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3rd Place: 11, Money Bags
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

■ Police in Avon Park, Fla., charged April Marie Brown, 28, with criminal mischief after she allegedly, at the direction of her son, 12, drove him and a pal around town on a Saturday night as the kids vandalized 11 stop signs, doing more than \$1,000 damage.

■ In September, according to Wichita Falls, Texas, police, Joann Rubio, 31, drove her pickup truck alongside a truck driven by a 19-year-old man, so that her 16-year-old son in the passenger seat could shoot the man; he was hit once, and mother and son were later arrested.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A terrible thing happened last night — nothing."

— Phyllis Diller



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City Hall to rule on rent hikes

Three appeals go before rent control board tonight

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

For the first time since a new housing law was passed in March, the rent control board is expected to decide tonight whether a handful of tenants actually live in their apartments.

If the tenants are holding onto the rent-controlled units as vacation homes or for use as office space, the new law allows landlords to raise their rents to market value.

Since March, 117 cases have been filed by landlords with City Hall, according to Santa Monica Rent Control Board spokeswoman Tracy Condon. Under the law, landlords shoulder the burden to prove tenants are not using units as their main residences.

Of the cases filed, 29 were dismissed because the landlords failed to establish a strong enough basis for the case to proceed. Another 11 rent hikes were immediately granted

because the tenants didn't contest them and more than 50 cases are waiting to be heard by a hearing officer.

But 20 cases already have been ruled on. Of those, 13 were found in favor of the landlords and seven were found in

favor of the tenants. For Robert and Jan Bisno, who rent a penthouse apartment in the Shores at 2800 Nielson Way, \$3,831 each month is hanging in the balance.

Robert Bisno is an attorney and prominent local real estate

"There hasn't been any further outcry from the tenants one way or the other."

— ALLAN GOLAD

Director of property management,
Douglas Emmett & Co.

investor who, according to city documents, lives in an exclusive enclave of Beverly Hills, as well as in the rent-controlled place in Santa Monica. Though rent for his two-bedroom, two-bath apartment at the Shores is set at \$1,064 under rent control, comparable apartments command \$4,895 on the open market.

Douglas Emmett & Co., which owns the Shores, filed the case against the Bisnos earlier this year. On May 28, Bisno and his attorney, Andrew Zanger, sat

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School bathrooms a messy situation

Samohi students say they'd rather 'hold it' than use facilities

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer



John Wood/Daily Press

Parents, students and administrators agree: The bathrooms at Samohi need some help. A task force is working on it.

Despite the stink raised last year over the dirty bathrooms at Santa Monica High School, students on Wednesday said the situation hasn't improved.

"I just went to the bathroom and they still suck just as much," said Samohi junior Dan Miller. "Evidently, nobody knows how to flush — and their aim is horrible. It gets to the point where I'd rather be in serious pain, holding it, than use the bathroom during school."

The bathrooms have for years drawn fire from students and parents, who complain stall locks are broken, graffiti is painted on the walls, soap and paper towels are absent, and feces regularly adorn the walls.

Prompted into action by a string of stink bomb attacks, concerned parents in February of 2002 formed a task force to focus on the bathrooms at Samohi. They said they won't rest until the administration keeps the bathrooms well-stocked and cleaned every day.

Administrators said Wednesday they are working toward that goal but admitted there is plenty of room for improvement. House principal Greg Runyon, who

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Del Pastrana/Daily Press

Part of the cleanup money will go toward installing anti-pigeon netting under the Santa Monica Pier.

Millions to flow into the SM Bay

Plan should make it cleaner, more swimmable

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

A new bill signed by Gov. Gray Davis last week is designed to pump \$20 million into cleaning up Santa Monica Bay and diverting the pollution that makes people sick.

The bill, introduced by Assemblywoman Fran Pavley, allows at least \$20 million from Proposition 50 to be directed into the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission.

Prop. 50 passed last November and will fund billions of dollars for water-related projects throughout California. It allows the state to spend the money first and holds the Legislature responsible for paying back the bonds, said Craig Perkins, the director of environmental and public works at City Hall.

The commission's restoration plan identified nearly 250 different actions, 74 of which are priorities, that address critical problems such as storm water and urban runoff, pollution, habitat loss and

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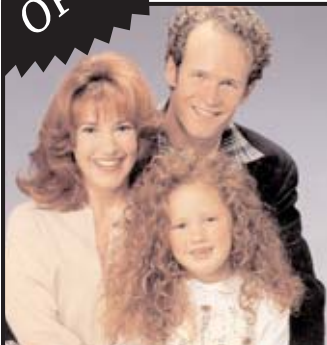
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, October 2, 2003:

Use your intuition, and you'll come out way ahead. Sometimes a boss or some other authority figure rains on your parade. How you take his or her attitude can make or break a situation. Your career becomes very important, but so does your personal life. Can you juggle the two? Be more in touch with what will make you happy. If you are single, you could manifest a tendency to get involved with those who are not really emotionally available. Look at what is happening and evaluate whether you really want a relationship at all. The opportunity to have one that will be special will come forward in late 2004. If you are attached, you need to schedule more private time together if you want your relationship to flourish. A new home or perhaps a new addition will add to the quality of your life. CAPRICORN pressures you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Take charge at work, especially if you want to get through a project. You have the energy to get to the finish line. Pressure often builds when you see ineptitude. A family member lets you know how much he or she misses you. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Keep reaching out for answers, whether it is surfing the Net or making calls to experts. Though some of the information might be contrary to your expectations, you will make better decisions as a result. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Work closely with an associate. You don't need to feel challenged by what others say. Remain secure. Ultimately, you will make the right choice at the right time. Be extremely careful when dealing with your finances. Tonight: Two have a better time than one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Defer to others at the present moment. How you see what is going on might be very different from someone else's perspective. Listen, but don't feel challenged by what comes down your path. Work with others. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Remember that this is a peak year financially. The trick is not to spend money before it comes in. Also, making a financial plan might be very helpful. Tension builds when someone has a very different idea from yours. Learn to weigh the pros and cons. Tonight: Soak away stress in a bubble bath.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Your newfound playful way attracts many. Remember to keep your friendships and relationships clear, making sure both parties understand what type of connection you have between you. A friend might let you down. Tonight: Start the weekend early. You need a break.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your imagination comes out. Although you might not have intended to share your inner thoughts, others run with your ingenuity and create even better ideas. Examine a boss' statement carefully before reacting. Tonight: Burn the candles at both ends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You are going strong, whether you realize it or not. As the result of a meeting, associates support you in various choices. Though someone might play devil's advocate, you're heading in the right direction. Survey opinions, but know that ultimately it is your call. Tonight: Say "yes."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Making money is a noble cause. Take charge of your work, and others seem to naturally follow you. You might be overly tired and pushed by one particular person. Examine your options. Walk away from negativity. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your personality melts barriers, except with that one important person in your life. Detach some from the immediate goings-on, and you'll find solutions. A boss might think he or she knows the answers. Now, now, be diplomatic. Tonight: You're top dog.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Continue to maintain a low profile with your dealings. You might not be comfortable with this role, but ultimately, you will gain. An associate or several friends share important information. Keep a secret a secret. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might seem a bit amazing to others, as you take a strong stand and what you say might be contrary to your norm. You are gaining a new vision of what someone close, as well as what associates, desire. You're reflecting this view. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

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LOCAL

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC offers lecture series on scientific matters

By Daily Press staff

The local college is offering residents a chance to learn about complex subjects in simple terms.

The latest treatments for prostate cancer will be the topic of the kick-off talk today for Santa Monica College's 2003 "Distinguished Scientists Lecture Series," a free series of talks designed for lay audiences.

"Novel Antineoplastic Agents in Prostate Cancer" is the title of the talk by Dr. David B. Cooke III, the chair of the biology department at Morehouse College in Atlanta. Cooke is an award-winning professor and researcher who has presented throughout the country, and is the author of many scientific articles.

The lecture will begin at 11:15 a.m. in lecture hall 145 of the SMC science complex, 1900 Pico Blvd.

The other topics of the lecture series are:

■ Thursday, Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. — Galaxy, Star, Planet, Life — The NASA Origins Program, by Dr. Alan Dressler, astronomer and member of the scientific staff of the Observatories of the Carnegie Institution of Washington in Pasadena. His talk will be in the science lecture hall 140.

■ Thursday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. — Spirit and Opportunity on Mars, by Dr. Albert F.C. Haldemann, deputy project scientist for the Mars Exploration Rover 2003 Project at the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena. His talk will be in the science lecture hall 140.

The lecture series is sponsored by the SMC Associates, a private organization that raises funds for speakers and special events on campus. For information, call (310) 434-4003.

Fitness guru leads off 'Memory Walk'

By Daily Press staff

Sonki Hong, founder of Sonki Fitness, has been selected to lead thousands of people during the warm-up session for Saturday's Alzheimer's Association's Memory Walk at USC.

Memory Walk takes place in more than 500 communities nationwide and since 1989 has raised more than \$120 million. It is the largest fund-raising event for Alzheimer's disease.

"Alzheimer's disease affects over 4 million Americans and many things about the disease remain a mystery," said Hong, a master fitness trainer certified through the U.S. Military Academy. "I'm honored to be part of this wonderful event that raises money to help those with this disease, their families and caregivers."

Some of the celebrity hosts of Memory Walk include: David Hyde Pierce (Frasier); Shelley Fabares (Coach); Steve Edwards (KTTV's Good Day LA and Memory Walk emcee); Victor Garber (Alias); Hector Elizondo (Chicago Hope) and Sharon Lawrence (NYPD Blue).

The Sonki Fitness Team, who recently raised the most amount of money by any team at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life race in Santa Monica, will try to match that feat again at Memory Walk.

In addition to his five World Fitness championships, Hong is a top graduate in physical fitness from West Point, a Presidential Fitness Award recipient and an Academic All American. He has trained at the U.S. Air Assault School, where he graduated at the top of his class with distinguished honors, the U.S. Airborne School and the U.S. Army Intelligence School.

"We are thrilled that Sonki will be with us to help prepare and motivate the walkers for our signature event," said Pam Kile, Memory Walk team coordinator.

To register for Memory Walk, visit www.alzla.org/mw or call (323) 930-6228. Or, send the \$30 registration fee to Alzheimer's Association L.A. Memory Walk, P.O. Box 828, Rialto, Calif., 92377 along with your name, address, city, state, zip and daytime phone number. Everyone who raises \$50 or more receives a Memory Walk T-shirt. Late registration is available at the walk.

Sonki Fitness is a Santa Monica fitness company with one basic goal in mind: To get people in the best shape of their life. It offers a variety of fitness programs including individual and group training, boot camp classes, corporate training and fitness vacation packages.

The old combo of S and SW swells continues to weaken going into the second half of the week. As they do, a new shot of fair size S will fill in, unfortunately missing most area breaks. Still, there's a persistent NW wind swell with smaller surf out there.

OUTLOOK: The first storm of the winter will hit us Friday and build into Saturday, setting up chest-high plus waves. Also, there will be some pulses from the S and SW over the weekend and there is a tropical storm setting up we should know more about soon.

Get stoked on an epic sesh? Get burned by a bad report? Write us at wood@smdp.com and tell us what the surf is doing today at your local break.

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SUNDAY	4:53	1.0	5:48	0.0	11:07	6.1	N/A	N/A
MONDAY	5:26	1.6	6:49	0.1	12:01	4.5	11:46	6.1
TUESDAY	6:02	2.2	8:04	0.3	1:11	3.9	12:31	5.9
WEDNESDAY	6:47	2.8	9:37	0.3	2:54	3.4	1:32	5.6
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This week, Q-Line wants to know,

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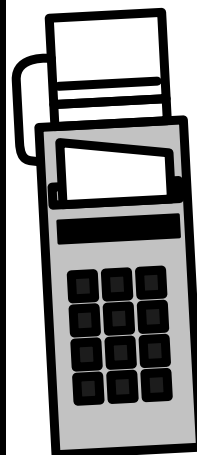
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LETTERS

PNA election an 'ambush' not a takeover

Editor:

I couldn't help but be compelled to write you in regard to the recent article about the Pico Neighborhood Association supposed "takeover." While I applaud the newspaper for covering local neighborhood events, I was disturbed by the amount of inaccuracies that were in the article. Having been a PNA member and one who supervised the election process along with Jim Reis, we were privy to the exact number of people who were elected, as well as those who ran in the election. There were 15 people running for election and nine available seats on the board. Six of those nine seats were incumbents. To which nine of the members that got newly elected, only seven were on the "slate" of the Mothers For Justice.

Bernice Onofre and Marc Sanschagrin were both elected independently in the election. Obviously the members on the slate had an objective which they achieved in part and not in whole. In fact, two of the members that were originally on their flyers as candidates withdrew and were not even on the ballot. They say they were motivated by the Jalonnie Carter murder ... if any of them had taken the time to attend the PNA meeting only three weeks prior to the assembly, they would have seen that the PNA had asked the police to attend the meeting to discuss the Jalonnie murder and what steps needed to be taken in the community. Second, the PNA had offered up a reward, plus a tips hotline to help in the investigation and the police asked that the PNA hold off 'till they followed up some "hot" leads.

The PNA has always had an open door policy and any number of those people could have attended the meetings and voiced their concerns, and even could have joined the PNA board if they had just only asked. All they truly did was ambush a local neighborhood election and in fact, cheat others who honestly went out and put forth the effort to get elected legitimately. Furthermore, they plan on doing a survey to gauge neighborhood concerns — nothing new — it's been an ongoing practice of the PNA for 23 years and one that not only sets the year's agenda, but one that was just recently completed. All you have to do to get your concerns on the PNA agenda is just attend a public meeting that is well advertised.

The funny thing about this situation was that they stormed the building when the door was wide open. Both the chair and vice-chair had wanted to step down and even spoke loudly about having new members and others take over the reins of the PNA. We asked them to stay. I, as well as other members, went out to the community to encourage people to the assembly, as well as encouraged new board membership because Don Gray and Peter Tigler were ready to step down, as well as two other board members. We encouraged new memberships and new board members — all you have to do is ask. If John Woods (sic) would have spoken to either PNA chairperson he would have realized that all the grandstanding and posturing about "takeover" was just that, grandstanding. This was not the "community" looking for a change, it was a select group who front loaded the elections and presented an agenda that is identical to the present PNA agenda, if not incredibly similar.

The best thing about this was watching Don Gray and Peter Tigler laughing, something they haven't been able to do, after a long time of fighting for the neighborhood they love so much.

The wolf is only as strong as the pack and the pack is only as strong as the wolf. We will see how the cubs fare.

Wes Terry
Board member, PNA

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"CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE?"

Q

If it is "treason" to reveal a nation's secrets... What do you call it when a nation reveals it's own secret agents?

A

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A recall goes out, Natalie Maynes, come on down

NEWS on the EDGE

By Ron Scott Smith



But seriously though, folks ... take my state ... please.

You're really going to do this on Tuesday, aren't you?

Talk about the muscle-bound bully kicking sand in the face of the 98-pound weakling? Have you ever seen a clearer real-life rendition of that parable? It's a sign of the belligerent times we've fallen upon in Bushamerica that most of us here in the late great progressive state of California appear to be taking the side of the bully in this mismatch. Once upon a kinder, gentler time, America loved the underdog.

This thing has been so stacked against Gray Davis and he's been so slurred, slandered, belittled and berated, that you almost have to do a double-take to recognize him as the guy who just won the real statewide election, convincingly, a measly 10 months ago. And, oh yeah, one of the two, and guess which one — the bully or the weakling — won a bronze star while serving his country as a captain in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. "This is hand-to-hand combat, this is war now," is what Arnold has been saying to fire up his minions in the final push toward rip-off Tuesday, talking the tough guy talk. The

other guy — the 98-pound weakling — actually walked that walk.

You're really going to do this on Tuesday aren't you?

Brawn over brain. Hummer over hybrid. Smoke and mirrors over clean air and solar panels. Well, have at it, California. You get to dump a twice-elected governor and you'll show them who's boss and who's working for who, right? Who exactly you're showing and what exactly they're working for, somebody tell me fast. This is the sorriest joke to come down the Golden State Freeway in a very long time, so go ahead and write your own punchline.

Here's mine. It's the futon, stupid. Rimshot, please. It folds out into a very comfortable sleeping space in the dining area and is hereby offered up to, oh, let's say W.J. Clinton just for kicks. Remember him? Come on over, Bill, and establish residency. It's humble but it's home. Because if I have this thing pegged right, either Larry Flynt or the California Indian Nation (who are suddenly right up there at the top of the Schwarzenistas' hit-list for having the nerve to try to influence politics with money like their conquerors have been doing for time immemorial) or somebody somewhere with a few million in play money like Issa had, is about to get the same out-of-work signature gatherers at the same K-Mart and Ralphs, this time targeting the soon-to-be disgruntled Democrats who happen to be in the clear majority in this state. Eight hundred thousand autographs on those clipboards is all you need and there we're going to go again. This time the Dems get to throw

everything but the kitchen sink against the incumbent and this time they get to be the scorned, pissed off, activated masses, and this time — if I read it right — this time it's ... hello Governor Clinton. Or — so as not to break the starstruck mood this state is apparently in — how about hello Governor Sheen, or hello Governor Maynes, as in Natalie, and you knew I had to get the true modern-day-heroine Dixie Chicks in here somehow. Come on down, Mr. ex-president, or Mr. TV president, or Ms. Country-soon-to-be-Rock Singer. Enjoy the ocean breeze. A state cries out to you. Govern this.

You're really going to do this on Tuesday, aren't you?

But if you're really going to do this you better have an answer to this question, because I don't and it's troubling. Why has every extreme right-wing radio and TV talking-head party hack from Hannity to O'Reilly, Limbaugh, Prager, Medved, Scarborough, et al., butted into California's business and joined hands to sing "We Shall Overcome" with the candidate who stands directly opposite them on nearly every one of their issues of social significance? These same kings of the arch-conservative airwaves have viciously attacked every Hollywood actor or singer who dared dive into the political arena to voice opposition during the mad roll-up to the great unprovoked and bottomless war. They were saying then, and are still saying in unison, "Who do these idiotic Hollywood spoiled brats think they are to express an opinion about real life? Shut up and sing." Which just happens to be the title of the latest lib-

eral-bash by the newest of the scary blonde conservative femme fatale media celebrities — not Anne Coulter — but Laura Ingram this time, and that book title tells you how they view Hollywood types sticking their nose into politics.

But it's all different now with Arnold. They fawn over him. Hannity has actually broadcast his three-hour daily nationwide show from Schwarzenegger rallies and do you smell Karl Rove around here like I think I do? Poor Tom McClintock. All he did was stand as the truest, purest and smartest pillar of their ideology, only to be shunned like he was a leper in their mass sell-out to get a governor with an "R" behind his name.

Governor Arnold — as he will be called starting Wednesday — has already clumsily opened up America's oldest and deepest wound, and he's not even in yet. The Indians aren't taking kindly to his blasts at them, and wonder why he doesn't want his anti-tax mantra to apply to them or their sovereign reservations. David Running Horse, a Cheyenne who was visiting the state for the Thunder and Lightning nationwide tribal gathering near Palm Springs last week, peeled off his bandages and told the LA Times, "That man says he wants to tax the American Indian. Well, he better start paying us rent. This is our land. We didn't sell it. It was taken from us."

You're really going to do this on Tuesday aren't you?

(You know what Ron Scott Smith won't be doing on Tuesday. He can be reached at EdgeoftheWest@aol.com.)

OPINION

LETTERS

LETTERS, from page 4

Elected officials key to SMC's standards

Editor:

There has been discussion recently on the budget dilemma faced by Santa Monica College and on the topic of governance at community colleges, including at Santa Monica College. Here is some information that may contribute to the public understanding.

There is no such term as "shared governance" in state law. Governance for community colleges is defined at the state level in California's education and government codes and in Title V of the code of regulations. At the local level, governance is regulated by collective bargaining agreements, board of trustees policies and administrative regulations.

The term "shared governance" is used by community college administrators, faculty and staff to mean "participatory governance," which is an effort to seek out all the wisdom of the institution in order to make effective and well-informed decisions. All community colleges make liberal use of this principle in their day to day operations. The participatory governance process leads to recommendations to the superintendent/president and to decisions by the board of trustees.

The authority to make decisions rests exclusively with the board of trustees, who are elected locally by Santa Monica and Malibu voters to serve a term of four years. As a matter of policy, the board delegates the day to day operations to the superintendent/president, who administers these operations in well-defined ways: through a management structure, through a department chair structure that is exclusively faculty, and through various campus committees made up of representatives from each of the college's constituent groups, including students, the academic senate, the classified senate, administration, and the collective bargaining groups.

Here are a number of practices at Santa Monica College that speak to the routine adherence to participatory governance:

■ All decisions on the hiring of part-time faculty are made by college faculty and historically have been accepted by the administration without change. The board of trustees routinely approves these decisions each semester.

■ All recommendations on the hiring of full-time faculty are made by the academic senate and reviewed by a coordinating council, which is made up of all college constituencies, primarily faculty. The administration routinely accepts these recommendations without change and presents them to the board of trustees for approval.

■ All recommendations on new courses and prerequisites are made by the curriculum committee of the academic senate and reviewed by the coordinating council. The administration routinely accepts these recommendations without change, and modifies them only when there is a lack of internal consensus, and presents them to the board of trustees for approval.

During difficult budget times like the present, the college also forms a budget committee, made up of all the campus constituent groups, whose task is to make recommendations on achieving a balanced budget. Understandably, in the present instance, many of these recommendations included "borrowing" funds from one place or another to preserve the status quo. The board of trustees has the responsibility and the duty to make the final decisions on adopting a balanced budget.

In several areas, the board of trustees rejected budget recommendations that were proposed by a joint academic senate and faculty association ad hoc committee and subsequently endorsed in May 2003 by the budget committee:

■ We did not budget some proposed revenues that we have no possibility of receiving.
■ We rejected the budget committee recommendation to impose \$2,000,000 in wage and hour reductions for our classified employees. Our adopted budget reduced this figure to \$842,000.

Our final adopted budget included the loss of 14 percent of our administrative staff, 2 percent of our full-time faculty, 5 percent of our classified staff, and about 35 percent of our part-time teaching staff. I understand the pain these reductions bring to our employees and their families. These reductions are required to meet an impossible state budget shortfall. At Santa Monica College, we will receive less funding for each student, zero funding for growth and basic skills, and reduced income from our International Education program. We must also meet increased costs in health and retirement benefits and salary increases for our faculty as required by their contract.

As a long-time member of this community, I have seen many ups and downs for our schools and for the college. This past spring, our community came together to provide over \$9 million in new funding for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, saving 93 teaching positions. At the college, our savings must come from reductions.

Historically, that's how the college has always operated. We live within our means and reduce operations when we must.

As a result of this philosophy, we have perhaps the best community college in the nation in a community that is among the most involved of all. Thank you for the opportunity to report on these matters to you.

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Planning is done, now it's time to clean up bay

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degradation, and public health risks associated with seafood consumption and swimming near storm drain outlets.

"Santa Monica's environmental policies as a steward of the bay and our Assemblymember Fran Pavley are a perfect fit," said Santa Monica City Councilman Kevin McKeown. "The recall has spurred a bill-signing frenzy, and with the ink flowing free in Governor Davis' pen, I'm glad some of that flow is funds for our bay."

Money can now be funneled into local projects like cleaning up the most polluted beaches in the bay, and properly treating storm water at the city of Santa Monica's facility at Centinela Avenue and Pico Boulevard, said Mark Golds, president of Heal the Bay, a nonprofit organization dedicated to cleaning up Santa Monica Bay.

The project at Centinela, which is expected to cost more than \$1 million, will involve putting trash and debris filters underneath the street so garbage, grit and sediment won't flow through the storm drain into Ballona Creek, where it currently flows, Perkins said.

At the end of Wilshire Boulevard, city officials plan to install catch basins and screens to filter out debris from the busy street that ends up in the bay during dry weather months.

"We have a goal that no storm water should leave our boundaries into the ocean during the dry weather months,"

Perkins said. "We are trying to prevent runoff from getting to the ocean."

Santa Monica has five "outfall" storm drains that go straight into the ocean. The city of Santa Monica's goal is to ensure no debris goes directly into the bay.

"Ultimately, we will have all the drains that are in Santa Monica be either treated or diverted into the sewer," Perkins said.

About \$80 million will go into the "Clean Beach Initiative," which includes small projects near the Santa Monica Pier. Money will be spent on retrofitting the pier by placing netting underneath to contain the waste from thousands of pigeons that roost there, Golds said. The project also includes better containment of trash on the pier — like a mechanism that traps the waste originating from fishermen who clean fish there. Instead of it going straight into the Pacific Ocean, it will be put directly into a receptacle and transferred for treatment, Golds said. Trash cans on the pier will be better contained so seagulls can't dive in and pull out garbage that ultimately ends up in the bay.

Once the massive plan is completed, the bay should get a clean bill of health and the old saying of "Don't swim near the pipe," will be a thing of the past.

"It won't matter if you are swimming near an outlet if there is nothing coming out," Golds said.

The money also will go to restoring the Malibu watershed, Malibu Lagoon and properly treating storm water pollution in Ballona Creek.

"I applaud the governor for signing AB

866, which will result in funding of specific programs that will make the Santa Monica Bay a cleaner, healthier and more swimmable water body," Pavley said. "Our local economy is dependent on tourism dollars and we can't risk beach closures because of polluted coastal waters."

The bay commission includes local, state and federal agencies, elected officials, environmental groups, businesses, scientists and community residents to develop programs that improve the bay and surrounding watershed. The restoration plan was established in 1988 under the Clean Water Act's National Estuary Program. It was the first-ever comprehensive management plan to ensure the long-term health of the 266-square-mile bay

and its 400-square-mile watershed.

But the plan wasn't really developed and approved until 1994. However, there wasn't funding to bring many of the action plans to fruition.

"They've done a lot on the research side and cleaning up the beaches," Golds said. "Now the planning stage is done."

And the money is now available.

"We are at a very critical stage in the restoration of the bay with the authority, resources and plan to improve upon the progress we've made over the past 20 years," said Los Angeles City Councilmember Jack Weiss, who was recently named as the chair of the new bay commission.

Tenant to ask board for reduced rent tonight

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through a six-hour hearing with a hearing officer and Douglas Emmett officials. The Bisnos lost that hearing in an Aug. 1 ruling.

Even if an appeal has been filed, victorious landlords can raise the rent during the process. But before the higher rent can be charged, landlords must give a 30- or 60-day notice. The 60-day notice is required when the increase is more than 10 percent over what tenants already pay, according to rent control law.

Allan Golad, director of property management for Douglas Emmett, said the Bisnos were given a 60-day notice shortly after the ruling and their rent will be increased this month.

The rationale behind the new law was that rent control is intended to protect full-time residents by stabilizing their living expenses, but wasn't intended to subsidize the lifestyles of part-timers who don't need the protection. Some opponents, however, worry that the supply of

affordable units under rent control will dry up if rents continue to be taken to market levels.

When the housing law, called "3304," first came out in March, tenants gathered together with concerns that landlords would be overly aggressive in who they targeted. Those concerns gave way to worries that aggressive "big brother" tactics would be employed by landlords, who in some cases checked refrigerators for expired food items and reviewed security cameras to see if tenants were actually living in their units.

But recently, Golad said confusion over 3304 has quieted down.

"There hasn't been any further outcry from the tenants one way or the other," Golad said, adding that nearly all of the residents at the 532-unit Shores who will be pursued for rent hikes have already been notified. "Things have been really quiet. When it was new and everyone was unsure what was going on — all that has kind of died down."

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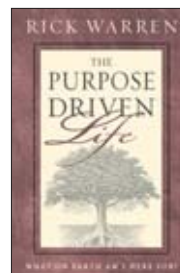
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Parents to meet with Santa Monica High School custodians today

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oversees the school's facilities, said the school is short two custodians this year because of budget cuts, leaving only two during the day and eight at night.

"Is it where I want it to be? No. Could it be better? Yes. Could the students help? Absolutely," said Runyon, who added that he plans to meet with parents and his custodial staff today to discuss the issue.

Runyon said the goal is to clean all 17 student bathrooms thoroughly each night but sometimes the custodians have to hurry to finish on time and occasionally one bathroom slips through the cracks or doesn't get the attention it deserves. He also said that although the bathrooms are almost always in good shape when the first school bell rings in the morning, by the end of the day they're sometimes filthy.



John Wood/Daily Press

Graffiti is one problem in Samohi bathrooms that doesn't appear to be getting better this year.

rooms, all five were unlocked and four of the bathrooms had toilet paper. The biggest problem appeared to be graffiti adorning the doors and mirrors. There also were piles of tissue and toilet seat covers on some bathroom floors and in many of the toilets.

Last March, a similar poll by the Daily Press found that many of the bathrooms were locked before the end of the day because students had urinated on the floor. Once allowed inside by a custodian, it was discovered the bathrooms were marred heavily with graffiti and litter had been left in toilets.

But despite the apparent progress, parent groups, administrators and students say there is still a lot of work to be done. And while the school addresses the issue, some students are feeling queasy over the state of the bathrooms they use every day.

"They're still pretty filthy," said Samohi sophomore Kasey Perkins. "There's, like, piss all around, Kleenex that's thrown around. It's just really, really messed up."

"Is it where I want it to be? No. Could it be better? Yes. Could the students help? Absolutely."

— GREG RUNYON
House principal,
Samohi

Inese Verzemnieks, the task force leader and the Parent Teacher Student Association's vice president of health and safety, said the basic requirement is that there be soap and toilet paper in every bathroom. Without those necessities, students won't feel respected and can't be expected to care for the bathrooms, Verzemnieks said.

A random check of five boys' bathrooms by the Daily Press on Wednesday showed some improvement over last year. While there was no soap in three of the bath-

Vehicle license fees to triple in Calif.

By The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — The state's higher vehicle license fee takes effect Wednesday, tripling the amount of money car owners pay to register their vehicles.

Millions of drivers will see their car fees increase, on average, from \$76 a year to \$234. The increase will raise \$4.2 billion this year that will flow to counties and cities for local services, including police and fire departments, elections, and health programs.

But local government officials said Tuesday that they're worried about how they'll pay for that if the high-

er fees are rolled back — a campaign promise of all the major candidates vying to replace Gov. Gray Davis if he is recalled.

Candidates promising to rollback the fee increase aren't being realistic, said Clancy Faria, president of the Peace Officers' Research Association of California, because they don't say where the more than \$4 billion in higher fees is going to come from.

Without the increase, or a stable source of revenue to replace it, local governments will have no choice but to lay off police, firefighters and support staffs in those areas, said Faria.

Anti-Schwarzenegger recall ads focus on casino stance

By The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — The state's newest political powerhouses are now in open battle with Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger, whose stance on tribal gambling is beginning to sound more like the man he wants to replace in next week's recall election, Gov. Gray Davis.

First Americans for a Better California is airing three new ads: one accusing Schwarzenegger of "untruthful attacks" on tribes' lawful participation in the political process; a second backing his major opponents, Democrat Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante and Republican state Sen. Tom McClintock; and a third touting tribes' good works.

The advertisements are in response to Schwarzenegger ads in which the Republican front-runner says it is time for tribes "to pay their fair share" of taxes, and accuses other candidates of pandering to tribes because of the \$120 million he says they have spent to influence state politics the last five years.

Tribes' participation in the recall election has topped \$11 million and is mounting by hundreds of thousands of dollars a day, making them the new top contributor in the California political process.

"Mr. Schwarzenegger has chosen to condemn our participation for his own political ends," says Mark Macarro, chairman of the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians, who is featured in all three of the ads.



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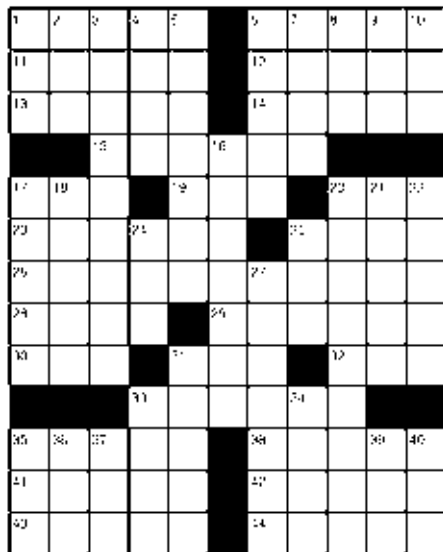
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Library Board Meeting

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

The Library Board will meet at the Montana Branch Library. This meeting is open to the public. 7 - 8 p.m. Montana Branch, 1704 Montana Ave. (310) 829-7081

Science lecture

As part of Santa Monica College's "Distinguished Scientists Lecture Series," Dr. David B. Cooke III will be speaking about "novel antineoplastic agents in prostate cancer. The lecture is free and open to the public, however seating is limited and provided on a first-come basis. The lecture will take place in the Science Lecture Hall, room 145, at 11:15 a.m. For

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Something Wicked This Way Comes

The Pandemonium Theatre Company presents a preview of Ray Bradbury's adaptation of his own novel about a sinister carnival. A must see for Bradbury enthusiasts. 8 p.m.
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Arts of Asia & Oceania

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My Life Without Me R - 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

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Anything Else R - 11:00a.m., 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50
The Fighting Temptations PG-13 - 11:15a.m., 2:00, 4:45, 7:35, 10:30
Lost in Translation R - 10:45a.m., 12:00 noon, 1:10, 2:30, 3:45, 5:00, 6:10, 7:45, 8:40, 10:20

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Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star PG-13 - 2:20, 4:45, 7:20, 9:40
Once Upon a Time in Mexico R - 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30
Pirates of the Caribbean PG-13 - 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:05
Seabiscuit PG - 2:10, 5:00, 8:15
Secondhand Lions PG - 2:00, 4:30, 7:05, 9:45
Step into Liquid (not rated) - 2:30, 5:15, 7:40, 9:55
Under the Tuscan Sun PG-13 - 1:40, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10

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1313 Third Street Promenade
Cold Creek Manor R - 1:15, 4:15, 7:20, 10:20
Duplex PG-13 - 12:00 noon, 2:00, 2:30, 4:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10
Matchstick Men PG-13 - 11:20a.m., 2:15, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30
The Rundown PG-13 - 11:00a.m., 1:45, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50
Underworld R - 11:55a.m., 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 9:25, 10:00

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Woman pleads guilty to stalking Jennifer Love Hewitt

By The Associated Press

■ **SAN DIEGO** — A former county social worker has pleaded guilty to stalking actress Jennifer Love Hewitt.

Diana Napolis of La Mesa was treated for mental illness after her arrest last November on charges of making death threats against the actress.

Napolis, 47, confronted Hewitt at a July 2000 appearance at a San Diego radio station. Court documents indicate that she also yelled "Murderer!" and "Killer!" at the actress outside the Kodak Theater in Hollywood last year.

As part of her plea Monday in Superior Court, Napolis agreed to stay away from Hewitt for 10 years. She faced up to six years in prison, but was scheduled to be released at her sentencing Oct. 28.

"She was under some stress at the time the incident occurred," said defense lawyer Robert Ford.

Napolis told The San Diego Union-Tribune last year that the 24-year-old Hewitt and director Steven Spielberg were part of a satanic conspiracy capable of "remotely manipulating my body via cybertronic technology." She was arrested after she sent an e-mail to the Web master of a Hewitt fan site.

"I plan on firing a gun at her heart and not missing," she wrote, according to court documents.

A Los Angeles judge ordered Napolis last year to stay away from Spielberg at the director's request. She also was prevented from entering the Los Angeles premiere of Hewitt's movie "The Tuxedo," which Spielberg's studio released.

■ **LONDON** — You can keep your Oscars and your Hollywood Walk of Fame — Michael Caine is more impressed with the blue plaque that now marks his birthplace.

The commemorative plaque is attached to the gatehouse which is all that remains of St. Olave's Hospital in south London.

"I've won a few awards in my life but this is by far

the greatest. Really I'm not saying this to flatter or flannel (kid) — this is absolutely unique," the 70-year-old actor said.

"I could get my star in the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Hollywood Boulevard but that doesn't mean anything. This is something I wouldn't miss in the world."

Caine has twice won Academy Awards for best supporting actor — for 1999's "The Cider House Rules" and 1986's "Hannah and Her Sisters." He was nominated four times for best actor: "The Quiet American" (2002), "Educating Rita" (1983), "Sleuth" (1972) and "Alfie" (1966).

Accompanied by his wife, Shakira, Caine arrived 30 minutes early for the ceremony so he could drive around his old neighborhood. St. Olave's Hospital has long been demolished; the gatehouse is all that's left.

Born into a working class family on March 14, 1933, and christened Maurice Joseph Micklewhite, Caine said he remains proud of his roots, and committed to British moviemaking.

"I make every film I can possibly make in the UK (but) there aren't many that come up," he said.

■ **LOS ANGELES** — If you walk down Hollywood Boulevard, now there's only one degree of separation between you and Kevin Bacon.

The actor received the 2,238th star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame Tuesday in front of the Ivar/Cinespace Nightclubs, where he and his sibling have performed music as The Bacon Brothers band.

Bacon, whose films include the ensembles "Animal House," "Diner," "JFK" and the upcoming "Mystic River," also is the subject of the parlor game "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon," a takeoff on "Six Degrees of Separation."

The trick is to connect anyone — usually an actor — to Bacon in only six steps. Marlon Brando is two degrees away: Brando starred in "The Score" with Robert De Niro, and De Niro played a conflicted priest opposite Bacon as a ruthless prison guard in "Sleepers."

Bacon told the crowd on Hollywood Boulevard that he

was grateful to have the support of his family, even though they didn't always understand his acting ambition.

"I had two great parents who didn't know anything about the movies, they never saw movies or went to the movies," the 45-year-old said. "They said if I wanted to be an actor, go pursue acting. I think it might be weird for my family who is here to watch their annoying little brother become a movie star. It's kind of a strange thing to deal with."

In "Mystic River," a story of revenge, violence and its aftermath directed by Clint Eastwood, Bacon plays a police detective who investigates when the teenage daughter of a childhood friend, played by Sean Penn, is murdered.

■ **LOS ANGELES** — The Grammy-winning Mexican rock group Mana will provide music and a little diplomacy on their latest U.S. tour.

The musicians were named goodwill ambassadors Tuesday for the United Nation's Food and Agricultural Organization and will donate \$1 from every ticket sold on the tour to the FAO and the band's wildlife reforestation group Selva Negra.

"Mana will help FAO's message to reach younger, active audiences in Latin America, the United States and Europe," said FAO director Jacques Diouf in a recorded statement at the group's press conference in Los Angeles.

Mana's lead singer, Fher Olvera, called the appointment "a great honor," and lauded the organization not only for feeding people around the world but for helping communities create their own food supplies.

The pop group, often referred to as Latin America's U2, also urged record companies and stores to lower the price of CDs so that fans "wouldn't be forced to buy bad quality, pirated copies."

The group, which begins its 18-city tour in Southern California this week, will release a greatest hits album in November.

Mana's "Revolucion de Amor," won a Latin Grammy this year for best rock album by a duo or group.

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