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**NEWS OF THE WEIRD**
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Sometimes, bank robbers are stuck for getaway vehicles and wind up on municipal buses or in taxis. And sometimes, dogs ("man's best friend") jump on rifles lying on the ground, hit the trigger and "shoot" someone. Increasingly, when an elderly person dies at home, the relatives can't bring themselves to notify anyone (and sometimes they just don't want the Social Security checks to stop). And remember the first time you got outraged that school officials actually expelled a student for a minor violation of one of those "zero tolerance" rules? All those stories used to be weird, but you won't read them here anymore.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 269th day of 2006.
There are 96 days left in the year.

1960 The first televised debate between presidential candidates John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon took place in Chicago.

1914 The Federal Trade Commission was established.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"That the end of life should be death may sound sad; yet what other end can anything have?"

GEORGE SANTAYANA
AMERICAN PHILOSOPHER (1863-1952)

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Asking price can be steep

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — Santa Monicans have a burning question to ask their political candidates, and then some. In the weeks leading up to the

election, the list of queries keeps growing, so much so that City Council hopefuls are quietly complaining about the time they've spent recently responding to nearly a dozen questionnaires, leaving some to ask a question of their own —

"Can we consolidate?"

"It's become a huge burden," said Mayor Bob Holbrook, who is running for reelection, of the dozen questionnaires he's received in the last month. "(Answering them) has taken up half of my time. Most of us

do not have a staff, and even if we did, a candidate should really answer all of the questions themselves. I'm telling you, it's worse than taking a writing class at a major university."

See **QUESTIONS**, page 6



Going against the grains

A couple of passersby seem preoccupied and are unfazed by the crashing waters along the Venice jetty.

Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Officials have designs on new digs

(Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.)

BY AMY KAUFMAN
Special to the Daily Press

CITY HALL — Some Santa Monica officials will be moving into new digs, the city's homeless will be dining inside and jailers will be keeping a better watch of prisoners if City Council approves its nearly \$1.3

million spending agenda tonight. The Civil Engineering and Architecture Division (CEAD) of the City's Environmental and Public Works Management Department hopes to move from their current location on Main Street to one on Fourth Street. Unsatisfactory conditions at the present offices, including

elevator failures, garage access difficulties and a "general lack of cleanliness throughout the facility" provoked the move, according to a city staff report.

The new lease, which will cost \$380,000 per year, is expected to

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Local resident charged with shooting cop braces for trial

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

LAX COURTHOUSE — A suspected gang member is expected to stand trial today for shooting at two undercover Santa Monica Police officers in February, wounding one in the wrist.

Michael German Espindola, 21, a resident of Santa Monica, has pleaded not guilty to two counts of attempted murder, two counts of assault with a firearm, one count of shooting at an occupied motor vehicle and one count of unlawful firearm activity.

In addition, the complaint against Espindola alleges the attempted murder near the corner of 20th Street and Pico Boulevard was to further the activities of a criminal street gang and that Espindola personally discharged a handgun. He has been held on \$2.4 million bail.

If convicted, he faces up to life in prison, according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

A motion was filed by Espindola's attorney to have the trial postponed, allowing for more time to prepare a defense. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Katherine Mader will consider the motion today at 8:30 a.m. in Department D of the Airport Courthouse, according to a court clerk.

Deputy District Attorney Frank Tavelman believes the motion has a "75 percent chance" of being granted, even though the trial was post-

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Confusion sets in when dealing with others, a friendship or when in a meeting. Right now, your best bet is to get down to basics with one person at a time. A key person stands behind you. You might be touched by this person's support. Tonight: Make nice.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You might not believe what is heading down your path. In fact, you might be stunned. Clearly, you are not getting an accurate view of a community commitment, a boss or a higher-up. You could be dragging. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Continue the role of the workhorse of the zodiac. You could be overwhelmed by everything you need to get done. Do not allow interference. Keep your priorities in mind. You might be a touch negative or overworked. Tonight: As you like.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Your creativity comes out, but at the same time, it could cost you a financial risk or gamble. Play it conservatively, and you will be much happier. Someone tries to pull you into his or her thinking. Logic, my dear Cancer. Tonight: Let off some steam doing what you love.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might feel austere and as if it is all business right now. The problem might be that a family member or partner is not in the same space as you. You will tend to create uproar or try to do something very differently. Tonight: Happy at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Your choices might be colored by a strong need to cap an issue or problem. Because you will be driven, you might not make the perfect choices, involving both your long-term goals and a special partnership. Tonight: Touch base with a pal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might want to spend more than you have. Stop. Look at your goals and desires with a discriminating eye. Not everything has to be done the way you think. Open up to new technology in your work and daily life. Tonight: Indulge a little.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Your personality makes even a severe disciplinarian smile. You will open up to new possibilities if you just flow with a situation. Good luck surrounds you, no matter which way you turn. Don't take a parent, boss or authority figure's comments personally. Tonight: It's your time to howl!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Know when to pull back or attempt another approach. You will be happiest if you keep your opinions to yourself until you get more facts or find an expert or two. You might be very tough on someone — an in-law or a distant friend. Tonight: Get all the sleep you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ A partner might not mean to rain on your parade. If you can bypass an issue, all the more power to you. Focus on what you want, steering key associates down the same path if need be. Friends are just plain lucky for you. Tonight: Where the fun is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might want to think about your image. Right now you have a way about you that commands respect and draws positive results. You are lucky if you accept responsibility. Remain confident. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. You might want to try something very different. Be willing to blaze a new trail and do something very different. You might be pushing yourself beyond your limits. Tonight: Walk in another's shoes.

BORN TODAY Author T.S. Eliot (1888), composer George Gershwin (1898)

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

In art professor they trust

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica College adjunct art professor Robin Mitchell is a recipient of the prestigious California Community Foundation 2006 Fellowships for Visual Artists Award, which is endowed by the J. Paul Getty Trust.

She is one of eight mid-career artists to receive the award, which comes with \$20,000 that she can use as she pleases to advance her art making.

Mitchell, a Santa Monica resident, has taught at SMC for more than eight years and has had her work exhibited throughout the world. Her work also has been included in numerous articles and books. In addition, she has won several honors, including a National Endowment for the Arts Visual Artist Fellowship for Painting, City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department Visual Artists Grant, and “Anonymous Was a Woman” Visual Artists Grant.

Mitchell received her bachelor’s and master’s of fine arts degrees from the California Institute of the Arts.



Photo courtesy

SMC adjunct art professor Robin Mitchell is the recipient of a prestigious fellowship award.

Saint John’s to fete Beatty, Bening

By Daily Press staff

Academy Award-winning actor, director, writer Warren Beatty and his wife, Annette Bening, will be honored as the 2006 Caritas Award recipients on Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Saint John's Health Center Caritas Gala.

The black-tie dinner will be held at the Regent Beverly Wilshire in Beverly Hills. Proceeds raised at the gala will support services and programs at Saint John’s Health Center in Santa Monica.

Beatty and Bening have been longtime friends of Saint John’s, displaying a spirit of charity, compassion and commitment to others.

Also being honored at the event is philanthropist Flora Laney Thornton, who will receive the Spirit of Saint John’s Award for her service and dedication as a Trustee of the Saint John’s Health Center Foundation, as well as for her contributions to the cultural and educational institutions in the community.

The Caritas Gala is hosted by the Saint John's Health Center Foundation and the Irene Dunne Guild, a key support group of the hospital. With a membership of approximately 86 women, the Irene Dunne Guild provides a variety of volunteer services and philanthropic support to Saint John’s.

Proceeds from the Caritas Gala have helped fund the Irene Dunne Guild Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in the Maria Shriver Nursery and the new Fast Track unit of the Saint John’s Emergency Department. The Irene Dunne Guild also helped fund the Saint John’s Mobile Blood Donor Center and created the “Angels of the ER” program to provide non-medical assistance to emergency room patients and their families. This year's gala is co-chaired by guild members Catherine Corlin and Judy Piro.

Past event honorees include Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver, Anthony Hopkins, Martin Sheen, Vin Scully, Robert Wagner, Angela Lansbury, former First Lady Nancy Reagan and Jimmy Stewart.

Tickets for the 2006 Caritas Gala are \$425 each. For more information, call Cookie Galanti at Saint John’s Health Center Foundation at (310) 829-8424.

CORRECTION In the Sept. 12 edition, a story about the Heal the Bay aquarium entitled “Santa Monica rejuvenated” contained an error. The space underneath the Santa Monica Pier has been leased to Heal the Bay since 1997. The organization will be offering education programs while the aquarium is closed for construction. Heal the Bay has run the aquarium since March of 2003.

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SURF CONDITIONS

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LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
SOUTHERN HEMI SWELL BUILDS THIS WEEK...
SOUTH SWELL MIXES IN THURSDAY...

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The QLine

Santa Monicans are about to enter the throes of campaign season. Locally, we've got multi-million bond measures to improve school facilities; a parcel tax increase to clean up the bay; an initiative to make pot smokers the lowest priority for cops and the question of whether the city manager should have the ability to fire top department heads who deserve it. On the city government front, there are three City Council seats up for grabs, all three of which are occupied by incumbents running. If you haven't heard from all eight of the candidates yet on their campaign platforms, you will. So this week Q-Line wants to know, **"What do you want your elected leader to change in Santa Monica? What policies need to be created? What are the city's issues?"** Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your responses in the weekend edition. Please try to limit your comments to a minute or less. It might help to think first about the wording of your response.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A disregard for life isn't limited to the able

Editor:
I'd like to make a few comments about the George Russell Weller case. I have no sympathy for Mr. Weller. He killed numerous innocent people with his car that turned out to be a weapon. When I shoot somebody and somebody is injured or dies, I'm responsible for my actions. What's the difference here?

An 86-year-old person should not be allowed to drive. When you have a minimum age in place to drive and obtain a driver's license then there should certainly be a maximum age as well, let's say 75 years. Of course, there are a lot of younger unsafe drivers out there as well.

I believe at some point in life relatives, friends or organizations that are available and out there have to step in for their older parents or relatives to run errands, do shopping or drives to the doctor's office. That everybody is busy is no excuse.

Why did it take the American justice system three years to decide Weller's fate? That I will never understand. Were they waiting for Weller to pass away so then they could say "Now he is dead — case closed?" Is this how it works in this country?

It is a scary thought, but there a plenty of older, incompetent people like Weller out there who continue to drive when they shouldn't. Accidents like this, you can prevent by taking older drivers off the road period.

I, for example, have seen plenty of older ladies driving around hardly overlooking the dashboard with the help of a cushion and having a Cadillac Eldorado with 300 horsepower under the hood or an old Buick to control. Disaster is waiting to happen if you continue to allow older, incapable people like this to drive.

If this society says it's OK for people of old age to drive then the testing for fitness definitely has to be more strict and in case of failures/accidents doctor's and the DMV have to be held accountable. It's all a matter of liability issue — especially in this county where filing a lawsuit is like a sport.

Stefan Treff
Santa Monica

Weller will meet his maker

Editor:
Regarding the front page headline about Mr. Weller's trial that stated that Mr. Weller "has his day in court" (SMDP, Sept. 13, page 1) it just struck me that it's a pity that the 10 people he killed, including a toddler who was not mentioned in your article, will never get their day in court.

One witness overheard Mr. Weller "allegedly" saying after he was physically stopped from his rampage, that the people he hit "should have gotten out of my way." Does this include the toddler in the stroller? His defense attorney states that Weller now says that his soul is scarred by the incident. Is it? Or is it something to say now that he has to face up to the result of his actions of "allegedly" trying to escape the consequence of hitting the Mercedes by killing 10 and injuring 63 people.

Well, whichever way the trial goes — whether he is found guilty or not, whether he does jail time or not, either way he hasn't long before he will have to face his maker — and the people he killed, including that precious baby. That will be the real court date and there won't be any lawyers to twist the facts.

Marilyn Brennan
Santa Monica

Ask not what your community does for you

Editor:
I am responding to the letter by Jeff Bender (SMDP, Sept. 12, page 4), "No place for the mentally ill shelter." I was saddened to read that Bender refers to that area as a "dumping ground." The meeting of Friends of Sunset Park cited by Bender was a well-attended and informative meeting about a home for seven young women, ranging in age from 17 to 18 years old. These young women are in the very early stages of mental illness and with the intervention of Step Up On Second will undoubtedly all be able to lead the productive lives they desire. All of the girls will be attending Santa Monica College.

I have lived on 14th Street near Ocean Park Boulevard for 52 years. My daughter attended all the neighborhood schools including Santa Monica College. I am proud to live in a city such as Santa Monica whose leadership is so forward looking and caring. I am grateful this city has such organizations as Step Up On Second, and the other organizations Bender mentioned to provide services for those less fortunate than ourselves. As we hope that we continue to have such good fortune we should think about how we as individuals can help our community to do better.

Marguerite R. Spears
Santa Monica

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All kids aside: Keep the children in check



WHAT'S
THE POINT?
BY DAVID PISARRA

"Ladies and Gentlemen." That phrase is overused, misunderstood and generally inapplicable to today's society. At one time it actually had meaning — back in a time when people recognized class levels amongst the members of the society they lived in. It is an anachronistic throwback to a time of politeness that seems to have disappeared as surely as the woolly mammoth.

The term "ladies" used to refer to women who were genteel, they maintained some decorum and manners. They attended to the princess or queen in the royal courts and they had social standing that was considered superior to other females in the community. "Gentlemen" referred to the men who had some nobility, and acted with chivalry, courtesy and honor in their daily lives.

The leading attribute of each of those two designations is a sense of propriety, a measure of politeness and gentility. Not a stuffy, one-upsmanship game of fake superiority but a regalness in bearing and behavior that allows people to get along with each other.

It is still present in our society, occasionally. Generally we see examples of it in the southern charm that is exuded by transplants from that land of graciousness, Georgia and its neighbors. Occasionally, I see it here, but usually only in people of a certain age, and that age is north of 60.

I know from my own experience that bad manners, poor behavior and a general lack of awareness of those around me have generally resulted in my becoming angry and frustrated, and all I want to do is shoot someone.

For example, last week I was out to dinner with my boyfriend at a local Thai restaurant — one of those white linen tablecloth places on Santa Monica Boulevard where the food is gorgeous, the décor is impeccable and the patrons are generally there for a date, or at least a quiet dinner with a loved one. The restaurant was about 80 percent full, mostly couples. Then there was the family table.

It wasn't a family table like six adults all out for dinner. No, it was six adults, with their families of obnoxious, ill-behaved, overly energetic, horrific noisemakers, who were allowed to run amok in the restaurant.

Kids are kids. I understand that. Which is why I have chosen not to pursue having them. We have enough people on this planet and I don't see the need to increase the genetic pool out of some vain attempt to leave an heir. My family branch can end with me and I'm fine with that.

Children are a huge responsibility and a tremendously taxing burden upon their parents — financially, socially, emotionally, intellectually and physically. I don't think anyone should have a child unless they are ready, willing and able to sacrifice their life to the duties and obligations of parenthood.

Which brings me back to the restaurant. The party of six adults had six children in various stages of development. Several babies were present, hanging about their mothers in those sling things that make it look like Mom has a huge disfiguring growth

she is trying to hide. The babies were all quiet except for the occasional burbled utterance. There were two little girls, no more than 4 and 8 years old.

The girls were allowed to run around the restaurant, shrieking in that high-pitched way that only other girls and dolphins can understand. They were running in and out of the banisters, flopping down on the floor, impetuously charging into waiters who were carrying flaming bowls of hot soup, and generally being young children who are up well past their bedtime.

My anger is directed not at the children, for they were being children and acting in the only way they know how. The parents on the other hand, should be taken out and thoroughly flogged.

As we sat down, and were engulfed in this tornado of pre-teen terror, there was a father at the big table of parents who kept sheepishly looking over at me. Perhaps this was because my frustration began to air itself in the comments that I was making by way of a stage whisper that could be heard throughout the restaurant. One would have thought that a comment or two would have sufficed to make the parents take notice and correct the situation. One would be wrong.

It wasn't until the loudest of the girls let out a shriek that rivaled scream queen Jamie Lee Curtis that the parents even noticed their wayward charges. It sparked a harsh comment from me that the parents should take their kids outside, which was thankfully honored.

Soon after that, the parents paid their check and exited the restaurant and the other patrons could finally relax to enjoy their meals. As they were leaving, one of the mothers, with her "baby in a bag" carefully draped across her chest, approached our table to apologize for the noise. I told her it wasn't the noise that was most annoying, it was the fact that no one noticed or was correcting their children. Her response to this was beyond appalling to me: "you know, sometimes, when you have kids, it's hard."

Actually, I do know, that's why I have a dog, and frankly he has better table manners than those children did. A parent's job is to raise their children to be well-behaved members of society. Yes, it is an exhausting job. And yes, it can be overwhelming at times. But if you are overwhelmed, you should not be taking the children to better dining establishments and ignoring them. It is rude to the other customers and it is not teaching the children how to behave properly.

If people must have children, they cannot choose when to pay attention and when to ignore them. If they cannot assume all the responsibilities of parenting, there are ways of dealing with the situation, from abortion to baby-sitters. We live in a land where domestic help is cheap and plentiful. If you can afford to go out to eat, you can afford a baby-sitter. And to those who say they can do one but not the other, I say tough tacos, stay at home.

My parents would never have let me get away with wild behavior in a fine restaurant, that's what Round Table Pizza was for.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY JOHN W. WHITEHEAD

Muslims should speak up for tortured Chechen

Pope Benedict XVI earlier this month ignited a cultural and religious firestorm while delivering a speech at the University of Regensburg in Germany. In the speech, entitled "Faith, Reason and the University — Memories and Reflections," Pope Benedict quoted the Byzantine emperor Manuel Palaeologus, saying, "Show me just what Muhammad brought that was new and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached."

The backlash was immediate and overwhelming. The Pope's comments were met with anger by Muslims and Islamic leaders around the world in what one journalist described as a "Civilization Clash." Various governments throughout the Middle East passed resolutions condemning the Pope's remarks. And the Organization of the Islamic Conference issued the following statement: "The attribution of the spread of Islam around the world to the shedding of blood and violence, which is 'incompatible with the nature of God' is a complete distortion of the facts, which shows deep ignorance of Islam and Islamic history."

Agreeing with the Islamic Conference's statement, one Palestinian leader denounced the Pope's remarks as "not true," insisting that they "defamed the essence of this holy religion and it defamed the history of the Islam."

Yet as the old adage goes, "show, don't tell." If Islamic leaders want to convince the world that theirs is not a religion of violence and bloodshed, perhaps they should start by condemning the spate of human rights abuses carried out in the name of Islam.

A good place to start would be the 23-year-old pregnant Chechen woman who was tortured by Muslim military forces after being accused of having an adulterous affair. Chechnya, a war-torn republic within the Russian federation, is mostly comprised of Sunni Muslims. And its security forces have been accused of anti-Slavic racism, institutionalized brutality, a culture of impunity and an intolerant interpretation of a pre-medieval Islamic code.

On Aug. 30, the New York Times broke the story detailing the brutal treatment that Malika Soltayeva, a Muslim woman, suffered at the hands of Chechen law enforcement officials.

Accused by her husband of committing adultery with a Christian Russian serviceman, Soltayeva was taken to a law enforcement compound where she was tortured and humiliated by the local police, many of whom have little in the way of training or education and have had little contact with the world beyond their predominantly Islamic community in Chechnya. They

began by shaving her head and her eyebrows. Then they painted her scalp green, which is the color associated with Islam, and drew an emerald cross on her forehead. She was forced to confess to adultery, ordered to strip naked and then beaten on her buttocks, arms, legs, hands, stomach and back. The video retrieved by the Times shows Chechen police screaming at Soltayeva to "turn and be condemned by Allah" as they beat her naked body with wooden rods and hoses.

The torture continued for nearly two hours before she was ordered to dress. She was then driven to her husband's house where the soldiers made her dance in front of her neighbors. The humiliation continued as they kicked and mocked her. Two days later, Soltayeva miscarried her baby.

Sadly, Soltayeva's treatment at the hands of Muslim Chechen police officials is not an isolated incident. The New York Times reports that recent videos show similar conduct illustrating "an unsettling pattern," including an incident where a rebel fighter was beheaded and his severed head was displayed on a pipe in the town's center. As the Times notes, "videos show that, later, the kadyrovsty, many in police uniforms, casually amused themselves with the head, joking as they displayed it in a garage. Another video shows the head adorned with a cap and with a cigarette in its mouth."

Frankly, the inhumane and downright evil actions of the Chechen police would seem to partially support Pope Benedict's statements. However, just days after delivering his controversial speech in Germany, Pope Benedict opted for a conciliatory tone. Insisting that his remarks had been misinterpreted, the Pope told an audience at the Vatican that he has a "deep respect for great religions, in particular for Muslims — who worship the one God and with whom we are engaged in defending and promoting together social justice, moral values, peace and freedom for all men."

However, while the Pope's depiction of great religions, including Islam, as working together to defend and promote social justice, peace and freedom is something to strive for, it is a far cry from today's reality. And yet it is time for religious leaders everywhere, including Christians, Jews and Muslims, to take a moral stand and make that vision a reality.

The world needs healing, not more violence.

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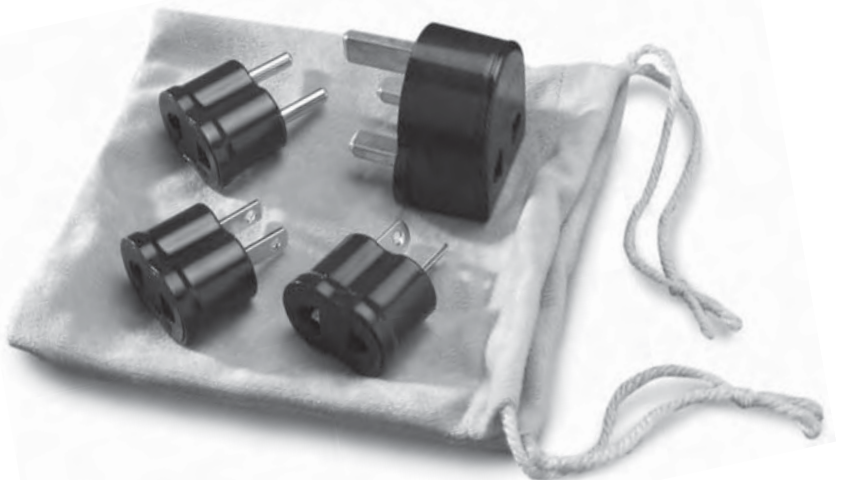


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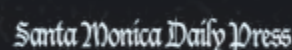
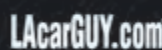
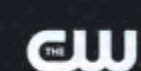
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Candidate questionnaires are starting to exact a toll

QUESTIONS, from page 1

Creating a standard questionnaire, with two or three direct questions from each community group, is an idea that has been circulating this campaign season, but the possibility of that occurring seems unlikely as groups are wary of losing individuality and the influence they can wield through endorsements.

"I know what a burden it is for candidates to answer so many questions. I completely empathize with them," said Shari Davis, a former City Council candidate and chair of CEPS, or Community for Excellent Public Schools, which sent out its questionnaire last week. "But it would be difficult (for us to consolidate) because each group is focused on a particular issue. Ours is education and we want to know how candidates feel about certain issues surrounding education, and that is not going to be the same as other advocacy groups in the city."

While candidates understand the need for community groups to inquire about issues specific to their causes, the problem some hopefuls have is that not all groups are offering endorsements in exchange for the time spent behind a computer screen formulating original responses.

"We just got an e-mail over the weekend from a group informing us that we only had a few days to complete (the questionnaire) and then don't expect them to use it for an endorsement," said Council candidate Terry O'Day, who estimates 20 percent of his time campaigning is spent answering questionnaires, even more last week when several where due. "If you're not going to be using them to help you make endorsements, then I have to ask myself, is it worth it?"

Bob Stern, president of the Center for Governmental Studies, which measures civic participation in elections, said candidates should answer as many questionnaires as possible because not only do they give aspirants a better chance of securing votes, they also provide a valuable learning experience and help candidates stand out in the crowd.

"Questionnaires force candidates to take a position on issues as opposed to just saying what a great person they are," Stern said. "More importantly, they give candidates some guidelines (about) what groups think are important. It really is more of an educational opportunity for a candidate than it is for the groups."

Another reason to fill out questionnaires is that they help candidates gain favor with community groups, Stern said.

"More and more, consultants are telling their candidates to not fill them out ... because they can get in trouble ... Basically, they're telling candidates not to commit themselves," Stern said. "That does a disservice to the voters and to the candidates because for many groups, if a candidate doesn't respond, that only makes them mad."

There is no one reason why more questionnaires are popping up than in years past. Current council members, former candidates and observers all have their theories. Some believe groups are trying to jockey for positions of influence and do not want to be left out of the campaign, while others feel the stakes are higher, with the Council grappling with the city's growing pains.

"I think there are more special interest groups formed and they are looking to have

sort of a role in the choice of the Council, and you see that with more forums, more questionnaires and more people who want to put their stamp on the election," said Nancy Greenstein, a Santa Monica College trustee running for reelection and an honorary chair of Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, an advocacy group that sent out a scaled-back questionnaire early in the campaign season.

"I really think there are more groups, more issues and more people looking to take a leadership role," Greenstein added.

Holbrook said it's a case of jumping on the bandwagon.

"When I first ran several years ago, there were none," Holbrook said. "One did it and now everyone else has been trying to copy it. Some suggested getting together and put out one questionnaire, but with so many groups, I just don't see that happening."

While there has been a reluctance to consolidate, O'Day is one who would like to see it occur, and not just because it would save him time, which he could spend speaking with voters in person.

"I think groups ought to be communicating with each other, building alliances and presenting shared visions. That could only help enhance voter participation and the community's voice at the Council," O'Day said.

Friends of Sunset Park and Citizens Against Airport Pollution, two groups which share a common interest — the Santa Monica Airport — consolidated their questionnaires, O'Day said, which proves it can be done.

"I'd also like to see the City Clerk receive a list of when questionnaires are sent out and what the due dates are, then post that on-line so people can have a better idea as to what the candidates are going through, and the groups sending them can see when a good time is to do so," O'Day said. "I think there could be better coordination between the groups, so not all questionnaires are due at once. This is all in the context of having a day job."

Council candidates receive more questionnaires than those running for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School Board, SMC board of trustees and the rent control board. Even so, candidates for those seats are also suffering from time constraints.

Barry Snell, a candidate for school board, said he has received only three questionnaires so far, but expects at least three more from local media outlets. While he admits some have been grueling, he believes they are necessary, particularly for first-time candidates like himself.

"How are people going to get to know me if I don't put down my thoughts in writing?" Snell said. "I'll admit, I have cut and pasted a few responses and added a thing or two, but really, my platform hasn't changed and many of the questions are asking the same thing."

In the end, a candidate may be unable to respond to all of the questionnaires sent out, and that's OK, said Patricia Hoffman, a member of SMRR who helped write that group's questionnaire.

"I think the importance of a questionnaire is so you have a record in writing of where the candidates see themselves in terms of the issues, like traffic and homelessness. Everybody wants to know something about that," Hoffman said. "That said, I think what people have done is more important than what they say."

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continue for the next five years, with the owner of the new space offering \$35 per square foot for improvements. The cost of the CEAD's current location is approximately \$340,200 per year.

CRACKS IN THE SYSTEM

Old Santa Monica pavements should get some attention tonight, with City Hall expected to purchase \$265,000 worth of cement concrete for repairs from Standard Concrete Products, Inc.

The Street Maintenance Division of Environmental and Public Works Management Department expects to use the cement to repair sidewalks, driveways, curbs, gutters, additional emergency demands and the City's alley revitalization projects. Half of the cement is estimated to be used for regular maintenance work, while the other half will go towards the alley projects, according to a city staff report.

Located in Santa Monica, Standard Concrete Products, Inc. receives a 1-percent bidding preference in the selection process for providers.

BETTER SURVEILLANCE IN JAIL

Authorities are looking to keep a better eye on prisoners, with City Council expected to purchase a digital storage system for the video captured by cameras installed in the jail of the Public Safety Facility.

The cameras, which document staff and inmate interaction, are located throughout the Public Safety Facility. At present, the recordings are kept on an analog time-lapse video cassette recording system. The older system has been deemed unreliable, and a new digital system should be an effective replacement for the analog cassettes, according to a city staff report.

The digital storage system, which will cost \$249,435, including tax and three years of maintenance, uses high-capacity digital storage technology to store the footage and also offers a higher level of reliability and performance than analog systems. Additionally, the newer systems are easier to manage, take up less physical storage space, enable shared access for better security, and allow for faster reproduction for response, the report stated.

TEMPORARY HOME FOR THE HOMELESS

Local members of the homeless community will have a new place to call home — at least temporarily — when receiving charity from Santa Monica volunteers.

Two of the largest food organizations who currently feed homeless persons in Santa Monica's public parks will soon move indoors, to a facility on Colorado Avenue which is "conducive to linking the provision of food with outreach and case management services," a city staff report noted. The location will need a proposed \$197,000 for necessary non-structural improvements to the facility, furnishings and equipment, and operating costs for one year. The move is only temporary, however, as the building is scheduled to be demolished for the Big Blue Bus campus expansion in August 2007.

The two organizations scheduled to move into the location are Hand to Hand and HOPE. Currently, Hand to Hand gives out pre-packaged food to the homeless in front of City Hall on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. HOPE offers hot meals in Palisades Park on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 3 p.m. The groups both estimate serving 150 people every week.

Previously, the lack of an indoor location that could house the supportive functions of the two large organizations proved an obstacle. The new location will provide areas for supply storage, social service conference rooms, seating and food service. The loca-

tion should be able to seat the same number of homeless the organizations currently serve on a weekly basis.

UPGRADES FOR BUS RIDERS

Santa Monica transit services will be the focus of attention if City Hall hires Pertect Engineering, Inc. (PEI) to undertake a line-by-line analysis for service improvements.

The Big Blue Bus conducts an analysis every three years to identify possible modifications for schedules and routes in the Short Range Transit Plan. Passenger surveys and passenger counts are included in the analysis, which was last completed in 2003. The new analysis would study the potential opportunities to "expand the employer sponsored transit card program and improve transit connections between neighborhoods within the City," a city staff report said.

A Request for Proposal was sent to 17 different consulting firms who specialize in transit operations analysis, transit planning and financial planning, but only one proposal was submitted from PEI. The company has a record with similar transit agencies as well as with the Big Blue Bus in 2003. Staff from the organization will offer a series of community outreach meetings conducted by the Big Blue Bus to show findings from the line-by-line analysis and hear concerns and suggestions from riders and members of the community in the winter of 2007.

SAFER WALKWAYS FOR WALKERS

In efforts to look out for pedestrians, City Hall is expected to approve tonight newly enhanced crosswalks for Main Street at Vincente Terrace and in front of City Hall.

Following an evaluation of the pedestrian crossing conditions at the locations, a marked crosswalk was recommended across Main Street at Vincente Terrace in the long section between Pico Boulevard and the crosswalk in front of City Hall.

A workshop with Civic Center area employees and employers was held in February to seek suggestions about the pedestrian crossing issues. Some of the recommendations from the workshop will be implemented in the new projects, including refuge islands where pedestrians can wait safely for the direction of traffic to clear outside of City Hall and "Ped Xing" pavement markings added in advance of the crosswalks at Main Street.

It is estimated that it will cost \$40,000 to implement these temporary measures and \$3,000 to maintain them.

HELP AND JUSTICE FOR THE HOMELESS

The homeless will have their say in a new monthly Homeless Community Court, to be funded by a \$458,000 grant from the County of Los Angeles.

The funding will provide a year's worth of services and housing for 120 "unduplicated eligible chronically homeless individuals with open citations or warrants for certain offenses committed in Santa Monica as well as those already engaged with local service providers, but for whom citations and warrants are interfering with their ability to move forward toward greater self-sufficiency," a city staff report said.

The pilot program is modeled on the therapeutic justice model which hopes to establish commitment from chronically homeless offenders, increasing their accountability as well as decreasing their interaction with the justice system.

The court will specialize in certain crimes specific to the homeless, including sleeping in doorways, lying down on the Promenade and camping. Support systems will be offered for those whose crimes are fueled by substance abuse or mental health issues.

The court will be in session one-half day per month.

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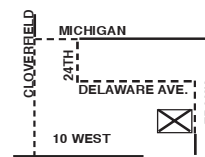
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poned six weeks ago for similar reasons. "Either way, I'm ready to go," Tavelman said.

If the motion is denied, jury selection could begin as early as today, however, Tavelman believes it would take at least one day to assemble prospective jurors for questioning.

Following the Feb. 2 shooting, which occurred around 5 a.m., officers immediately sealed off the area and conducted a search, locating two suspects in an apartment building in the 1900 block of 17th Street near Santa Monica College. The department's SWAT team was deployed and negotiated the surrender of the suspects at approximately 6:15 a.m., police said.

In the end, only Espindola was arrested and charged in the incident.

Officer Walter Ramirez, a 4-year-veteran of the department, suffered a "through and through" wound to his right wrist, and was transported to UCLA Medical Center, where

we was treated and released.

Shortly before the shooting, the suspects were observed acting suspiciously in the parking lot of the Ralph's grocery store at 1600 Cloverfield Boulevard.

Officers in a marked patrol car notified Ramirez and his partner, who were in an undercover unit assigned to burglary suppression. The two observed the suspects drive off in a blue van and proceeded to follow them at a distance of roughly two blocks, police said.

The officers lost sight of the suspects' van around 18th Street and Pico Boulevard. As the officers drove south on 17th Street, they noticed the van parked in a driveway. As Ramirez drove closer, a suspect, believed to be Espindola, jumped from the passenger side of the van, raised a weapon and fired three rounds, one striking Ramirez in the right wrist as he tried to drive away from the scene, police said.

His partner "saw the suspect raise his arm

holding a firearm," said former SMPD Chief James T. Butts hours after the incident. "He yelled 'gun, gun.'"

The officers did not return fire, Butts said.

The incident wasn't the first time an officer had been targeted in the area. According to Butts, an officer was shot at while patrolling 19th Street and Michigan Avenue

roughly 18 months prior. The officer was not injured and the suspects were taken into custody shortly after the shooting.

Concerned community members have warned the City Council about a relatively high crime rate and gang violence in the neighborhood adjacent to Santa Monica College.

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE — SPORTS

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS:

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Sept. 19

SMC 1, Cuesta 2

Kelly Olson netted the lone goal off a corner kick by Lydia Laddon SMC dominated the first half, unfortunately scoring an own goal just before half-time SMC, pushing to get the game winning goal, got beat on a counter attack for the second and decisive goal.

Sept. 22

SMC 3, LA Mission 1

Lydia Laddon had a breakout game with two goals and one assists Lydia now leads the team in score with nine points off two goals and five assists Michelle Kheder also had an excellent game tallying 1 goal and 1 assist Meylin Alfaro and Lisa Guichard also cashed in with one assist each.

FOOTBALL

Sept. 23

SMC 24, West LA 7

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4
WLA	0	7	0	0
SMC	0	14	0	24

SMC: LaVaughn Macon scored on a one yard run, Sean Whyte with the PAT

WLA: Ryan Henry, 77-yard pass from Boomer, Jonathan Dotson with the PAT

SMC: Richard Carlton, 29-yard pass from Colin Clancy, Sean Whyte PAT

SMC: John Weaver one-yard run, Sean Whyte PAT

SMC: Sean Whyte, 24-yard field goal

THIS WEEK

Sept. 25 - 30

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Sept. 26

SMC hosts LA Valley, 4 p.m.

Sept. 29

SMC at Glendale, 3 p.m.

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SMC hosts Cuesta College, 3 p.m.

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Sept. 30

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California's global warming bill is clouded by legal uncertainty

BY SAMANTHA YOUNG

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, California — Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on Wednesday is expected to sign into law the United States' first state cap on greenhouse gas emissions, after striking a deal with legislative Democrats that brought California and the governor global notoriety.

But even before the bill is signed, the law's future is in doubt.

Federal lawsuits related to greenhouse gas issues, involving California, Vermont and Massachusetts, could cloud California's latest attempt to be a leader in the fight against global climate change.

At the heart of California's attempt to curb the gases believed responsible for global warming are state auto regulations that are being challenged by U.S. and foreign automakers. The rules, adopted in 2004 by the state Air Resources Board, would force auto companies to cut emissions from their cars and light trucks.

Rulings favorable to industry would greatly complicate efforts to cut overall emissions in California, knocking out nearly a quarter of the state's reduction strategy. The goal is to reduce emissions to 1990 levels over the next 14 years.

"Reducing greenhouse gases is a hugely difficult challenge," said Daniel Sperling, director of the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, Davis. "It's going to be very difficult with the auto regulations. Without them, it's going to be impossible."

Automakers have sued California and Vermont for setting greenhouse gas emission standards on vehicles, saying the rules are tantamount to imposing a fuel-economy standard. Only the federal government can set gas-mileage rules.

Meanwhile, Massachusetts and 11 other states, including California, are challenging the Bush administration's decision not to regulate heat-trapping carbon dioxide as a pollutant. The case is before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Many scientists believe greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide are trapping heat in the atmosphere, leading to a warming of the Earth and altering weather patterns, shrinking wildlife habitat and raising sea levels around the globe.

California is the world's 12th largest producer of greenhouse gases, and experts warn that the state will suffer if industries and autos aren't forced to cut their pollutants.

"If we don't do something, California is going to be at risk for a whole range of impacts that are going to severely threaten the environment of California, the economy, public health and quality of life," said Jason Barbose, a global warming advocate from the nonprofit group Environment California.

State reports suggest that warmer weather would melt the Sierra snowpack earlier, lead to flooding in the Central Valley and the San Francisco Bay area, alter growing seasons for the country's largest agricultural land and threaten the state's water supply.

Climate change experts say the state can't afford to wait any longer to begin scaling back its carbon emissions — slashing its use of fossil fuels such as oil, gas and coal.

But a win in court for the auto industry on the previous

regulations would send state regulators scrambling to meet the deadlines outlined in the global warming bill that Schwarzenegger is scheduled to sign this week.

They would have to find other ways to force the transportation sector to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by roughly 30 million metric tons, about 20 percent of the statewide cap.

Linda Adams, head of Schwarzenegger's Environmental Protection Agency, said a court loss would take away an essential tool.

"Any attempt to undo the progress California has made to reduce climate change emissions would threaten the state's ability to meet the governor's goals," Adams said in a statement.

As a precaution, state lawmakers inserted a provision into the global warming bill that would give the Air Resources Board power to impose other regulations on the auto industry designed to reduce greenhouse gases.

But whether those emission reductions can be achieved through other means is still a matter of debate.

At this time, Sperling, who works closely with the auto industry, said no such technology exists. Most experts agree the current auto regulations, set in a 2002 law that the air board adopted two years later, are the easiest way to reduce greenhouse gases.

Some climate change experts say the concern about legal challenges is overblown because they expect the consequences of global warming will become too obvious to ignore.

Dan Kammen, a professor of energy and public policy at the University of California, Berkeley, called the lawsuits a "side story" that should be resolved by the time the state begins implementing its cap in 2012.

"There's lots of time for this to be settled in the courts," said Kammen, director of the university's Renewable and Appropriate Energy Laboratory. "And every day that goes by, California's case gets stronger on this while the politics are changing."

While President George W. Bush continues to express support for a voluntary approach to managing carbon emissions, more and more lawmakers are beginning to pay attention to the issue in Washington. Five congressional committees held hearings on the topic last week.

The U.S. Supreme Court will soon weigh in on the issue, after agreeing in June to review Massachusetts' bid to force the federal government to begin regulating carbon dioxide.

University of California, Irvine professor Sherwood Rowland said the Bush administration has misinterpreted the science behind climate change. He won the 1995 Nobel Prize in chemistry for discovering that chlorofluorocarbons in aerosol sprays and coolants were damaging the Earth's protective ozone layer.

While Rowland is confident the justices will favor state attempts to regulate carbon dioxide, he said a ruling otherwise would not necessarily end the debate. Instead, he predicts Congress eventually will pass federal laws regulating greenhouse gases.

"The concern about global warming is getting too large for the government to ignore," Rowland said.

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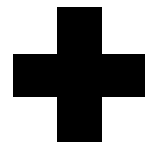
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Residents tire of all the tooting

The City Council hopes to be able to have the town named a “quiet zone,” where trains don’t have to toot their horns as the approach at-grade crossings, officials said.

The plans come amid increased complaints from residents about the noise that’s become a part of life in the city since crossways were established over area train tracks to accommodate a new coastal hiking trail.

“We’ve all received phone calls and e-mails,” Councilwoman Susan Ritschel said.

Federal law requires train engineers to sound their horns 15 to 20 seconds before passing an at-grade crossing.

Council members said they plan to establish the safety measures necessary to justify having the city declared a quiet zone, where engineers are exempted from those laws.

Bed-and-breakfast owner Rick Anderson said he’s eager to have the noise stop.

“We’ve actually had to refund money to customers because of the train noise,” he said.

MANHATTAN BEACH

Schools selling off more than old books

Education officials said they are considering selling or leasing school district properties to pay off debts that are costing the system some \$1.3 million every year.

The payments — which account for almost 3 percent of the system’s budget — are being made to service interest on \$17 million in debt that was incurred in 1995 and 2002 to fund school modernization and pay for the district’s headquarters, officials said this week.

“It’s a lot of debt,” he said. “It’s not insurmountable, but it does impact, in some ways, what we can do.”

Among the properties being considered for sale or lease are the district office, the Ladera

School site, and the maintenance and operations yard.

Some members of a public committee formed to review the district’s assets as possible revenue sources said they aren’t ready to accept the sale of district assets.

“The best investment anybody has, personal or otherwise, is property,” said member Kelly Estes.

LOS ANGELES

Hacking the system: Cabbies the new ‘sharecroppers’

Cab drivers work too long, are paid too little and suffer health problems because the city has been negligent in regulating its taxi franchises, according study by University of California, Los Angeles researchers.

The survey of 302 drivers, which was released Monday, found that the typical driver makes \$8.39 an hour — less than the city-mandated “living wage” — and 61 percent have no health insurance.

On average, they drive 72 hours a week and show signs of extreme stress and chronic back and leg injuries, according to the study, called “Driving Poor.”

“My assumption going into the report was that taxi drivers were reasonably successful small-business people,” said law professor Gary Blasi, a co-author. “Instead, they are something like sharecroppers on wheels, working incredibly long hours for very little money.”

The authors faulted the city for ignoring its duty to protect cabbies, while devoting considerable energy to policing the customer service and habits of drivers.

They also concluded that the city has failed to combat illegal “bandit” cabs that compete with the 2,303 legal taxis and has set fares that do not reflect current gas costs.

City Councilwoman Wendy Greuel called the report “an important document.”

“We’re going to look top to bottom about what is the best way to regulate the industry,” she said.



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Calmer winds, helicopters help combat wildfires

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press Writer

OJAI, Calif. — Firefighters expected cooler temperatures, dying winds and a hulking DC-10 aircraft to help them Monday as they battle a wildfire that has burned nearly 210 square miles in the Los Padres National Forest.

Fading winds Sunday allowed crews to bring in more than 40 helicopters and airplanes, including the DC-10, to drop fire retardant on the blaze. Officials credited the jetliner with knocking back the edge of the fire that crept toward Ojai, an artists' enclave popular with tourists.

On Monday, winds were expected to be considerably calmer — down from 40 mph to less than 10 mph, said Dan Bastion of the U.S. Forest Service.

"It will be a good day to get a lot of work done," Bastion said.

Despite the fire's size — it's burned about 134,000 acres since breaking out Labor Day — no homes have been destroyed. No injuries were reported Sunday, and the blaze was about 40 percent contained.

"We are slowly getting a line around the fire," Bastion said. "It's a lot of nibbling, but eventually we'll get the upper hand."

Late Sunday, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a state of emergency for Ventura County, clearing the way for assistance from the governor's emergency services office and state funds for rebuilding and recovery.

As winds that had reached 50 mph on Saturday subsided, local residents appeared less anxious as more than 3,000 firefighters and emergency workers blanketed the area.

"If something major happens, it would really be an act of God because this area has just been covered so completely by the fire service," said Mike Gram, 54, who stopped into a grocery store in Ojai.

Earlier Sunday, a large plume of smoke rose from behind a ridge as helicopters lifted off in rapid succession from a staging area in a hayfield east of Ojai, ferrying water and transporting more than 100 hand crews to a remote north-east area to complete part of a three-mile fire line.

Burning along the border of Ventura and Los Angeles counties, the blaze doubled in size when Santa Ana winds kicked up a week ago. A light, moist wind from the south had calmed the fire for several days earlier this week.

The blaze has cost \$33 million to fight.

A fire in the Angeles National Forest in northern Los Angeles County was 80 percent contained after consuming about 100 acres of brush.

The blaze was near a nature center and forced the closure of Placerita Canyon Road, but no evacuations were ordered, authorities said.

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SANTA MONICA

A WEEKLY LOOK AT EVENTS AND PROGRAMS FOR SA

Enough with the exclusivity: Growing trend has parents trying to ward off rejection

BY MELISSA RAYWORTH

Associated Press Writer

Penny Grossman cringes each time a student mentions a birthday party during class at her Boston-area preschool. The rule there, and at a growing number of America's schools, is that parties and play-dates shouldn't be discussed unless every child in the room is invited.

Gone are the days when a kindergartner dropped a handful of party invites in the classroom cubby holes of their closest buddies. Today, if anyone is excluded the invitations can't be handed out at school.

The idea that protecting kids from rejection is crucial to safeguarding their self-esteem has gained momentum in recent years. Take Valentine's Day: At some schools, a second-grader can't offer paper valentines or heart-shaped candies to a short list of pals and secret crushes anymore. They give cards to everyone or no one at all.

Or sports: In many towns, scorekeeping no longer happens at soccer or softball games played by kids under 8 or 9. Win or lose, every player in the league gets a trophy.

As with many child-rearing trends, some parents and educators see wisdom where others spot foolishness. Many see a mixture of both.

"You try and do things gently when they're little because it is still hard," says Grossman, who is raising two teenagers while teaching preschool. "But I think this is a problem, and it's a growing one, because kids grow up and have this inflated sense of self-worth. Whether they earn anything, it's always a trophy. They have no sense that you have to work hard for some things."

Jolie Nichols, a mother of two, believes kids in her Minneapolis neighborhood would benefit from competing for a trophy or handling a mild bit of rejection.

"It's just natural and it's realistic to have to deal with these things," she says. At her 7-year-old daughter's gymnastics class, everyone receives the same ribbon or medal for their performance, regardless of how well they've done.

Rather than imparting self-esteem, some experts believe this gives kids an unhealthy sense of entitlement.

"Self-esteem comes from those feelings you have about yourself for a job well done, for when you have achieved something," says Dr. Georgette Constantinou, administrative director of pediatric psychiatry at Akron Children's Hospital. "It's not something you pour into your children."

She feels that many parents aren't equipping their kids to manage basic challenges.

"How do you expect them to handle life's big bumps if they haven't experienced the little ones?" she asks.

No one disagrees that disappointment is real: There are contests we all lose, parties we're excluded from. But what motivates so many parents to postpone that reality until their children reach the age of 10 or beyond?

The pursuit of happiness is not teen's entitlement



HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

BY JEAN ILLSLEY CLARKE PH.D.

At 19, Nathan needs an Audi convertible. After all, he has been driving an old Toyota since he was 16. Well, 15. He had driven for a year without a license. Since it seemed to be a convenience to have him do errands, and since he seemed to drive carefully, and since it didn't seem to do any harm, his mom thought it seemed OK. And it seemed to make him happy.

Now it seems that Nathan "needs" an Audi convertible.

The dictionary says that something that seems to be true is "apparent but perhaps not true." But seeming had become real for Nathan, and so, although it seemed to his mom that a new Audi convertible was not a good idea, one Saturday afternoon she found herself in the Audi showroom with a beaming teenager.

Her thoughts rambled. Who would pay the insurance? As if that were really a question. Who would make the car payments? Nathan was going off to college, not to a high-paying job. Who would pay for the insurance, the gas and the upkeep? Mom, of course. Why not? She always had. She didn't even get to thoughts about whether an Audi convertible would help Nathan be a better person.

Nathan guided his mom to the car of his choice and pointed out desirable qualities. The airbags would keep him safe and the adjustable seats would keep her comfortable if she rode with him. His timing was perfect. A little pushing, a little waiting, a little pleading, a little waiting. A nearby shopper heard the beleaguered woman mutter twice, "I don't want to see you in that car." Nathan was impervious to his mother's discomfort. The shopper thought the boy would

probably win. There was no salesperson hovering near them. One look at the long-suffering woman and the confident boy told the salesman to just wait while the boy did his job.

How, you may ask, did this well-meaning mom end up with a manipulating, demanding, unreasonable teenager who always got his way? Whose wants had morphed into needs? Most likely out of a good heart. Life had not been easy for Nathan's mom, and she wanted her son to have an easier time. She always had Nathan's best interests at heart and she wanted him to be happy. What parents don't want their children to be happy? What parent doesn't find the line between abundance and too much to be a wide, fuzzy quicksand area? What parent doesn't sometimes yield under the pressure of a determined, persistent, clever child?

Nathan's mom, wanting her child to be happy, had overindulged him. She had given and given until the gifts were no longer appreciated but had become an entitlement. The preamble to the Constitution says that citizens have the "right to pursue" happiness, not to be "given" happiness. Unless he grows up, learns to separate his wants from his needs, and how to earn both, there will be neither enough nor true happiness for this unfortunate lad. What a great gift it would be if this mom could garner the courage to say no and let Nathan learn to deal with disappointment before the cruel world of adulthood starts teaching him these lessons.

There is more about the hazards of entitlement in the book "How Much is Enough? Everything You Need to Know to Steer Clear of Overindulgence and Raise Likeable, Responsible, and Respectful Children."

(Jean Illsley Clarke Ph.D., Connie Dawson Ph.D., and David J. Bredehoft Ph.D. are co-authors of "How Much is Enough? Everything You Need to Know to Steer Clear of Overindulgence and Raise Likeable, Responsible, and Respectful Children." Illsley Clarke can be reached at jiconsults@aol.com. To read more about overindulgence go to www.overindulgence.info.)

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The fair celebrates its 84th anniversary this year with over 70 carnival rides and attractions. LA County Fair & Exposition Complex/Fairplex, 1101 W. McKinley Ave., Pomona, 909-623-3111. Visit www.fairplex.com for times, schedules and more info. Ends Oct. 1.

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*Dec. 22 is a special two-hour holiday class that will cost \$25.50.

TUESDAY

Movies for Moms! 11:00 a.m., Loews Cineplex Broadway Theatre, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. Visit www.enjoytheshow.com/reelmoms for details.

Storytelling and Library Programs

Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621

Baby Time – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m., babies up to 2 years.

Spanish and Bilingual Stories – 11:20 a.m. Ages 2 – 5.

Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 450-0443.

Toddler Story Time in Spanish – 10:00 a.m., ages 2-3, current session thru Oct. 10.

Baby Time – 11:00 a.m., babies to age

2, current session thru Oct. 10.

Twilight Story Time -7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.

Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 829-7081.

Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages. 9/26, 10/24 & 11/21 – Terrific Tuesdays – 3:30 p.m. Stories and crafts for K-2nd graders.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 392-8304

Story Time for Twos – 10:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis

For ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500. www.storyopolis.com

Barnes and Noble at the Grove

Storytime for ages 2 – 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 to 36 months; Infant & Me Class – 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., 0 – 12 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASS-ES – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
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Yoga & Exercise

Exhale Center for Sacred Movement, 245 S. Main St., Venice. Pre/Post Natal – 11:25 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. 450-7676, exhalespa.com. Single class \$17, package of ten \$135.

Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711.

Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.

YoMama Yoga – 1404 3rd St. Promenade, St. 201. Parent & Me – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Yoga for parents with kids ages 6 wks – 6 years. Kids interact with each other and toys. \$15 single class, \$65 for five classes, \$120 for ten classes. yogababyla.com

Breastfeeding Group

The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups – 4:30 p.m.- separate groups for children born in 2000 and 2001. Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

Storytelling and Library Programs

The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge – 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052

10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4 at this neighborhood coffee shop.

Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.

Current session thru Oct. 11 for both

Story Time for Twos – 9:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; ages 3-5.

Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.

Baby Time - 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2, current session thru Oct. 18.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. –392-3804.

Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.

Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd, - 310-458-8621

9/27, 10/25 & 11/29 - Creative Kids' Club – 3:30 p.m. – Stories and crafts for K-2nd graders.

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144

Border's, Westwood – 11a.m. – 310-475-3444.

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YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., 5 to 36 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

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MOMS Club of SM South Playgroup – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. for children born 1/02 – 2/03; 3:30 p.m., for children born 3/03 – 12/03, Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

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La Hora Del Cuento – 7:00 p.m.

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Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.

Story Time for Twos – 10:15 a.m., current session thru Oct. 19.

Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; ages 3-5. Ongoing.

Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main

St. – 310-392-3804.

Baby Time – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m. Babies to 2 years. Current session thru Oct. 5

Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590

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Classes

YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m and 10:45 – 11:45 a.m., 12 to 36 months; Parent Support Group – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., age 3 – 5 years; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

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Anti-immigration bills a passing fancy?

SUZANNE GAMBOA

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — House Republicans have whipped through a series of bills to crack down on illegal immigration with hopes they might provide an election boost in November.

But there's wide disagreement on what they would cost and little inclination among lawmakers to come up with the money in any case.

The House has passed and the Senate is debating legislation to build 700 miles of fence on the U.S.-Mexico border with no certain idea of how much it would cost.

Estimates range from \$2 billion, cited by Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., chairman of the appropriations subcommittee for homeland security, to \$7 billion, the figure used by Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

Homeland Security officials told congressional aides it would cost about \$5 billion. The department would not confirm that figure nor address the cost of the 107 miles of fencing already up along the nearly 2,000-mile border. The cost can vary depending on whether the government or a private contractor builds the fence.

"We're trying to figure out how much it will be, but we have been funding it," House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said last week.

In a vivid demonstration of how hard it is to come up with the money, Hastert played to the cameras at a news conference by slapping red check marks on a placard to show border security accomplishments by House Republicans.

He left two items unchecked: funding for Border Patrol agents and for a Homeland Security contract for a high-tech border fence called the Secure Border Initiative.

The Senate put \$1.8 billion in a Pentagon bill for 370 miles of fence plus another 500 miles of vehicle barriers. But they shifted the amount to a homeland security bill, where some of the money will pay for additional Border Patrol agents and jail space for immigrants awaiting deportation.

"We need to make sure we don't have a shell game," said Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., who is sponsoring the money for the fencing.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said that because a 700-mile fence can't be built in a year Congress can provide just some money for it next year and the rest in the future.

Lawmakers, however, repeatedly have passed legislation ordering increases in border security without the money to pay for them.

The 2004 intelligence bill Congress passed called for doubling the number of Border Patrol agents by hiring 2,000 new ones each year for the next five years. It also

authorized building or expanding detention centers for illegal immigrants by 8,000 beds a year during the period.

So far, however, Congress has put up enough money to pay for only 2,500 of the agents that were supposed to have been hired by next September, and only half of the 16,000 new detention center beds called for by then.

Sens. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and John Kyl, R-Ariz., tried to get \$3.9 billion to pay for authorized projects or those sought by President Bush, but got nowhere. Left unfunded were new Coast Guard vessels and aircraft and a program for employers to verify that new hires are legally in the U.S.

A recent national survey found it will cost states \$11 billion to implement a new federal law tightening rules on driver's licenses to prevent illegal immigrants from getting them. Congress is supposed to pay for some of it, but so far has come up with only \$6 million for pilot programs.

"It's clearly a case of over promising," Cornyn said. "There's two steps. One is the authorization and the other is the appropriation and if appropriations don't follow, then it doesn't get done and that's been our track record."

Democrats say Republicans have rejected their seven attempts to increase border security funding since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. They contend there would now be

6,600 more Border Patrol agents, 14,000 more detention beds and 2,700 more immigration and customs agents if they had succeeded.

Rep. Solomon Ortiz, D-Texas, charged that when the House passed three more immigration bills last week, Republicans were just "blowing more hot air at voters who are angry that we say we're doing things to improve our border security."

"We never pay for them," said Ortiz, whose district includes the southernmost border with Mexico. "On the border, our not funding our promises brings local law enforcement a very large bill — yet another unfunded mandate."

The House and Senate are trying this week — before Congress recesses for the Nov. 7 elections — to send Bush a homeland security bill with more border protection money, including for agents, detention beds and security projects.

Neither of the measures meets the targets of some already enacted laws. For example, the House would pay for 1,200 new Border Patrol agents, the Senate 1,000. Both are short of the 1,500 that would have to be hired to comply with the promise two years ago of 4,000 new agents by next September.

"We've done a lot, but we haven't done all we need to do," Cornyn said. "We need to quit taking small baby steps."

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SBY LAUREN SMILEY

Associated Press Writer

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — A review of recent aviation news: Alleged plane terrorism plotters arrested in London. Fighter jets escorting diverted landings in Boston and Amsterdam. Crashes in Ukraine and Kentucky. The anniversary of Sept. 11.

Need a tranquilizer with that plane ticket yet?

Argentines don't. In this South American capital with the highest concentration of shrinks to citizens in the world, nail-biting fliers can now fight their fears while fully conscious.

Called Poder Volar, or Able to Fly, a Spanish and Argentine company has opened what it says is the world's first permanent, in-airport fear of flight center in the Jorge Newbury airport — itself an ill-lit, depressing space that doesn't exactly inspire warm feelings about traveling.

Creators say the center's location in the ground zero of flight panic shows frazzled fliers that help is available, and urges future passengers to visit the den of their fears. Students also can visit for one last pep talk before heading off to the boarding gate.

"It's like a dentist's office next to a restaurant, since people's teeth start hurting when they eat," said Dr. Claudio Pla, the Argentine psychiatrist who started the company in 2000. Those about to board or those coming off a plane may be inspired by seeing others facing down their fears, she said.

In an era when alert levels change as often as traffic lights, the center joins a burgeoning cottage industry of flight jitter palliatives, said Marc-Antoine Plourde, the president of a fear of flight treatment company in Montreal. He is one of the organizers of a worldwide industry conference next spring at the International Civil Aviation Organization headquarters, a specialized U.N. agency based in Montreal, where organizers expect more than 200 participants to discuss fear of flying. They plan to create a flight fear guidebook to distribute to travel agents and airports.

The largely unregulated fear of flight treatment industry includes everything from Chicken Soup for the Soul's Fearless Flight Kit to self-help books, hypnosis tapes to therapists specializing in the phobia, and myriad classes offered by private companies and airlines that realize business profits when customers aren't afraid of the product.

Studies estimate that 16 percent of Western adults refuse to fly. An additional 10 percent to 15 percent of adults fly with some degree of fear, be it crashing, enclosed spaces, yielding control or embarrassing oneself onboard with erratic fear-fueled behavior. Also, people tend to project doubts around travel — entering the unknown, separating from loved ones, loneliness — onto the plane itself, Pla says.

Symptoms are easy to detect: tossing down a preflight drink or sedative, canceling tickets right before a flight, refusing to fly, or being a wreck when you have to fly.

"I think the number (of people who fear flying) is increasing simply because there's more people that travel," Plourde said. "And certainly the terrorism aspect of commercial aviation today is not helping at all."

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COOLING CABIN FEVER

By The Associated Press

Tips for a more comfortable flight, provided by Poder Volar.

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■ Pack more than a day in advance and arrive at the airport on time.

■ Eat three hours before flying and keep candies with you to regulate glucose levels and keep nerves under control.

■ Bring distractions such as an easy reading book and tapes of relaxing music.

■ Right after boarding, for landing, and for any bouts of turbulence during the trip, practice deep breathing and muscle relaxation techniques. Close your eyes, and focus on flexing and relaxing one muscle at a time, starting with the foot and working up.

■ Place the pillow between your seat belt and lap to ease the jerking sensation of turbulence.

■ Visualize being in a comforting place with a loved one.

■ Talk to the person next to you. You may start a conversation that will make a couple hours go by without noticing.

ends and holidays.

The center offers a three-hour individual class for \$170, or eight-hour group classes for \$220.

Although Pla offers emergency sessions to walk-in passengers who are between flights or about to board for about \$30 per half hour, he says there's little to be done in such little time. Treatment is reduced to a crash course on flight safety, and handing out a booklet on relaxation techniques or a sedative prescription to be filled at the airport pharmacy on the student's way out the door.

Women outnumber men two to one, Pla says, since women traditionally have fewer hang-ups about admitting fears than men.

But here, in a European-flavored city with a neighborhood named Villa Freud for its high concentration of armchairs, and where people talk about their shrinks with as much frequency as New Yorkers, seeking such help carries little stigma.

"It's true that psychotherapy is more popular here than in the United States," Pla said. "But we also have people that reject the idea of therapy, so we try to 'de-psychologize' the treatment," and focus on changing behaviors.

Fernando Autet, a student at a recent class, seemed an unlikely seat clinger. A soft-spoken horse veterinarian, Autet, 30, says he never feared flying as a kid, but a turbulent flight from Wisconsin to Cincinnati last year changed that.

Fearing a flight back to the United States in late August, he showed up for a recent class with Pla's team, including an educational psychologist, and retired Aerolineas Argentinas pilot Cmdr. Jorge Albanace, who introduced himself saying, "I've flown into this airport 10,000 times, and I'm still here."

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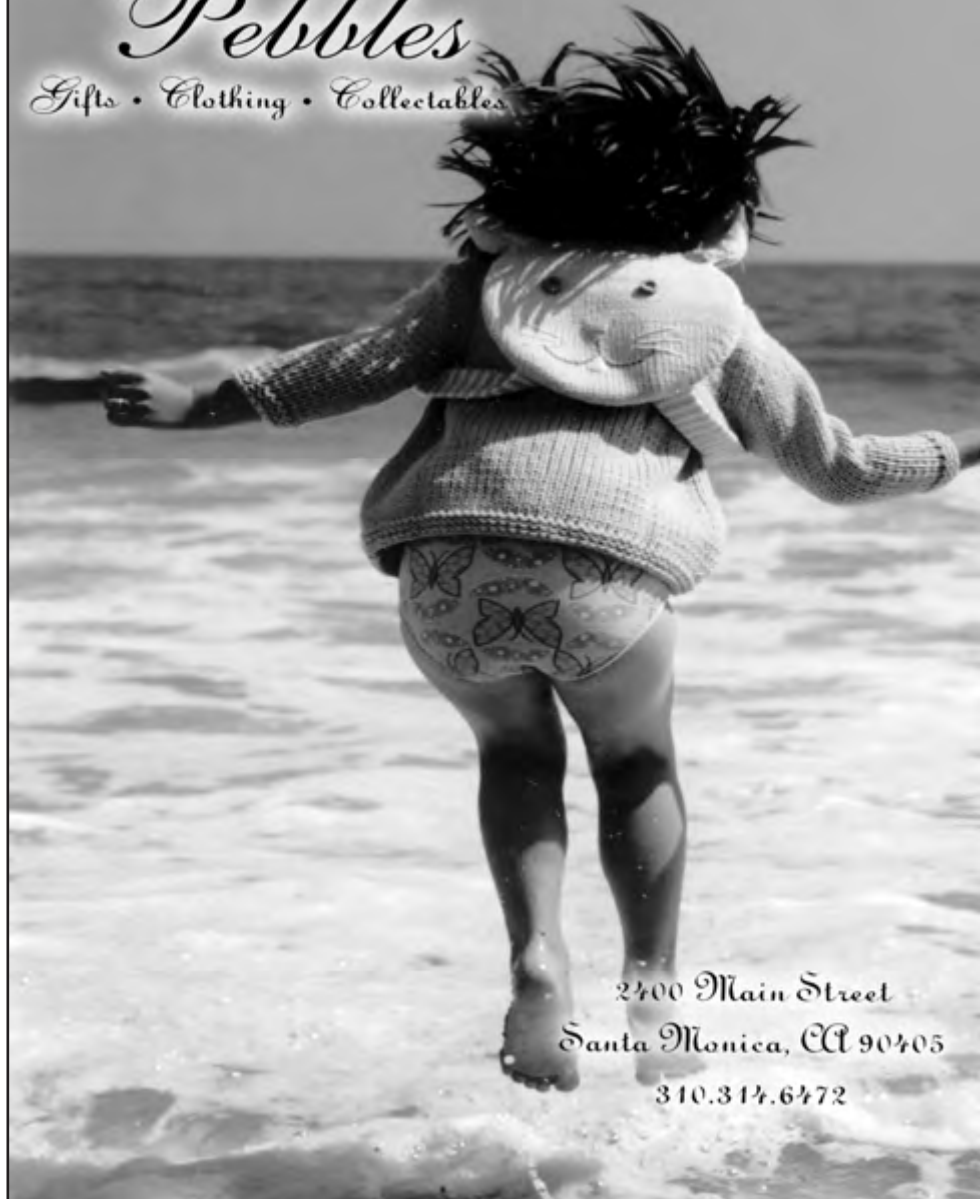
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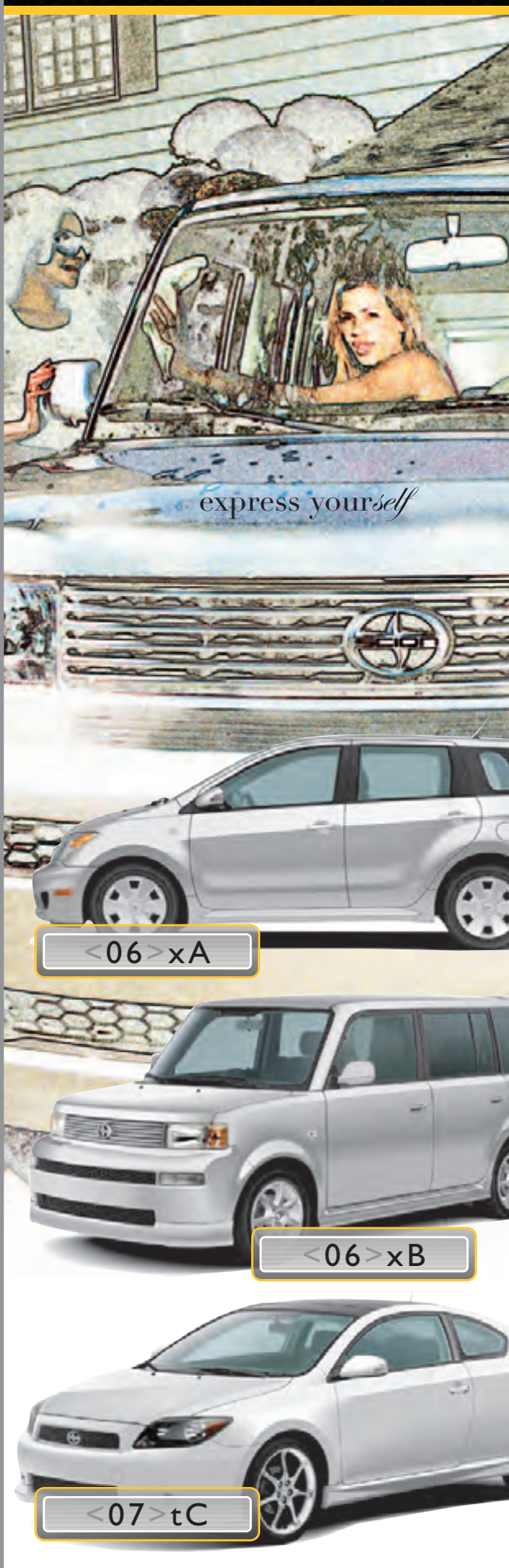
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Hussein's genocide trial resumes one day after lawyers announced boycott of the proceedings

By The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The chief judge in Saddam Hussein's genocide trial threw the ex-president out of the courtroom Monday in a stormy session boycotted by the former ruler's defense team.

"I have a request here that I don't want to be in this cage anymore" Saddam said, referring to the court. He waved a yellow paper before he spoke to chief judge Mohammed Oreibi al-Khalifa.

Al-Khalifa snapped back: "I'm the presiding judge. I decide about your presence here. Get him out!" — pointing to guards to take Saddam out.

"You need to show respect to the court and the case, and those who don't show it, I'm sorry, but I have to apply the law," the judge said.

The exchange began when Sabri al-Douri, director of military intelligence under Saddam, referred to a fellow co-defendant — Sultan Hashim Ahmad al-Tai — by his former rank of lieutenant general.

The judge then said that the defendants could not be referred to by their former rank.

An angry Saddam then insisted that he be allowed to leave and the judge ordered him out of the courtroom.

Saddam and six co-defendants have been on trial since Aug. 21 for their roles in a crackdown against Kurdish guerrillas in the late 1980s. The prosecution says about 180,000 people, mostly civilians, died in the crackdown, codenamed Operation Anfal.

The Monday session got off to a rough start when Saddam's defense attorneys followed through on their threat to boycott the proceedings to protest the replacement of the chief judge and other alleged irregularities.

Several other lawyers representing other defendants were also absent when the session began. The judge appointed replacement lawyers so the trial could proceed.

Al-Douri and another defendant, former intelligence official Farhan Mutlak Saleh, complained to the judge that they did not accept their court-appointed attorneys.

"Did I dismiss your attorney?" the judge asked "He just walked out!"

The judge told Saleh that he would be given time with his court-appointed attorney to plan a defense.

Saleh said: "Good, that's all I ask."

Another defendant, Saddam's cousin "Chemical" Ali al-Majid, also rejected his court-appointed lawyer.

"I refuse such an attorney, who cannot defend me," he said, apparently because the lawyer didn't cross-examine a witness who implicated him the Operation Anfal.

"We agree that you can contact your original attorney or hire new ones," the judge said.

"I am here against my will and by force," the defendant said.

He also accused the judge of leading the witness.

"If you allow me to walk out of the session because I expect the verdict to be political and pre-arranged," he asked. But the judge didn't reply and called a second witness to the stand.

In announcing the boycott, Khalil al-Dulaimi, Saddam's chief lawyer, complained that last week's decision to replace chief judge Abdullah al-Amiri violated judicial rules.

Al-Dulaimi also protested the court's refusal to hear non-Iraqi lawyers and its demand that foreign attorneys seek permission to enter the courtroom.

Among Saddam's nine lawyers are a Jordanian, a Spaniard, a Frenchman and two Americans, including former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

Al-Khalifa opened the session by calling an elderly Kurdish man to take the witness stand.

Mohammed Rasul Mustafa, 65, sporting the traditional Kurdish headdress, said he witnessed the bombing of the northern Sawisaynan village, from his own northern Kurdish village, which was an hour's walk away.

"I saw the smoke cover the village with my own eyes," Mustafa said.

He said that as he traveled toward the village, he smelled a strange odor which was like "apples." The man said he turned around and fled the area along with village residents and those from other nearby towns.

Mustafa said that when he returned home, he felt short of breath because of his alleged exposure to the gas.

Eventually Mustafa and his family were captured and held in a prison before being transferred to the southern Nugrat Salman detention camp.

"For the first three days of our arrival we were without food and water, then we received salty water and (prison) bread," Mustafa said.

During his five-month imprisonment, Mustafa said he saw guards "kill a man with a steel cable" and that at up to 500 people died, most of them elderly. He did not elaborate.

The court appointed a defense attorney for al-Tai, a former defense minister, and asked the witness how the other 3,000 to 4,000 prisoners in Nugrat Salman jail escaped chemical weapons.

Al-Tai abruptly stood up and said: "I don't acknowledge this attorney. He does not represent me." The judge told al-Tai to sit down and be quiet.

(Associated Press writers **Bushra Juhi** reported from Baghdad and **Jamal Halaby** from Amman, Jordan. Some material in this story came from a pool report at the trial in Baghdad.)

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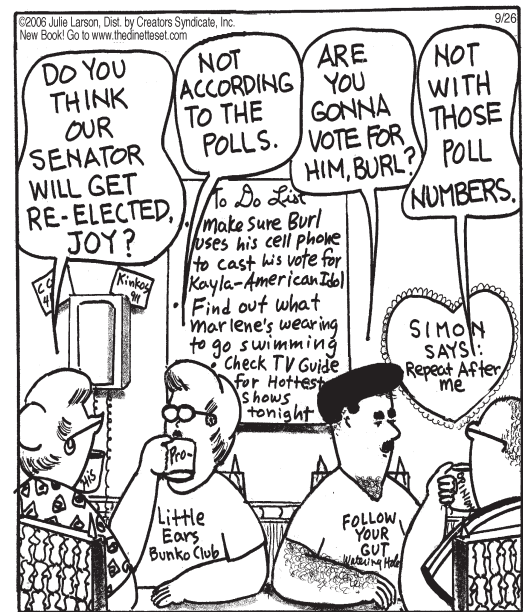
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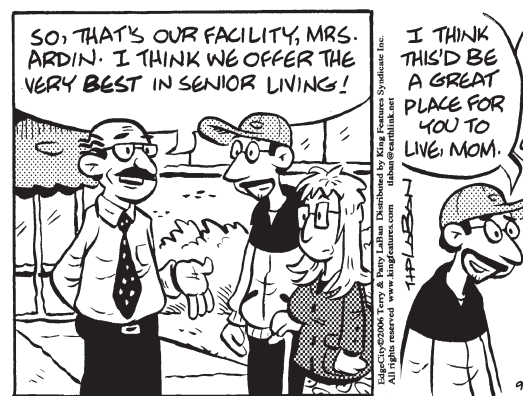
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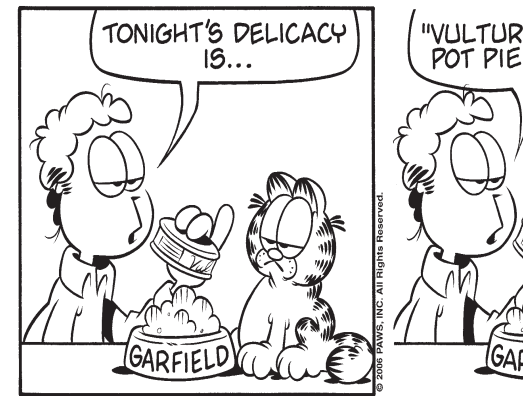
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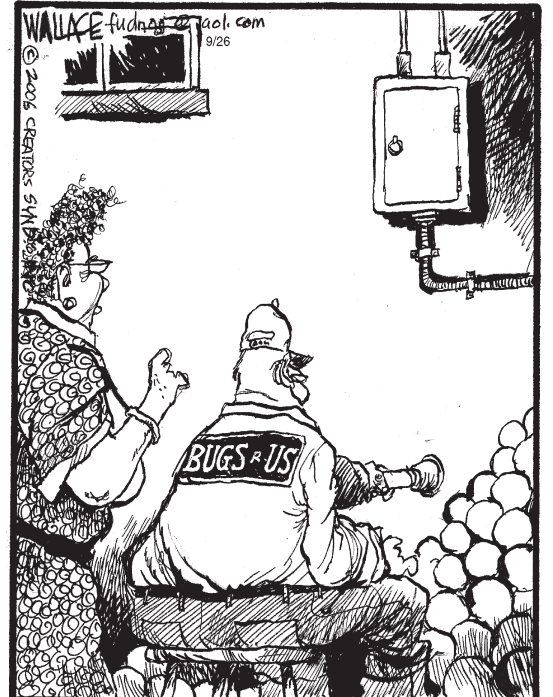
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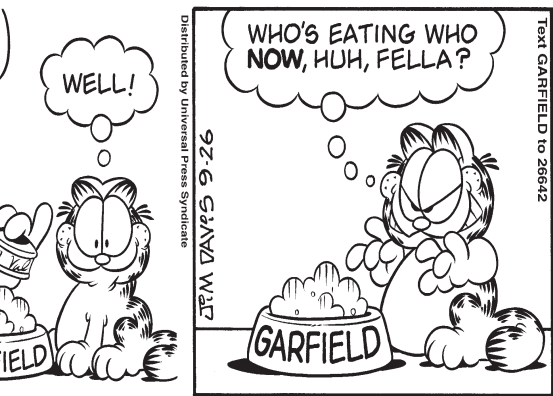
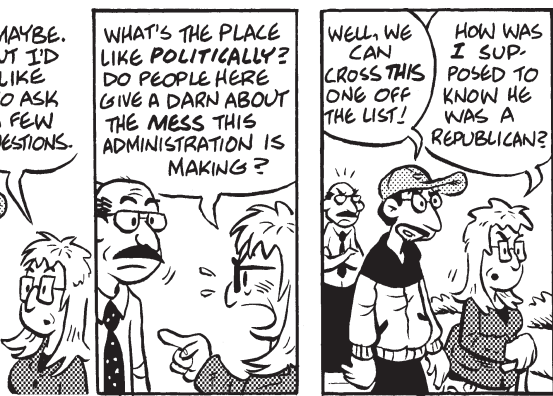
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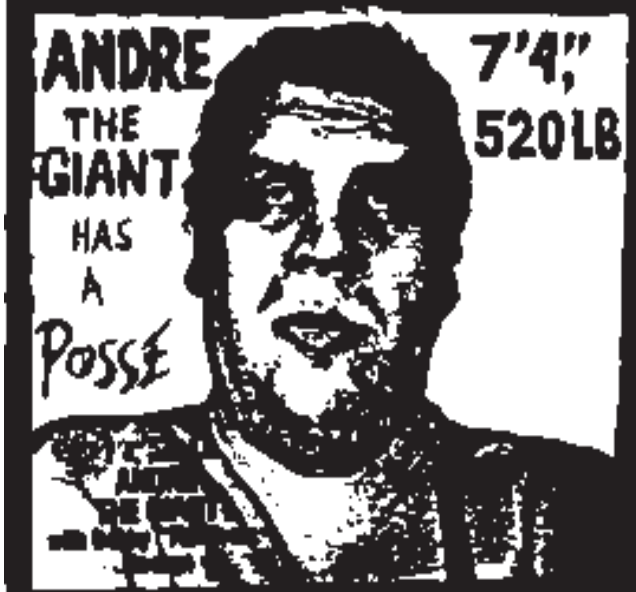
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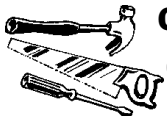
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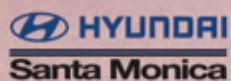
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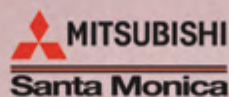
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