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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

A 46-year-old woman was hospitalized in critical condition when she dropped a coin while at a drive-thru window at a McDonald's, then opened her minivan door to retrieve it, taking her foot off the brake, allowing the van to inch forward, trapping her head in the open door, which lodged against a post (Burke, Va., August). And the CEO of Diebold Inc., a leading manufacturer of voting machines that register votes through the company's unique technology, committed to support President Bush's re-election and wrote a fund-raising letter for Ohio Republicans (August).

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Go, and never darken my towels again."

— Groucho Marx

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Judge throws out union complaint

Workers can't wear union pins according to Doubletree policy

BY JOHN WOOD
Daily Press Staff Writer

Labor organizers were dealt a blow in their effort to unionize local hotel workers when an administrative law judge last week threw out a complaint that alleged managers at the Doubletree Guest Suites Hotel were violating the rights of employees by banning union pins at work.

Judge Jay R. Pollack dismissed the union's complaint in its entirety. He wrote in his ruling that he

"To take 12 days instead of three months means that there was no basis (to the complaint)."

— FRANCOIS KHOURY
General manager,
Doubletree Hotel

was barred from considering the charges by an earlier compromise in the dispute, which is centered around whether employees should be allowed to wear union buttons on the job.

Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Local 11 have for two years been waging a campaign to unionize workers at the Doubletree, 1707 Fourth St.

The union has filed two separate complaints, alleging the hotel's jewelry policy, which implicitly prohibits wearing union buttons, is a violation of workers' rights.

Though the National Labor Relations Board, a watchdog group that polices labor law, picked up on both of the union's charges against the Doubletree, it reached a settlement with hotel

managers in January that allowed the hotel to keep its policy without explicitly banning union buttons or insignias.

Under the policy, workers are permitted to wear only three types of pins. They are required to wear a promotional white and blue pin that says "Catch Me At My Best," name tags and service recognition pins. HERE called the policy a violation of the constitutional right to freedom of expression, since union pins were banned. Hotel officials denied that the policy was illegal.

Local 11 organizing director Kurt Petersen did not return calls seeking comment Wednesday, and

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City Hall approves homeless shelter funding

BY JOHN WOOD
Daily Press Staff Writer

The City Council approved a \$1.2 million loan Tuesday for the city's biggest social service provider to open a controversial 55-bed homeless shelter at Michigan Avenue and Cloverfield Boulevard.

With a \$6.19 million grant from housing trust funds, Ocean Park Community Center is set to buy the roughly \$5 million property at 1751 Cloverfield Blvd. and imme-

diately deed it over to City Hall, which would lease it to OPCC for 55 years.

The loan will help OPCC convert the lot, which contains an industrial building and is surrounded by three filling stations and an auto body shop, into a homeless shelter and social services center.

Area residents, businesses, and neighborhood groups have opposed the shelter, saying the Sunset Park and Pico neighborhood area already has its fair share

of homeless services.

Councilmen Bob Holbrook and Herb Katz reiterated their distaste for the project. Holbrook said that since City Hall's money is being used to fund the project, City Hall should have been involved in picking the location. Instead, OPCC found the property independently and asked City Hall for funding.

"I mean, this just all seems

backwards to me," Holbrook said.

OPCC also got \$400,000 in Los Angeles County mental health and housing funding and has applied for \$900,000 in state and federal housing money. In addition, John Maceri, executive director of OPCC, said the shelter will raise about \$800,000 on its own.

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Total recall



Del Pastrana/Daily Press

Arnold Schwarzenegger supporters watch the debate between recall candidates at campaign headquarters on Fourth Street Wednesday night.

Ocean Park mom-and-pop markets get a break

City Council eases restrictions but hours of operation are still up in the air

BY JOHN WOOD
Daily Press Staff Writer

The owners of corner markets in Ocean Park can breathe a little easier now that the City Council on Tuesday night approved zoning changes to make them a permanent part of Santa Monica.

The council at its meeting Tuesday lifted several restrictions on the Marine Market, 672 Marine St., that the Planning Commission imposed in April, and voted to save the Fair Market, 2225 Fourth St., from the wrecking ball.

"Clearly these markets do contribute something very significant to the community around us," said Mayor Richard Bloom, noting the 20-plus residents who urged council members to stand up for mom-and-pop operators.

Residents turned out in force because the Planning Commission started holding the markets to new standards earlier this year.

The commission ordered the owners of the Marine Market to apply a graffiti-resistant coating to the exterior of the building, keep shorter hours and take down a popular mural that covers the 1929 building's windows.

The 4-foot-wide windows were filled with concrete in 1989 to reinforce the building. They

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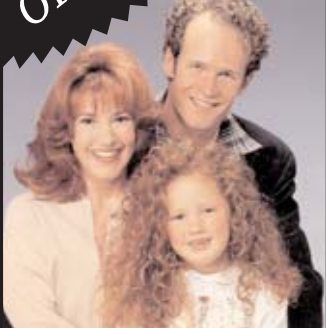
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You manifest unusual creativity this year. As a result, you gain both professionally and emotionally. You are ending an 11-year cycle, so look at what you need to clear out. You could choose to spend a lot of time alone to reflect. You also might enjoy yoga and other solitary activities. Bosses could be difficult at best. You could decide to go into business for yourself. Be careful about a tendency to think too much in "me" terms. Try to walk in others' shoes. If you are single, check out those with whom you get involved with care. You often might discover that someone is not what he or she appears to be. If attached, spend more time away together, and you could find the embers of romance soaring. LIBRA understands.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Though some negativity might float through your work in the a.m., tomorrow's New Moon inspires you to get past any limitations. Take another look at what might be going on in a significant relationship. Work with this person. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Get to work as soon as possible, when your creative juices are flowing. You might not be as sure of yourself later on. What becomes evident is that a new beginning might be necessary with a key project or at work. Tonight: Do something ultimately relaxing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You deal with many different facets of your life. You can no longer avoid a personal matter. Tap into your creativity if you want answers. Brainstorm with a pal. You might discover that solutions come easily. Tonight: Start thinking "weekend."

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You might be surprised by what someone says, but if you think about it, this person is backed by logic. Build a stronger structure in your life. As a Moon Child, you need a strong foundation in order to focus on the level you want. Tonight: Make a key personal decision.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Balance the budget before you decide to take off just yet. You could find yourself a bit dismayed, until you allow your creativity to kick in. Decide what needs to be done, and go off and do it. Discussions might be animated but fruitful. Tonight: Out and about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You might not get the gist of what someone is saying if you don't pull away a bit and detach. A friendship might cost you more than you are willing to give. Examine how to make your finances work. Make key resolutions. Tonight: Treating doesn't need to be expensive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Kick back during the day. A boss might be unusually cantankerous. Express your deeper thoughts in the evening, when others appear more relaxed and receptive. Your personality radiates, and a key person responds. Tonight: Whatever is your pleasure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want during the daytime. Meetings prove to be essential to getting what you want. Be open, but don't allow anyone to rain on your parade. Nevertheless, something said might have you thinking overtime. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Don't lose your focus, especially with key superiors. They will notice where you fall apart and will reflect upon this for a while. A partner could suddenly become very difficult or stern, especially if he or she doesn't agree with you. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Do your research before you bring a up a topic for discussion. You might not be comfortable with what someone else has presented as the "facts." Take a stand if need be, knowing when to call interference. Tonight: Work late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Not everyone feels the same way about a particular work or financial problem as you do. Don't be surprised by what others say, but also look at your future with an eye to the long-term. Consider a class that might help you with your professional situation. Tonight: Rent a movie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Deferring to others certainly has its benefits. You get to understand more of where others are coming from. Don't push your luck too hard right now. A key decision about finances appears on the horizon. This one is your call. Tonight: Be a duo.

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LOCAL

One for the history books



Photo courtesy of Ho Nguyen
(Left to right) Actress and Santa Monica resident June Lockhart, historian preservationist Ron Rohrenbacher, and Jack Stanley, director of Thomas Edison Memorial Tower & Menlo Park Museum with an original 1906 Edison Standard phonograph. Lockhart was recorded on the original Edison phonograph at the Santa Monica Historical Society Museum, circa 1910, on Monday, Thomas Edison, who invented the phonograph, the incandescent light bulb, and many other devices, introduced Lockhart's parents, actors Gene and Kathleen Lockhart.

Octoberfair at St. Monica's

By Daily Press staff

Octoberfair — St. Monica Church's biggest fund-raiser — kicks off Friday and runs through the weekend.

Highlights include a chili cook-off on Friday, a 5K run/walk and "Diaper Dash" on Saturday and carnival rides and games all weekend.

The fund-raiser, benefitting the families of the victims in the July 16 Farmers Market tragedy, will include TV's "HULK," Lou Ferrigno; Mimi Kennedy, the "earthmom" from "Dharma & Greg," and Olympic Hall of Fame ice skater Gary Visconti. They will participate in events to showcase the fair, which will open on Friday night.

The chili contest serves as the kick-off to the event, and Kennedy plans to cook up a vegetarian chili. The cooking begins at 5 p.m. and the judges will taste the creations at 7:30 p.m. At 8 p.m., awards will be given and the chili will be sold for \$1 a serving. Father Willie will preside as this year's head chili master. So get out your chili powder, peppers, your lucky apron, secret ingredients and your favorite chili

pot. The competition intensifies with the addition of various Santa Monica city organizations, not to mention the church's pastor who plans to cook up his legendary Norwegian chili.

Visconti will lead off the 5K run/walk starting at the church at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. Results and race prizes will be awarded from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Right after the run/walk, the "Diaper Dash" will begin at the Kid's Zone big tent. Parents can enter their kids for \$10 and they will race in their diapers. Kids can be as young as 1 month old and as old as 36 months old.

There also will be live music and entertainment, as well as a "Kids Zone," including a petting zoo, clowns and storytime, and a hand-craft boutique. Numerous food booths from local restaurants and from the church's parishioners add to the weekend's festivities.

The fair wraps up Sunday evening with a drawing. The grand prize is a new 2-door Ford Explorer, courtesy of Ed Butts Ford.

Hours for the fair are 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday

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surf report

The dying SSE and the NW wind swell kept waves small but fun in the bay on Wednesday. Thursday the SSE will be almost entirely gone and it will be only small NW wind swell in the water.

OUTLOOK: Not too much. Tropics are quiet and nothing will come from the S for at least another week, maybe longer. Enjoy that NW wind swell because that's about it for a while.

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SUNDAY	1:22	0.4	12:54	2.9	8:15	4.1	6:44	5.3
MONDAY	1:54	0.0	1:32	2.4	8:30	4.4	7:28	5.7
TUESDAY	2:23	-0.2	2:09	1.8	8:49	4.7	8:09	6.0
WEDNESDAY	2:52	-0.3	2:47	1.3	9:10	5.1	8:50	6.1
THURSDAY	3:21	-0.2	3:27	0.8	9:35	5.4	9:32	6.0
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Both the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and the Planning Commission are doing separate audits of the department's operations, particularly

now that fees have increased. In addition to listening to the advice of expensive consultants, perhaps city officials will listen to its residents ...

This week, Q-Line wants to know, "What should be done, if anything, to improve customer service in City Hall?"

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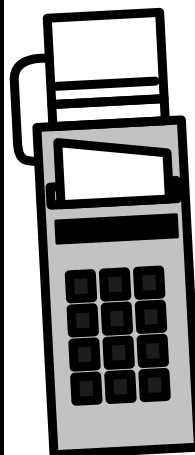
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OPINION

What if they held the debate and nobody came?

NEWS on the EDGE

By Ron Scott Smith



■ They held the great debate over the fate of California last night and a nation was glued to the tube because debating is as good as ... well, you know the rest. But just in case you missed it, Arnold was on the Oprah show last week, and let slip this gem before his wife could reach over and cover his mouth with her hand: "A pump is better than coming," Schwarzenegger said. I know — this is a family newspaper — but if Oprah could leave it in so can we. And something tells me that our likely next governor hasn't been with the right woman — no disrespect intended, Maria. Either that or I haven't been with the right barbell.

■ What if they held a debate and nobody came? Nobody but the actor, that is. Right there in Sacramento last night we were almost treated to a theater of the absurd — a stage set with four empty chairs and one fully occupied by the ex-Mr. Universe, as journalists from around the state would throw softball, pre-scripted questions submitted to the candidates and pre-answered by his crack staff. The other four participants — Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, Sen. Tom McClintock, R-Thousand Oaks; Green Party candidate

Peter Camejo and the straw that stirs the drink, Arianna Huffington — had talked about shunning this event like Schwarzenegger has shunned all the previous ones. They would stand outside the auditorium and continue their unscripted wrangling over the issues, while he sat inside alone and spewed forth his well-rehearsed lines. "In the middle of a crisis there is no script," Bustamante had said in proposing the boycott. But, too bad, the gang was all there. They relented and joined the actor inside, depriving us of what would have been a memorable TV moment.

"If you want to change California, then join me," implores Arnold, hundreds of times a day in a TV ad, but does anyone have a clue yet as to how he'd change it? A "fabulous job for everybody," is one thing he's promised, so the man must have some serious abracadabra up his sleeve. McClintock, the real deal Republican, who is dissed by his gutless party regulars as not much more than a burr in Schwarzenegger's side, says this in his ads over a backdrop of syrupy violin swells: "We can get back the California we once knew and loved."

Well thanks, but no thanks guys. No going backward. California's going to be just fine without you running it. That's why Davis was "recalled" to office for a second term a mere nine months ago by many more millions of voters than signed those petitions. They keep talking the deficit talk but they don't walk the walk, knowing full well that a huge chunk of it was brought on

by Bush's snake-oil salesman buddies from Enron and Dynegy, and if a deficit is reason enough to boot a guy out of office, then 45 other governors in this nation are gone too. Not to mention, of course, the guy in Washington running up the mother of all deficits, the biggest in U.S. history — some \$460 billion and counting. What's fair is fair. Recall the goose, recall the gander.

■ The president rediscovered the "compassionate" in the "conservative" on Monday when he asked Congress for more than \$20 billion to invest in infrastructure and the unemployment crisis. Finally. He wants, among other things, \$2.9 billion to rebuild the country's damaged and out-dated electrical system, \$100 million to build 3,500 housing units for the homeless, \$150 million to hire and train 2,000 border police, \$150 million to build children's hospitals for countless sick, needy and uninsured kids. And the list goes on. Now if we can just get him to do something here at home, too. You got it — the nation whose infrastructure and unemployment he wants to invest in is Iraq, the reluctant new addition to our American family. And nobody is sure yet whether they're ever going to like the green bean casserole at Thanksgiving.

■ Iraq. You roll. It continues to be his object of obsession. The central front of the war on terror, blah blah blah. There he was Tuesday standing before the full body of the United Nations — a body he ignored like they weren't even there during his roll-up to a war they would not condone. There he was begging them for

help now. Any kind of help, if you please, fellow nations, gentle nations. This peacetime in Baghdad that we brought you is a tough solo gig.

■ Tough enough that even one of America's super-patriot country singers, Toby Keith, is having second thoughts. And if guys like him are having second thoughts, Bush may be in a world of trouble. He's of the "we'll put a boot in your ass" fame from his war-mongering mega-hit, "Courtesy of the Red White and Blue," and the object of Dixie Chick Natalie Maines' T-shirt at the Grammys that said, "FUTK," and you solve the puzzle. Toby, wisely choosing not to be one of the ones risking life and limb to put a boot up a sovereign nation's ass, is instead out on a safer mission — singing about it. His courageous multi-million dollar tour is dubbed "Shock'n Y'all." He told the LA Times, when asked about the bombs and the blood and the real "Shock and Awe," "Honestly, I'm still doing the math on that. I know a tyrant is gone and all of that, but whether it was our duty to go do that, well, the math hasn't worked out for me on it."

■ Well, here's some convoluted math that just may work out — 250 young Americans killed (and counting) ... plus 150,000 young Americans stranded far from loved ones in a living hell with no homecoming in sight (and counting) ... equals 407. That's the days left until the next presidential election. And counting.

(Ron Scott Smith can be reached at EdgeoftheWest@aol.com).

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Schwarzenegger should take a play from Gipper's playbook

In 1980, the major question facing Ronald Reagan was if he was too old to be president. When Reagan opted not to debate in Iowa, speculation was that he was skipping the debate because he was afraid that his age would show and hurt him. George Bush went on to win the Iowa Caucus in large part because of Reagan's refusal to debate. Realizing that he had to dispel such questions, Reagan began to campaign with renewed vigor and participated in all debates on his way to the White House. Four years later, after a shaky debate performance against Walter Mondale, Reagan again faced questions about his age. In the second debate Reagan put the question to rest with one of his

famous one-liners that poked fun at his age difference with Mondale.

In the California recall election, Arnold Schwarzenegger is in a similar situation as Reagan was. The questions are on his stand on issues and if he is intelligent enough to be governor. These questions have gained renewed intensity with his refusal to participate in the first candidate debate and his lack of specifics on the issues.

Like Reagan, though, this could play to Schwarzenegger's advantage. There is no doubt that Schwarzenegger is intelligent enough to be governor. He has demon-

strated this by his leadership in education initiatives in the past. Now however, he must present himself anew to the voters of California. As Reagan did in 1980, he

must give up his front running campaign style and hit the stump with gusto. He must spell out his vision to solve California's current problems and where he

wants to take the state in the future. Schwarzenegger needs to participate in all future debates and show the mastery of the issues that so many people know that he has. He must in essence, reintroduce himself to the voters.

Guest Commentary

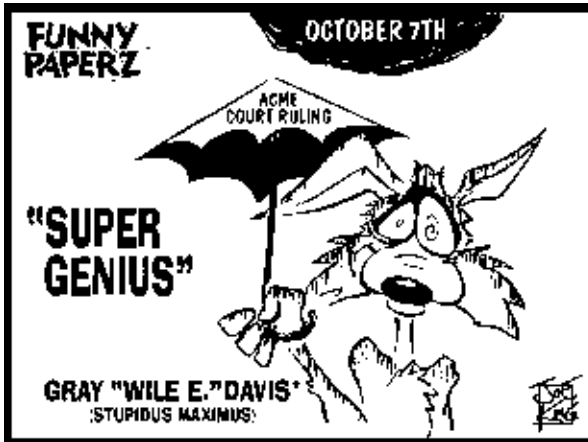
By David E. Johnson

An opportunity such as Schwarzenegger's has to recapture the momentum comes very seldom to a politician. If Schwarzenegger uses this to his advantage, by defining himself and dispelling doubts about his competency, he will be well on his way to Sacramento. More importantly, he will prove to supporters and skeptics alike that the comparisons to Ronald Reagan extend beyond the fact that both were actors.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Get rid of the mercury

By Daily Press staff

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SMC celebrates new library with literature series

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College will launch a Literary Series — featuring some of America's leading writers — on Sept. 30. The series is being held as part of the college's celebration of the completion of a \$23.6 million library expansion and modernization project.

The literary series, free and open to the public, will feature Marcos McPeck Villatoro in September, SMC faculty writers in October, and the works of Zora Neale Hurston in November. The series is sponsored by the SMC Associates, a private organization that funds speakers and special programs on campus, and the SMC English department. Seating is on a first-come, first-seated basis, except for the Nov. 14 Hurston event, when reservations are required.

"I'm very excited about this literary series, not only because of the caliber of writers we are featuring, but because it celebrates our beautiful new and improved library as well as the diversity found in modern American literature," said Judy Neveau, SMC community relations director and producer of the series.

The lineup is:

■ Thursday, Sept. 30 at 11:15 a.m. — Marcos McPeck Villatoro, who will lecture and read from his book *Minos*, the latest Romilia Chacon mystery. Villatoro is an acclaimed author and poet who holds the Fletcher Jones Endowed Chair in Writing at Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles and is a regular commentator for National Public Radio's new show, "Day to Day." The event will be in the SMC Concert Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd.

■ Friday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. — "An Evening with SMC Faculty Writers," featuring poetry, prose and dialogue with distinguished SMC faculty authors including Wil Doucet, Carol Davis, Mario Padilla and others. The event will be in the SMC Concert Hall, 1900 Pico Blvd.

■ Friday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. — "An Evening of Zora Neale Hurston: A Writer Beyond Her Time." The event features historical background by author and USC professor Dr. Carla Kaplan, who edited Zora Neale Hurston: *A Life in Letters*, and dramatic readings of Hurston's works by Denise Woods, A California Institute of the Arts theater professor who recorded Hurston's "Their Eyes Were Watching God." The event will be in the SMC Library, 1900 Pico Blvd.

SMC's library opened Aug. 26 for the fall semester, but a grand opening ceremony will be held at 11:15 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 14. The long-awaited project nearly doubles the size of the facility and provides widespread Internet access.

For information about the SMC Literary Series, call (310) 434-4003.

Old timers to reunite

By Daily Press staff

After 70 plus years, the movers and the shakers of Santa Monica High School are coming back to their alma mater to revive old friendships and relive the glory days of high school.

The graduating classes of the 1930s will be reuniting and celebrating this weekend on Sept. 27, at the DoubleTree Guest Suites, 1707 Fourth St.

The reunion of the 1930s graduating Vikings will be the first all-decade celebration for Samohi. Class registration begins at noon and continues with a luncheon and festivities at 1 p.m.

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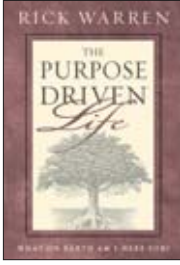
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City Council to decide on market hours this fall

MARKETS, from page 1

were later covered during the shooting of an episode of the "MacGyver" television show with a colorful mural of a Spanish street scene that is now a signature of the neighborhood, residents said.

Reopening the windows would not only take away the popular mural but be prohibitive financially, argued Howard Robinson, the lawyer for owner Peter Kim. Though the market grosses about \$1,800 a month, the work, which would require reinforcing the building with a steel frame, engineers estimated the cost of renovations at \$37,000, Robinson said.

"It's just wildly out of scale," he said.

In addition to relaxing the restrictions imposed on the Marine Market, the City Council agreed to spare from

"We're very pleased with the City Council's endorsement of our neighborhood's desires."

— **ABBY ARNOLD**
Former City Council candidate

demolition the Fair Market, which sits in front of a multi-unit condominium building. As part of the permit to build the condos there, the property owners had agreed to tear down the market and restore the open space.

But neighbors said they rely on the market, known as the "Best Little Wine Shop in Santa Monica," for convenience. They successfully pleaded with council members to

reconsider that restriction and allow the shop to stay.

The issue over operating hours for all three neighborhood markets is scheduled to be heard by the City Council this fall. Though the stores have opened as early as 7 a.m. and closed as late as 1 a.m. for years, ordinances now in place say the stores can open no earlier than 8 a.m. and close no later than 9 p.m.

Residents said they will be back this fall to support the stores, but that they were encouraged by City Hall moving in the right direction.

"We're very pleased with the City Council's endorsement of our neighborhood's desires," said former City Council candidate Abby Arnold, who lives next door to the Marine Market. "It shows that the City Council can be flexible in balancing planning rules against neighborhood wishes."

Organizers dealt setback in unionizing local hotels

COMPLAINT, from page 1

it was unclear if union lawyers would appeal Pollack's ruling. Any appeal would be heard by the NLRB in Washington, D.C.

Pollack declined to elaborate on his Sept. 19 written ruling, which was released a month after hearing arguments in the case. Such rulings normally take about three months.

"It's a matter of several months usually, but that can vary," said NLRB lawyer Laurel Spillane.

Francois Khoury, general manager at the Doubletree, said the hotel filed legal briefs in the case less than two weeks before the ruling.

"To take 12 days instead of three months means that there was no basis (to the complaint)," Khoury said. "The mere fact that they answered so fast, it means that overwhelmingly there was no basis to start with ... All (union organizers) can say now is they're going to appeal it again."

While the legal wrangling over the buttons continues, workers' union contract is expected to be voted on at the

Four Points Sheraton in the coming weeks. Three other hotels — the Viceroy, Fairmont Miramar and Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel — already have a union presence. Supporters of organizing local hotel workers have

Shelter scheduled to open in two years

SHELTER, from page 1

OPCC must move from its location at 612 Colorado Ave., because Big Blue Bus, housed in the same complex, is expanding. In July, OPCC opened escrow on the Cloverfield property, where several million dollars in upgrades are planned.

As part of a compromise fashioned by the City Council in August, the overnight shelter portion of OPCC will move to the new site, and OPCC's daytime services, which serve about 250 people a day, will find a different location. Maceri said his group was looking at

said they won't rest until the other six — including the Doubletree, Shuttles on the Beach, Casa Del Mar, Le Merigot, the Radisson Huntley and Holiday Inn Santa Monica Pier — are also organized.

an area on the south end of the Big Blue Bus campus where Samoshel and Swashlock, two other providers of homeless services, are already located.

Maceri said OPCC will begin work on permits for the Cloverfield property as soon as the escrow closes in early October. He expects to have the 33,700-square-foot facility up and running within two years.

"It's been a long and difficult road," Maceri said Wednesday. "But I'm happy that we're going to move forward to the next phase and I'm really looking forward to developing a project that's going to be good for the community."

Plenty of fun scheduled for St. Monica's

OCTOBERFAIR, from page 3

and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday. Admission for adults is \$3, seniors, \$1; and free for children under 12 years old when accompanied by a paid adult. Proceeds benefit St. Monica's two schools and several local community outreach organizations. St. Monica's is located at 725 California Ave.

For more information about the fair, call (310) 393-9287, or go to www.octoberfair.org.

Octoberfair schedule of events

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.: Father Willy's Chili Cook-off and judging
- 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.: Hotlips & Fingertips (Irish/country/rock)
- 8 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.: Opening ceremonies
- 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.: "Tuxedo Café" Coffeehouse, acts expected to perform are: Phil Cordero, The Archer Family, The Rainbow Riders and others
- 8:30 p.m. – 11 p.m.: Tin Drum (Pop/rock)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 8:30 a.m.: 5K Run/Walk
- 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.: 5K Race results and race prizes awarded
- 11 a.m.: Diaper Dash (Kid's Zone stage)
- 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Witcher Brothers (Blue grass)
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.: Genesta (Youthful rock)

- 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.: Mojo Monkeys (New Orleans Jazz/ZZ Top sound)
- 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.: Handicraft Boutique (auditorium)
- 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.: Teresa James & the Rhythm Tramps (R&B/dance)
- 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.: "Tuxedo Café" Coffeehouse, acts expected to perform are: Phil Cordero, The Archer Family, The Rainbow Riders and others
- 9 p.m. – 11 p.m.: Brotherhood (Latin/rock/dance)
- Clown Stage Shows - St. Monica Clown Ministry (Kid's Zone stage)
- "Storytime Lady", face painting, craft table and videos (Kid's Zone stage)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.: Brunch
- 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.: Handicraft Boutique (auditorium)
- 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Phil n the Blanks
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.: Peterson Singers (gospel)
- 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.: Octoberfair games
- 4 p.m.: Boutique quilt raffle
- 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.: Ritmo Loco (Latin jazz)
- October grand finale show
- 7:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.: The Rainbow Riders
- 8:45 p.m.: Grand Prize Raffle Drawing for a 2003 Ford Explorer
- Diaper Dash (Kid's Zone stage)
- Clown Stage Shows - St. Monica Clown Ministry (Kid's Zone stage)
- "Storytime Lady", face painting, craft table and videos (Kid's Zone stage)

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Air Force translator faces spying charges

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An Air Force translator for suspected terrorists at the Guantanamo Bay prison camp tried to send classified information about the prisoners to his native Syria, military authorities charge.

Senior Airman Ahmad I. al-Halabi is behind bars at a California Air Force base, facing 32 criminal charges. The most serious — espionage and aiding the enemy — could carry the death penalty.

Pentagon officials said a broader investigation into possible security breaches at the Guantanamo Bay facility in Cuba was continuing.

Military authorities accuse al-Halabi, 24, of sending e-mail with information about the prisoners at Guantanamo Bay "to unauthorized person or persons whom he, the accused, knew to be the enemy." The Air Force documents detailing the charges do not say who "the enemy" is.

Al-Halabi also is accused of planning to give classified information about the prisoners as well as more than 180 written messages from detainees to a person who would then go to Syria.

A military attorney representing al-Halabi, Air Force Maj. James E. Key III, denied the charges, telling The Washington Post: "Airman al-Halabi is not a spy and he is not a terrorist."

U.N. chief wants expanded security council

By The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged world leaders to expand the Security Council to make the 15-member panel more effective and representative of 21st century "geopolitical realities."

Annan challenged the 191 U.N. member states on Tuesday to re-examine the way the council — whose five permanent members decide virtually all outcomes — deals with conflicts.

The United Nations was founded in 1945 when there were just 51 members. The Security Council was given the primary responsibility of preserving peace and it has the power to enforce measures.

Annan used the opening meeting of the annual General Assembly session, attended by world leaders, to stress the need for expanding the United Nation's key policy making body.

"If you want the council and the council's decisions to command greater respect, particularly in the developing world, you need to address the issue of its composition with greater urgency," he said.

Japan, Germany, India and Brazil have clamored to be part of a reorganized council that would provide greater representation to regions and developing countries.

Long Beach nixes 'Shorefest' over safety, parking

By The Associated Press

LONG BEACH — The city called off next month's ShoreFest because of safety and parking concerns with an expected 500,000 people descending on Long Beach.

Promoters of the Oct. 3-5 air show and festival were denied a permit Tuesday because 10 issues weren't addressed to the city's satisfaction, City Manager Jerry Miller said. Parking logistics, emergency response plans and community outreach were the main issues.

"The absence of these assurances compromise the safety and convenience of the citizens of this city," Miller said.

Representatives of ShoreSales, the group formed to organize and promote the event, said the city was making a \$65 million (projected economic impact) mistake by canceling the show, which was to feature the Navy's Blue Angels stunt team.

"I think this is a tremendous black eye for the city and the community," said Dan DiCillo, ShoreSales' chief operating officer. He said organizers addressed everything the city had asked for on the list.

Redondo Beach to enforce false alarm fines

By The Associated Press

REDONDO BEACH — Police Chief Robert Luman, noting \$125,000 in fines for excessive false alarm calls weren't levied, said he is now enforcing a get-tough policy to prevent similar losses.

The uncollected fees went unnoticed from May 2002 to April 2003, leading police Chief Robert Luman to spend \$2,500 on a new computer program to make sure it doesn't happen again.

"It just made sense," he said. "Why do it manually if a computer will do it for you?"

The department would have collected the money if it had been billing homeowners and companies for excessive false alarms. During the period, there were 3,080 alarm calls and more than 90 percent were false alarms that would have resulted in \$125,000 in fines.

The law to levy fines has been in place for years. But the system broke down about two years ago because of staff reassignments, retirements and turnover, officials said. Luman learned of the uncollected fines after he was hired last year.

This summer, the city added an automated billing system to its communications software, said Holly Babb, the marketing manager for Hitech Systems of Los Angeles. The company provides computer-aided dispatch technology.

In the first month of operation, two \$94 fines have been mailed, Communication Supervisor Ed Radomsky said.



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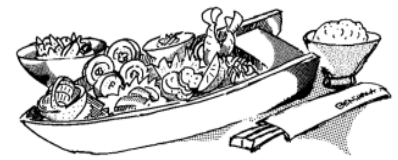
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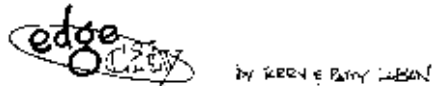


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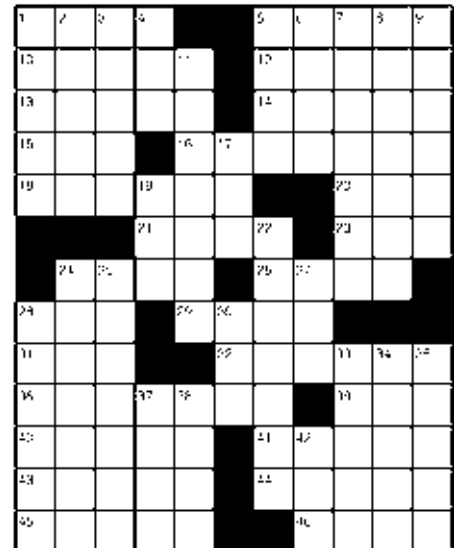
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

David Letterman chases bear out of weekend cabin

By The Associated Press

■ **CHOTEAU, Mont.** — Talk about stupid pet tricks: David Letterman found a bear in his cabin over the weekend, and needed help from a local teenager to get the animal to leave.

Letterman told viewers on CBS' "Late Show" about a bear that came into his home before dawn and started rummaging around his kitchen.

"I think to myself, 'Probably the wind,' and in Montana that's always a pretty good bet," the talk show host said Monday night.

Letterman continued to sleep, thinking maybe someone was fixing him breakfast. After about an hour, he decided to investigate.

"And there, standing in my kitchen, is the largest bear I've ever seen in my entire life," he said. "I don't know how big, but he was the hugest bear I've ever seen in my kitchen. ... So I closed the door."

That's when Letterman turned to some locals, including the hero of the story, Brandon Lightner.

Letterman called his friend and ranch manager, Chip Kearns of Chateau, who "knows everything and runs everything and is a Marine and he's the guy you want to call when you've got a bear in your kitchen."

After chasing the bear around the house for a few hours, they called in Lightner — and his M-80s. They dropped the large firecrackers into a room where the bear was sleeping, chasing it out.

"If you ever are in that situation, call a high school kid," Letterman said. "Get those M-80s and your problems are over, ladies and gentlemen."

■ **LOS ANGELES** — Ray Charles celebrated his 73rd birthday with a cake shaped like a piano and visits from Quincy Jones and Willie Nelson.

"I've been lucky to have done so many things these 73 years, but there's a lot more I want to do in life, especially with longtime friends like Willie and Quincy," the

legendary musician said at his private studio.

At Tuesday's festivities, Charles also announced a blues songwriting contest, which he'll judge with help from Flea from the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Alicia Keys and Roger Waters of Pink Floyd.

Teenagers can submit the lyrics to a blues song and five winners will be flown to Los Angeles to work with Charles in producing the song.

Runner-up prizes include a bass lesson with Flea and a guitar signed by Britney Spears. Lyrics may be submitted through a Web site and the contest ends Dec. 15.

Charles has been resting because of a hip ailment, but has started work on a duets album to feature B.B. King and others. He also received birthday notes from Clint Eastwood, Elton John and President Bush.

Charles, who was 7 when he lost his eyesight, has won 13 Grammy Awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award. He also was one of the original inductees to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1986.

He's recorded classic songs including "What'd I Say" and "Georgia on My Mind."

■ **LONDON** — Prince Charles likes his meat and vegetables to be organic, so a Wednesday night dinner date with a like-minded celebrity chef was a natural.

Jamie Oliver, star of the "Naked Chef" TV series, and students from his restaurant school planned an organic meal for the prince at his London home — an event marking a decade's progress for organic food advocates, royal aides said.

Charles farms organically at his Highgrove country estate in southwest England and has argued for the benefits of organic food. His Duchy Originals range, including biscuits and cheeses, is one of Britain's leading organic brands.

Charles' estate provided the vegetables and lamb for Oliver and trainee chefs from his Fifteen restaurant.

Oliver has plowed his own money into Fifteen, where he is training 15 unemployed youngsters to be chefs. All

profits from the restaurant go to Oliver's charity, Cheeky Chops, to which Charles has donated \$24,000.

■ **KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia** — Linkin Park has received the government's permission to perform next month in Malaysia — but the American rap-rock band won't be allowed to scream, jump around or wear shorts onstage.

The Ministry of Culture and Arts said Wednesday it has approved plans for the band to play Oct. 15 at a 50,000-seat stadium in this conservative, predominantly Muslim Southeast Asian country.

"The government believes the performance will provide an alternative type of entertainment in Malaysia," the ministry said, while warning that the rock stars must abide by a strict code of "artist performance ethics."

"Male artists must cover their bodies from the chest to knee level," the statement said. "The artist must not display rough, raunchy actions that conflict with pure values, such as leaping around, screaming or throwing something from the stage to the audience."

The code also prohibits sexually provocative gestures or speech, and clothing or body accessories that can be considered "obscene, linked to drugs or related to negative elements."

Western entertainers are popular in Malaysia, but they often bypass this country of 25 million people in their Asian tours for more lucrative stops with larger audiences, such as Singapore, Hong Kong and Japan.

In 1996, officials in the central Malaysian state of Selangor refused to grant a concert permit to Michael Jackson, fearing his hip gyrations and pelvic thrusts would prove a bad influence. The show eventually went ahead in Kuala Lumpur.

Linkin Park's Kuala Lumpur concert will be the first stop in a three-nation Asian tour that includes Japan and South Korea.

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