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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

A U.S. Army laboratory in Natick, Mass., has developed a lightweight, dried-food meal that can be safely hydrated by adding virtually any kind of liquid, from dirty swampwater to a soldier's own urine, according to a July report in *New Scientist*. A membrane with ultra-tiny gaps allows only water molecules to pass, filtering out "99.9" percent of any bacteria and most chemicals. (While urine will theoretically work in a pinch, the developers discourage its use since urea is not blocked and will build up in the kidneys over time.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

■ In 1946, an international military tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany, found 22 top Nazi leaders guilty of war crimes.

■ In 1949, the Berlin Airlift came to an end.

■ In 1954, the first atomic-powered vessel, the submarine "Nautilus," was commissioned by the Navy.

■ In 1955, actor James Dean was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, Calif.

■ In 1962, black student James Meredith succeeded on his fourth try in registering for classes at the University of Mississippi.

■ In 1993, an estimated 10,000 people were killed when an earthquake measuring a magnitude of 6.4 struck southern India.

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Recent shooting hits close to home for parents, kids

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

EDISON ELEMENTARY — Reeling from yet another gang-related shooting that occurred this week in this eastside neighborhood, officials here are responding.

A town hall meeting has been scheduled for Monday, Oct. 4, in response to a shooting that occurred Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in the 2400 block of Virginia Avenue. The shooting forced Edison Elementary School into lock-down mode.

Edison's school staff, led by principal Ernesto Leon, immediately locked down the school, where children and staff were kept safe, school officials said.

Santa Monica police were on the scene immediately, as was schools superintendent John Deasy. Children who were on campus participating in the after-school CREST program were released when the police deemed it clear and safe, officials said.

On Wednesday, community organizations and the school district's crisis team, led by Marolyn Freedman, returned to Edison Elementary before children arrived to meet with and provide information to the staff and community members, officials said.

Counseling was set up for both staff and students, as well as instructions to staff about developing appropriate strategies when talking with children who may have heard or witnessed the event, officials said.

The crisis team will meet with CREST staff and the children who witnessed the shooting. Support staff will remain in place throughout the end of the week, school officials said.

On Tuesday, police responded to several calls from residents that shots had been fired in the area of Virginia Avenue. When officers arrived, they located the 16-year-old victim, who had suffered a laceration to his face. Apparently, he was injured when he ran from the estimated 14 bullets that were

"It was a miracle that no one was shot but I would hate to think what would happen if those bullets would have been fired in the direction of the school while more than 40 kids were playing."

— MARIA LOYA
City Council candidate

fired from a passing car, police said. No one else was injured.

Police are looking for two suspects. The first is described as a Hispanic man in 20s, with a thin build. The second suspect is described only as a Hispanic man. The suspect's vehicle is described as a dark gray compact vehicle.

Santa Monica City Council candidate Maria Loya issued a press release on Wednesday in response to the shooting. The Pico neighborhood has been plagued with gang violence, shootings and drug dealing for decades.

Loya, who lives in the area, urged the creation of what she calls a "Children's Safe Zone" to offer increased protection for children from gun violence.

"It was a miracle that no one was shot but I would hate to think what would happen if those bullets would have been fired in the direction of the school while more than 40 kids were playing," Loya said.

Loya is recommending that the City Council create the safe zone, which would include permanent police presence at area schools and surrounding neighborhoods when signs of violence are present.

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The Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recycling Facility, located near the pier, is just one program in the sustainable city plan. (Inset) Collected water is treated at the facility and recycled back into the community for use.

A city sustained: Santa Monica celebrates 10 years of being green

BY KATHLEEN BISHOP

Special to the Daily Press

CITY HALL — The ocean, an energy-efficient light bulb, the bus system, a homeless shelter, the Third Street Promenade, a bicycle — they all are all threads in Santa Monica's economic, environmental and social fabric.

The idea of interconnectedness has been the primary approach to Santa Monica's Sustainable City Plan for the past decade.

"Really what the sustainability plan is all about is looking at the entire community as a system that interacts," said Dean Kubani, coordinator of Santa Monica's Sustainable City Plan.

City Hall spends millions of dollars a year on sustainability — a concept most people don't understand.

The term "sustainability" is so abstract that even those directly involved with the plan have difficulty describing it. But they are clear on one thing — sustainability keeps Santa Monica successful in just about every aspect.

"The dictionary definition of sustainability is 'the ability to continue,'" Kubani said. "What we're thinking about is the ability for our community to continue with a strong economy and a clean environment."

City Hall this week is celebrating a decade of sustainability. Programs and events began Monday and will continue throughout the

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'10Fest' gives nod to the 'green factor'

By Daily Press staff

For many Santa Monicans, being green is just a fact of life.

On Sept. 20, 1994, the City Council adopted the Sustainable City Plan, a set of what's been described as groundbreaking policies that touch many areas of government.

Since then, City Hall has cleaned up Santa Monica's beaches; instituted environmental purchasing and toxics

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***** A sudden idea pays off. You might understand what is really going on at work. You might be inspired to do some reorganizing, which doesn't give you permission to spend a lot. Touch base with a special friend. Tonight: Organize your bills.

 **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**
***** Surprises happen left and right. Your personality magnetizes others and helps them think more clearly and creatively. You make a difference. Zero in on what you want. It could just drop in your lap. Tonight: Smile as you do what you want.

 **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
*** You feel pulled in many different directions all at once. You might not be able to handle everything and want to crawl in a hole. Maybe you could just close your door? Or bring work home? If you can take a personal day, do so. Tonight: Let stress go.

 **CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
***** Surprising news from a distance motivates you. With a goal in sight, you zero in on a long-term desire. Flow with the anticipated rather than tighten up. A meeting or get-together revs up everyone's spirit. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

 **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
*** You might want to be king or queen (for a day) and be in charge. Others will challenge you, especially an associate or partner. The way this person acts might be most expected. Understand that the Lion sometimes needs to step back. Tonight: Visit with an older relative or parent.

 **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
***** You might be stunned by others, or one specific person and how he or she behaves. Trust that this person is changing and that you cannot interfere with the transformation. Detach and be smart. Play amateur detective. Tonight: Let your mind relax.

 **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
*** Your nerves could be fried if you don't go with the flow. Changes around work and in your daily routine are inevitable. Accept new technology with grace. In the long run, it will help you. Funds come in from another source. Tonight: Buy a lottery ticket if you want.

 **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
*** Let others do what they want, because they will anyway. Understand that you cannot control anyone but yourself. Something or someone drops in your lap out of the blue. Let spontaneity come through. Take a risk with a loved one. Tonight: Play as only you can.

 **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
*** Focus on what you can do as opposed to what seems impossible or could be unstable. Bosses and authority figures are unpredictable. Tread with care. Do your work; follow through; and head home. Tonight: Start planning your weekend.

 **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
***** Others are determined, but no one can get around you. Your ingenuity flourishes, and you come up with wonderful solutions when handling the unpredictable. Take care around machinery. You could be in your head, thinking. Tonight: Indulge in a favorite activity.

 **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
*** Hold on to your wallet; be very careful dealing with funds. Money could slip out of your hands. You pull the wild card financially. If you decide to spend anything, put it into your home or buy an item for entertaining your friends. Tonight: Continue to be careful.

 **PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
***** Once more, you surprise others. You know what you want and where you are heading. No one could anticipate your reaction or action. Others want to talk. Explain why you are doing what you are doing. Tonight: Hang with friends.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Pier party raises cash for cancer

By Daily Press staff

A sold-out crowd of 1,400 packed Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier earlier this month for the Fifth Annual "Mattel Party on the Pier," which benefited Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA.

"The Mattel Party on the Pier is one of our major annual fundraising events, generating more than \$2 million in the first five years, and we are truly grateful to everyone for their ongoing support," said Dr. Edward McCabe, physician-in-chief of Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA. "The funds raised help care for our young patients, advance research on childhood diseases and teach the new generation of pediatricians."

Many pediatric patients of Mattel Children's Hospital also attended the event. Eleven-year-old Chris Aguirre of West Hills, who is being treated for Hodgkin's disease at Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA, came with his parents and sister to have a good time and show their support.

"Never in a million years could I imagine that my son Chris would get cancer," said Chris's mother, Rosie Gutierrez. "At Mattel's Children's Hospital at UCLA I know that that staff is doing their best to help my son get cancer-free."

The Title sponsor, Mattel Inc., along with more than 70 corporate and individual sponsors helped make the fundraiser a success, officials said. Mattel Inc. also donated 14,000 toys for the event and recruited almost 70 Mattel employees to volunteer.

Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA is a 120-bed "hospital within a hospital" located at UCLA Medical Center in Westwood. The hospital offers a full spectrum of primary and specialized medical care for infants, children and adolescents. The mission of Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA is to provide state-of-the-art treatment for children in a compassionate atmosphere, as well as to improve the understanding and treatment of pediatric diseases.

Workshops to teach artists, create networking skills

By Daily Press staff

It's not what you know, it's who you know.

At the "Arts Tune Up" evening for individual artists, artists will have the chance to make contacts and learn business strategies. The evening is designed to put artists in contact with arts consultants, working artists, and administrators who can provide information and answer questions on a variety of topics, including marketing, fundraising, database and bulk mail basics, and self-producing.

There will be several tables set up with an arts expert/consultant located at each table. Each table discussion will last for 25 minutes. After 25 minutes, an announcement will be made, indicating that that session is over. People then rotate to another table with a topic they want to learn more about as the sessions repeat. There will be a series of five round-robin sessions of 25 minutes each.

Topics include fundraising, marketing, public relations, database and bulk mail basics, getting into galleries, introduction to public art, basics of incorporation, self-producing for performing artists, business training for artists and working in arts education.

While seasoned artists are welcome to attend, the information is geared more toward artists early in their careers and artists looking for some new ideas to help them with the "business" side of their work.

The event will be held Tuesday, Oct. 5, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, 1855 Main St. Free parking is available at 5:30 p.m.

The Arts Tune Up is sponsored by the cultural affairs division of the city of Santa Monica and the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, in collaboration with the Center for Cultural Innovation and the cultural affairs divisions of the cities of Glendale, Los Angeles, and Pasadena, and The Public Corporation for the Arts in Long Beach.

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SURF REPORT

The SW swell will fill in further today and then slowly fade as we move through the weekend. New, steep NW ground/wind swell will arrive through the day, looking largest by sundown and into early Friday. Those waves also fade over the weekend.

A weak eddy will continue today, which means mostly light morning wind for LA and Ventura counties.

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SUNDAY	2:35	-0.5	2:36	1.2	8:57	5.2	8:37	6.1
MONDAY	3:08	-0.3	3:17	0.8	9:24	5.5	9:20	5.9
TUESDAY	3:37	0.1	3:57	0.5	9:50	5.7	10:01	5.5
WEDNESDAY	4:05	0.5	4:36	0.3	10:16	5.8	10:42	5.0
THURSDAY	4:30	1.1	5:16	0.4	10:42	5.8	11:25	4.5
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The Q Line

The Santa Monica Visitors and Conventions Bureau for the past year and a half has been researching how this city should be "branded" to visitors. Focus groups have been held in New York, Chicago and London, as well as in Los Angeles to determine what people think Santa Monica should be known for — its positive aspects.

Las Vegas is known as "Sin City" and New York is the "City that never sleeps." Whatever Santa Monica's moniker will be is intended to be used in promoting the city as a destination place.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "How should Santa Monica be branded? What should the rest of the world know about us?"

Please don't respond with answers like "Home of the homeless" or "People's Republic of Santa Monica," as many already view the city in that regard.

Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your response in our weekend edition. Please limit your comments to a minute or less. It might help if you think about the wording of your response first.

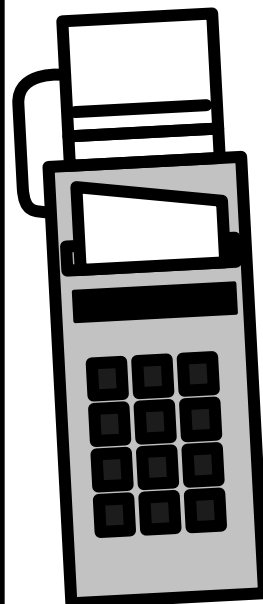
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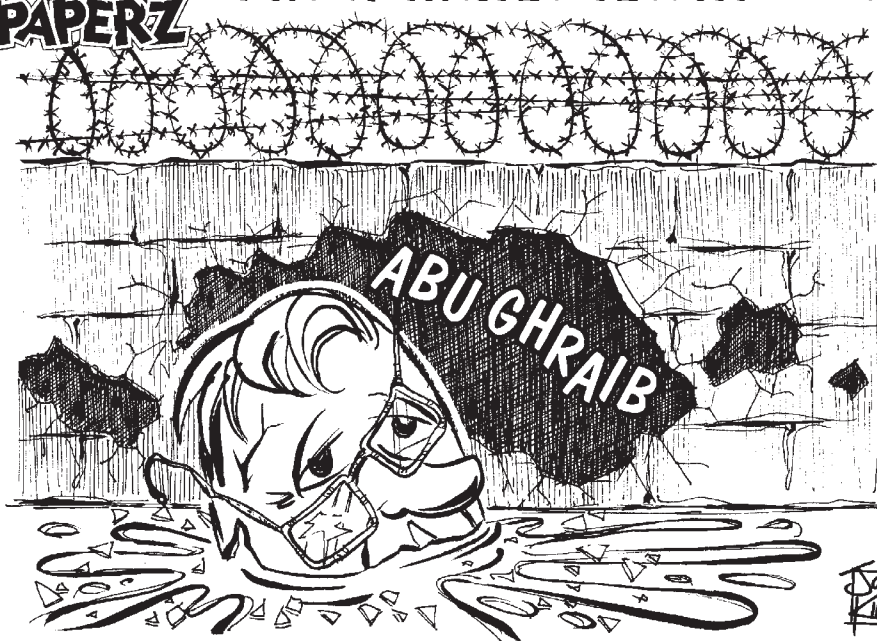
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Silverstein right on with anti-semitism

Editor:

By my count, you have published at least three letters that have criticized Ed Silverstein's column on anti-semitism from last week (SMDP, Sept. 22, page 4) and not a one in support of it. I agree with Silverstein that anti-semitism is very much on the rise again, here and abroad. The situation is much worse than is generally being reported.

Furthermore, certain Christians are quick to diagnose what they call "anti-Christian" sentiments and paradoxically slow to diagnose "anti-semitic" ones. In fact, our language is so deliberately slanted against the Jews, that the accepted term for the bigotry against them is the non-specific and deliberately obfuscating word "anti-semitism." Oh, how many times have I cringed at an anti-Jewish Arab snickering "How can I, a semite be anti-semitic?" At least the meanings of "anti-Christian," "anti-Arab" or "anti-Moslem" are self-evident. I never hear Pat Robertson or his ilk complain about "anti-Indo-European" or "anti-gentile" sentiments. But, we have trained our young to effectively disregard bigotry against the Jews, in part, by deliberately teaching them not to think in terms of, or use, clear terms like "anti-Jewish" to describe such conduct or sentiment.

I could go on much more about the depth and institutionalization of this particular un-Godly and seemingly ceaseless bigotry and its most recent exacerbation.

Ivan Smason, Ph.D., J.D.
Santa Monica

Smokers should be banned from outdoor dining

Editor:

The article "Smoking ban proposal for Promenade snuffed" by Geneva Whitmarsh (SMDP, Sept. 27, page 1) was very informative, but I must correct a quote that was attributed to me. I feel that prohibiting smoking in outdoor dining areas not only on Santa Monica's Third Street Promenade but in outdoor dining areas throughout the entire city would be a positive and reasonable measure that the city of Santa Monica and the Bayside District should support.

As Ms. Whitmarsh reported, outdoor dining areas are smoke-free by law in Davis, Berkeley, Santa Barbara, San Ramon, Laguna Hills and Los Gatos.

Why when families are eating should they have to go indoors to get a breath of fresh air?

Jerry Rubin
Santa Monica

Environmentalism a sham in Santa Monica?

Editor:

What gives the city the right to deliberately add a medicating substance which is a toxic waste containing arsenic, lead, and other contaminants to everyone's water without their consent and refusing to do an EIR as recommended by the city's own environmental task force?

Why is there no enforcement of the leaf blower law? They greatly pollute the air, and yet the hedge heights which hurt no one are strictly enforced? Most apartment and business buildings, hotels, etc. use them regularly.

These issues are not even being heard during this week or in the upcoming election.

Zelia Grund
Santa Monica

There's no debate: Terror scare wins by a landslide

NEWS ON THE EDGE

BY RON SCOTT SMITH



They're having a debate tonight but the two guys squaring off are forbidden to address each other directly. Debate? Sounds more like dueling press conferences, but that's one of the ground rules laid down in an encyclopedic, 32-page official rule book the two sides hammered out earlier this week to ensure that nobody gets real. Why can't they speak directly to each other, no holds barred, like normal people who have major disagreements over the fate of a planet would do?

No, Americans will not glean much from this thing, which will likely offer little more than fuel for the fire of a popularity contest not unlike those seen in high schools around the nation in electing a student-body president. Who had a bad tie on? Who looked at his watch? Who slobbered? Issues? What issues?

They will talk about the "War on Terror" tonight, of course, and only about it, because the official topic is "foreign policy," and foreign policy, as well as domestic policy, and every other conceivable policy in Bushamerica is based upon, and justified by, that "war." Maybe I missed it, but has there been anything else driving American politics in the three-plus years since those mighty towers came down on the most tragic day in the history of this nation? It united us. We retaliated and now stand watch, and we will never forget it. But, now it divides us, and we must get over it.

Might the man who bases his presidency and his reelection on it, explain tonight just what this "War on Terror" is, exactly? Terror is defined in Webster's as "a state of intense fear." Might he lay out clearly how you win a war on "a state of intense fear?" And might he be so kind as to tell us how we would know when such a war is over?

Bush refers to terror as if it's a country to attack. In fact, he has attacked countries in its name. What it is, is desperate statements made through desperate actions by desperate people afraid of losing all they hold dear to them, who don't have planes or missiles to carry their payloads. One man's terror is another man's bomb strapped to his chest. One man's Daisy Cutter falling from a Stealth Bomber in the middle of the night is another man's terror, and we better get that soon. Somebody better start talking to somebody. Here's another "W" for you: Wisdom. Where is it? Anybody spotted it recently? That's real flesh and real blood of young Americans out there on the front lines of this murky campaign, which appears to have no rhyme, no reason. That's real terror those troops live through every night and day as they patrol the mean, angry streets of a besieged

nation whipped into a hateful frenzy by invasion from the West. And that's real terror the natives live through inside the broken houses in neighborhoods where foreign armies patrol.

"W," the president by all indications, has neither the words nor the wisdom to guide us through this deadly quagmire of his own making. And John Kerry, caught up in the "fear factor" that now rules the political landscape of America, has apparently decided that he must not distance himself too far from the "Bush Doctrine." That's right, he's got a doctrine named after him — if there's to be any chance to defeat the sitting president.

They will ask Bush tonight about the prospects for victory and he will say victory is at hand, even as the bombs continue to tear limbs from bodies, and the American casualties continue to mount. He will not be asked about, and it's best if you don't think about, the numbers of dead and maimed Iraqi children. They will ask Kerry about his solution, and he may be at a loss. Not because of his own shortcomings on the matter, but because Bush's operation in Iraq is so totally mismanaged and mangled, that there is really no discernible solution to it in the foreseeable future.

John Kerry has been painted into the same corner Bush has painted us all into, the corner where nobody has a clue and nobody has a door out. New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd nailed down Kerry's dilemma: "The Bushies' perverse private calculation about why Kerry can't get traction would be comic if it weren't tragic. He can't effectively argue that he could do something differently in Iraq because W. has so bollixed up the place that even a change at the top wouldn't help."

Could that really work? Screw your nation so badly into a tragic foreign misadventure that nobody can unscrew it — so a weary and bewildered populace defaults back to you at election time? Is it a winning strategy?

Heads up tonight, America, as you watch the President of the United States attempt to measure up to the low expectations everyone has set for him. If you squint through the smoke, the blood, the rubble of all the Bush wars, you begin to see the specter of Ashcroft, Pat Robertson, and any number of potential Bush-appointed, ultra-conservative Supreme Court Justices, salivating as they wait in the wings for four more years and a mandate — with fundamentalist social-engineering their divine mission. But that's not the issue, is it? It's the terror, stupid. We're scared, remember? Or is it that we're safe? I keep forgetting.

(Ron Scott Smith is scarred and scared of four more years under the Bush Administration. E-mail him at edge-ofthewest@aol.com).

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OPINION



The parent trap: Conversations with voice mail



INSIDE OUT
BY AMY PERRITT

A message from Mom ...

Hi dear. It's mom calling. How are you?

I feel like it's been ages since we last spoke. And, of course, here I am once again talking to your answering machine.

They're not in honey! Sorry... Dad is yelling for me to say that he sent you an e-mail yesterday. He says hello.

It's about six o'clock here, which makes it ... let me see ... that would mean it's only two o'clock there. This time difference makes it difficult to reach each other. Doesn't it?

I've been out all day and have put up my feet for a few minutes before we have to leave for a fundraiser dinner.

Dad just gave me your message. Would you believe you called just about 10 minutes after I had left this morning? I am sorry to have missed you. We seem to be having troubles connecting!

So while I sit and relax temporarily, I thought I would call on the off chance you might be in ... but you're not ...

I went to Mailboxes today and had all 317 photos I took this summer put onto CDs so that I can send them to you and the boys. I downloaded them onto a disc from our new digital camera! Aren't you proud of me? It took me an entire morning, mind you.

I will mail your CD this week so you should probably get it ... well ... mail always takes forever to arrive now that you live so far away.

Hello?! Hello?! Oh sorry, dear. I

thought I lost our connection. This headset goes blank when I run the tap in the kitchen.

Then I had lunch with Aunt Sylvia who sends her love. She and Uncle John just returned from visiting Steven and Julie and the kids. She had new photos of Olivia and Jack. Aren't they growing so! Apparently Olivia is just as independent as ever!

Anyway, dear. I better go. I am talking to your voice mail ... well ... it wasn't even you on the machine. It was the voice of that cute husband of yours on the greeting wasn't it?!

"Lucy!" (... whistle ... whistle) "Ebi come here!"

I'm just calling in the dogs. We want to feed them before we leave. They have been alone all day. We will have to give them a good run tomorrow.

"Good girl. Good boy."

Anyway, dear. Call me when you get a free moment so we can catch up. I am dying to hear how your party went. I have a luncheon tomorrow but am getting a manicure beforehand. It's at the salon I always say we should go to when you come to visit. We never seem to have enough time though! I am finally using the gift certificate the boys gave me for Mother's Day. I am looking forward to it. My nails are in terrible shape. You would be shocked.

The weather is just gorgeous here. A warm fall day that feels like summer! Today I wore my outfit that you and I bought during our trip to Texas. Didn't we have such fun? I think of it often. We must start planning our next trip!

I miss you so much.

Ah well. I better say good-bye. We're going to be late. Dad is already outside starting the car. Now that I'm home I would prefer to put on my housecoat and watch a good move on TV. But Steve and

Susan are expecting us. Luckily, it's a casual event so I think I will just throw on that informal black dress I always wear, touch up my make-up and do something — Lord knows what — with my hair. My curls cannot be tamed, as you know. Oh what to do!

Call us when you can. I am home tomorrow evening. Thank goodness! We have been so busy ... too busy.

I miss you terribly. Consider yourself

hugged. I love you. Bye!

A message from Dad ...

Hi. It's Dad. Call mom. Bye.

(Amy Perritt, whose own mother and father also have been known to leave similar messages, can be reached at aperritt@hotmail.com.)

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LOCAL

Town hall meeting to be held at Edison Elementary

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"Incidents such as this compel us to implement a more thorough approach to neighborhood-centered policing," Loya said. "We need to send a message to families that our schools will be a safe and secure environment for our children and that if you endanger the lives of innocent children, you will be held accountable."

Santa Monica Police Chief James T. Butts Jr., who instituted a neighborhood-centered policing program a couple of years ago, said it's impossible to have officers in every area of the city when a crime occurs. And, he added, having officers full time at schools could be costly.

"Unless you are prepared to pay to staff officers at every school, I don't know if that is a viable option," he said.

Police presence has been increased in the Pico neighborhood for years, including helicopter patrols and a patrol car specifically assigned to the area. The Pico neighborhood also has its own bike patrol unit. In addition, four extra officers per shift have been deployed in the area for the past month. The additional deployment was based on uncorroborated information the SMPD received that gang activity might flare up. Those extra officers were on duty during Tuesday's shooting, Butts said.

Loya suggested that more police pres-

ence must occur in the troubled neighborhood, despite that the eight-block area is the most heavily concentrated in the city for police patrols.

"SMPD must increase its visibility around the neighborhoods where most of these shootings occur," she said. "If we fail to respond to this, we are failing to protect our most precious resource, our children."

The town hall meeting, which will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Edison Elementary, 2425 Kansas Ave., will be attended by representatives from social services, the Santa Monica Police Department, and city and school district staff. For more information on the meeting, call Edison School at (310) 828-0335.

"A wired fence is not going to stop a bullet from killing one of our students," said Edison PTA co-president Griselda Garces, in Loya's press release.

Anyone with information about the shooting is encouraged to contact the robbery/homicide unit at the SMPD at (310) 458-8451, or the watch commander's office at (310) 458-8426. Callers who wish to provide anonymous information can call the We-Tip national hotline at 1-800-78-CRIME (27463). Callers with information that leads to an arrest and conviction become eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.

Energy saving measures save city resources, money

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reduction policies; built a facility to recycle urban runoff; purchased 100 percent renewable electricity, and saves 328 million gallons of water per year and 1 million tons of solid waste from going to landfills, city officials said.

Santa Monica also has the first locally-grown, organic school salad bars in the nation. The Big Blue Bus has been voted the best bus line in the country and is a leader in clean air technology, officials said.

City officials are celebrating the plan's success this week with what's been dubbed "10Fest."

The plan has helped guide citywide policy changes, most notably to improve the health of the beaches and bay. The plan also has saved the city money:

- By buying 100 percent green power. The city of Santa Monica is paying 5 percent less for energy use than if it were to purchase power from conventional sources.

- By using a systems approach to pest management, the city has eliminated chemical pesticides and has saved 30 percent in pest management costs.

- By switching to green cleaning products in public facilities, the city has cut cleaning costs by 5 percent.

10Fest events from Sept. 27-Oct. 3:

- Green building tours: self-guided green home tour, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

- Free movie screening: "Kilowatt Ours;" Lincoln Middle School, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

- Family health fair; American Red Cross, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Organic cooking demonstrations at the Santa Monica Farmers' Market; Saturday, 10 a.m.

- Leadership series at Ken Edwards Center: "Sustainable City Plan — Are you in the Equation?" Thursday, 7 p.m.,

- Sustainable Lecture Series: "Climate Change and Energy Policy," Thursday, 6:45 p.m.

- 10Fest Awards Ceremony; Patagonia, Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more 10Fest information, log onto www.smepd.org or call (310) 458-2213.

Officials' sustainable advice:

- Change a light bulb. Compact fluorescent light bulbs use a third of the electricity of incandescent bulbs, and last 10 times longer.

- Walk or bike to the store (or skate and skateboard). Besides being good for your health, turning on your car for short distances pollutes the air more, as car exhaust is at its worst when the engine is cold.

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LOCAL



Sustainable city an expensive but necessary endeavor, officials say

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week. (See related story, page 1).

The plan brought all the elements of a successful society — economy, environment, development and social services — under the umbrella of sustainability.

Some of the policies and programs already were in place before the plan was envisioned in the early 1990s, and some were adopted when the plan was restructured in 2001. The goal of the programs is to address critical components of Santa Monica without negatively impacting the others.

“Economic plans are looking at the best way to improve the economy in isolation; environment restoration plans are looking at restoration issues in isolation; community development and social services, they are only looking at the issues that they’re concerned with,” Kubani said. “We look at all of those things and how they interact and plan in ways that provide benefits in each of those areas.

“It really is a balancing act,” he added.

Cities across the country are following Santa Monica’s lead, and are developing plans modeled after the one here.

Seattle, Wash.; Portland, Ore.; Burlington, Vt.; Boulder, Colo.; Tucson, Ariz.; Oakland, Calif.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; and Olympia, Wash.; are just a handful of cities that have comprehensive sustainability plans or are developing them.

“I think (Santa Monica’s plan) is one of the most holistic in the country,” said Linda Pratt, director of San Diego’s Sustainable Community Program, which was approved by the City Council in January 2002. “We looked at and considered many of the great things they’ve done and adapted them to meet our needs.”

San Diego’s plan will attempt to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 15 percent by 2010. City officials work with high school students on climate prevention programs and hold public forums on all things sustainable.

San Diego’s approach to sustainability in such a large city is “one day at a time,” Pratt said.

“We look for opportunities where we can take a subject and demonstrate the social, environmental and economic components of sustainability,” she said.

The incorporation of elements other than the environment is essential to an

effective and groundbreaking sustainability plan, according to Stephanie Pincetl, a visiting professor at UCLA’s Institute of the Environment.

“Santa Monica’s plan is one of the most forward-thinking in the United States,” she said. “The city has done a remarkable job in carving out areas that they can actually do something about.

“They have moved beyond simply the regular environmental things that can be done and on to the question of social sustainability,” Pincetl said.

Pincetl thinks strong leadership and ample information are key to bringing a city around on sustainability. She believes Santa Monica has both.

“The city understands that there is a cost benefit analysis that can be done,” Pincetl said. “There are things that cost money, but are the right things to do, and they have taken a stand that it will do those things.”

Creating a sustainable city costs tens of millions of dollars, but officials can’t provide specific numbers on how much the overall plan costs, mainly because there are so many pieces to it.

One of the largest programs in the sustainable plan is the Santa Monica Urban Runoff Recycling Facility, located near the pier. SMURFF is a joint project with the city of Los Angeles, which recycles urban runoff. It cost about \$12 million to build, and costs between \$180,000 to \$200,000 to produce about 320,000 gallons, or 2 to 3 percent of Santa Monica’s daily consumption.

The savings, other than not having to purchase water and the ability to sell recycled water, are immeasurable, officials said. It allows for cleaner beaches, better water quality and reduced consumption of the Colorado River — all factors in a struggling ecosystem, officials said.

And while sustainability may be elusive and difficult to define, its advocates believe it’s the most practical and straightforward way to improve all aspects of a community.

“If you approach the economy in a sustainable way it might not bring in as much money as if you focused entirely on that, but our entire economy is based on the environment and use of natural resources,” Kubani said. “If you damage the environment, the economy is ultimately going to fail.”

Week filled with celebration of city’s sustainable plan

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them know you support their position. See www.congress.org to identify the state and U.S. elected officials who represent your area and to get contact information for them.

■ Take out the recycling. The city’s “Blue Bin” program allows you to recycle your paper, glass, metal and plastic products.

■ Explore a local farmers’ market. Santa Monica has four farmers’ markets to choose from that take place on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. See <http://farmersmarket.santa-monica.org>, for times and locations.

■ Bring unwanted clothes to a thrift store or organization that helps needy people. Donations can be tax deductible. And while you may think putting them in the alley does good, more often than not it creates more trash that goes to the landfills.

■ Visit the HHW facility. Take old paint, unused pesticides and fertilizers, household cleaners and used oil to the Household Hazardous Waste Center, 2500 Michigan Ave. Visit <http://pen1.santa-monica.org/environment/resdisp.htm> for hours and a list of hazardous wastes.

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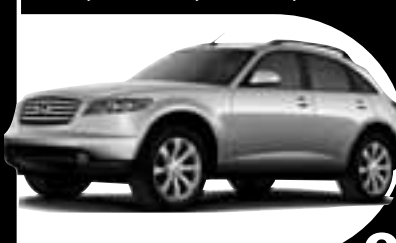
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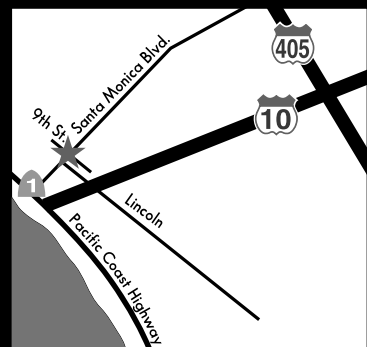
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Business

A case for charity: Giving back a good investment



IT'S YOUR BUSINESS

BY JOHN KIM

Many people assume charitable giving simply involves giving money away, never to be seen again. But implementing a charitable giving program may actually help investors achieve important financial goals while saving substantially on taxes. And current market and interest rate conditions can make certain charitable giving vehicles even more beneficial.

A properly structured gifting program can create a source of income for you and your beneficiaries, as well as provide potential income, estate and gift tax benefits. You may, for example, receive an immediate charitable income tax deduction on your gift to charity — subject to AGI limits. And placing assets in certain charitable vehicles removes them, and any subsequent appreciation, from your estate. That could lower your future estate tax liability. Finally, today's low interest rates have the effect of reducing the value of certain gifts to family made through charitable giving vehicles, which means a lower possible gift tax liability.

Most people are accustomed to charitable giving in response to direct requests or specific fundraising campaigns. But there

are numerous, potentially more tax-advantaged, ways to give to charity. Investors can contribute cash or securities to donor-advised funds, charitable trusts, private family foundations and other charitable giving vehicles. Two of these vehicles — charitable remainder trusts and charitable gift annuities — have become particularly attractive to some investors seeking income in today's low-yield environment. And for certain individuals, the combination of low interest rates and depreciated stock values has created an ideal climate for charitable lead trusts, another type of gifting strategy.

Charitable remainder trusts (CRTs) can help investors create a current payout stream, diversify assets, receive a potential income tax charitable deduction and leave money to charity, without paying immediate capital gains tax. A CRT provides investors with annual payouts for the length of the trust's term, with the remainder of the assets in the trust going to charity at the end of that term.

There are two types of CRTs: The Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust (CRAT) and the Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT). The CRAT can pay out a fixed amount to the investor each year, based on the initial value of the trust. The fixed payout may appeal to investors with shorter time frames who are concerned about market volatility. The CRUT also pays out annual amounts, but payouts vary based on the annual value of the

assets in the trust throughout its term. Because payouts are variable, the CRUT may be more appropriate for investors who have longer time horizons and expect market values to rise over time.

A charitable gift annuity (CGA) is another strategy that can create fixed annual payout streams. Gifting to a CGA requires an investor to enter into a contract with his or her charity of choice. In exchange for a gift usually consisting of cash or securities, the investor receives fixed annuity payments from a charity for life, starting at the time of the gift or at a future date of the investor's choosing.

Typically, the investor receives a potential charitable income tax deduction equal to the value of the transferred asset, minus the present value of the lifetime annuity payouts. Each annuity payment to the investor is partially income tax-free.

The decreased stock values that prevail today have been painful for many investors. But coupled with the current low interest rates, the lower stock values have actually created a unique opportunity for some investors who create Charitable Lead Trusts (CLTs). The interest rate used to compute the value of the gift for gift tax purposes has been at or near record lows. The lower the interest rate, the lower the value of the gift, which means a lower possible gift tax liability.

Once investors transfer assets to a CLT, the designated charity receives a fixed

annual payout from the trust for a specified term. The gift is equal to the value of the transferred asset, minus the present value of the annual payouts to charity. Any assets remaining at the end of the trust's term pass to the beneficiaries designated by the investor in the trust document — often the investor's children — free of estate and gift taxes. CLTs are not exempt from income or capital gains tax. For that reason, a CLT can be particularly beneficial if its assets substantially appreciate in value during the term of the trust.

We all have personal reasons for giving to charity, but many of us give out of a common desire to share our good fortune with others. And while the current market environment may have impacted that good fortune, it has also created some powerful opportunities for wealth management. Talk to a professional about how implementing a charitable giving program can help you meet your financial, estate planning and philanthropic goals.

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STATE

California counties to consider bans on biotech crops

BY PAUL ELIAS
AP Biotechnology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Dairy farmer Dennis Leonardi, who describes himself as a “taxpayer and law-abiding citizen,” will soon harvest the genetically engineered corn he grows to feed his 400 cows.

But a measure on the Nov. 2 ballot in Humboldt County would make Leonardi’s harvest illegal — and possibly send him or anyone else growing such crops to jail.

“This is a measure that has gone over the edge,” said Leonardi, a third-generation Ferndale farmer. “It’s absolutely ridiculous to make criminals out of farmers.”

Three other California counties are attempting to pass similar measures on Nov. 2 that would ban genetically engineered plants and animals from their borders. Supporters of the ban argue that biotech crops poses a risk to human health and the environment — contentions the industry strongly disputes.

The ballot measures in Butte, Marin and San Luis Obispo counties don’t criminalize genetically engineered agriculture like Humboldt County is attempting to do. Those three counties have followed the lead of Mendocino County, which passed

the nation’s first ban in March, providing for small fines and the destruction of the biotech crops.

Organizers in several more California counties are collecting signatures in hopes of qualifying their own anti-biotech measures in early 2005. Activists in Hawaii, Vermont and elsewhere are also circulating local petitions and urging politicians to pass similar legislation.

Critics of biotech crops say the bans are needed to ensure that farms that grow conventional and organic crops aren’t inadvertently cross-pollinated by biotech varieties. So-called “gene flow” is an increasing concern among organic farmers, who fear such cross-pollination could ruin their crops.

Consumers in Japan, Europe and elsewhere demand all their crops are grown conventionally. Farmers who can’t make those guarantees risk losing those markets.

Still, the biotech industry argues such county measures are bad public policy because it’s already tightly regulated by the federal government and that local laws will create an impossible hodgepodge of red tape.

“Farmers should not be denied the right to use this technology if they choose,” said Lisa Dry, a spokeswoman for the

Washington D.C.-based Biotechnology Industry Organization. “To have imprisonment for growing genetically modified crops is wacky.”

Lawyers and law enforcement officials also question whether the measure can ever be enacted with the imprisonment provision.

“Our position is that it is clearly a violation of the state and federal constitutions,” said Humboldt County District Attorney Paul Gallegos.

Even some backers of the Humboldt County measure concede that the punishment proposed is too extreme. But they argue that the measure’s intent is still sound and that any offending language can be fixed after the election.

“We are talking to lawyers,” said Humboldt campaign co-chair Martha Devine. “I believe the measure can still go forward.”

The proposed measures in Humboldt and Butte would, for the first time, directly affect farmers growing genetically engineered crops. The March vote in Mendocino County was seen largely as symbolic and a marketing boon to organic growers and vintners in the region because no genetically engineered crops are grown there.

Similarly, the board of supervisors in tiny Trinity County had their eyes on the region’s salmon fishing when they enacted their own biotech ban.

No genetically engineered crops are grown in Marin and San Luis Obispo counties and organic farmers and vintners there hope to exploit their measures as marketing tools, especially in biotech-averse Europe.

But in Butte and Humboldt, dozens of dairy farmers like Leonardi grow corn that is genetically engineered to survive sprayings of Monsanto Co.’s popular weed killer Roundup. They say the engineered corn saves them money and eliminates the need to use a weed killer more toxic than Roundup.

Leonardi and his fellow farmers are offended that the Humboldt measure accuses them of criminal behavior and activists inserted language that could have him arrested.

“They didn’t bother to come talk to us. They didn’t look for any alternatives,” Leonardi said. “Most of us are family farmers. We have small operations we are active in the community where we work. I’m really disappointed.”

EPA launches partnership to clean up West Coast diesel emissions

BY SETH HETTENA
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — Environmental officials launched a partnernship with the industry Wednesday to curb cancer-causing diesel emissions spewing into the West Coast’s skies.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced \$6 million worth of voluntary projects in California, Oregon and Washington, with most of the money coming from the federal government. The EPA said it hoped to ultimately secure \$100 million over five years for future projects.

“The goal is to replace the older engines with newer equipment, newer fuels and get that done as soon as possible,” said Wayne Nastri, EPA’s administrator for the Pacific region. “It benefits all of us, those at the border and up and

down the state.”

The initiative targets sources of diesel pollution bombarding the West Coast, from long-haul trucks to cargo ships pulling into port, not to mention locomotives, farm equipment and earth-moving construction equipment.

The initial projects include plans to cut emissions by replacing aging diesel locomotives in the San Joaquin Valley and a \$1.8 million plan to plug two Princess Cruises ships into Seattle’s electric grid when in port.

In addition, nearly \$1.7 million will be spent to clean up emissions from idling long-haul trucks along the Interstate 5 corridor in Oregon and California.

When fully funded at the goal of \$100 million, EPA officials estimated the program could remove roughly 8,000 tons of

particulate pollutants and save more than \$2 billion in associated health care costs.

Tiny soot particles found in diesel exhaust have been linked to lung and other types of cancer and account for thousands of premature deaths in the United States each year as well as increased cases of asthma and other respiratory ailments, according to the American Lung Association of California.

“We’re very mindful of the fact that thousands of people die from diesel pollution each year,” said Terry Tamminen, secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency.

New regulations are aimed at cutting diesel pollution nationwide, beginning in 2007, and the U.S. EPA said it hoped the voluntary program would speed those goals.

Bonnie Holmes-Gen, a lobbyist for the

American Lung Association in California, said the money was helpful but fell far short of what is needed.

“They should set the bar a lot higher,” Holmes-Gen said. “We have a need for \$2 to \$3 billion over the next five to 10 years in California alone.”

California has earmarked up to \$140 million this year to cut diesel emissions through similar voluntary programs, but the federal program can address pollution sources that the state can’t — namely, construction and farm equipment, said Gennet Paauwe, a spokeswoman for the California Air Resources Board.

Diesel-powered vehicles from huge earth movers to harvesting combines used in agriculture account for more pollution, especially microscopic soot linked to respiratory problems, than the trucks and buses on the nation’s highways.

None of the products announced Wednesday, however, addressed farm or construction equipment. Nastri said the initial round of programs focussed on regional, multistate efforts and did not signal a problem bringing farm and construction equipment users to the table.

The program included a \$150,000 grant to study the impact of Mexican trucks, which are expected to be a significant new source of diesel pollution when they are granted broad access to U.S. roads beginning next year. The grant will examine the costs and effectiveness of diesel retrofit technologies on vehicles crossing the U.S.-Mexico border.

“There isn’t a lot of information know about the emissions that come from trucks and other diesel sources in Mexico,” said the EPA’s Amy Zimpfer.

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NATIONAL



Faithful find convenience of cyber-church worship

BY PAUL LOGAN

Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Get comfy in your computer chair, fire up the Pentium and click your way into a whole different religious experience. Listen to your pastor's latest sermon. Then visit the church's chat room to discuss your preacher's topic.

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More and more churches are using interactive Web sites to introduce themselves to potential members and improve communication among members.

Nationally, there are about 300,000 churches. About 200,000 have Web sites.

Technology has even taken some pastors into the great beyond virtual churches that only exist as a Web site.

Want to receive the sacraments? At Alpha Church, an Albuquerque house of worship in cyberspace, you can be baptized and receive Holy Communion without leaving home — you supply the bread and it will be blessed during the service.

The Rev. Patricia E. Walker, ordained in the Methodist Church, started her nondenominational church on the Internet in 1999. At the time, only four other cyber churches existed globally and she was the only ordained minister, says Walker, a cyber pioneer minister.

"Now, I'm told, there are close to 1 million (cyber churches)," Walker says.

Only five years ago, church leaders criticized the Internet as a place for X-rated entertainment. They didn't think of it as a positive medium for evangelical work and growth, Walker says.

Today, Alpha Church has about 7,000 participants.

"This pulls together people that are as diverse as the world is diverse," she says. "They have their own home church and also Alpha Church. Sometimes they can't get to their home church for whatever reason."

Walker's worldwide flock includes people from North and South America, Europe, India, Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Japan even folks stationed in Antarctica.

Her first baptism was a toddler whose parents had put off the sacrament for too long. The parents acted as Walker's proxy and relatives gathered online for the event, sending along their blessings.

"The joy was overflowing," she says of the baptism. "It was an awesome experience."

Do interactive Web sites sound too businesslike, commercializing Christianity?

Albuquerque area pastors say Web sites are another way to spread the Gospel. But tuned-in pastors also use the Internet to cast for members, according to the Rev. Eddie Howard, pastor of Christian Fellowship Church.

"I believe that in the church of the future, (people) are going to check you out before they ever walk in the door," Howard says, "particularly this younger generation."

The Tucson-based Myflock.com serves about 300 churches with interactive sites, including Christian Fellowship and two others in Albuquerque.

"Right now, a lot of pastors are just realizing how important it is," the Rev. Jeff Love says of the booming Web site business he co-founded.

Love says it's essential that churches have interactive sites because America is "a Web-based society."

The prayer requests room is the most used part of Oasis Family Church's Web site, followed by its bulletin

board and calendar, says its pastor, the Rev. Terry Mathews.

He says his interactive site brings people closer to God. "I look at it as a tool and an avenue," Mathews says.

"A tool to reach people and inform people and an avenue to direct them to the church ... to Christ."

Mathews says the site received a lot of hits in 2002, its first year, but "sort of fizzled" because of lack of promotion by the church. Oasis plans to put new emphasis on the site this fall for its 650-member congregation.

Those who visit Destiny Center's site can register for free e-mail accounts, download printed copies of sermons, link to chat rooms and shop at an online mall and bookstore.

The Rio Rancho, N.M., church's pastor, the Rev. Jerome Wade, also sends members weekly e-mails, updating them on church events and news. "Technology is one of our toys we use to share Christ and reach people," Wade said. "We expect it to be a key element for us."

Destiny Center receives more hits on its site than telephone calls asking for information, he says.

Downloadable sermons may keep the message he preached in front of his congregation during the week, he says.

"A pastor knows that people forget about 95 percent of what they heard on a Sunday by Wednesday," Wade says.

The site is a way of developing a relationship electronically that can move to a more personal relationship, he says.

Love's goals are to add quality to ministries through the use of technology and to do everything that a church does on a Sunday on a Web site.

And, he says, "the online stuff just adds value to Sunday services or any gatherings."

Mammoth toxic algae bloom sighted off Washington state coast

By The Associated Press

SEATTLE — A toxic algae bloom 30 miles wide has been detected 15 miles off the northwest coast of Washington state, the largest and most potentially lethal yet found by scientists in the region.

Pseudo-nitzschia algae in the Juan de Fuca eddy can release potentially deadly domoic acid, which accumulates in the tissue of razor clams and other shellfish and, if ingested by humans, attacks areas in the brain responsible for learning and memory.

Concentrations of the poisonous algae are as high as 11 million cells per liter, compared with about 200,000 cells per liter last year, scientists said Tuesday following a three-week research mission. A liter is slightly larger than a quart.

"Within the next week, if there's a major storm, it's possible it might hit the beach," said Barbara Hickey, a University of Washington oceanographer.

On the other hand, fair weather over the next couple of weeks could reduce the bloom and help keep it from approaching land, Hickey said.

State officials test coastal waters twice a week for the presence of domoic acid, and satellites are being used to track the algae bloom and detect any move toward the coast, scientists said.

"We'll have enough early warning to know for sure that the (shellfish) resource is safe to dig," said Vera Trainer, a research oceanographer with the Northwest Fisheries Science Center.

A second project also is tracking algae off the Washington coast from Makah Bay at the northern tip of the peninsula to Long Beach, near the mouth of the Columbia River.

Hickey said her team in the \$12 million project, ECO-HAB Pacific Northwest, benefited from an unprecedented opportunity to study the conditions that produce massive algae blooms.

There have been occasional "red tides," blooms of colorful but harmful algae, along the coast for centuries, but for unknown reasons poisoning from domoic acid did not become a significant problem until the late 1980s.

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NATIONAL

Pronunciation sends many over edge in Ne-vah-da

BY ED VOGEL
Associated Press Writer

CARSON CITY, Nev. — President Bush and his Democratic rival, John Kerry, mangle the word. Even prominent locals have done so. It's the name of the state, and it shouldn't be such a big deal, but mispronounce it and just watch people get riled up.

Ne-vaaa-da or Ne-vah-da. Historians have tried to determine the genesis of the conflict, but details are sketchy.

Back in the state's infancy, when thousands of immigrants rushed to silver-laden Virginia City, folks began calling their new home Ne-vaaa-da, with the short a, the way residents pronounce it today.

At least that is what retired University of Nevada, Reno linguist William Jacobsen surmises.

Jacobsen, who arrived in Nevada in the 1950s to research the Washoe Indian language, said the state's early residents were not aware of the Spanish pronuncia-

tion of the word, which is actually Nay-vah-da.

So Jacobsen guesses from the very beginning, residents pronounced the name the way it looked on a printed page — which turns out to be the way locals pronounce it today.

"People could not read very well, and they did not know Spanish, so they pronounced it Ne-vaaa-da with the 'a' like in the word bath," he said. "When you live in a state, you begin pronouncing words the way the locals do."

Carmelo Urza, director of the University Studies Aboard program at UNR, points out the Ne-vah-da pronunciation used by Bush, Kerry and a lot of Easterners isn't even the correct Spanish pronunciation. The Spanish word means snowy or snowcapped, and was used to refer to the mountain range that borders the state's northern border with California.

"Esta Nevada," Urza said. "It is snowy. Nay-vah-da. Sierra Nevada. Snowy mountains."

But even Urza has adapted the local pronunciation. When he is around English-speaking friends, it's Ne-vaaa-da.

Stars of the Silver Screen have pronounced the Silver State's name both ways.

The earliest movie that Robin Holabird, deputy director of the Nevada Film Office, can find mention of the state of Nevada is "The Women," a 1939 film based on a Broadway play by Clare Booth Luce. Stars Norma Shearer, Rosalind Russell and Joan Crawford called the state Ne-vah-da.

"People spoke in a well-mannered way by our standards in the movies of the 1930s," Holabird said. "This was a sophisticated movie."

But fast-forwarding, Holabird discovered that Roy

Rogers, the Western hero of the masses, pronounced the state Ne-vaaa-da. Rogers made at least five movies with Nevada themes in the 1940s, and sang the song "Night Time in Nevada."

Ann-Margret, however, got it all wrong when she appeared in "Viva Las Vegas" with Elvis Presley in 1964. Presley never mentioned the state in the movie.

Holabird frequently urges the staff of the television show "CSI" to coach actors to call the state Ne-vaaa-da.

"It's not a formal request, but a suggestion," she said. "It's like with San Francisco, a lot of the locals don't like it referred to as 'Frisco.'"

State Archivist Guy Rocha received a lot of abuse in November when he criticized how President Bush pronounced the state during an appearance in Las Vegas. "He's the president, and he ought to get it right," Rocha said. "Nothing personal."

The president learned from his mistake. When he returned in June to give a speech in Reno, he began by exclaiming how great it was to be in Nevada. The crowd broke into cheers.

"I bet you didn't think I would get that right?" Bush said with a broad grin.

Until corrected by state party officials, Kerry also pronounced the state Ne-vah-da.

After his comments about Bush, Rocha remembers getting hate mail from all over the country, including Bush's home state of Texas.

Rocha learned the pronunciation in elementary school.

"You quickly learned to say Ne-vaaa-da or you got singled out in class and labeled as an outsider by the other kids," he said.



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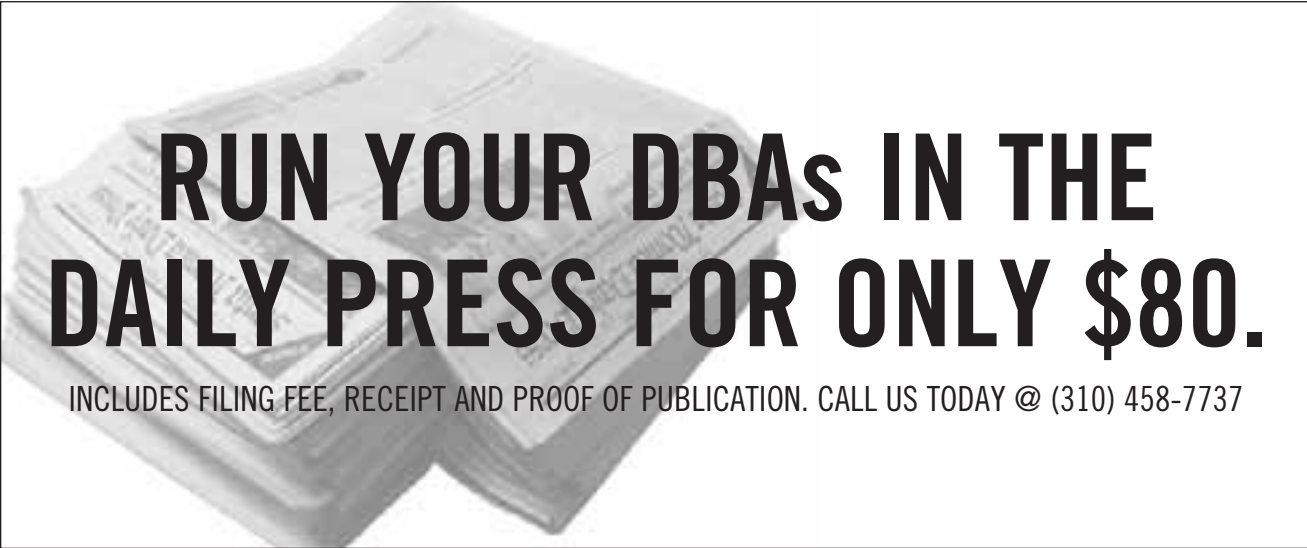
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Lawmaker disgruntled by World Bank aid to Iraq

BY GEORGE GEDDA

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — With its ample resources and a professional staff numbering 10,000 people, the World Bank seems like an ideal instrument for getting Iraq back on its feet.

Rep. Mark Kirk certainly agrees with that view but says bank support for Iraq is trifling: \$3.6 million in delivered postwar assistance, according to his figures.

World Bank, State Department and independent experts disagree with much of Kirk's thesis. But they can't ignore him because he is a member of the House committee responsible for appropriating foreign aid, including U.S. support for World Bank operations.

Kirk says the bank, a U.N. institution, came through handsomely for Germany and Japan with reconstruction projects after World War II — but is not doing the same for Iraq now.

"Iraq should be the No. 1 mission for the World Bank," says Kirk, R-Ill. He says school textbooks promised by the bank under a \$40 million program have yet to materialize. He contrasts that with the prompt textbook deliveries of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Nonsense, says Sebastian Mallaby, author of a new book, "The World's Banker," an in-depth account of the bank and its mercurial Australian president, James Wolfensohn.

The bank's value, says Mallaby, is not in its ability to deliver books but in fixing school systems.

"Attacking the bank for being slower than USAID's

text book delivery is like complaining that surgery takes longer than popping two aspirin," Mallaby says.

Of the 184 countries that run the bank, the United States is by far the most influential. The bank's mission is to fight poverty. It is providing \$20.1 billion for 245 projects in poor countries worldwide this year.

The bank says it isn't shortchanging Iraq and is committed to helping its reconstruction. Responding to Kirk's charges that the bank has no personnel in Iraq and bars volunteers from working there, a spokesman noted that a bank staffer in Iraq was killed by insurgents in August 2003 and several others were seriously wounded. International aid agencies trying to operate in Iraq remain subject to armed attacks.

The bank is trying to overcome the absence of personnel in Iraq by deploying experts in neighboring Jordan. Communications with Iraqi officials in Baghdad are carried out through teleconferences.

Kirk says the recent U.S. decision to redirect \$1.8 billion in U.S. aid to Iraq toward security at the expense of reconstruction projects makes a more assertive World Bank role in Iraq more imperative.

State Department officials are confident that the bank will become increasingly active now that Iraqi political authority has been restored. For legal reasons, the bank role in Iraq was sharply restricted beforehand.

The bank's ties with Iraq also should pick up once its international credit is restored, a step wealthy countries

are expected to take at a meeting before the year's end. Iraq is now eligible for low-interest World Bank loans but has not applied for any.

Despite the constraints, the bank has trained more than 600 Iraqi civil servants in key ministries, the spokesman said. In addition, a \$60 million school rehabilitation project is in the works as well as a \$55 million private sector development project.

The bank also manages a trust fund into which donor countries have contributed more than \$350 million.

While disputing Kirk on several points, Mallaby agrees that the bank help for Iraq might have been deliberately unhurried because of the influence of some European "shareholders" in the bank which have opposed U.S. policy toward Iraq all along.

"The United States was giving the World Bank a green light while several European governments were giving it a red one. That's why the bank was slow," Mallaby says.

Yemeni judge sentences two men to death

BY AHMED AL-HAJ

Associated Press Writer

SAN'A, Yemen — A Yemeni judge sentenced two men to death and four others to prison terms ranging from five to 10 years Wednesday for orchestrating the 2000 suicide bombing of the USS Cole, an attack blamed on Osama bin Laden's terror network.

Saudi-born Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, who is in U.S. custody at an undisclosed location, and Jamal al-Badawi, a 35-year-old Yemeni, were both sentenced to death for plotting, preparing and involvement in the bombing, which killed 17 U.S. sailors as their destroyer refueled in the southern Yemeni port of Aden.

Al-Nashiri, believed to be the mastermind of the Oct. 12, 2000, bombing, was the only one of the six defendants not in the heavily guarded court to hear the sentences. The other five defendants are all Yemenis.

"This verdict is an American one and unjust," al-Badawi yelled from behind the bars of a courtroom cell after Judge Najib al-Qaderi sentenced him to death. "There are no human rights in the world, except for the Americans. All the Muslims in the world are being used to serve American interests."

The United States announced al-Nashiri's arrest in 2002. He was detained in the United Arab Emirates and transferred to American custody.

U.S. officials believe he is a close associate of Saudi-born bin Laden, who is believed to have masterminded the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Al-Nashiri is also suspected of helping direct the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

U.S. Embassy officials in Yemen could not be reached for comment on how the ruling would affect al-Nashiri's detention. Four American officials attended the sentencing but refused to comment.

The six men were all charged with belonging to al-Qaida and playing various roles in the attack on the Cole, which was carried out by suicide bombers Ibrahim al-Thawr and Hasaan al-Khamri, who went by the alias of Abdullah al-Misawa. The two Yemenis rammed an explosives-laden boat into the destroyer.

Al-Qaderi sentenced Fahd al-Qasa to 10 years in jail for filming the bombing, which left a gaping hole in the side of the destroyer, which was later repaired and returned to service.

Maamoun Msouh received an eight-year prison term for delivering money used in preparing and executing the attack and playing a close role in assisting al-Badawi.

Ali Mohamed Saleh and Murad al-Sirouri were both sentenced to five years in prison for forging identification documents for al-Khamri.

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NATIONAL

Monorail mess the latest snag in Seattle’s mass transit

BY ELIZABETH M. GILLESPIE
 Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE — Visions of a slick, elevated train gliding over streets choked with traffic wooed a razor-thin majority of city voters to pass the Seattle Monorail initiative two years ago.
 Now the \$1.6 billion project is on a collision course with another ballot measure to kill it — the latest snag in the city’s tortured dreams to get wheels off roads and people into anything that moves on rails.
 “Green Line” enthusiasts have vowed to fight the recall measure in the run-up to the Nov. 2 election and in court if it prevails, while backers of Initiative 83 say, “Bring it on!”
 “It’s certainly tiring,” said Peter Sherwin, co-chairman of the campaign to defeat I-83. “No matter what the plan is, there is always going to be a coalition of ‘no’ that can mount a protest. It’s frustrating in a larger sense as a Seattle resident to see this kind of nattering negativity and ongoing obstruction. Can we ever get anything done?”
 That’s a question this region’s eco-friendly masses have been asking themselves for decades — long before

the highways got clogged with commuters.
 Critics of the Green Line, the first of five planned monorail lines, balk at the steep tax bite required to build it and say the project is better suited to an amusement park than a city trying to ease gridlock.
 “It’s just a pet project being rammed down our throats by a few interested people,” said Liv Finne, co-chairwoman of the Monorail Recall campaign, an effort bankrolled largely by a commercial property developer who owns buildings along the proposed route.
 Most U.S. cities with mass transit systems built them long before streets got crowded. Seattle is trying to do it with roughly twice the number of people living in the region as there were 30 years ago.
 “In Seattle, because we’re doing it backwards ... it’s more cumbersome,” said Anne Levinson, the Seattle Monorail Project’s deputy director.
 Mass transit in Seattle began with a horse-drawn rail line in 1884, which gave way to a network of cable cars and electric streetcars, then “interurban” trains that ran south to Tacoma and north to Everett.
 But as cars became cheaper and more popular, people started hitting the highways instead of piling onto trains. After Interstate 5 was completed between Everett and

Tacoma in the 1960s, the first Puget Sound Regional Transportation Plan favored new highways and roads over mass transit. In the next few years, King County voters twice rejected extensive rail systems.
 As population boomed and traffic slowed in the 1990s, voters in the region created Sound Transit, which promised a network of express buses, heavy-rail commuter trains and light-rail transit aimed at easing some of the worst traffic choke-points.
 But financial problems forced the agency to scale back the light-rail line, galvanizing critics who said taxpayers weren’t getting what they were promised. The agency hopes to have the line running by 2009.
 Meanwhile, voters in Seattle itself approved the monorail at the 2002 election. The 14-mile line will course through some of the city’s most liberal, transit-happy neighborhoods, a different set of areas than the choke-points targeted by Sound Transit.
 Although the line will run along bus routes that carry more than 30,000 people every day. Monorail backers pooh-pooh buses as clunky, exhaust-spewing behemoths that get stuck at red lights — just like SUVs only with more people in them.
 Levinson concedes that the region has a host of pressing transportation needs — perhaps more pressing than building a pretty elevated train on streets that are usually less jammed than the highways outside the city.
 But there’s no sense in waiting for other problems to be solved first, she argued. “We could sit around and wait for decades and say something else is higher priority,” she said, “and nothing would get done.”
 Back in the mid-1990s, hard-core monorail proponents touted elevated trains riding high above the traffic jams as the sleekest, most elegant solution to the city’s transit troubles — much better than the light rail in Sound Transit’s plan.
 “It’s the idea of having in essence an elevated subway, something that lets you see and get the view and the excitement of travel ... without getting stuck in traffic,” Sherwin said.
 Monorail officials insist that having a single track on the outer two miles of each end of the line won’t slow the trains down because they’ll be able to pull off onto side tracks, allowing the trains to pass each other if needed.
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Two charged with arson in ecoterrorism fires

BY MARK THIESSEN
 Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Federal officials have charged two Utah men with setting fires in the name of ecoterrorists.
 U.S. Attorney Paul Warner said prosecutors had expected both men to enter guilty pleas on Tuesday to destruction of property by fire, but both had their appearances continued.
 Justus A. Ireland, 23, of Midvale, has been charged with arson in connection with a June 14 fire at Stock Lumber Co. in West Jordan.
 Damage was estimated at \$1.5 million, and the letters “ELF,” standing for the Earth Liberation Front, were spraypainted at the scene. He is scheduled to appear in court Oct. 26.
 A second man accused in a separate fire claimed by ecoterrorists also appeared in court Tuesday.
 Joshua Demmitt, 18, of Provo, also faces an arson count for a blaze at a Brigham Young University farm building in Provo that caused about \$30,000 damage.
 Harrison David Burrows, 18, of Provo, pleaded guilty earlier this month to federal arson charges in the same fire. His faces five to 20 years in prison when he is sentenced Jan. 10.
 The letters “ALF,” thought to stand for the Animal Liberation Front, were spraypainted at the scene on July 8.
 Demmitt’s lawyer asked and was granted a delay in his appearance.
 Warner said the two fires were not connected, but the arrest of all three men should serve as a warning to others.

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Rising fuel prices may pose liability for Bush

BY TOM RAUM

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — If fuel prices keep rising or even stay at their present high levels through Election Day, they could serve as a potent reminder to voters that the U.S. economy is not in such great shape.

And that could pose problems for President Bush just as polls show him narrowing the gap with rival John Kerry on his weakest issue, handling the economy.

Political analysts suggest any sustained oil price shock could undercut those gains and work against Bush's fragile lead in polls over the Massachusetts senator. In the extreme, it could trigger a recession.

Crude oil topped the psychological milestone of \$50 per barrel on Tuesday. Instability in Iraq, political unrest in Nigeria and damage to U.S. production from hurricanes were all blamed.

And while some analysts said the price was not sustainable and should soon fall, others suggested the opposite.

"There have been an awful lot of such events," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard and Poor's in New York. "And when you have a new special factor every week, you have to wonder how special the factors are."

"The basic fact is that oil supplies are getting tight and there's not room for things to go wrong," Wyss said. "And the higher prices are becoming a significant drag on the economy."

Bush and Kerry remained out of sight as they rehearsed for Thursday's first presidential debate. But their surrogates were busy spinning the oil price surge.

Treasury Secretary John Snow called it a "short-term phenomenon. ... This \$50 price is the result of an anomalous set of circumstances."

"The uncertainties are feeding speculation and that speculation is driving prices higher than something that is supportable," Snow said, telling an audience of business leaders in Reno, Nev., that oil prices will recede.

The administration last week agreed to lend 1.7 million barrels of oil from the government's Strategic Petroleum Reserve to two refiners running short because of Hurricane Ivan, and broadly hinted it might be willing to make more crude available from the stockpile.

Such an announcement — with its political overtones less than six weeks before a presidential election — normally could be expected to help ease oil prices. But they rose instead.

While the hurricane season should be over by Election Day, production in the Gulf of Mexico restored and tankers able to deliver their cargo, "That's not going to have any immediate positive impact on prices," said Robert Ebel, an energy expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

Ebel said foreign oil will have to be used to replace drawn-down inventories at U.S. oil companies "for some time." He also said "continued sabotage and looting in Iraq is going to keep oil production and exports down."

The real crunch is likely to come at the beginning of the winter heating season, he noted.

But that's after Election Day.

Bush's approval rating on handling the economy had gone as low as 43 percent in May in an Associated Press-Ipsos poll. It's now at 53 percent.

The Bush and Kerry camps are blaming each other for the high prices.

"You know they said that the price of a barrel of oil would be about \$27. It's now over \$50," Democratic vice presidential nominee John Edwards told a town hall meeting in Pittsburgh.

"This is not a complicated thing," Edwards said, noting "long, deep ties" of Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney "with big oil companies and the Saudi royal family."

"What are the odds that George Bush and Dick Cheney are ever going to move America toward energy independence? It will never happen. It will not happen

while they are in office," Edwards said.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan, briefing reporters in Crawford, Texas, mostly blamed "Senate Democrats, including Senators Kerry and Edwards."

They "have continued to block efforts to pass a comprehensive energy plan ... so that we can reduce our dependence on foreign sources of energy," McClellan said.

The energy legislation McClellan referred to was opposed not just by Democrats but by some leading Republicans as well, including Sens. John McCain of Arizona, Trent Lott of Mississippi and Judd Gregg of New Hampshire, who is helping Bush prep for his debate with Kerry.

"Every time gas prices or oil prices hit new highs, they pull out this energy bill," said Kerry campaign spokesman Phil Singer. "It's bad legislation that provides huge giveaways to oil companies and special interests."

Meanwhile, McClellan said the administration is keeping "a close eye" on rising oil prices "that could create more of a headwind as the economy moves forward." And it's certain they're keeping close track over at the Bush-Cheney campaign headquarters as well.

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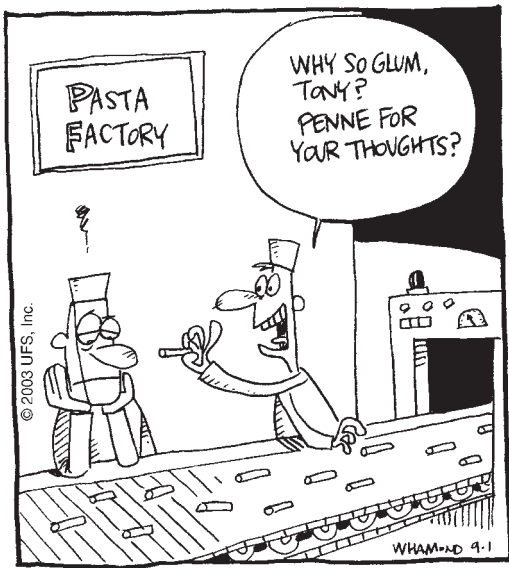
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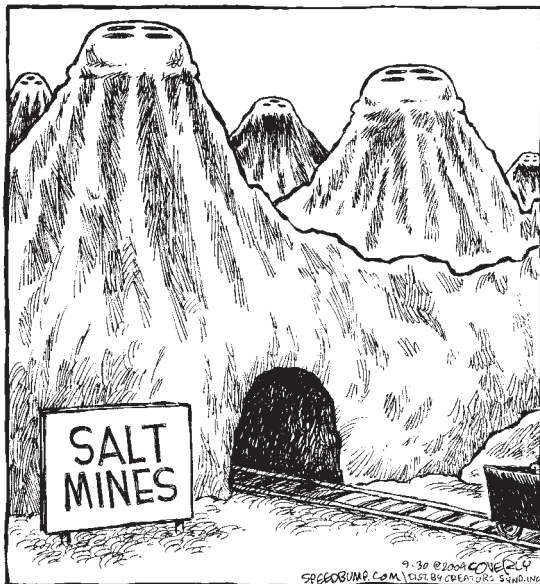
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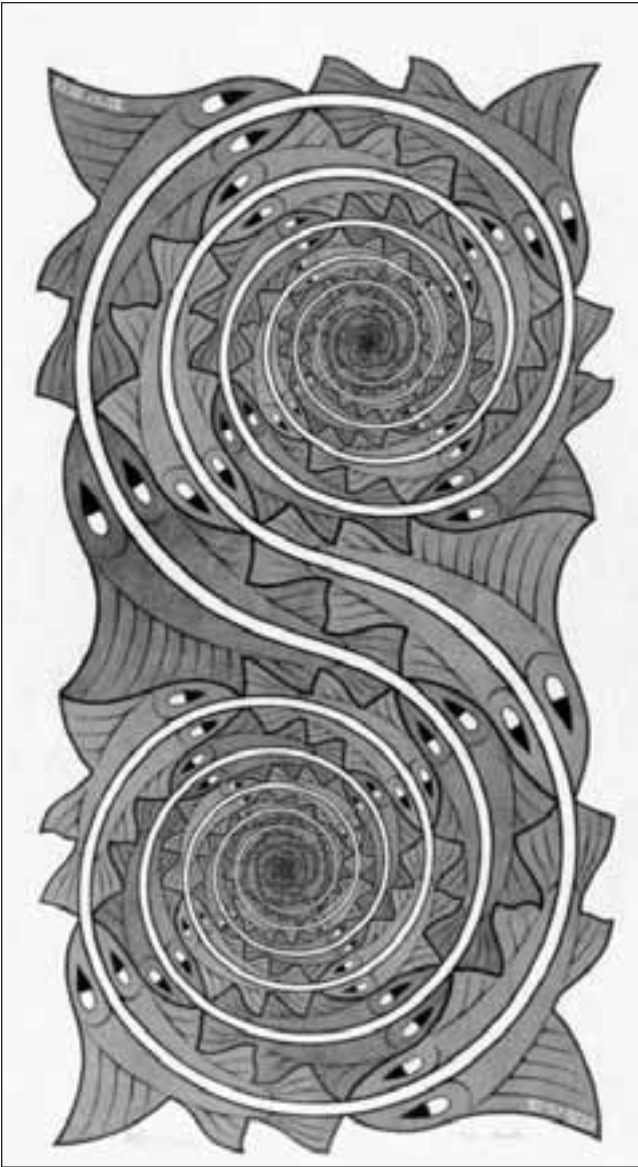
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Trekkies beam down upon small Iowa farm town

By The Associated Press

RIVERSIDE, Iowa — Riverside has been “punk’d” by William Shatner, aka “Star Trek” Capt. James T. Kirk, and Spike TV.

Riverside considers itself the “future birthplace” of Capt. Kirk, commander of the starship USS Enterprise in the ‘60s “Star Trek” series. The town holds an annual TrekFest, which includes a parade with people dressed as “Star Trek” characters and public showings of the “Star Trek” episodes.

Shatner had been shooting scenes in Riverside for what he said was a low-budget, sci-fi movie titled, “Invasion Iowa.”

On Tuesday night, he invited residents to view scenes that he’d been directing in and around town for a week.

Shatner thanked some 800 people who turned out for the gathering and then revealed the filming had been for a new reality show on Spike TV about a small town playing host to a Hollywood film shoot. The show is set to debut next year.

“Everything in front of and behind the cameras was faked,” Shatner said. “The only thing that was real is the love we have for Riverside.”

Spike TV said in a statement Wednesday that a crew of producers, writers and actors had spent more than a year planning the “carefully crafted” hoax.

“It’s hard to imagine any undertaking more audacious, hair-raising and ultimately rewarding than what we just finished in Riverside,” said producer Paul Wernick.

Shatner announced that he and his co-producers were donating \$100,000 to the city to be used for community projects. The cast and crew also passed the hat and collected \$12,000 for the Riverside Elementary School Book Fund.

Mike Hanson, who had been hired as an extra, said he and his fellow actors had been suspicious about the project.

“It was too cheesy to be real,” Hanson said after Shatner’s announcement. “If it was really a movie, we’d be more scared of how bad it was.”

NEW YORK — Celebrity chef Rocco DiSpirito, who rose to national prominence in the reality TV series “The Restaurant” only to see the venture dissolve in legal acrimony with his partners, is leaving his other restaurant.

As of next week, DiSpirito, 37, will step down as executive chef at Union Pacific, the Gramercy Park restaurant where he first gained notoriety after it opened in 1997, DiSpirito and his partners said Tuesday. The restaurant will close at the end of the year.

DiSpirito said he intends to focus on opportunities outside the restaurant world.

“I found my culinary soul at Union Pacific and my collaboration with Main Street Restaurant Partners has been a great experience for me,” DiSpirito said in a statement.

NBC chronicled the opening of Rocco’s 22nd Street, where DiSpirito’s mother became known for her meatballs, for two seasons. There has been an ongoing legal dispute among DiSpirito and owners Jeffrey Chodorow and China Grill Management, and the restaurant closed last week.

Chodorow’s group had sued DiSpirito in February over alleged mismanagement and financial losses. In July, DiSpirito was barred from the kitchen by a court order.

TORONTO — One of the biggest role models from the “I don’t care” era has done a complete 180-degree turn.

Using their famous three-chord melodies, the spiky-haired trio Green Day have been lambasting President George W. Bush.

“It was a little hipper to be apathetic (back then),” says singer-guitarist Billie Joe Armstrong. “Right now,

it’s more about facing danger. That’s what growing up is all about.”

However, their new album, “American Idiot,” isn’t all about politics. It was written with a narrative, making it a “punk opera” of sorts. The central character is a rebellious teen named Jesus of Suburbia.

“It’s about a kid that is trying to find his beliefs and his ethics, coming from a broken home, being fed up with his hometown and his local 7-11,” said Armstrong, who still circles his eyes with black eyeliner.

All three members of Green Day say writing their new album was the toughest project they’ve faced in 15 years together.

“We were up to the challenge. We’re probably the best Green Day-type band there is out there,” said bassist Mike Dirnt, referring to the dozens of neo-punksters who have mimicked the band’s signature sound.

Armstrong said the album’s cultural criticism was spawned from channel-surfing these last few years.

“Reality television meets news and war ... tanks going into Baghdad with splashes of Viagra commercials in between. I was just so confused about what was going on. It comes from that standpoint,” he said.

Why the sudden interest in politics?

“It’s unavoidable. Being in the United States right now, what’s been going on the past couple of years ...” Armstrong said with a shrug.

Drummer Tre Cool added that it’s important for those in the public eye to make their opinions known.

However, band members don’t want to be labeled as activists. Instead, Armstrong said, Green Day is just continuing a long tradition of teaching through music.

“I’ve gotten most of my education through music whether it’s the Dead Kennedys or Clash records or just something like the Replacements,” he said. “Music can make a difference in people’s lives. It’s not just there for entertainment.”

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