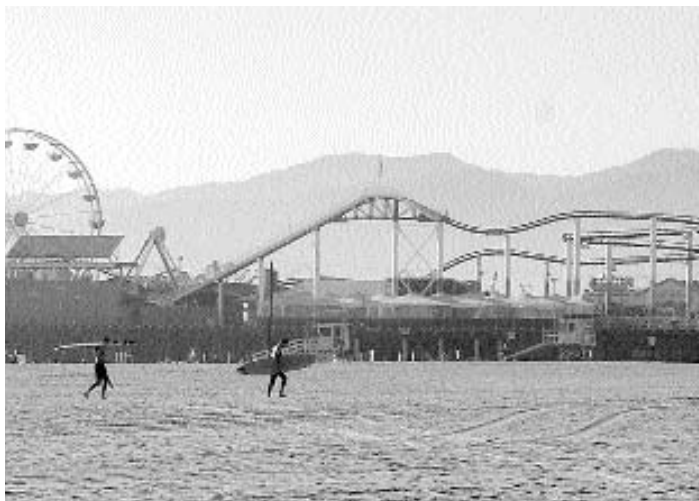


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Life's a beach



Surfers head back to the car just south of the Santa Monica Pier after a session in the water Monday afternoon. The beaches were fairly clear of recreationalists despite the warm weather.

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City council to debate homeless laws tonight

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica City Council tonight is expected to vote on two highly controversial laws designed to move homeless people out of the downtown area.

The city council postponed its vote on the proposed ordinances two weeks ago after they heard from hundreds of residents on the issue.

While the proposed ordinances were introduced to the council by city staff, they originated from a public safety committee spearheaded by the Bayside District Corp., which manages the downtown with local government.

For the past several months, Bayside has been trying to address complaints by some business owners and residents who are fed up with the anti-social and threatening behavior of transients in the downtown area, particularly on the Third Street Promenade.

In an attempt to reduce the homeless population, Bayside recommended to the city council that the groups who distribute food to the needy in public parks be held under more scrutiny, in hopes that many of them would stop their charitable efforts here.

The proposed ordinance says any group that hands out food must have a

permit issued by the Los Angeles County Health Department and be authorized by the city before organizing food lines.

If the laws are passed, enforcing them to the fullest extent most likely will be an issue.

The other proposed law would make it illegal for any person to sit or lie down in a building's entrance between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. The ordinance only covers buildings downtown, which means the area bounded by and including the east side of Ocean Avenue, the north side of Wilshire Boulevard, the east side of Lincoln Boulevard and the south side of Pico Boulevard.

Some elected leaders, including Mayor Mike Feinstein, believe the ordinances will do little to solve the larger problem of homelessness. Feinstein has told the Daily Press that it's a political issue being disguised as a

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High school going under radical change

Samohi to be redesigned into six small schools

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

While it may seem like business as usual this school year, Santa Monica High School has been turned on its head.

It is upside down by design. Ilene Straus, the school's new principal and chief educational officer, was brought in this summer to transform the city's main high school from a loosely operated organization to a well-oiled machine.

In recent years, some at Samohi have said its leadership had fallen off, leaving many teachers, parents and students questioning the effectiveness of the school in preparing teenagers for the world ahead of them.

"The greatest impediment was that the support from the administration wasn't there," said Samohi history teacher Don Hedrick. He added that new leadership at Samohi

was not only a welcome sight, but necessary.

"People are really encouraged that there were some clear expectations and that someone is in charge," he said. "People want a leader."

When Straus took over the controls at Samohi in

July, the first order of business was to find a team that could set the ship on a new course. Now, one month into the school year, there are more than 40 new staff members at Samohi. Six of the eight administrators are

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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

A new leadership team has taken the reigns at Santa Monica High School, which is about to undergo a few major changes, including splitting the school into six smaller ones.

Left to right: Santa Monica High School Principal Ilene Straus, dean of students Jason Harley, 12th grade assistant principal Kathleen Martin and 10th grade assistant principal Ruth Esseln.

Double up, it could save time on the freeways

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A study of the nation's largest carpool-lane system offers good news for supporters of the special lanes designed to alleviate the region's increasing traffic gridlock.

The study by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority found that the special lanes cut travel time for most carpoolers, encourage ride-sharing and help reduce smog.

But the analysis found that some Los Angeles County car pool lanes don't meet expected use levels, while others are so crowded that drivers save little

time by using them. The study also found that only about one-third of the trips in car pool lanes are for work. Many more are for leisure.

Despite the glitches, the vast majority of drivers say they support the county's 420-mile web of car pool lanes, the study found.

MTA officials say the study's findings reinforce the agency's goal of expanding the system by building car pool lanes in nearly every freeway in the county and connecting the lanes to form a seamless regional system.

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★★★★ Others clearly go out of their way for you. However, they expect something in return. Find out what is on another's mind before making an agreement. Discussions prove to be fruitful and significant. Others appreciate your time and attention. Tonight: A loved one shares a long-term wish.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Others seek you out. You might want to understand what they want a little more. Have all your facts lined up. Someone's good mood might be very nice, but don't be swayed by it. Ground out a basic agreement here. Tonight: Listen to an associate carefully.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You could be in a dour mood. Recognize the toll this could take on your work environment. Make an extra effort toward co-workers. You discover that good will becomes contagious, changing your mood and perspective. Allow your creativity to emerge with partners and in the workplace. Tonight: Easy does it.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your imagination not only adds to your job potential but also to your enjoyment of life. Indulge those around you. Develop even better listening skills. Co-workers chip in once you share more of your ideas. Roommates and family respond in a similar manner. Tonight: Play away.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Handle the basics first. A close family member knows how to handle your moods, as diverse as they might be. Stop and do something very special for this person. Doesn't he or she deserve it? Your creativity soars once you relax and move on. Tonight: Play away.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Make that extra effort to make others' day special. You find that by going out of your way, you set a precedent for others. An extra flourish or expenditure could be worthwhile. You might be shy about praise. Learn to accept it. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your efforts come back in multiples. A discussion that has been delayed goes in a new direction. You build trust and understanding. Count on your sound logic with an investment. Know when to step back and deal with a problem. Tonight: Spruce up your fall wardrobe.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Reach out for a loved one you really care about. Think about how you express your feelings rather than emoting. You sense what might be appropriate with a financial investment. Know when to put a halt to spending. Tonight: Smile away.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You make a positive impression by just expressing your thoughts. In a meeting, all eyes turn to you. Express your dynamic and diverse personality. Networking draws new friends and business connections. Tonight: You don't have to share everything.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Follow through on a partner's advice. You naturally find success in a discussion. Your instincts play in, leading you in a new direction with a superior. Get together with friends more frequently. Start making fun plans for the near future. Tonight: Where the action is.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. You might not be sure of what you want from a loved one or a friend. Detached discussions draw insight and new possibilities. You can finally identify with someone else's predicament. Tonight: Work as late as necessary.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your sense of humor emerges. Something simply strikes you as funny. Indulge those around you. Share more of your fun side. Read between the lines with a boss. Perhaps, as a partner points out, what he or she doesn't say could be more important. Tonight: Listen to music. Hop on the computer.

CORRECTION — The article regarding David Bush's lawsuit in the Oct. 7 edition contained errors. Bush is a member of the homeless newspaper, "Making Change ..." and was one of nine co-plaintiffs that won a \$29,000 settlement against Los Angeles. He also participated in a homeless protest at a Los Angeles hotel.

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LOCAL

Channel 16 launches election 2002 coverage

By Daily Press staff

CityTV, the government access cable channel for the City of Santa Monica, has announced its "Vote 2002" line-up of programming for this year's election.

The line-up represents CityTV's most ambitious election programming efforts ever. In all, the channel will produce 17 election programs and provide all-night election results on Nov. 5.

New this year is ballot measure programming which will cover all seven Santa Monica ballot measures. Representatives for and against each ballot measure will debate each other. (See schedule below).

The public is invited to be a part of the studio audience. The ballot measure programs are produced in partnership with the Center for Governmental Studies, a non-profit, non-partisan organization that works to create innovative solutions to improve civic engagement in communities and governments.

The channel has partnered with the Center for Governmental Studies to also produce City Council candidate programming. In addition to an introductory "Meet the Candidates" series, council candidates also will participate in a new series of five short interviews which will each focus on a Santa Monica related issue. The issues were selected based upon the results of the city's annual resident satisfaction survey.

The election programming culminates on Wednesday, Oct. 23 when CityTV will present a three-hour live program with school board candidates featured from 7-8 p.m. and City Council candidates featured from 8-10 p.m. The candidates will answer and debate questions presented by the community and the Santa Monica local press. The new program format will feature debate, rebuttal and follow-up questions.

In partnership with the League of Women Voters of Santa Monica Education Fund, CityTV is producing Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) Board programming and coverage of the League's candidate forums for the Santa Monica College District Board, Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District Board of Education and the Santa Monica Rent Control Board.

Election night brings the finale to CityTV's election programming.

The results are updated throughout the evening and will continue to air on the channel until the next day at noon.

To help make the election programming schedule more widely accessible, CityTV and the Center for Governmental Studies have also created a web site.

SMVOTE.org features candidate profiles, video interviews, ballot measure information, useful links, a community calendar of election related activities and program schedule information for CityTV's many election programs.

CityTV is seen on cable channel 16 in the City of Santa Monica. The channel reaches more than 24,000 cable television households in the city. In addition to election programming, CityTV airs a variety of local news, sports, performing arts and public meeting coverage.

For the first time, CityTV is producing local ballot measure programming. Both sides of each measure have been invited to participate in a roundtable discussion about the ballot measure.

CityTV is inviting the public to be a part of the studio audience for CityTV's tapings of Vote 2002: Santa Monica Ballot Measures.

The shows are all being taped on Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Powerhouse Theater, 3166 2nd Street in Santa Monica. Show tapings begin at 1 p.m. and go until 7 p.m.

Audience members may submit questions that may be asked as part of the show. Here is the taping schedule:

1:00 P.M.

Ballot Measure FF (rent control) and Ballot Measure GG (rent control board compensation)

2:30 P.M.

Ballot Measure II (property conversion) and Ballot Measure KK (TORCA)

4 P.M.

Ballot Measure EE (parcel tax)

5:30 P.M.

Ballot Measure JJ (living wage)

7 P.M.

Ballot Measure HH (Veritas)

For more information, call (310) 458-8590.

For a detailed schedule, see page 6

surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

Swell activity borders on nonexistent today.

Extremely minor windswell from the northwest has Los Angeles County in ankle- to knee-high surf at the most exposed of breaks.

Forecasts are predicting some new building swell due Thursday, but for now conditions look flat.

Tides are high, winds are low, and water is showing low pollution levels.

Today's Tides:		
Low-	4:11 a.m.	0.38'
High-	10:19 a.m.	6.29'
Low-	4:51 p.m.	-0.38'
High-	11:00 p.m.	5.17'

Location	Tuesday	Wednesday	Water Quality
County Line	1-2'/Poor	1-2'/Poor	A
Zuma	1-2'/Poor	1-2'/Poor	A
Surfrider	1-2'/Poor	1-2'/Poor	A
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challenge to come up with something positive about Santa Monica and we'll be happy to print it.

This week's Q-line question is:

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OPINION

LETTERS

Let police do their job

Editor:

Only in Santa Monica would the Chief of Police (James T. Butts, Jr.) be criticized for doing his job. There is a city camping ordinance, and the police officers had a duty to uphold the law.

How ironic that the police department is ridiculed for trying to fulfill their responsibilities ... to protect and serve.

Joe Weichman
Santa Monica

Homeless is only issue for voter

Editor:

(This letter was originally addressed to City Councilman Kevin McKeown and the rest of the City Council)

The following is an e-mail which I took the time to compose in response to Kevin McKeown's solicitation for suggestions regarding the homeless problem in our city. My reply was returned to me as undeliverable. The rest of this e-mail is directed to the City Council and Mr. McKeown, but first I would like to direct two comments to Mr. McKeown directly. First, my concern, as expressed in my original reply to you, was that you are merely giving lip-service to soliciting constituency input, and the return of my reply merely confirms my suspicions. Second, do you really think you are going to get my vote in November?

(As an aside, I am interested in having a city council that is responsive to my desires as a voter. The lack of responsibility of the city council creates a situation where wacky laws like VERITAS are the only means by which this system can be changed so my elected representative is responsible to ME.)

I realize Mr. McKeown's posting to me is of mass distribution, but I am taking the time to reply to you in the hopes that all of you will read this.

The homeless in our community is a problem that affects me and EVERY CITIZEN OF SANTA MONICA on a daily basis. The city has a policy of encouraging its citizens to use alternate transportation methods to reach downtown. I choose to walk. I cannot do so without being confronted or harassed by someone homeless. Not just the drunks, mind you, but by the overwhelming presence of numbers. I walk through our parks to the smell of urine and feces. I avoid vomit on the sidewalks. I see intimidating groups of homeless

gathered at Third Street. I would like to impress upon you that this is an overwhelming problem in our city. This is a problem that needs to be addressed with ACTION.

Homelessness exists. Why are we allowing the problem to be the sole burden of Santa Monica? Public feeding programs bring a county-wide problem to our city. The elimination of a permissive attitude toward bringing this problem to our city would be a step in the right direction. Enforcement of public health laws is certainly pretextual, but our City Council has an obligation to its citizens to take ACTION to address this problem. You have at your means a method for doing so.

You, the City Council, are legislators. You are not members of the judiciary. It is not your jobs to judge whether the laws demanded by your constituency are constitutional. We have a court system for such decisions, and I'm sure Mr. Myers (former city attorney) will take advantage of its protections. It's each of your jobs to legislate laws to protect our citizens and to make a better city.

Banning sleeping in certain parts of town sends the message that concentrations of homeless is UNACCEPTABLE in our city. By dispersing the homeless out of the downtown area, it is more difficult for them to make a home in our city. By placing them into our neighborhoods, homeowners with property rights have the ability to remove them. We have an excellent police force, and this is a problem the citizens can handle with the police. I do not agree that creating such a sleeping ban is bad for our city. It is an ACTION that our city council can take to change the equation and create easier environment for our police to enforce existing laws.

Mayor McKeown's e-mail asks for suggestions on the homeless problem. In it, he makes the motions for an open discussion regarding this problem, and the pretense to accept input. When other members of the city council proposed directing the city attorney to investigate the ability to draft legislation, his objection was that we do not have enough information to proceed. In essence, the response was to say that we do not have enough information to get information. This is an OBSTRUCTIONIST attitude, specifically intended to prevent moving forward on ANY SOLUTION.

You should note, Mr. McKeown, that I do not share your vision for Santa Monica. I do not think the homeless need to be protected from the actions of the city. In fact, I think the citizens of this city need to be protected from the homeless.

I am a voter. I will see to it that every incumbent candidate receiving my vote in November will have demonstrated action toward reducing the homeless problem in our city. This is the ONLY ISSUE that will affect my vote.

Timothy Spence
Santa Monica

Setting the record straight on living wage myths

(Editor's note: The city council passed an ordinance last July requiring businesses in the coastal zone that generate more than \$5 million in annual revenue to pay their employees up to \$12.25 an hour. Measure JJ asks voters to approve the ordinance on Nov. 5. The Daily Press welcomes opinion submissions on both sides of the issue.)

Todd Flora's piece in this space last Friday in support of the city's minimum wage ordinance — now Proposition JJ — repeated many of the emotional myths made by others, which we can expect to hear again. Let's take them one at a time:

Myth No. 1. The city has poured millions of tax dollars into the coastal zone in order to create a profitable environment for businesses, including the pier, the beaches and the Promenade. The facts are:

■ The Promenade and its parking structures have been, and are being, paid for by property owners and businesses in the area, not the city. Bonds were sold to raise funds and these are paid for through assessments against property owners.

■ Other public improvements were paid for by state and federal grants, not city tax dollars.

■ The economic study Mr. Flora cites as so authoritative concluded that the amount of public funds spent in the coastal zone was consistent with the amount of public investment elsewhere in the city — there was no disproportionate benefit to the coastal zone.

■ The investments were made in order to create an environment in which substan-

tial tax revenues could be raised through the bed tax, sales tax and utility user tax, all of which has been incredibly successful. Any notion that the city has subsidized coastal zone business is exactly backwards — these businesses have generated millions of dollars of otherwise unavailable tax revenues that enable the city to award grants to social service agencies, contribute to local schools and make other expenditures that benefit all of us who live here.

Myth No. 2. The "big hotels" pay wages that are below those required by the law.

This is simply false, unless Mr. Flora is referring to the two unionized hotels. As I have set forth in considerable detail in a prior column, the wage scale at, for example Casa del Mar, is consistently above the law's requirements for all worker categories, except bellmen, restaurant wait staff and bartenders, all of whom are expected to, and do, make substantial income from tips. In contrast, wage scales at the Viceroy, the most recently unionized hotel, are, in many cases of non-tipped workers, below the level required by the law. However, because of the union exemption in the law, those workers will not benefit if JJ is approved. In fact, the collective bargaining agreement specifically provides that the union will not use JJ as a basis for claiming that the Viceroy workers are underpaid.

Myth No. 3. Only companies with \$5 million or more in gross receipts are affected.

This statement ignores several realities:

■ The employer that will be most affected will be the city itself. Not only is it the largest employer, it also has a substantial payroll of part-time and "as needed" employees who are paid less than the law requires and will absorb the greatest increase in wages. This aspect of the law alone will divert millions of dollars away from other important social service areas, not to mention the effects of substantial enforcement costs, decreased tax revenues and other costs. The city manager has estimated that, if adopted, the law will cost the city around \$2.5 to \$3 million in the first full year of operation. Where will this money come from, particularly at a time when the city's budget is down over \$8 million already due to the economy?

■ Because every employer, no matter the size, which enters into a contract to provide services to the city is covered, all non-profits which receive city grants for performing social services to the elderly, low-income, battered women and others less fortunate in our society will be required to comply. No one knows how much this will cost.

■ The law covers employees of some firms while ignoring those of others. Why should, for example, employees of The Gap on the Promenade be entitled to a pay increase while those at The Gap store on Wilshire not be? Why are library employees covered but not those at the adjacent

YMCA?

Myth No. 4. JJ is "a proven method of lifting low-wage workers out of poverty ..." This statement is simply false. No other city or county has ever adopted a measure such as JJ with its 80 percent, plus increase in the minimum wage and application to private businesses. Virtually every economist of all political stripes, including Robert Reich, former Secretary of Labor in the Clinton administration, and Dr. Alan Blinder, economic consultant to Vice President Gore during the 2000 campaign, warns against substantial increases in the minimum wage because of the effects on unskilled workers.

Using emotional and irrational arguments like those spouted by Mr. Flora, Santa Monica voters are being asked to approve a law which discriminates between employees based upon who they work for, virtually ignores the plight of low-wage Santa Monica residents since very few work for the affected employers, risks eliminating entry-level and part-time jobs for Santa Monica's youth, places a new and substantial burden on city tax dollars and excludes unionized workers from its benefits.

As I have said many times and in many other places, the struggles of low-wage workers in our society is a real one and deserves to be, indeed must be, addressed. JJ, however, is the product of a small, insular group dominated by union interests to the exclusion of the community as a whole. We can, and should, do better.

Tom Larmore is a Santa Monica resident and a local property rights attorney.

Guest Commentary

By Tom Larmore

Opinions expressed are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the Santa Monica Daily Press staff. Guest editorials from residents are encouraged, as are letters to the editor. Letters will be published on a space-available basis. It is our intention to publish all letters we receive, except those that are libelous or are unsigned. Preference will be given to those that are e-mailed to sack@smdp.com. All letters must include the author's name and telephone number for purposes of verification. Letters also may be mailed to our offices located at 1427 Third Street Promenade, Suite 202, Santa Monica, 90401, or faxed to (310) 576-9913. All letters and guest editorials are subject to editing for space and content.

LOCAL



High school redesign plan expected next year

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new and nine of 12 advisors are fresh faces. And there are 27 new teachers.

"I had to look at the goals of the school and look at the team," Straus said. "When I got here I listened to what was wrong and what is right. In this case, what was wrong was the organization and the operations of the school."

Some teachers opted for early retirement through an incentive plan, while others were simply let go. Several new positions also were added to the administration, including four new advisors. Once called "counselors," they provide one-on-one guidance to students.

Because there are 3,400 students at Samohi, counselors were handling more than 350 students each during the school year. Now the team of 12 advisors handle about 100 fewer students apiece, allowing a more personalized approach.

Jami Orlowski, who followed Straus from Lincoln Middle School, is one of those new advisors. She took the job at Samohi because she believes it will give her greater opportunity to shape students' careers.

"I came here to get in on the ground floor of a restructure and redesign of a huge high school," she said.

While the traditional role of a counselor is to whip kids into shape when they are falling behind in class work or exhibiting problematic behaviors, Samohi's new advisors work with students more as if they were partners.

"Anything that has to do with the child's life at school, we are the center point," Orlowski said. "Most of our role is positive. We focus on changing behavior instead of punishment."

Jason Harley, Samohi's dean of students for ninth and 10th grades, came from the Los Angeles Unified School District because he also saw an unique opportunity to work with students on a more personal level.

"I could see immediately when I got here that the focus was to have connection with the students," Harley said. "Where I came from, it was about keeping people in their seats."

Straus overhauled the entire structure of the school's administration to give more guidance to students — and also teachers and staff.

Last year, there were two co-principals with four assistant principals, a dean of students and eight counselors. This year, it's Straus at the top with an associate principal, four assistant principals, two deans of students and 12 advisors.

"We needed to look at the organization and say 'how do you guide a school?'" Straus said. "Part of it is who is in charge and what are the procedures. Some of it is having the system work effectively and we have to redesign the school and make it effective."

Kathleen Martin, Samohi's 12th grade assistant principal who is responsible for curriculum and instruction, said the changes at Samohi were noticeable almost overnight.

"Student contact was at a real minimum and it was negative," she said. "There is much more contact on a positive level now."

In an effort to have even more student-teacher contact in a time when more and more students are enrolling at Samohi, the school is about to be radically redesigned.

"I could see immediately when I got here that the focus was to have connection with the students. Where I came from, it was about keeping people in their seats."

— JASON HARLEY
Samohi dean of students

Ruth Esseln, Samohi's new 10th grade assistant principal, is helping to spearhead a project that will transform the high school into six, smaller schools — each one with its own academic curriculum, principal and students. Esseln came from Seattle where high school redesigns are becoming more common.

"The school is ready," she said. "Santa Monica is in a different place now ... they've talked about it for years."

A redesign committee, comprised of 19 teachers and 12 members of the community, will work on a plan that will be presented to the school board early next year. The goal is to have Samohi split into six different schools by next school year.

Administrators say no more than 600 students will enroll in each of what are called the "six houses," which will be on Samohi's campus. However, Straus envisions possibly another, smaller high school somewhere off of Samohi's campus.

The concept is not new, but has rarely been put into practice at schools around the country. A few schools have done it on the East Coast. Samohi may be one of the first high schools in the state to complete a redesign.

"There has been a small schools movement for a long time but it hasn't been done yet," Esseln said.

The challenge will be how to deal with allocating the school's resources outside of the basic academic courses like English, math and science.

"How do you handle electives and sports programs?" Esseln said. "You can't hire a music teacher for each house so we are looking at that."

"We want to make sure each house is heterogeneous, open to all and have everything available to all students," she added.

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CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES ADDRESS THE ISSUES:

This series of five programs features the City Council candidates in one-on-one five minute interviews with each interview focusing on one set of issues in Santa Monica. All candidates are asked the same questions. The issues were selected by using the results from the City of Santa Monica's annual resident satisfaction survey. Produced in partnership with the Center for Governmental Studies.

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES ADDRESS THE ISSUES: TRAFFIC/PARKING

Host Sandy Jacobson interviews each of the candidates for City Council about the issue of traffic and parking in Santa Monica.

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Growth in Santa Monica is addressed when host Sandy Jacobson interviews candidates for the Santa Monica City Council.

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CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES ADDRESS THE ISSUES — HOMELESS:

An opportunity to hear the City Council candidates participate in five minute interviews about the issue of the homeless in Santa Monica.

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CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES ADDRESS THE ISSUES AFFORDABLE HOUSING/ RENT CONTROL:

Affordable housing and rent control are the topics covered by host Sandy Jacobson in a series of interviews with the candidates running for a seat on the Santa Monica City Council.

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CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES ADDRESS THE ISSUES — PUBLIC SAFETY:

City Council candidates sit down for one-on-one interviews about the issue of public safety in Santa Monica.

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CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES LIVE!

The candidates will debate each other on topics of interest to the community. Produced in partnership with the Center for Governmental Studies.

Live Oct. 23, 8-10 p.m.

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MEET YOUR SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES:

Five of the six candidates running for the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District Board are featured in a series of five minute one-on-one interviews with host Sandy Jacobson.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SANTA MONICA

CANDIDATES FORUM — SANTA MONICA COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD AND SANTA MONICA MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

Coverage of the Candidates Forum to be held on Oct. 10th at the SMMUSD Board Chambers.

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SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES LIVE!

The candidates for the SMMUSD Board participate in a one hour live candidates forum, fielding questions from the community and the local Santa Monica press. Produced by the League of Women Voters of Santa Monica Education Fund and CityTV.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SANTA MONICA CANDIDATES FORUM — RENT CONTROL BOARD

Coverage of the Santa Monica Rent Control Board Candidates Forum to be held on Monday, Oct. 7th at the Ken Edwards Center.

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SANTA MONICA BALLOT MEASURE — MEASURE EE (PARCEL TAX)

Approval of Measure EE would authorize the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District to levy a special tax of up to \$300 per year, adjusted annually for inflation, on each parcel of land located within the school district. Host Sandy Jacobson talks with those supporting and those opposing the ballot measure on this special half hour public affairs program.

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SANTA MONICA BALLOT MEASURES — MEASURE FF (RENT CONTROL EVICTIONS) AND MEASURE GG (RENT CONTROL BOARD COMPENSATION)

Shall the City Charter be amended to increase Rent Control Board members' compensation? Host Sandy Jacobson leads a discussion of Measure GG and also on Measure FF regarding eviction from controlled rental units with representatives from both sides of each measure.

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SANTA MONICA BALLOT MEASURE — MEASURE HH (VERITAS)

The proponents and opponents for the

Veritas ballot measure participate in a live discussion with host Sandy Jacobson. Measure HH proposes creating Council districts, imposing term limits, having an elected mayor and more.

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SANTA MONICA BALLOT MEASURE — MEASURE II (PROPERTY CONVERSION) AND MEASURE KK (TORCA)

This educational program will feature a discussion of two ballot measures, Measure II and Measure KK, with representatives from both sides.

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SANTA MONICA BALLOT MEASURE — MEASURE JJ (LIVING WAGE)

The Living Wage proposed in Measure JJ is debated and discussed in this informative half-hour program.

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VOTE 2002: LA COUNTY BALLOT MEASURES

Proponents and Opponents for LA County Ballot Measure A and Ballot Measure B debate the merits of the proposed measures.

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health issue, which isn't honest government.

However, some officials believe part of Santa Monica's vagrant problem stems from the church groups that come from outside of the city that host public food lines in Palisades Park and on the front lawn of City Hall. The lines draw hundreds of homeless people to the downtown area every day.

The law that would restrict those groups by requiring them to go through the county health department and the city approval process may be enough bureaucracy to deter some of them from coming to Santa Monica any longer, some officials and merchants say.

The ordinance that would ban sitting and lying down in doorways is designed to make trespassing laws tougher. The state's trespassing law only addresses public property, not vestibules. It also requires that people not stay in one place if they have been asked to leave. The result is that the homeless can move from one doorway to another along city streets, which makes it difficult for police to keep people from sleeping in doorways, officials have said.

If the laws are passed, enforcing them to the fullest extent most likely will be an issue. City officials and police have voiced their frustration in the past that there is not enough resources to enforce the laws that already are on the books.

STATE



Jean-Marc Bouju/Associated Press

A member of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) strolls with his coffee cup by ships waiting at the port of Los Angeles on Monday. President Bush formed a board of inquiry to determine the impact of a dispute draining up to \$2 billion a day from the U.S. economy.

President Bush steps in to reopen West Coast ports

BY SCOTT LINDLAW
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush moved Monday toward reopening crippled West Coast ports, creating a special board of inquiry to determine the impact of a labor dispute that has brought shipping trade there to a virtual halt and is costing the economy up to \$2 billion a day.

The move came hours after contract negotiations between workers and management collapsed. Port operators and manufacturers' groups applauded the move, but the longshoremen accused the administration of trying to break the union. The workers have been locked out, without pay, by management.

In an executive order, Bush gave the board of inquiry one day to report back to him, and he was expected to ask the courts to order a resumption of work for 80 days. Though the administration promised an unbiased examination of the lockout, Bush appeared to have made up his mind that it was hurting national security and the economy. Senior administration officials said it was virtually certain Bush will seek the "cooling-off period."

"A continuation of this lockout, if permitted to continue, will imperil the national health and safety," Bush wrote in his executive order.

"Ordinary Americans are being seriously harmed by this dispute," Labor Secretary Elaine Chao said. "Family farmers and ranchers are being devastated by the shutdown. Millions, if not billions of dollars of American produce, meat and poultry are rotting in containers on the docks and on idled trucks and rail cars." The lockout has already caused layoffs, and could prompt thousands more, her department said.

The department also warned the lockout could hurt national security, because the armed forces and defense contractors rely on commercial ships that use West Coast ports.

The formation of the board of inquiry — a step taken only rarely by presidents — is required under the Taft-Hartley Act before the president can order management to let the workers back in. Bush's next step would be to make his case in

federal court, with Attorney General John Ashcroft asking for a ruling that the dispute is hurting entire industries and jeopardizing national health or safety.

Chao said that if an injunction is granted by the court, the ports could be reopened in a matter of one or two days.

But historically, cooling-off periods have failed to permanently end labor disputes.

Labor Department Solicitor Eugene Scalia told reporters that there had been 11 coast-wide dock work stoppages since the Taft-Hartley Act was passed in 1947 and in all of those cases, the president sought injunctions after convening a board of inquiry.

In at least eight of those instances, the 80-day cooling-off period failed to resolve the dispute and the work stoppage resumed once it was over.

Just before the 80 days end, "they rush back to the table more angry than they were 80 days before," he said.

But a cooling-off period would keep the ports open during the crucial Christmas season, in which retailers are relying on imported goods to stock their shelves. The tradeoff for the Bush administration, LeRoy said, is that a mandatory cooling-off period could energize organized labor — traditionally a Democratic ally — just before midterm elections.

Jimmy Carter was the last president to seek to use Taft-Hartley to end a work stoppage in the coal industry in 1978. The court refused to order the 80-day cooling off period but did order miners back to work under a temporary restraining order. Bush is the first president to invoke Taft-Hartley during a lockout, as opposed to a strike, LeRoy said.

The Pacific Maritime Association, which represents shipping companies and terminal operators, has locked out 10,500 members of the longshoremen's union, claiming the dockworkers engaged in a slowdown late last month.

The association ordered the unpaid lockout until the union agrees to extend a contract that expired July 1. The main disputes are over pensions and other benefits, and whether jobs created by new technology will be unionized.

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Supreme Court to hear copyright law challenge

BY GARY GENTILE
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES — Mickey Mouse's days at Disney could be numbered and Bugs Bunny might soon be wisecracking for someone other than Warner Bros. if an extension of copyright protection is overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court.

On Wednesday, the court will hear the case that could plunge the earliest images of Disney's mascot and other closely held creative property into the public domain as early as next year.

If upheld, the precedent-setting challenge could cost movie studios and heirs of authors and composers millions of dollars in lost revenue as previously protected material becomes available free of charge.

"Nobody has ever attacked the extension of copyright before," said Lionel Sobel, editor of the Entertainment Law Review.

At issue is a 1998 law that extended copyright protection for new and existing works an additional 20 years, protecting movies, plays, books and music for a total of 70 years after the author's death or for 95 years from publication for works created anonymously or for hire.

The law was almost immediately challenged by Stanford University law professor Lawrence Lessig on behalf of Eric Eldred, who had been posting annotated and hyperlinked versions of the writings of Nathaniel Hawthorne, Henry James and others in the public domain on his Web site.

Sobel said the Internet has pumped up the demand for images that are now protected.

"Now we have thousands of people who want to create a Web site and would like to have ready access to a whole library of materials," Sobel said.

The plaintiffs lost their case at trial and on appeal and stunned many observers by persuading the Supreme Court to hear the case.

"This is essentially a dispute about policy dressed up as a constitutional question," The Walt Disney Co. said in a statement. "Eldred is simply trying to second-guess what Congress has already decided, and we believe the Supreme Court should reject their attempt."

The Copyright Term Extension Act was sponsored by late congressman Sonny Bono and quickly became known as the "Mickey Mouse Extension Act" because of the aggressive lobbying by Disney, whose earliest representations of its squeaky-voiced mascot were set to pass into the public domain in 2003.

But the impact of the law extends far beyond corporations. Small music publishers, orchestras and even church choirs that can't afford to pay high royalties to perform some pieces, said they suffer by having to wait an additional 20 years for copyrights to expire.

Compositions such as George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," which would have passed into the public domain

in 1998, now are protected until 2018 at least. Books by Ernest Hemingway and F. Scott Fitzgerald also were due to become public property.

Lessig claims Congress acted unconstitutionally by extending copyright protection 11 times over the past 40 years. The plaintiffs contend the Constitution grants Congress the right to grant copyright protection for a limited time and that the Founding Fathers intended for copyrights to expire so works could enter the public domain and spark new creative efforts to update them.

By extending copyright protection retroactively, largely in response to corporate pressure, Congress has in effect made copyright perpetual, the plaintiffs claim.

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— WALT DISNEY CO. STATEMENT

The government and groups representing movie studios and record labels argue that the Constitution gives Congress, not the courts, the job of balancing the needs of copyright holders and the public, especially in the face of new technology.

Backers of the extension also argue that the Internet and digital reproduction of movies and music threaten the economic viability of creating those works, thus requiring greater protection.

They also say the law brought the U.S. code into line with copyright policy in Europe.

Disney has come under special criticism because the company reaped a fortune making films from such public domain fairy tale characters as "Snow White" and "Cinderella," but is fighting to prevent others from doing the same with its own Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and other characters.

Legal experts said it would be unlikely that Disney and other companies would suffer immediate harm if copyrights expire on their movies and characters.

Mickey Mouse, for instance, is not only a character but a corporate trademark, which never expires as long as they are in use.

Only the copyright on the Mickey portrayed in Disney's earliest films, such as 1928's "Steamboat Willie," would expire in the next few years. The more rounded, modern mouse familiar today is a later creation and would remain protected for several more years.

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BUSINESS



Greenspan says banks in good shape despite recession

BY JEANNINE AVERSA

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — U.S. banks — hit by troubled loans over the past several years — have been able to weather the recession and stay in good health, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Monday.

That's because banks had solid balance sheets going into the slump and banks benefited from increased diversification, which allowed them to not only to better spread their risks across a wider range of customers but also to broaden their sources of funding, Greenspan said.

"Our banks have been able to retain their strength in this business cycle, in contrast to the early 1990s when so many either failed or had near-death experiences," Greenspan said in a speech deliv-

ered via satellite to the American Bankers Association, which was holding its annual convention in Phoenix.

A copy of Greenspan's remarks was distributed in Washington.

"That banks had impressive earnings and balance sheets going into the current period of stress is of key significance," Greenspan explained. "Some banks also benefited from the increased diversification and scale of their operations that had resulted from previous consolidations," he added.

Improved risk management techniques and technology also helped out, Greenspan said.

Another factor that played a role in banks' resilience during the slump was that the recession itself was mild and its main source of weakness came from cutbacks in spending and investment by businesses —

not by consumers, the economy's main engine, Greenspan said.

Although the stock market slide made it much more difficult for some companies to repay bank loans and other debt and made companies wary of making big commitments to capital spending, the story was different for consumers, Greenspan said.

Low mortgage rates, a refinancing boom that left people with extra cash and rising home values have motivated consumers to keep spending, helping to offset other potentially negative factors, including the rollercoaster stock market, the lackluster jobs market and eroding consumer confidence.

"Consumer and mortgage loans have not suffered the sharp run-up in delinquencies that loans in the business sector have, and they contributed significantly to the earnings

of the banking system, providing it with the ability to absorb losses elsewhere, to maintain loss reserves and still show significant profits," Greenspan said.

Greenspan, in his speech, did not discuss the state of the U.S. economy or the future course of interest rates.

Over the objection of two Federal Reserve policy-makers, Greenspan and his Federal Open Market Committee colleagues last month opted to hold short-term interest rates steady at 41-year lows. The two dissenters favored a rate cut, the first of the year.

Some economists believe the Fed will lower interest rates at its next meeting on Nov. 6 in an effort to spur consumers and businesses to spend and invest more. But others believe the Fed will leave rates unchanged.

Borrowing increases by smallest amount in eight months

BY JEANNINE AVERSA

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Americans, anxious about the economy's direction and a possible war with Iraq, increased their borrowing in August by the smallest amount in eight months.

Consumer credit rose by a seasonally adjusted \$4.2 billion in August from the previous month, or at a 2.9 percent annual rate, the slowest pace since December, the Federal Reserve reported Monday.

The increase — much smaller than the \$12 billion advance many analysts were forecasting — left consumer debt totaling \$1.73 trillion.

"Consumers slowed it down a bit in August, which is understandable because that seemed to be the peak of uncertainties with the stock market, a possible war and corporate impropriety," said economist Richard Yamarone of Argus Research Corp.

Even though consumers were more cautious about adding debt in August, they still continued to buy, giving sales at the nation's retailers a solid boost during the month.

Low interest rates, rising home values and extra cash from a refinancing boom have supported consumer spending this year, helping to offset potentially negative factors such as the turbulent stock market, a lackluster jobs market and eroding consumer confidence.

"Uncertainties plaguing the economy didn't stop consumers from ringing up the cash register in August," Yamarone said. He said he was optimistic consumers would continue to spend, helping the economic recovery.

In August, demand for nonrevolving credit, which includes new cars and vacations, grew by just \$243.4 million, or at an annual rate of 0.3 percent. That was the smallest increase since June 1999 and marked a considerable slowdown from a \$3.7 billion increase, or a 4.5 percent growth rate, in July.

Revolving credit, such as credit cards, went up by \$3.9 billion, or at a 6.5 percent annual rate. That followed a brisk \$6.3 billion increase and a growth rate of 10.6 percent in July.

The Fed's report on consumers includes credit card debt and loans for cars, boats and mobile homes. It does not include real estate loans such as home mortgages or increasingly popular home equity loans.

In July, consumers increased their borrowing by \$10.1 billion, a rate of 10 percent, according to revised figures. That was slightly less brisk than the Fed previously reported.

Over the objections of two members, the Federal Reserve last month decided to hold short-term interest rates steady at 41-year lows. The two dissenters favored a rate cut, the first of the year. Some economists believe the Fed will move rates lower at its next meeting on Nov. 6, but others predict policy-makers will continue to stay on the sidelines.

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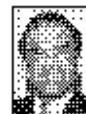
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NATIONAL

Boy critically wounded outside Maryland school

BY STEPHEN MANNING

Associated Press Writer

BOWIE, Md. — The Washington-area sniper struck again Monday, shooting and critically wounding a 13-year-old boy as his aunt dropped him off at school, authorities said.

The shooting of the sniper's youngest victim yet heightened fear across the densely populated neighborhoods surrounding the nation's capital. Schools kept youngsters indoors at recess and lunchtime and parents raced to pick up their children early under the watchful eyes of police.

Ballistics tests linked the boy's shooting to the slayings of six people in Maryland and Washington last week, said Joe Riehl, an agent with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The child was shot once in the chest before the start of classes at Benjamin Tasker Middle School and was in critical but stable condition at Children's Hospital in Washington. Doctors said they were optimistic he would survive.

"All of our victims have been innocent and defenseless, but now we're stepping over the line," Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose said, tears streaming down his face. "Shooting a kid — it's getting to be really, really personal now."

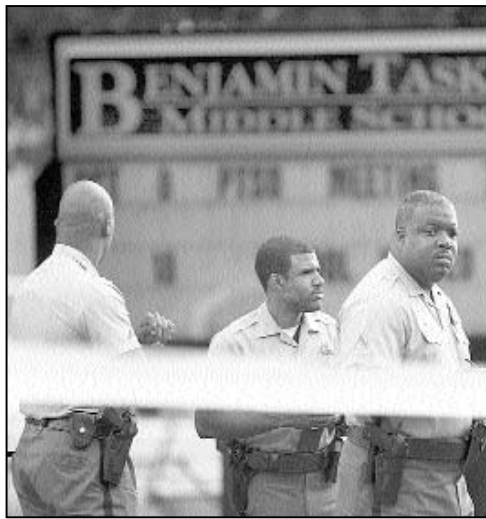
Five people were shot to death in a 16-hour span in neighboring Montgomery County last Wednesday and Thursday, and a sixth victim was killed Thursday night in Washington. On Friday, a woman was shot and wounded in Virginia.

A \$50,000 reward has been posted for help in solving the shootings.

The victims in last week's shootings also were felled by a single shot.

There were few witnesses to the boy's shooting, Prince George's County Police Chief Gerald Wilson said. A shot was heard, and the boy slumped over and told his aunt he thought he had been shot, Wilson said.

Police cars surrounded the school and officers put up



Evan Vucci/Associated Press

Prince George's County police monitor the scene at Benjamin Tasker Middle School after a 13-year-old student was shot and critically wounded as his aunt dropped him off at school early Monday, in Bowie, Md.

crime scene tape and searched the campus.

Schools in Montgomery and Prince George's counties initiated a "code blue" alert, keeping students inside during recess and lunchtime.

In Lanham, Dana Buckner picked up her two children at Seabrook Elementary School as the school day came to a close. They normally ride the bus.

"I felt better having them with me," Buckner said. "I'm worried. I'm going to have to send my kids to school tomorrow."

At Seabrook Elementary School in nearby Lanham, parent Sonja Moore came to pick up her 6-year-old son, Aaqil, who normally takes the bus.

"You send your kids off to school, you think they're going to be safe," she said.

Police and federal agents pored over maps and put together a psychological profile to hunt down the sniper, stepping up patrols and sorting through thousands of tips.

Police also began to use a geographic profile submitted by investigators that uses crime locations to determine where the killer feels comfortable traveling and may live.

The victims were all gunned down in public places: the boy outside school, two at gas stations, one outside a grocery, another outside a post office, another as he mowed the grass at an auto dealership, the sixth, a 72-year-old man, killed on a Washington street corner. Each victim was shot once from a distance. There were no known witnesses.

Tests confirmed that the same weapon was used to kill four of the victims. Dr. Martin Eichelberger, director of emergency trauma service at Children's Hospital, said doctors working on the boy made a special effort to find a portion of the bullet to give to police.

Ballistics evidence also linked the Maryland slayings with the wounding of a 43-year-old woman Friday. She was shot in the back in a parking lot at a craft store in Fredericksburg, Va., 50 miles south of here, and was in fair condition Monday.

At Benjamin Tasker Middle School, 13-year-old Othar Haskins stood outside with his mother. He said he was a friend of the wounded boy.

"He's funny, he's always around friends," Othar said, crying and leaning his head on his mother's shoulder. "He helps you out when you need it. He's a good friend."

Another shooting Monday in the District of Columbia was under investigation, though police said they believe the motive was robbery.

"This community is in a state of fear," Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan said.



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INTERNATIONAL



Bush warns Iraq to disarm or face a U.S.-led coalition

BY RON FOURNIER
AP White House Correspondent

CINCINNATI — President Bush, seeking support for war against Iraq, called Saddam Hussein a “murderous tyrant” Monday night and said he may be plotting to attack the United States with biological and chemical weapons.

Saddam and his “nuclear holy warriors” are also building a nuclear weapons program and could have a nuclear weapon in less than a year, Bush said in prime-time address.

“If we allow that to happen, a terrible line would be crossed,” the president told civic group leaders at the Cincinnati Museum Center. “Saddam Hussein would be in a position to blackmail anyone who opposes his aggression.”

“I am not willing to stake one American life on trusting Saddam Hussein,” Bush said.

His address opened a week of debate in Congress over resolutions giving the president authority to wage war against Iraq. The House and Senate planned votes for Thursday, and the Bush-backed resolution was expected to pass by wide margins.

Still, doubts lingered at home and abroad about Bush’s plans.

Even as he spoke, new polls revealed lingering unease among voters about going to war, particularly if casualties were high or fighting distracted attention from America’s sagging economy. Democrats criticized Bush’s insistence upon confronting Iraq alone if the United Nations failed to act.

Bush hopes an overwhelming vote in Congress will persuade reluctant allies in the United Nations to adopt a tough new resolution forcing Saddam to disarm — by force, if necessary.

The president said U.S. intelligence shows Iraq to be building manned and unmanned aerial vehicles that could be used to target the United States with chemical or biological weapons.

He said Iraq had trained members of Osama bin Laden’s al-Qaida terrorist group,

and that a “very senior al-Qaida leader” has received medical treatment in Baghdad.

Advisers said the biggest questions Bush hoped to answer were: Why now? Why Iraq?

“While there are many dangers in the world, the threat from Iraq stands alone because it gathers the most serious dangers of our age in one place,” Bush said. “Iraq’s weapons of mass destruction are controlled by a murderous tyrant, who has already used chemical weapons to kill thousands of people.”

The address was loaded with political implications, coming four weeks before the Nov. 5 congressional elections that will determine control of the House and Senate.

On the nuclear threat, Bush said Saddam has called numerous meetings with his “nuclear mujahideen — his nuclear holy warriors,” and satellite photographs show that Iraq is rebuilding sites that have been part of his nuclear program in the past.

Bush asserted that Iraq could have a nuclear weapon in less than a year, although U.S. intelligence agencies issued a report on Friday placing the timeframe at 2010.

“Knowing these realities, America must not ignore the threat gathering against us. Facing clear evidence of peril, we cannot wait for the final proof — the smoking gun — that could come in the form of a mushroom cloud,” Bush said.

Bush won support Monday from House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, one of the few senior Republicans in Congress who had voiced worries about his Iraq policy. Armey said he now believes Iraq violated terms of the peace agreement that ended the Persian Gulf War a decade ago. “I don’t see this as pre-emptive at all,” he said.

But Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., urged Bush to exercise the same restraint that Kennedy’s brother, President Kennedy, did in refraining from an attack on Cuba during the 1962 missile crisis.

A first-strike attack on Iraq “is impossible to justify,” Kennedy told the Senate. “Might does not make right. It is unilateralism run amok.”

The mayhem continues



Charles Dharapak/Associated Press

Palestinian gunmen shout anti-Israel slogans as they parade a body, after an Israeli incursion in Khan Younis, in the southern Gaza Strip on Monday. Twelve Palestinians were killed and over 100 wounded, officials said.

Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., who supports a hard line toward Saddam, nevertheless accused the administration of “gratuitous unilateralism” that could undermine the war against terror.

To critics who say war with Iraq would detract from the war on terrorism, Bush said, “Confronting the threat posed by Iraq is crucial to winning the war on terror.”

Bush, sensitive to charges that he is too eager for war, spoke mostly of efforts to disarm Saddam and, rather than emphasize the possibility of war, he pledged to help Iraq recover if war is necessary.

He said congressional authorization of a military strike “does not mean that military action is imminent or unavoidable. The resolution will tell the United Nations, and all nations, that America speaks with one voice and is determined to make the demands of the civilized world mean something.”

Bush’s address drew little interest from the broadcast television networks. ABC, NBC and CBS did not carry it live. The White House did not ask the networks to interrupt their normal programs for his speech.

Arab station broadcasts tape warning of further attacks

BY RAWYA RAGEH
Associated Press Writer

CAIRO, Egypt — On a new audiotape said to be from Osama bin Laden, a male voice warns that the “youths of God” are planning more attacks against the United States.

The Arab satellite station Al-Jazeera, which broadcast the tape Sunday, said the voice was that of bin Laden, but there was no way to verify that claim or when the recording was made.

“By God, the youths of God are preparing for you things that would fill your hearts with terror and target your economic lifeline until you stop your oppression and aggression” against Muslims, the voice said.

U.S. officials have said they don’t know whether Bin Laden, whose al-Qaida terror group is thought to have carried out the Sept. 11 terror attacks, is still alive.

In Washington, President Bush’s spokesman was asked about the authenticity of the tape.

“We don’t know,” said White House press secretary Ari Fleischer. “Don’t know, but as the president has said on numerous occasions this is about more than one person and that’s where it stands.”

Al-Jazeera chief editor Ibrahim Helal told The Associated Press by telephone that the station received the tape two hours before the Sunday evening broadcast.

“We had no doubt this was bin Laden. It was not only the tone of the voice but also the way he spoke and the logic of the message.”

— IBRAHIM HELAL
Al-Jazeera chief editor

He refused to say how the tape was received.

“We had no doubt this was bin Laden. It was not only the tone of the voice but also the way he spoke and the logic of the message,” Helal said.

He said the fact the message was so brief “showed that the man (bin Laden) was in tough circumstances and does not have a chance to talk.”

Qatar-based Al-Jazeera has become known for its broadcast of audio and videotapes of al-Qaida leaders. Last month, it aired excerpts from a videotape in which a voice said to be bin Laden’s is heard naming the leaders of the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers.

Until then, bin Laden had not been heard from since shortly after the U.S.-led bombing campaign began in Afghanistan last October.

In the recording broadcast Sunday, the man said his message was addressed to the American people, whom he urged to “understand the message of the New York and Washington attacks which came in response to some of your previous crimes.”

“Those who have initiated (the attacks) are the ones who brought injustice,” he said.

“But those who follow the activities of the band of criminals in the White House, the Jewish agents, who are preparing for an attack on the Muslim world ... feel that you have not understood anything from the message of the two attacks,” he said.

“So let America increase the pace of this conflict or decrease it, and we will respond in kind,” he said.

The reference appeared to be to the U.S.-Iraq confrontation many believe will lead to war, which would date the tape to recent weeks. The reference could have been to another conflict.

Al-Jazeera, a Qatar-based satellite television station, said one of its correspondents conducted an interview in June with two top al-Qaida fugitives was aired to correspond with the first anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. Shortly afterward, U.S. officials announced one of the fugitives had been captured in Pakistan.



SPORTS

Francisco Rodriguez reaches stardom quickly for Angels

BY JOHN NADEL

AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Francisco Rodriguez went from struggling starter to dominating reliever almost overnight.

Now, three weeks after making his big-league debut, the 20-year-old Venezuelan with the 95-mph fastball and nasty slider figures as the Anaheim Angels' main setup man to closer Troy Percival in the AL championship series.

"This guy's fearless," pitching coach Bud Black said Monday as the prepared for Tuesday night's opener of the best-of-seven ALCS against the Minnesota Twins. "He pitches with a tremendous amount of poise."

"After his third outing, we had a pretty good idea of what we had."

Rodriguez, who signed with the Angels at age 16, became a reliever this season at the recommendation of several members of their minor league staff.

"He would go out and pitch two or three good innings and lose his focus," assistant general manager Ken Forsch said. "He threw a lot of pitches, he was so wild."

"He took to relieving like a duck to water. He's zeroed in as a reliever — here it comes. His slider is just filthy. The right-handed hitters' knees buckle when they see it and it dives in on the left-handed hitters. And his fastball moves so much."

Rodriguez said he wasn't happy about becoming a reliever at first.

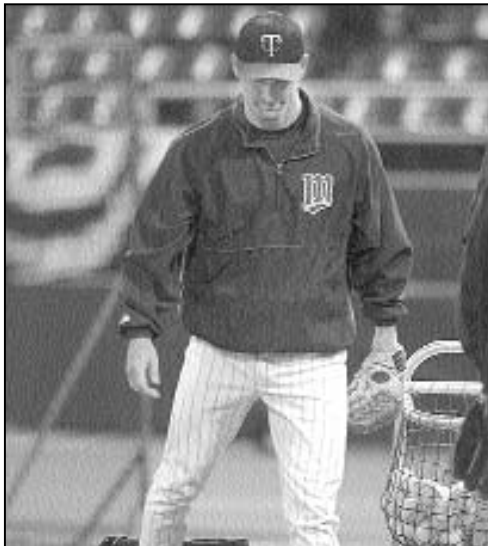
But that changed quickly.

"In a month, I saw the results," he said. "My arm was getting stronger because I was throwing every day. Pitching an inning or two, that's a lot different than being a starter."

"When I was starting, my arm hurt all the time. Now, it never hurts. I'm a reliever now, I don't want to be a starter again, absolutely not."

Rodriguez was 5-7 with a 5.38 ERA in 20 appearances — all starts — with Class-A Rancho Cucamonga last year.

As a reliever this year, he was used in 50 games for Double-A Arkansas and Triple-A Salt Lake, going 5-6 with



Jim Mone/Associated Press

Minnesota Twins pitcher Joe Mays jumps from a cart as practice ended Monday in Minneapolis. Mays will start Game 1 of the American League Championship Series today against the Anaheim Angels.

15 saves, 120 strikeouts and a 2.27 ERA in 83 1-3 innings.

The 6-foot-0, 175-pounder made his first appearance for the Angels on Sept. 18, and tied Nolan Ryan's franchise record by striking out eight straight batters over his first four games.

He wound up fanning 13 of the 23 batters he faced, and with that, the Angels decided to put him on their playoff roster.

Rodriguez pitched in the final three games as the Angels stunned the Yankees in the division series, work-

ing 5 2-3 innings — more than any teammate except for Jarrod Washburn.

He was the winner in Games 2 and 3 — his first big-league victories — and his eight strikeouts led the staff. He became the second pitcher ever to win two postseason games before turning 21, joining Fernando Valenzuela, who accomplished the feat for Los Angeles in 1981.

"It's like I tell my mom, this is a dream come true," Rodriguez said with a smile. "Twenty years old, in the playoffs, you just feel like everybody is watching you."

"I'm never scared, I'm never nervous. This is a job I love to do, I love being in tough situations. When you have good stuff, experience really doesn't matter."

Rodriguez didn't know a word of English when he signed with the Angels four years ago last month. A woman he met the following spring who is now his fiancée has been teaching him.

It's obvious he's been an excellent student.

"We were supposed to get married after the minor league season. We had to postpone the wedding."

Rodriguez admitted he didn't expect any of this.

"I thought as a 20-year-old rookie that they wouldn't bring me up to the big leagues," he said. "I had really good numbers, but this was one of the best bullpens in baseball."

It's even better now.

"He has a very big heart, he knows his abilities," Angels catcher Bengie Molina said. "He has a chance to be one of the best. He's very, very composed. That's why I thought he would do well. He looks like a 10-year veteran on the mound."

"He has electrifying stuff. He'll throw a fastball, slider, curveball, and he'll throw them hard. I'm not talking about average. I'll tell you what, that kid's going to have a lot more chances to prove himself."

A look at the Angels-Twins matchup in the ALCS

By The Associated Press

A look at the best-of-seven American League championship series between the Anaheim Angels and Minnesota Twins:

SCHEDULE:

Game 1, Tuesday, at Minnesota (5:20 p.m., Fox); Game 2, Wednesday, at Minnesota (5:20 p.m., Fox or Fox Sports Net); Game 3, Friday, at Anaheim (5:20 p.m., Fox); Game 4, Saturday, at Anaheim (4:50 p.m., Fox); x-Game 5, Sunday, at Anaheim (1:50 p.m., Fox); x-Game 6, Oct. 15 at Minnesota (5:20 p.m., Fox); x-Game 7, Oct. 16 at Minnesota (5:20 p.m., Fox). x-if necessary.

Season Series: Minnesota 5-4.

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Twins better get to the Angels early because they've had no luck late against Percival. He hasn't allowed an earned run in 35 innings against Minnesota — the most innings any active pitcher has against a team with a 0.00 ERA. Percival is 1-0 with 18 saves against the Twins. ... The Angels got a lot of offense out of the bottom of their lineup against the Yankees. Molina could be big this series. He has a .412 career average against Minnesota. ... Eckstein, the Angels' table-setter, has just a .170 career average against Minnesota. ... The Twins struggled against left-handers this year, batting .252, and will face the difficult Washburn, who went 2-0 against them this year. ... Kennedy batted .355 against the Twins. ... Minnesota held Glau to a .171 average without a homer. ... Pierzynski hit .400 against the Angels. ... Reed pitched a three-hitter in his only start against Anaheim, winning 5-1 on May 24.

WATCH FOR:

■ Two-strike hits. The Angels were the hardest team to strike out in the majors this season and they were even tougher against the Yankees. Anaheim fanned just 18 times in the four games and had an unbelievable .361 average in 61 at-bats with two strikes.

■ Little ball. These teams are not typical AL bashers — neither club had a player hit more than 30 home runs. Instead, they like to hit-and-run, bunt, take extra bases on balls in the dirt, and be patient at the plate. The team that does the little things best will have a big edge.

■ Frankie's Fire. Rodriguez, a 20-year-old rookie who made his major league debut in September, earned his first two career wins against the Yankees. His electric arm could be a key in the late innings as Scioscia tries to bridge the gap between his starters and Percival.

■ Homer Hankies. The Metrodome might be the toughest — and loudest — place to play in the playoffs. Twins are 12-2 at home in their past three trips to the postseason.

Brett Favre leads Greenbay Packers to 34-21 victory over Chicago Bears

BY RICK GANO

AP Sports Writer

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Champaign, Chicago, Green Bay. It doesn't matter where Brett Favre is when he plays against the Chicago Bears.

Favre threw three first-half touchdown passes Monday night, surpassed 40,000 yards passing for his career and led the Green Bay Packers to a 34-21 victory over the Bears.

Favre, now 17-4 in his career against Chicago, had an 85-yard TD pass to Donald Driver in the first quarter — the second longest of his career — as the Packers (4-1) took a 24-14 halftime lead.

Green Bay took control in the third quarter when Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila intercepted Chicago quarterback Jim Miller and lumbered 72 yards for a touchdown as the Bears (2-3) lost their third straight.

The rivalry that began in 1921 has turned one-sided in recent years, thanks to the brilliance of Favre.

Green Bay's victory Monday night was its 15th in the last 17 meetings with the Bears, this one coming on the grass-like artificial surface at the University of Illinois where Chicago is playing this season as

Soldier Field is being overhauled. Favre has directed nine straight road victories over the Bears.

Favre, making his 162nd straight regular-season start, rolled to his left, motioned with his hand and then heaved the ball to a streaking Driver, who was behind Bears safety Mike McQuarters, for a 7-0 lead.

His longest TD pass was a 99-yarder to Robert Brooks in 1995. Against the Bears, of course.

Favre, who was 22-of-33 for 359 yards, also had TD passes of 19 yards to Tyrone Davis and 5 yards to Bubba Franks in the first half.

From the Green Bay 20, Chicago was threatening to get back in the game in the third quarter when Joe Johnson hit Miller as he was attempting to pass and the ball popped right to Gbaja-Biamila who ran untouched down the field to give the Packers a 17-point lead.

Miller also threw three TD passes, hitting John Davis with a 21-yard TD pass with 6:50 left to make it 34-21.

Chicago made one last thrust when Miller hit David Terrell with a 52-yard pass to the Green Bay 7. But Nate Wayne intercepted Miller in the

end zone with just over 2 minutes left.

Chicago stayed close in the first half when Driver fumbled after making a catch at the Green Bay 39 and Mike Brown picked it up and ran 35 yards to the 4. That set up Miller's 1-yard TD pass to John Davis that cut the lead to 21-14.

The Packers increased their lead when Ryan Longwell kicked a 49-yard field goal on the final play of the half.

Longwell also kicked a 35-yarder, missed two and had another one from 28 yards blocked.

Miller also threw a 4-yard TD pass to Marty Booker late in the first quarter that made it 14-7.

Terry Glenn's 26-yard catch to the Bears 6 set up Favre's TD pass to Franks and restored the lead to two touchdowns.

Needing 262 yards entering the game, Favre became the third fastest player to reach 40,000 yards. He hit the milestone in his 166th career game. Dan Marino (153 games) and Warren Moon (165) got there quicker.

Chicago lost starting left guard Rex Tucker, who dislocated his left ankle and had to be taken off the field on a cart in the third quarter.

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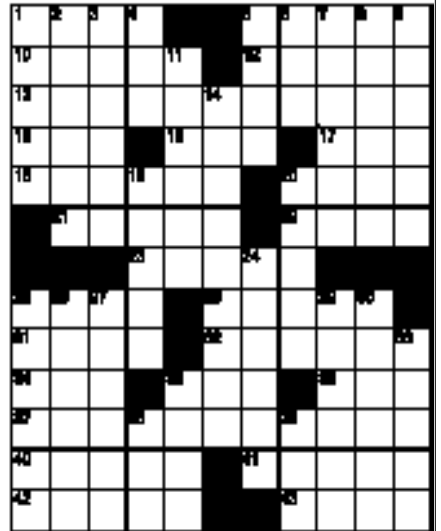
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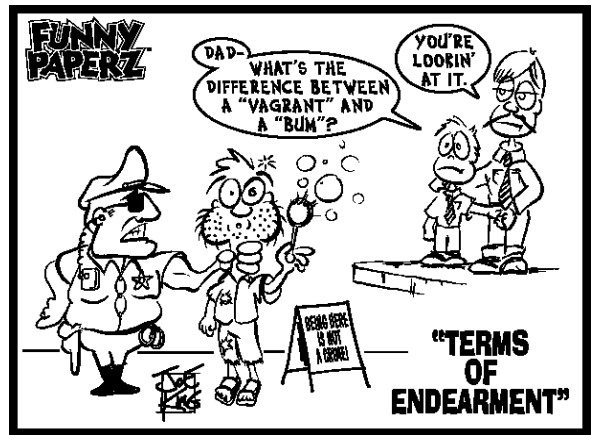
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- Germany beat Lithuania, 4-1, to advance in the European under-21 soccer championship, after Lithuanian players accidentally kicked three goals into their own net (Vilnius, Lithuania).
- A fourth-grade teacher was reprimanded for teaching her kids the correct use of "niggardly" ("stingy") because school officials said it was a nonessential word that could be highly offensive to some students (Wilmington, N.C.).
- Greece banned playing all video games because legislators said they did not know how to ban only video gambling, which was their intention; one court has overturned the ban (Thessaloniki).





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Music / Entertainment

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Community

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Music / Entertainment

Poetry and Spoken Word. 8:00pm - Hosted By Tony Perez. UnUrban Coffee House. 3301 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica. (310)315-0056

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Welcome to Collinwood (R) 11:30, 12:45, 2:00, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 10:45, 12:00. Igo Goes Down (R) 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50. The Tuxedo (PG-13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10.

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Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13) 11:00, 11:30, 1:40, 2:15, 4:30, 5:00, 7:10, 7:50, 10:00, 10:30. The Banger Sisters (R) 11:10, 1:50, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50. The Four Feathers (PG-13) 12:15, 3:30, 7:00, 10:15. My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 11:40, 12:15, 2:10, 2:45, 4:50, 5:30, 7:20, 8:00, 9:45, 10:20.

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Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.

Moonlight Mile (PG-13) 10:30, 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00. Mostly Martha (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45.

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Heaven (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50. The Man from Elysian Fields (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10. Secretary (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:05. Spirited Away (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00.

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.

The Good Girl (R) 5:50, 7:30, 9:30.

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BACK PAGE

World beyond Pluto's orbit is largest solar system found

BY ANDREW BRIDGES
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES — Peering out beyond the reach of Pluto, astronomers have discovered a frozen world 800 miles across, the biggest solar system find since the ninth planet was spied 72 years ago.

The object is about one-tenth the diameter of Earth and orbits the sun once every 288 years at a distance of 4 billion miles — 1 billion miles farther out than Pluto. It's half Pluto's size but apparently larger than the planet's moon, Charon.

"It's about the size of all the asteroids put together, so this thing is really quite big," said planetary astronomer Michael Brown, of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

Brown and postdoctoral scholar Chadwick Trujillo discovered the world in images taken June 4. They were to announce their discovery Monday in Birmingham, Ala. at a meeting of the American Astronomical Society's division of planetary sciences.

The two used a telescope at the Palomar Observatory near San Diego to discover the world, provisionally dubbed "Quaoar," a creation force in Southern California Indian mythology. Follow-up observations with the Hubble Space Telescope confirmed its size.

Archival research showed Quaoar had been captured on film as long ago as 1982, but was never noticed, Brown said. He and Trujillo went back and pored over the older images to help pin down the cir-

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— MICHAEL BROWN
Planetary astronomer

cular path it travels around the sun.

"It could easily have been detected 20 years ago, but it wasn't," Brown said.

Quaoar lies in the so-called Kuiper Belt, a swarm of objects made of ice and rock that orbit the sun beyond Neptune. The objects are considered fossil remnants of the swirling disk of debris that coalesced to form the solar system roughly 5 billion years ago. It is also believed to be the source of some comets.

The belt contains as many as 10 billion objects at least one mile across; astronomers estimate five to 10 of those are jumbo-sized.

"This new discovery fits right in with our expectation that there should be a handful or two of objects as large as Pluto," said astronomer David Jewitt, of the University of Hawaii. Jewitt, with then-colleague Jane Luu, discovered the first Kuiper Belt object just a decade ago.

As larger and larger Kuiper Belt objects turn up, the case for Pluto as a planet weakens, astronomers said. Pluto lies within the Kuiper Belt and is considered by many merely among the largest of the

bunch, and not a planet in its own right.

"It's pretty clear, if we discovered Pluto today, knowing what we know about other objects in the Kuiper Belt, we wouldn't even consider it a planet," Brown said.

Astronomers expect yet-undiscovered Kuiper Belt objects may rival even Pluto.

"An observation like this just confirms that, that we may discover Kuiper Belt objects bigger than Pluto," said Frank Summers, an astrophysicist at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is considering launching a spacecraft to explore Pluto, Charon and at least one Kuiper Belt object, but whether it will be funded remains unclear. The New Horizons mission could launch as early as 2006, and would take about a decade to reach Pluto.

Church eyes bar for new home

By The Associated Press

DETROIT — The Rev. Brent Hanson is fighting to get his congregation into what may seem an unlikely Sunday-morning destination — a bar.

Hanson, who founded New Song Community Church seven years ago, hopes the church will find its new home in a building currently housing Ref's Corner sports bar.

But according to the Wolverine Lake Planning Commission, village law says the coffee-and-cream colored building may only be used for commercial businesses, not churches.

Hanson has petitioned to change the designation, which village leaders will

reconsider Oct. 24.

"Some people find it unorthodox that we're looking to move into a bar, but we simply saw it as a great opportunity," Hanson said. "We think we'd be a positive influence on the community."

The move was inspired by Pat Posiadlo, a congregation member and Ref's Corner owner, who decided in June she was ready for retirement.

Like other members, Posiadlo had noticed New Song's congregation outgrowing Walled Lake Middle School's auditorium, where the church has long held its nondenominational Christian services. So she approached Hanson about converting the bar.

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