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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

The St. Petersburg Times reported in July that Pinellas County (Fla.) Judge Richard Luce was being investigated for losing his temper in May and thus becoming unsuited to sentence convicted attempted-murderer Tam Thane Vo. Luce became angry when he surmised that Vo's mother had raised her hand, middle finger extended, to her forehead in reaction to the verdict, but the mother said she was merely having an adverse reaction to her shampoo.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Instead of getting married again, I am going to find a woman I don't like and give her a house."

— Rod Stewart

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Council puts limits on big merchants

New law aims to attract more small businesses to Promenade

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

In an effort designed to slow the corporate takeover of downtown, the City Council on Tuesday agreed to limit storefront sizes on the Third Street Promenade.

New businesses on the Promenade soon will be allowed only 50 feet of storefront, unless they apply for a special permit, according to the new ordinance.

The move is part of a broader effort by City

Hall to control the balance of chain stores and independent businesses in Santa Monica, where escalating rents and heightened competition have made it difficult for restaurants and small shops to thrive.

Because chain stores typically lease larger spaces, officials believe by limiting them it will encourage small business growth on the outdoor mall, which has become largely corporate. Over the years, many chain stores have leased neighboring properties and torn down the walls to increase square footage.

City Councilman Kevin McKeown said City Hall policies should support the small, independently owned businesses that are

unique to Santa Monica.

"They're being forced out," he said.

Council members, who unanimously approved the interim ordinance, said City Hall will consider exceptions for popular vendors, like downtown's movie theaters, that require extra space. They said the potential benefit of allowing some larger establishments may outweigh the drawbacks.

However, council members said it's important to limit the large retailers and prevent them from dominating downtown.

Mayor Richard Bloom said chain stores are available to consumers anywhere but what's

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Photo courtesy

Santa Monicans Carolyn Beug, left, and Dora Menchaca, with son Jaryd Dorsey, boarded airplanes headed to LAX on Sept. 11, 2001. Both died that day.

Animal rights activists: Get rid of pet owners in Santa Monica

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

If animal activists have their way, there may never again be a pet owner in Santa Monica.

Animal rights proponents asked the City Council early Wednesday morning to officially change the way it refers to people with pets. Rather than call them pet "owners," the group wants them to be called pet "guardians."

Activists say the difference would change the way people treat animals and perhaps fewer pets would be abused.

Bill Dyer, a representative of "In Defense of Animals," a non-profit animal rights group, said the change would also bring

prestige to Santa Monica and improve the way children think of pets. He said the wording is endorsed by more than 200 animal groups nationwide.

Dyer read a letter from Santa Monica resident and animal rights proponent Brendan O'Brien, who could not attend the meeting, that said, "Language is no trivial matter. How we use it effects how we think and therefore how we act."

Dr. Elliot Katz, a veterinarian and founder of IDA, which has more than 80,000 members, said there are two tragedies in contemporary society. The first is that millions of animals die each year in shelters, and the other is

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Lost on 9-11

Santa Monica remembers two local women who died on Sept. 11

By Daily Press staff

Two years ago today, thousands of people perished in New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania. Among them were two Santa Monicans.

Like most cities around the country, Santa Monica will hold special ceremonies and vigils today to remember those who died in the 2001 Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Candles will be lit to remember two local women who were as dedicated to their professions as they were to their families and to the Santa Monica community.

Santa Monica residents Dora Menchaca, 45, and Carolyn Beug, 48, were aboard airplanes that were hijacked and flown into the Pentagon and the north tower of the World Trade Center.

Menchaca was on American Airlines flight 77, which took off from Dulles International Airport in Virginia. Beug was aboard American Airlines flight 11, that originated in Boston.

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Community to join together in remembrance

By Daily Press staff

A silent vigil is planned in downtown Santa Monica today to remember the events and victims of Sept. 11, 2001.

It's part of a circle of hope healing memorial at 6 p.m. in the center court on the Third Street Promenade, between Arizona Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard.

Spiritual and musical reflections will begin at 6 p.m. and the candlelight vigil will follow, starting at about 6:30 p.m.

The evening is coordinated by the Santa Monica Bay Interfaith Council and the September 11 Families for Peaceful Tomorrows. The council is a multi-religious group that provides community services and outreach. The

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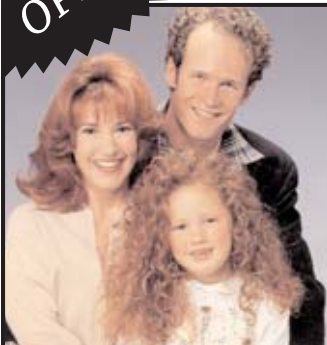
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, September 11, 2003:

How you deal with situations could become very important and key to your domestic life. Often you are overwhelmed and unsure. Discussions with a partner on a one-on-one level could make all the difference in the outcome of events. You often feel as if you are misunderstood or that others misinterpret you. Be as clear as possible. You will have a tendency toward extravagance as you christen a new 11-year luck cycle. Money and opportunity could flow. If you are single, you will meet people with ease. Before you know it, you could be hooked up with someone special. If you are attached, your relationship can and will flourish if you give this person enough attention. ARIES helps you bottom-line situations.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You have the wherewithal to deal with an impending difficult situation. You're naturally tossed into a leadership position. Discussions with a co-worker or associate prove to be quite revealing. Keep talking, and you'll see the answer. Tonight: Do your own thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Examine a partner's or associate's motives before you take action. In fact, you might discover a lot if you just kick back and do your thing. More information needs to come forward in order for you to make a decision. Tonight: Relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Direct your energy and take off in a new direction. Your ability to move past an emotional situation will help you with a security-related matter. Focus on the long-term and what you want to gain. Your insight helps you zoom in on a problem. Friendships abound. Tonight: Consider starting the weekend early.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Make a must appearance. Don't worry about what might be happening on another level. If someone sabotages a project, choose not to get angry and simply address the issue at hand. You might want to take a stronger stand later. Tonight: Work late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Your fiery personality could thrust you into a difficult situation. Pressure builds, taking you down a new avenue. What you don't want to do is burn your bridges or take unnecessary risks. Use care when dealing with funds. Tonight: Take in a movie.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You could say something not intending to trigger someone but ultimately doing just that. Work with an associate and take a risk to get ahead on a project. The more you work with this person as a team, the greater your success will be. Tonight: Togetherness works.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Something that might be bothering you on a deep, subconscious level could impact you greatly, whether you want it to or not. Communications could get messed up because of what you read into a situation. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Pace yourself and clear out as much work as you can. Just because someone doesn't agree with you doesn't mean that you need to let it become a problem. Do not risk financially or emotionally right now. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Use your instincts with a difficult person or superior. Right now words will not fix the situation. Work on that premise, and you will benefit. Relating on a close level makes a big difference with a loved one or pal. Tonight: Add a touch of playfulness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Realize what is going on with someone close. Even though you might not hear the words you want, detach and understand where he or she is coming from. Allow more imagination and creativity into your conversations. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might not want to try anything different right now, but a situation tossed on you by others encourages you to do just that. A friend might be provocative, causing a problem where you least expect it. Tonight: At your favorite spot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Be sensitive to the tone of voice when someone makes a proposition. If it doesn't feel right, perhaps backing off might be more realistic. Visualize more of what you want from a child or loved one. Be willing to take that extra step. Tonight: Your treat.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Hospital recruiting nurses

By Daily Press staff

Like many hospitals around the country, Saint John's Health Center is facing a nurse shortage.

On Sept. 18, the hospital is recruiting experienced registered nurses. The event, which will be held from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., will focus on opportunities available at Saint John's. The hospital needs experienced RNs to work 12-hour shifts from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Opportunities exist in nearly every specialty including the ambulatory cancer center, ambulatory medicine, ambulatory surgery, critical care, emergency room, labor and delivery, and a host of other areas.

The event will have appetizers, beverages and door prizes, and parking will be validated at the visitor's valet lot. Saint John's is located at 1328 22nd St. and the event will be held in the hospital's main lobby. For more information, call (310) 829-8824.

Former homeless people, agencies to be honored

By Daily Press staff

Twenty two homeless people are no longer living on the street and have turned their lives around as a result of Santa Monica's social services.

They, along with the civic organizations and agencies that helped them, will be honored on Sept. 26. It's the eighth annual breakfast and awards ceremony called "Celebrating Success: From Homelessness to Self Sufficiency and Healthy Lives."

The event, sponsored by the Westside Shelter and Hunger Coalition, will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel, located on Wilshire Blvd. The awards program will be held between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.

The emcee of the program is Wendie Malick, who stars in the weekly sitcom "Just Shoot Me."

The cost is \$25 per person, or \$250 for a table of 10 people. Tickets are \$35 per person at the door. Reservations are required. For more information, or to make a reservation, call (310) 828-7010.

The Westside Shelter and Hunger Coalition is an association of more than 25 local human service, government agencies and faith-based organizations whose mission is to provide services for homeless and hungry people in the west LA. The coalition was created 20 years ago to address the needs to the growing homeless population and continues to coordinate services, education and advocacy.

Volunteers for shelter needed

By Daily Press staff

Training for volunteers who want to help battered women and their children will be offered next week in Santa Monica.

OPCC, a nonprofit organization that helps the homeless and battered women, will offer the training, beginning on Sept. 16. The training is held twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and runs through Nov. 13. The training is mandatory for anyone who wants to volunteer for Sojourn services at OPCC.

Since 1977, Sojourn has provided safety and shelter to victims of domestic violence. Sojourn works to empower women and children to regain their dignity and make choices to stop the cycle of violence in families.

Upon completion of the training, volunteers will staff the 24-hour hotline, work in the children's program with support groups and provide administrative assistance.

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MONDAY	2:54	-0.7	2:33	1.9	9:21	4.7	8:36	6.3
TUESDAY	3:27	-0.6	3:12	1.6	9:48	4.9	9:15	6.2
WEDNESDAY	3:56	-0.3	3:49	1.3	12:13	5.0	9:51	6.0
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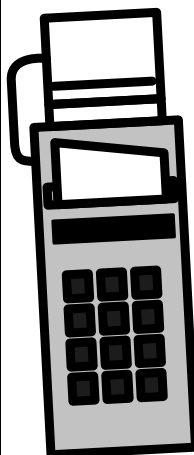
The Q Line

Without a team to call their own, many LA residents are football orphans.

And now that the NFL season has officially begun, thousands of Los Angeles residents are spending their Sunday afternoons at neighborhood watering holes to watch their favorite teams. There has been discussion in the past about building a football stadium in LA and buying a team.

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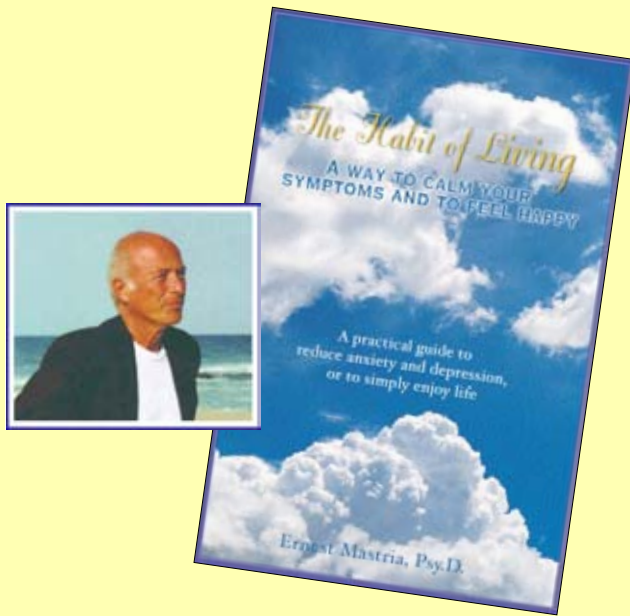
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LOCAL

Law limits downtown storefronts to 50 feet

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really needed downtown is more small businesses. He said City Hall should explore ways of holding back the tide of corporatization.

But limiting chain stores can be tricky legally, officials warn. Because they are corporations with outlets in multiple states, any efforts to curtail chains can be seen as a violation of federal law, which protects interstate business.

Mark Richter, City Hall's director of economic development, pointed to similar efforts by the cities of Santa Cruz and San Francisco that limit the amount of square footage a store can occupy, but stops short of explicitly barring chain stores.

The new restriction isn't aimed at chain stores alone, but at all large businesses, said Kathleen Rawson, executive director of the Bayside District Corp., a non-profit that manages downtown in conjunction with City Hall. Rawson said whether they are chain stores or not, too many large stores can detract from the ambiance of the Promenade, which benefits from a balance of different types of businesses.

The City Council on Tuesday also pushed forward legislation that could make it easier for restaurants to open their doors on the Promenade and increase the amount of outdoor dining there.

Currently, restaurants can rent space on the sidewalk in front of their businesses from City Hall for outdoor seating. Officials

would like that program expanded.

One possibility is putting tables in the center of the Promenade. But City Attorney Marsha Moutrie said that may infringe on First Amendment rights because it takes space away from the public. And Mayor Bloom said because the Promenade is so crowded, especially on weekends, the space is in high demand by pedestrians.

"The dialogue started with, 'How can we not lose our restaurants?'"

— KATHLEEN RAWSON
Executive director, Bayside District Corp.

Those issues will be discussed by officials in City Hall and a decision will be made in the coming months. All of the suggestions originally came from the Promenade Uses Task Force, a group of local business and community leaders that was created to address issues on the Promenade.

"The dialogue started with, 'How can we not lose our restaurants?'" Rawson said. "That's morphed into a variety of issues that we need to be looking at to preserve the vitality of the Promenade and downtown."

Debate over pet 'ownership' unleashed in council chambers

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abuse of women and children, he said.

But after his one-minute time allotment expired, a muzzle was put on Katz' presentation and he was unable to read a letter he prepared for the meeting. City Councilman Michael Feinstein promised Katz would have more time to speak this fall when the matter returns to the council.

Seven cities and the state of Rhode Island have either made the change or added the word "guardian" so the language reads "owner/guardian," Dyer said. Those seven cities are San Francisco, West Hollywood, Berkeley, Boulder, Colo., Amherst, Mass., Sherwood, Ark., and a city in Wisconsin.

City Council members agreed to consider the change and instructed city staff to write two ordinances — one would include "guardian" and the other would have "owner/guardian." The council will decide then which one to adopt.

"This is a good, feel-good (effort) and I understand the ultimate end to it, but people have to take responsibility for their animals," said City Councilwoman Pam O'Connor. "People own animals in our

"This is a good, feel-good (effort) and I understand the ultimate end to it, but people have to take responsibility for their animals."

— PAM O'CONNOR
City Councilwoman

society and I want to be sure that they take that responsibility."

Dyer said changing the wording would not have any adverse legal effects on the community. People with pets would have the same rights and responsibilities under the new arrangement that they have now, he said.

The ordinance would only be an addition to the city's code and wouldn't result in any criminal penalties if a person called themselves a "pet owner."





LOCAL □ STATE



Women who perished are a loss to SM community

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Menchaca wasn't supposed to be on flight 77. She boarded the plane as a stand-by passenger so she could get back early to her Sunset Park home to be with her family — husband Earl Dorsey, then-teenaged daughter Imani Dorsey and son Jaryd Dorsey.

Menchaca was supposed to testify in Washington D.C. in front of the Federal Drug Administration about a new drug being re-leased by Thousand Oaks-based Amgen, Inc., where she worked in the clinical development department. But that meeting had been canceled.

Beug was flying home with her mother, Mary Wahlstrom, after a week of helping her twin daughters settle into their new college at the Rhode Island School of Design.

Beug, who lived north of Montana Avenue, is survived by her husband, John Beug, her daughters, Lauren and Lindsey Mayer-Beug, and her son, Nicky.

The former Walt Disney Records executive was known for her unwavering support for the girl's cross-country track team at Santa Monica High School, where her daughters studied before graduating in 2001. At the team's track meets, Beug would bring food for the entire team. When her daughters were freshmen, she bought all 250 track team members uniforms because the high school was short on money.

Beug, who was working on a children's book when she died, was an acclaimed writer and filmmaker. She had been honored for her work on Van Halen's "Right Now" music video.

Menchaca led Amgen's team that took potential new medications through the clinical trial stage, when they are administered to humans for the first time. She was often called to Washington D.C. to testify before the FDA about the effects

of the drugs.

Menchaca had just watched her daughter, Imani, play in a soccer tournament in Raleigh, N.C. the day before she died. Imani was a star player at Harvard-Westlake before joining the soccer team at the University of Portland as a starting middle forward. Menchaca and her husband were known for not missing any of their daughter's games, even after she moved to Portland.

Join together ...

(This was an e-mail message that was intended for mass distribution.)

We remember the days that followed and that one evening where we all lit candles by our front doors, on our front lawns, our porches, our decks.

This year, let us join together to show that we will not forget those innocent people that lost their lives that morning. The passengers, the pilots, the people that were working at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Let us join together to show our appreciation for the brave firefighters, police officers and EMT personnel that ran to help others. To show our remembrance, our strength, our resolve and our love of our country, let's join together again.

On the evening of September 11th, rain or shine, light up the front of your home, your yard, your street, your walkway, your porch, your front steps.

Take time and remember the events of 9-11, how deeply you were moved, scared, touched. Pray that our nation continues the fight on terrorism so that events such as this do not happen again on our soil.

Pass this along and hopefully by 9-11 it will have reached many throughout the USA and perhaps even the world. What a statement to our nation, our neighbors and especially to those lost on that tragic day.

We have not forgotten.

Events in Santa Monica today

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Peaceful Tomorrows group is an advocacy organization founded by family members of Sept. 11 victims.

The Santa Monica Fire Department will observe a moment of silence at 8 a.m. at each fire station in the city and the flags there will be lowered to half staff. Flags will remain at half-staff until sundown in accordance the Presidential proclamation declaring Sept. 11 "Patriot's Day."

After flags have been lowered to half staff, company commanders will

announce to all personnel and neighbors that they will observe a moment of silence to commemorate those who gave their lives in a valiant attempt to save others. Uniformed personnel will be available to speak with citizens that wish to join remembrance.

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LETTERS

Victim 'pays it forward'

(Editor's note: Melissa Greenstein is a victim of the July 16 farmers market accident. She ruptured her spleen, and broke her tailbone, foot, both of her hip joints and multiple ribs. This letter was originally addressed to the residents of Santa Monica. A photocopy of it ran in the Sept. 10 edition but because of a printing error it was not legible.)

Editor:

Yes, I was a victim of the Santa Monica Farmers Market tragedy on July 16, 2003. WAS ... It has been nearly one month since the accident. I am no longer a victim. I am strong, wise and free. I write this in order to share my strength with all the other victims, including the families and bystanders who came to our aid. The bystanders and emergency personnel had to bear witness to such an unexpected massacre. They too will have long-lasting images. You were our angels on that day. Unfortunately, some were taken from us. I think of them and their families daily. I may not know those individuals, but somehow they are a part of me. We all have an intimate connection that will forever remain.

Yes, I shed many tears including tears for the elderly man behind the wheel. I am sure he and his family are suffering greatly.

All I know is that I have had such unconditional love and support from my family and friends. My renewed relationships with everyone has enabled me to see so much in a different light, a light so precious that I share with all of you. Life is certainly a "circle game." We cannot return or take back what has happened. We can only look ahead now. So let us all hold on together. I know we have the fortitude to do so.

I have returned to my home, Vermont. However, my heart remains open to all of us who were a part of this tragic event.

With all my love and strength that I am able to give, I pay it forward to you all.

Melissa Greenstein
Montpelier, Vermont

Don't dis the commandments

Editor:

I am writing this response in part to the commentary made by the Ayn Rand fol-

lower who questioned the meaning and validity of the ten commandments in our society. Since there is a general hysteria over the issues of religion and with regard to the appropriateness of the ten commandments with public settings, an additional view may provide some enlightenment for your readers.

Religious beliefs within our secular/scientific world have been devalued. Acceptance of the supernatural beliefs required for most religions is becoming taboo. Most people

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Two years ago today ... a writer's deadline revisited

EDGE
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By Ron Scott Smith



(The following is a reprint of a column written late in the night of Sept. 11, 2001. I was doing a weekly radio review for an Internet magazine.)

I sleep with the radio on.

That way when I wake up, I'm dialed right into the friendly early morning L.A. airwaves, getting local news and weather between songs, with time checks thrown in so I know how much longer to lay before facing the day.

This morning though, the airwaves are not friendly. Orson Welles is at it again. The War Of The Worlds, Part 2, or something equally twisted is coming through these speakers. Am I dreaming? I thought that hoax could only play out once.

A fully loaded Boeing 767 jetliner crashes into the 110-story south tower of the World Trade Center in New York. Right. Fifteen minutes later another 767 hits the north tower. A third commercial jet-full of passengers, this one a 757, dives into and takes out one fifth of the Pentagon — the United States of America, that Pentagon — about 40 minutes later. OK, I get it. Ha. That's enough of this science fiction bullshit. I close my eyes to hopefully find a little more sleep.

But I'm just alert enough to hear the tale get taller. Way taller. Within the hour ... first one ... then the other stricken New York City skyscraper crumbles to the ground like it's made of playing cards.

Buildings falling from the clouds on top of the most populous city in the world, at the height of the morning rush hour. How far will these morning radio hoax jockeys go for ratings?

Reality check — how'd the Dodgers do last night? I get up and turn the TV on, but there's no SportsCenter. Instead, on all-sports-all-the-time ESPN there's live news coverage. Ditto the Comedy Channel and MTV. By the time all the channels down the dial are scanned, it's clear this is the only thing on. This is no hoax.

This is a nightmare but I'm wide awake. Another Boeing 767 is obliterated in a headlong dive into the green hills of western Pennsylvania while apparently aiming for the White House. This is beyond the scope of the most delirious sci-fi writer. This is New York City in dust. For real. This is Pitch-Black Tuesday. This is the starkest, most naked horror your eyes or mine will ever see. And that's not even close to all this is.

September 11, 2001 — a flash point where all our lives everywhere on this planet change forever. Get used to it.

Words will fail. But words will try. Two of the simplest are all that seem to matter right now:

Sadness. In its purest state it lies thick in the air across this land. It is simply not a thought to bear, those thousands of our brothers and sisters buried alive beneath the buildings they only entered this morning to earn a living in. It's an image that will not fade out — of giant jet planes slicing through those buildings full speed, head on. And then the two towers that stood so heroically drop like an avalanche, first the north, then the south, unable to stand on its own without its fallen twin. Those airplane passengers — our sons, our mothers — headed away to vacation or

home from vacation. Headed somewhere, anywhere but into the side of a building or the side of a hill. More than 300 firemen right on their task, unflinching, helping crippled people out of crippled towers. But two-ton hunks of metal and concrete falling from the sky don't alter their course to lose hundreds of firemen.

Anger. You could insert rage, wrath, fury. Like sadness, it's here in its purest state. Lost lonely killers with nothing to live for but everything to die for, not wishing to meet their God alone, they take our thousands with them. But they will be face to face with their God all by themselves. Whoever he is, he may not have the welcome for them they expect. And then we watch people 6,000 miles away, fellow human beings with hearts beating in their chests like yours and mine, celebrating in the street. Palestinians celebrating, passing out candy to one another, celebrating, the gruesome deaths of our innocent children, women, men. Despite the hard, cold daily battles you're engaged in, don't take to the streets on this day and celebrate. Don't go there. Your leader, Arafat, is smart enough to at least outwardly show condolence. He's already donated a pint of his blood to the American relief cause. No fool, he wants not to further stir the evil giant. His blood, ominously, tragically, might soon be more useful in hospitals closer to his homeland.

Which brings us to the angry Osama Bin Laden, whose publicly proclaimed obsession to destroy the U.S. already has him labeled as the mastermind of these attacks, before the day is even over. He's mad all right — eaten away by latter stages of terminal religious zeal. It occurs to me that even he — late tonight, when he lies down his head and goes into that truth serum-like zone just before sleep sets in —

even he will wonder, was this too much? He will quickly push such sentiment aside but he must wonder, was this too much?

Americans don't wonder, we know, and now stand united in the sadness and the anger, still in their purest state. That's a bad combination and this nation, as one, will strike back hard and heartlessly.

Many of us have resisted this path for all our lives, have nurtured anti-war instincts since the Vietnam era, and have gotten good at it. But like the kid running with his rougher buddies — the kid who never wanted to get into a fight — once the fight is on and the danger is real, his reluctance disappears. The kid steps up, joins the fray, and finds viciousness born of instincts he may be never knew he had. Instincts he may be never wanted to have.

We're the ones who don't blindly stand behind everything our nation did or does. We don't wave flags in patriotic fervor, which is where much of this worldwide mayhem comes from in the first place. But we stand firm now, as one, in support of major retaliation in defense of our very lives. What in your hell have you unleashed, Bin Laden?

It's late now, or early — the wee hours of the morning. The day has come full circle and left me weary, disoriented, sore, even though all I've done is sit on the left coast of this staggering country and watch intense human suffering on a television.

The radio has been bizarre all day. Rush Limbaugh did not bash any Democrats. Phil Hendrie was intentionally not funny. And stranger even than that, Art Bell was just a normal guy with a radio show talking about Nostradamus and the end of the world.

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OPINION



LETTERS

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watching the protesters in Alabama think of them as zealots or freaks. In this society with its wall which separate government and religion, those who make the proverbial leap of faith are looked down upon. Being religious is simply not cool or hip.

The debate over the ten commandments' appropriateness within public facilities, such as courthouses, has overlooked the commandments' true importance. The Alabama debate which placed God as the centerpiece of the argument was a complete mistake. The ten commandments' historical value provides more than enough justification for the ten commandments' prominent placement in a public setting.

The ten commandments represent laws which the founding fathers considered when creating the laws of the United States. The ten commandments are a foundational document. If other foundational documents were provided for display would there be an uproar? Would anybody be upset if the Magna Carta was placed within a courthouse? Doubtful.

The ten commandment's debate leads to more intriguing questions. The first being why are the ten commandments so offensive to our secular public, politicians and judiciary? The ten commandments are a remarkable set of laws. It is a set of laws believed to be delivered onto the Hebrew tribe from what is believed to be the creator of the human race and the universe. It is this creator, who, prior to the issuance of the ten commandments, had the opportunity to view generations of humans and their interactions with each other and the world. It is this creator who saw both the good and bad of the human species. It is this creator who felt it necessary to lay out these laws in order to elevate the humans. This concept, even if one is secular, provides illumination to our relationship with the world. The additional beauty of the ten commandments is that they are unadulterated. They were not polluted by special interest groups, not pushed by politicians seeking to get reelected at all costs; and not subject to judicial scrutiny as to their constitutionality. If the ten commandments would be offered as legislation within our society, they would certainly be shot down. The likes

of President Clinton and Gary Condit would take care of the adultery commandment. Corporations such as Enron, Worldcom and accounting firms would shoot down the commandments concerning bearing false witness and stealing. The AARP would insist that "honor your mother and father" be amended for a prescription drug benefits which we cannot afford. Federal judges would be offended by the fact that God declares himself as God when it is these lifetime appointed judges who have been accused of believing they were gods within their courtrooms. Poverty groups would be offended by the commandment not coveting thy neighbor's possessions due to their persistent desire to redistribute wealth.

Regardless of whether one is religious or not, the ten commandments contain many things which our society should value. The commandments represent morality and justice as well as purity within law. The fact that people believe that the "Rule of Law" has divine inspiration is of importance and should not be ignored.

For those who doubt the historical importance of the ten commandments, please be advised that one could argue the following legal concepts were in part inspired by the ten commandments: The abolition of slavery, the separation of church and state, i.e., the concept of a society in which there was no human as being a divine ruler. Kings, labor laws providing all workers being provided a days rest, laws concerning the humane treatment of animals (the commandments provide that working animals were also entitled to the Sabbath day off, prohibitions on theft and murder, the concept of perjury and the value of the truth as a means of justice, equal protection and treatment for all individuals, the protection of property rights, and the protection of the elderly.)

With all the relevancy of these commandments to concepts that persist throughout our society, the fact that they were delivered to humankind thousands of years ago is remarkable. In fact, some might say divine.

Edward Singer
Santa Monica

The events of Sept. 11 — whose trauma is it anyway?

The other night: I hear a woman at a literary reading in California describe her reaction to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. I squirm in my white folding chair, looking at the black-painted walls in the gym-like room, at the serene faces of the audience, anywhere but the podium speaker.

"You've got it all wrong," I want to shout and shake her. "How can you know? I was there. I was at Ground Zero. It is my memory, not yours."

She tells about the horror of watching the Twin Towers flame and implode, sitting in her living room in Los Angeles, 3,000 miles away. Her 6-year-old daughter cuddles a ceramic angel to "protect those falling."

"It was not a television show," I have the urge to jump up and scream, like a lunatic in Times Square. I replay in my mind desperate people leaping to a death only slightly less horrible than being consumed by flames so hot I can feel them two blocks away. In a slow moving ballet, they fall through the viscous air. I watch in frozen agony amid a silent crowd on South End Avenue.

The speaker continues her reading on how we are all interrelated, like knitting.

If you pull out one stitch, you unravel the whole. I think about the south tower unraveling in thunderous claps as beam by beam it shreds, pulling its aluminum skin straight down 110 stories and disappearing into a neat pile into the subbasement. In a death bellow, the tower belches a thick gray cloud that pursues and blots out the fleeing bystanders as we race south to Battery Park. Tiny specks of silver rain down on us, the shattered bones of the building and its inhabitants.

Hundreds of feet pound past me in the enveloping fog, but no human voice cries out; there's an eerie lack of panic. I pull my T-shirt over my nose to block the smell of burning plastic, oil and flesh.

"How can you presume to write about your 9-11 memory?" I silently ask the reader. "It's like viewing a painting of a picnic. You receive the emotions third hand. You don't taste the apple the boy is holding. You can't savor the wine his father is about to drink or smell the cherry blossoms overhead. You aren't even

seeing the picnic with your eyes. The artist is filtering your 'memory.'"

It's as if 9-11 is such a core event for the nation, everyone wants to claim a part. "Where were you when Kennedy was shot?" That kind of thing. Millions have memories, but no experience, just a televised report.

The further away people are from 9-11 the more I question the authenticity of their trauma. Without witnessing the towers fall, workers fleeing the Wall Street area did breathe the same foul mixture of chemicals and incinerat-

ed humans as those at Ground Zero. They, too, in their dreams run through chaos in search of safety. But as I look back on Manhattan Island from a ferry speeding to New Jersey, I see an Upper West Side bathed in the clean air of a brilliant blue September day. I marvel that so many other New Yorkers are untouched.

Certainly someone watching a news report in Kansas or Idaho cannot feel the same shock, anger and bewilderment of Battery Park City refugees disgorged on

New Jersey's shore. I find myself resentful when someone far removed from the tragedy appears to bleed over it. I suspect that it is borrowed emotion.

Perhaps it is like that phenomenon where psychologists "uncover" a person's "hidden memories" of child abuse by suggesting it in the first place.

My memories come unbidden as I travel through Manhattan. A trip down Broadway reveals a hole between buildings that opens a once-blocked view to the World Financial Center. I shudder. A walk near the New York Stock Exchange with its concrete barricades, policemen and dog patrols sets off panic bells in my brain. I stopped seeing my dermatologist because her office is on the 74th floor of the Empire State Building. The ghosts chase me from my birthplace. I flee to the far shores of the Pacific.

Those of us living through 9-11 still flashback to the emotions of the day. They are burned into our DNA, embedded in memory. The scars itch when tweaked.

(Harriet Pike Epstein is a native New Yorker who now lives and writes in Santa Monica).

Guest Commentary

By Harriet Pike

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STATE

Are scientists wasting their time in the hunt for little green men?

On the contrary, they're gaining respect

BY ANDREW BRIDGES
AP Science Writer

MOUNTAIN VIEW — For the tiny cadre of scientists probing the cosmos for signs of alien life, the most difficult question isn't always, "Are we alone?"

Sometimes it's the shopworn, "What do you do?" from a fellow airline passenger.

Jill Tarter generally doesn't like to answer that question when she first meets someone. She's director of the Center for SETI Research, as in Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence.

But after four decades of frequent ridicule, the astronomers seeking signs of life in the heavens are gaining some respect. Since 1960, when Tarter's colleague Frank Drake first pointed a radio telescope at a pair of nearby stars in hopes of dialing in an alien broadcast, there have been about 100 searches for ET signals.

No space aliens have been found.

But new planets have. Astronomers have located more than 100 outside our solar system since the first was discovered in 1995.

Whether those distant worlds teem with life, much less intelligent life, remains unknown. But each new discovery further energizes the search for ET.

Even NASA — shaken from its second disaster in manned space flight — is getting back into the act. It's been a full decade since it cut off money for SETI amid cries in the halls of Congress that it was bankrolling a hunt for "little green men."

Some scientists are beginning to talk in terms of when, not if, they'll be able to

answer a question that's vexed humankind probably since we first peered upward at the stars that pierce the dark.

For Martin Rees, Britain's astronomer royal, finding that answer represents the main exploratory challenge of the next half-century.

"Our cosmic importance depends on whether we are alone or not," Rees said in a telephone interview from Cambridge, England.

It's also worth answering simply because it is such a big question, Rees added: "The main aim of science is to take steps toward answering the big questions."

It's that sentiment that keeps the hunt going, even without positive results.

"It's a great goal. That is a lot of what sustains you — the payoff," said Kent Cullers, director of research and development for the Center for SETI Research. "That's why we keep the champagne on ice."

Even SETI skeptics, like University of California, Los Angeles astronomer Ben Zuckerman, concede it's three things — cosmology, black holes and the search for life in the universe — that drive public support for his field.

"And a substantial fraction of the funding comes from the third of those," Zuckerman said in a telephone interview from atop Mauna Kea, where he was using the Keck Observatory to investigate the formation of planets around young stars in the Milky Way.

So how do you carry out such a search?

Directly listening for a signal by far has been the most popular approach, at least judging from its appeal to the general public.

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CALIFORNIA BRIEFS

Jury to decide bus hijacker's sentence

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A man who hijacked a city bus and led police on a downtown chase that ended when he crashed into a van, killing a Norwalk woman, was convicted of murder, attempted murder, robbery, kidnapping and evasion of an officer resulting in death.

The same jury will decide during the penalty phase, which begins today, whether Carlos Ray Garcia, 40, of suburban Reseda will be sentenced to death or life in prison without possibility of parole.

Garcia commandeered the MTA bus in May 2001 near 8th and Blaine streets after shooting and wounding a man. Garcia grabbed the bus driver by the neck and held a gun to her head.

With officers in pursuit, the bus sped through traffic, weaving and running red lights before it broadsided a van driven by Guadalupe Arevalos, 34, of Norwalk, prosecutors said. Arevalos was killed.

School district: Irradiated food is bad

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The school district has banned use of irradiated food from campus cafeterias.

Irradiation exposes meat, fish, fruits and vegetables to low doses of electrons or gamma rays to destroy deadly microorganisms such as E. coli and salmonella. But some consumer groups said there hasn't been enough research on whether it destroys essential vitamins, possibly endangering health.

"The consequences of using our children as guinea pigs, in the second-largest school district in the country, is very frightening to me," school board member Julie Korenstein said Tuesday. "I believe we need to err on the side of caution."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture last year decided to allow irradiated meat to be served to millions of children enrolled in federally subsidized lunch programs.

STATE



New planets have been found, but not with new life

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As of early August, 4.6 million people have signed on to one SETI project alone, run by the University of California, Berkeley. The Web-based project enlists idle computer time and processing power to scan packets of data collected by the mammoth radio dish at Arecibo, Puerto Rico, for traces of alien signals.

That level of interest is not matched by employment in the field or the modest private funding, merely in the millions of dollars.

The SETI Institute's Drake estimates that just 20 people work full-time on the hunt for extraterrestrial intelligence, with maybe 40 more working part-time.

SETI's not likely to grow much bigger anytime soon, but it is about to get a whole lot stronger, faster and cheaper.

When he started out in 1960, Drake used an 85-foot diameter dish in West Virginia to check out just two stars.

This fall and coming spring, SETI hopes to wrap up a survey of 1,000 nearby stars similar to our sun, listening to each for five minutes for a trace of an alien signal.

The survey's completion would mark the finale of a project initially funded by NASA but dropped after a year.

The SETI Institute picked up the search. It uses equipment at Arecibo and Britain that is 1 quadrillion times more powerful than the operation Drake cobbled together 43 years ago.

Further advances in computing power and a drop in price should allow for searching even more stars over a greater number of frequencies and with vastly improved sensitivity, Drake said. He estimates SETI's power doubles every 250 days.

To capitalize on that, the SETI Institute and Berkeley together are building an array of 20-foot diameter radio telescopes in northern California that should be capable of surveying 1 million stars over a decade.

Three of the dishes are in place now; it should bristle with 350 by 2006. Microsoft Corp. co-founder Paul Allen is bankrolling much of the cost.

And a slew of teams around the world are proposing building an array of telescopes 100 times larger. Tarter predicts that such advances will allow SETI to canvass much, if not all, the Milky Way and its 100 billion-plus stars within several decades' time.

Drake, using an equation he devised and which now bears his name, estimates there could be 10,000 technologically sophisticated civilizations in the galaxy. The implications of contact with just one are hard, if not impossible, to gauge.

To think that Hollywood's take on the issue — from "The Day the Earth Stood Still" to "Mars Attacks!" — might serve as a roadmap can be chilling.

In fact some feared that a 1974 effort, the first of its

kind, to deliberately broadcast a radio message to a cluster of 300,000 stars would do little more than alert hostile aliens to our presence.

However, there really isn't too much to fear about physical contact, much less dialogue, with an alien civilization should a signal be detected. Bridging interstellar space takes lots of time. Even a simple conversation, across distances measured in light years, would be tedious at best.

Answers to questions could come thousands of years after they were posed. The 1974 message, sent from Arecibo, still has 25,000 years to go before it hits anyone's inbox.

"It's more like the dialogue you have right now with Shakespeare or the ancient Romans," Tarter said of the possibility of receiving an alien signal. "You can't necessarily ask them questions. You have to infer the knowledge that you want to gain from what it is they have told you."

The odds of making contact remain incredibly slim, even SETI boosters acknowledge.

For UCLA's Zuckerman the fact that no civilizations have come calling during the several billion years since life arose on Earth is strong evidence that there are no such creatures beyond Earth.

Any technologically sophisticated civilization, he reasons, would have surveyed the galaxy and spotted the telltale chemical signatures of life, including oxygen. Such aliens would be hard-pressed not to come visit, Zuckerman believes.

Critics of such views say that merely anthropomorphizes the issue: What if aliens are nothing like, say, curious astronomers, but more like sullen teens — or meditative swamis?

"You could have intelligent life living a contemplative life on the bottom of the ocean and not wanting to communicate," Rees suggested.

For those undaunted by the quest, like Jill Tarter, there is no time like the present to keep asking the fundamental question of our cosmic uniqueness.

"I realized I lived in the very first generation of all human beings that had ever lived that could try and answer this question that humans have been asking themselves forever — and by doing an experiment, rather than asking the priests and the philosophers and having a belief system give you an answer," Tarter said. "There's only one time in history that that's going to happen, and I happen to be living at that time."

That sort of reasoning has drawn NASA back into the game. The types of searches SETI is undertaking and those NASA is about to undertake are different, yet complementary — and are likely to grow even more so, said Charles Beichman, chief scientist for astronomy and physics at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The space agency has a trio of space telescopes on the drawing board that would seek out planets like our own. Such planets presumably would become SETI's No. 1 targets, drawing the programs even closer. The first of the NASA missions is expected to launch in 2006.

SETI efforts also could be bolstered by the discovery of life — even microbial life — much closer to home. Scientists believe Mars and Europa, a moon of Jupiter, could harbor life deep in the dust and ice, respectively, covering each. A British mission is also en route to the Red Planet, where beginning in December it will scratch the surface and sniff the air for evidence.

While such microbes are unlikely to be proficient radio operators, their discovery inside the bounds of our solar system would open up the hunt for intelligent life forms within the greater galaxy, said Rees, the British astronomer.

"If you could say life arose twice, independently, in one solar system," he said, "that would tell you straight away the origin of life didn't involve a rare fluke and there must be some sort of life on millions of other planets."



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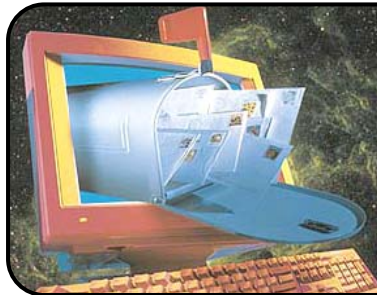
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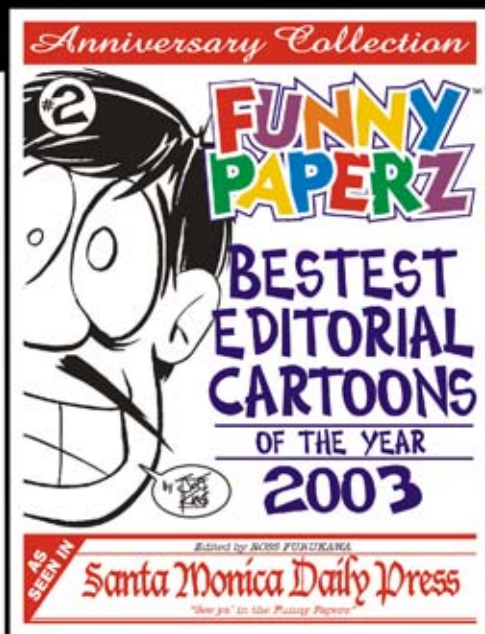
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Warplanes flatten Hamas leader's home

By The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli warplanes on Wednesday flattened the home of a Hamas leader Mahmoud Zahar, wounding him and killing his son and a bodyguard, in retaliation for twin suicide bombings that killed 15 Israelis a day earlier.

In targeting Zahar's home, Israel signaled a further escalation in its campaign against the Islamic militant group. Israel has killed 12 Hamas members in air strikes in the past three weeks, but Wednesday marked the first time it attacked a Hamas leader in his home.

Tuesday's suicide bombings went off five hours apart, first at a bus stop crowded with soldiers near Tel Aviv, then at a popular Jerusalem coffee house. Dozens of bystanders were maimed and wounded in the attacks.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon cut short a visit to India, and was to hold security consultations immediately upon landing early Thursday. Two strategic decisions — whether to expel Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat or order a large-scale invasion of the Gaza Strip — will be on the agenda, a security official said on condition of anonymity.

Bali nightclub bomber sentenced

By The Associated Press

BALI, Indonesia — Judges sentenced an Islamic militant to death by firing squad after finding him guilty Wednesday of being the "intellectual mastermind" behind last year's deadly nightclub bombings on the resort island of Bali.

"Imam Samudra has been clearly proven to have planned a terrorist act, and we hand down the sentence of death," Judge Wayan Sugawa said.

Samudra shouted "God is Great!" after the verdict was read, while several people in courtroom cheered.

"Go to hell, you infidels!" he shouted in English, pumping his fist into the air as he was led out of court.

Samudra, 33, an Afghan-trained fighter, has said he wants to die as a martyr. But during the trial he denied the charges that he had commanded the group of militants who carried out the Oct. 12 attack that killed 202 people, mostly foreign tourists.

Prosecutors said Samudra selected the recruits and helped fund the attacks. His goal, they said, was to avenge the treatment of Muslims at the hands of the United States and Israel. Almost half of the victims of the twin blasts were Australian tourists, while seven were from the United States.

'Father of the H-bomb' dies at 95

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Edward Teller, a member of the Manhattan Project that created the first atomic bomb and who later emerged as the foremost champion of the vastly more destructive hydrogen bomb, has died. He was 95.

Teller, dubbed the "father of the H-bomb" and a key advocate of the anti-missile shield known as "Star Wars," died Tuesday at his home on the Stanford University campus.

In 1939, he was one of three scientists who encouraged Albert Einstein to alert President Franklin Roosevelt that the power of nuclear fission — the splitting of an atom's nucleus — could be tapped to create a devastating new weapon.

Teller also will be remembered for his role in destroying the career of his one-time boss, Robert Oppenheimer — which alienated Teller from many of his colleagues. Teller claimed Oppenheimer, who had directed the Manhattan Project, had slowed development of the H-bomb, allowing the Soviet Union to catch up.

Teller was born Jan. 15, 1908, in Budapest. He received his university education in Germany, earning a Ph.D. in physics at the University of Leipzig. In 1935, Teller and his wife, Mici, came to the United States.

Mici Teller, his wife of 66 years, died in 2000. He is survived by his son, Paul Teller, his daughter, Wendy Teller, four grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Sept. 11 tributes to be held across the U.S.

By The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — A nation still horrified by the Sept. 11 attacks will mark the second anniversary with moments of silence and bursts of patriotic song, by gathering in peaceful memorial gardens and busy public squares, and by reaching out to each other.

In Portland, Maine, plants from the garden of a couple killed on American Airlines Flight 11 will bloom at a memorial honoring the seven people from the state who died.

And in Tampa — home of Central Command and U.S. Special Operations Command, the two leading commands in the war on terror — Harley-Davidson riders will raise money for the widows and orphans of police officers, firefighters and Special Operations forces who have died.

The sites where more than 3,000 people died that day — Manhattan's ground zero, the Pentagon, and the field in Shanksville, Pa., — will again be center stage for the day.

President Bush will observe a moment of silence on the South Lawn at 8:46 a.m., the time the first plane hit the trade center.

Vice President Dick Cheney will attend a memorial service at ground zero and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld take part in a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

At 10:06 a.m., bells will toll in the rural communities throughout southeast Pennsylvania, where United Airlines Flight 93 crashed.

NATIONAL



Lifesavers: Sometimes, illegal aliens are glad to be caught

BY LUKE TURF
Associated Press Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — Anagelli Angeles woke up, and her water was almost gone.

Before she started her trek into the United States, the 18-year-old thought the Border Patrol was more dangerous than the desert to illegal immigrants. She was wrong.

Later that day, when Border Patrol agents Keith Jones and Scott Harper picked up the footprints of Angeles and her companions, they knew the trail was fresh and jumped on it.

Harper and Jones are in their mid-30s and part of BORSTAR, short for Border Patrol Search, Trauma and Rescue. The unit's teams are specially trained to respond to emergency search-and-rescue situations anywhere in the United States, according to a Department of Homeland Security Web site. The unit's training includes medical skills, technical rescue, navigation, communication, swiftwater rescue, and air operations.

On Angeles' trail, the first two illegal immigrants Harper and Jones encountered were men overcome by the heat. Both Mexicans are in their 30s, and both sought shade under their shirts. One had what the agents call the thousand-yard stare — a blank look in which the victim is unaware of surrounding deadly conditions and unresponsive to Border Patrol questioning.

"It's a dead-heat race to get to them before they die," Harper said.

It's arguable whether Angeles would have made it

home to Hidalgo if BORSTAR hadn't caught her. She didn't qualify for one of the official rescue statistics the Border Patrol keeps — she wasn't sent to a hospital, and death wasn't imminent. But her case is a perfect example of the fine line between rescue and apprehension.

So far this year, 301 people have been rescued by BORSTAR in the agency's Tucson sector and at least 959 nationally, according to the agency's national spokesman, Mario Villarreal.

After the crew of a Border Patrol helicopter — in the neighborhood by coincidence — pointed out 25 illegal immigrants wandering in the desert less than a mile north of state Highway 86, Jones picked up the pace to a jog, like a frantic parent looking for a lost child.

All of the illegals were happy to see their captors.

"I was scared I'd die," said Macilino Libre, 46, one of the oldest in the group with Angeles.

After the amigos, as Harper and Jones called them, were rounded up, they were ordered to sit down. People out in the heat are often frantic when agents reach them and can be difficult to control, the agents said.

When the agents found out Angeles had been vomiting all day, she became the priority. More agents were on the scene, and another BORSTAR agent, Paul Farmer, tended to her quickly. He ordered a male immigrant out of the shade so Angeles could sit there.

Farmer raced to take her vital signs. Like most of the group, Angeles was sipping from a green foil bag known as a "sqwincher," an electrolyte-replacement drink for rehydration.

"I felt really sick. I didn't think I'd make it," Angeles said.

Because no one had looked at a map during the year they claimed to have been planning their trip, they thought it was only a few more hours of walking time to make it to Phoenix.

Farmer cracked two ice packs and put them on Angeles' shoulders to cool her quickly through two main arteries.

Angeles was shaking at this point.

"If she's able to keep these fluids we just gave her down, then she'll be OK. If not, then we'll have to give her an IV and most likely bring her to the hospital," Farmer said.

Then she would have officially been a rescue.

It wasn't obvious to the untrained eye how bad Angeles' condition was until after she jumped out of the air-conditioned Border Patrol vehicle they had stuck her in to cool off. Before, all the life and emotion had left her. When she popped out of the truck smiling, sipping on one of the agent's drinks from earlier in the day, she was a normal 18-year-old, full of energy.

Twelve gallons of water and 27 sqwinchers later, the white vans filled with Mexicans take off, kicking up dust as they cross from unpaved desert to the paved highway.

For Jones, Harper and Farmer, it was a good day. Not every day is.

"This could've been a disaster," Jones said.

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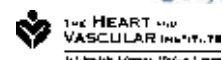
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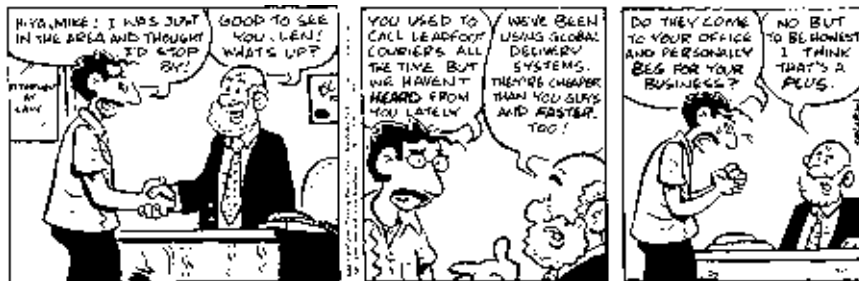


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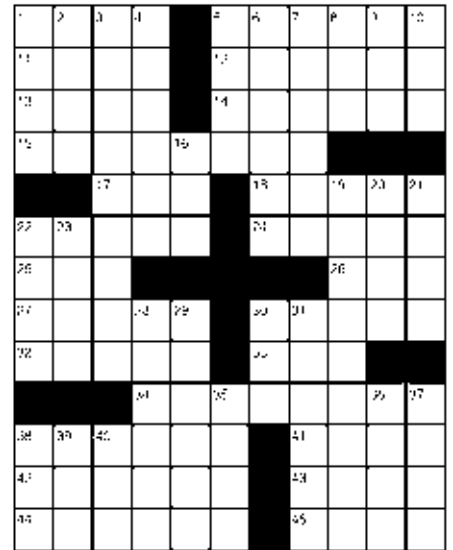
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Giorgio Armani first honoree on 'Walk of Style'

By The Associated Press

■ **BEVERLY HILLS** — The opulence of Rodeo Drive was cloaked in the legendary style of Giorgio Armani as the Italian fashion designer was inducted as the first honoree on the Rodeo Drive Walk of Style.

Armani was presented Tuesday night with a small statuette, a replica of a 14-foot, torso-shaped sculpture created by artist Robert Graham that hovers over the famed shopping avenue. A plaque with an Armani signature and quote will be embedded in the sidewalk later.

The 69-year-old designer has spent more than two decades dressing the rich and famous in elegant, understated creations. Tuesday was no exception as the diminutive, perpetually tan designer was feted by stars including Harrison Ford, Steve Martin, Jodie Foster, Michelle Pfeiffer, Diane Keaton and master of ceremonies Samuel L. Jackson.

Foster, wearing a beaded dress, said being fitted by Armani was like being painted by Picasso. Ford thanked Armani on behalf of men for "paying attention to us."

"I've always thought of my job as a way of connecting to people through my clothes," said the designer, wearing a slate gray T-shirt and pants. "Tonight I feel the same way."

Armani is the first recipient of the award from the city and the Rodeo Drive Committee, a business group made up of landowners, hoteliers and merchants. Other designers will be added to the walk in the future.

■ **NEW YORK** — Sharon Osbourne said she briefly left her husband, Ozzy, around the time their teenage son, Jack, entered rehab this spring.

The Osbourne matriarch said that while the family was waiting for a bed to become available for Jack at a treatment center, her rock-star husband continued abusing alcohol and prescription drugs himself.

"I just said, 'You just have to stop,' and he didn't.

And I said, 'Well then, I'm going.' And I packed my bags, and I left," Sharon Osbourne told Barbara Walters in an interview for ABC's "20/20."

The separation lasted just a few days, she said.

"The minute I left, the next morning, he gave up drinking. But I needed to make sure that he was on a roll. That he really meant it," the 50-year-old Osbourne said. "And, after four days, I came back to see him. And he was trying so hard. So hard. Still is clean and sober."

Jack Osbourne, who spent two months in rehab for alcohol and drug abuse, acknowledged that he tried to commit suicide because he was so depressed about his mother's colon cancer, which is now in remission.

"I attempted to overdose," said the 17-year-old, who gained fame with the rest of his family on the MTV series "The Osbournes." "Take a whole bunch of pills and drink some absinthe."

The interview is scheduled to air at 10 p.m. EDT Friday.

■ **CANCUN, Mexico** — British rock group Coldplay is campaigning to give poor countries better access to global trade, but don't expect their activism to show up in their music anytime soon.

"It's very hard to find things that rhyme with North American Free Trade Agreement," lead singer Chris Martin, sweating in black clothes and sunglasses on a Cancun beach, said Tuesday.

Martin and Coldplay guitarist Jonny Buckland hoisted four giant green letters spelling "HOPE" on a beach near Cancun's convention center, where ministers from 146 World Trade Organization countries are trying to come up with a global deal to liberalize trade.

Coldplay is participating in a campaign called Make Trade Fair, which has collected more than 3 million signatures from around the world urging the WTO to make their rules benefit poor nations as well as rich ones.

Martin, who is dating Gwyneth Paltrow, and

Buckland delivered the petition to WTO Director General Supachai Panitchpakdi.

"We'd like to raise awareness about the idea of more fair trade around the world," Martin said. "Free trade is a great idea. It's just that we in the West do anything but stick to it."

Martin said he has tried to write songs with a fair-trade message, but the results haven't been pretty.

■ **LOS ANGELES** — Mary Costa got some high-profile coaching when she performed the voice of "Sleeping Beauty" in Disney's 1959 animated classic.

Walt Disney himself lectured the opera singer on the fine points of voicing a cartoon.

"I was always a little bit nervous because I was in awe of him," said Costa, 73, who was in her 20s when she played the part of Princess Aurora. "He said that he was very pleased with what I was doing but that he always wanted me to keep my voice very clear."

That's not all the advice she got from the cartoon mogul, who spent a then-exorbitant \$6 million and nine years to make "Sleeping Beauty."

"He said, 'You protect yourself so that you don't get a cold,' and he said, 'Before the recording sessions you be sure that you have a warm meal at least two hours before,'" Costa told The Associated Press in an interview to promote Tuesday's DVD release of the cartoon fairy tale.

There was more. "He said, 'You be sure you always exercise the vocal cords before you come over, hum or read lightly. Always have at least nine hours of sleep before you come over for a recording session, and always do some physical exercise to get yourself ready. The entire thing is a physical exercise,'" Costa said.

Costa said she didn't realize until years later why he showed such particular interest in her voice work.

"It dawned on me that he had done (the voice) of Mickey Mouse for so many years, and he had to keep that voice high," she said. "So he had to do all those things."

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