

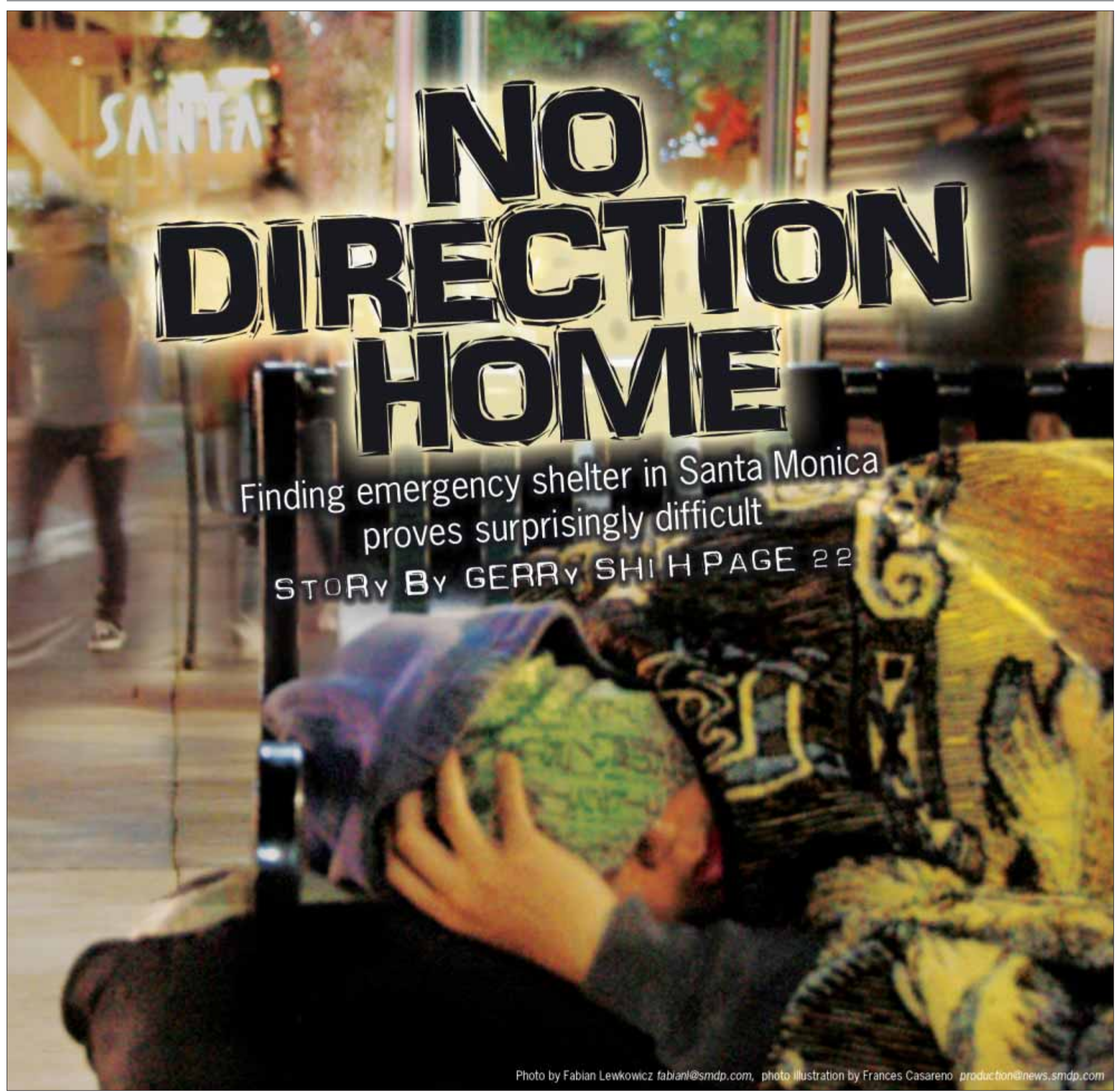


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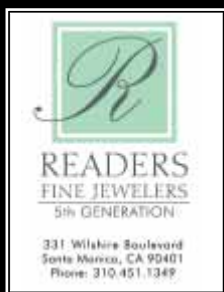
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



California Coastal Cleanup Day

Check for locations, 9 a.m. — noon
Join Heal the Bay and more than 10,000 volunteers at several Los Angeles sites for California Coastal Cleanup Day. For a complete list of clean-up sites, visit www.healthebay.org/ccd or call (800) HEAL-BAY.

Truth is Stranger Than Fiction book group

2601 Main St., 11 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
The group will discuss, “Rebel Heart: The Scandalous Life of Lady Jane Digby el Mazrab,” by Mary S. Lovell. Group meets at the Ocean Park Branch Library.

Supermodel makeover

1349 Third Street Promenade, noon — 6 p.m.
Too Faced and Miss Sixty offer a day of makeovers, complimentary consultations and a take-home photo at Sephora.

Ann Nietzsche reading

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m. — 3 p.m.
Author Ann Nietzsche, a recipient of a Christopher Isherwood Foundation Fellowship, will read from her fiction at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium of the Main Library. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at (310) 458-8600 or visit www.smpl.org.

Boy's Club volleyball tryouts

1900 Pico Blvd., 4:30 p.m. — 7 p.m.
The Offshore Waves Boy's Volleyball club is holding tryouts for boys ages 12 — 18. The fee to try out is \$20. For more information, e-mail Kevin Endsley at offshore-waves@gmail.com.

'Art Explosion'

1431 Ocean Ave., 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Tracy Park Gallery's current artwork exhibit was created by youth participating in Free Arts for Abused Children's creative expression programs. This is a complimentary reception and exhibit.

Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007

Animal adoptions

San Vicente Boulevard and Barrington, 10 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Bow Wow Meow's animal adoption festival will also include dog agility shows, a live band, kid's play area and food. Admission is free of charge. For more information, call (310) 441-2888 or visit www.flff.org.

Taste of Santa Monica

Santa Monica Pier, noon — 4 p.m.
The pier is hosting Taste of Santa Monica — a festival of local food. Events included will be live music, chef demonstrations and a silent auction. For a complete list of participants and ticket prices, visit www.tasteofsantamonica.com.

Herb Astrow's 'Herbicide'

1211 Fourth St., 7 p.m.
Herb Astrow returns to the Santa Monica Playhouse with new stories after a 50-year hiatus to perform “Herbicide.” Tickets are \$20. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.santamonicaplayhouse.com or call (310) 394-9779.

Become a foxy dancer

16th Street and Marine, 6 p.m. — 7 p.m.
Foxtrot and Waltz classes are open to beginner dancers without any previous experience. Singles and couples are welcome. \$5 per lesson. Classes will be held in Marine Park's social hall.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the “Events” tab for the given day's calendar.



CORRECTION

It should have been reported that the man hit by a bus last Wednesday (“Pedestrian injured while crossing street,” Sept. 6.) was pinned beneath the vehicle for three minutes, according to the SMFD, and that the “Jaws of Life” hydraulic rescue tool was used to extract the man.



A LITTLE OVER-RIPE: Ray Valencia, a fourth grade teacher at 186th Street School in Glendale, watches as his students pick up a sand-covered squash Friday as part of Heal the Bay's Coastal Cleanup kickoff. Saturday over 10,000 volunteers are expected to hit 70 locations around Los Angeles County, picking up garbage before it makes its way into the Santa Monica Bay.

Kevin Herrera kevinh@smdp.com

Kids storm the beach

Coastal Cleanup Day kicks off early with students sifting sand

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM BEACH She had only spent roughly 10 minutes on the beach and, already, Vanessa Gonzales had picked up enough cigarette butts to fill a carton.

"It's gross," the 9-year-old from 186th Street School in Gardena said as she looked into a paper sack at her collection of garbage. "I don't like (the trash) because if the wind blows it into the ocean, the animals will get sick or die."

Gonzales was just one of roughly 700 kids from Title 1 schools who hit Santa Monica's beaches on Friday for Heal the Bay's Coastal Cleanup kickoff.

"It's a lot of fun, cleaning," said Justin McGee, 10, a classmate of Gonzales. "It's fun because we're helping out the beach, keeping it clean so that we can protect the ocean and the animals that live there."

The event was a precursor to the 23rd annual California Coastal Cleanup Day this Saturday, which will see 10,000 Southland volunteers sift through the sand and inland waterways in search of plastic debris and other garbage that pose significant health risks to humans and marine life alike.

More than 70,000 pounds of trash and recyclables were collected during last year's Coastal Cleanup effort, 85 percent of which came from inland sites. Plastics

are by far the most collected debris, followed by cigarettes, according to Mark Gold, executive director of Heal the Bay.

"We want to educate people that the beach really begins at their front doors," said Gold, who emphasized the importance of keeping waterways that flow to the ocean, like the Compton Creek, free of debris. "The kids are great because they are more effective than anybody in spreading the word. They are excellent stewards of the environment, telling friends and family about how important it is to not throw trash in the street ..."

Fourth-grade teacher Ray Valencia applauded Heal the Bay for inviting his students to the event. He said that, for some kids, it was the first time they had ever been to the ocean and, therefore, it

SM Place remodel approved

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN The owners of Santa Monica Place cleared a major hurdle towards redesigning the aging structure earlier this week, when the city's Redevelopment Agency — comprised of the seven City Council members — unanimously approved its latest proposal for the Frank Gehry-designed shopping mall.

The vote Tuesday gave Santa Monica-based Macerich Co. the go-ahead to amend existing agreements for the construction, operation and maintenance of a redesigned mall and adjacent parking structures.

"We're very pleased that the Santa Monica City Council unanimously approved our plans," said Bob Aptaker, vice president of development for Macerich, one of the largest retail real estate investment trusts in the nation with 73 regional shopping centers in its portfolio.

"While there are several important steps still ahead in the approval process, we're encouraged and we're also very appreciative of this community," Aptaker added. "We're looking forward to building a great new Santa Monica Place."

Macerich has already received the approval of the Planning Commission and now must go before the Arts Commission, Architectural Review Board and the California Coastal Commission. Macerich officials said they hope to have the mall up and running by Fall 2009.

City Staff, along with downtown business owners, residents and elected officials, all feel that a remodeled mall will not only be a tremendous asset for the community, bringing in more tax revenue to help pay for programs and services, but will also create a new energy and pedestrian flow in Downtown, finally connecting the Third Street Promenade to the Civic Center and Main Street.

The reason being, Macerich plans to tear the roof off the enclosed mall, which was designed by famed architect Gehry, and create an open-air, multilevel complex that will

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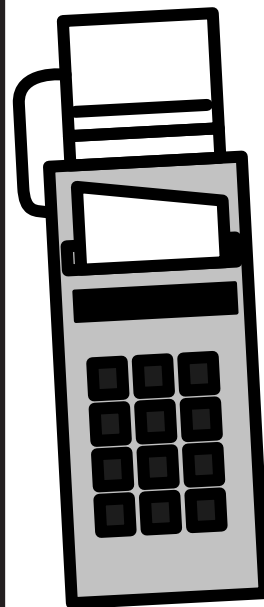
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A little English goes a long way
Editor:

If you enter the United States illegally, you will be arrested and deported back to where you came from. That is the law. Immigration laws and illegal entry are not one and the same.

Many of the protesters that have been protesting lately at the Federal Building and Downtown Los Angles are confused over this issue. To enter the United States illegally and have a child, does not give you United States citizenship.

Immigration handbooks, manuals and policy guidance can be obtained at any U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. (USCIS) If you do not want to give up the citizenship of the country you came from, you may apply for dual citizenship. This is a lot more pleasant then being arrested and deported. America is a great country.

United States Citizenship Application Forms are free. There might be a charge on some things, but it is a lot cheaper than hiring a coyote and/or entering illegally. You are not required to speak English fluently. Just be able to speak some English, understand some English and be able to write some English.

God bless America!

Geno Schotte
Santa Monica

Mall sells out freedom of speech
Editor:

I witnessed an interesting thing today (Wednesday, Sept. 12) while having dinner in the Community Focus Gallery of Santa Monica Place (“Hard to say goodbye,” Sept. 14). Local peace activist Jerry Rubin and some friends were gathering near the bay windows to discuss, what I assume, was the city’s decision to cut down our beautiful and healthy trees. I assume this because Jerry had placed a white sign atop a table that read in green letters, “SAVE OUR TREES.”

The sign was only about as large as a spread-out copy of the L.A. Times and was facing inward, away from the street. A mall security guard came to the group and told them they could not display this sign atop the table. (Rubin) came back after a few moments with the guard and removed the sign.

Sieg Heil!

What kind of nonsense is this when a peaceful meeting of American citizens concerned with their community and its dunder-head City Hall cannot keep a small simple sign atop a table and leaning against the window? Especially in the Community Focus Gallery – where many social issues (such as homelessness and mental illness) are expressed and routinely displayed on the walls in the form of art exhibits.

If the guards at Santa Monica Place need something to do, I have a suggestion – spend more time walking through the parking structures and being seen by potential car burglars, rapists and robbers, and less time throwing weight at fellow Americans peacefully discussing their First Amendment Right to redress government.

I should add that I in no way was a part of the meeting; I’m just a citizen who happened to be having dinner in the room. In fact, I don’t even like Jerry Rubin, and some of the bumper stickers he sells on the promenade turn my stomach. However, I served my country to protect (him) and his right to offend and disagree with my politics and religion.

As the late Bible scholar and U.S. Constitution expert Dr. Gene Scott has pointed out – the Founding Fathers intended that the most offensive free speech be the most protected of all free speech.

And one more thing ... save our trees!

James Paul Zeruk Jr.
Santa Monica



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Men: Feeling randy?
Then do the laundry

I CAME ACROSS SOME STUDIES RECENTLY that deal with a couple of topics that have perplexed men for generations: Sex and housework. Not surprisingly, despite all of the advances women have made towards equality, they generally still do more housework than men. However, what may be surprising is that live-in boyfriends do more household chores than husbands. And some research indicates that women have more sex with men who do more work around the house than with those who don’t do their share.

Men doing housework is, evidently, a kind of aphrodisiac for women.

I’m going to have to accept this last finding, but I have a question: If this is true, instead of showing photos of all those “hot” young men in bathing suits in magazines designed for women’s viewing pleasure, why not just show pictures of guys vacuuming the house?

A study published in the September Journal of Family Issues that involved more than 17,000 people in 28 Western countries, concluded that live-in boyfriends performed more household labor than married men. So, what’s going on with those live-in boyfriends? Are they just doing all this housework to trick their girlfriends, knowing full well that they won’t lift a finger around the house after they get married? Researchers don’t think so. They have concluded that it’s more likely that the “official” status of marriage suggests to men and women that they should adopt the more traditional roles that perhaps their parents or grandparents had around the house. There haven’t been enough generations of married men and women performing the same roles for this concept to be embedded deeply enough in the culture. For years, some people have felt that marriage takes the romance out of a relationship. Now it might be said that marriage takes the man doing the laundry out of the relationship.

Neil Chethik wrote a book called, “VoiceMale: What Husbands Really Think About Their Marriages, Their Wives, Sex, Housework and Commitment.” You might think that after writing a title that long, Chethik didn’t have any energy or words left. But he did. Along with the University of Kentucky Research Center, Chethik’s study with 300 American husbands found that housework was very important in marriages. Wives were less likely to have affairs, couples were less likely to consider separation or divorce, and couples were more likely to say they were happily married if the husband did more chores than in other marriages.

Another gender expert, Michael Gurian believes this is so because it’s such a pleasant surprise when men do more around the house than expected. These experts aren’t saying that women are consciously trading

sex for housework, but that seeing their men do more of it puts them in a better mood in general.

According to Chethik’s study, a man doesn’t have to do exactly 50 percent of the housework to please his wife. If he just does enough so that she feels supported, she’ll be happier. And obviously, the exact amount that each of them does around the house can be negotiated based on things like the number of hours each of them works, how much time they spend with the children, etc.

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Chethik even quantifies how much more sex a man is likely to have if his wife feels he’s helping out appropriately around the house: About one time more per month. I’m sure there are cynics and just lazy guys out there who might respond, “It’s not worth just one more time a month for me to mop that floor.” But keep in mind, none of these researchers is just talking about sex. They’re all saying that a man can make his mate happier by doing more of the housework. Sex is only a side benefit.

All the same, if more studies agree with these, and if an increasing number of men believe in the results, I think we’ll see more and more guys grab brooms, irons and rags, and get to work. They’ll reason that if some help will yield one more time a month, just think how much more sex a lot of housework will yield. We might even get to a point that women will ask men to do less around the house. In other words, someday we might see the old cliché change to, “Please honey, don’t do the dishes tonight. I’ve got a headache.”

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STRAY talk

A CENTER-CUT, NO-FAT REVIEW OF WHAT WAS SAID THIS PAST WEEK BY FOLKS THE WORLD OVER AND RIGHT AT HOME

“Civil disobedience is a last resort.”

— Actress Cate Blanchett, on playing male singer Bob Dylan in an upcoming movie

“I think I had my tongue so far down his throat I could taste his fiancée - and I might need a repeat performance later tonight.”

— Jerry Rubin, a Santa Monica native and activist, as he pulled chains out of a bag at a Tree Savers meeting convened to save the ficus trees along Second and Fourth streets

“Taught me how to launder money in the Cayman Islands.”

— David Letterman reading from his list, Top 10 Reasons I Love Oprah, on the 22nd-season premiere of “The Oprah Winfrey Show”

“I just strapped those breasts down and went for it.”

— Actress Cate Blanchett, on playing male singer Bob Dylan in an upcoming movie

“You’ve seen too much of that Hollywood stuff.”

— Officer Brent Crafton, a member of the Santa Monica Police Department's Special Entry Team, to a team of officers training for an “active shooter” scenario at Santa Monica College

“Nice people don’t go around getting themselves knifed to death.”

— Excerpt from O.J. Simpson’s book, “If I Did It,” which was released this week

“The hotel considers this to be an imperative aspect for the hotel and its colleagues in order to ‘Turning Moments into Memories for our Guests’ as our mission states.”

— Ellis O’Connor, general manager for the Fairmont Miramar Hotel, in a letter to the ACLU after employees notified union representatives with allegations that the hotel required employees to adhere to an English-only policy

For me, a life without murder is like a life without food for you.”

— Russian serial killer, Alexander Pichushkin, 33, who has confessed to killing 62 people with the goal of marking all 64 squares on his chessboard

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Copies of the CAPER are now available to the public for a 15-day community review period ending September 28, 2007. Copies are available at City Hall (Room 212) and on the web at smgov.net, or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to Gigi Decavalles-Hughes at the above address by September 28, 2007.

The QLine

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This past week, Q-line asked:

Do you think that Big Blue Bus does all it can to ensure public safety or do you feel that more needs to be done?

Here are your responses:

"GIVEN TODAY'S HORRENDOUS TRAFFIC problems, I think BBB does the best they can under these very trying road conditions. As has been said before, all drivers and pedestrians have to take personal responsibility for their own and other's safety. Everyone has to keep their wits about them and keep constantly aware of road conditions. And don't forget courtesy and giving the other guy a break. No one has it easy out there today."

"THE SANTA MONICA BIG BLUE BUS HAS been a menace to passengers, motorists and pedestrians since its inception. The buses have crashed into every form of motorized vehicle, bicycles and caused passengers to fall into the aisle ways due to an inattentive driver slamming on the brakes to avoid running over another pedestrian. Regardless of nearly how badly a person is injured by the Big Blue Bus line, it is nearly impossible to sue due to attorneys being unwilling to take the case due to the partiality of the municipal judges. Bureaucratic birds of a feather stick together."

"AS I RECALL, MANY OF THE ACCIDENTS occurred during a right turn, which can be done on a red light. I am sure more traffic right turn lights similar to the left turn ones would help the situation."

"NO, I DO NOT THINK THEY DO ENOUGH to ensure public safety. Yes, I feel that more needs to be done. In 15 years I have experienced the following: I have been thrown to the ground due to the quick acceleration because I didn't get to my seat on time and I laid there sprawled out. I'm 65 years old. No. 2, I have had homeless people plop down in my lap – the bus driver never came to rescue me or help me. By the way, the bus was nearly empty. The bus driver was intimidated or too frightened to help anybody. I have had crazy, insane people standing in the aisles, yelling obscenities, screaming about what they are going to do to people. Once again, the bus driver didn't do anything or say they were going to kick them out. I feel that any nut, murderer or terrorist can board the Big Blue Bus. It is my opinion that they should have more security on the bus. What is to keep some terrorist with a backpack getting on the bus with some dynamite or a bunch of manure? Yes, there is a lot to be done with the Big Blue Bus or should I say bust?"

"THIS IS MY MESSAGE REGARDING THE Big Blue Bus – it is the best company in America. They have been the best bus company many times. We are lucky to have the Big Blue Bus in Santa Monica. They do a great deal to promote public safety and have a good scheduling policy and their personnel are all polite and very knowledgeable and experienced. With any company, there is always some accidents and some scheduling difficulties, but the Big Blue Bus always does everything they can for a very reasonable price. We would be in bad shape if we didn't have the Big Blue Bus serving Santa Monica."

"THE BLUE BUSES ARE VERY, VERY

terrible. They don't allow you to cross the street. They blow the horn at you. They almost run you over when you're in a crosswalk. They speed. They cut in front of you. They do many things, especially on the promenade. You have to be very careful. These buses come at 30, 40, 50 miles an hour. People have signs to cross the street. It's terrible. They're gonna kill more people. The police have to do something about it."

"THE BIG BLUE BUS IS VERY SAFE AND it's just amazing how one accident happens and all of a sudden they're marked the unsafe bus out of every transit system in all of the West. I think it's outlandish. I think the Big Blue Bus – compared to the MTA – is safer, cleaner and more pleasant. It's definitely more accurate and on time. Accidents happen and, however unfortunate it may be, I still hope that the Blue Bus continues to run as it did always."

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Catholic bishop says he's not a molester

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Orange County's Roman Catholic bishop testified that he was falsely accused of sexually molesting a male parishioner when he was a priest in Bakersfield decades ago, according to a deposition transcript made public Thursday.

Bishop Tod Brown testified earlier this week in a court-ordered deposition as part of an unrelated sexual abuse lawsuit. A judge unsealed the transcript at a hearing Thursday after church attorneys sought to have portions of the testimony redacted over privacy concerns.

Brown testified that he learned of the allegations against him in July 1997, when he was bishop of the Diocese of Boise, Idaho. He said the bishop of the Diocese of Fresno, which included Bakersfield, called to say that a man was accusing Brown of molesting him when the accuser was a boy in the late 1960s during confession and in catechism classes.

The Diocese of Fresno released a statement Thursday saying that an internal investigation uncovered "absolutely no factual or credible basis whatsoever" for the complaint.

The Fresno diocese forwarded its completed investigation to Kern County prosecutors, who declined to press charges, said Ryan Lilyengren, a spokesman for the Diocese of Orange.

A telephone message seeking comment from the district attorney's office was not immediately returned.

Brown was praised in 2004 when he settled about 90 sexual abuse lawsuits against the Diocese of Orange for \$100 million, the largest settlement at the time. At the time, Brown released a "Covenant of the Faithful," in which is pledged transparency and accountability in matters of clergy sexual abuse.

The diocese later released thousands of pages from the personnel files of 15 accused priests, although no files have been released on eight others.

In the deposition, Brown said he was

shocked and extremely distressed to learn of the accusation against him. He said he "vaguely" remembered the parishioner from his time in Bakersfield. He said he didn't make the allegation public because he knew it was not true and he was not placed on administrative leave during the internal investigation.

Brown said he later consulted a clinical psychologist to try to understand what would have motivated the accuser to make a false complaint against him.

"He explained to me what oftentimes does happen. And so at least it gave me some understanding of what may have happened," Brown said.

The bishop was asked why he didn't

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reveal the allegation on his own.

"Because it was very embarrassing, and very painful. And to be very honest, I think that kind of an allegation is difficult to deal with regardless of how innocent a person may be," Brown said.

Brown's deposition was taken earlier this week as part of a woman's lawsuit against a former coach and driving instructor at Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana. The lawsuit alleges that in the late 1990s lay teacher Jeff Andrade had sex with a 16-year-old female student multiple times over an 18-month period.

Lawmakers reject redistricting

BY STEVE LAWRENCE
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO Once again, California lawmakers have failed to agree on legislation that would strip them of the powerful role of drawing the state's legislative and congressional districts.

The Legislature adjourned its 2007 regular session early Wednesday morning without approving any of four constitutional amendments that would have created a state commission to redraw the districts after each national census. And Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger did not include redistricting among the topics for lawmakers to consider in a special session he called Tuesday to deal with water and health care issues.

Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, D-Oakland, said the Senate would not have taken up any redistricting legislation if Schwarzenegger had included the topic in the special session.

"There is no reason to do that," he told reporters. "We can do it next year and still put it on the November ballot. ... There is urgency in water and health care. There is no urgency in redistricting."

But Christina Lokke, a lobbyist for

California Common Cause, a political reform group, said she was not confident lawmakers would approve a redistricting change next year.

"How many times can they promise, 'Next year we'll do it; next year we'll do it?' and they never follow through," she said. "It's gotten to the point where it's ridiculous."

Janis Hirohama, president of the League of Women Voters of California, said Schwarzenegger should reconsider and include redistricting among special session topics.

"If legislators had the will to do it, they could put a bill together in a week," she said in a statement. "Californians deserve better from their elected representatives than the stalling and delays we've seen."

A spokesman for Schwarzenegger, Aaron McLearn, said the governor was open to the idea of including redistricting in the special session but wanted to consult with legislative leaders on what the next move should be.

"We're absolutely still committed to getting redistricting reform," he said.

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Schwarzenegger makes a casting pitch

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated press Writer

LOS ANGELES In a year when Republicans are slouching toward a post-Bush era, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger says he has a winning strategy for his party — be like me.

California's popular governor is known for his kaleidoscopic political stripes, and that's his point. He said Republicans could face a future of Election Day misery unless the party makes a decisive shift to the political center and claims issues usually associated with the Democratic agenda, like global warming and health-care reform.

"We are dying at the box office," the actor-politician told party activists last week, lamenting a decline in Republican registration that cost the party 370,000 voters in California since 2005. In a speech clearly intended to have national relevance, he said, "Our party has lost the middle."

Schwarzenegger's blunt warning left some of the party faithful asking if he is a Republican at all. But far from proposing radical notions, Schwarzenegger entered a national debate about the future of the party that has been taking stock of President Bush's ebbing popularity, a rapidly diversifying population and election losses last year that put the House and Senate in Democratic control.

His speech came at a time when the leading Republican presidential candidate in national polls is a former Democrat who supports abortion rights, gay rights and gun control — not exactly foundation stones of the right. Rudy Giuliani, who as New York

mayor talked about transcending party labels and endorsed liberal lion Mario Cuomo for governor in 1994, could hardly be described as a conservative's conservative.

"The Republican Party got a big shock in November 2006 and it's trying to figure out what it means and what to do about it," said William A. Galston, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank.



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Can Schwarzenegger — who's had frayed ties with conservatives over state spending and debt — change anything? His frustration is obvious in Sacramento, where his plan to extend health care to all Californians is tied up in partisan haggling.

Some consider the party's setbacks short-term. Texas Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican who followed the governor to the podium at a state party convention, said the reason the party lost control of Congress "is not because our ideas lost their luster, but our leaders lost their way."

Perry criticized gay marriage and spoke in favor of strict abortion regulation, while stressing the party needs to adhere to an agen-

da of lower taxes and tightfisted spending.

But others believe the nation is emerging from a conservative era that dates to the late 1970s and the ascendancy of Ronald Reagan. Some polls suggest young adults — the next generation of voters — tend to be more liberal-minded than their parents, particularly on social issues.

"There appears to be a renewed public appetite for government action in a number

of areas where conservatives have typically not taken the lead," Galston said, citing health care and climate change.

Bruce Cain, a political scientist at the University of California at Berkeley, said Giuliani's popularity suggests a significant slice of the party wants to play down social conservatism, though that group may not represent a majority.

"I sense there are fiscal conservatives and non-Southerners who want less pandering to the Republican right," Cain said. "They are worried that if the party becomes very nativist, the party will lose a generation of Latino and Asian voters."

Schwarzenegger never sold himself as an

ideological purist — he's labeled himself an "Arnold Republican" and "post-partisan" to describe his hybrid-style politics that runs from supporting the death penalty to backing reproductive rights.

When he recommended the party take on issues with broad public appeal, like his own crusade to curb global warming, he was speaking from practical experience. He leads a state that has voted Democratic in the last four presidential elections, and Democrats control both U.S. Senate seats, the legislature and most statewide offices.

His near-landslide re-election last year was attributed largely to his ability to attract independent and Democratic votes in a state with a meager 34 percent Republican registration.

Democratic registration is sliding, too, while independents comprise the fastest growing group of voters in the state. He boosted his standing in polls by cutting deals with Democratic leaders to boost the minimum wage, fight global warming and provide low-cost prescription drugs — bills enacted with just a sprinkle of Republican votes.

Giuliani's national campaign manager, Mike DuHaime, said the former mayor is the only candidate in the GOP field who can be competitive in states often written off by Republican presidential candidates, like California, Illinois and Connecticut.

"The key point of the governor ... is we want to be competitive and we want to win. As a party, we need to do that," DuHaime said. "We are a party that's big enough that can have people with different views."

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ORANGE
Dill D'oh! Worker stabbed in rift over cucumbers

A supermarket produce man was stabbed and a co-worker was arrested after an argument over the proper way to stack cucumbers and plantains.

Abraham Marquez, 24, was arrested and booked for investigation of assault with a deadly weapon, Sgt. Dan Adams said. The injured worker, whose name was withheld, was treated by paramedics for an arm wound.

The men were stacking produce Wednesday at the La Carreta Supermarket when they got into a heated discussion over the right way and the wrong way to stack piles of plantains and cucumbers, the sergeant said.

The argument escalated and the workers went outside and began throwing punches in the store's parking lot, Adams said. Marquez then allegedly pulled out a steak knife and stabbed his co-worker, police said.

Marquez ran home a few blocks away and was arrested by police.

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PALM SPRINGS
Teacher and student arrested after trading blows

A teacher and a 14-year-old student were arrested after trading blows during an argument over taking out trash at the desert's Riverside County Community School.

Teacher Thomas Silva, 61, was arrested and booked for investigation of willful cruelty to a child, while the teenager was arrested for battery on a school employee, Sgt. Mitch Spike said Thursday. Both were released.

"Neither one of their actions were justified," the sergeant said.

Silva, who wasn't available for comment, has worked for the Riverside County Office of Education since 1979, spokesman Rick Peoples said, adding he was unable to discuss the incident because it was a personnel matter.

At about 11:20 a.m. on Wednesday, Silva asked the student to throw out the trash and the teen refused, Spike said. They argued and the student shoved Silva, who then slapped the student, the sergeant said.

The student then slapped the teacher and the teacher punched the student at least three times in the head, Spike said.

No medical attention was needed.

Peoples said the school serves about 40 students, who are in the seventh through 12 grades. The students include those who have been expelled from other schools, are on probation or have other problems.

AP

MUSCOY
Copper thieves strike water wells

Copper thieves stole tubing from drinking water wells serving 1,500 people, forcing three of five wells to be shut down.

Residents served by the Muscoy Mutual Water District Co. have been asked to conserve until the equipment is repaired.

Besides the copper tubing, thieves also swiped Muscoy Mutual's antenna and wires from the company communications system, supervisor Rudy Garcia said.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department is investigating the copper caper.

The value of the purloined copper tubing _ essential to keep the water well motors running _ was put at only \$50, sheriff's spokeswoman Jodi Miller said.

"That's pretty cheap for the damage that they did," Garcia said.

Two wells were repaired Thursday, but a third well providing a fourth of the agency's water will be shut down for 10 days.

Copper has long been a target of those desperate for quick cash. Thefts have skyrocketed nationwide during the last year as demand and the price of the copper has soared. Copper was selling for \$3.39 a pound this week.

Police said thieves take the copper to recycling plants, which pay cash, and it is often sent to China where copper is in demand for that nation's fast-growing economy.

AP

LOS ANGELES
Newspaper: Most top deputies donate to LA sheriffs

Nearly three-quarters of the Sheriff's Department's senior leadership positions are held by contributors to the campaign of Sheriff Lee Baca, a newspaper analysis found.

Of the 62 sheriff's employees with ranks of captain or higher who were promoted in the past three years, 45 made campaign contributions to Baca, the Los Angeles Daily News reported Thursday. The paper found that many contributed shortly before or after their promotions.

Sheriff's employees contributed more than \$108,000 to Baca's campaign war chest from 2004 to 2006, the paper said.

The issue was first raised by the Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs.

"We realize that these donations are completely legal," said association spokesman Jeffrey Monical. "However, it is troubling that the sheriff accepts money from employees whom he supervises and in some cases has unfettered discretion to promote."

Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said Baca does not base promotional decisions on whether employees contributed to his campaign.

"The sheriff is convinced this doesn't represent the feelings and consensus of his deputies," said Whitmore, who noted that some of the sheriff's employees gave money to Baca after they were promoted.

AP

SAN DIEGO
Court overturns teacher's child molestation conviction

A state appeals court has reversed the 2004 child molestation convictions of a popular elementary school teacher who is serving a prison sentence of 15 years to life after three separate trials.

The 2-1 decision Wednesday by a panel of the 4th District Court of Appeal in San Diego was the latest turn in the case against Thad Jespersen, or "Mr. J" as he was known to many at Toler Elementary School, which is in the San Diego Unified School District.

AP

Study: Back Pain Sufferers Benefit From New Technology

Santa Monica – "A recent study using a new technology shows a high success rate for a non-surgical procedure among chronic back pain and sciatica sufferers."

That's what Santa Monica Chiropractor, Dr. Tim Bullock is saying about a treatment called Spinal Decompression. Dr. Bullock has been using FDA approved non-surgical spinal decompression in his office for over two years now. This treatment is a drug free breakthrough to treat back pain, disc herniation and sciatica.

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Google to fight pirates

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Business Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Drawing upon its clout as the Internet's most powerful company, Google Inc. is calling on businesses and regulators throughout the world to adopt international standards for protecting consumer privacy online and offline.

The request, to be unveiled Friday in France, comes as the online search leader battles privacy concerns that threaten its plan to buy Internet ad service DoubleClick Inc. for \$3.1 billion.

Mountain View-based Google, which already runs the Internet's most lucrative marketing network, is counting on the purchase to boost its profits by helping sell even more ads.

New York-based DoubleClick collects information about the Web surfing habits of consumers, an activity that has stirred complaints from privacy watchdogs and prompted antitrust regulators to take a closer look at Google's proposed acquisition.

Google already retains information about search requests, which can reveal intimate details about a person's health, finances, sexual preferences and other sensitive topics.

"I don't think there is any question that Google is under enormous pressure to come up with more meaningful privacy standards," said 705a strident critic of the DoubleClick deal.

Peter Fleischer, Google's chief privacy officer, said the company's privacy crusade has

nothing to do with the DoubleClick deal.

"People look to us to show some leadership and be constructive," Fleischer told a group of reporters a few hours before he was scheduled to outline Google's privacy initiative at a meeting of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization in Strasbourg, France. "By supporting global privacy standards, there will be a debate and part of that debate will be what our motives are."

Google's call for international privacy rules comes less than two months after Microsoft Corp. and IAC/InterActiveCorp's Ask.com jointly urged its rivals to collabo-



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Marc Rotenberg, executive director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center

rate an industrywide standard.

Privacy laws now vary widely from country to country, causing chronic headaches for Internet companies like Google that operate around the world. In the United States alone, dozens of states have conflicting laws addressing privacy.

About three-fourths of the world's population isn't governed by any concrete privacy laws, Fleischer said.

Creating an international privacy standard may be easier said than done, said Lauren Weinstein, co-founder of People For Internet Responsibility, a policy group.

"People being people, and sovereign nations being sovereign nations, there are always going to be very different views on privacy matters," Weinstein said. "Even if you can agree on a basic concept, then you have to find it a way to get into all the countries' laws. It doesn't seem like this will be a short-term project."

Google Chairman Eric Schmidt will underscore the company's hopes for more uniform privacy protections in an upcoming

public appearance, Fleischer said. He declined to provide further details about the timing or content of Schmidt's planned remarks.

The company has already met with rivals Yahoo Inc. and Microsoft, as well as a few European regulators to rally support for international privacy rules, Fleischer said. He plans to meet with Canada regulators later this month.

Terrorist case could expand definition of 'community'

BY RACHEL KONRAD
Associated Press Writer

SAN JOSE Should a California man who poses little threat to his neighbors remain behind bars because of his alleged ties to a terrorist group that threatens lives halfway around the world?

Federal prosecutors say yes. They argue Rahmat Abdir, accused of helping extremists associated with al-Qaida in the Philippines, represents a "danger to the community" — even though that community is 7,500 miles away. They've asked a judge to keep him in a San Jose jail pending trial.

Legal experts are watching the federal case, which could set precedent for other terrorism suspects being held without bail by greatly expanding the legal definition of community. U.S. courts have traditionally defined a community as people within close geographic proximity.

U.S. District Judge Jeremy Fogel said he would decide next week whether to release Abdir on bail pending his trial. Abdir, 43, is accused of sending more than \$10,000 and military gear to his brother, thought to be a high-ranking member of al-Qaida affiliate Jemaah Islamiyah.



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Analysis: Bush alters war rationale

Buzz words change, but a long presence in Iraq appears likely

BY TOM RAUM

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON President Bush coined a new catch phrase in trying yet again to build support for an increasingly unpopular war: "Return on success." That's short for limited troop withdrawals — without spelling it out.

It follows Bush's oft-stated mantra that American troops would "stand down" as Iraqi forces "stand up." Democrats were hard pressed to see much difference. But no matter the bumper sticker slogan, the underlying thinking is a continuing U.S. military presence in Iraq through the end of the Bush presidency.

"This is all about handing off this problem to the next president," Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Joe Biden complained. "There is no plan to win, no plan how to leave, no plan how to end this," the Delaware Democrat and presidential contender told reporters on Friday.

Still, Bush's carefully choreographed dance in recent days — his unannounced trip to Iraq, standing aside to let Gen. David Petraeus and U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker present evolving Iraq strategy to congressional inquisitors and a prime-time speech that was conciliatory in

tone — may have helped Bush and his GOP allies buy time.

Bush did not use the word "withdrawal" in his 18-minute speech to the nation on Thursday night from the Oval Office, but a modest withdrawal was clearly what he was talking about in an effort to mollify those seeking a drawdown.

"We're making enough success in Iraq that we can begin bringing some troops home," Bush repeated on Friday at a Marine base in Quantico, Va. "I told the American people last night that we've got what's called 'return on success.'"

It was just the latest Bush war rationale rhetoric shift.

It all started with confiscating Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction. When "mission accomplished" turned out premature, and such weapons were not found, the goal became saving Iraqis from a brutal dictatorship. Then it became spreading democracy through the Middle East. Then fighting terrorists there — so as to not to have to fight them at home.

In his latest address to the nation, Bush was "at least trying to co-opt the sense of middle ground — make it look like the congressional Democrats are the unbending ideologically rigid crowd, and that he's the one trying to reach out," said Wayne Fields, an expert on presidential rhetoric at Washington University in St. Louis.

Still, said Fields, "He is clearly tired. That was one of the things that hit me last night. Part of his early appeal to the general public was his infectious cheerfulness. Now, he looks worn down by the burden of it all —

which is appropriate, but it makes for a different dynamic."

An AP-Ipsos poll this week put Bush's approval rating at 33 percent, about where it's been hovering most of the year. And a clear majority of Americans say they think going to war in Iraq in 2003 was the wrong decision.

Vietnam conflicts.

Military analysts suggested Bush's announcement of a troop drawdown is less reflective of successes in Iraq than of the reality that, absent a new military draft, the U.S. is short of troops to send — unless Bush wants to further extend the current 15-month deployments.



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Joe Biden, Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman

Bush's latest tactics are to embrace a recommendation by Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, to basically roll back much of the buildup Bush announced in January. At the time, Bush had hinted at both political and military successes by September — progress that hasn't quite materialized, even in Bush's accounting.

Looking ahead, the president talked of "an enduring relationship" between the U.S. and Iraq and conceded that a U.S. military presence there would extend "beyond my presidency."

Defense Secretary Robert Gates told reporters on Friday at a Pentagon briefing that he couldn't predict how long U.S. forces would be in Iraq, how many, or even what their mission would be. "We are in a very early stage in this," Gates said.

At 4 1/2 years, U.S. combat in Iraq has lasted longer than any U.S. involvement in war except for the Revolutionary and

Sometime next spring is the "natural end of the 'surge,'" said Michele Flournoy, a former Pentagon defense strategist and now president of the Center for a New American Security, a think tank that focuses on national-security issues. "I don't see any indication of a fundamental restructuring."

P.J. Crowley, a former Defense Department and White House official during the Clinton administration and now a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, said Bush is "playing Iraq policy rope-a-dope so that the decision to formally end the failed Iraq mission falls in the next president's lap."

There are about 169,000 U.S. troops in Iraq — the highest total of the war. When Bush announced a buildup last January, there were 130,000 to 135,000. In rough terms, Bush's "new" strategy envisions bringing home roughly the same number that he added.

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Defense secretary hopes to cut troops in Iraq

BY ROBERT BURNS

AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON Defense Secretary Robert Gates on Friday raised the possibility of cutting U.S. troop levels in Iraq to 100,000 by the end of next year, well beyond the cuts President Bush has approved.

Stressing that he was expressing his hope, not an administration plan, Gates said it was possible conditions in Iraq could improve enough to merit much deeper troop cuts than are currently scheduled for 2008.

Asked at a news conference whether he was referring to going from today's level of about 169,000 to about 100,000 U.S. troops by the end of next year, Gates replied, "That would be the math."

It was the first time a member of Bush's war cabinet had publicly suggested such deep reductions, although many in Congress have pushed hard for big cuts to begin bringing the war to a conclusion.

Bush announced Thursday that he had approved a plan recommended by Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, to reduce troop levels from the current 20 combat brigades to 15 brigades by July. Gates said it was too early for Petraeus or others to forecast with confidence any additional cuts.

Petraeus said he plans to make a further assessment and recommendations next March.

"My hope is that when he does his assessment in March that General Petraeus will be able to say that he thinks that the pace of the

drawdowns can continue at the same rate in the second half of the year as in the first half of the year," Gates said.

"That's my hope," Gates said, adding that experience has shown that hopes can be quickly dashed in a war that has been far more difficult and costly than anyone in the administration had expected.

The defense secretary confirmed that he was referring to the possibility of cutting from the projected level of 15 combat brigades in July to 10 brigades at the end of 2008, and that this would translate to roughly 100,000 troops.

Gates opened the Pentagon news conference with an appeal for a bipartisan consensus on a way forward in Iraq.

"The consequences of American failure

in Iraq at this point would, I believe, be disastrous not just for Iraq but for the region, for the United States and for the world," Gates said in his first Pentagon news conference since mid-July.

"No discussion of where and how we go from here can avoid this stark reality," he added.

Gates asserted that all senior military leaders fully agreed with the recommendations Petraeus presented to Bush and to Congress, including his proposal to begin a modest troop withdrawal this year.

Seated beside Marine Gen. Peter Pace, the soon-to-retire chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gates said he deliberately kept quiet in public about his own opinions regarding a way forward in Iraq.

Illegal immigrant deaths continue to rise in Arizona desert

BY ARTHUR H. ROTSTEIN | Associated Press Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. The number of illegal immigrants dying while trying to cross Arizona's deserts doesn't appear to be dropping despite tighter border security that was expected to deter some migrants from attempting the perilous trek, a border medical examiner says.

Instead, deaths along much of the Arizona border — the busiest illegal entry point on the 1,950-mile U.S.-Mexico frontier — are ahead of the record pace set two years ago, said Dr. Bruce Parks, medical examiner in Pima County.

Parks' office, which performs autopsies on many of the illegal immigrants who die in Arizona, has tallied 181 bodies or sets of remains recovered between Jan. 1 and Sept. 8.

Last year, 148 bodies were recovered during that period.

In 2005, officials found 166 during that period. Many of those victims will have died because of the heat, which regularly exceeds 100 degrees during the hottest part of the Arizona summer.

"We still anticipate finding remains between now and the first of the month," said the Rev. Robin Hoover, founder of the Tucson-based Humane Borders group, which has had search parties out looking for bodies the last two weekends. "There's bodies out there that we know of that we just haven't found yet."

Hoover's group also places water tanks throughout the desert for use by migrants trying to cross the desert from Mexico into the U.S. "Someone will walk out and say 'these two people died' and tell us about where and we go out and try to find them," Hoover said.

Border Patrol statistics show a higher death toll, but the

agency's count for 2007 began with the start of the federal fiscal year on Oct. 1. According to federal figures, 197 bodies or remains have been recovered in Arizona's deserts through Aug. 31. In the year-earlier period, 200 were found.

"The patrol doesn't want to see any deaths," said Dove Haber, a spokeswoman in the patrol's Tucson sector, which covers most of the Arizona border except for an area around Yuma. "Our ideal would be that there would be none. The positive is that our rescue numbers are high."

Lloyd Easterling, a Border Patrol spokesman in Washington, said he believes more skeletal remains are being found because the agency's ramp-up of personnel and resources has more agents out patrolling remote, treacherous terrain.

Hoover said the Border Patrol's efforts to shut off migration have just forced illegal immigrants to cross even more dangerous ground.



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Toy trouble

Possible 10 percent increase in retail price the cost of toy safety

BY ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Someone is going to have to pay all the extra costs of making toys safer.

For now, toy makers and retailers are sharing the burden, but that's only expected to last until the holiday season. Next year, American consumers will be facing price increases of up to 10 percent to pay for the industry's increased vigilance after more than 3 million lead-tainted toys from China were recalled worldwide since June.

That means a \$6.99 Barbie doll could go up to about \$7.70, or a \$70 child-friendly digital camera could retail next year for almost \$80.

A 10 percent average increase would be the biggest one-time price hike in toys in several years, analysts say. And it's more than twice the government's measure of consumer inflation of 4.7 percent during the first seven months of this year.

Consumers could also see higher prices on other Chinese imports like fish and children's apparel, but the big price gains in toys could be more jolting.

Shoppers have become accustomed to cheap playthings from China because Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and other discounters have waged cost-cutting campaigns. Critics say real safeguards were sacrificed to keep prices low.

Analysts said the price increases are unlikely to hit until at least January because manufacturers and sellers already ordered the toys for Christmas. That's no consolation for parents, though.

"I will pay more (for toys) because I know it will ensure safety," said Lisa Sallesse, a Wilton, Conn., mother of a 7-month-old boy and a 2-year-old girl. "But it stinks. It should have been safe to begin with."

Most of the rising costs come from emergency third-party testing in the U.S. by both makers and sellers as they aim to root out any unsafe products, analysts say.

Mattel Inc.'s three high profile recalls of lead painted toys since the beginning of August have pushed product testing to a frenzied pace. Companies are removing playthings from shelves and sending them to independent laboratories to be examined. The price of labor, overtime and testing will drive up costs in the short term, analysts said, but increased regulation will likely keep them higher.

The U.S. Toy Industry Association supports a federal requirement to make safety testing and inspection mandatory and is working with the American National Standards Institute to develop industrywide safety procedures. But during Wednesday's Congressional hearing on toy safety, senators urged even more stringent measures including stepping up fines for selling or failing to report dangerous items.

This year, "both retailers and manufacturers will share the costs," said Eric Johnson, professor of operations management at Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business. "But in the longer term, costs will have to go somewhere. And consumers will see it."

Johnson estimated toy prices will rise by 10 percent next year. He said most vulner-

able are mass-market toys, including die-cast vehicles, which run the risk of containing lead.

Anita Frazier, toy analyst at market research company NPD Group Inc., added that higher prices will stick around because some toy makers will shift a portion of their production from China to the U.S. or Europe, where labor is more expensive.

This week, Toys "R" Us Inc., the nation's second-largest toy seller behind Wal-Mart, said it would be using an independent laboratory to test every branded product. The retailer will be absorbing the extra costs for now, but company spokeswoman Kathleen Waugh said she believes "pricing could increase" next year.

The Walt Disney Co. — hit by Mattel's recall of 436,000 cars based on "Sarge," a character in the Disney-Pixar movie "Cars," that were believed to contain lead paint — will independently test toys featuring its characters. The tests will begin in the next two weeks and will include all categories of products from about 2,000 licensees, including Mattel, which is the largest maker of Disney-related toys.

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Disney consumer products spokesman Gary Foster said Disney will absorb the additional costs, which he estimated to be about several million dollars this year. It's unclear whether future costs will be shared by licensees, he said.

Price wars led by Wal-Mart have put financial pressure on toy manufacturers, though they have been able to push through price increases in recent years as they face higher resin and other related costs.

The average toy price remains relatively cheap because the bulk of toys sold involve \$1 items such as card games and miniature cars — impulse purchases that can be picked up in the local supermarket. According to NPD, which tracks prices of specific toys and categories, the average selling price of a toy increased to \$7.53 in 2006, compared with \$7.17 in 2005 and \$6.97 in 2004.

Chris Byrne, a New York-based toy consultant, said shoppers can still expect price wars this holiday season, led by Wal-Mart.

Some shoppers say they are postponing toy buying until they are comfortable that the toys are safe.

"I am open to price increases as long as they are going to do their job," said Jenny McMorow of Buffalo, N.Y. "We've been spoiled enough by the low prices."

For her twin sons' birthday next month, McMorow will be avoiding traditional toys and looking at playswings or a sand box. "Nothing they can chew on or swallow," she said.



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GRUBBERS: More than 2,000 tasters descended on the Santa Monica Pier for last year's 'Taste.'

A taste of things present on SM Pier

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Foodies, feast your eyes on this.

The culinary masterpieces of close to 40 Santa Monica and Los Angeles restaurants will converge on one spot Sunday afternoon, when the parking lot of the Santa Monica Pier will be transformed into an Epicurean's paradise.

The Taste of Santa Monica has been dazzling the palates of so-called foodies and casual diners alike for the past six years, giving local businesses the chance to expose their cuisine to an audience of more than 2,200 people.

The Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event will be held in the city that was honored with the distinction of serving the best cuisine in Southern California last year by Zagat, the leading restaurant rating service.

WHAT SEPARATES THIS FROM OTHER 'TASTES' IS THAT IT'S OUTSIDE, OPEN AIR AND ON THE BEACH."

Laurel Rosen
chair, Taste of Santa Monica

The vendors in this year's event will run the culinary gamut, from the luxurious offerings of Asian fusion restaurant Tengu to the family friendly dining experience of Sizzler. The world of prepared food will even have representation with the participation of Famima, a Japanese convenience store on the Third Street Promenade.

"What separates this from other 'Tastes' is that it's outside, open air and on the beach," said Laurel Rosen, the chair of the Taste of Santa Monica planning committee. "You get this wonderful cross breeze, the beautiful sky above you and it's lovely."

Rosen is the director of sales and marketing for The Lobster, one of the participants and executive chef sponsors of the event.

A fare of \$45 will get each guest a "taste treasure map" to take to every booth. Once a guest receives a stamp from each

vendor, proving that they've sampled from each restaurant at least once, they can go back for seconds. The purpose of the stamps is to ensure every restaurant is able to reach all the guests.

Chef demonstrations will be held throughout the day, starting at 1 p.m. with a show by chefs from Locanda Del Lago. Their presentation will be followed by demonstrations by the Art Institute of California — Los Angeles, Chef Eric's Culinary Classroom and the Victorian at Heritage Square.

The biggest buzz will most likely come from the popular Wine Garden, where for an additional \$10, guests can have access to unlimited samplings from 15 to 20 local wineries.

The Taste of Santa Monica started with relatively humble beginnings. Initiated by former Chamber of Commerce Kathy Dodson, the first Taste was held in the Loeff Hippodrome carousel building, with 23 restaurants and about 600 guests. Attendance increased gradually over the years and skyrocketed to more than 2,000 when the event was moved to the parking lot a few years ago.

The Taste has helped out small business participants over the years, including Rusty's Surf Ranch on the pier, benefiting from the added exposure.

The local staple has participated in the event since its inception in 2002, serving its famous crab cakes.

"It's always a great day at the restaurant because we do see new people after," said Kevin McVeary, the general manager of Rusty's.

The theme of the '07 Taste will revolve around environmental issues, highlighting nonprofit organizations Heal the Bay and Sustainable Works. All published material has been printed on 30 percent post-consumer recycled paper and the chamber has encouraged vendors to supply sustainable products.

"It's a first," said Sheila Estaniel, the director of marketing and events for the Chamber of Commerce. "We're planning on putting tips for people to follow so they can ... be green in their own environment as well."

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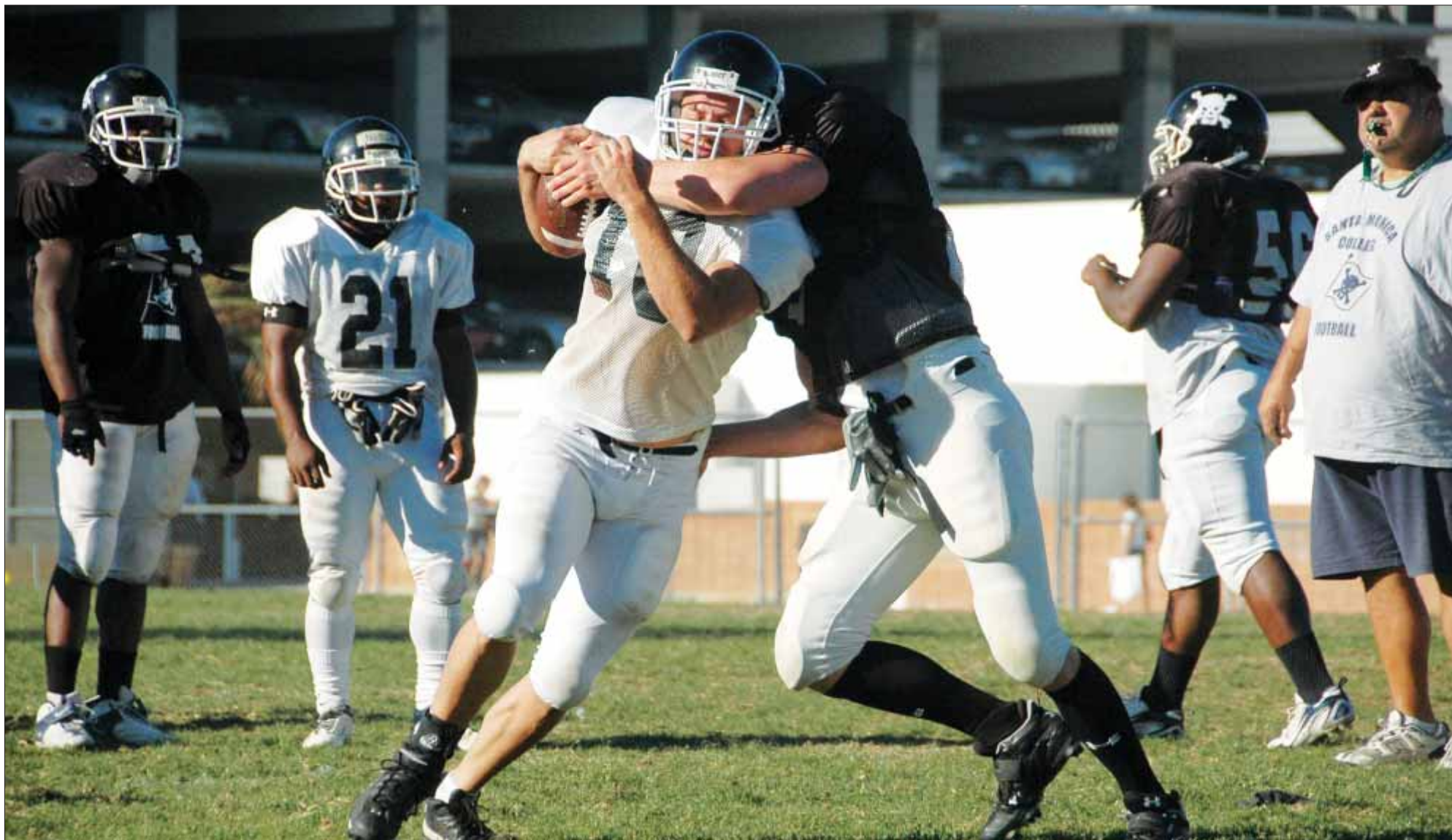
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NOT SO FAST: Members of the Santa Monica College football team go through drills at Corsair Field on Tuesday. The Corsairs are looking for their first win tonight against Glendale.

Corsairs look to snap losing skid

Tonight's showdown pits SMC against Western St. champs

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

If at second you don't succeed, well, that's for the Santa Monica College football team to figure out tonight.

Coming off a 28-18 loss at Orange Coast College last week, the Corsairs will take to the field again tonight, looking to erase their disappointing 0-2 start with a

victory over Glendale Community College in the Western State Conference opener.

"It's not a crossroad, but a chance to redeem ourselves," said Head Coach Robert Taylor.

The Corsairs spent much of their practice time this week addressing some issues that became apparent in the first two losses — a lack of consistency on offense.

The biggest concern came following the game against OCC, when the Corsairs finished with just six rushing yards on 22 carries, stifled by the Pirates defense, which allowed only 194 total yards. Meanwhile, the Corsairs defense, which has been marred by the loss of four players due to season-ending injuries or ineligibility, gave up 337 total yards — 266 of which came on the ground.

SMC's running game was strong in the 48-27 loss to San Diego Mesa College on Sept. 1, but couldn't muster the same production last week, Taylor said.

"The first two games were just a lot of us beating ourselves really," said sophomore quarterback Brandon Howell. "It's been a lot of mental mistakes. We came into the season thinking pretty highly of ourselves."

The team returns only 23 players this year from a roster of more than 90 players. Turnover is high at the community college level, where players are only eligible for two years before, hopefully, moving on to a Division 1A or 1AA school.

Regardless, the team remains optimistic that they can still make this a banner year, reminding everyone that in 2003, the year in which Taylor led the team to

the Western State Conference title, the team also started with an 0-2 record.

This year's team, according to Taylor, is much more talented.

SMC has a rich football tradition under Taylor, who has been the head coach since 1994 and a part of the program since 1984, when he signed on as an assistant coach. Taylor has coached several future NFL wide receivers, including Isaac Bruce of the St. Louis Rams, Steve Smith of the Carolina Panthers and Chad Johnson of the Cincinnati Bengals.

Taylor keeps in close contact with his former players, noting that Smith donates 130 pairs of shoes to the football team every year. The coach said this week that he was tempted to call up Johnson and give him a

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SHAKE AND BAKE: A SMC player looks to juke a defender at practice on Tuesday. The Corsairs ground game needs to change course, managing just six yards on 22 carries last week.

SMC maintains edge in size over Vaqueros

FROM SMC PAGE 18

little flak after seeing the endzone-celebrating player don a mock Hall of Fame induction jacket after scoring a touchdown for the Bengals on Monday Night Football.

The Corsairs will face a 1-1 Glendale squad that beat Santa Ana College last week, 27-13, rushing for 135 yards and passing for 102 yards, even while the defense gave up a total of 370 yards.

The Vaqueros (Spanish for “cowboy”) are led by two sophomore quarterbacks — Jacob Proctor and Mike McDonald, who have been neck-and-neck competing for the starting role the past few weeks. The job had been won by Proctor, at least for the first two games, with a starting quarterback for tonight’s game yet to be named as of press time on Friday.

“It’s going to be a battle,” said sophomore linebacker Stephen Peterson. “It’s going to be a war in the trenches.”

Glendale comes off a successful season last year, winning the Western State Bowl at the end of the season. But one of their two losses came at the hands of Santa Monica College, where they lost 17-10.

“I think they’ve got some gifted run-

ning backs,” said Glendale Head Coach John Cicuto. “We’re hoping we can control that so they don’t go off on us and make it ugly.”

One of the main differences between the two squads is size, Cicuto stressing that Santa Monica players tend to be much larger, giving its offensive and defensive line a threatening edge. Cicuto attributes that difference to recruiting — Glendale does not recruit out of state while one-third of the Corsair players are non-California residents.

“It’s a concern of ours to see how we do physically with them,” he said.

Howell said the Corsairs are up to the task.

“I know they have a pretty good defensive line and a lot of returning players from last year,” Howell said. “Fortunately enough, we got to come out with the victory last year when we played them and we’re prepared to win this game too.”

Kickoff is at 7 p.m. at Corsair Field.

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Santa Monica legacy ends with passing of Reyes IV

By Daily Press staff

MID-CITY The history of a name virtually synonymous with Santa’s Monica’s origins can now be written in full.

With the passing last week of Ysidro Reyes IV, a legacy that began with his great-great grandfather’s being awarded Boca de Santa Monica rancho in 1824, for service to the king of Spain in settling Alta California, has reached its end.

Reyes IV had no sons to carry on his familiar namesake.

His grandfather, Ysidro Reyes II, was

born in an adobe near — what is today — Seventh Street and Adelaide Drive in 1842, and the moniker remained a constant in the burgeoning city by the sea up until the death of Reyes IV on Sunday, Sept. 9.

“When I die, I’m taking it all with me,” Reyes IV had joked, referring to his name.

Reyes IV, founder of the California Ambulance Service, worked as a mortician by trade, retiring in 2003. A funeral mass will be held for him today at Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Los Angeles.

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Mall remodel gets Council's OK

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be somewhat of an extension of the promenade, not a "plug" as Councilman Kevin McKeown described it.

The proposed project will retain the two anchor department store buildings — one of which has yet to be leased, the other being Macy's — and maintain the existing building height of 56 feet, while reducing leasable square footage by 10,234 square feet. The project would remain within the existing footprint of the current mall, placing the project in the category of adaptive reuse and not an expansion.

Macerich has agreed to make improvements to the streetscape on Colorado Avenue and the sidewalk paving on Second and Fourth Streets, and upgrade the elevators and staircases in the two city-owned parking structures

attached to the mall.

Macerich officials have had meetings with Macy's, one of the anchors, to see if the department store giant would be willing to do some upgrades to its store so that it is more pedestrian friendly, Aptaker said. As it stands today, the Macy's building has no real presence on Fourth Street except a large, blank wall, making it feel cold and uninviting. Macy's officials seem open to the idea, but there are no guarantees.

"We met with Macy's big-wigs to carry the message we heard from this community," Aptaker said. "We tried to sell them on everything Santa Monica has to offer ... I think they understand that, but are concerned about being closed (for construction). They do understand that they have a good piece of real estate. I think they will ultimately do something. I hope that they will do it in con-

junction with our project ... but we can't force them."

TOWERS OF BABBLE

Officials and the public both praised Macerich for its extensive community outreach campaign, something which officials at the trust admitted they needed to do to repair relationships with residents after they proposed a plan two-and-a-half years ago to tear down the 27-year-old mall and replace it with three high-rise office and condo towers.

That plan shocked residents and some council members, who ultimately ordered Macerich to go back to the drawing board. During a series of 14 community meetings, Macerich heard from residents and incorporated six key elements identified by residents and business owners.

These elements are:

- Build something of reasonable scale, in line with Santa Monica's aesthetic sensibilities;
- Create a better connection with the promenade;
- Include open-air, views and street-retail elements;
- Develop an environmentally sound project;
- Make retail the primary use at the mall;
- Pay attention to traffic and parking.

"In terms of urban design, this (new proposal) is such a positive project for the city," said City Hall Planning Director Eileen Fogarty. "The mall, which has been an asset and the city's living room, can now be integrated into a project that looks outward with improved pedestrian orientation and streetscape."

One resident, Cecilia Pierson said she is "excited" about the possibility of having a new mall up and running time for her to do her Christmas shopping in 2009 because she currently has to drive out of Santa Monica to do most of her shopping.

"I live in Santa Monica. I work in Santa Monica, but I don't shop very often in Santa Monica. But after looking at this project, I'm hoping this will change," Pierson said. "I love going up and down Third Street, but I never go into Santa Monica Place because it's very closed off. It doesn't feel very welcoming."

She wasn't the only one who was concerned about the mall being closed off. McKeown voiced concern about flow and how the mall, which is owned by a private company, would mesh with the promenade, which is technically a public street that is open 24 hours a day to pedestrians, even though activity shuts down at 2 a.m. when bars close.

"Will someone walking down Third Street feel a different sense of welcome?" McKeown asked Aptaker. "I want to make very sure we don't put something in place that (is in conflict with) the carefully crafted set of rules and policies in place for the Third Street Promenade."

Aptaker said Macerich will have around-the-clock security and are considering using bollards like those on the promenade to keep vehicles out and to let pedestrians know that the shopping center is closed.

As part of the negotiations that will take place before construction begins, city staff will talk with Macerich about hours of operation, security and access.

Traffic was also a major concern. McKeown and a representative from the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City said current methods for measuring traffic impacts are not adequate and will not give a true representation of the amount of people who will be driving to the center, which is expected to draw a considerably more shoppers than it does today.

"A key question has been asked at every single community meeting held by Macerich on new plans for Santa Monica Place," said Diana Gordon, spokesperson for the coalition. "How is the city going to understand and calibrate the new traffic impacts from a successful revamp of the mall?"

"Council members didn't get an answer when the question was asked earlier in the evening, and they are not going to with the traffic studies in the staff report," Gordon said. "The community has no confidence in the current traffic studies."

City planners said traffic impacts will be studied as part of the development process, and traffic measurement methodology will be studied as part of the update to the city's Land Use and Circulation Element, or LUCE, which will dictate how land is used in Santa Monica for the next 20 years or more.

Overall, the project received the blessing of elected officials, residents and the business community, all of whom believe a remodeled mall will be key to downtown's success.



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Kids get busy cleaning the coast

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was important to see how their daily activities back home have a far greater effect on the world around them.

"It's very important to widen their horizons and experience different things," Valencia said. "And it's fun too."

IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO WIDEN THEIR HORIZONS AND EXPERIENCE DIFFERENT THINGS."

Ray Valencia, Fourth grade teacher

In addition to picking up trash, the kids participated in educational games such as the fatal food relay, in which students would pretend to be their favorite marine animal and run to a bag full of either food or garbage. Those who got the bag full of garbage had to pretend that they were sick and run over to the animal hospital where they learned about the dangers of littering and why some animals ingest plastics and other debris accidentally.

At the Heal the Bay Santa Monica Pier Aquarium, the kids got to see marine life up close and personal. Some spent time touching starfish or slimy sea cucumbers, while others learned about eels and whales.

California Coastal Cleanup Day began in 1985, an offspring of the California Coastal Commission's Adopt-a-Beach program. Today, the event has become arguably the largest volunteer day on the planet — a national and international event involving all 50 states and nearly 70 participating nations, according to Heal the Bay. The events attract individual activists, school religious groups, major corporations and community service organizations.

"It truly is a collaborative effort," said Gold.

This weekend marks the 18th year in which Heal the Bay has served as the Los Angeles County coordinator.

In addition to picking up trash, the day also serves as a reminder that work still needs to be done in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. to convince lawmakers to pass legislation curbing the manufacturing of plastic products and other items that are often disposed of after one use.

Heal the Bay is currently sponsoring five different state bills dealing with marine debris. One on the governor's desk, awaiting his signature, has to do with plastic manufacturers and distributors who use small plastic pellets called "nurdles," which are used to make soda bottles, car parts, toys and plastic bags. They are tiny and can easily make their way onto beaches or in waterways.

The bill would require those working with nurdles to use "best practices" to prevent them from spreading into waterways.

Other bills in the works deal with cleaning up derelict fishing gear such as fishing nets that can linger for years in oceans,



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DOWN AND DIRTY: A group of third grade students from 74th Street Elementary School pick up litter at Santa Monica Beach on Friday during Heal the Bay's Education Day, a kickoff to today's Coastal Cleanup Day events.

killing marine life and phasing out the use of toxic chemicals in plastics. Heal the Bay is also pushing for an all-out ban on plastic bags. Gold said six billion plastic bags are used in California every year, most just once, creating a major pollution problem.

"Our big focus this year is on the elimination of one-use plastics," Gold said. "Once plastics get into our ocean, they

remain there for years and years. It really has become a global problem."

In the words of the kids, "that's gross."

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Cold comfort on the city's streets

BY GERRY SHIH | Special to the Daily Press

(Editor's note: The following is part one of a two-part series that examines life on the streets of Santa Monica firsthand.)

CITYWIDE Harry Shearer gave Santa Monica one of its most notorious and enduring epithets when he branded Santa Monica as the “home to the homeless” on his popular Le Show radio program based out of 89.9 FM KRCW.

It is easy to imagine the reasons: The city is relatively very safe, the temperate ocean breeze, and, most controversially, its plethora of city-run social services aimed at combating homelessness.

Yet, in venues where the homeless don't typically participate — newspaper columns, Internet blogs, private homes — the debate over their fate, over just how welcoming Santa Monica should be towards its transient population, rages on. It has, perhaps, reached its most vociferous peak in recent years.

Residents often charge that Santa Monica officials have opened their arms with excessive magnanimity at the expense of the peace of its permanent residents. Widespread allegations of “dumping,” or shelters in Downtown Los Angeles bussing their worst Skid Row transients to the city by the sea, have sparked alarm, while the imminent prospect of a low-fare light rail or subway line from Downtown L.A. have further unsettled Santa Monicans who value the exclusivity that they bought at the price of astronomical Westside property rates.

How do the Santa Monica homeless live? Where are they from? Are Santa Monica's homeless services as great as they're touted to be? What will happen if Santa Monica indeed cuts back its homeless services? Should the city send busloads straight back to Fifth and Colyton?

I set out to find the answers: By mingling with the huddles on the street over the course of three days; by trying to convince myself of the lie that I was homeless, knowing in the back of my mind there is a warm apartment to which I would eventually return; by trying to ignore the fact that this was essentially futile grandstanding — our young reporter braves the harsh streets! — and trying to deny the simple reality that precisely because it isn't real, I could never truly feel what it feels like to have absolutely nothing.

BOOT CAMP

As I set out the first night, I imagine myself as a traveler, having landed in Santa Monica and in need of temporary emergency shelter. The goal of quickly finding a good shelter for the night by word of mouth should be easily accomplished, I assume, not knowing that even in Santa Monica, it's harder than it looks. It would be another 48 hours before I found myself under a roof and receiving food.

My first idea is to find John, who I remember from our previous conversations as a stubborn, cheerful, wheelchair-bound veteran in his 60s who seemed to only ever wear shorts and a T-shirt. A landmine explosion in Vietnam left John with one leg and one eye. The one gray eye was mischievous, steely and sharp; the other socket was empty and fleshy. He was a common sight as he often panhandled in an alcove on the Third Street Promenade with his cardboard sign.

“Our country is really good for people climbing their way up, you know?” John used to say, his back straight as a rifle barrel, like a king in perennial short sleeves on his wheeled throne. “It's the American dream. You go up, up, up. But when you fall down, this society don't make it easy to get up again.”

He had done various jobs in the past, but the disability hurt his employment prospects. He was getting some money from the Veterans Administration before that was stopped, and he said he was trying to get just enough money to return to Massachusetts, where his sister might be able to house him. John could bring in \$15 or \$20 a day by panhandling, and for a wheelchair-bound homeless man, this place — safe and warm — was perfect.

John jerked his head backwards at a few men sitting on the railing behind him, and talked about how easy it is to be broadsided by the confluence of bad luck and be pushed across that threshold and onto the streets.

“You always think of bums like the crazy, psychotic ones downtown [Los Angeles],” he said. “It's not really like that here. It's a different group of people. A lot of those do come down here, but it's a long bus ride. But these guys ... a lot of former lawyers, doctors, Ph.D's, you know.”

Behind him on the railing were a few men who had



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GROUNDING: With projects in the works for light rail and a subway to Santa Monica, some fear an inevitable influx of LA homeless.

faces that could pass for distinguished professionals, their dirty clothes notwithstanding. I thought one man, with round cheeks and poofy white hair, looked kind of like George Washington.

On my first night, John's the first person I look for where I expected to find him — Palisades Park. I don't see him, and assume he got home to New England all right.

John has moved on as a new transient, Jim, takes his place next to that famous cannon aimed out at sea, Santa Monica's defense in case the Japanese ever invaded.

Jim, in boots, shorts, a jacket and his legs propped on a mountain bicycle with a rolling rubber cart behind it, is talking to a woman named Jen, who is in the middle of devouring a pastry.

He's one of those who could be mistaken for a pretty normal, middle aged white man.

“I personally try to look presentable, just so people treat you better,” he explains as he tries to give me, supposedly a traveling student who lost his wallet and is stranded in Santa Monica, some advice. He carefully goes over the procedure for establishing a money order account at Western Union, receiving money, and so forth. Jim dispenses some basic tips about taking Excedrin if I have trouble sleeping because of the cold, even though its a caffeinated painkiller.

He offers some further advice: Don't sleep in front of businesses, don't dig for food out of the common trash cans along Ocean Avenue, and stay alert for those who appear psychotic. There are too few cops and too many homeless “camping” illegally, he says, so the police only come and issue tickets if you blatantly sleep in front of a business or in the open where pedestrians might see you. The well-heeled types here in Santa Monica, and certainly the tourists, don't want to see you sprawled out on the pavement. Otherwise, camouflage yourself well and it's really not a problem. As for food, he has seen some people, usually the homeless, spit in half-eaten food out of spite before throwing it away so that another garbage-diver might get a big slobber-seasoned chunk of rotting bread, so watch out because you might get sick. If you wake up underneath some bridge one day and realize you're so sick you can't move, he says, then you're in big trouble. It's happened to him. Then there are the criminals, the types who were just released from San Quentin penitentiary, still buff from all the prison gym workouts, and out on the streets. You can see them with that look in their eyes walking towards you, he says, and they'll never yield. But here in Santa Monica, he assures me, they're really pretty rare. For some reason, there aren't too many of the really

ruined crack addicts either, he says.

But I have a hunch. I remember another conversation with a 46-year old acquaintance named Walter, an affable but reeking, self-admittedly hopeless alcoholic. When I didn't believe his name, we traded driver's licenses. His face lit up to declare that his son shared my birthday, but then added that he hasn't seen him in decades.

“You know why there isn't so much crack here?” he asked with rhetorical smugness. “Because when those fools bring their crack from east downtown LA, me and my boys beat them up. If you want to smoke crack, do it on Skid Row. Santa Monica is cleaner. If you come here, don't bring that sh** here.”

“You can drink all you want, but if we see you with that crackpipe we're going to beat your ass.”

Afterward, I always asked others on the street about a well-known vigilante group led by Walter, but no one heard of it. So, I didn't bring it up with Jim.

Jim, 52, was born in Andover, Mass., as the son of a construction worker. He rubbed elbows with the blue-blood elite of the town, but watched the high school graduates pack their bags one by one and head off to Ivy League Schools. He never went to college. Instead, he worked as an electrician, and has been homeless since the bad divorce in 1981, when he was 26 years old. He decided to quit trying altogether, and since then, he has ridden his bike up and down the West Coast, watching the cars overtake him, or camped in the wilderness for months at a time and let the Northwestern showers drench him thoroughly. He likes that kind of stuff.

“I'm happy, I'm free,” he says. “For some people, the richer you are, the more you want. For others, the less you have and the closer you are to the earth, the happier you are. Look at these people with their expensive cars and their pretty girlfriends. They have to pay for their rent, their car, their children's car, their children's tuition. There's so much responsibility. But the key is respect. You have to respect what they do and the responsibilities they have.”

But a quarter century after he first embarked down this path, he still has his fair share of doubts, which he reveals almost effusively after a few gently probing questions.

“What really kills you,” he begins slowly and pauses to nibble at his purplish lips, “is that you fall in love with the kids. Your bond with the children has a blood connection, as a man. You have a bond with the woman you have a relation-

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Denied shelter, writer takes to the streets

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ship with, but you can break that."

And yet, she remains one of his favorite subjects that he would spontaneously bring up whenever the conversation dies down. "Instant Debra," or "I.D.," people would call his wife because she was so mentally sharp. She took the house, the car and the children, and married a man who owned a ski slope, says Jim. Debra's new sister-in-law got some kind of Harvard degree on full scholarship, he almost boasts with vicarious pride.

"I heard it costs \$56,000 a year to go to UCLA now," he says, grossly overestimating. "But there are people out there who can afford that, every year. It's the Thanksgiving dinner issue. Look at me, I'm a nice guy, but those guys would never invite me to their Thanksgiving dinner because we're just too different.

"There's really that class issue that we don't want to admit is there."

On the other side of the cannon, a group of homeless Latino men tell animated jokes and pass around cigarettes. They mostly keep to themselves, Jim says, but they'll still talk to the white homeless people before they talk to the housed people on the streets. Once you have no roof over your head, you've effectively dropped out of society.

EARLY CLOSING

Tonight, you really have nowhere to go, Jim and Jen say, and a Latino man sitting nearby concurs. It's already 7 p.m. The shelters all close at 5 p.m., and you have to go during the morning to sign up if you want to be assigned a bed. OPCC will assign you a caseworker, and if you get into the system, it's a long-term commitment, but they can help you. Jen warned that Samoshel, now incorporated into OPCC, formerly had a reputation for being drug-infested.

Jen, a tidy black woman in her 40s, has her head wrapped with a cloth and wears a thin unbuttoned cardigan over a T-shirt. She shuffles around in faded black socks and sandals, and keeps all her belongings in two

medium-sized plastic and cloth bags.

It's not so bad out here, she says.

"If you're just yourself, people out here in Santa Monica aren't going to hurt you," she says assuringly. "They might take your stuff, rob you, but they won't hurt you."

Jim calls me to him to hand me my backpack. He's about to leave and doesn't want to leave my backpack behind.

"If someone takes it after I leave, you'll think I stole it," he says, and jumps on his bicycle and rides off, without any further good-byes.

When I return to where Jen is sitting, I catch her during a moment of introspection as she talks to her friend Yolanda, an older-looking black woman with several front teeth missing, smeared lipstick and disarrayed hair. Yolanda reeks of alcohol, but listens to Jen.

"I thank God every day, every time when I wake up," Jen says and Yolanda nods, her head bobbling slowly, unevenly.

"Why, because you're glad you're alive?" I ask.

"Of course!" Jen shoots back.

Embarrassed about the awkward question, I leave Jen alone for a while and sit cross-legged on the ground. The air has become chilly, but the bricklaid ground has retained some heat from the daytime.

For the past half hour, a young man named Umberto has been putting his arm around Yolanda and whispering in her ear, although she is wearing white earphones.

Eventually, Umberto leans in and they kiss. Yolanda, dazed and drunk, puts her head on his lap and starts to drift in and out of sleep, her plastic radio earphones still in her ears. He squats down and gently unravels the tangle of the earphone cords.

To their right, Jen sits stoically, legs crossed and tries to distract our attention by giving tips on which shelters there are in town and what functions they serve.

A man dressed in a button-up shirt, black slacks and leather shoes yells from the sidewalk, where he joins his similarly-dressed friends and their girlfriends who brave the chill with plenty of skin exposed. They yell, talk and laugh loudly before getting into a taxi. Jen takes a look, then turns

back around. Maybe they're young consultants or bankers. Who knows who they are?

"They're just crazy people," she answers, "the ones always yelling."

Jen, originally from Wheaton, Illinois, holds an MBA from Pepperdine University, where she used to help others by volunteering as a crisis counselor. She sold software for a living, driving extensively across the west coast on business for her company that sold automation software. She contracted carpal tunnel syndrome because of the excessive driving, and eventually hurt her knee in a serious accident that she doesn't talk about. She lost her job, her apartment in Sherman Oaks, and has been waiting for the past four months for some disability or worker's compensation money to come in.

"My situation isn't so bad," she says. "It's been a couple of months, but I have some resources coming in. I'm ready to start again, I know I can find work. I'll find a place with a roommate. Two roommates, if need be because it can get expensive."

Jen confessed to strong Epicurean tendencies — particularly a predilection for pastries — and says she used to revel in cooking herself seafood and chicken because red meat is unhealthy. These days, her advice is to go to the Burger King outside the Santa Monica Place mall.

"Get a hamburger and don't stay hungry," she says at one point, while Yolanda gives Umberto some money to buy some drink. "Get something from BK and you can't go wrong. It's cheap and open late."

Meanwhile, she assigns me to go check out Third Street Promenade: "You'll like the shops and all the stuff going on."

GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD LUCK

When I return to Ocean Avenue almost an hour later, the benches are nearly deserted, but Jen looks livelier. She momentarily pauses her conversation with a man named Alberto.

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FROM NO DIRECTION HOME PAGE 24

"Have some of these," she reaches into a plastic bag and offers two packs of Austin's cheese cracker sandwiches. "Someone brought a box of these crackers. There's a lot of them. Take some."

There's indeed a cardboard box with one opened pack of crackers left inside. Crumbs and wrappers are strewn on the ground; the box was probably passed around before everyone else left. Not yet comfortable with unrequited generosity, I pass around some cigarettes in exchange and Jen takes deep pulls while Alberto surveys Ocean Avenue with his hands in his pant pockets and begins to grumble about the cold.

Yolanda, hunched over and without Umberto, looks groggy and distracted, worse than before. A quick glance at the bottle of brandy — less than half is left — revealed her progress.

Soon Umberto returns with an upbeat, mustached smile and two grocery bags from 7/11. The contents: Two cans of Budweiser for Yolanda, a small bottle of white wine and a hot coffee for Jen, and a very liberal helping of the free packets of cream. While he distributes the cream — most to Jen for the coffee, some to Yolanda and some for himself — Jen pours some of her coffee into an empty Coke can for Alberto.

Once Yolanda surveys Umberto's haul, she becomes furious and berates Umberto harshly and incoherently. It was her \$12 and she expected more beer.

Umberto speaks very little English, and Alberto tries to reason with Yolanda on Umberto's behalf. When he fails, he declares that it is time for him to go, and he leaves.

Jen says that she met Alberto a few months ago. He looked clean, well-spoken and well-dressed, and his grumbling about the cold seemed unusual for someone accustomed to the streets. So I ask Jen if he was without housing — she had subtly implied earlier that she preferred the phrase — and she answers that he was, but owns a van that he sleeps in.

"It's his birthday this Saturday and we're going to celebrate," Jen says. "You should come. He's having a party. We're going down to the beach. There are some grills down there that we can use."

Yolanda seemed calmed temporarily and pushes a beer my direction. As soon as Umberto starts talking, she begins yelling at him again, and so he sits, looking apologetic, and everyone waits in awkward silence, staring at the dark sea in the distance.

"OK, folks, it's time for good night," Jen says and gets up to collect her bags and

looks around.

A good sleeping spot is a valuable commodity. Jim had explained that you don't tell anyone because you're vulnerable while asleep. You might be robbed, someone might snitch on your location to the police, or perhaps worst, you might get beat up while sleeping by those who derive pleasure from beating up the homeless. Don't tell anyone where you're sleeping and don't ask anyone where they're going to be, Jim said.

Knowing that there is no shelter to go to tonight, I get a headstart towards the pier so Jen feels assured that no one is following her, and she shuffles along behind me by 50 feet. I turn around and she's there. Halfway down the pier, I turn around again and she had already disappeared, veered off to her secret "camp" site where she will pass the night, wake up the next morning, and presumably mutter a word of thanks to no one in particular.

BEDTIME

The ocean breeze really makes all the difference. The night was cold, but not as cold as the time I was stranded alone and penniless in the northern Japanese winter while foolishly traveling without planning. The homeless there had helped me steal some cardboard from a supermarket to make a cot and a boxy, corrugated sleeping bag.

Over there, there are no laws against "illegal lodging," and the police didn't mind it, and it's not so jumpy. But here, so far, Santa Monica's homeless seemed helpful, ordinary, the type who fell under some misfortune or made a decision to leave society and somehow couldn't wade their way back up. This wasn't a representative sample, I knew: There is a crowd out here that had fallen further, somewhere, but surely those who came to the Westside were a different breed than those from Downtown.

At a quarter past 4 a.m., I was woken by a patrol car that drove onto the dirt path and found my somewhat discreet location behind the senior center on Palisades Park at the very end of Broadway. The officer never got out of the car or spoke another word. A pleasant encounter with the police, if there ever was one, and I set off to find a new location, blanket in tow.

Not having realized that Tomorrow is OPCC, and we'll see how good this famed Santa Monica system really works.

(On Tuesday, part two examines the accessibility of local shelters and details one restless night inside a Venice ministry.)

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Consumer confidence wanes

Buyers' feelings shaken by a housing slump, credit woes

BY JEANNINE AVERSA | AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON Consumer confidence tumbled to its lowest point in nearly 1 1/2 years as a deep housing slump and a credit crunch made people more worried about the country's economic health as well as their own.

The RBC Cash Index showed consumer confidence clocking in at 71.1 in September, a sharp drop from August's reading of 89.3. It marked the worst showing since May 2006, when sticker shock from high gasoline prices rattled peoples' sense of economic well-being. The index is based on the results of the international polling firm Ipsos.

"It's ugly," Richard Yamarone, economist at Argus Research, said of the latest confidence reading. "Consumers are rattled to the bone."

The deterioration comes as Wall Street has been suffering through a mood swing of its own, sending stock prices careening wildly. The deeper consumer angst also comes after troubling news last week that the economy lost jobs for the first time in four years.

Against this backdrop, analysts say the chance the economy might fall into a recession is growing.

Still many hope that can be avoided and are counting on the Federal Reserve to cut interest rates next week.

Such a move could give people and companies an impor-

tant psychological boost. It also might make them more inclined to spend and invest, which would help energize economic activity.

President Bush, meanwhile, is continuing to get low marks for his economic stewardship. Just 37 percent approve of his handling of the economy in September, down from 41 percent in August, according to a separate AP-Ipsos poll. Only a third of the public is satisfied with the president's overall job performance, the poll found.

Individuals' feelings about the economy's prospects and their own financial fortunes plunged to 14.4 in September, compared with 43.9 in August. The new reading was the fourth weakest showing on record.



IT'S UGLY. CONSUMERS ARE RATTLED TO THE BONE."

Richard Yamarone, economist at Argus Research

Credit problems in mortgage and other markets make it likely that the worst housing slump in 16 years will persist well into 2008. Foreclosures and late payments are spiking. Lenders have been forced out of business. The carnage — especially in the "subprime" mortgage market involving borrowers with spotty credit histories — has wreaked havoc on Wall Street.

Peoples' feelings about current economic conditions sank to 90.5 in September, down from 105.6 in August.

A measure looking at peoples' attitudes about investing, including their comfort in making major purchases, fell to 88.3, from 97.9.

Economic growth in the current July-to-September quarter is expected to slow to an annual rate of around 2 percent. That would be half the pace logged in the April-to-June period and would constitute a subpar performance. With growth cooling, the job market — and wage growth — also could lose ground.

The first major crack appeared in what had been a mostly sturdy employment environment when the government reported last week that employers cut 4,000 jobs in August. It was the first monthly decline in national payrolls in four years.

Wife of accused child pornographer dies in fire set by vigilantes, police say

BY DUNCAN MANSFIELD | Associated Press Writer

HELENWOOD, Tenn. Everybody in this little mountain community knew that Timothy Carl Chandler had been arrested on child pornography charges. It was in the newspaper and all over the TV news.

Two of Chandler's neighbors decided to do something about it, police say. They're accused of trying to scare him off by setting fire to his tiny house tucked away in a hardscrabble Appalachian hollow.

Chandler, 53, escaped from the flames. But his wife was killed in what authorities are calling an example of vigilante justice.

"I really wish it wasn't me who got out," Chandler told Knoxville television station WBIR. "I wish it was her. She didn't deserve that."

Robert "Bobby" Bell, a 37-year-old construction worker, and Gary Lamar Sellers, a 39-year-old coal-mining equipment mechanic, are jailed on \$1 million bond, charged with first-degree murder and arson.

After losing all his possessions in the Sept. 2 fire, Chandler was living in a Knoxville homeless shelter. His attorney, public defender Larry Bryant, said Chandler expects to enter a plea next month to charges he downloaded more than 100 pornographic pictures of young girls.

His mother-in-law found some of the pictures on a disk he had given her to copy computer programs in May. She tipped off police, and Chandler was arrested Aug. 20. Released on \$100,000 bond, he came home a few days before the fire.

Sellers and Bell told police they did not intend for anyone to die. They just wanted to get Timothy Chandler out of the neighborhood because he was "a pervert," Chief Deputy Bill Lane said.

Sellers admitted driving the pickup truck used that night, but he claimed Bell set the fire, according to an affidavit. After lighting the blaze, the pair "drove to a close location where both men watched the residence burn."

Bell "feels like it was a very unfortunate incident, just like everybody else," said his court-appointed lawyer, Lief Jeffers. "This was not anything that was intended by any of the parties."

Sellers' attorney Jimmy Logan did not return a call for comment.

The fire is one of many examples of suspected vigilantism against sex offenders, ranging from harassment and arson to more violent crimes. A Nova Scotia man used Maine's sex offender registry last year to find and fatally shoot two registered sex offenders. Two convicted child rapists were killed in Washington state.

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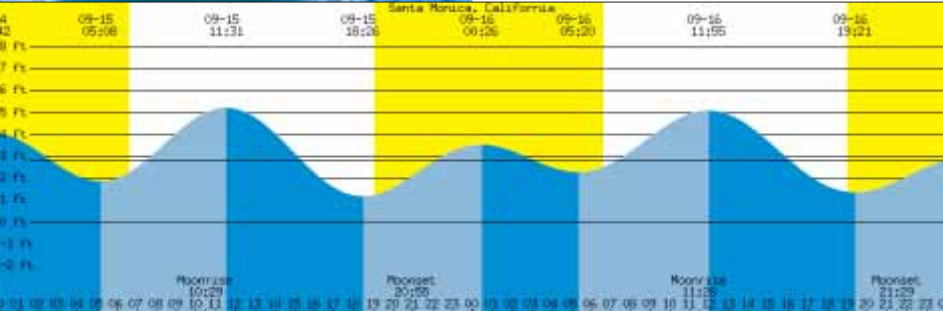
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NFL Chula Vista looks to trade volts for Bolts

BY BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer

CHULA VISTA, Calif. Two pieces of land in this fast-growing suburb south of downtown San Diego are suitable for an NFL stadium, according to a study released Thursday that was funded by the San Diego Chargers.

The findings elevate Chula Vista's prospects of landing Southern California's only NFL team as the Chargers intensify efforts to leave Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego.

The architectural firm Cooper, Robertson & Partners identified the top-ranked site as a 500-acre parcel about seven miles inland from San Diego Bay. A 139-acre bayfront site that is currently occupied by a power plant ranked second.

The Chargers paid \$220,000 for the study, which also considered two other sites in Chula Vista, a city of 230,000 people.

Chula Vista officials are clearly enamored with the bayfront site.

"If we're looking at a power plant site, I think it's a good deal for the people of Chula Vista if we do trade volts for Bolts," Councilman Steve Castaneda said at a news conference, playing off an unofficial nickname that stems from the Chargers' lightning bolt logo.

The Chargers plan community forums in the next month to get public feedback.

The Chargers also are considering Oceanside in north San Diego County. It is financing a study, expected to be released by the end of the month, to help determine ways to pay for a stadium on a public golf course there.

The team's lead negotiator, Mark Fabiani, said Chula Vista's waterfront site poses obstacles, including a possible cleanup of the power plant after it is torn down.

"I think everyone knows at this point

that no site is going to be perfect, that every site we're looking at is going to have advantages and disadvantages, and it's really going to be up to us to try to sort that out with the elected officials and with the public," Fabiani said.

"But in the end, it's going to be up to the public to look at this study and look at the one we're doing up in Oceanside, and tell us whether it's something they're interested in."

While burdened with the power plant, the bayfront site is near Interstate 5 and a trolley line. The inland site, while much larger, isn't served by mass transit.

The team says it wants to narrow its search in San Diego County to one site by the end of the year. It says the stadium will be privately financed, but is asking interested cities to donate land.

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Mark Fabiani
Chargers lead negotiator

The Chargers say they need a new stadium to remain financially competitive with other teams.

The team has ruled out a new stadium at the Qualcomm site because of San Diego's financial troubles and friction with City Attorney Mike Aguirre. The team can leave San Diego after the 2008 season if it pays off about \$60 million in bonds the city issued in 1997 to expand Qualcomm Stadium.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Nebraska WR Purify is ready to clean up against Trojans

BY ERIC OLSON
AP Sports Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. Pity the fool who wants to go over the middle and collide with Southern California linebacker Rey Mauluga, one of the most ferocious hitters in college football.

Nebraska's Maurice Purify welcomes a run-in with Mauluga. And, no, he doesn't want sympathy.

If Purify makes a catch Saturday against the top-ranked Trojans and makes contact with his friend from Eureka high school in far northern California, that means the Cornhuskers receiver will have played more of a role in the game than he did a year ago at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Purify has endured his share of pain, most of it off the field and some of it self-inflicted.

Start with last year. Purify said receivers coach Ted Gilmore fired him up by telling him the game against USC — which showed interest in him but never offered a scholarship — would be his coming-out party. Purify was brokenhearted after getting in for just two plays.

"My family was there, I always wanted to play in the maroon and gold and always wanted to play in that stadium," he said this week.

Purify still led the Huskers with 630 yards in receptions on 34 catches last year, but he stumbled in the offseason. His involvement in a bar fight and a separate drunken-driving incident, both in the span of five weeks, landed him on probation and got him suspended for the opener against Nevada.

Purify missed five days of preseason practice to return home for the funeral of his brother, Ronald "Tay" Spears, who was shot to death in Oakland, Calif., on Aug. 21.

In his first appearance of the season at Wake Forest last week, Purify admitted, he was overly excited. He caught three passes and dropped two.

The 6-foot-4, 220-pound Purify, considered the Huskers' top pro prospect at receiver since Irving Fryar in 1983, figures to play a big role in arguably the most important game of coach Bill Callahan's four years at Nebraska.

"I really want to be a factor," Purify said. "Everybody wants to. I can only make plays when the plays come to me."

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Mission possible ‘Valkyrie’ gets the OK to shoot at key site

The German government will allow the makers of a movie starring **TOM CRUISE** as the country's most famous anti-Hitler plotter to film at the site where the hero was executed.

Shooting of “Valkyrie,” which has attracted controversy because Cruise is a prominent Scientologist, began in July. At the time, the government didn't give permission to shoot at the so-called Bendlerblock _ part of the Defense Ministry and now a memori-

al to the anti-Nazi resistance _ citing concerns over “the dignity of the place.”

Defense Ministry spokesman Thomas Raabe said Friday that filmmakers had satisfied officials in recent talks that they were “aware of the particular significance” of the former military headquarters.

United Artists Entertainment LLC said in a statement that it was “extremely grateful to the German government for allowing us to film at the

Bendlerblock.” It pledged to “take special care to respect its dignity and keep our activities there within the guidelines laid down by the government.”

“Filming at the Bendlerblock has always been important to us symbolically, creatively and for the sake of historical authenticity,” the statement added. “As a result, we have been in constant communication with the government in an effort to dispel any concerns or

misperceptions about the nature of ‘Valkyrie.’”

The movie, directed by Bryan Singer and scheduled for release next year, stars Cruise as Col. Claus Graf Schenk von Stauffenberg – the aristocratic army officer who was executed after a failed attempt to assassinate Adolf Hitler in 1944.

Raabe said it appeared the movie would underline the fact that “barbarism did not win, but rather a democratic Germany finally arose.”

Stauffenberg and the other plotters of the July 20, 1944, assassination attempt were caught and executed after Hitler survived the explosion at his headquarters in what was then East Prussia.

The government's initial refusal to permit filming at the place where Stauffenberg worked and died led to speculation over whether Cruise's religious beliefs had triggered the decision. Officials denied that.

AP

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

BRAD PAISLEY will return to his West Virginia hometown to shoot his latest video.

“He's proud of his West Virginia roots,” his father, Doug Paisley, told West Virginia Public Broadcasting.

The video is for the song “Letter to Me,” from the 34-year-old country singer's new album, “5th Gear.” It's about what Paisley would write to himself if he could send a letter back in time to when he was 17.

AP

Kathie Lee, Ripa have a ‘Live’ chat

There were no tears – or catfights – when **KATHIE LEE GIFFORD** appeared on “Live With Regis and Kelly” to celebrate the syndicated daytime talk show's 20th anniversary.

Gifford, who left as co-host in 2000, returned to her former workplace as Regis Philbin and Kelly Ripa looked back on the program's most memorable moments. Her guest appearance aired Friday.

Before Tuesday's taping in New York, Philbin, 76, said he wondered whether

Gifford would get along with Ripa, who joined the show as co-host in 2001.

“I'm looking forward to seeing (Gifford) again,” Philbin told AP Radio.

“Bringing her back on the show and seeing what happens – what sparks fly! – between the only two co-hosts I've had on the last 20 years.”

No sparks flew; Gifford and Ripa are friends.

“I'm a huge fan of hers,” Ripa told AP Radio. “I was a huge fan of the show before I was ever on the

show, so I love the chemistry and the rapport that Regis and Kathie Lee have with each other.”

Gifford, 54, and Ripa, 36, teared up watching clips of their families growing up, but neither really cried.

“I was tempted,” Gifford said. “I do all my crying at home now.”

Gifford sees Philbin and his wife, Joy, socially, so what she misses most is the money that comes with the gig.

“I was a quarter-owner of this show and, you

know, you sort of take it for granted that you're always going to have that kind of money coming in,” she said.

Philbin's contract is up in two years, and he hasn't yet decided whether he will retire or continue with the show.

“It's going to be a tortuous decision to make,” he said. “It really is. I've done it so long for so many years and on a daily basis that it's really a life-changing situation.”

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ A partner lets you know that he or she is in charge (or would like to be). Be smart and go along with this person's desires. Through this action, you are letting others know how very much you trust them. Tonight: Go for a quiet evening for two.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Clearly you are along for the ride. You are great at relaxing and allowing someone else to take the lead. Enjoy others for what they offer, even if it is quite different from what you are used to. Tonight: Sort through invitations, then decide.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Get into a hobby. Whether out playing a game of softball or getting into a project, you seem to have a good time. Invite someone who often is full of surprises to join in. Tonight: Do only what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Your creative and alluring ways have quite an impact. Some people might resent that innate charisma, while others want to bathe in it. You discover how important a child or loved one is to you. Tonight: Whoop it up!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Hang close to home, whether socializing or doing something else. Family and friends seek you out, and certainly can come toward you. Don't hesitate to ask for more of what you need and want. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Say what you think, but also put in your feelings. Leaving one or the other out is not providing the whole picture. Work on expressing yourself better. Others could be more responsive as a result. Tonight: Hang out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Be careful with that side of you that loves to go overboard or have a wild time. You could do just that, but you will pay the ultimate cost. Though a devil-may-care attitude could be fun, the damage might not be. Tonight: Do your thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Your personality comes out no matter what you do. Accept your role as leader of the gang. Listen to someone you care about. He or she might surprise you with his or her innovative thought or fun ideas. Tonight: Your job is to enjoy yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You might want to shut down, though that might not be the best idea. If you lie back and just do what you want, you might enjoy yourself. Think of taking today just for yourself. What would you like to do? Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Knowing who you want to be with could be primary in making plans. When you decide you have had enough or get bored, know that there are many options. Friends would love your company. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You might want to handle a situation differently. Instead of debating or talking about it, try out the approach. You could be surprised by the results, which certainly will be a learning experience. Tonight: Don't think you are going unnoticed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ If you feel like taking off on a day trip or trying something very different, do. What is stopping you? Be willing to break a pattern or do something very differently. You'll feel much more free as a result. Tonight: Whatever you do, be around music.

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1314 Wilshire Blvd
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Bustin' Bonaparte (The Story of an African Farm) (NR)
12:00am
Death at a Funeral (R)
12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
King of Kong: A Fistful of Quarters, The (PG-13)
12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40

LAEMMLE'S MONICA
FOURPLEX
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11th Hour, The (PG)
11:00am
2 Days in Paris (Deux jours a Paris) (R)
1:40, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
Becoming Jane (PG)
1:00am
In the Shadow of the Moon (PG)
1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
King of California (PG-13)
1:30, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40
No End in Sight (NR)
11:00am
Send a Bullet (Manda Bala) (NR)
11:00am

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Fierce People (R)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:20
Hairspray (PG)
12:20, 3:00
Halloween (R)
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:30
Nanny Diaries, The (PG-13)
11:50am, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
Rush Hour 3 (PG-13)
5:40, 7:50, 10:00
Shoot 'Em Up (R)
12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 8:00, 10:10

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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

Difficulty
GOLD

		1		4			2	8
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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

1	5	4	8	7	9	6	3	2
7	6	3	4	5	2	9	8	1
2	8	9	6	3	1	4	5	7
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I CAN'T DO WEDNESDAY

NEITHER CAN I

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HEH HEH HEH

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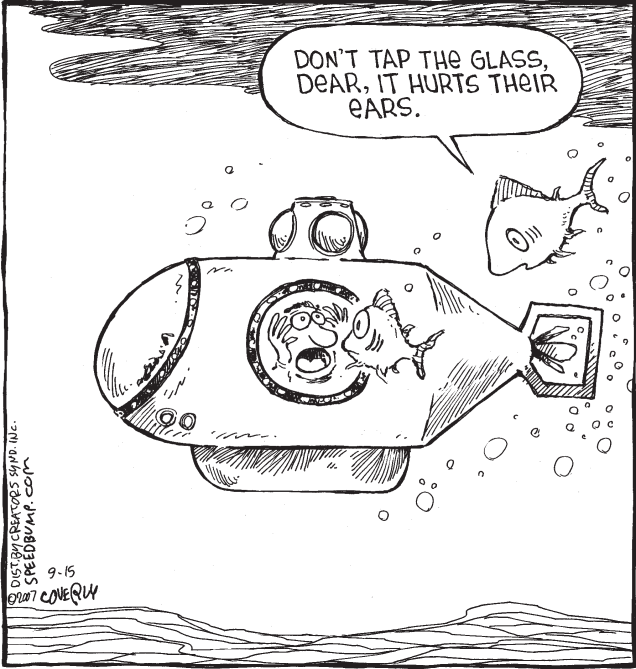
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Leisurely
 - 5 Packing
 - 10 Personnel head
 - 12 Marilyn's real name
 - 13 Excuse
 - 14 Private reply?
 - 15 "For shame!"
 - 16 Compete
 - 18 French article
 - 19 Kind of bowling
 - 21 Brighton brews
 - 22 Trinidad instrument
 - 24 Had a go at
 - 25 Sweet soft drink
 - 29 Destitute
 - 30 Tiresome
 - 32 Objective
 - 33 Bunch
 - 34 One of Frank's wives
 - 35 Healer Barton
 - 37 Satellite path
 - 39 Bluefins
 - 40 Room, in Rouen
 - 41 Locates
 - 42 Rock cover
- DOWN**
- 1 Elevator's place
 - 2 Easter symbols
 - 3 Set straight
 - 4 Attic sight
 - 5 Last of the House of Stuart
 - 6 Milne marsu-pial
 - 7 "Star Trek" helms-man
 - 8 "Lose Yourself" rapper
 - 9 Is bold
 - 11 European resort
 - 17 Neither here nor there
 - 20 Piper of rhyme
 - 21 Passion
 - 23 Old autos
 - 25 Wind tightly
 - 26 Cheese choice
 - 27 Cisco Kid's horse
 - 28 Forge sights
 - 29 Treaties
 - 31 Billionaire Bill
 - 33 Colleen
 - 36 Informant
 - 38 Flock father

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Yesterday's answer

- 9 Is bold
- 11 European resort
- 17 Neither here nor there
- 20 Piper of rhyme
- 21 Passion
- 23 Old autos
- 25 Wind tightly
- 26 Cheese choice
- 27 Cisco Kid's horse
- 28 Forge sights
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BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ A fiery auto crash in July near Augusta, Ga., had killed the driver and would likely kill the passenger, too, if the fire were not immediately smothered. Firefighters were still minutes away, but passing by was a pump truck from a local plumbing company, whose quick-thinking driver extinguished the flames with 1,500 gallons of raw sewage from a septic tank-cleaning job he had just finished.

■ Until a July Florida appeals court ruling, Mark O'Hara, 45, had been in prison for two years of a 25-year mandatory-minimum for trafficking in hydrocodone, based solely on the 58 tablets found in his possession in 2004, even though his supply had been lawfully prescribed by a physician. The state attorney in Tampa had pointed out that Florida law did not mention a "prescription" defense to trafficking, and even though O'Hara had lined up a doctor and a pharmacist to testify, the jury wasn't allowed to consider the issue. After the appeals court called the case "absurd" and ordered a new trial with the prescription evidence allowed, the state attorney still refused to drop the case.

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1964 The Sun newspaper launches, replacing the Daily Herald.

1966 U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson, responding to a sniper attack at the University of Texas at Austin, writes a letter to the United States Congress urging the enactment of gun control legislation.

1969 Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Steve Carlton sets a record by striking out 19 New York Mets in a single game.

1972 A magnitude 4.5 earthquake shakes Northern Illinois.

1975 Progressive Rock artists Pink Floyd release Wish You Were Here.

1981 The United States Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously approves Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the United States Supreme Court.

1981 The John Bull becomes the oldest operable steam locomotive in the world when the Smithsonian Institution operates it under its own power outside Washington, DC.

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Case No. BP106556

 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,
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 or estate, or both, of CHIU-CHU HSING

 A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been
 filed by Kuo Wu Hsing in the Superior
 Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PRO-BATE

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 requests that Kuo Wu Hsing be appointed
 as personal repre-sentative 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.

 A HEARING on the petition will be held
 on Oct. 9, 2007 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 11
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 IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the
 petition, you should appear at the hearing
 and state your objections or file written
 objections with the court before the hearing.
 Your appearance may be in person or by
 your attorney.

 IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent
 creditor of the deceased, you must file your
 claim with the court and mail a copy to the
 personal representative appointed by the
 court within four months from the date of
 first issuance of letters as provided in
 Probate Code section 9100. The time for
 filing claims will not expire before four
 months from the hearing date noticed above.

 YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the
 court. If you are a person interested in the
 estate, you may file with the court a Request
 for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing
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 provided in Probate Code section 1250. A
 Request for Special Notice form is available
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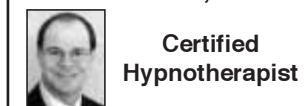
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