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THE GET HER DONE ISSUE

Council gives thumbs up to Travelodge

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Motel owner Michael Farzam is a happy man after the City Council on Tuesday granted his three wishes to move the long-stalled Travelodge project forward.

After hearing recent concerns from the developer that he could be hit with a seven-figure fee for removing low-cost lodging, the council decided to waive the penalty in lieu of an agreement that the rooms at the new motel would remain affordable and average \$172 a night for the year.

The council also acted on two appeals that could've greatly altered the project. Both decisions ended up in favor of the developer.

The estimated \$40-\$50 million project would consolidate the existing Travelodge and Pacific Sands Motel on Ocean Avenue into a four-story limited amenity hotel that includes ground floor retail and underground parking.

The mitigation fee, which Farzam estimated would be about \$1 million, is mandated under an 18-year-old ordinance that penalizes developers for removing cheap accommodations. It was passed amid concerns the city was headed toward gentrification with expensive hotels popping up along the coastline.

Farzam, whose family has been in the motel business for 30 years, pointed out that the fee should be waived because he was in fact expanding the number of low-cost rooms, adding that the penalty could hurt financing opportunities.

"We're very happy with the outcome," Farzam said on Wednesday. "We think it's a very worthy project for the community and will serve the city very well."

The agreement requires that the rooms average about \$172 throughout the year with the figure adjusted to inflation annually. The developer is also required to report to city officials every year to ensure the conditions are being met.

The council also denied a challenge by a neighboring building owner to the east who argued the motel would block the ocean view from Santa Monica Place and accepted an appeal by Farzam in response to a

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Dropping the ball?

City staff to study if millions in fees should have been collected

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL As city officials continue to blast a measure that would limit commercial development, arguing Proposition T on the November ballot would result in lost revenue, those in support have in recent days unearthed information that they believe prevented \$45 million in development fees from being collected.

The claims by proponents of Prop. T were brought to light during a City Council

discussion on Tuesday about ways in which City Hall could measure the performance of the transportation system and evaluate traffic growth in the community.

City staff brought the matter before the council to ask permission to impose a traffic impact fee on developers and conduct a study that would establish the rate.

It was then that several members of Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City, which authored Prop. T, criticized the latest move toward developing a mitigation fee and conducting a study, pointing out that

while the council took a similar action in the 1990s, no fees were ever collected.

The issue concerns the adoption of an ordinance in 1991 that established a traffic mitigation fee and the council's authorization of a study in early 1992 that would've set the amount. While the council permitted the city manager at the time to prepare a nexus study — which looks at the relationship between the assessment of a fee and its impact — whether or not that

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DIFFERENT STROKES

Scientific illustrator Cleo Vilett, 36, paints a leatherback sea turtle earlier this week for the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium's new environmental art exhibit.

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A little understanding

Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m.

Dr. Joshua Grill from the UCLA Alzheimer's Disease Center will be on hand to discuss the cases of Alzheimer's disease and how it differs from other forms of dementia.

Moving with ease

SMC Gym, Room 104, 1900 Pico Blvd., 11:15 a.m.

Dancer, choreographer, and body practitioner Sachiye Nakano will present a master class that combines introduction to the Feldenkrais Method with practical experience that allows you to explore how this method can help you move with greater ease, flexibility, and elegance. The event is free. Seating is strictly on a first arrival basis.

Friday, Sept. 25, 2008

Riding into the future

Civic Auditorium, 1855 Main St., 11 a.m.

Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus and Pasadena's renowned Art Center College of Design will unveil visually stunning versions of the next generation of transit at a special event called "Bus of the Future" at the AltCar Expo. Meet the design team, view large-scale concept images and animation of on-board ride experiences, vote for your favorite designs and more. A futuristic symposium called "Transforming Transit" with internationally acclaimed transit, design and environmental experts will begin at 11:15 a.m. Blue ribbons will be awarded for the winning designs at 12:30 p.m. Free admission. For more information go to www.busofthefuture.com, or call (310) 451-5444.

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Santa Monica Playhouse, 8 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

They radiated him, but they couldn't silence him — Charlie Lustman, surviving cancer one song at a time. Blending humor and intimacy this is a show for anyone who has faced a challenge in life. It is written and performed by singer/songwriter Charlie Lustman, and directed by Chris DeCarlo. Tickets at www.MadeMeNuclear.com or (866) 468-3399.

On Broadway

Main Stage, SMC, 1900 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m. — Midnight

Theatre students at Santa Monica College want you to check out their latest production, "American Reflections — Broadway in Concert," which they will be performing in China next month. The show features songs, dialogue and dances from "Sweet Charity," "Into the Woods," "A Chorus Line," "Young Frankenstein," and "Seussical." Tickets range from \$15 to \$20.

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.



Woman killed in PCH crash

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

PCH A woman who exited her car after it broke down on Pacific Coast Highway was hit and killed by another car, police said Wednesday.

The accident, which caused motorists to take detours through Santa Monica, causing traffic congestion Downtown, occurred at 10:23 a.m. in the 1300 block of northbound Pacific Coast Highway, which is a couple of

blocks north of the McClure Tunnel, said Sgt. Renaldi Thurston of the Santa Monica Police Department. Another car appeared to have been sideswiped, Renaldi said.

Los Angeles County lifeguards and paramedics from the Santa Monica Fire Department responded to the scene to render aid. Once on the scene, medical personnel determined that the female driver succumbed to her injuries and died at the scene.

The driver that hit the disabled vehicle

was taken to a local hospital with minor injuries. A third driver was not injured.

Neither the injured driver or the deceased woman were immediately identified.

At the time of the collision, the female driver was believed to have been standing in front of her vehicle waiting for assistance.

Investigators from the SMPD's Major Accident Response Team responded and spoke to witnesses. Investigators learned that the victim was fatally injured after her dis-

abled vehicle was struck from behind by an approaching vehicle.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with additional information is urged to call traffic investigator Chris Dawson at (310) 458-8954 or the watch commander at (310) 458-8427. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may call the We-Tip hotline at (800) 78-CRIME (27463).

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FREE SPEECH

Juan Alcalá, a.k.a The Dollhouse Dude, dances on the Santa Monica Pier on a recent Saturday. Alcalá has been promoting his message that it's everyone's human right to own a home. Alcalá is a graduate from Cal State and has a bachelor's degree in bilingual education. He teaches elementary school during the week.

Fabian Lewkowicz FabianLewkowicz.com

It's all about the follow through

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SANTA MONICA Democratic political reforms can decrease support for political violence, but backtracking on democratization can increase the risk of terrorism, according to a report released today by a Santa Monica-based research group.

The RAND Corp. recently reviewed the liberalization process in six Arab states, and found that even limited political reform can help to stabilize a state.

"American policymakers obviously need to be concerned about maintaining allies in the region, but concern over stability does not have to come at the expense of political reforms," said report author Dalia Dassa Kaye.

"In fact, when Arab states backtrack on reform or institute repressive measures, stability also suffers," Kaye said.

The report warned that political reforms had little effect on promoting tolerance or inclusion, instead aggravating existing societal differences as the group in control worked to consolidate its power.

news@smdp.com

Grant from VA to help Los Angeles County homeless vets

BY CHRISTINA WALKER
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN Homeless veterans that have served time in Los Angeles County jails will get a new lease on life as a result of a

\$317,000 grant to the Volunteers of America. The United States Department of Veterans Affairs issued the grant to help the organization establish a 25 bed rotary house to assist homeless veterans over 60 years old transition back into society after serving time in jail.

Besides the construction of the beds, the three-year grant will also be used to serve meals to the veterans and to hire a social worker to oversee the house. Many of those who will benefit from the grant could come from the Westside since the majority of

homeless veterans reside there, the reason being they see Santa Monica as less threatening, said Jim Howat, director for adult services with Volunteers of America and a for-

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Biking is the answer

Editor:

A great solution for Santa Monica's auto parking problem, ("Drivers pay high price for parking," page 1, Sept. 24), is to pick up the bicycle and help turn our city into a bicycling capitol.

"The automobile has not merely taken over the street, it has dissolved the living tissue of the city. Its appetite for space is absolutely insatiable; moving and parked, it devours urban land, leaving the buildings as mere islands of habitable space in a sea of dangerous and ugly traffic." — James Marston Fitch, NY Times, May 1, 1960.

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**Andrew Kay Liberman**  
Santa Monica

### Spend wisely

Editor:

Bill Bauer's article about the community college bond ("More 'tax and spend on this year's ballot,'" page 4, Sept. 22), combined with the cover story "Economy shapes negotiations," tell a story of how we are in the economic mess we are in. Forget the threat of a depression. The state of California will be insolvent next year. That means the budget that is passing will be about \$18 billion short! Insolvent means the state of California will not be able to borrow money to pay for this annual debt. The Governor did in fact lower that shortfall from \$33 billion when he took office to \$18 billion, but it is not enough. The state Legislature will have to cut funding for all public jobs including teachers. Raise taxes on the corporations? They will just pass that increase on to us as they always do. Just look at your cell phone bill or utility bill if you doubt me.

We have to ask the hard questions and decide what is important. Do Santa Monicans really need to give SMC more money or can they cut down on the 25,000 non-Santa Monica residents attending? Could our K-12 schools use \$295 million? Would you need to send your kids to private school if they did not spend it on SMC?

**David Alsabery**  
Santa Monica

### Time to take down the bird feeder

Editor:

Thank you Bill for pointing out the truth on Measure AA on the upcoming ballot.

We who have lived this ongoing and growing "empire making" in our backyards know the reality of the situation. It's like putting the bird feeder out, they just keep wanting more, and yet can't quite find the funds to accommodate more police, parking enforcement to deal with the increasing enrollment of people from all over the country, not to mention the other issues like traffic, buses, trash, graffiti, noise that you mentioned. This after the taxpayers and renters footing the \$590 million price tag in six years! It goes without saying that we are all grateful for such a great educational facility in our city, but the time has come to hold them accountable for their spending practices and violations of the surrounding neighborhood.

**Sharon McGeeney**  
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## Dispatches from Dystopia

Ryan Hyatt

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# Family fun gets marred by politics

RECENTLY I PAID MY REPUBLICAN family a visit in Arizona.

It was an excellent getaway, a celebration for my mother's 50th birthday at the Grand Hotel in the old miner town of Jerome. The site was once an asylum, later a hospital then a brothel before a couple bought and turned it into a tourist destination.

It's reported to be one of the most haunted places in the country. Coughing is heard from long-dead tuberculosis patients. There's a deceased little girl often found giggling, and a phantom singing cowboy. And of course where there were no ghost stories to tell, as in regards to the room where my sisters and I stayed, they were quick to make them up.

It was a weekend full of mirth and the occasional good scare, such as when my lovely siblings tapped into my primal fear and rigged the closet by my bed as I tried to sleep. They had been insisting since our arrival, you see, that a man once hung himself in there. After a long night of drinking and listening to ghost stories, I was terrified, stirring under the covers, anxiously waiting for the closet door to open.

Then it did.

I leaped from the mattress and assumed a karate position. As if I stood a chance against a poltergeist.

I can still hear the uproar from my fiendish kin.

But it wasn't their hoax that put a damper on my weekend.

It was the presidential election. I was forced to endure yet another caustic diatribe from my brother-in-law about how I am "brainwashed" by the media because I will likely be voting for Barack Obama.

If Carlos weren't my sister's husband, I'd have knocked him upside the noggin for being so stupid. Brainwashed, he called me — and he really believes it!

I tried to explain that insulting me with such erroneous accusations only made him seem, well, brainwashed.

My self-righteous relative was espousing the usual Republican rhetoric that if elected president, Obama would raise taxes across the board to finance his diabolical social programs, the most terrifying of which, he believes, would be a plan to make health care affordable to most Americans ... at taxpayer expense!

God forbid we have an administration that attempts to address real structural problems in our country instead of giving our money away to defense contractors and white-collar businessmen.

And some people still wonder why I left Arizona.

What I think Carlos, who works in the mortgage industry, fails to realize, and which I think is apparent to rational people, is that whoever becomes the next president of the United States will be spending his time in office rectifying the crucial problems associated with our current commander in chief.

Universal health care, protecting our borders, strengthening our schools, filling our potholes, whatever worthy cause our hard-earned taxpayer money might be used for will remain a utopian scheme for another decade or so. That's not because these do-gooder programs are necessarily impossible to achieve, but because our next president will be too busy cleaning up the mess that's been left us.

The grandiose plans — real or imagined — those treacherous Democrats might have had in store to help their fellow countrymen will have to wait for another generation. The Democrats will probably be blamed for the delay, too.

Only time will tell what will prove to be the greater debacle for the nation: a war initiated by the current administration with zero strategic relevance and no end in sight that has cost the public more than \$750 billion to date; or the bailout of a greedy mortgage industry which, along with many customers, have overextended themselves by \$700 billion the same administration, due to its backfired de-regulation, is now passing on to us.

What might I look forward to from these disasters except the opportunity to pay more taxes to right the wrongs that a responsible government would have never allowed to occur in the first place?

Can I expect a check in the mail for living within my means?

I hope in the future my Republican family members will do me a favor and hold their tongues before warning me of the dangers of the big government they have helped usher to power. I'd rather have fun harboring an irrational fear, like that of ghost and ghouls, than the real anxieties that come knowing the era our shameless leaders and the fools who follow them brought.

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# Why I'm voting for John McCain

**THIS MAY COME AS A SURPRISE TO THOSE** who read my column, but yet, I am voting for John McCain and Sarah Palin to be our 43rd and 44th president. As recent events demonstrate, these are dire times which require boldness and leadership. Our system of government is breaking down and we need a maverick to come in to shake things up and end business as usual.

Who better to shake things up than John McCain, since he's been there for 26 years and should know where the shaking is needed most. I bet you he has built up quite a long "to do" list over those years and now he can actually start checking some of them off. McCain also can be a uniter since he can bring together both Republicans (whom he almost always voted with) and Democrats since he's friends with Joe Lieberman.

We can be sure that McCain won't be led astray by Washington lobbyists since under a McCain administration they won't be working for Exxon-Mobil or AT&T. Instead they'll be working for the USA as part of a McCain administration. That's putting country first.

These are very dangerous times and we need a seasoned commander at the helm. The press has made a big deal about the senator's reference to "President Putin of Germany," thinking Spain was in Latin America, that Czechoslovakia still existed, confusing African countries and getting all those folks in the Middle East mixed up, but that's not really an issue. Since the senator has already said that he won't meet with half the world leaders, he will have plenty of time to prepare for the few he actually talks with. More importantly, electing John McCain will send a signal to the evil doers that America means business, since they have seen him sing "bomb Iran" or may have heard about how he roughed up one of the Nicaraguan commies during negotiations in the heat of the cold war. Go ahead axis of evil, make our day!

John McCain is also for fewer taxes. Sure, the deficit will balloon, interest rates will rise, the economy may tank, roads and bridges may collapse, but I at least would get \$600 in my wallet. Everyone makes such a big deal about the deficit and how we will become a second rate power since China will

own all our debt, but what's wrong with second rate? Look at Great Britain; they seem to be doing just fine not having to be the world's policeman and you don't see them invading Grenada or other dinky countries.

It is true that John McCain may be as old as Moses, but he has picked a spunky vice president in Sara Palin. The press makes a big deal about how she's lying when she says she said "no" to the "Bridge to Nowhere" or that she sold the state jet on e-Bay, but they ignore the fact that she sounds presidential in doing so. She's also more educated than the Democratic ticket since she went to five different colleges (Hawaii Pacific, North Idaho College, University of Idaho and Matanuska-Susitna College) whereas Biden just went to two and Obama only three.

In addition, everyone makes a big fuss about her lack of foreign policy credentials, but they forget the fact that in the 19th Century a number of our presidents were country bumpkins who didn't know the difference between Moscow, PA and the Russian capitol.

Granted we were an agrarian society and certainly no superpower during that era, but the principle remains the same. Just look at the mess the current administration's foreign policy experts got us into; maybe we should replace the Bush Doctrine with the Bumpkin Doctrine.

I'm voting for McCain because he's a straight talker and I often agree with his view on things, and when I don't, usually if I wait a few days he comes around. The Democrats make a big deal of their McCain lie counter and flip-tracker — each of which are over 60, but I want a president to be a man of character and John McCain showed that as a POW in Vietnam. I think that is a better reflection of the senator's character than how he has conducted himself in his 26 years in Congress.

Some of you may think I am not sincere and that this is an exercise in sarcasm (which Gov. Palin told her daughter was forbidden until she was married), but I assure you that I am as sincere in my beliefs as Sen. McCain is in his (whatever they may be that day).

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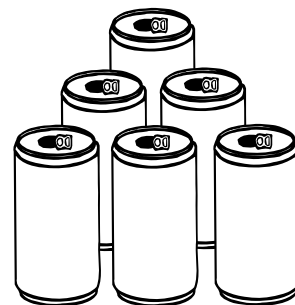
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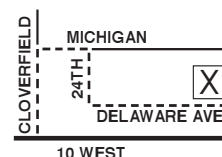
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## Community Meeting

The City of Santa Monica will present the results of the second Carob tree assessment and discuss the replacement process at a community meeting

**Wednesday, October 1**  
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**Santa Monica Public Library**  
**MLK Auditorium**  
**601 Santa Monica Blvd.**

Recommended replacement species for 10th and 12th Streets and Lincoln Blvd. will be presented, as well as the new timetable for the project.

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## Re-View

Merv Hecht

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# Taking a tasty trip down memory lane

**IN THE 1950S, GOING OUT TO DINNER** in Los Angeles meant going to La Cienega Boulevard to "Restaurant Row." Lawry's prime rib was a special treat, with the big silver cart and the showy twirling salad bowl as the waitress dribbled the Lawry's bottled salad dressing from high up into the salad. There were no Japanese or Indian restaurants there. How times have changed!

Now there are, as everyone knows, restaurants in almost every block in Santa Monica. And coffee houses as well.

In a way it's one big restaurant row! I heard a rumor that at the space center in Florida the scientists think that when man finally gets to Mars, he or she will find a Starbucks on one corner and an Italian restaurant across the canyon.

While you may not be able to see it from space, there is a special restaurant row in the Santa Monica canyon where the selection of food and wine — particularly the wine — surpasses anything that I recall from my childhood.

What a change since the only dinner restaurants in the canyon were the Golden Bull and Ted's Grill. Amazingly, the Golden Bull is still there, and it looks to me like some of the waitresses are the same as in the '60s. Is that possible?

Ted's Grill, of course, is closed. First it morphed into Gladstone's, which then moved into Pacific Palisades, where Sunset meets the Pacific Coast Highway. Then the originator, Bob Morris, sold it and moved his operation to Paradise Cove, where it still knocks out great food and drink.

The Golden Bull still has the perfect '50s style wine list by the glass: two chardonnays, two merlots, two cabernet sauvignons, and one pinot grigio for the adventurous. I wish they hadn't taken Lancer's sparkling rose off the wine list. But by the bottle you can find wines from California, France, Italy, and Australia, priced from \$13 to \$33. I certainly don't recall that kind of selection from my childhood.

Steak and chicken predominate here, nothing exotic. But where else can you get a good baked potato with butter, chives and sour cream, like in the old days before calorie counting?

Then walk across the street to Café Delfini, and you might as well be on vacation in Italy. There's a full menu of Italian food, and a full page of champagnes on the wine list.

Then there's a full page of wines by the glass, and an unusually good selection of both California and Italian wines, if you think of it as a neighborhood restaurant. One of the owners is almost always there to help you select the kind of wine you prefer.

While you're still pretending to be in Italy walk back across the street to Giorgio's. Don't even think of eating there without a reservation: It's jammed almost every night. I usually recognize a few of the patrons when I'm there, and then realize it's because I've seen them on the movie screens. Congratulations to Giorgio and his daughter for keeping an excellent selection of half-bottles, just

what I like when I'm driving. But this is not a wine list to glance at lightly; this is a list for a special occasion. And the prices are commensurate with this, although with diligence there are some reasonable buys to find.

This is as good a selection of wines from the Piedmont region of any restaurant in town, second only (maybe) to Valentino. But please don't buy the last bottle of the 1990 Barolo-conteisa Cerguie (\$195), because that's what I plan to drink as soon as I strike it rich by writing these columns.

Now pretend you're southeast of Italy. You're in Sam's Bistro. Sam Elias, originally from Lebanon, means to please, and he's there to make sure you get what you want. The prices on the menu, as well as the wine list, are very reasonable, as a neighborhood bistro should be.

Want something special? Ask Sam and he'll bring out some of his vintage California wines saved for special customers. Sam's working on a new wine list. You can bet that it will be worth the visit. I've had some of the freshest fish ever at Sam's, and at least once I found the restaurant's Japanese fish purveyor there having dinner.

Now back to California, to the brasserie "Brass Cap." What memories this building has for me. When I first moved to the canyon it was a wonderful gay bar where the local musical casts would congregate and sing songs from the current musical hits.

Then it was Les Anges, specializing in marinade-injected lobsters and other French delicacies, compliments of local resident Ron Spire. Now it's part of Bruce Marder's restaurant group. My wife and I find it wonderful. I love the crab appetizer when they have it, and the filet steak is perfect. There's a nice selection of food on the menu, and a particularly good wine list.

Unfortunately, rumor has it that business is not good there and both the restaurant and the building are for sale. The restaurant business is not for the faint of heart!

I staggered out after a few drinks, walked around the corner, and found myself in front of the famous Patrick's Roadhouse, which was closed. Bill is no longer there, and his daughter Tracy seems to have sold out. But it's still a great place for breakfast.

So I walked a few steps to the Marix Mexican Restaurant, in an incredibly unlikely Japanese style structure, and had a great bottle of Dos Equis while I watched the koi fish in the indoor pool. I ordered some chipotle sauce to add to the regular salsa that comes promptly to the table with a basket of fresh chips. Then I had brisket tacos, which are really special.

As I sat back and sipped my beer, all I could think of was what a wonderful place Santa Monica Canyon has become.

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# China tainted milk crisis triggers global recalls

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**BEIJING** An industrial chemical that made its way into China's dairy supplies and that authorities blame in the death of four babies has turned up in numerous Chinese-made exports abroad — from candies to yogurt to rice balls.

British supermarket chain Tesco removed Chinese-made White Rabbit Creamy Candies off its shelves as a precaution amid reports that samples of the milk candy in Singapore and New Zealand had tested positive for melamine — an industrial chemical used to make plastics and fertilizer.

Chinese baby formula tainted with the chemical has been blamed for the deaths of four infants and the illnesses of 53,000 others in China. Health experts say ingesting a small amount of the chemical poses no danger, but melamine can cause kidney stones and lead to kidney failure. Infants are particularly vulnerable.

More than a dozen countries have banned or recalled Chinese dairy products — the latest was France which does not import Chinese dairy products but has halted imports of Chinese biscuits, candy or other foods that could contain Chinese dairy derivatives. The government described the measure as a precaution.

Indonesia on Wednesday also distributed a list of 28 products that it said may contain tainted Chinese milk, including Oreo cookies, Snickers bars and M&M chocolate candies.

U.S. and European consumer safety officials urged Beijing to better enforce product safety standards.

Tesco said that it had withdrawn White Rabbit Creamy Candies off its shelves as a precaution. The candies had been sold in a small number of Tesco's British stores as part of the supermarket's ethnic range.

New Zealand's Food Safety Authority recalled White Rabbit candies after tests showed they contained dangerously high levels of melamine and advised people not to eat them.

"This product contains sufficiently high levels of melamine which may, in some individuals, cause health problems such as kidney stones," deputy chief executive of the authority, Sandra Daly, said in a statement.

New Zealand expected all White Rabbit sweets to be off shelves within 24 hours and was testing numerous other products for melamine contamination, said Food Safety Authority spokesman Geoff Allen.

"We are looking at a wide range of products ... primarily baby formulas as they pose the highest risk, and now we're moving through all the other .... products that may contain adulterated milk," he told National Radio.

Melamine has been found in infant formula and other milk products from 22 Chinese dairy companies. Suppliers trying to cut costs are believed to have added it to watered-down milk because its high nitrogen content masks the resulting protein deficiency.

Singapore's Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority, known as AVA, recalled White Rabbit candies earlier this week and said Wednesday that more Chinese-made food had tested positive for melamine, including Dutch Lady-brand banana and honeydew flavored milk, Silang-brand potato crackers and two kinds of puffed rice balls.

The crackers and rice balls listed milk as ingredients.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said White Rabbit candy has been added to its list of products being inspected at ports of entry, but that no melamine-tainted goods from China of any sort have turned up yet. Nonetheless, some ethnic grocers started removing the popular candies from their shelves.

A woman who answered the phone at AsianFoodGrocer.com in San Francisco said the company is no longer selling White Rabbit candies. "Everything has been taken off-line," said the woman, who would not give her name.

In New York Wednesday, China's premier sought to ease the growing concern abroad over the growing crisis over Chinese food exports by vowing to strengthen product safety checks and meet international standards.

China needs to better enforce checks at every stage of production and step up efforts to protect consumer interests, Premier Wen Jiabao said on the sidelines of a meeting of the U.N. General Assembly.

"We want to make sure that our products and our food will not only meet the domestic and international standards, but also meet the specific requirements of the import countries," Wen said at an event organized by American organizations.

Also Wednesday, a Chinese official issued a public apology to consumers in Taiwan as the island's president, who won March elections on a platform of closer economic ties with the mainland, blasted Chinese milk producers.

"I condemn the mainland manufacturers that have produced fake milk and dairy creamer," Ma Ying-jeou said.

Authorities there ordered 160 products containing Chinese milk and vegetable-based proteins off store shelves, saying the goods had to be tested before they can go back on sale.

"We feel extremely painful about the damage that the milk powder brought to people in Taiwan. Our government attaches great importance to it and is taking a series of measures to minimize the damage and influence," said Li Weiye, a spokesman for the State Council Taiwan Affairs Office.

Speaking in China, where U.S. and European officials were attending seminars on product safety, a U.S. official said China's troubles with contaminated milk highlight the need for better enforcement of product safety standards in manufacturing.

"The melamine situation just underscores the message that we are trying to deliver, and that is you have to know what's coming into your factory and what's going out of your factory," said Nancy Nord, acting head of the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission.

The Chinese government has been scrambling to show it is tackling the problem. In recent days, the government announced high-profile arrests and forced resignations of officials.

The dairy at the center of the scandal, Sanlu Group Co., will not be able to recover from the damage it has suffered to its reputation, its New Zealand partner said Wednesday. An investigation into the contamination found Sanlu received complaints about its infant formula as early as December 2007 and covered up the problem for months, state media reported earlier this week.


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# Anti-war activist faces long odds to unseat Pelosi

BY ERICA WERNER

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is expected to win an easy re-election to Congress on Nov. 4, but not before her liberal San Francisco constituents get the chance to cast symbolic votes against the war she has failed to stop and the president she never tried to impeach.

Voters will have the opportunity to try to replace the Democrat with one of her leading critics on both those issues.

Anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan, in her first campaign for public office, is running as an independent against Pelosi in California's 8th Congressional District, which covers most of the city of San Francisco except its southwestern corner.

Like other critics on Pelosi's left flank, Sheehan accuses the speaker of not using her power to cut off funding for the Iraq war and says she should have allowed impeachment hearings against President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney, among other complaints.

"I think it's very important to go up against the establishment and to challenge both sides of the problem, not just half the problem," Sheehan said. "It's time the people were represented, and not the corporate interests."

Sheehan became famous for camping outside President Bush's Texas ranch to demand an end to the war after the death of her son, Casey, in Iraq.

Asked about Sheehan's candidacy, Pelosi responded that "everyone has a right to run, and I respect Cindy Sheehan. I especially respect the fact that she lost her son."

Pelosi, who is seeking a 12th term, said she will campaign around the country for Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, as well as in her San Francisco district.

Pelosi did not address the substance of Sheehan's candidacy, but she herself has said that her greatest disappointment since becoming speaker in January 2007 has been her inability to bring the war to a close. Pelosi largely has blamed the Senate, where procedural rules have allowed minority Republicans to block troop-withdrawal bills.

As for impeachment proceedings, Pelosi

declared those "off the table" early on, insisting Congress must focus on other priorities, including trying to end the war.

Republicans have sought to brand Pelosi nationally as a "San Francisco liberal." But in the freethinking City by the Bay, most of the challenges the congresswoman faces come not from the right but from the left. She's fought them off relatively easily in the past, and analysts expect the same result with Sheehan.

In California's June primary, Pelosi faced local activist Shirley Golub, who branded the speaker a "political coward." Pelosi won with 89 percent of the vote, compared with slightly less than 11 percent for Golub.

Still, in Sheehan, Pelosi is facing a nationally known opponent who has become a symbol of opposition to the Iraq war. Some leftists may take the opportunity to punish the speaker on Election Day over the war and other perceived failings of Congress.

Local analysts and pollsters say Pelosi remains highly popular in San Francisco, although her poll numbers, along with those of the rest of Congress, have sagged nationwide and in California. A Field Poll in May found that 39 percent of California voters disapproved of her performance, while only 30 percent approved.

Although Pelosi should win easily, Sheehan offers "another way that people actually get to voice their opposition to the Democrats' positioning on the war," said Corey Cook, an assistant professor of political science at the University of San Francisco.

Also on San Francisco's general election ballot are measures sure to inflame liberal passions — one seeking to rename the city's sewage plant after Bush and a policy declaration against spending more money in Iraq.

In addition to Sheehan, Pelosi will face Republican Dana Walsh and Libertarian Philip Z. Berg. Fifty-six percent of registered voters in the district are Democrats, while 9 percent are Republicans.

"There are highly sophisticated voters here," Cook said, "and so voters realize that while there may be somebody more ideologically pure and closer to their position — not just on the war issue but on other issues as well — they're unlikely to have the same sort of impact on national policy that Pelosi is."

## Worker sentenced in cow abuse case

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHINO A former Southern California slaughterhouse worker was sentenced Wednesday to nine months in jail and probation after being caught on undercover video abusing sick and injured cows. The footage prompted the largest beef recall in U.S. history.

Daniel Ugarte Navarro, 49, was sentenced after pleading no contest in June to two felony counts of animal cruelty and two misdemeanor counts of cruelty to downed animals.

Navarro can serve his jail time on weekends in a work-release program, must attend

counseling and must serve three years of felony probation, said Susan Mickey, a spokeswoman for the San Bernardino County district attorney. He could also serve the time through electronic monitoring at the discretion of the jail, she said.

Another worker, Rafael Sanchez Herrera, pleaded guilty in March to three misdemeanor counts of illegal movement of a non-ambulatory animal and was sentenced to six months in jail.

The undercover video shot by the Humane Society of the United States led to a federal investigation and the recall of 143 million pounds of beef in February.

# Religious leaders push for gay marriage ban

BY LISA LEFF

Associated Press Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO** Hundreds of pastors have called on their congregations to fast and pray for passage of a ballot measure in November that would put an end to gay marriage in California.

The collective act of piety, starting Wednesday and culminating three days before the election in a revival for as many as 100,000 people at the San Diego Chargers' stadium, comes as church leaders across California put people, money and powerful words behind Proposition 8.

Some pastors around the state and nation are encouraging their flocks to forgo solid food for up to 40 days in the biblical tradition. Jim Garlow, the pastor of the evangelical Skyline Church in San Diego County, said he expects up to 100 young adults to spend five-plus weeks on his campus, subsisting on soup, juice and the promise of societal salvation.

"This is not political to us. We see it as very spiritual," said Garlow, a leader of an interfaith coalition that has held monthly teleconferences, shared sermons and solicited donations for the ballot measure.

Alarmed by a California Supreme Court decision that legalized same-sex marriage, churches of many faiths have banded together in support of a measure that would amend the state constitution to define marriage as a union between a man and a woman. They have become the single largest force behind the measure, recruiting volunteers, raising money, registering voters, manning phone banks and distributing cam-

paign literature.

Under federal law, religious organizations cannot endorse political candidates but are free to campaign on social issues without endangering their tax-exempt status.

Along with evangelical Christian groups such as Focus on the Family and Family Research Council, the leaders of Roman Catholic, Mormon, Southern Baptist, Orthodox Jewish and Seventh-Day Adventist congregations have endorsed the measure and urged the faithful to give.

The Knights of Columbus have given nearly \$1.3 million, making the Catholic fraternal organization the largest single contributor to Yes on 8. Donations from individual Mormons account for more than \$6.4 million of about \$17.3 million raised so far, according to [Mormonsfor8.com](http://Mormonsfor8.com), a Web site set up by a church member.

Religious leaders have addressed the issue from the pulpit, in Sunday schools and Bible study meetings, and through telephone calls, letters and visits to parishioners.

The California Conference of Catholic Bishops has given the state's 1,600 parishes Sunday bulletin inserts about Proposition 8, and every diocese is holding workshops in English and Spanish.

"This Supreme Court decision was a huge wake-up call for Catholics. It was shocking," said Bill May of San Francisco, leader of Catholics for Protect Marriage. "The sense is that this is the last chance to restore the definition of marriage, and if unsuccessful, it is going to have serious ramifications for California and across the country."

Mormon congregations in California are

taking marching orders straight from Salt Lake City. A June 29 letter in which the Mormon president asked members to lend support to the proposed amendment has been read repeatedly at church services, along with a 1995 church proclamation that warns: "The disintegration of the family will bring ... the calamities foretold by ancient and modern prophets."

Thousands of same-sex couples have tied the knot in California in the three months since the nation's most populous state legalized gay marriage. Massachusetts is the only other state to allow gays to wed.

Liberal congregations also have entered the Proposition 8 debate, though not as vigorously as their conservative brethren.

A coalition of religious leaders called California Faith for Equality has been working to persuade people of faith to oppose the ballot measure on spiritual and social justice grounds. California's Episcopal bishops also have come out against the measure, which a Field Poll reported last week was opposed by 55 percent of likely voters.

"Everybody understands that Jesus, in his own culture, was notorious and persecuted for consorting with outcasts," said the Rev. Peter Laarman, a United Church of Christ minister who opposes the gay marriage ban. "When Jesus said all are welcome at the table, I think he really meant all."

Yes on 8 managers are shying away from putting a purely ideological spin on their message because they risk alienating California voters, said Peter Montgomery, a spokesman for People for the American Way, a liberal advocacy group that monitors the

religious right.

"They are really trying to have a public face to their campaign that ... isn't just about quoting Scripture," Montgomery said. "It's a different message when they are speaking to each other and the people they are mobilizing. It's about Armageddon, it's about doing war with Satan."

The pre-election push by many churches was on display last Sunday at Garlow's Skyline Church. A table outside was stacked with Prop. 8 literature, including a bumper sticker with two children and the words: "We want a mommy and a daddy, please vote 'Yes' on Prop 8!" The church also has distributed envelopes for its to make "offerings" of money to the campaign and inserted voter registration forms and applications for vote-by-mail ballots inside its weekly bulletins.

Skyline members Bob and Sue Ramsey said they support the church's involvement.

"I think the biggest threat to this proposition not passing is people not understanding what it is about, and that is why it must be discussed in church and everywhere else," Sue Ramsey said.

Garlow spent part of his Sunday sermon preaching about homosexuality in general and part advising his flock on their role in making gay marriage illegal again in California. He encouraged parishioners to reach out to gay friends and relatives, but discouraged them from attending same-sex weddings.

"Personally, I would not go because my presence would be a misinterpretation of an endorsement of what is happening there," he said.

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**MOVING ALONG:** Owners of the Pacific Sands and Travelodge motels won approval for a remodel from the City Council on Tuesday. They plan to make a bigger, better and affordable Travelodge.

# Travelodge set to move forward

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Planning Commission decision that only one-bridge linking the main motel to the annex could be constructed.

Farzam was seeking a three-story bridge, pointing out that guests staying on floors that didn't have a connection between the two buildings would just opt to cross an alley where several near collisions between pedestrians and motorists have occurred.

Norman Kravetz, who developed a new mixed-use office and restaurant building on the corner of Second Street and Colorado Avenue, said while he supports the project in concept, he had reservations about the bridge.

“My concern is over the service ability for both delivery and trash removal,” he said.

The appeal to the project was originally filed by Robert Ruth who has since sold his building on Second Street to Hertz Investment Group LLC, which has assumed the challenge. Ruth's arguments were incorporated in the Hertz challenge.

The neighbor argued the project will not only block ocean views, but degrade the character and quality of surrounding properties. The appeal also alleges the environmental impact report did not adequately analyze traffic and noise impacts.

Shanda Beltran, the attorney representing Hertz, pointed out that the report used the lower commercial noise threshold for determining impact rather than the more protective standards for residential. There are residences in the neighborhood.

In terms of the ocean view blockage from

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**Michael Farzam**  
Travelodge owner

Santa Monica Place, both Farzam and Macerich — the mall's operator — reached an understanding last year.

The project has received support from some of its neighbors, including Tony Lardas, who owns the McDonald's on the corner of Second Street and Colorado Avenue. The fast-food restaurant shut down for a few years and has since reopened on the ground floor of Kravetz' building.

Lardas said the current buildings do not benefit the area.

“Redevelopment obviously revitalizes the area along Ocean and even greater enhances Second Street,” Lardas said.

The project is now set to go before the Architectural Review Board and the California Coastal Commission. Farzam said he hopes to set the date for the meetings in a few weeks.

“We think everyone in the community will benefit from the project overall,” he said.

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# City Hall looks to develop report card for traffic

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report was ever conducted remains unclear.

"They couldn't have done anything with the ordinance because they would have had to have done a study of what were all the improvements in the city," Planning and Community Development Director Eileen Fogarty, who was not with City Hall in the '90s, said.

Supporters of Prop. T reached the \$45 million figure based on an estimate of more than 9 million square feet of development taking place since the time the ordinance would've been activated. The group calculated that City Hall might have charged about \$5 a square foot, modeling after a similar developer impact fee in the city of San Francisco.

"How can we believe that City Hall needs more development money when it hasn't even collected the \$45 million it is entitled to?" Diana Gordon, the co-chair of the coalition, said. "How can you tell voters that (the measure) will hurt us in the future when you have more commercial growth and you never collected the \$45 million from all the growth approved which generated all the horrible traffic?"

City Hall is currently looking into whether the nexus study was ever done, and is evaluating the group's estimate. Kate Vernez, assistant to the city manager on governmental relations, pointed out that a nexus study takes several years to conduct and it would've coincided with the Northridge Earthquake, which could have monopolized city staff's time.

"The focus for the next two years was on all of the recovery effort," Vernez said.

Fogarty calculated that City Hall has collected about \$11 million through development agreements since 1996. The figure doesn't include traffic and other improvements that developers are obligated to make under the agreements.

"Hopefully, we can shed light on the other numbers that have come up," Fogarty said.

City officials, including most of the councilmembers, have claimed that Prop. T, which would limit commercial growth in the city to 75,000 square feet a year, would hurt city revenues. City officials are also backing a ballot measure that would expand and update the telecommunications portion of the Utility User's Tax. If the UUT update is not approved, city officials argue that millions in revenue could be at risk.

During the council meeting, Councilmember Ken Genser refuted that the amount of foregone fees would be so high, pointing out that a bulk of the biggest projects

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in the city — the Water Garden and Plaza at the Arboretum — was approved before the ordinance was enacted.

But Gordon said the ordinance states that developers could not receive a certificate of occupancy unless it paid the fee.

"Those developers got off free and those are some of the biggest developments in the city's history," she said.

Mayor Pro Tem Richard Bloom spoke against using staff time to dig up the past, saying the council should instead look to the future.

"Sure we could talk ourselves silly over what happened in the past," he said at the meeting. "We need to put our effort into this community."

The intent of the meeting was for the staff to present tools to measure the performance of the city's transportation system and craft impact fees to ensure developers pay their fair share. Fogarty during the meeting likened the performance tools to the Sustainable City Report Card, which grades how City Hall is doing with working toward achieving its goals.

"We can come back annually to the city where we are on measurement of traffic and transportation goals," she said. "It will also enable the city to identify a threshold and significance criteria."

The program will also allow City Hall to put into place a braking mechanism when the thresholds are exceeded. The model will also look at peak traffic hours as well as how traffic is affecting the character of the neighborhood.

"Traffic strategies are important only in so far as they coexist with development," Fogarty said. "If something is not in accordance to the plan that council has laid out, brakes can be put on future development."

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## Grant to help older Westside vets transition

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mer U.S. Navy serviceman.

Although the grant money will fall under the Volunteers of America program VS 21, which stands for veterans over 60 in the 21st Century, the rotary house program is a new program. Howat said getting to the veterans before they hit the pavement is very important in preventing recidivism and the program will fill that need.

"Once they pay their debt to society we'll be there to pick them up," Howat said, further elaborating that this is part of the founding philosophy of the organization. "We really do care about the veterans."

Even with a slumping economy the organization is still able to find jobs for the veterans re-entering society, said Howat.

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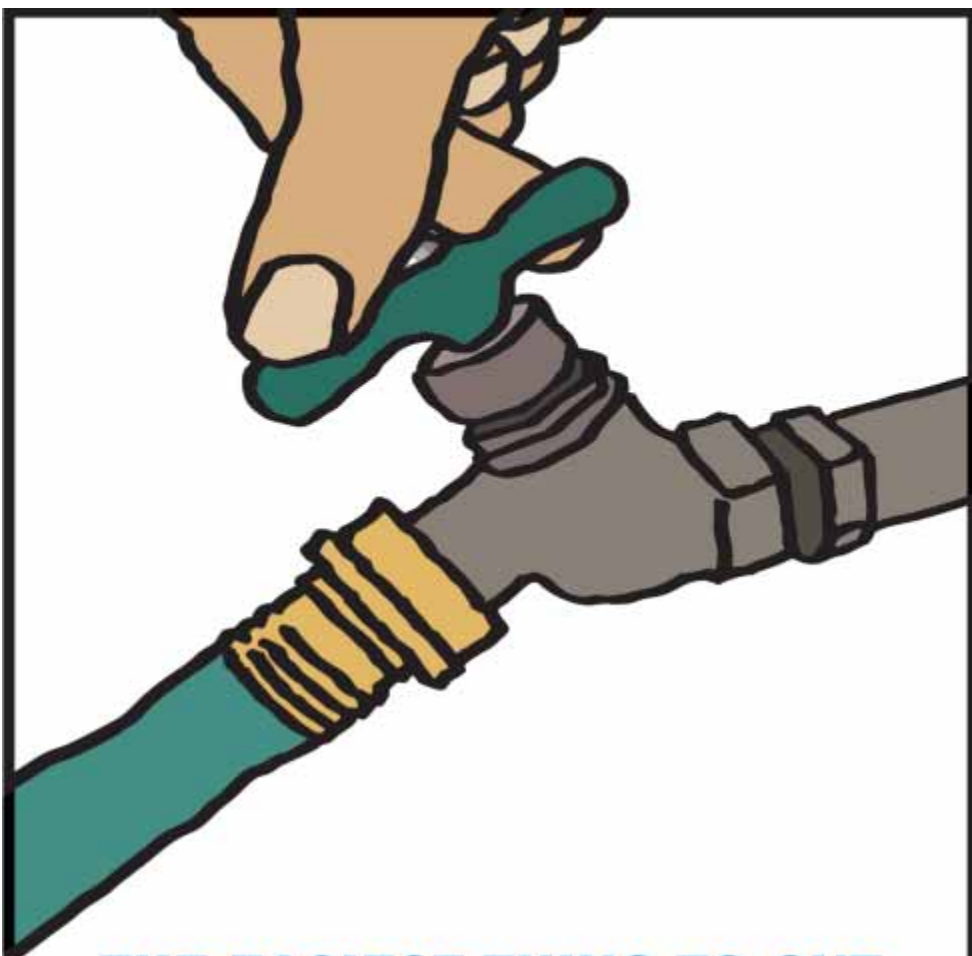
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## Wanderlust

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# Traveling is a must

**THE WORLD IS A BOOK AND THOSE WHO** don't travel read only one page. I heard this quote several months ago and it has stuck in my head repeating itself like a mantra. You see, I have wanderlust.

I am one of those people whose passion in life is to travel, to see the world, to visit exotic locations, and experience the cultures and ways of people unfamiliar to me. Travel is a shot of vitamins that wakes my body up and opens my mind. I laugh more, think more, and contemplate more while I am away.

But, living in the U.S. my passion has always been something I often felt I had to apologize for.

Our culture does not condone travel and vacations the ways others do. In fact, it is a well-known and often proudly touted fact that American's get and take precious time off from their jobs.

The average American worker gets only nine vacation days and six holidays off each year.

And, many experts say that these numbers will decline in the coming years. And, you may be surprised to hear that one in every four Americans doesn't receive any paid vacation or time off at all.

In fact, a recent study by the Center for Economic and Policy research shows that the U.S. is the only industrialized nation in the world that doesn't guarantee time off for its workers.

When friends of mine moved to London they loved to chastise me with e-mails of how they "popped down to hike in Switzerland for a long weekend," or spent two weeks traveling the Turkish coast.

And, their e-mails worked, as I got green with envy with every one they sent.

Most western European countries mandate 20 to 30 days of vacation and even the notoriously workaholic Japanese get 10. Latvia, Niger, and Algeria mandate four weeks of paid leave.

All this lost travel is really taking its toll. The American institute of stress reports that "burn-out" costs the U.S. over \$300 billion each year in medical expenses, absenteeism, lowered productivity, and other associated costs.

Yet, the costs may be higher. This study does not take into account the loss of personal experiences and the global education that one gets from traveling. How do you quantify seeing the roaring waters of Iguazu Falls on the Brazilian and Argentinean borders or the mystical wonders of the Blue Mosque in Istanbul? Travel is enlightening as much as it is relaxing.

The exposure of other cultures is ever important in helping our children to understand that we live in a global society and that we share the planet with a literal rainbow of people and ways of life. It brings history to life, and nature to the forefront of our minds.

And, although we here in Santa Monica are blessed with living on a spectacularly stunning coastline with mountains in the distance, escaping the hubbub of the city for the mind-altering quiet of some of earth's natural wonders can do more for the psyche than several weeks of yoga and therapy combined.

If you have ever been in a car accident, held up at gunpoint, or in any other

imminently dangerous situation then you probably have experienced the elasticity of time and felt it slow down to a crawl.

You can recount seconds as if they were hours and recall smells, colors, and details in an astounding way. Police reports are full of vivid and colorful accounts of emergency situations. When we put our bodies into an extremely stressful or unusual situation our minds open up and absorb more details than normal. This is the body's natural reaction to an unusual situation.

## TRAVEL IS ONE PERFECT ANTIDOTE FOR A STALLED MIND. WHEN WE PUT OURSELVES INTO NEW AND UNUSUAL SITUATIONS IT IS LIKE SHAKING THE BRAIN AWAKE.

This is why time seems to move so slowly for a child. Everything is new and fresh to them and their minds are constantly working to categorize and detail all their experiences.

So, everyday seems like a month, and the time between holidays feels like years. But, as we grow older things become safe and the novelty of life wears off.

Our minds are no longer forced to examine, ponder, and organize experiences.

Time seems to speed up because there is not a lot that's new. And, of course, that is a good thing to some extent. How exhausting would it be to have to have that level of detail every day? But, it is easy to get too set in our ways and never challenge our minds.

Luckily, we don't have to be held at gunpoint to fully experience the world around us in richer detail.

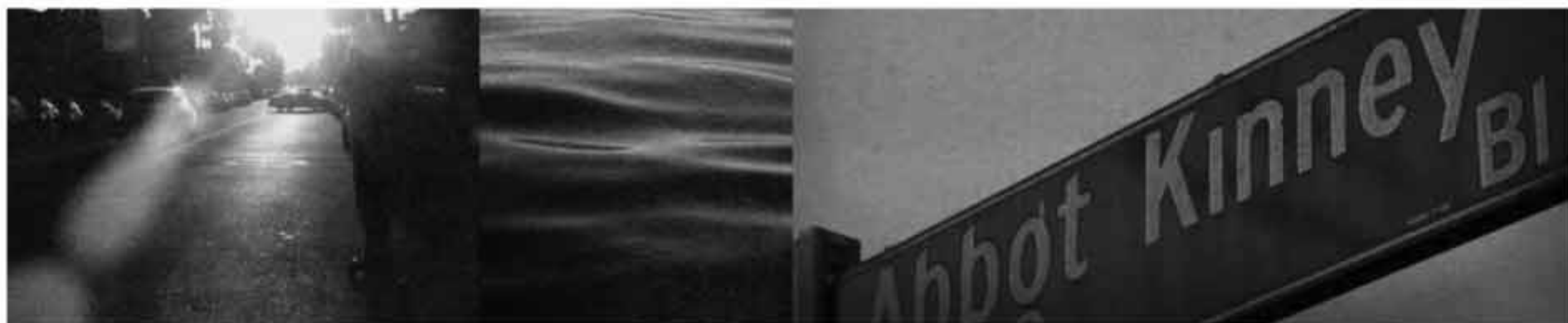
Travel is one perfect antidote for a stalled mind. When we put ourselves into new and unusual situations it is like shaking the brain awake. Time slows down; the small things are more easily appreciated and examined. This is why we go to new places and seek out adventure.

To keep our minds fresh we need to travel to a country where we don't speak the language, get lost in a narrow ancient street in Dubrovnik, or zip line over the jungle in Costa Rica.

This is why I travel and what I hope to bring to this column. In future articles I will explore hikes along the Black Sea coast, find hidden Bed and Breakfast's an easy drive away, and hopefully inspire you to see new places, find new experiences, and help you get off of page one and into the rest of the book of life.

I look forward to having you join me on my adventures.

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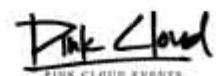
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# Ike-battered Galveston allows residents to return

BY JUAN A. LOZANO  
Associated Press Writer

GALVESTON, Texas Ten days after Hurricane Ike, this devastated beach town reopened to residents Wednesday with stern warnings about what still lurks on the island — rotting cattle carcasses, snakes and swarms of mosquitoes — and what isn't there: drinking water, reliable electricity, medical care or sewer service.

After spending hours in traffic that backed up for 10 miles, some residents found their homes in ruins.

"I wasn't prepared for this," taxi driver Patricia Davis said as she swatted away mosquitoes and surveyed the remains of her apartment, which had its entrance blocked by collapsed walls, wrecked furniture and sodden clothing.

City officials hoped most of the 45,000 residents who fled before the Sept. 13 storm would stay away until more repairs could be made.

"We didn't promise paradise when you came back here. We've got a lot of work to do. You've got a lot of work to do," City Manager Steve LeBlanc said Wednesday.

The city has limited drinking water, few working sewers, limited electricity and minimal medical facilities. Officials extended the disaster declaration for 90 days.

What Galveston does have is ripening in the tropical heat: Rotting food in piles of debris where houses once stood, millions of mosquitoes and an abundance of snakes. The carcasses of cattle that drowned during the storm are too badly decomposed to be moved; they'll rot in the fields just outside the city limits.

People were warned not to return without tetanus shots — or rat bait.

"Being here today kind of gives me some closure," said Anita Arredondo, who found a pile of rubble where her two-story home once stood. "I have not been sleeping well, worried about what we could save and what we couldn't."

Ken Holman said he wished city leaders had allowed residents to return sooner because it might have allowed him to save more of his mother's belongings from the house she lived in for 56 years. The home was

inundated by 4 feet of water. "Just the fact it took us this long to get in here, that kind of hurts," he said.

The city has opened a shelter for 100 newly homeless residents, and officials hoped to set up more shelters on the mainland for residents whose homes are uninhabitable, LeBlanc said.

The city and the Federal Emergency Management Agency are considering a plan to allow residents to live in FEMA trailers in their driveways or near their houses during repairs. But LeBlanc noted he would want all trailers removed from the island before the start of the 2009 hurricane season.

But progress was slow: The island's three electrical inspectors and two plumbing inspectors were ordered to inspect every flooded property before allowing residents to turn on the gas or flip an electrical switch. LeBlanc asked other cities to send more inspectors.

"It's not a healthy and safe place to be at this time," said Mark Guidry, county health director.

At Ruby Holman's house, where water lines stained the walls four feet above the floor, daughters Sharon and Ann wore bright yellow gloves and white masks as they carried away buckets of debris, including prized books.

The carpet inside Holman's home was so soggy, it soaked through everyone's shoes. The air inside the house was so choked with mold and mildew, a visit could only last a few minutes at a time.

Diane and Eddie Howard found that one of their homes, which they had bought only three weeks ago, was destroyed by a fire after the storm.

The other home, which they are trying to sell, was flooded by 8 feet of water, ruining the first floor but sparing many of their personal belongings on the second and third floors.

"I've been through all kinds of hurricanes," said Eddie Howard, who was born on the island 77 years ago. "This is the worst one."

At least 62 deaths, 27 of them in Texas, were blamed on the Category 2 hurricane and its remnants. The body of a woman who apparently drowned was uncovered in a debris field north of Galveston. Nearly 50 residents are still missing, LeBlanc said.

## Conn. Democrats to debate censuring Lieberman

BY SUSAN HAIGH  
Associated Press Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. Connecticut Democrats are considering whether to ask Sen. Joe Lieberman to leave the party for speaking at the Republicans' convention and backing GOP presidential nominee John McCain.

The party scheduled a debate Wednesday night on a resolution that would censure Lieberman and ask the veteran politician to resign from the Democratic Party.

Lieberman was re-elected to the Senate as an independent after losing the Democratic primary in 2006 to businessman Ned Lamont, but while he calls himself an "independent Democrat" in the Senate he remains a registered Democrat and has said he has no plans to change his affiliation. The four-term senator nearly became vice president in 2000 as Al Gore's running mate.

One of several Democrats pushing for the resolution, 30-year party veteran Audrey

Blondin, said Lieberman's very public support of McCain over Democratic nominee Barack Obama is hurting the state party.

"If you have someone who says they're a Democrat, who is registered as a Democrat and is a national figure supporting a candidate who is opposed to all the ideals and beliefs and positions that we hold as Democrats, he's diluting — in my opinion — the meaning of our party," she said.

Lieberman's staff did not respond to a call from The Associated Press seeking comment Wednesday, but he said on a radio show that the move toward censure surprised him.

"Honestly, I thought that was the kind of thing that happened only in the former Soviet Union," Lieberman told WICH-AM.

"I understand that people are unhappy, but, you know, I'm doing something that I really believe," he said. "I thought in this country you don't get punished for that. So, I hope that in the end, my colleagues will understand and life will go on either way."

# Fall foliage study could give clues to climate change

BY LISA RATHKE  
Associated Press Writer

UNDERHILL, Vt. Could climate change dull the blazing palette of New England's fall foliage?

The answer could have serious implications for one of the region's signature attractions, which draws thousands of "leaf peepers" every autumn.

Biologists at the University of Vermont's Proctor Maple Research Center will do some leaf peeping of their own to find out — studying how temperature affects the development of autumn colors and whether the warming climate could mute them, prolong the foliage viewing season or delay it.

Using a three-year, \$45,000 U.S. Department of Agriculture grant, they're planning to measure the color pigments in leaves exposed to varying temperatures in hopes of finding a pattern. The study starts next month, although some experiments are already under way.

"It is getting warmer, and people want to know how that's going to affect this big process that's so important to us," said research associate Abby van den Berg.

The three-week period of peak foliage color — usually from the end of September to mid-October — is among the busiest of the year for Vermont tourism, bringing in an estimated \$364 million, according to state officials. It's also an important time for tourism in the other New England states.

"It's a critical season for us," said Allison Truckle, owner of Tucker Hill Inn, in Waitsfield, which does about 40 percent of its business in autumn.

Many variables go into triggering leaf color, but for now the research will focus on temperature. The experiment is starting

with the researchers' assumption that the brilliant colors are promoted by cold nights followed by warm, sunny days.

"Do cold nighttime temperatures affect and promote fall coloration? And specifically, we're really looking at anthocyanin synthesis, the red pigments that are created at that time," van den Berg said.

The study also will look at whether cold daytime weather plays a role.

In the fall, chlorophyll — the green pigment in leaves — breaks down in response to decreasing day length, revealing the yellow to orange anthocyanin pigment.

In preliminary experiments so far this year, van den Berg has been subjecting groups of sugar and red maple saplings to a range of temperatures. Some of the test subjects are kept in a constantly refrigerated box with a window to let in sunlight, some potted saplings spend their days outdoors and then are moved into a cooler at night, and some just remain outdoors with no artificially altered temperature.

Every few days, she tests the leaves with handheld meters to measure their chlorophyll and anthocyanin content.

So far, it's too early to tell what effect temperature is having, but the researchers expect to have results before the three years is up.

The study is unique in investigating how climate change might affect the timing and color of fall foliage, said Jake Weltzin, head of the USA National Phenology Network, which has started its own volunteer effort to track how climate change affects certain plants.

In previous years, the University of Vermont research center found a link between the amount of stress on sugar maples during the growing season — marked by a lower level of nitrogen in leaves — and the onset and amount of red in the leaves.

# Goldman lawyer testimony blocked by judge in O.J. trial

BY KEN RITTER  
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS The judge in O.J. Simpson's armed robbery trial on Wednesday rejected prosecutors' attempts to present the jury with evidence related to his acquittal in the slayings of his ex-wife and her friend.

Clark County District Court Judge Jackie Glass decided not to let David Cook, a California lawyer for the Ronald Goldman estate, testify about answers Simpson gave in February 2007 in response to a legal questionnaire about his assets.

"We are here to decide the case of 2007, so Mr. Cook will not be testifying," Glass said as she began court and instructed prosecutors to call another witness.

Prosecutor Chris Owens called former co-defendant Walter Alexander.

Alexander, 47, a Simpson golfing buddy from Mesa, Ariz., testified that Simpson asked for guns to be brought to a hotel room confrontation with memorabilia dealers

Bruce Fromong and Alfred Beardsley.

Simpson has said he didn't ask anyone to bring guns and that he didn't know anyone in the room was armed. He and his lawyers maintain he only wanted to retrieve personal items that had been stolen from him years earlier.

"He said, 'Do you think you can get some heat?'" Alexander said of Simpson. "My friend, Spencer, spoke up and said, 'No problem. I got plenty of heat. I'm licensed to carry a gun.'"

Alexander, who used the nickname "Goldie," said Michael "Spencer" McClinton gave him a .22-caliber pistol that he tucked into his waistband while McClinton wielded a larger handgun during the alleged robbery.

Alexander said Simpson told the men to keep the guns in their waistbands, not display them or use them.

"He said, 'Just bring them so we can be protected,'" Alexander said. "I can't remember the exact words, but something to that effect. He said, 'Just bring the guns so they know that we mean business.'"

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Be where the action is, Aries

- ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

★★★★★ You could be surprised by what heads in your direction. You wonder which way to go. Oddly, more questions come up at present, leaving you even more confused. You wonder why you are doing what you are doing. Tonight: Where the action is.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

★★★★★ Staying anchored depends on your security and sense of well-being. You often push hard to achieve certain results. You might need to rethink a question and head in a new direction. Tonight: Easy does it.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

★★★★★ Keep communicating; although, on some level, you think only gibberish heads in your direction. Stop and really listen to the person in question. Questions surround travel, a meeting and talks. Confirm what you hear. Tonight: Out and about.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

★★★ Curb a need to be possessive or difficult with someone. You will get better results if you relax. Be careful about spending. Some of the facts you are hearing might not be "just the facts." Confirm information. Tonight: Pay bills.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

★★★★★ Communication takes you down a new path or in a different direction. Sometimes you add to the level of communication but have difficulty changing topics. You could be confused by what you are hearing; ask for clarification. Tonight: Confirm plans.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

★★★ Take your time when dealing with others. You could be more confused than you realize. Your ideals could prevent you from seeing others clearly, forcing a bad decision. Take time to clear your head and think. Tonight: Work with time.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

★★★★ You could feel as if getting anything under control would be a piece of cake. Feeling that way and accomplishing the same goal could be close to impossible to accomplish. Tonight: Know what you want.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

★★★ A must appearance demands much more than you think. What a family member believes could differ substantially from your opinions. Take time for yourself; take a walk by water in order to center before a must appearance. Communication flourishes if you follow your instincts. Tonight: A must appearance.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

★★★★★ Reach out for someone you really care about. Be a cynic about what you think, and be sure. A misunderstanding easily could happen because you are overly sensitive. Tonight: Rent a movie.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

★★★★★ Deal with others directly. One-on-one relating takes you in a new direction. Visualize much more of what you feel possible. Your imagination points to a path down a new highway, but verify if it is a possibility. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

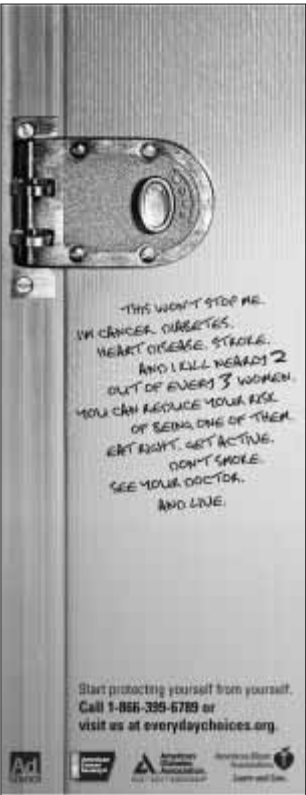
★★★★ You might want to verify news that heads your direction. You see what others don't. Be ready to mosey in a new direction or do something very different. Tonight: Say "yes."
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

★★★★ Easy does it. You could see a situation a lot differently from how you thought or imagined. Listen to feedback, understanding possibilities. Understand what must happen in order to clean up a problem. Tonight: Try a hard dose of reality! Listen well to another's story.

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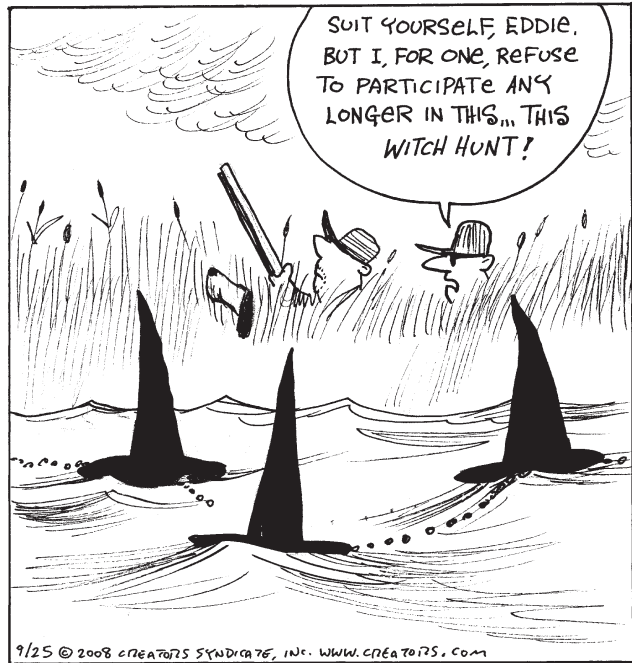
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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11 Green shade

12 Lead to

13 Showed nervousness

14 Held title to

15 Blows one's top

17 Happy companion

19 Manx, for one

20 Single-entrance sts.

23 Classroom need

25 Neighbor of Turkey

26 Maugham novel

28 Suit to —

29 Rock's — Brothers

30 "You betcha!"

31 Fast flier

32 Lot sight

33 Pre-euro Spanish coin

35 "Great!"

38 Prodded

41 Singer Chris

42 Game setting

43 Linger

**DOWN**

1 Old dance

2 Copying

3 Diet snacks

4 At any time

5 Beguiles

6 "Ivanhoe" author

7 Crow calls

8 Stocking mishap

9 Apply

10 Flowers' place

16 Holiday events

17 Wear down

18 Speak

20 Shore restaurant choice

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- 33 Dessert fruit
- 34 Matador's foe
- 35 Plop down
- 36 Mex. neighbor
- 37 Golf goal
- 39 Hydro-carbon suffix
- 40 German article

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3rd: 08 Gorgeous George  
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD  
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Mohammed Bello Abubakar, 84, a Muslim preacher in the western Nigerian state of Niger, told a BBC reporter in August that, although he personally has 86 wives (and 170 children), other men could not handle that many. "(M)y own power is given by Allah," he said. "That is why I have been able to control 86 of them." The usual maximum for Muslims is four, but Bello Abubakar said the Quran does not specify punishment for violation. Besides, he said, "I don't go looking for (women). They come to me" because of his reputation as a healer. (Two weeks later, Reuters reported that local clerics were pressuring Bello Abubakar to divorce 82 wives of his choice, but a spokesman for the preacher said he was resisting.)

■ In July, Port St. Lucie, Fla., police stopped Timothy Placko in his car on a wooded road and discovered inside a blond wig, rope, binoculars, a small machete, knives, gloves, two bullet casings and a film canister that contained 18 human teeth. Also on the seat was a stack of women's sonograms that Placko said he had downloaded from the Internet. He originally told police that he had pulled off the road to call (improbably) a "girlfriend," but then admitted he was not calling anyone. He was charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

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