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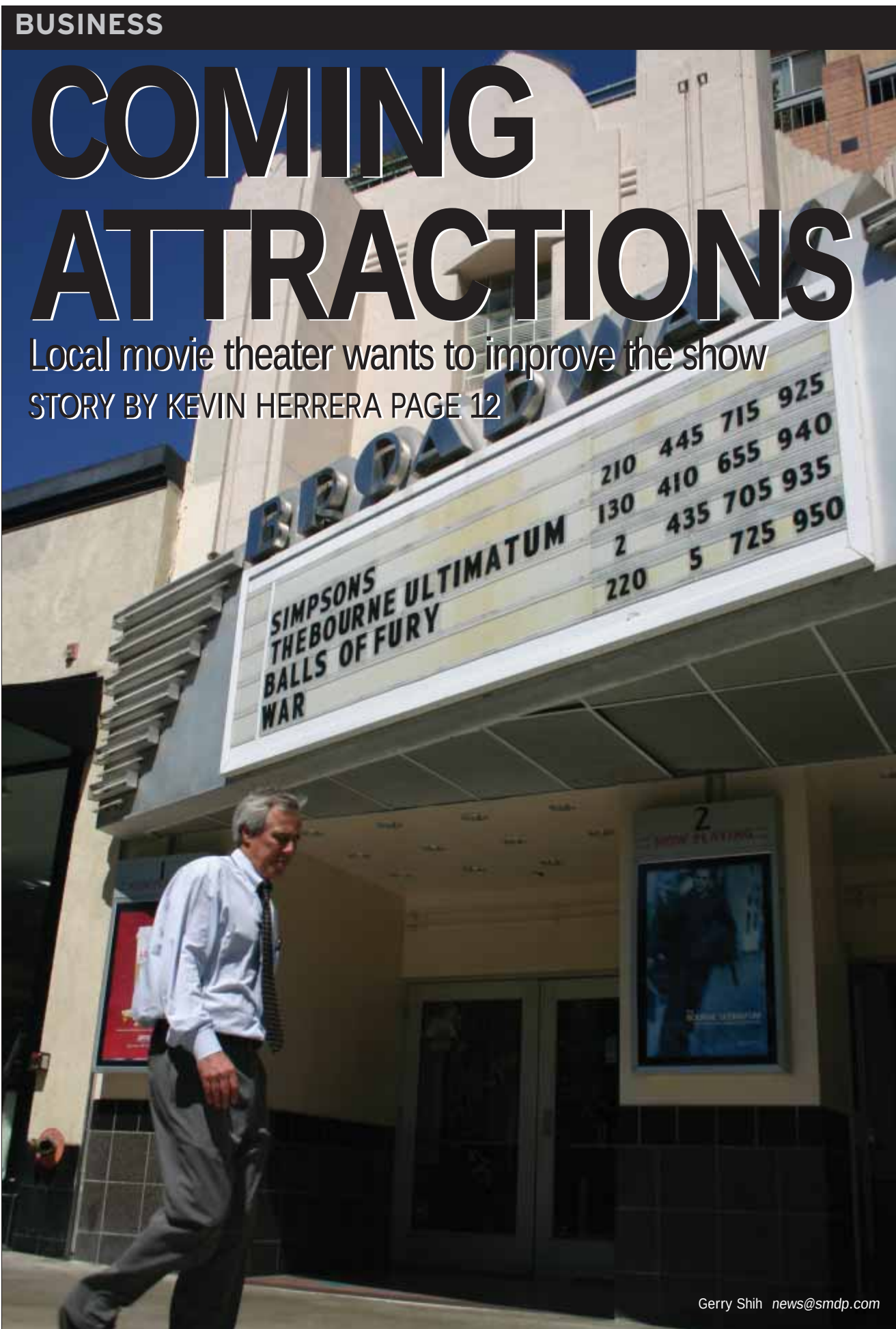
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Speaking the king's English

Fairmont Miramar Hotel denies ordering staff to speak English

BY KEVIN HERRERA | Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Executives with the Fairmont Miramar Hotel on Tuesday denied having a policy in place that forces their employees to speak English while on the job, something which the union representing hotel workers claims has been in effect since July.

Representatives with UNITE-HERE Local 11 and the luxury hotel at 101 Wilshire Blvd. are in the midst of contract negotiations, which have stalled in recent weeks.

The controversy over an English-only policy surfaced in July, when the Fairmont's 370-plus workers were reminded during an employee meeting to speak English while working in guest areas and in places where guests can hear them speak.

Employees notified union representatives and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), which wrote a letter to hotel management warning them to immediately withdraw any policy that requires staff to exclusively speak English when on the clock, charging it violates the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act and other civil rights statutes.

An attorney for the ACLU said this week that the state employment law was recently amended to prohibit employers from requiring workers to speak English only without a valid business necessity and without giving them adequate notice.

A business necessity means "an overriding legitimate business purpose," such that the English-only rule is necessary for the safe and efficient operation of the business; the rule effectively fulfills the business purpose it is supposed to serve; and there is no alternative to the rule that would accomplish the same purpose equally well with a less discriminatory impact.

In a letter addressed to the ACLU last month, executives from the Fairmont denied that the hotel maintains an English-only policy, however, "the hotel encourages the colleagues to speak the guest language in public areas and when interacting with guests."

Ellis O'Connor, general manager for the Fairmont, said most hotels encourage such behavior and that a "guest language" could vary from English to French to Spanish to any other foreign tongue, dependent upon the guest.

"The hotel considers this to be an imperative aspect for

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Tree-savers meeting

Santa Monica Place Mall, 7 p.m.

A public 'Tree-Savers Meeting' will take place to discuss new strategies to convince the Santa Monica City Council to reverse their vote to uproot the ficus trees on Second and Fourth streets. The group will meet at the Santa Monica Place Community Focus Gallery located in the first floor food court at Broadway and the Third Street Promenade. For further information, call (310) 399-1000.

'inCYST on Fun Activity'

13480 Maxella Ave., Marina del Rey, 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

The Courtyard by Marriott hosts this month's seminar on nutrition, exercise and lifestyle strategies for managing Polycystic Ovary Syndrome. Cost is \$15 paid in advance; \$20 at the door. For more information visit www.afterthediet.com.

Green living workshop #80

1744 Pearl St., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Learn how to save \$200 a year on utilities, cut landfill waste by 50 percent and brush up on the latest Eco-Info in this six-week course. Suggested residential donations are \$25 for Santa Monica residents and \$50 for Los Angeles residents. For more information or to register, call the Sustainable Works office at (310) 458-8716.

'Bathroom Talk'

1404 Third Street Promenade, 7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

The Promenade Playhouse presents "Bathroom Talk," an improv sketch comedy about the unusual things that occur in the ladies room at a night club. Tickets are \$12 at the door. For more information, call Laura at (310) 430-8828.

St. Joseph practices Tai Chi

400 W. Pico Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.

St. Joseph Center is holding ongoing weekly Tai Chi classes. These low-impact classes are designed to help individuals improve their overall physical fitness and increase their mobility and flexibility. Classes are free, but enrollment is limited and advance registration is required. For more information, call (310) 396-6468, ext. 307.

Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007

'Lifeguards, Surfers and Celebrity Sightings'

2601 Main St., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

From horseback lifeguards patrolling beaches to keeping a watchful eye over President John F. Kennedy and Charlie Chaplin - the history of Santa Monica lifeguards is captured in Arthur C. Verge's book, "Santa Monica Lifeguards and Los Angeles County Lifeguards." Verge, a Santa Monica native and L.A. County lifeguard since 1974, will discuss and sign his book at the Ocean Park Library. For more information, call (310) 392-3804 or visit www.smpl.org.

Screening of 'Future by Design'

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.

The Main Library will screen this documentary film about the life of futurist, inventor and social engineer, Jacque Fresco. A discussion will follow the screening.

The Santa Monica Laughter Club

717 Broadway, 11 a.m. — noon

Laughter Yoga combines yoga breathing with laughter exercises to increase health and vitality, decrease pain and everyday stress, and promote a more positive mental attitude. For more information, call Kim Selbert at (310) 471-5773.

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2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.

A social gathering for dogs and their people. There will be light refreshments, dog snacks and play time. For more information call (310) 392-4300.

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SIX YEARS TO THE DAY

Signs of the anniversary of 9/11 were apparent throughout the nation Tuesday. In Santa Monica, only delivery vehicles were permitted onto the Santa Monica Pier for drop-offs. (Below) Representatives from the Santa Monica Fire and Police Departments, SMFD Capt. Mat Wesner (left) and SMPD Officer Robert D'Andrea take turns ringing the bell at the 9/11 remembrance ceremony during the City Council meeting at City Hall.

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Palisades Park gets landmark selection

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Whenever it comes time for Max Sterling to describe the West Coast lifestyle to friends and families out of state, he immediately refers to Palisades Park — the epitome of beautiful beach-side living.

"It's one thing to show people what it's like to live here," said Sterling, who makes it a point to visit the park once a month to enjoy its sprawling views of the Pacific Ocean.

Thanks to the Landmarks Commission, Sterling will be able to enjoy that same view for the next 33 years and beyond.

The commission voted unanimously on Monday to designate the 26.4-acre park along Ocean Avenue as a historic landmark, preserving and honoring the largest parcel of green space in Santa Monica.

The park was found to be eligible for landmark status, meeting five of the six criteria used to determine if something is eligible, including the park identifying with historic personages and exemplifying the city's cultural and architectural history.

Originally known as Linda Vista Park, the plot of land was donated in 1892 by city founders Sen. John P. Jones and Col. Robert Baker on the condition that it be used as a park in perpetuity. The park is bordered by the Santa Monica Pier and Ocean Avenue with a break at the California Incline.

"The respect for the beauty of the spot has continued ever since then," said commission Chairman Nina Fresco.

Along with the pier sign, Palisades Park has long been an iconic figure in Santa Monica, frequently shot in television and movies. Because of its views of the Pacific Ocean, the park is a hot spot for tourists, a favorite workout location for exercise buffs and a home for the homeless.

Sterling grew up in Venice and frequently visited the park in his youth.

"It's hard for me to imagine anything different," said Sterling who was visiting the park on Tuesday afternoon with his friend

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sex scandal glosses over problems
Editor:

Don't you think Idaho senator Larry Craig was spot-lighted by the GOP over sex in order to take everyone's minds away from Attorney General Albert Gonzales and the real GOP crimes?

Flo Ginsburg
Santa Monica

Outsourcing doesn't play with reader
Editor:

Mattel faces yet another toy recall. They used to make their toys in this country, but no longer. So they are no longer an American company. If they were to go out of business, it would be no loss.

Mike Kirwan
Venice

Let them eat cake ... and burgers
Editor:

The proposed two-year moratorium on new fast-food restaurants in South L.A. will do nothing to make people lose weight. But it will make their lives less free and fulfilling.

Despite the demonization of the fast food industry, places like McDonalds and Wendy's provide Americans with a convenient source of tasty, affordable food. Millions of Americans enjoy these restaurants without ever becoming obese. To punish them – as well as potential fast-food restaurant owners and employees – in order to control what they eat is a shameful violation of their rights.

The government has no business dictating where and what people eat, or what their waistlines should be. Those are decisions that properly belong to individuals. The L.A. City Council should reject this disgraceful ban.

Don Watkins
Irvine, Calif.

Where there's no will, there's no way
(Re: "SM Airport emissions need careful scrutiny," Sept. 11)

I commend Ping Ho on her well-researched and optimistic commentary about how the city of Santa Monica could take a leadership role in evaluating the health effects of jet fumes on our community. It's a wonderful notion and makes perfect sense for a city that prides itself on being so "green-conscious." Unfortunately, it's wishful thinking.

The reason the city won't do the right thing is simple – lack of political will. Fear and self-preservation drives all political action. I'm sure the city lawyers have pointed out that nothing but liability can come to the city through such studies.

Better to put it off until someone else is in office. As if that day will ever come.

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‘The universe is on the side of justice’

AS 1968 DAWNED, THE VISION OF PEACE and love that was articulated by the hippies and such groups as the Beatles was splintering. The summer of love, only months old, seemed as if it had happened eons ago. Many who believed, as I did, that peace and understanding were going to change things began to question such assumptions.

I was one year away from graduating from college. And I was part of the youth rebellion that was gripping America.

That January, the Vietcong began what is now known as the “Tet Offensive.” In an effort to overthrow the generals who were supported by the United States, North Vietnamese forces attacked more than 30 South Vietnamese cities, including Saigon. The power of the North Vietnamese impressed the world. Americans, in particular, were stunned. American government officials had reported that most of Vietnam was secure and an end to the war was in sight. Now, however, after years of war, things looked even worse.

In March, in a South Vietnamese village called My Lai, American soldiers “wasted” 500 unarmed men, women and children, but the news of it would be suppressed for almost two years.

Simply trying to understand what was going on at the time was impossible. Here I was scheduled to enter the Army after college, but I was against the war. I was still in the first year of my marriage, trying to learn how to be a decent husband. My parents were barely speaking to me. They believed, like a lot of parents during this era, that their child had lost his mind. And studying for classes was difficult. Consequently, I often took solace in a local bar that catered to students.

I was in that bar one evening after classes in April. It was crowded, the day was warm and the cold beer felt good going down. Suddenly, a student jumped up on a table and yelled, “Martin Luther King has just been shot and killed.” The students cheered and burst out in applause.

I was stunned. King dead? The great man had been murdered and students were cheering? What was happening to the world?

I went back to my apartment. My first thought as I watched the news of King's assassination was that “they” had killed him because he was challenging the system. King fought racism. He was against the Vietnam War. He was a peace warrior who had gotten out of hand. So “they” killed him, and he became part of what would become an assassination motif of the '60s.

The message I was receiving from these events seemed clear: If you effectively resisted the people in power, you would get hurt. Change, loss of power — that's what they feared. This type of thinking radicalized many young people, including me, and produced the necessary mindset for social activism.

As a result, many of us began to “hate” those in power — the politicians, the military and the corporations. But in the midst of all this, we missed what King had

been trying to say to us — much like those who cheered his death that day. Indeed, years later, when I began to study King's writings and speeches, they changed my life.

King was the greatest teacher of Christian love since Jesus Christ. King reiterated in many of his speeches that “to become bitter or indulge in hate campaigns” was clearly wrong. To retaliate with hate or bitterness, he often said, would do nothing but intensify hate in the world.

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King, a minister, viewed love in the Christian sense: “When we speak of loving those who oppose us we speak of a love which is expressed in the Greek word agape. Agape means nothing sentimental or basically affectionate; it means understanding, redeeming good will for all men, an overflowing love which seeks nothing in return. When we love on the agape level we love men not because we like them, not because their attitudes and ways appeal to us, but because God loves them. Here we rise to the position of loving the person who does the evil deed while hating the deed he does.”

King also spoke of nonviolence, which he believed is based on the conviction that the universe is on the side of justice. It is this deep faith in the future that causes the nonviolent resister to accept suffering without retaliation. He knows that in his struggle for justice he has cosmic companionship.

Evil may so shape events that Caesar will occupy a palace and Christ a cross, but one day that same Christ will rise up and split history into A.D. and B.C., so that even the life of Caesar must be dated by his name.

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Guest Commentary

Anthony Gregory

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Lights out, thanks to energy fascism

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THE SHOE industry urged customers to buy fewer shoes? Can you imagine a soft drink producer running out of soda and pleading people to cut back on their consumption? Or a software company threatening that if too many users upgrade their systems this year they won't be allowed to do so next year?

We typically don't suffer shortages in goods that are primarily produced and distributed in the framework of a free market. However, when government is deeply involved in regulating production, distribution and pricing, what often results is shortage or surplus — some extreme disparity between what consumers demand and what is available to those willing to pay for it.

So it is that the state of California declared a "Stage 1 Power Emergency" last week. If the power problem reaches Stage 2, as it did last summer, the first customers to be hit will be businesses that buy energy at a discount with the understanding that they will be the first cut off. But everyone is being encouraged to conserve energy, to use less than they're willing to pay for. California's power facilities simply cannot keep up with the demand.

If a free market industry made such errors in predicting and accommodating consumer demand, it would surely be attacked as a "market failure." But when government fails, the situation is generally tolerated, accepted, even seen as a reason to give the state more power and money.

That was the reflexive response many had to the 2000-01 energy crisis and its Stage 3 rolling blackouts: They blamed it all on the market. Why? Because of the phony "deregulation" of the energy sector in 1996. Back then, libertarians and true free marketers warned that the "deregulation" left far too much of the bureaucracy intact and, in effect, added some new regulatory burdens. After 1996, California still had price caps that dramatically reduced the profitability of producing energy in a world where wholesale energy costs fluctuate. This meant fewer new producers, fewer power plants and less competition. Along with overbearing environmental restrictions, limits on energy contracts and other regulations, the price controls virtually guaranteed that supply would fail to meet demand.

The energy market is anything but free. Entrepreneurs and consumers are not free to make deals with their own money at any mutually agreeable price. Big companies profit with the current system, but the monopolizing force of the state is there to set prices and mandate the standards of production. Today's industry better resembles mercantilism, corporatism or even fascism — an economic system of private profit, socialized risk and immense state control.

In a real free market, sellers and buyers can come to a "clearing price" — the price at which the needs of both parties are most closely met. Competing buyers and sellers, all vying for a good deal, ensure that resources are put to the uses people most value. Under government central planning, in contrast, there are gross misallocations, wasteful gluts, shortages and even famines.

Only voluntary exchange can determine how much a good is actually worth to people. Regulation obstructs the discovery process of market pricing. Prices are artificially made too low or too high given the long-term needs for production and distribution. Instead of prices rising to meet increased demand, we have shortages.

The discount California offers to certain companies in exchange for less predictable service might be better than setting a uniform price, but it illustrates a flaw in central planning. No government planner can take account of all the shifting needs of millions of people. Perhaps these companies have not been charged enough. We cannot know without market pricing.

The state of California might tinker and enact minor reforms and fixes to try to improve its energy operation, but until we have an unfettered free market in energy, Californians must face problems of uncertain service, minor shortages, rolling blackouts, or worse. On the other hand, if we wanted to begin rationing shoes, computers, and food, getting the government to manage these industries the way it manages electricity would do just the trick.

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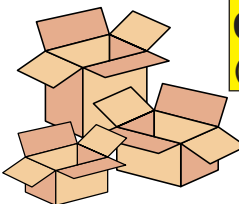
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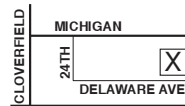
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Helping where it counts

Ex-gangster starts ministry, guards against violence at Los Angeles-area campus

BY ANDREW GLAZER | Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES The walk to and from David Starr Jordan High School is a perilous journey that winds through one of the city's deadliest ganglands.

Safely navigating the turf is a matter of street smarts, luck and, for some, guidance from a man widely known as "Big Mike."

With a polo shirt in gang-neutral yellow stretched across his lineman's shoulders, Pastor Mike Cummings keeps the peace in a pocket of Watts where looming violence is yet another barrier to getting kids to school.

In the past eight years, more than 230 students were raped, robbed or assaulted while heading to the school or returning home. During that period, there were 17 homicides near the school while classes were in session, though none of the victims were students, police said.

When the closing bells rings, nearly 1,800 students spill into the streets and 44-year-old Big Mike is waiting.

He escorts girls in tight shirts and low-riding jeans past groups of men beckoning from the stoops of housing projects. He rides a crammed public bus to make sure a bump or a push doesn't escalate into a fight. He breaks up groups waiting to brawl on the corner of 103rd Street — the main thoroughfare to school.

"I tell them, 'Why do you need to fight?'" he explains. "We don't need to fight. We need to love one another, to help one another, to take care of one another."

His words might sound naive, even hollow coming from anyone else. But Cummings earned his credibility on the streets.

He used to run with the Grape Street Crips, flagged by police as one of the city's most dangerous gangs, and was arrested for attempted robbery in 1989. After serving a three-year sentence, he resolved to help neighborhood kids avoid his mistakes. He's been walking Jordan students to and from school since 1998.

"I thought about what my life was going to be like, and I thought my life has got to change," he said.

In 2003, he was ordained by a fellow former gang member and founded We Care Outreach Ministries with his wife, Sauna, to bring God to a broken neighborhood.

When classes are dismissed, Cummings is joined by members of his ministry staff, who use walkie-talkies to stay in contact as they watch over students.

The pastor also ministers at gang funerals, helps fatherless gang members find jobs, and huffs up and down 103rd Street to make sure clusters of hooded teens don't rob students. He mediates disputes between rival gangs and is seeking funding for summer recreation programs.

He'll walk right up to an older gang member waiting outside school and, in a quiet, gravelly voice, ask them to "cool it and walk away." Maybe because of his imposing size, maybe because he knows their mothers and fathers, maybe because he doesn't wear a uniform — they usually listen.

Outside the school, rival gangs mark the ever-changing borders of their turf with spray-painted symbols. Cummings believes students will be less likely to show up to class if doing so might catch them in the crossfire. Already, some 40 percent of freshman don't graduate.

"We found out a lot of kids were not going to school because they were afraid," said Los Angeles City Councilwoman Janice Hahn, who helped secure \$60,000 in city money for Cummings' efforts last year and volunteered one afternoon to show her support.

"School police can't do it all by themselves. The LAPD can't do it all. The community really has to stand up and fill the gap and Pastor Mike is really good at that," she added.

Attending terrorist training camp gets Lodi man 24 years

BY AARON C. DAVIS | Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO A California man convicted of attending an al-Qaida camp in Pakistan was sentenced to 24 years in federal prison Monday for supporting terrorists, concluding a case that divided a Central Valley farming community.

U.S. District Court Judge Garland Burrell Jr. imposed the sentence against Hamid Hayat on his 25th birthday, saying he had "attended a terrorist training camp, returned to the United States ready and willing to wage violent jihad when directed to do so."

Hayat faced up to 39 years in prison after his April 2006 conviction on one count of providing material support to terrorists and three counts of lying about it to FBI agents. Prosecutors said he plotted to attack hospitals, banks, grocery stores and government buildings in California.

Burrell said he was skeptical that Hayat would ever renounce violence and his crimes deserved the toughest punishment, but he cited Hayat's lack of a previous criminal record and other factors in handing down a lesser sentence — about halfway between what prosecutors and defense attorneys had argued for. The defense had sought a sentence of 15 years.

Hayat, shackled and clean-shaven since his trial, showed little emotion when the sentence was read. His family sat quietly in the back row of the courtroom. But surrounded by reporters outside the courthouse afterward, his father lashed out.

"We were expecting justice. We did not get justice. My son is innocent," said Hamid Hayat's father, Umer, who also had been caught up in the case until a federal jury deadlocked on whether he had lied about his son's attendance at the camp.

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SAN DIEGO
Basketball coach pleads not guilty to sex with student

A former basketball coach accused of having sex with a 17-year old student pleaded not guilty to felony charges.

Cesar Don Juan-Flores, 26, entered the plea Monday on six counts of unlawful sex with a minor. If convicted of the charges, Juan-Flores could be sent to prison for up to six years and four months.

Prosecutors said the sexual relationship with the girl occurred between May 1 and July 31.

Juan-Flores was arrested Aug. 27 at his San Diego apartment. He had gone to police headquarters voluntarily on Aug. 17 after an anonymous tip prompted an investigation.

Juan-Flores was not a teacher at La Jolla Country Day School, but he did serve as an assistant coach of the boys' basketball team.

School administrators assisted police in the investigation. Juan-Flores no longer works at the school.

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EL SEGUNDO
Wind tunnel that tested Apollo shuts down

The 500-foot wind tunnel used for a half-century to test such high-profile projects as the Apollo space program and XB-70 supersonic airplane has expelled its last gasp.

"This was the first generation of big, supersonic wind tunnels," facility director of operations Rick Hughes said of the North American Trisonic Wind Tunnel.

The tunnel performed tests, which cost \$3,500 an hour, at up to 3½ times the speed of sound. Planes, rockets and bombs for aerospace giants, as well as private firms, were tested there.

Original owner Rockwell International, formerly North American Aviation, donated the property to the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1998 for use as a research facility but that never materialized, said Brad Erickson, UCLA's director of campus service enterprises.

Since then, Triumph Aerospace Systems has continued to operate the plant.

The wind tunnel performed its 807th and final test on Aug. 29. UCLA opted to close the facility, mostly citing environmental concerns over previous PCB spills, Erickson said.

"It's very sad for anyone involved in this tunnel," Hughes said. "It's just so unique. We love to show it off, but it's in very sad shape right now."

AP

THOUSAND OAKS,
Neighbor charged with tree disappearance

Police are no longer stumped about a missing pepper tree worth \$76,000.

Jeffrey Ross, 53, was charged with grand theft and felony vandalism for having the tree removed from a vacationing neighbor's yard. He was released on \$10,000 bail pending arraignment Friday, police Detective Eric Buschow said.

School teacher Kelley Fornatoro left on vacation Aug. 2 and returned a week later to find her 50-foot California pepper tree missing. Investigators determined someone called Julian's Tree Care to cut down the tree.

It took two days to cut it down at a cost of \$3,500. Julian's wasn't paid.

Experts initially said it would cost up to \$60,000 to replace the tree, but Fornatoro said Sunday that a professional appraiser put the replacement cost at \$76,300.

Fornatoro doesn't want the charges reduced to misdemeanors.

"I really want the law to be upheld," Fornatoro said. "It is a felony. I just feel so violated. It's an indescribable feeling."

Ross couldn't be found for comment.

Buschow said police are often called in to handle neighbor disputes.

"Most resolutions tend to be very rational and handled among the parties," Buschow said. "But there are those times that people resort to extreme measures to resolve their disputes, and this is one of those times."

AP

LOS ANGELES
Jury deliberating Phil Spector murder case inspects gun

The jury deliberating in record producer Phil Spector's murder trial asked Monday to see the gun that killed actress Lana Clarkson.

The snub-nose .38-caliber revolver was provided to the panel for a short time by a bailiff who carried it into the jury room in a box. Jurors kept the gun for only a few minutes before returning it.

The panel retired for the night after spending a little over 3½ hours in deliberations.

The request to see the gun was signed by the juror number of a panelist who took copious notes during testimony, but the note did not specify that the juror was the foreman.

The case was submitted to the jury earlier in the day, following five months of testimony.

The judge's instructions took only a half hour because there is a single charge for jurors to decide: guilty or innocent of second-degree murder. Superior Court Judge Larry Paul Fidler decided earlier there would be no lesser charges such as voluntary or involuntary manslaughter offered as alternatives.

"It is the prosecution's contention that the act committed by the defendant that caused the death of Ms. Clarkson was point a gun at her, which resulted in that gun entering Ms. Clarkson's mouth while in Mr. Spector's hand," the judge told the nine men and three women.

"If you do not find that the prosecution has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant committed that act, you must return a verdict of not guilty," he said.

He also defined the concept of reasonable doubt and implied malice and said the jurors were not required to find a motive for the killing.

Most of the trial revolved around forensic evidence. Blood spatter, gunshot residue and the positions of Spector and the actress were debated by a roster of experts who often differed in their opinions.

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Sect leader's trial moves on

BY JENNIFER DOBNER
Associated Press Writer

ST. GEORGE, Utah Jury selection for the trial of a polygamous-sect leader resumed Tuesday with potential jurors interviewed in the judge's chambers.

Warren Jeffs, the head of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, is charged with two felony counts of rape by accomplice in the arranged religious union of a 14-year-old follower and her 19-year-old cousin in 2001.

After considering more than 100 over two days, only 15 people had been qualified for the final jury pool by midday Tuesday. The majority were excused by 5th District Judge James Shumate based on responses to an 11-page questionnaire.

He and attorneys planned to speak to at least 52 people Tuesday.

Shumate said he needs a final pool of at least 28 people to pick eight jurors and four

alternates for opening statements Wednesday.

The people questioned so far have ranged in age from 20s to retirees, from skilled-trade workers and homemakers to professionals and others in white-collar jobs.

One woman said she would be a fair juror.

"I am willing to begin this trial believing that you are innocent," she said, looking at Jeffs squarely in the eyes.

He smiled, nodded and whispered, "thanks."

Most seem to know something about Jeffs, but the level of information varied.

One person knew that police found "wigs and computers and money" inside a car during his arrest near Las Vegas in August 2006. Several said they recalled Jeffs being named one of the FBI's Ten Most Wanted fugitives.

Others said they hadn't followed the case beyond Jeff's capture. A homemaker from St. George said she generally skipped news

stories because the "stories are always the same."

Many expressed a tolerance for the traditions of the FLDS church, which has roots in the early doctrine of the mainstream Mormon church, the Salt Lake City-based Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Mormons abandoned polygamy in 1890, but the FLDS still adhere to it and believe it brings exaltation in heaven.

"To each his own," said one St. George woman, who works in accounting.

Defense attorneys asked people if they were bothered by the church's practice of arranged marriages.

"It's part of their religion, so we can't really judge them on that," one man said.

Jury candidates have had a range of experiences with the FLDS, whose members live about 50 miles east of St. George in the border communities of Hildale, Utah, and Colorado City, Ariz.

Church members typically limit their

contact with outsiders but still work and shop across Washington County.

Several prospective jurors said their spouses work in the construction industry, which employs many FLDS men. Others said their children had attended school with children from polygamous families or knew people who are former members.

Beyond that, most said they knew little about the FLDS way of life, although a LaVerkin man called the community's conservative dress "old school."

"They are covered from ankle to wrist to neck," said a St. George mother of four, adding that she often sees polygamists in the community.

If Shumate is unable to seat a jury in Washington County, he plans to move the trial to Salt Lake City, 300 miles north.

Jeffs, 51, is accused of coercing the marriage of the 14-year-old, who is now an adult, over her objections.

Pelosi believes mileage standards can limit global warming

BY JEFF BARNARD
AP Environmental Writer

GRANTS PASS, Ore. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Tuesday that making the United States energy independent is directly connected to combating global warming, and conservation measures such as higher mileage standards for automobiles will help

avert climate change.

The California Democrat added that she expects the energy bill that Congress sends to President Bush will include the higher mileage standards adopted by the Senate last June, despite the failure of House supporters to get them into their version.

"I believe we have to act within the next few years, that is to say have major agree-

ments reached, protocols in place, standards established," Pelosi said in a telephone interview before flying out of Washington, D.C., to take part in a global warming round-table in Portland.

Pelosi said she had just met with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, and felt that Senate conferees over the energy bill would insist on including new mileage standards,

just as House conferees will insist on new energy efficiency standards for buildings and appliances.

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Fish in the pocket: A new species discovered

By the Associated Press

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii A decade-old photograph wasn't enough, so marine biologist Marc Hughes grabbed his chance the next time he saw the strange fish in an underwater lava tube cave off the Big Island.

In a flash, he slipped the droopy mouthed, eel-like fish into a pocket of his scuba outfit.

Now, the six-inch fish is being heralded by Bishop Museum tropical fish expert John E. Randall as a new species in the genus *Grammonus*. Other *Grammonus* species are found in waters from Japan to South Asia, the Gulf of Aden and even the

Mediterranean.

But Randall says Hughes' fish, which the biologist first photographed in 1998, is a unique species. The brownish fish has fins along its rear that make it look similar to an eel, and its mouth is turned down like a grumpy old man.

Randall says he and Hughes are preparing a scientific paper on the fish in the process aimed at getting it recognized and bestowing a name on the species.

Hughes said he's interested in protecting fish along the Kona coast that is threatened by development.

"This shows that there's a very good chance there are other species that we haven't discovered," he said.

Hughes said he caught the fish in July and another one in April, but a tropical fish dealer threw that one away, thinking it had no value because it was dead.

Randall said another biologist, Bronson Nagareda, also has caught one of the fish off the Waianae Coast of Oahu and sent it to him shortly after Hughes found his.

He said it was apparent from the photo taken in 1998 that the fish was a new species, but he couldn't make a scientific determination from a photograph and needed a specimen to document it.

One unusual characteristic of the fish is that it gives birth to live young, like some freshwater fish, such as guppies, Randall told West Hawaii Today, which first reported the

find in its Saturday edition.

He said it also has a system of pores along its body that allow it to sense and slight water movement.

"It's an interesting feature, and probably one used to detect the presence of predators and hunt for prey because it is a completely dark environment," he said. "The fish has to rely upon its sense of movement rather than sight."

Randall said other divers have probably seen the fish but they didn't know what to look at.

"This is pretty exciting. It's pretty hard to find a new fish in Hawaii in diving depths. There are not many new species in shallow waters."

Mormon church has 'profound regret' for historic attack

BY PAUL FOY | Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY A ranking Mormon church official voiced regret Tuesday for the massacre of 120 California-bound pioneers moving through Utah on a wagon train, marking the 150th anniversary of the ambush.

Church Elder Henry B. Eyring of the Quorum of the Twelve, the second tier of leadership in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, addressed a memorial service attended by hundreds at Mountain Meadows, the massacre site 35 miles northwest of St. George, Utah.

The church released Eyring's full remarks on its Web site.

"We express profound regret for the massacre carried out in this valley 150 years ago today, and for the undue and untold suffering experienced by the victims then and by their relatives to the present time," Eyring said.

On Sept. 11, 1857, the Arkansas emigrants were tricked into laying down their arms with a promise of safe passage and then killed for reasons still not fully understood. The massacre occurred in a climate of war hysteria as Utah Mormons prepared for an invasion by federal troops sent to deal with a defiant Mormon theocracy under church president Brigham Young. Seventeen children, all 6 or younger, were spared.

Eyring's statement stopped short of making an apology — a word he didn't use, a church spokesman said. Nor did Eyring take responsibility on behalf of the church for the massacre. Instead, he blamed "local leaders" of the church in Cedar City, Utah, for taking matters into their own hands.

Eyring cited research by church historians that put the responsibility on the local leaders and others acting under their direction. He said Brigham Young tried to convey an

order of protection for the wagon train, but the message didn't arrive in time by horseback.

Some characterized the statement as an apology or close to it. "We don't use the word 'apology.' We used 'profound regret,'" church spokesman Mark Tuttle told The Associated Press.

Eyring also expressed regret to Paiute Indians, "who have unjustly borne for too long the principal blame for what occurred during the massacre," he said. "Although the extent of their involvement is disputed, it is believed they would not have participated without the direction and stimulus provided by local church leaders and members."

Local Mormon leaders managed to enlist only a few Paiutes for the massacre, said Forest Cuch, executive director of the Utah Division of Indian Affairs.

The only person ever held accountable for the massacre was Mormon convert John D. Lee.

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Westside housing prices should keep rising

FOR YEARS, EASY FINANCING AND speculators drove the exuberant real estate market to unprecedented heights across the country. On August 31, 2007, Yale University economics professor Robert Shiller described the real estate market as having a “Boom Psychology.” A term such as “Boom Psychology” may be coined to explain the time when the greatest real estate market the United States has ever seen took place.

On Friday, August 31, 2007, Shiller submitted a paper to the Federal Reserve stating that “While it is possible that prices will continue to go up as is commonly expected, there is a high probability of steady and substantial real home price declines extending over years to come.” This is not to be taken lightly. With the liquidity markets thirsting for cash and lenders tightening lending standards it is important to keep the changing market conditions in mind before making a potential home purchase.

Shiller goes on to say that economic fun-



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damentals cannot explain the 86 percent rise in real home prices between 1996 and 2006. The explanation Shiller gives is that of “Boom Psychology,” where buyers are anticipating home prices to be substantially higher in the future. This “Boom Psychology” was prevalent in Southern California, especially Los Angeles County. If you were looking for a home in Southern California between 2002 and the height of the real estate market in 2006, you understand what Shiller is talking about when he refers to “Boom Psychology.” Simon Sallom in an article he wrote a few weeks ago for the Santa Monica Daily Press, said one of his colleagues described the height of the real estate market as having “more time to think about buying a new pair of shoes than a mil-

lion dollar house.” If you take a second to think about that statement, which summarizes the Southern California market perfectly, you will begin to understand “Boom Psychology.”

The report Shiller wrote also said that the United States has been undergoing “a classic speculative bubble, driven largely by extravagant expectations for future price increases ... as such, the situation may well result in substantial declines in real home prices eventually.” Shiller’s concern is with the real estate market moving forward on a national level. He goes on to say that “major declines in real home prices — even 50 percent declines in some places — are entirely possible going forward from today or from the not too distant future.” That is a scary figure, much more so than the 86 percent increase in home prices, since a drop of 50 percent in home values would cause prices to dip below 1996 values. For example, if a property were worth \$500,000 in 1996, an 86 percent or \$430,000 increase would mean a

value of \$930,000 in 2006. If the value dropped 50 percent, it would be \$465,000, or \$35,000 lower than 1996 values.

Robert Shiller brings up excellent points, but what he refers to are home prices on a national level as an average. Since a real estate market is regional, not all markets will decline. Although it is possible for Los Angeles real estate to decline, it is unlikely — barring a massive disaster — that values will drop by 50 percent. It is more likely that values will level off with a decline in appreciation. Currently the Los Angeles real estate market still has a large appetite for home sales, so if you are buying a home for the long term, it is unlikely that home values will have a large impact on your life. However, if you are buying homes believing quick flips will lead to huge profits, you are mistaken.

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Migrants consider leaving Arizona Japanese street performers jazz up shopping districts

BY AMANDA LEE MYERS | Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX A tough new employer sanctions law in Arizona has many illegal immigrants contemplating something they once thought was unthinkable — returning to their home countries to fewer jobs, less money and limited opportunities for their children.

The law goes into effect in January and requires employers to verify the eligibility of workers through a federal database. They would face having their business licenses revoked after a second offense.

Since it was signed into law in July, illegal immigrants have been wondering how they will be affected. They’re asking Mexican Consulates to explain the law, calling Spanish-language radio stations for advice and keeping an eye on community newspapers.

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Elias Velasquez, Illegal immigrant

Those who are considering going home say they’re waiting until January to see whether their bosses will start asking them for papers.

“If I lose my job, we’ll go back to Mexico,” said 30-year-old Elias Velasquez, an illegal immigrant who came to Arizona from Puebla with his wife a year ago.

Velasquez, who works at a Phoenix grocery store, said he hasn’t yet been asked to prove that he’s in the country legally. He said he wants to stay in Arizona to better support his wife, a 4-year-old son, and a daughter on the way who, if she is born here, would be a U.S. citizen.

“I came here to get a job, to work,” he said. “I’m afraid to go back. There’s no money in Mexico.”

Alfredo Gutierrez, a vocal leader in the Hispanic community who also hosts a radio program in Spanish about immigration issues, said the seeds of panic have been sown among illegal immigrants.

“There’s a lot of fear that they have to prepare for the worst,” he said. “The concern is extreme. I don’t have any doubts that for people who are thinking about leaving, this may be the last straw.”

Gutierrez referred to a recent spate of anti-illegal immi-

grant legislation in the state and an overall hostile atmosphere in Arizona. The state is the busiest illegal entry point along the U.S.-Mexico border and the Pew Hispanic Center has estimated that illegal immigrants account for one in 10 workers in Arizona.

Activists plugged into the immigrant community say they haven’t yet heard of anyone leaving Arizona because of the employer sanctions law, but that it’s certainly possible. And as January nears, they say it becomes more likely.

State Rep. Russell Pearce, who authored the employer sanctions law, said it was designed to force illegal immigrants to “self-deport.”

“Just like Disney — turn off the lights, shut down the rides and the crowd goes home. No more free stuff,” he said.

“We have the inherent authority to enforce the law,” he said. “And Arizona is leading the way to do that. We intend to go after employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants. I hope rest of nation follows our lead.”

Arizona isn’t the only place in the country where illegal immigrants are scared about crackdowns. In Panama City Beach, Fla., some illegal immigrants have been leaving since sheriff’s deputies there started pulling up to constructions sites in force to see who would run.

The sheriff’s department says it has conducted dozens of such raids and reported more than 500 people to immigration officials since November.

Other places have sought to crack down on illegal immigrants by passing strict legislation. In Hazleton, Penn., officials created the Illegal Immigration Relief Act, which sought to impose fines on landlords who rent to illegal immigrants and deny business permits to companies that give them jobs. A federal judge struck down the law, but the city is appealing his decision.

Back in Arizona, Angelina Medina, a 25-year-old mother of two who cleans houses for a living, said she and her husband started talking about leaving when they first heard about the employer sanctions law a couple of months ago.

Medina and her husband are in the country illegally, but their 6- and 4-year-old children were born here. “I’m afraid for my children,” Medina said.

“I don’t want to go home.”

Shela Chavez, an illegal immigrant who came to Arizona with her husband from Guatemala nine years ago, said they’re seriously considering going back.

“It’s unfair,” she said. “We do all the hard work in this country.”

Chavez said she worries for her 5- and 1-year-old daughters, who are U.S. citizens. If the Chavez family moves to Guatemala, the girls will have to grow up in a much poorer country with few jobs and low wages.

BY TAKESHI NAKANISHI | Associated Press Writer

TOKYO In kimono, wigs and elaborate makeup, the “chindonya” troupe dances down the street, banging on drums and gongs and blowing on flutes.

One performer hands out fliers with advertisements.

If it sounds like something from decades past, you’re right.

But that doesn’t bother Yosuke Takada, a 22-year veteran of the nearly extinct mixture of Japanese street theater and unabashed commercialism.

Takada, 46, remembers clearly the first day he marched down the street as a novice.

“I was holding a flag at the head of the troupe, and I felt the scenery surrounding me looked like as if it’s a living thing,” he said. “It’s a very fresh experience for me.”

The chindonya — a name derived from the sound of a gong and a drum — originated in Osaka in the 19th century and reached its zenith in the hardscrabble years after Japan’s World War II defeat in 1945.

These days, the national chindonya contest draws fewer than 100 performers — but the players still can make a colorful racket in shopping arcades.

Takada, head of the Tokyo Chindon Club, led his troupe around a busy shopping area in northern Tokyo one recent Saturday.

While he banged on his gongs and drums, a troupe member dressed like a circus clown handed out advertisements.

“Welcome, welcome ... welcome to the Jujo Ginza shopping street! At this Kinkodo store of men’s and women’s apparel, all items are 20 percent off — a whopping 20 percent off!” he shouted.

Takada, a semifinalist in the All Japan Chindon Concours in 2005 and 2006, said his clientele includes pachinko parlors, restaurants, pubs, shopping arcades — even an occasional wedding reception.

“The sound of ding-dong echoing across the town,” he said wistfully during a break. “That’s what I like.”

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Movie theaters may take action

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

THIRD STREET PROMENADE When Dennis Lopez of Hawthorne wants to see a movie, he doesn't head to The Grove in Los Angeles or The Bridge in Culver City where there is stadium seating, dozens of screens and state-of-the-art sound systems.

Instead, Lopez travels to the Third Street Promenade, where ticket prices are more affordable due to fewer amenities.

"[They're] not as nice as some of the bigger, newer theaters, but it's cheaper than those nice theaters," Lopez said as he walked along the promenade Monday with his girlfriend. "I come here from Hawthorne because there's more to do around here, so why not stay and watch a movie. It's cheaper anyway."

Movie-goers like Lopez are helping Santa Monica theaters stay afloat, but there is a growing concern amongst business owners in downtown that if the movie houses here don't evolve, they may become extinct as customers look for the next best thing.

It has been a hot topic for years as Santa Monicans have watched other cities benefit from the increases in tax revenue generated by movie-goers flocking to new or renovated theaters, spending money buying concessions or on drinks and dinner following

matinees or late night screenings.

There have been calls for theater chains such as Mann and AMC to make significant investments in their theaters downtown, but the lack of available land to expand has been a barrier.

That is until now. With City Hall on a spending spree — purchasing large parcels of land in downtown to be used for future parking — there seems to be an opening for theater operators to move into the 21st Century.



THERE IS NOT A QUESTION THAT IF YOU BUILD A STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITY, THE OPERATORS WILL COME."

Rob York, Consultant for Bayside District Corp.

Promenade Uses Task Force and is seen as a top priority for the [City Council] because the theaters are so integral to the activity downtown."

Representatives from Mann did not return phone calls for comment. A spokesperson for AMC, which operates two theaters on the promenade, the Santa Monica 7 and the Loews Broadway Cinemas, said the chain has no plans to expand or make upgrades at this time, but "we're

always looking at ways to enhance the movie going experience."

Rob York, a consultant for the Bayside District Corp., a public-private management company the helps run downtown, said any chain would be willing to move into downtown if there was space available to add stadium seating and other amenities.

"There is not a question that if you build a state-of-the-art facility, the operators will come," York said. "I'd bet a lot of money that if you could trade a state-of-the-art facility in exchange for a few hundred seats, they'd take it in a second."

Agle said Santa Monica has roughly 5,000 theater seats. City Hall is currently considering all its options, which could include going forward with the Mann proposal or issue a request for other ideas to see who can be the most creative and fit in well with the area.

One thing's for sure, people like the look of the theaters' facades and hope that some effort can be made to keep them so that movie-goers will still have prime access to the promenade.

"It's nice to see something with character and history," said Marcia Bendall, a tourist from Australia who was admiring the Art Deco style of the Broadway Theater. "You don't see so much of that today."

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Union officials claim hotel is out of order

FROM ENGLISH PAGE 1

the hotel and its colleagues in order to 'Turning Moments into Memories for our Guests,' as our mission states," O'Connor wrote. "The hotel is an equal opportunity employer and strives to maintain a working environment free from discriminatory or improper practices.

"Any allegations of discriminatory or inappropriate treatment are not tolerated."

Representatives from UNITE-HERE Local 11 contend the oceanfront hotel has instructed employees to only speak English, even when communicating with one another. They believe the Fairmont is engaging in discrimination and have joined the ACLU in calling for the hotel to drop the English-only rule.

"Los Angeles and Santa Monica are international cities with visitors from all over the world," said Tom Walsh, secretary treasurer for Local 11. "To force employees only to speak English, we believe, sends the wrong message."

Walsh said contract negotiations have cooled considerably and is unsure when talks will resume.

The hotel, which was originally built in 1889 by Santa Monica's founder John P. Jones, has 302 guest rooms, including 32 garden bungalows and 25,000 square feet of meeting and conference space. Former guests have included Greta Garbo, Cary Grant and Eleanor Roosevelt.

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RAISE EVERY VOICE: Employees of the Fairmont Miramar Hotel protest for a fair contract along Ocean Avenue in this photograph from May. Union heads are fighting an alleged English-only speaking requirement being placed on workers.



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PLACE OF DISTINCTION: Children play on the cannon in Palisades Park earlier this week. The park has recently been named a landmark by the Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. It was originally donated to the city in 1892 and has been a popular destination ever since.



Park was donated by city founders way back in 1892

FROM LANDMARK PAGE 3

Kate Andrews.
Andrews, who moved to Los Angeles about six months ago, visited Palisades Park within the first two weeks.
“It’s beautiful,” she said. “I’m all for preserving green space.”
The park is a living museum of sorts with monuments and other historic markers scattered throughout the 1.5 mile-long park, including the Veterans Memorial and St. Monica statue.
The commission’s most recent act of designation is unique from the more than 60 structures that have been designated since the process first began in 1975. Unlike the so-called landmarked buildings such as the Old Town Hall on Second Street or the Miles Playhouse on Lincoln Boulevard, Palisades Park is a living historic monument, sensitive in that it constantly changes as its landscaping grows.
To address these changes, a plan will be drafted to allow regular maintenance of the trees and shrubbery without filing for a

Certificate of Appropriateness application, a city permit required for modifications to landmarked structures.
“What we need to do is enable the park’s department and the tree people and all the people that do good work in the park to continue to do the good work and not get tied up in regulations,” Fresco said.
A draft of the maintenance plan will be available to the Landmarks Commission and Recreation and Parks Commission for review within 185 days of the designation. The Recreation and Parks Commission voted last month to support the landmark designation.
“We recognize not only its recreational value, but it’s iconic and historic value,” said Susan Cloke, the chairman of the RPC.
A landmark nomination application was filed for Palisades Park in October 2006. The commission was scheduled to vote on the designation in June but postponed action after several concerns were raised by city staff about the short time frame to draft a maintenance plan, which was originally set for within 95 days of the designation.

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Jurors listen to secret recordings

BY DAN JOLING | Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska Jurors in the trial of former state Rep. Pete Kott got their first hint Tuesday of a “smoking gun” — direct evidence that the former House speaker received a financial benefit from the company that stood to make millions if Kott helped push through natural gas pipeline legislation.

In a wiretap recording of a July 12, 2006, call between Kott and Rick Smith, a VECO Corp. vice president, Smith tells Kott that he had talked to political pollster David Dittman and set up a poll that could be used in Kott's re-election campaign.

“I talked to Dittman today. It's all square,” Smith said.

“All right,” Kott replies.

Kott's acceptance of the \$2,750 poll, paid for by VECO, is the basis of one of four federal charges against Kott, a seven-term Republican lawmaker who represented Eagle River, which is on the outskirts of north Anchorage.

Kott also is accused of receiving \$7,993 from VECO paid through a phony invoice generated by Kott's flooring business, taking a \$1,000 check from then-VECO CEO Bill Allen to reimburse Kott for a \$1,000 donation made to former Gov. Frank Murkowski, and soliciting future employment from VECO in exchange for his influence in the Legislature.

Throughout the secret recordings made by the FBI, Kott jokes about taking a job with VECO in the warm climes of Barbados. In a June 1, 2006, videotape secretly recorded by the FBI in a room rented by VECO in Juneau's Baranof Hotel, Kott reveals another possible ambition.

“I want to be a lobbyist, Bill. That's what I wanna be,” Kott says.

“OK, you will be,” Allen replies.

Aside from those statements, jurors will have to decide whether Kott's cozy relationship with Allen and Smith, in which he plotted strategy, reported legislative developments and took direction from the company officials, was simply sleazy politics or the criminal violation of voters' trust that federal prosecutors claim.

The tapes show Kott as a trusted lieutenant doing VECO's bidding on the oil tax bill in the House, with former Senate President Ben Stevens, R-Anchorage, pursuing VECO interests in the Senate. Stevens is under investigation but has not been charged.

Kott is charged with conspiracy to solicit financial benefits for his service as a legislator, extortion “under color of official right,” bribery and wire fraud, which involved improperly discussing legislative business by phone.

Allen and Smith in May pleaded guilty to extortion, conspiracy and bribery of legislators.

Federal prosecutors Tuesday for a second day played multiple secretly recorded phone calls and informal meetings between Kott, Allen, Smith and other VECO officials.

The dim, gray videotape recorded by the secret FBI camera in Room 604 of the Baranof Hotel would be R-rated on the silver screen. Much of the profanity-laden dialogue is focused on the legislature's consideration of a new oil tax bill, considered a gateway to construction of a natural gas pipeline.

In a March 24, 2006, phone conversation, Kott brags to Smith that he has bottled up an anti-abortion bill sponsored by a fellow Republican, state Sen. Fred Dyson, and will sit on it until Dyson comes around on oil taxes.

“When Bill Allen tells me he's ready to vote it out, I'll vote

it out,” Kott says.

Near the end of the 2006 regular legislative session, as lawmakers deliberate about the tax rate to be imposed on the Alaska profits of oil companies, Kott crows that he lied to minority leader Ethan Berkowitz and bamboozled him into releasing votes that would result in a favorable tax rate for producers.

“I sold my soul to the devil,” Kott tells Smith and Allen on May 7, 2006, in the Baranof Hotel.

He repeatedly expresses his allegiance to Allen.

“Now I own your ass,” the VECO CEO tells Kott in the same conversation.

“I got it done,” Kott replies. “I've got to answer to the big boy.”

Allen is scheduled to testify Wednesday, followed by Smith.

In another development Tuesday, government prosecutors revealed that they consider former state Sen. Jerry Mackie an unindicted coconspirator in the Kott case.

Mackie, now a consultant in Anchorage, represented Craig for three terms in the state House and one in the Senate.

Prosecutor James Goeke said Mackie, who coordinated the political poll for Kott, should have been aware that VECO's involvement was improper.

In a phone call recorded by the FBI on July 12, 2006, Mackie tells Smith that his company, Northwest Strategies, could handle billing for the poll.

“No one ever needs to know that,” he said. “That's private to private.”

Mackie could not be immediately reached Tuesday night at his office or home.

Growers confused over ‘no match’ documentation ruling in Oregon

BY JOSEPH B. FRAZIER | Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. A court order temporarily blocking a rule intended to shift more burden on farmers to show they are not hiring undocumented workers has some Northwest growers and farm organizations wondering what's next.

Plaintiffs say that with massive Social Security Administration discrepancies, many American citizens as well as undocumented workers could be affected, with firings weakening labor pools already stretched thin in sectors such as agriculture.

“Our guess is that it is temporary, but you can never second-guess what a judge will do,” said Don Schellenberg, legislative affairs director for the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation.

“We have to keep planning as if it will move ahead and make members aware of legal and ethical obligations.”

A federal judge in San Francisco last month put a temporary restraining order on the so-called “no match” letters that would have shifted responsibility for verifying that Social Security numbers presented by workers matched those in federal files. Another hearing is set for Oct. 1.

The Department of Homeland Security rule would have had the Social Security Administration send letters this month to employers with 10 or more employees whose Social Security numbers could not be verified.

If an employee or employer could not solve his Social Security problems within 90 days, the employer would have to assume he is undocumented and fire him or face penalties.

But plaintiffs cited a report from the Office of the Inspector General saying that 12.7 million of the 17.8 million discrepancies in the Social Security Administration's database — about 70 percent — involve native-born U.S. citizens, not undocumented workers.

“The Social Security Administration is not set up to play this role,” said Lucas Gutentag, a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union, one of the plaintiffs. He called it a Social Security issue, not an immigration issue.

“If there is a problem with Social Security numbers or records and if the Social Security bureaucracy cannot straighten it out within 90 days, you pay the consequences, you get fired.”

Plaintiffs said discrepancies can arise because of typographical errors, marriages or divorce.

Search uncovers 3-year-old boy missing in Utah

BY DAVID BURGER | Associated Press Writer

KAMAS, Utah With searchers shouting “Benji,” a 3-year-old boy in pajamas who wandered from his family's campsite Tuesday was found just over 8 hours later in good condition.

Benjamin Myrup disappeared around 8:30 a.m. MDT in the Uinta Mountains, in a remote, rugged area of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest, about 60 miles east of Salt Lake City.

He was found in late afternoon about three-quarters of a mile from the campsite near Provo River Falls, said Sgt. Jim Shupe of the Summit County sheriff's office.

“This is my baby, and he's back,” said mother Naomi Myrup of Salt Lake City, as she held the toddler, who clutched a white teddy bear dressed in a red T-shirt with the word “Luv” on it.

The boy was spotted from a helicopter, which hovered over him while radioing his location to searchers on the ground.

Myrup said her son lost his shoes and had some cuts on his feet. “My shoe and my sock were lost,” the little boy explained.

“They found my baby, he's fine,” Myrup said. “I kinda didn't believe it until I actually found him.”

The boy's father, Mathew Myrup, was at work when Benjamin vanished but was at the scene when the child was found.

Volunteers, including some on horses and ATVs, quickly joined the search for the 3-foot-tall boy, who was wearing pajamas with dump trucks on them. Planes and helicopters flew overhead, partly to get the attention of a kid who likes aircraft.

“We've been throwing every resource at it,” Sheriff Dave Edmunds said.

Benjamin was playing with siblings and cousins when he disappeared into the woods, Edmunds said.

His mother immediately drove several miles to get cell-phone reception to call for help.

Earlier reports that a pregnant woman had gotten lost while looking for the boy.

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Building toward lasting peace

Memorial Mass held at New Mexico church housing WTC beams

BY TIM KORTE
Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. A Roman Catholic priest in New Mexico on Tuesday urged parishioners to strive for peace and justice through dialogue during a memorial Mass for victims of the 2001 terrorist attacks in New York City.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Baretas, a 400-year-old neighborhood just south of

downtown Albuquerque, holds a special kinship to the Sept. 11 events — its bell tower houses two steel beams from the fallen World Trade Center towers.

The Rev. Clarence Maes said the beams, which arrived in May 2002, give the church and its members a renewed purpose every day.

“We continue to work toward establishing peace and justice in our world, and that involves dialogue with other faiths, with other members of our community and with leaders within our community,” he said.

He urged about four dozen parishioners in attendance to focus on creating justice in their daily lives but remain vigilant and remember the past. The Mass ended with parishioners singing three verses of “America the Beautiful.”

Below the bell tower, the church houses a memorial chapel dedicated to the Sept. 11 attacks. The two beams — one weighing 30,000 pounds, the other 26,000 — are mounted just above the floor, easy for visitors to touch.

An inscription reads: “These steel beams come from the World Trade Center and are a gift from the people of New York.”

There’s a copper-plated book with names and biographical entries for each victim and a wall of engraved granite listing the names. Also on display: New York’s state flag, a T-shirt signed by rescue workers and New York City firefighter helmets and police hats.

“A lot of people will never get to New York from here,” said the Rev. James Moore, who retired from the priesthood last year.

“It makes it more human,” he added. “These names were real live people.”

Finally, there’s a religious icon titled “Our Mother of Sorrows.” It depicts the virgin mother with her arms encircling the burning World Trade Center towers as two twin-engine jetliners fly overhead.

“This really is a national shrine, not a Catholic shrine,” Moore said.

Moore, who oversaw the parish during efforts to bring the steel beams to Albuquerque, said parishioners raised more than \$200,000. Maes estimated attendance was up slightly from the usual weekday morning Mass.

“Because they have been celebrating for the last five years, they recognize the celebration has moved beyond the space here and into the larger community,” Maes said.

Gym classes not about play, but playing it safe

BY TERRY TANG
Associated Press Writer

PRESCOTT VALLEY, Ariz. Seventh-grader Jessica Durham was riding her tricycle with caution.

She had good reason to go slowly: She was wearing fatal vision goggles, also known as beer goggles, which simulate the depth perception of someone who is drunk.

The giggling from her classmates was her major clue whenever she knocked over a traffic cone on the obstacle course.

“That drinking stuff was scary. You didn’t know if you were going to get hurt,” the Glassford Hill Middle School student said after taking a spin during one of the final days of school last spring. “I don’t think I’m ever going to get drunk.”

Telling girls to be safe and smart outside of school is one thing. Showing them is another. That’s why some teachers are using physical education class as a way to teach teenage girls about the importance of playing it safe. From practicing self-defense moves to discussing date rape, the unconventional curriculum has added a dimension of girl power not usually seen in girls’ gym class.

Teaching self-defense and other life skills during school hours is becoming more common, said Craig Buschner, president of the National Association for Sport & Physical Education.

But finding a place for life skills on the syllabus can be difficult, especially when about 30 percent of states do not mandate gym class for elementary and middle schools.

“Kids need this, obviously, but when you move in new content or new kinds of information for kids, what are you getting rid of,” Buschner said. “There are only so many hours in the day and so many days in the school year.”

Marty Boles, the teacher who helped develop the pilot program at Glassford Hill this past spring semester, said she felt these lessons were as relevant as any other class.

“It’s part of making sure girls are safe and it’s about their well-being, to empower them, to make them realize no matter what size they are, they have the ability to take care of themselves,” Boles said.

At Lewis S. Mills High School in Burlington, Conn., self-defense and CPR

have been part of the wellness curriculum for both boys and girls for more than a decade. Juniors and seniors are required to take one of the two courses, said physical education instructor Phyllis Jones.

Jones said she wanted a co-ed class that appealed to students who didn’t care for team sports. She felt it was also important for boys to know how to prevent potential attacks.

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Marty Boles

Teacher who helped develop the pilot program

Karen Beuprie, teaches self-defense during gym classes at Lake Zurich Middle School South in Lake Zurich, Ill. She said she specifically targeted eighth graders because they haven’t yet faced the pressures of high school.

“All of a sudden there are parties to go to. Their defenses are down,” Beuprie said. “They’re easy prey if they’re not smart.”

With the help of another teacher and a martial arts instructor, Beuprie compiled a 10-day program in the 1990s. Now retired, she is currently working with colleagues on a full curriculum guide to market to other school districts.

Don Hellison, a professor in the Department of Moving Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago, who has written about character building through gym class since 1970, says these new classes are important.

“A lot of times parents don’t take on those jobs anymore so it gets dumped in the school’s lap,” he said.



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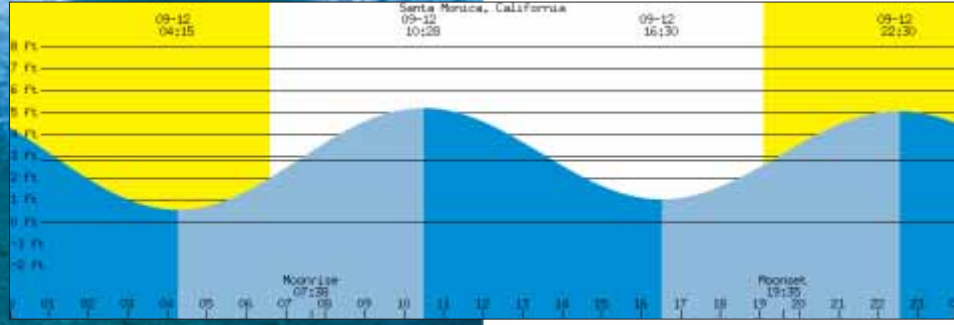
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NFL Russell gets largest rookie contract ever

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA Quarterback JaMarcus Russell left for the Bay Area on Tuesday to sign a record rookie deal with the Oakland Raiders and end the longest holdout in more than two decades by the league's top pick.

Russell was due to fly from Alabama to California later Tuesday and was expected to sign the six-year, \$61 million contract in time to join his new team for practice Wednesday, according to a person familiar with the talks who spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal had not been announced.

Russell will be guaranteed a record \$29 million, the highest amount allowed under the NFL's rookie salary pool rules, and would get an additional \$3 million if he reaches minimal playing time incentives, the person said.

Russell would earn the \$3 million bonus in 2010 if he takes 35 percent of the team's snaps this year, 45 percent in 2008 or 50 percent in 2009. If Russell hit all the incentives in the deal, it would be worth \$68 million.

The previous record deal for a rookie was when the Detroit Lions gave No. 2 pick Calvin Johnson \$27.2 million in guarantees this year. Top pick Mario Williams got \$26.5 million in guaranteed money a year ago from Houston.

A Raiders spokesman declined to comment on the status of the talks. Russell's agent, Eric Metz, did not return a phone call seeking comment.

The marathon talks the past few days have brought an end to the longest holdout for a top pick since 1986. Bo Jackson chose to play baseball instead of signing with Tampa Bay that year. He went back into the draft in 1987 and was taken in the seventh round by the Raiders, starting a two-sport career.

The last first-round pick not to be signed by the season opener was offensive lineman Bryant McKinnie, who missed the first eight games in 2002 after being selected with the seventh overall pick by the Minnesota Vikings.

It's unlikely Russell will be able to contribute much this season after missing the entire preseason and the season opener against Detroit.

Josh McCown started in the Raiders' 36-21 loss to the Lions and was backed up by Daunte Culpepper and Andrew Walter. The Raiders will get a two-week roster exemption after Russell signs, but it's unlikely they would keep four quarterbacks after that.

Russell went 25-4 as LSU's starting quarterback, finishing his career with the Tigers by throwing the second most touchdown passes (52) and having the second highest completion percentage (61.9 percent) in school history.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Callahan says he's treating USC game like any other

BY ERIC OLSON
AP Sports Writer

er comes in here."

Told that the public might suspect he's blowing smoke, Callahan wouldn't budge.

"We're just trying to manage our football team and do what is in the best interest of our team and just focus on our preparation. The fans do understand that," he said. "Anybody who has been in big-time games, they do have a good understanding of what it takes to prepare to play at an elite level."

LINCOLN, Neb. Just another game.

That's how Nebraska coach Bill Callahan characterizes Saturday's meeting with Southern California.

The fans have a different opinion about the matchup of programs that have combined for 16 national titles and 10 Heisman Trophies. Asking prices for pairs of tickets run into the thousands of dollars on Internet auction sites, and hotels have been sold out for months.

The buildup is reminiscent of Notre Dame's visit in 2001, when the Irish came to town for the first time since 1948.

The aura of USC is even greater right now. The Trojans' dominance is akin to Nebraska's a decade ago, when the Cornhuskers won 60 of 63 games and shared or won outright three national titles from 1993 to '97. The Trojans have won 60 of their last 66 since 2002 and shared or won two championships. Adding to the intrigue is that they are the first No. 1 team since Oklahoma in 1978 to visit Memorial Stadium.

Still, Callahan stands firm in his public position that this game is no more or no less significant than, say, next week's clash with Ball State.

"You don't get too high and don't get too low in terms of your approach," Callahan said Tuesday. "It doesn't matter who you're playing. You focus on what you have to get done and accomplish. The opponent is the opponent. We have great respect for whoever

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO YOU'RE PLAYING. YOU FOCUS ON WHAT YOU HAVE TO GET DONE AND ACCOMPLISH.

Bill Callahan
Nebraska head coach

Try as he might to shield his players from the hype, they know what's at stake.

At No. 14, the Huskers (2-0) have their highest ranking since the middle of 2003, Frank Solich's last season as coach.

Callahan, who signed a five-year contract last week, is 4-6 against teams in the Top 25, 0-5 against the Top 10. Arguably his biggest win was in the 2005 Alamo Bowl against Michigan.

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Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier	C	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Rossmore Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain	A	ns
Escamido Creek, just east of Escamido State Beach	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurant)	A+	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Selkirk Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brinkley Ave. drain	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	F	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Sunbiter Beach at Malibu Colony fence	B	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A	ns
Sunbiter Beach (beach location) - daily	A	ns	Venice Beach - projection of Topsoil St.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballena Creek mouth	F	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint zone)	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Los Toros County Beach	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of GWW jetty)	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Tapango State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns	Dockweiler Beach - opposite Hygienic Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17280 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	C	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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Bad pipes

Timberlake postpones pair of tour dates because of vocal exhaustion



JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE has been ordered to rest his voice. Timberlake's strained voice is the result of his performance Sunday at MTV's Video Music Awards in Las Vegas and months

of touring, Jive Records said in a statement Tuesday. A doctor ordered several days of vocal rest for Timberlake, forcing the 26-year-old singer to miss shows in Sacramento, Calif., on Monday and San Jose, Calif., on Wednesday.

Tour promoter AEG Live has rescheduled the shows for Sept. 23 in San Jose and Sept. 25 in Sacramento. Timberlake wraps up his FutureSex/LoveShow tour this month.

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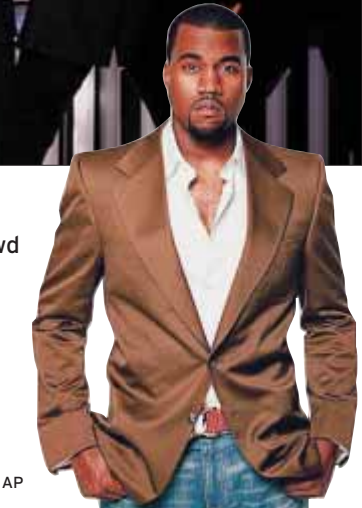
West blames MTV for Spears' failures

KANYE WEST blames MTV for **BRITNEY SPEARS'** less than stellar performance at the Video Music Awards. "Man, they were just trying to get ratings, and they knew she wasn't ready and they exploited her," the 29-year-old rapper said Tuesday on Sirius Satellite Radio's "The Morning Mash Up." The network made a "bad move" by having the troubled pop star open Sunday's event in Las Vegas, said West, who feels he should have kicked off the show with "Stronger," the first single from his new album, "Graduation." "They exploited her, they played me and I really don't mess with MTV," he said. Spears, 25, looked unprepared while perform-



ing her new song, "Gimme More," to a bewildered audience of her music industry peers. She seemed nervous and, at times, stopped singing altogether. West said he wanted to perform "Stronger" on the show's main stage – where

R&B hotshot Chris Brown wowed the crowd with Michael Jackson-esque dance moves – but complied when he was asked to host a suite party. MTV's David French didn't respond.



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DOUGLAS, ROSE HONORED

MICHAEL DOUGLAS and Charlie Rose will be honored with lifetime achievement awards at the 10th annual Savannah Film Festival. The festival, hosted by the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga., will run Oct. 27-Nov. 3. Siblings Vanessa Redgrave, Lynn Redgrave and Corin Redgrave will also be honored. Their selection was announced last month. Douglas, 62, has won two Oscars – as an actor for "Wall Street" and as a producer for "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." Rose, 65, will receive a lifetime achievement award in entertainment journalism.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★ Dynamic ★★★★★ Positive ★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult

Midweek break, Gemini

Happy Birthday!

You put your best foot forward this year. Be careful, as on some level you might sabotage yourself. Go within if results are not what you expected. You might need to connect mind with heart a little more often. You might experience less fallout as a result, as the two will be connected. If you are single, you have a lot to offer others. You might not realize how appealing you really are. If you are attached, you'll discover how important it is to agree to disagree.



Born Today

Singer Barry White (1944)
Actress Rachel Ward (1957)
Columnist Cindy Elavsky (1972)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Though you might need to make an adjustment or two, you could be taken aback by how someone approaches his or her life. Take your time with others, especially as there could be a question mark in your mind. Tonight: Sort through the possibilities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Get into a project, but be adaptable and easy. Your ability to get past an immediate hassle or to clear out a problem earmarks your decisions and actions. You are on top of the world. Know it and understand it. Tonight: Lie back and relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You might want to understand something that is close to ungraspable. How you deal with this situation could change radically if you slow down and think. Understand that someone is coming from another perspective. Tonight: Midweek break.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Investigate a potential investment. A change in how you approach your personal life concerning outside responsibilities should not be surprising at all. Think positively and move past a problem. Tonight: Home is where you will be happiest.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might want to clear the air before you launch into calls, pushing an idea and keeping conversations rolling. A risk might not pay off no matter how you cut it. Loosen up with others, and they'll relax as well. Tonight: Fun and games.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You might get a wake-up call about spending and excess. You've probably been a bit more fun-loving than in the past. Let go and relax in the company of others. You might need to rethink a domestic issue. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You are directed and know absolutely what you want and where you are going. You might need to approach certain people differently if you want them on your team. Use that special Libra charm. Tonight: All smiles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Sometimes stepping back brings the results you desire. Right now this behavior could be difficult for you, but you can do it. Simply relax and draw in more information. Don't spend any money if possible – just for now. Tonight: Get extra sleep.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Your attitude could cause a problem with friends or a boss. Know that sometimes you are very testy and trying with others. You might want to pull back and do some thinking before you make a statement or take a stand. Tonight: Where people are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You might be causing yourself a problem where you needn't. Open up to new possibilities and don't close down. A power play is not what you want to be involved in; pull out. The only way to win is not to play. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Sometimes you find yourself in a pickle or involved in a problem. You want to take a broader view. It just might be apropos that you do something very differently or make an adjustment that could involve a friend. Tonight: Go where your mind can relax.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Deal with a partner directly, especially as you might not have the same interests. Make that OK with you, and if need be, head in a new direction. A quiet talk could demonstrate the bond that exists between you. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

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2:00, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35
Bourne Ultimatum, The (PG-13)
1:30, 4:10, 6:55, 9:40
Simpsons Movie, The (PG-13)
2:10, 4:45, 7:15, 9:25
War (R)
2:20, 5:00, 7:25, 9:50

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3:10 to Yuma (R)
1:25, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05
Bourne Ultimatum, The (PG-13)
1:50, 4:40, 7:25, 10:15
Brothers Solomon, The (R)
2:05, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45
Death Sentence (R)
1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00
Hairspray (PG)
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
Mr. Bean's Holiday (G)
1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:10
Stardust (PG-13)
1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 10:20

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12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Nines, The (R)
12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

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The 11th Hour (PG)
1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:20
2 Days in Paris
(Deux jours a Paris) (R)
1:40, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
Becoming Jane (PG)
1:45, 4:30, 7:10
Paris, je t'aime (R)
9:45
Self-Medicating (R)
1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

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Halloween (R)
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
Ladron que Roba a Ladron (PG-13)
12:20, 2:50, 5:30, 7:50, 10:30
Nanny Diaries, The (PG-13)
11:50am, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
Rush Hour 3 (PG-13)
12:00, 2:10, 4:40, 7:00, 9:40
Shoot 'Em Up (R)
12:30, 3:00, 5:20, 7:30, 10:00
Superbad (R)
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10

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Difficulty
GOLD

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

8	4	1	7	9	2	5	6	3
3	7	9	6	5	4	1	8	2
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4	8	7	5	3	1	2	9	6
1	3	6	8	2	9	4	5	7
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PRECISELY

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The Meaning of Lila

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OH, LOOK, A PRETTY CRYSTAL BOWL!

The Other Coast

By Adrian Raeside

TAILS

...THEN THE QUEEN DECIDES TO OUTSOURCE NEST-BUILDING TO CHINA, AND BINGO! I'M OUT OF WORK.

Garfield

By Jim Davis

ARE YOU DOING ANYTHING RIGHT NOW?

SWAT

OH, JUST SWATTING SPIDERS

I'LL COME BACK LATER WHEN YOU'RE NOT SO BUSY

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I'M TELLING YOU, PHIL, THEY'RE BOTH HIGHER THAN US ON THE FOOD CHAIN!

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Grant of films

5 Lingerie items

9 "Let's Make —"

11 Helpful push

12 Martini base

13 Informal

14 Make a misstep

15 Hold one's tongue

17 Pool part

19 1040 org.

20 Fencing need

21 Fixed charge

22 Customary

24 Deposit

26 Bridge feats

29 Heir, perhaps

30 Woodstock's strip

32 News VIPs

34 Summit

35 Ice-cream unit

36 Sandra's "Speed" costar

38 Chases off

39 Modify

40 White's counterpart

41 Disarray

DOWN

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

■ **Least Competent Fraudsters:** (1) Belleville, Ill., psychiatrist Ajit Trikha pleaded guilty in June to defrauding Medicare and Medicaid of at least \$1.85 million, including invoices claiming he worked more than 24 hours a day on 76 different occasions (40 hours on one day and treating 83 patients in 2 1/2 hours on another). He also claimed to treat patients 1,267 times in Belleville while he was traveling in Europe. (2) In June, the New York state comptroller charged Brooklyn dentist Mohinder Mayell with defrauding Medicaid of at least \$124,000, including claims for treating eight patients between 123 and 170 times each and filling 52 cavities in another patient in about two hours' time.

■ **News That Sounds Like a Joke** Two Port Washington, Wis., inmates brawled in July, started (said officials) when James Lala (who has served time for having sex with an underage girl) asked another man what he thought of Woody Allen's having married the teenage daughter of his then-girlfriend Mia Farrow. When the man responded that he thought that was perverted, Lala punched him in the face.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1846 Elizabeth Barrett elopes with Robert Browning.

1933 Leó Szilárd, waiting for a red light on Southampton Row in Bloomsbury, conceives the idea of the nuclear chain reaction.

1938 Adolf Hitler demands autonomy for the Germans of the Sudetenland region of Czechoslovakia.

1947 The U.S. Screen Actors Guild implements an anti-Communist loyalty oath.

1953 Nikita Khrushchev is elected first secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

1974 Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, 'Messiah' of the Rastafari movement, is deposed following a military coup by the Derg.

1977 South African anti-apartheid activist Steve Biko is killed in police custody.

1983 A Wells Fargo depot in West Hartford, Connecticut, United States, was robbed of approximately US\$7 million by Los Macheteros.

1995 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's All Star Team beats the Harlem Globetrotters 91-85, ending the Globetrotters' 24-year, 8,829-game winning streak.

2005 Israel completes its withdrawal of all troops and settlers from the Gaza Strip.

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THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that THOMAS L. WEBB be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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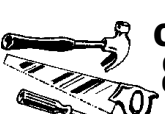
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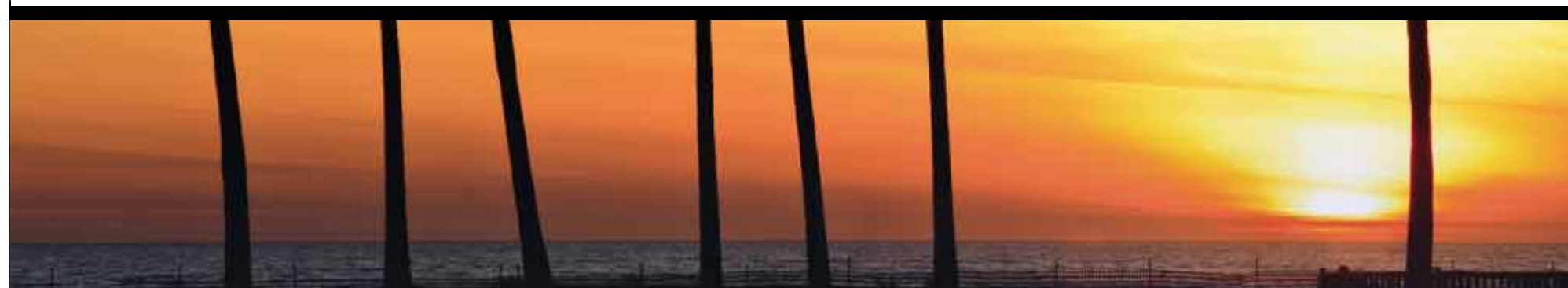




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