffee corporation's hometown alone, local favorites such as Zoka Coffee, Diva Espresso and Caffè Ladro are proving it's possible to survive and even thrive in the shadow of their much larger corporate competitor.

As other towns worry that Starbucks Corp. will run their local favorites out of business and rob their streets of quirky charm, the owners of several of Seattle's most beloved independent coffee houses say they have found success by going the opposite route of their big competitor — making a selling point of being small.

"We try to stay a little more neighborhood, we try not to be too corporate," said Steve Barker, co-owner of Diva Espresso. "We don't upsell and we don't — we're not mega-merchandise stores. We just try to sell coffee and pastry."

But while Barker and others may toss small barbs at their bigger competitor, they also are the first to note that Starbucks pioneered the idea of paying up to \$5 for a cup of joe, paving the way for them to follow.

"Starbucks is the best thing that ever happened to coffee," Barker said. "Without Starbucks, I don't think any of us would've survived."

The coffee giant also provides a conven-

ient foil for companies such as Diva and Zoka, who point to it as the antithesis of the artisan coffee and quirky feel they seek with the scruffy floors, mismatched furniture and local artists' work that typify the smaller chains — and, in some ways, feed their success.

For its part, Starbucks says that it doesn't do anything to discourage smaller coffee stores.

"Starbucks has kind of raised the coffee awareness in the United States," spokesman Andy Fouché said.

Indeed, Zoka owner Jeff Babcock said he was inspired to get into the coffee business after coming across Starbucks while he was a student in Seattle in the late 1970s. At that time, Starbucks was still a tiny company, mainly known to local residents who frequented its landmark store in Seattle's Pike Place Market.

"They had something that was special," Babcock remembers.

But by the time Babcock opened Zoka in 1997, after a stint in the coffee business in Florida, Starbucks had grown more institutional. He wanted Zoka to have that something special that he remembered from Starbucks' early days.

"I wanted to be the Porsche, not the Ford," he said.

For some smaller coffee purveyors, perks like free Internet connections, dog treats and the occasional complementary cup of coffee go a long way to keeping customers from straying to the big-chain competitor.

Others stress the importance of getting to know the customer, and learning not just

what drink they prefer, but how they like it made — not too hot, with extra foam, or light on the chocolate.

That's been a mantra for Jack Kelly, who opened his first Caffè Ladro in Seattle's Upper Queen Anne neighborhood just two doors down from a Starbucks.

"We said, 'We're going to steal all their business,'" Kelly remembered.

On a recent weekday morning, the narrow, funky space was bustling. Barista Natalie Bardsley estimates that as many as 90 percent of her customers are regulars.

Jud Hendricks has been getting his caffeine fix here at least once a day for about six years.

"The staff is awesome, and I like the idea of supporting a locally owned business," he said.

Starbucks cultivated the idea of being a so-called "third place" between work and home, but some who frequent Seattle's other coffee houses say it still can't offer the individuality of a smaller company.

On a recent sunny Tuesday afternoon at Zoka in Seattle's Green Lake neighborhood, Cezanne Ezekial, a nursing student, was taking advantage of the free Internet access and sipping iced tea in the back corner of the sprawling store. Ezekial said she's come every day for the last month because she likes the atmosphere, it's a good place to study and "it's not Starbucks."

Julia Larsen, another Zoka regular, said the coffeehouse and its familiar faces became her connection to the outside world as she's

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Best of the beans

BY ALLISON LINN

AP Business Writer

SEATTLE — The battle for the best cup of coffee in Seattle is waged long before liquid hits cup, in cavernous rooms where coffee beans are piled high and noisy equipment churns out each company's unique coffee roast.

Many of Seattle's local roasters insist their small scale, decades-old roasting machines and intense attention to detail allows them to make a better cup of coffee than industry giant and hometown competitor Starbucks Corp.

Seattle's Caffè Vita roasts about 3,000 pounds of coffee a day, mostly in 80-pound batches, using circa 1939 equipment. In a cavernous, loud room behind one of the company's shops, the roasters say they judge whether a batch is done by listening, watching and smelling the coffee as it swirls around a big vat.

Several times a week, Zoka Coffee owner Jeff Babcock heads down to the roasting plant located below his corporate offices to slurp spoonfuls of fresh coffee with the small group of roasters, who "cup" — or taste — the coffee twice a day to ensure quality.

By contrast, Starbucks' 350,000-square foot roasting, packaging and warehouse plant in suburban Kent churns out up to 1.5 million pounds of coffee per week, using high-tech computer controls to monitor roasting equipment that can handle 400- to 600-pound batches of beans. The coffee there is subjected to periodic quality checks as well.

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grappled with raising a disabled son. And she said Zoka sells a better cup of coffee.

Many of Seattle's better known coffeehouses have become mini-chains of their own, finding that the scale of several stores helps keep costs down. But several say they would hesitate try to follow in Starbucks footsteps.

Kelly now operates 10 Caffe Ladro stores in the Seattle area, and he won't rule out adding five more. But after that, he said, the company would have to start adding things, like a human resources department, that wouldn't make economic sense.

Zoka's Babcock thinks he will eventually add to his two Seattle stores. But he worries that if he gets too big, his company won't be able to do things like spend weeks painstakingly training baristas using the methods his more seasoned employees follow for the competitive world barista championships.

"I don't want to get so big that the quality ever drops off

in another store, and if we get really big then that would happen," he says.

For some of Seattle's independent proprietors, the decision to keep things at a smaller scale is in part about quality of life. Dow Lucurell wakes up at 4:30 a.m. and gets his first latte of the day at the Uptown Espresso in Queen Anne, before embarking on a 12- to 14-hour day that will often take him to each of the seven Uptown locations he owns in Seattle.

The hours may seem long, but Lucurell says he knows the names of all 63 of his employees and has a job that allows him to have long lunches with his buddies or coffee with his parents. It's a life he says he wouldn't be able to maintain if he were running a bigger coffee chain or trying to answer to shareholders, like Starbucks does.

"I've always had a great niche," he said.

Lucurell also calls Starbucks the best thing that could've happened to coffee. Still, he worries what might happen if Starbucks starts to wane and the company decides to use its clout to undercut competitors.

"When their golden era is over, that's when they start to pressure," he said.

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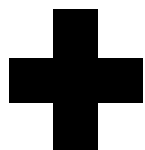
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Johnny Mitchell, holds up his 3-year-old Pomeranian, 'Austin the Flying Lion,' during the Labor Day Muscle Beach Championships in Venice.

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A large section of the beach was closed off to the public until 11 a.m. No one was injured and the investigation is ongoing. The suspects were taken to the Santa

Monica Jail and were interviewed by SMPD detectives. One male white, 17, was arrested and two other juveniles were released to their parents. A female adult also was released, pending further investigation.

SMC ready to move forward

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following years of conflict with his predecessor, Piedad Robertson.

"This marks the beginning of a new era of cordial relations," Tsang said. "We are very happy to have reached a tentative agreement and we are hopeful that it will be ratified by the full membership of the faculty association. The past dispute over this contract, which started long before I came to this college in February, is now behind us.

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Nancy Greenstein, chair of the board of trustees, said she is looking forward to getting down to business as well, however, she said it is important for the board and administration to learn from the experience so that it is not repeated in the future.

"Rather than dwell in the negativity, I'm

just going to try to determine what lessons are to be learned so that in the next round, the board will do a better job," she said. "I am very, very pleased and I hope we can make this agreement permanent."

Simpson said union leadership will recommend ratification of the contract, which will occur within the next two weeks.

In addition to the raises, bonus and the continuation of full medical coverage, Simpson said the contract also includes protections for intellectual property and clarifies computer use.

"Intellectual property is a growing concern in the academic world because of the use of computers and the explosion of new technology," Simpson said. "With that comes controversy over who owns what academic materials. We've clarified that and both the administration and the faculty, I think, will find the provisions fair."

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Garcia not offended

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apologize, because that was not the intention. The fact is that if I would hear those kind of comments in my house, by my kids, I would be upset"

During a six-minute conversation recorded this spring, Schwarzenegger and Chief of Staff Susan Kennedy discussed the ethnic background of Assemblywoman Bonnie Garcia, (R-El Centro), questioning whether she is Cuban or Puerto Rican.

"I mean, they are all very hot," the governor says on the tape, which was obtained by the LA Times. "They have the, you know, part of the black blood in them and part of the Latino blood in them that together makes it."

With Garcia by his side on Friday, Schwarzenegger said he contacted black and Latino leaders, who accepted his apology. The governor said they were more concerned about job creation, education and "much bigger issues," than his private conversations with staff.

Garcia said there was no need for the governor to apologize.

"I am not mad that he recognizes that I am passionate about the issues," she said. "And I am not mad that he allows me to tell him exactly what I think and what's on the minds of people in my community. So again, there is no need to apologize."

Garcia said she and the governor have a close working relationship and that the two joke about her being a "hot-blooded Latina."

Rep. Hilda Solis, (D-El Monte), said that response only causes further damage.

"Words can be very hurtful and they can be used as swords against people and communities," Solis said. "If they chuckle it off as a joke, that's even more hurtful because

that's where stereotypes come up."

The release of the tape comes at a particularly bad time for Schwarzenegger, who is up for re-election in November. His Democratic opponent, state treasurer Phil Angelides, wasted no time criticizing the incumbent for the remarks.

"Once again, Governor Schwarzenegger has made comments that are deeply offensive to all Californians, comments which have embarrassed our state," Angelides said in a statement released Friday. "These comments reflect a disturbing pattern of behavior. The governor has an obligation to conduct himself with dignity."

This isn't the first time the governor has found himself in an awkward position when it comes to women. During the recall election, Schwarzenegger was accused of sexually harassing six women while on movie sets, going so far as to grope them.

Schwarzenegger offered a public apology to all those whom he may have offended during his "rowdy" days as an actor.

The governor recently settled a case with a British television host who claimed Schwarzenegger groped her and made lewd comments during an interview in 2000. Anna Richardson was one of the six women who came forward during the later stages of the recall campaign.

In 2004, a judge dismissed a case brought by a former Hollywood stuntwoman who also had accused the governor of sexual harassment.

Schwarzenegger said his conversations with staff have been taped since February so that his speech writers can get a feel for his cadence and write speeches that truly reflect the governor's tone.

"Because I'm Austrian, I have a certain way of speaking," he said. "I always like to sound like Arnold ... be more natural."

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NASA scrubs shuttle launch because of faulty fuel sensor, will try again on Saturday

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA scrubbed Friday's launch of the space shuttle Atlantis again, this time because of a problem that has bedeviled the space agency before: a faulty fuel tank sensor.

The launch was rescheduled for 11:15 a.m. EDT on Saturday, when NASA will try a fifth time to get Atlantis off the ground and send it to the international space station to resume construction on the orbiting outpost, which has been on hold since the Columbia tragedy 3 1/2 years ago.

Saturday is the last time NASA has to launch Atlantis before it has to go to the back of the line, behind a Russian Soyuz capsule that is slated for liftoff Sept. 18 on a flight to the space station. Both Atlantis and the Soyuz cannot be at the space station at the same time.

If Atlantis cannot lift off on Saturday, it will have to wait at least until late September.

Previous launch attempts over the past 12 days were dashed by a lightning bolt that struck the launch pad, Tropical Storm Ernesto and a fuel cell coolant pump that gave an erratic reading.

This time, a sensor in the hydrogen fuel tank gave an abnormal reading during a test as the shuttle was being fueled early Friday.

Atlantis had been fueled with more than 500,000 gallons of supercold liquid hydrogen and oxygen, the six astronauts had donned their orange flightsuits and strapped themselves in, and the hatch to the shuttle had been closed, when NASA decided to postpone the launch with just 45 minutes to go until liftoff.

"We had a lot of discussion. ... We follow the rules," said launch director Mike Leinbach. "Ought to feel good that we did that."

Atlantis commander Brent Jett responded: "We understand. We concur 100 percent."

The fuel gauges are designed to prevent the main engines from running too long or not long enough during the climb to space. An engine shutdown at the wrong time could prove catastrophic, forcing the astronauts to attempt a risky emergency landing overseas, or leading to a ruptured engine.

NASA managers decided to follow rules established last June that required standing down for 24 hours so engineers can review data when one of the four hydrogen tank sensors fails, said Wayne Hale, shuttle program manager.

"We feel very good that we really need only three of those engine sensors to work," Hale said. "If everything is performing as expected and we just have one sensor that continues to be a bad actor, we'll launch tomorrow."

Earlier this year, the launch of Discovery was delayed by almost two months so four hydrogen fuel tank sensors could be replaced after one was found to be faulty. A similar problem briefly delayed last summer's launch of Discovery on the first shuttle flight since the Columbia disaster in 2003.

Despite four delays, Atlantis is far from the record for NASA's most snakebit shuttle. In 1986 and 1995, NASA scrubbed the launch of Columbia six times after fueling the shuttle.

A launch attempt on Wednesday was called off because of faulty wiring involving a 30-year-old motor in one of the shuttle's three electricity-generating fuel cells. On Thursday, NASA decided to press ahead with a launch without replacing the equipment.

NASA engineers convinced themselves that the baffling electrical problem would not be a safety risk.

Aboard Atlantis is one of the heaviest payloads ever launched into space — a 17 1/2 ton truss section that will be added to the half-built space station. It includes two solar arrays that will produce electricity for the orbiting outpost.

Atlantis' crew members will make three spacewalks during the 11-day flight to install the \$372 million addition.

Construction on the space station has been at a standstill ever since Columbia disintegrated in February 2003. NASA spent the more than three years that followed trying to prevent the problem that doomed Columbia — pieces of insulating foam breaking off from the shuttle's big external fuel tank at liftoff.

NASA hopes this flight will jump-start a series of 15 complicated shuttle missions that will culminate in 2010 with a completed space lab.

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Lawmakers meet in New York to discuss Sept. 11 health-related problems

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Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — The father of a police detective who died after breathing in dust from ground zero wreckage told lawmakers Friday that the government has spent too much time studying the health problems that killed his son.

"We must make the first priority the treatment of the heroes to improve their health and save their lives. The studies should be secondary," Joseph Zadroga, father of Detective James Zadroga, told a House panel at a hearing near the World Trade Center.

James Zadroga died in January of respiratory disease attributed to ground zero exposure. Public pressure has been growing for the government to deal with health problems blamed on the toxic dust at the site following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

This week, a hospital study concluded nearly 70 percent of ground zero workers suffered lung problems, and many of them would likely be sick for the rest of their lives.

Dr. Robin Herbert, co-director of the Mount Sinai Medical Center program monitoring afflicted workers, told lawmakers that new patients are still arriving at her hospital to be treated for 9/11-related illnesses and thousands will likely need lifelong care.

Former Environmental Protection Agency chief Christie Whitman said it was the city's responsibility to force ground zero workers to wear protective gear, not the EPA's because the agency did not have authority over the World Trade Center site.

Many working in the wreckage in lower Manhattan did not wear masks, and Whitman conceded in an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes" that there may have been confusion over the message.

"It's hard to know — when people hear what they want to hear and there's so much going on, that maybe they didn't make the distinction," she said in the interview to air

Sunday.

Whitman said she provided an accurate assessment of the air quality following the attacks, distinguishing between air in lower Manhattan and that near the wreckage.

"The readings (in lower Manhattan) were showing us that there was nothing that gave us any concern about long-term health implications," she said. "That was different from on the pile itself, at ground zero. There, we always said consistently, 'You've got to wear protective gear.'"

In a statement Thursday, the mayor's office made the same assertion.

"The EPA publicly reported that the general air quality was safe and the city repeatedly instructed workers on the pile to use their respirators," it said.

In Washington, the Bush administration said Thursday it will continue to help sick Sept. 11 workers, but would not say what their long-term health needs might cost.

Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt, who met with members of New York's congressional delegation and other lawmakers and advocates, said that by the end of October, Sept. 11 health programs would receive \$75 million.

"If the \$75 million proves to be inadequate, the federal government will be part of a coordinated effort to solve whatever the balance of the problem is," Leavitt told reporters after the meeting. "We have a responsibility. We will meet it."

Reps. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., and Vito Fossella, R-N.Y., said \$75 million is a good start but won't come close to providing all the treatment needed for those suffering with lung problems, gastrointestinal disease and mental health woes.

A Mount Sinai study released Tuesday is conclusive proof of a link between recovery work at the World Trade Center ruins and long-term respiratory problems, doctors said.

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Facebook feature to save time, draws complaints

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AP Internet Writer

NEW YORK — The operators of the online hangout Facebook wanted to help users save time by highlighting changes their friends make to their personal profile pages. Instead, the new feature has drawn complaints from thousands of its users and even threats of a boycott.

The backlash is over Facebook's decision this week to deliver automated, customized alerts known as News Feeds about a user's closest friends, classmates and colleagues. Users who log on might instantly find out that someone they know has joined a new social group, posted more photos or begun dating their best friend.

"It's making it so much easier for people who want to do stalking to stalk," said Facebook user Igor Hiller, 17, a freshman at University of California, Santa Barbara. "Facebook users really think Facebook is becoming the Big Brother of the Internet

recording every single move."

A protest group created on the site, Students against Facebook News Feeds, had more than 600,000 members by Thursday, and more than 80,000 people had electronically endorsed a petition against the feature. A Web journal has even been set up calling for users to boycott the site on Tuesday, a week after the feature's debut.

"Anytime you're confronted with new information about yourself in a public place, it's surprising," said Andrea Forte, 32, a Facebook user and Georgia Tech doctoral candidate who studies online communities. "My initial reaction was mild dismay."

Facebook has long prided itself on privacy.

A user's profile details, including contact information, relationship status and hobbies, are generally hidden from others unless they are already part of that user's network of friends or institution, such as a college.

In addition, users have the option of hiding specific details from certain users, even

ones already designated as friends — choosing, for instance, to show photos to college buddies but not to co-workers.

To join, one must prove membership in an existing network using an e-mail address from a college, a high school or selected companies and organizations. As a result, Facebook has fewer than 10 million registered users, compared with some 108 million at News Corp.'s MySpace.

Facebook's chief executive, Mark Zuckerberg, said Thursday that privacy remains central to the site, but he acknowledged the company misstepped and "failed to communicate to our users actively what it actually meant for them."

All of the information presented had been available before, but a person had to visit a friend's profile page and make note of any changes — for example, noticing that the friend now has 103 friends instead of 102, and identifying which one got added.

Zuckerberg said people "can literally spend 10 to 20 minutes going through all the

information in individual profiles." The new feature, he said, was meant to "surface the most interesting changes" made by a user's closest friends.

Chris Hughes, co-founder of the two-year-old, privately held company based in Palo Alto, Calif., said Facebook's software analyzes such factors as how often one communicates with a friend or views that friend's profile in determining whom a user deems most important.

He added that anything someone chose to hide to a specific person before would not suddenly appear in that person's feed.

Zuckerberg said Facebook was working on giving users additional privacy options.

The safeguards, expected as early as Friday, would let users block from feeds entire categories — such as changes to the groups they belong to — while still allowing people to observe such changes by visiting the profile page. Before, a user had to remove items one at a time from their personal feeds.

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Cabela's retail stores thrive countrywide

BY MIKE GORRELL

Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — In its first year of operation, the Cabela's retail store in Lehi is apparently close to matching the LDS Church's venerable Temple Square as Utah's most visited location.

And it has left behind the state's renowned national parks, even though they have been in the making for millions of years.

The Lehi Cabela's drew almost 5 million visitors since opening Aug. 25, 2005, said James Powell, the company's retail spokesman, surpassing even its own pre-opening projections.

"Based on the store size and (area) demographics, we were expecting 4 million. And we've done that," he said. "I would say it's approaching 5 million. We know when we bring a store like that to a location like that, that we'll get a lot of visitors. We're proud of that fact."

Although Utah Office of Tourism researcher David Williams said he had no outside data that could confirm or dispute Cabela's numbers — or those of any other attraction in the state — he produced 2005 tourism figures that showed Cabela's total would have been second only to Temple Square, which drew an estimated 5.7 million in 2004 and is expected to attract 5 to 7 million this year. Cabela's total was not included in the summary because of the store's mid-year opening.

Cabela's number also approaches the sum total of nearly 5.3 million visitors to southern Utah's five national parks — Zion being the biggest individual attraction at 2.7 million visits last year.

"We're proud of the whole region's appeal to tourists," said Cabela's Powell. "Whether it's Temple Square, or us, or any of the national parks that people come to see, it's good to be in that company."

Visitor numbers should not be confused with tourism numbers, said Utah Office of Tourism executive director Leigh von der Esch.

The Travel Industry Association defines a tourist as someone who travels 50 miles or more (one way) to a destination or stays overnight in the vicinity, she noted. And although there is no way of knowing what percentage of Cabela's visitors came from out-of-state, it seems logical to assume most were from the Wasatch Front.

Consequently, the economic impact normally associated with tourism would not be as great for Cabela's because most spending there would not represent outside money coming into Utah.

Nevertheless, von der Esch said, "they are contributing to the economy. I just came back from Minnesota, and what else do they market there? The Mall of America. Retail destinations are real and legitimate. The hunter from Butte, Montana, who comes to Cabela's spends dollars just as well as a snowbird coming down from Canada for skiing.

"We're just thrilled that (the store) offers one more thing to travelers when they come into the state."

Precisely, said Joel Racker, president and CEO of the Utah Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau, citing the store's massive aquariums, exhibits of wild game and collections of firearms.

"It's been a wonderful addition to the product Utah County has to offer the public," he said. "I look at Timpanogos Cave, Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn State Park, Utah Lake and BYU as the main products. Cabela's is one extra thing that's unique."

Racker has seen other examples of Cabela's impact — new hotels rising near the Interstate 15 exit serving the store, and nearly 5,000 people who used Cabela's discount coupons from an "Adventure Passport" issued by the convention bureau.

Cabela's has encouraged visits, and not just from potential customers. "We get probably hundreds of requests from teachers and organizations, asking to bring school children or tour groups through," Powell said.

Temple Square officials are not the least bit worried about Cabela's unseating the LDS Church's symbolic headquarters as Utah's centerpiece attraction.

"It's just another great partner helping to make Salt Lake City and Utah major players in the tourism industry. It's a positive for us," said Neil Wilkinson, Temple Square Hospitality Corp.'s director of marketing.

"When you have something new coming in, everyone wants to see it," he added. "Temple Square has been here for quite some time so the curiosity factor really is focused on (outside) visitors, and we do get a tremendous number of visitors from all over the world, year after year. Many of the same people who are visiting Temple Square may be visiting Cabela's, too."



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No oversight at BP, audit says

BY BRAD FOSS

AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON — By the time a massive oil-pipeline spill was discovered in March on Alaska's North Slope, the job of BP's senior corrosion engineer had been left unfilled for more than a year, according to an internal company audit.

This vacancy, and others, hindered BP's ability to maintain a "strategic view" of its corrosion prevention activities, the audit found.

The audit also noted that BP Exploration Alaska Inc. had left vacant the top job in its pipeline-corrosion oversight division in Alaska for more than six months in 2005. That division, formally known as the Corrosion, Inspection and Chemicals Group, was headed until the end of 2004 by Richard C. Woollam, who on Thursday refused to testify under oath before a House subcommittee.

Despite Woollam's silence, lawmakers blasted other executives of the London-based oil giant on Thursday for pipeline maintenance lapses and sought explanations for what may have caused the March discharge of more than 200,000 gallons of oil in the Alaskan tundra.

In responding to lawmakers, Steve Marshall, the president of BP Exploration Alaska, said at one point during the hear-

ing that Woollam's "abrasive nature" may have intimidated workers from raising questions about pipeline safety and integrity. Marshall refused to make a direct link between Woollam's behavior and what he admitted were "in hindsight" inadequate pipeline maintenance procedures on the North Slope.

Lost in that exchange with lawmakers, however, was the fact that after transferring Woollam to a nonsupervisory job in Houston in January 2005, the company did not fill the vacancy he left until July of that year.

As of June 2006, when the internal audit was completed, BP still hadn't filled the vacancy left by its former senior corrosion engineer. A BP spokesman could not immediately say whether that position has been filled yet.

The audit said BP Exploration Alaska's "operations integrity" position was also vacant as of June, and it noted that the leader of its "maintenance and reliability team" was "fairly new" to the job.

"Such factors reduce the capacity of the teams to take a broader strategic view of the corrosion management programme," the audit concluded.

The audit was conducted by a team of BP PLC employees that were led by John Baxter, the company's director of engineering.

Starwood using short online dramas to market its hotels

BY JAYMES SONG

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — Starwood has gone Hollywood in its latest marketing campaign.

Starwood Hotels & Resorts Hawaii has created seven independent dramatic films set on and around its seven properties in the islands, complete with central characters, original music and storylines.

Despite their aim to lure travelers, the films have little mention of Starwood's brands, such as Westin or Sheraton.

The shorts are distributed to travel agents on DVDs and posted online at Google video and YouTube.com, where they have received about 1,000 views each in the first two months.

The films can also be downloaded from Starwood's Web site.

Cheryl Williams, Starwood Hawaii's regional vice president of sales and marketing, said she has been getting strong feedback on the videos from customers and people in the hospitality industry.

Starwood for years has produced promotional sales DVDs for travel agents and meeting planners. This is the first time, however, the company has created short films and put them online for everyone to see.

Williams said the company challenged its Honolulu advertising agency, Milici Valenti Ng Pack, to look for new ways to reach consumers and catch the attention of travel agents, who deal with thousands of hotels.

"They came back to us with this idea to create the hotel sales DVD, but also add the short film to draw the viewer into the stories to experience the properties in a more involved and emotional way," she said.

The movies range from 6 to 12 minutes in length and have the feel more of an after-school TV special than a promotional piece. Common themes evolve around family, fate or reconnecting with oneself or others, all with Hawaii's romantic beaches as a backdrop.

"I would not say it comes off as a commercial at all," said Susan Haigh-Bishop, Hawaii regional director for the Cendant Travel Distribution Services, a major online hotel distributor.

"They're not too long, so you can watch without getting bored," Haigh-Bishop said.

The fictional story lines range from the wild Hawaiian adventure of a stuffed animal, "Squishy," who gets separated and reunited with its young owner at the Sheraton Waikiki to a teenage girl who is forced to spend a vacation at the Westin Maui Resort & Spa with her father, whom she has been separated from.

While both videos showcase swimming pools, lobbies and stunning ocean views from the guest rooms, the names of the hotels don't appear and they're not mentioned in the dialogue.

When a hotel's brand is mentioned, it's very subtle.

"To James with Love," a film about a young woman retracing her grandparents' love story to the Sheraton Moana Surfrider, the landmark Waikiki hotel with white pillars, briefly shows the property's name on an old postcard and matchbook but nowhere else.

Since the Internet viewer is clicking on a property's video, they already know what hotel it is, Williams said.

"We didn't feel it was necessary to commercialize it," she said. "The movie is really meant to draw the viewer and customer more deeply into our product."

Williams wouldn't say how much it cost to create the films, but said it wasn't too much more than what the company had budgeted to spend on promotional DVDs that would only reached travel agents.

Qimei Chen, chairwoman of the University of Hawaii's marketing department, said despite the big upfront costs, the films may actually save Starwood money in the long run, since the company is using the Internet instead of paying TV stations for commercial airtime.

The movies may also be more effective than TV commercials, if online viewers enjoy them and recommend them to others.

"Usually, when we do TV commercials, we're actually pushing (the product) to the user, no matter whether they like it or not. We dump the TV commercial on them because we bought the slot," she said. "When you do a film, you're really pulling. You attract and lure people to come and see the film and get the message."

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Still a wild world

Former Cat signs deal with Atlantic

The artist formerly known as **CAT STEVENS** will release his first pop album in 28 years this fall. Stevens, who changed his name to Yusuf Islam after converting to Islam in the late 1970s, has signed with Atlantic Records in conjunction with his Ya Records label, it was

announced Thursday. "I feel right about making music and singing about life in this fragile world again," the 58-year-old singer-songwriter said in a statement. "It is important for me to be able to help bridge the cultural gaps others are sometimes frightened to cross."

The album, "An Other Cup," is set for release in November. His last studio album was 1978's "Back to Earth." "Yusuf's new songs are as moving and timeless as the classics that inspired a generation," Atlantic Chairman/CEO Craig Kallman said in a state-

ment. "His spiritual quest is one of the most extraordinary stories of our time — a life journey marked by courage, devotion and transformation." The London-born singer had a string of pop hits in the 1960s and '70s including "Here Comes My Baby," "Wild World," "Peace

Train" and Moonshadow." After converting to Islam, he changed his name and left the music world. His charity, Small Kindness, provides aid to orphans and families in Bosnia, Kosovo and Iraq, among other regions.

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Playing the trump card: Fake signs go down

Phony signs promoting **DONALD TRUMP's** new golf course have cropped up along Los Angeles freeways, stumping transportation officials and Trump executives alike. Commuters first spotted the fake signs for the Trump National Golf Club in Rancho Palos Verdes a week ago. Since then, California Department of Transportation workers have

pulled down at least four of them. Most mimic the green free-way directional signs common throughout California. Mike van der Goes, the golf club's general manager, said Trump has denied any involvement. "We have no idea who put them up," van der Goes said Wednesday. "I spoke with Mr. Trump and he knows nothing

about them." Nor do leaders of a guerrilla artist group that some suspected as the likely culprit. The group, known as Heavy Trash, attracted attention six years ago with mock transportation signs it erected heralding a fictitious subway route called "the Aqua Line." "We would never support something as wasteful as a new

golf course within the Los Angeles Basin," the group said in an e-mail. The illicit signs have been seen along the Harbor Freeway, near Pacific Coast Highway and next to 405 Freeway ramps. "If more signs are brought to our attention," said Caltrans spokeswoman Judy Gish, "we will remove them immediately."

AP

Nothing news for Lauer, remains put

Don't look for **KATIE COURIC's** former "Today" show partner Matt Lauer to be following her into the night. Lauer said Thursday he has no ambition to become an evening news anchor like Couric, who started this week at the "CBS Evening News" after

15 years at "Today." The variety of the morning show format fits his talents, he said. Within the next week, NBC will air interviews he has done with President Bush and Debra Lafave, a middle school teacher who admitted to having sex with a 14-year-old student near

Tampa, Fla. "At the moment, I don't have another dream job," Lauer said in a meeting with reporters to drum up interest in the debut next week of his new "Today" partner, Meredith Vieira. Contractually, he's not going

anywhere: NBC News, a division of General Electric Co., announced this spring that it had extended Lauer's deal to keep him on "Today" until 2011, at a salary estimated at between \$13 million and \$15 million a year.

AP

HE IS THE RULES

Hong Kong director **JOHNNIE TO** said he followed no rules while shooting his latest film, "Fangzhu," or "Exiled," which premiered at the 63rd Venice Film Festival this week.

"During the shooting, I always did things spontaneously, without following a precise preparation or precise rules," he told a news conference Wednesday.

The film is set in Macau — a Chinese gambling haven near Hong Kong — in 1998 and is about two hitmen from Hong Kong who are sent to take out a renegade member who is trying to change his life.

"Macau was a very suitable place to shoot the movie, with its narrow alleys," To said. "If we had shot in Hong Kong, we couldn't have called it 'Exiled.'"

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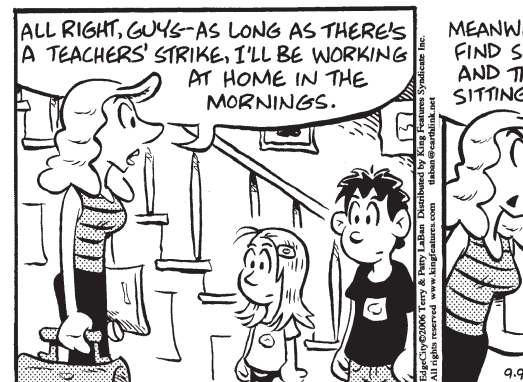
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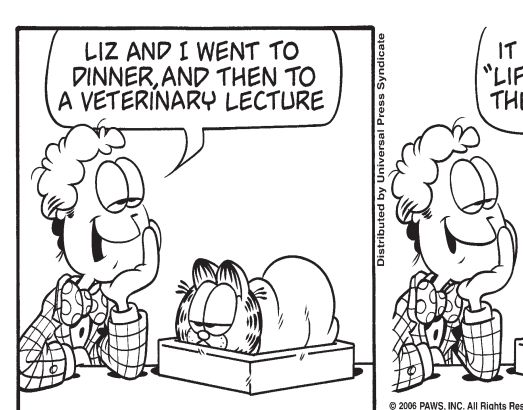
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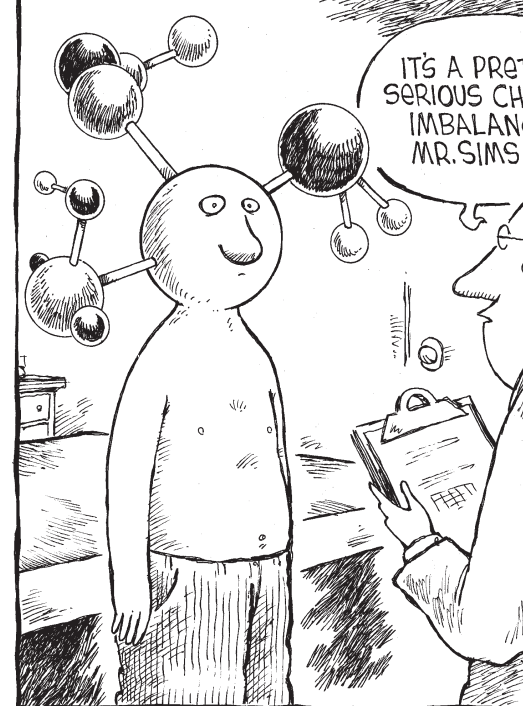
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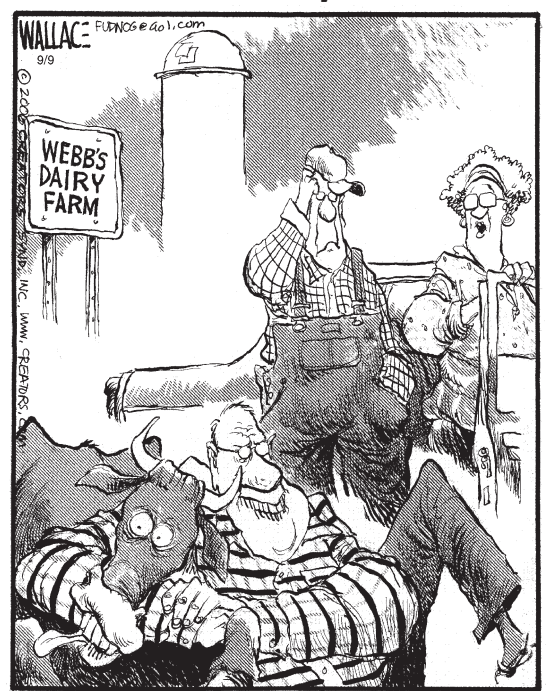
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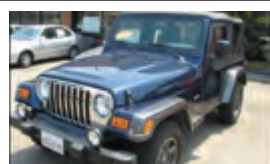
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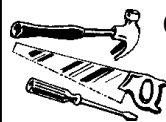
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