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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

(1) Rumors of dead people registered to vote in Venezuela are plentiful, but according to a Financial Times dispatch from Caracas, among the names (with ID numbers) appearing on the rolls in July was that of Henri Charriere, the reputedly awesome escapee-criminal known as Papillon, who died in 1973. (2) A truck hauling 8,000 live chickens overturned after being forced off the road near St. John's, Newfoundland, in July when, on a two-lane highway, a car veered into the wrong lane and headed for the truck. (Thus, the car driver might be said to have won the inadvertent game of "chicken" with the chicken-truck driver.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 281st day of 2005. There are 84 days left in the year.

On Oct. 8, 1871, the Great Chicago Fire erupted while another deadly blaze broke out in Peshtigo, Wis.

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In a maze of haze



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Fog rolls into the Santa Monica beach on Friday, obscuring much of the pier. A foghorn could be heard much of the day.

Davies Estate getting a facelift

BY RYAN HYATT
Daily Press Staff Writer

415 PCH — A $24 million project is underway to restore a historic estate on the beach built in the 1920s by newspaper giant William Randolph Hearst.

Project leaders last weekend met with community members to discuss the emerging design schemes for the five-acre Marion Davies Estate, located at 415

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STATE

Waging battle with state's pay standard

BY JENNIFER COLEMAN
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — A coalition of labor and social welfare groups is proposing ballot initiatives to raise the state's minimum wage, a reaction to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's vetoes of wage bills the past two years.

Californians for Fair Wages is pushing two proposals to raise the minimum wage from the current $6.75 an hour. One would phase in an increase by raising the hourly wage to $7.25 in 2007 and $7.75 a year later, with future increases pegged to inflation.

The second proposal would raise the wage to $8.75 an hour over three years and also would

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Sustainability: An 'A' for effort, but that's about it

BY RYAN HYATT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — If taken at face value, Santa Monica is a "C" student when it comes to its sustainability performance.

So says a September report issued by City Hall, which for 10 years has used 70 indicators to track progress in eight areas of its sustainability plan, adopted in 1994.

While Santa Monica is an "A" student when it comes to effort, that effort doesn't always translate into the same outstanding results, according to city staff.

"Sometimes there are regional issues outside our control," said Dean Kubani, City Hall's sustainability coordinator and architect of

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Barnyard ani-males



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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS The stars show the kind of day you'll Have:
★★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★-Positive ★★★-Average ★★-So-so ★-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Know when to jump on the bandwagon and follow others' leads. You find that many different ideas float your way. A specific person wants to treat you to a very special new adventure. Why not? Tonight: Stay open, even though some events could feel strange.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Work with others, as they seem to have more strength and energy than you do. Sometimes by allowing others to play their cards first, you gain a deeper appreciation of where they are coming from. Tonight: Avoid a disagreement.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Others clearly assert themselves. Let them, as you will not be able to change them anyway. You could be a bit frustrated with particular friends or associates. Work on dealing with and processing those feelings. Tonight: Your imagination kicks in.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your ability to zero in on the basics might be important as you take on a long-overdue home project. Information or news from a distance could surprise you at first, until you consider the source. Tonight: Entertain at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Whatever idea or plans you have, add that touch of imagination that your sign is so well-known for. Recognize the role of communication, even with news and people you believe are tried-and-true. Tonight: Special plans with a special person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Sometimes knowing when to pull out and play it low-key is very important. You don't need to be the belle or beau of the ball. Stay close to home. Investing time in a project or in a family member could be important to you. Share your feelings. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Breeze around. Make calls. Reach out for others. You might be surprised by the news you hear from someone you connect with. Be easygoing and simply visit with those who make a difference in your life. Tonight: How about a movie or dinner where there is music?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You really might want to indulge someone. That someone might be you. As long as you are aware of your budget, there is no reason not to. Continue risking financially. You will be a lot happier. Tonight: Consider if you need to use self-discipline.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You have much to give and share. Still, be cautious with a new person, no matter how much you like him or her. This person might not be who he or she projects. Your personality melts barriers. Tonight: You trigger fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ An offer might be quite attractive. Make plans with one person rather than a crowd. You need some private time, though you can certainly share it with a dear friend or loved one. Screen calls. Don't react. Tonight: Be unfindable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You seem to be blessed with many admirers and friends. Enjoy good news involving someone at a distance. Be ready to say no to something that feels uncomfortable and could impact your budget. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You add that touch of variety to situations, though on some level, you could shake up the status quo. Understand the impact of your actions. You might think twice. Tonight: A must appearance.

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LOCAL

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Your mail is on the move

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica Mailboxes & More at 3435 Ocean Park Blvd. #107 has agreed to honor the contracts of EarthInhabitant mailbox renters and give them an additional three months free mailbox service. EarthInhabitant, previously known as Service Max located at 410 Lincoln Blvd., closed its doors permanently in mid-September.

"This is a difficult situation and we are trying to make it as painless as possible," said Alma Mills, owner of Santa Monica Mailboxes & More. "People need to their mail."

To ensure the mail's safety, articles of mail that remained at EarthInhabitant at the time of closure on Sept. 13 were taken to Santa Monica Mailboxes & More where they are now located. For more information, contact Mills at (310) 450-4479 or come to 3435 Ocean Park Blvd. #107.

The costs of doing business became too great and the owners of EarthInhabitant were forced to close. The owners were concerned about what to do with mailbox renters who were currently receiving mail. They contacted several local mailbox stores and sided with Santa Monica Mailboxes & More, finding that the prices and services best fit the needs of their customers.

Mail that has been sent to EarthInhabitant since the closure can be picked up at the U.S.P.S. Carrier Annex in Venice at 313 Grand Ave. near Winward. However, mail will only be held for a limited time only, so customers who had mailboxes at EarthInhabitant should go by to pick up their mail as soon as possible. The Carrier Annex is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and can be reached at (310) 314-0093.

A product of our environment

By Daily Press staff

Environmentalism is alive and well in Santa Monica.

Santa Monica College's fall "Environmental Issues Lecture Series" continues in October with two lectures, both free and open to the public.

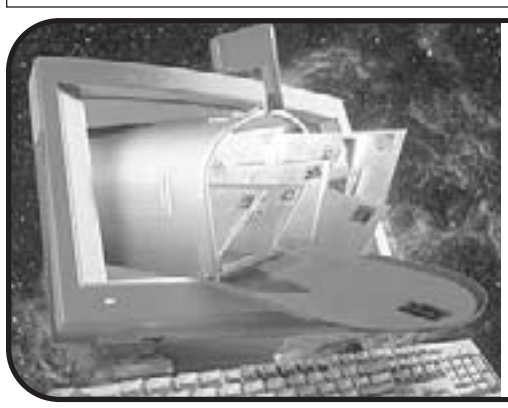
All lectures in the series are at 6:45 p.m. in science lecture hall 145, 1900 Pico Blvd. They are free and seating is on a first-arrival basis.

"Greening the Landscape" will be held Thursday, Oct. 13. It features Santa Monica landscape expert Bob Galbreath as he shows how a California-friendly demonstration garden at SMC saves resources and offers tips on how to start your own "green" garden.

"Recycling Report for Santa Monica" will be on Thursday, Oct. 27. Andrew Basmajian of the city of Santa Monica environmental programs talks about the recycling successes and challenges of the city as it pursues becoming more sustainable.

The series is sponsored by SMC's Center for Environmental and Urban Studies. The center — which is open to the public — features displays, a library and information center, video collection, native garden, and other services and activities related to environmental and urban studies. SMC has been offering courses in environmental and urban studies since fall 2001.

The series continues most Thursdays through Dec. 1. For information, call (310) 434-4743 or go to http://www.smc.edu/ces/default.htm.

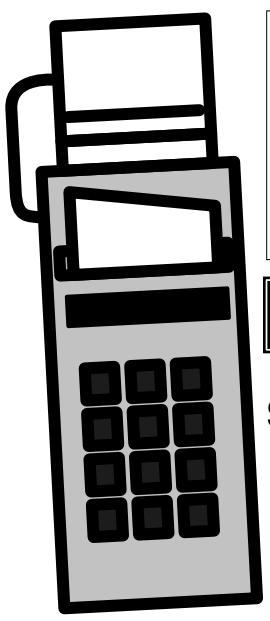


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SUNDAY	**N/A**	**N/A**	**9:49**	**0.5**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**1:05**	**5.4**
MONDAY	N/A	N/A	11:10	0.2	N/A	N/A	2:42	5.2
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The Q Line

GIVE THE PEOPLE WHAT THEY WANT

This past week, Q-line asked:

"How can City Hall best understand and represent the will of citizens in formulating development plans for the future of Santa Monica?"

Here are your responses:

✆ "City Hall can best understand and represent the will of the citizens by simply listening and heeding. How many ways do we citizens have to say things and express our will and concerns? The city is so overdeveloped now there isn't much room for more development but then these devious individuals could always find a way."

✆ "The best understanding that can represent the will of the citizens in formulating development plans for the future of Santa Monica should be: No. 1, get rid of the City Council. Why we have such people there I do not understand. No. 2, lets get rid of all the carpet stores on the Promenade and put back stores that we have had: Penny's, Woolworth's, and also lets have a Target store. The will of the people was a Target store but your lousy City Council, including Feinstein, voted against it. Why that City Council did that, they should have something examined which is not only their head."

✆ "City Council and the inept staffs at City Hall must change. They are all arrogant and all ignorant and must start listening to the people of Santa Monica. For as long as I can remember the will of the people of Santa Monica has long been ignored. City Hall brings in bottom class and money-broke people from East LA and South Central LA and parks them in brand new affordable housing Community Corp. and others own. City Hall wake up. You've ruined the city. It's too late to do a 180 but at least try to make a dent in the problem. Can't Santa Monica seniors, for example, be given the affordable housing instead of non-resident, young, indigent families and criminals with long rap sheets?"

✆ "All this infuriating rhetoric that goes on and on ad nauseam in Santa Monica is sound and fury that produces nothing and it will continue until we get rid of the current city administration and start all over with people who care and know what they are doing and who listen to the will of the people, the citizens, the first time it is expressed. Not over, over, and over with their deaf, uncaring ears."

✆ "The only way the city of Santa Monica would respond to what the residents want is to replace all the politicians in City Hall, every single one of them. All they do is listen to the developers, they do what the developers want, they worry about the bums, they worry about the big businesses. They don't worry about the residents or the small businesses. They're the ones that matter, not the bums or the big businesses or the developers. So replace all of the City Council, throw them all out, tar and feather them, run them out of town on a rail like they used to do in the old days and take a few bums with them."

✆ "The city of Santa Monica, particularly those nitwit numskulls on the City Council just put up any ugly monstrosity like the new library instead of leaving the lovely older one and they just do what suits them and I certainly believe they should listen to the will of the people here but it seems like they don't concerning everything including parking."

✆ "City Hall could look to the largest undeveloped parcel that will be in the general plan which will be the Santa Monica Airport property once the lease runs out under the 1984 agreement with the FAA as part of the general plan consideration. I also think City Hall should collect comments from the residents over the whole city."

✆ "They can do this by listening to the residents. The overwhelming majority of us want modest, limited growth that maintains the existing building heights. The voters

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First Lady appears ready for her close-up



MODERN TIMES

BY LLOYD GARVER

Laura Bush recently taped an episode of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition." In so doing, she became the first First Lady to do a prime time network "reality show." It could've been worse. She could've done odd jobs with Paris Hilton on "The Simple Life."

The show is, of course, quite admirable. Generally, they remodel homes for disadvantaged homeowners. Who could object to that noble premise? (Except, perhaps the right wing of the Republican Party who might see the idea as discouraging personal incentive). In Mrs. Bush's episode, which will air in December, they took supplies to hurricane victims. Some people feel the First Lady took the gig for political reasons. I don't know about that. However, there are more private ways of helping the victims. And if, let's say, she had invited all the wives and husbands of the members of Congress to join her, people wouldn't be so suspicious.

She is no newcomer to television. She's been on "Oprah," "Dr.Phil" and "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno." I think she's hooked on TV. She's got the bug, and that's cause for concern. I hope our First Lady isn't so enamored with being on television that she'll appear on just any reality show. I don't want to see her with some creep on "Trading Spouses" or eating bugs on "Fear Factor."

But if her "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" is a ratings hit — and it will be — look for her on other shows. And more significantly, look for others in politics to follow suit, both on reality shows and regular entertainment programming.

Tom Delay is a natural for "Law & Order: Criminal Intent." Hillary Clinton would like to avoid being on "Desperate Housewives," and would love to star in "Commander in Chief." Bill Clinton might want to go on "The Bachelor," but he might have to settle for "Starting Over." Resigning New Orleans Police Superintendent Eddie Compass could be on "I Hate My Job." If the casting people can find Dick Cheney, he'd be perfect for "Joe Millionaire." The war in Iraq could fill lots of hours of "Worst Case Scenario."

And I wouldn't mind seeing Michael "You're doing a heck of a job, Brownie" Brown on "The Apprentice" just to hear Donald Trump say, "You're fired."

The problem with the First Lady and others being on entertainment television shows is that it blurs the line between what is real and what is not. And reality and perception are already too blurry in the world of politics. We're constantly wondering when our elected officials are telling the truth, and when are they just acting. I'm sure if President Bush went on "ER," and cured cancer, his popularity numbers would go up. But would that mean that he had suddenly become a better president?

Former Sen. Fred Thompson is an actor on "Law & Order" these days. He keeps going from an irascible, homespun politician in real life to an irascible, homespun politician on TV. If he goes back to politics, how much of our perception of him will be affected by all those TV episodes?

While those who have chosen the political life obviously love being in the public eye, I hope that appearing on entertainment shows won't become a trend. I know it's tempting for them to get free airtime, but I hope they resist that temptation. It can easily take away from what little dignity there still is in politics. I don't want to see Condi Rice on "The Search for a Playboy Centerfold," do you?

This is a completely non-partisan issue as far as I'm concerned. So, Democrats don't get cocky. You might think that President Bush could often play the title role in "Lost." But unless some Democrat does something significant soon, one could just as easily say that the entire Democratic Party will be "Deadwood."

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OPINION

The Q Line

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don't want increased heights, they don't want increased density, and they don't want increased traffic. We want the city to solve the circulation problems that were created by the previous plan before they started increasing the density and just compound the traffic problems. They want down zoning to prevent the kind of multi-story, multi-use, mixed use structures that they seem to be proposing for the earthquake redevelopment area."

✆ "City Hall can best understand and represent the will of the citizens by walking away and turning their back on the financially motivated plan that they are making. The fact that they are getting this 100 percent increase of the earthquake money on any redeveloped land in the center of the city, this huge area from Montana to Pico and from the ocean east all the way to Centinela and Cloverfield. This is a very big motivation for them to redevelop and the citizens don't want this. We want down zoning, we want them to solve the traffic problems they've already got that aren't solved and to stop being motivated by the money and be motivated by serving the people who elected them."

✆ "By turning away from financially motivated reasons for growth and focusing on quality of life issues that concern voters such as traffic, noise, and density. People need to realize that the thrust of the city's push for development comes from the huge increase it will get from county property taxes in what is called the earthquake redevelopment project area. This huge windfall will come from 100 percent of the increase in property taxes resulting from new construction. Usually the city gets only 8 percent. This development area covers more than half the city spanning from Montana to Pico, from Ocean to Cloverfield/ Centinela. Projected housing increases range from 8,800 to 14,000 units. This has to be stopped."

✆ "I used to think that Santa Monica was a place where citizens' participation mattered. I don't think that anymore. It might help if we had an elected mayor who could be held accountable rather than a city manager who is not accountable to the public and operates largely out of sight."

✆ "It will be very difficult to add to Bill Bauer's excellent comments on City Hall inertia. Someone might take a look a look at the city of Santa Barbara. Yes, I know it's not divided by the 10 freeway, yes I know it's not next to Los Angeles, its beaches aren't as nice as ours and they allow dogs on them. But there is something simple and quite serene about the city. Regarding, our City Council members, some of who have been on our council for almost 20 years and the rest not far behind, are you happy with the last 30 years of development in this city and do you want these people to plan the next 30 years? Our City Council's priorities seem to be funding the ever increasing non-profit organizations that are funded by taxpayer monies. They include high salaries, do nothing of importance, and talk a lot of BS. They include groups like Heal the Bay, Heal the Bums, Heal the Gang Members, Heal the School District Salaries, Heal the Pier, Heal the Mall. How about healing the taxpayer? These taxpayer monies should be diverted to a new city infrastructure. We need new people with vision and a common sense approach to planning for the future. Maybe we need to not look east of LA for inspiration but to the west and the Pacific Ocean. Maybe we need leaders that truly love Santa Monica and will have an abundance of common sense instead of intellectual elitism and greed."

✆ "City Hall just needs to listen to its residents. The residents spoke to City Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 27 to tell them what they want and what they don't want. They have done that many times before but City Hall just does what it wants as it represents special interests who want to profit from building in Santa Monica. City Hall does not listen to or represent its residents. That is the problem."

✆ "How can City Hall best understand and represent the will of the citizens? Less ego, less greed, more brains, more sensitivity."

✆ "The city should be having city wide referendums on future community corporation and commercial development policy and let people vote on which way they want to go. I think they would be quite surprised."

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Is it better to burn out or simply fade away?



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BY THADDEUS REICHLEY

Last weekend, I competed in the Xterra National Championships (off-road triathlon) in Lake Tahoe. I have been gearing up for this race all season and was hoping to do well. Last year, I was on track to have a great race. Then, two weeks before I crashed on a training ride and busted my arm open. I still managed to race, but the results were less than stellar. This year, I was determined to redeem myself. I put in the miles, did my homework, and managed to avoid any major injuries. Still, two weeks before the race I came down with something that took me a while to diagnose, and eventually proved to be more serious than any injury.

When I first started having symptoms I didn't think much of it. I was having some trouble finishing a few of my workouts, not because of an injury, but because I just wasn't feeling the motivation. Soon it escalated to the point where I was skipping key workouts that I usually look forward to. A track workout one day, a ride the next, and swimming — forget about it. The final symptom was when I started thinking about the race and dreading it rather than looking forward to it. It was at this point that I realized my condition. I was seriously burned out.

Training for any event is always a balancing act. Putting together a season full of races and trying to peak for key events is a daunting task for even the most skilled athlete or coach. Finding time for key workouts, recovery, and quality time with loved ones all while constantly flirting with injury and illness can be a recipe for disaster. Even the most motivated athlete can, and probably will, find themselves at some point in their athletic career on this path to eventual burnout.

The question is how do you avoid it? How do you train for an event or plan a season and avoid burning out along the way? The answer: the same way porcupines play leapfrog — very carefully.

Obviously this is an area where I am still working and could use a little guidance myself. However, in the few days since the race I have done a great deal of thinking about what went wrong and what I might have done to avoid the fizzle that marked the end of my racing season this year. It has taken me a few beers but I think I have it boiled down to three main things.

First I think my season was a little too long. I did my first big race back in early March. Trying to sustain an intensity level for continuous racing over eight months is a little unrealistic. Maybe if it was my job it would be different, but until I am offered a multi-million dollar contract I think I need to mellow out.

Second I think I did too many "peak" races. When I first started doing triathlons, it really was just for the fun of it. Somewhere along the way I lost sight of that and started to treat every race like some sort of proving ground where I needed to earn the respect of my fellow athletes. I used to sign up for races on a whim and would train right through them with no worrying about tapering or periodization. Now I sometimes worry that I might be setting myself up for failure by treating every race like it is the biggest race of the season. Believe me, it doesn't work. When you do this, you end up getting to the really big races and not having what you need to really dig a little deeper and take things to that next level. You basically end up feeling flat.

Finally I think I was a little monotonous in my training. I started doing triathlons because of the variety. Having been a runner most of my life, it was refreshing to mix it up with three different sports. Still, five years of racing and training can easily become a chore, even with three sports to consider. I know from experience that cross-training and rest is healthy. I just need reminding sometimes that a day paddling around on a surfboard can be just as valuable as putting in 3,000 meters at the pool. If you can't change things up and enjoy using that amazing body you have created to do other fun things besides training, what is the point of it all?

As I look ahead to next season I am hoping that the lessons I have learned will guide me as I sign up for races and start to train again. I am making it a goal to shorten my competition season, choose fewer key races, and enjoy more cross-training activities. I also plan to really enjoy an off season, and maybe stay up past 9 p.m. every once in a while, which I am sure my wife will appreciate. So, if you see me out surfing, or hanging out at Father's Office, it is not because I have lost my edge. It's simply because I am trying to find a little more balance.

(Thaddeus Reichley is a teacher, triathlete and aspiring surfer. Look for him this month ripping it up in the surf and relaxing with the suds … Send questions, comments, and column ideas to thadsthoughts@yahoo.com.)

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The Q Line

STATE

Spirit of 76: Governor calls on mayors

BY BETH FOUHY
AP Political Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger implored California's mayors Thursday to support Proposition 76, a ballot measure intended to stabilize state finances and end deficit spending. He warned that if the measure fails to pass during the Nov. 8 special election, state lawmakers would likely raid local treasuries for funds to close the state's persistent budget gap.

"I've already been informed in Sacramento that that's the very money they're going to go after next year if they don't have money," Schwarzenegger told several hundred officials at the annual conference of the League of California Cities. "Remember, they can. The state can still borrow that money."

Proposition. 76, dubbed the "Live Within Our Means Act" by supporters, would limit state spending to an average of the previous three years' revenue. It would also give the governor new authority to initiate spending cuts and would repeal Proposition. 98, a voter-approved funding guarantee to schools.

Democrats and their allied labor unions, including the powerful California Teachers Association, have campaigned forcefully against the measure, saying it would slash education funding to unacceptable levels and give the governor too much say over spending decisions.

The governor, a Republican, has called Proposition 76 the centerpiece of his "year of reform" agenda, which also includes measures to strip lawmakers of the power to draw political boundaries and make it harder for teachers to win tenure. Recent public polls show none winning majority support, with Proposition 76 in the weakest position of all.

A poll released last month by the Public Policy Institute of California showed 63 percent of voters opposed to the measure and just 26 percent supporting it. The Schwarzenegger campaign team said its internal polls indicate the measure is in stronger shape.

With the details of how the measure would work still unknown or confusing to many voters, Schwarzenegger does not delve into specifics in his campaign appearances, focusing instead on what might happen if the measure fails. He has hinted repeatedly that he could be forced to raise taxes to plug the state's $7.5 billion budget hole if Proposition 76 goes down.

He shifted gears somewhat Thursday, tailoring his message specifically to mayors and other city officials who have complained for years that the Legislature abuses its authority to command local property taxes. Since 1992, state lawmakers have diverted $40 billion in local revenue.

Schwarzenegger joined local officials last year to promote another ballot measure — Proposition 1A, which was intended to prevent the state from diverting local revenue beginning in 2006. The measure passed overwhelmingly, but Schwarzenegger now says it doesn't give local governments the full protection they need.

"Proposition 1a was the original — this is the sequel now," Schwarzenegger, a former Hollywood action star, said of Proposition 76.

Nevertheless, mayors of several of California's largest cities — Antonio Villaraigosa of Los Angeles, Gavin Newsom of San Francisco and Jerry Brown of Oakland — jointly announced their opposition to Proposition 76, claiming it would slash funding for public safety and education.

"The California State PTA and education groups statewide have expressed concerns about how this initiative will drain billions of dollars from our public schools," Newsom said in a statement released by the Alliance for a Better California, a statewide coalition opposing Schwarzenegger's reform measures. "I'm opposed to this initiative on every level because it hurts the priorities our community cares about most."

The statement by three of the state's most visible Democratic mayors signaled a potential showdown looming for this Saturday, when the League of California Cities is expected to vote on whether to endorse Proposition 76. The League board has already voted to remain neutral on the measure, but supporters have pushed for a vote of the full membership.

Alan Autry, the Republican mayor of Fresno and a supporter of Proposition 76, said the mayors opposing the measure were being pressured by labor unions. He said he had resigned from the League's board over its refusal to endorse the measure.

"Almost every mayor knows in their heart of hearts that Prop. 76 is the right thing...The thing is, it's subordinate to union approval," Autry said. "When they control, and you have to ask permission to do the right thing, you've got trouble in River City."

A joint legislative committee held a hearing Thursday on the impacts of Proposition 76. Proponents, who included Chamber of Commerce President Allan Zaremberg, and William Hauck, head of the California Business Roundtable, said the measure would give both the governor and the Legislature more flexibility to set spending priorities.

Opponents, including representatives of the League of Women Voters of California and the California Parent Teachers' Association, said the measure would concentrate too much power in the governor's hands jeopardize public school funding.

Meanwhile, a new poll from San Jose State University has found Schwarzenegger's approval rating continues to be low, with 36 percent of voters saying they approve of the job he is doing and 53 percent disapproving. The conclusion is similar to other recent polls that show the governor's approval rating has fallen dramatically since January.

The San Jose State poll also found that 49 percent of California voters said they would not vote to re-elect Schwarzenegger, with 36 percent favoring him and 15 percent undecided.



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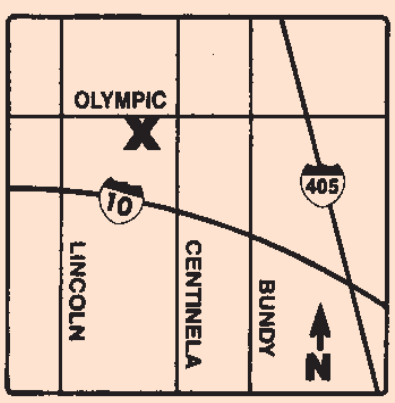
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STATE BRIEFS

Cinematic lawyer has leg amputated

By The Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Councilman Ed Masry, a lawyer depicted in the movie "Erin Brockovich," had his right leg amputated after suffering complications from diabetes.

Masry, 73, had been hospitalized sporadically since March, Louis Masry, his son, said Thursday. Doctors removed a blood clot in his leg last month, but Masry's circulation worsened in recent weeks.

Doctors amputated the leg on Oct. 1.

Masry will use a wheelchair and plans to attend council meetings and work with his law firm.

Brockovich is now an investigator with Masry's law firm after rising to prominence when she put together a landmark 1996 water pollution case.

Police on lookout for abductor

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Police are asking the public for help finding a man who snatched and sexually assaulted a 7-year-old girl then dropped her off near a bar.

The girl was "doing as well as she could be" after being reunited with her parents Wednesday, said Los Angeles police spokesman Kevin Maiberger.

Investigators said she was playing alone Tuesday near her home in Winnetka when a man carried her to a black pickup truck after covering her with a large cloth.

When she was found, the girl's hair was still wet from a shower she said she took with the man as an apparent attempt to eliminate evidence.

"We don't know where he came from," said police Capt. Joseph Curreri. "The little girl said he drove around looking for a place to drop her off that night. That suggests to me that he might not be familiar with the area."

Defendant denies bludgeoning

By The Associated Press

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, Calif. — A man accused of bludgeoning an 81-year-old man then stealing his car denied the killing as he testified at his trial.

Christopher Martinez, 29, said Thursday that he had Richard Harter's car because two friends gave it to him in exchange for a $35 bag of methamphetamine.

"Did you kill Mr. Harter?" defense attorney Herb Williamson asked Martinez.

"No sir, I did not," Martinez answered.

Martinez was charged with murdering Harter, who was beaten over the head on June 1, 2003 inside his Upland mobile home.

He is one of three people charged with the killing. The second, Carlos Montgomery, testified earlier in the trial. Ken Marchesin, who lived next door to the victim, is awaiting trial.

Prosecutors alleged the three defendants planned to rob Harter. Martinez hit him with a tool at least 20 times so he could steal the car and pick up his girlfriend, authorities said.

Juvenile calls: County has shortcomings

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Staffing at county juvenile halls is extremely low and must be fixed to meet federal mandates, according to a report released by the U.S. Department of Justice.

The agency condemned Los Angeles County for failing to maintain adequate staff-to-juvenile ratios and ordered the county to find funding to fix the problem immediately.

The report was issued as part of a settlement agreement requiring the county to work with DOJ monitors to improve conditions in juvenile halls. Low staffing was blamed for the inability to prevent suicide attempts and attacks by inmates.

"The urgency for resolving the staffing deficiencies of the Probation Department cannot be overstated," the report said.

Probation Department officials said they were trying to hire more staff.

"We can always use more staff in our facility, but we have to deal with budgets," said Ron Barrett, the Probation Department's DOJ project coordinator.

Barrett said department staffing levels comply with state requirements, which he argued supercede federal requirements.

Residents rail against train yard

By The Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — More than 300 residents condemned plans by the port for a new rail yard they said would pose health risks from pollution produced by diesel-burning trucks.

At a meeting Thursday night, residents urged the port to rethink plans for the 183-acre facility near a low-income area with five public schools.

"The project will take the area's already bad air-quality level to a level that will be deadly for our children," Councilwoman Tonia Reyes Uranga said.

Residents warned that 1 million trucks a year spewing diesel fumes could pass between docked ships and the proposed yard.

Railway officials said the rail yard would be a model for green technology, with electric cranes and clean-burning yard equipment using liquefied natural gas.

STATE

Some vintners picking grapes after hours

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press Writer

ANNAPOLIS, Calif. — The vineyard smells different at night, daytime dust damped down by the faintly brackish fog rolling in from the Pacific.

Above, stars blaze in black velvet; at ground-level, the white glare of fluorescent lights outlines the silhouettes of farmworkers moving swiftly in the shadows.

Definitely not your typical harvest scene, but one that's becoming increasingly common as more vintners try picking after dark.

"It's better at night," says Fermin Manzo, foreman of the crew picking pinot noir grapes for Hartford Family Wines on this crisp fall night.

The advantage to night harvest is that temperatures are lower, good for grapes and workers.

In the day, grapes that end up sitting in bins under the hot sun can start to ferment by themselves — not a good thing. Meanwhile, workers run the risk of heat-related illnesses if they try to work a full shift. "They'll pick just maybe four hours and they'll be tired," says Manzo. "At night you go slower, but you can work longer."

Hartford Family Wines vineyard manager Walt Chavoor likes the fact that crews can go longer and make more money. And he's happier with the results of their work, too. "I am convinced that one of the most crucial things we can do for wine quality is to bring fruit in cold," he says.

Of course, visibility is the big challenge to night farming.

The key to overnight success is getting enough lights ready and meticulously planning which rows are going to be picked so there's no fumbling around in the dark, says Sonoma County vineyard owner Saralee Kunde who has switched to doing about two-thirds of harvest at night.

"Everybody wants cold fruit. This way we can satisfy everyone," she says. "And it's so much nicer on the guys. Our crew is much happier picking at night. Some days they'd be out there and we'd be 100 degrees and it'd be miserable."

Picking at night by machine — the way most fruit on the state's half million or so acres of wine grape acreage is picked — has been common for some years, says John Miles, an agriculture engineer at the University of California, Davis.

What's new is that smaller, boutique-style wineries that rely on hand-picking, which they believe yields higher quality fruit, have been joining the night owls. There aren't any hard figures on the trend, but Miles says a very rough estimate might be as much as 10 percent of the hand-picked harvest is coming in at night.

Night picking won't work everywhere; the ground needs to be relatively flat and the vines trained to grow so that the grapes are easily visible.

From a distance, night harvesting lends an eerie glow to quiet fields. Up close, nature and machine set up dueling symphonies, crickets chirping a descant as the tractors rumble along in bass.

Vineyards use different methods, but at Hartford Family Wines, dark is dispelled by a big metal "tree" studded with fluorescent tubes that is dragged along the rows by a trailer. As they do in the day, pickers work with a practiced rhythm, stripping the vines of ripe fruit and tossing full bins of the gleaming black grapes into waiting containers.

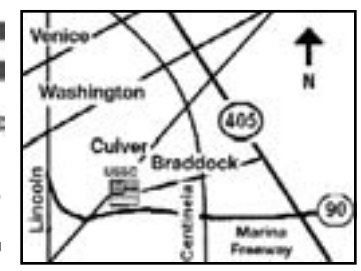
Vintner Mike Moone, an aptly named fan of night harvesting, likes the concept so much he recently threw a party at his Luna Vineyards in Napa where workers and guests picked pinot grigio grapes as a huge harvest moon sailed above.

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STATE

100 daze: Mayor rips into Schwarzenegger

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — At a news conference to discuss his first 100 days in office, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa instead turned his attention to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Thursday, accusing him of misusing the state's ballot initiative process to force his political agenda on the state Legislature.

During his first few months in office, Villaraigosa, a Democrat and former state Assembly speaker, has appeared eager to cultivate a cordial relationship with the Republican governor. But his pointed remarks made it clear their relationship will have its limits.

Asked about four ballot measures the governor is supporting in a special "year of reform" election he has called for next month, Villaraigosa replied: "I'm opposed to all of his initiatives."

The measures Schwarzenegger is supporting are Proposition 74, which would extend from two to five years the time teachers must work to receive tenure; Proposition 75, which would require public employee unions to seek written permission from members before using their dues for political purposes; Proposition 76, which would enact a state spending cap; and Proposition 77, which would strip lawmakers of the power to draw political districts.

"In this instance it's very clear that the initiative process is being misused," Villaraigosa said. "These are matters that could and should be addressed by the Legislature."

Todd Harris, a spokesman for Schwarzenegger's campaign, said the governor took the issues before voters because the Legislature was unwilling to work with him.

"The governor could not agree with the mayor more that the Legislature should have worked with the governor to pass these reforms," Harris said. "Instead, the Legislature focused on its own priorities, things like gay marriage and drivers licenses for illegal immigrants."

Villaraigosa's comments, while not out of keeping with his political loyalties, carry particular resonance given his position as California's most prominent Hispanic officeholder and mayor of the state's largest city.

As he pushes his ballot agenda, Schwarzenegger has been trying to rebuild his standing with Hispanic voters who helped put him in office in 2003 but whose support has eroded in recent months.

Turning more to a reflection on his first 100 days in office, Villaraigosa restated his determination to place city schools under mayor control. He said his staff is working on various proposals that could extract city schools from the Los Angeles Unified School District.

"We cannot allow 50 percent of our children to drop out," he said.

During his first 100 days, Villaraigosa has also proposed plans to reduce traffic congestion, to fight crime by hiring hundreds of additional police officers and to beautify the city by planting a million trees.

He has also established himself as an irrepressible city booster and salesman, maintaining a near constant presence at city events both large and small.

"I want people in the city to know I care," he said, noting he has traveled 24,000 miles in the Los Angeles area since taking office, an average of 240 miles a day.

"I said I'd be a hands-on mayor."



Coalitions contend wages in state haven't kept pace

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link future raises to inflation.

California last raised its minimum wage in 2002, when it bumped the hourly rate by 50 cents.

But that hasn't kept pace with the cost of living, said Barry Hermanson, an organizer with Californians for Fair Wages. He helped pass a similar ballot measure in San Francisco in 2003, raising the minimum wage there to $8.50 an hour.

"Back in 1968, the minimum wage was $1.60 an hour. If that had been indexed to inflation, it would be more than $9 an hour now," Hermanson said.

California's hourly wage is higher than the federal rate of $5.15 an hour but is the lowest among West Coast states. Oregon pays $7.25 an hour, while Washington's minimum wage is $7.35.

Giving the state's lowest-paid workers a raise would save the state money by reducing what it must pay to subsidize food, housing and health care for low-income workers, Hermanson said.

The California Chamber of Commerce opposed a bill Schwarzenegger vetoed last month that would have boosted the state's minimum wage to $7.75 over the next two years.

Schwarzenegger said then that he supported an increase in the minimum wage but objected to a provision in the bill that automatically adjusted the wage each year based on inflation.

Dominic DiMare, the chamber's vice president of government relations, said he hadn't seen the coalition's proposed initiatives and wouldn't comment.

He said the chamber opposed this year's bill because it would add to the already high cost of operating in California.

"We look at the cost of doing business here, including minimum wage, but also the cost of permitting, of compliance with various different and often unique requirements in California," DiMare said. "We don't parse out minimum wage."

The coalition, which includes labor groups, the Green Party and the Mexican American Political Association, has yet to submit its initiative proposals to the state attorney general.

Once the attorney general approves the language, which can take two months or longer, supporters can begin gathering the approximately 600,000 signatures per petition needed to put the measures on the November 2006 ballot.

"This will be a signature issue on the November 2006 ballot," Hermanson said. "It's something that Democrats and Greens throughout the state can get out and campaign very heavily on and use it as a tool to drive Schwarzenegger out of office."

A year ago, Schwarzenegger vetoed another minimum wage bill that would have raised the rate without the automatic annual hike. In that veto message, Schwarzenegger said a higher minimum wage would "create barriers" to the state's economic recovery.



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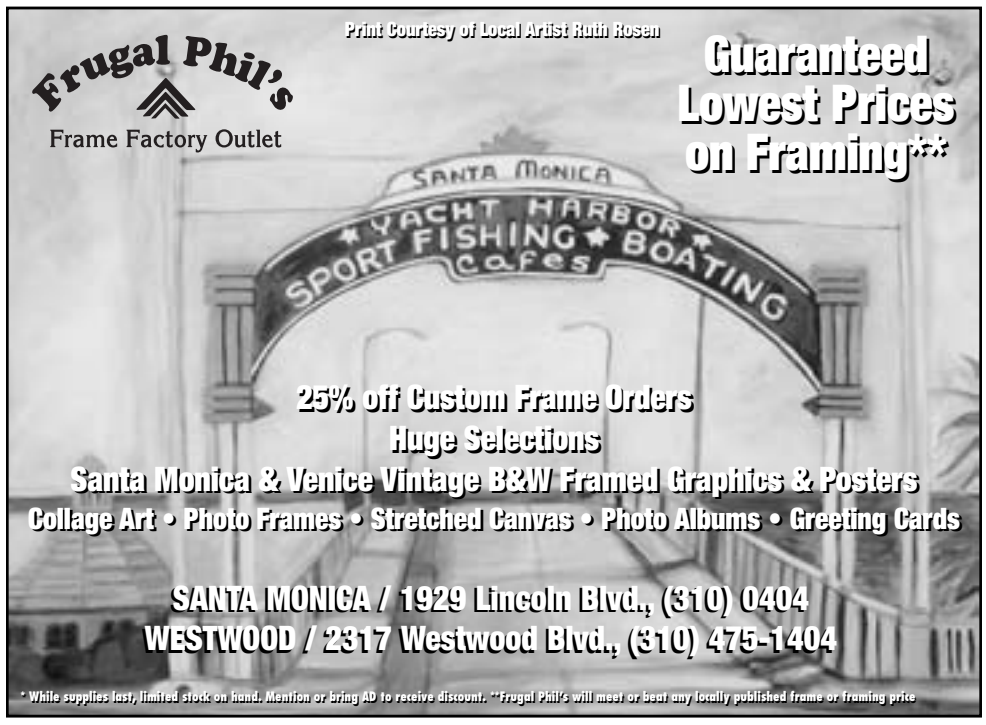
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Katrina hits economy, but lacks some punch

BY JEANNINE AVERSA
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Hurricane Katrina bruised the economy in September, causing the first nationwide job loss in two years, but the damage wasn't as awful as many had feared.

Payrolls fell by 35,000, with jobs in retailing, lodging, bars, restaurants and leisure pursuits such as gambling all taking a hit. The unemployment rate climbed to 5.1 percent, from a four-year low of 4.9 percent in August.

The snapshot, released by the Labor Department on Friday, provided the most extensive picture of the jobs climate in the aftermath of the deadly and destructive Katrina, the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history. The impact of the next hurricane, Rita, was "negligible" on the latest figures, the department said.

To be sure, the loss of lives and livelihoods in the ravaged regions is devastating and will be long felt. But Friday's report suggested overall economic activity and national employment — which each showed stamina before the storms — will withstand the trauma and not thrust the economy into recession.

"The U.S. job market was not as severely impacted by the hurricanes as initially feared. Outside the affected region, it would appear that job growth remained fairly solid," which helped temper overall job losses, said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group.

Before the report was released, economists were forecasting a loss of at least 150,000 jobs. The rise in the unemployment rate to 5.1 percent, the highest since May, matched economists' expectations.

"This indicates that the job market is holding together pretty well," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com.

Excluding the disaster areas, employment would have increased "in line" with the more than 190,000 jobs generated each month over the past year, said Philip Rones, deputy commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Job losses from Katrina were around 230,000 for the month, economists estimated.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrials edged up 5.21 points to close at 10,292.31.

Katrina ripped through parts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama in late August, destroying businesses, homes and lives. The blow was compounded by Rita, which struck on Sept. 24. Both hurricanes hobbled important oil and gas facilities along the Gulf Coast, pushing energy prices even higher.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan says the Fed will be closely monitoring economic activity to assess the impact of the back-to-back hurricanes.

Fallout from Katrina alone — viewed as the more catastrophic of the two hurricanes — doesn't pose a "persistent threat" to the nation's economic health, Greenspan and his colleagues concluded at their last meeting on Sept. 20.

More worried about inflation worsening because of the hurricane, the Fed at that meeting boosted interest rates for an 11th time since June 2004. Economists predicted Fed policy-makers will raise rates again at their next meeting, Nov. 1.

With approval ratings near a low point, President Bush, meanwhile, is feeling the sting of anxious consumers whose confidence has been rattled by high energy prices and economic uncertainties exacerbated by the natural disasters.

The last time payrolls fell was May 2003, when the labor market was struggling to get back on its feet after being knocked by the 2001 recession. The drop in September was the largest since a decline of 54,000 jobs in April 2003.

Collecting information for Friday's report from the ravaged region was a Herculean task for the government. As more data become available, the employment picture could look worse, analysts cautioned.

"We expected the worst but as yet, we have not gotten it. Of course, we should not jump to any conclusions. Finding who has a job and who doesn't in the Gulf region is not a simple task," said Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors.

Said the BLS' Rones: "It is clear that Hurricane Katrina adversely affected labor market conditions in September. However, we cannot quantify precisely the overall effects of the disaster and its aftermath on the September employment and unemployment figures. We hope to get additional insight as more data becomes available."

Economists predict October probably will be another weak month for employment but were hopeful the situation would improve after that as rebuilding unfolds.

Especially heartening to economists was the good momentum in job growth before the double blow of the two hurricanes. The economy added 277,000 jobs in July and another 211,000 in August. Together that was 77,000 more jobs than previously estimated.

The report also showed that in September:

■ Retailers cut 88,000 jobs.

■ Employment in leisure and hospitality fell by 80,000. Jobs in food services, which includes bars and restaurants, fell by 54,000.

■ Factories eliminated 27,000 jobs, mostly reflecting the impact of a strike at Boeing.

On a more positive note, employment in health care grew by 37,000. Construction jobs increased by 23,000 and professional and business services employment went up by 52,000.

Workers' average weekly earnings rose to $545.27 in September, from $544.26 in August.

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House pumped about constructing refineries

BY H. JOSEF HEBERT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The House voted to encourage U.S. oil companies to build new refineries Friday in a raucous roll call that Republican leaders extended 40 minutes while they buttonholed their own members to avoid an embarrassing defeat.

Democrats crying "shame, shame" — and some GOP moderates — called the bill a sop to rich oil companies that would do nothing to ease energy costs including expected soaring heating bills this winter.

The bill would streamline government permits for refineries, open federal lands including closed military bases for future refinery construction and limit the number of gasoline blends refiners have to produce, eliminating many blends now designed to reduce air pollution.

President Bush welcomed the vote. "I commend the House for passing legislation that would increase our refining capacity and help address the cost of gasoline, diesel fuels, and jet fuels," he said in a statement.

The legislation, which now goes to the Senate, passed 212-210, but not before a standoff on the House floor. Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., asked at one point, "Is this the House of a Banana Republic."

It looked as if the bill was going down to defeat, two votes shy of approval. Democrats to no avail called for gaveling the vote closed as GOP leaders lobbied their own members to switch votes and support the bill.

"He worked me over a little," said Rep. Bill Young, R-Fla., among the last group of lawmakers to switch to support the legislation, referring to his discussions with House Speaker Dennis Hastert of Illinois.

Rep. Tom DeLay, who recently stepped down temporarily as majority leader after being indicted in Texas over a campaign finance issue, was as active as ever, administering pressure on wavering lawmakers in the crowded, noisy House chamber.

Finally, long after the vote had been scheduled to close, two GOP votes switched, providing the Republican victory. A tie would have killed the bill. "Shame, shame, shame," came a chorus from the Democratic side of the aisle.

Afterward, Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California called it all "a shameless display of the Republican culture of corruption," a theme she has used in recent days on a number of issues since DeLay's indictment in Texas on conspiracy and money laundering charges in connection with campaign finance activities.

Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, who had predicted a close vote, said he was not aware of "any deals" being made to get the last votes. No Democrats voted for the legislation, although three initially favored it, only to change their minds after talking to Pelosi and Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, the second-ranking Democrat.

Supporters of the measure said that Hurricanes Katrina and Rita made clear that the country needed more refineries, including new ones outside of the Gulf region. No new refinery has been built since 1976, although large refineries have been expanded to meet growing demand.

Critics of the legislation argued a cash-rich industry with huge profits over the past year shouldn't need government help to build refineries. They said the bill would allow the oil industry to avoid environmental regulations and would lead to dirtier air.

Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., accused GOP leaders of using "the hardships and devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita ... to pass Republican and industry wish lists" that would do nothing to curtail gasoline prices or help people facing huge heating bills this winter.

Pelosi called the bill a rehash of "all the special favors to the industry that were too extreme" for Congress last summer when it passed energy legislation.

Barton said the bill simply would give industry more certainty that a refinery project will not be delayed in government red tape.

Opponents said the bill would stifle legitimate lawsuits against refinery projects and in some cases override state or local objections if a refinery were located on federal land. A community or citizens group would have to pay an oil company's legal costs whether they won or lost a lawsuit challenging a refinery under one provision in the bill.

Limiting the number of gasoline blends refiners would have to produce to six could hinder the ability of states and cities to meet federal air quality requirements, according to state and county clean air officials, who lobbied against the legislation.

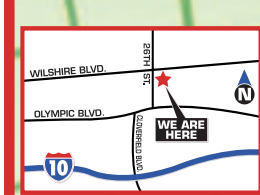
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The site plan for the Marion Davies Estate project depicts what renovators envision by the 2008 completion date.

Residents turn out to weigh in on Davies

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Pacific Coast Highway. Approximately 110 residents attended two workshops held Oct. 1-2 to comment on the site plans proposed by Pankow Special Projects, Ltd., the Pasadena-based design firm contracted by City Hall in July to manage the project from conception to completion.

The renovation is scheduled to be finished by December 2008.

The Davies Estate is expected to offer the public a beachside location to host banquets, barmitzvahs, weddings and other events, as well as provide recreational activities for visitors to include a children's playground, pool, volleyball courts, and possibly paddle tennis, said Libby Carlson, who works in City Hall's community and cultural services department and is overseeing the project.

The major source of funding to refurbish the property is a $21 million grant issued to City Hall in December by the Annenberg Foundation. City Hall agreed to kick in an additional $3 million to complete the project.

Neil Carrey, vice chair of City Hall's Recreation & Parks commission, attended the workshops and said many citizen concerns focussed on operating issues.

"They wanted to know about maintenance, security, hours of operation, neighborhood impacts such as lighting and parking and traffic," Carrey said. "In general, people were positive about the design."

Carlson said many workshop participants wanted to be sure the site would have year-round use and offer a sustainable program.

Carrey agreed, saying activity would be the key to ensuring the facility is successful and doesn't become neglected or overrun with transients.

"One thing that's important to keep in mind is that the more you use something the less issues you have with it, because the homeless population doesn't want to be around a place with a lot of activity," Carrey said. "Once we had the skatepark in place at Memorial Park, for example, there was lots of activity there and the homeless activity dropped off."

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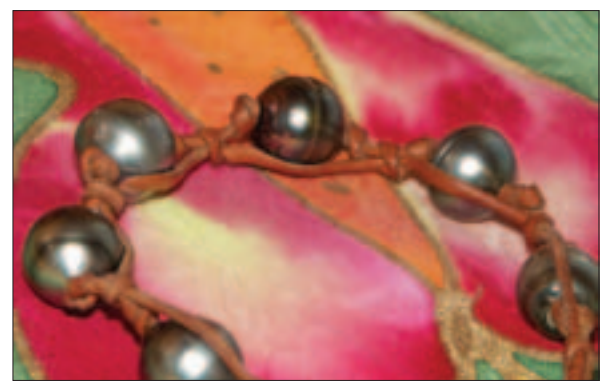
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City Hall may tap acoustics guru to keep estate quiet

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Carlson said parking lots at the site will remain in place, which will provide enough parking to appease state officials.

The project, once complete, is expected to accommodate 200 people.

Noise generated by motor traffic on the PCH also was an issue, Carlson said. To counteract the noise, City Hall may hire an acoustics expert to look for ways to sound-proof the facility.

The noise problem, however, may go both ways, said Fred Deni, owner of Back on the Beach, the restaurant located next to the property.

Deni said he has extended a tent on the property to host events, often involving alcohol and music. To do so, he has adopted strict guidelines, such as ensuring no music starts until 7 p.m. and is over by 11 p.m., he said.

"One of my first red flags is when I get a call from someone who wants to throw a party and he says, 'Can we drink until two in the morning?'" Deni said.

Deni said City Hall will likely regulate use to minimize noise or other complaints associated with the estate's operations.

Carrey said it will be imperative for City Hall to regulate such activity.

"People won't necessarily be able to just walk up from the beach," Carrey said. "The property is owned by the city, so the city will be required to set up rules to determine how the site is used."



File photo

The Marion Davies Estate at 415 Pacific Coast Highway was constructed in the 1920s for the mistress of newspaper titan William Randoplh Hearst. It is now undergoing a $24 million restoration.

The estate was built for Davies, Hearst's mistress. The lavish compound once had dozens of rooms with expensive, detailed furnishings. In 1959, City Hall took control of the property and leased it to the private Sand and Sea Club, an arrangement which lasted from 1960 to 1990. Then the site was open for public events, such as barbecues and weddings, until it was severely damaged in the 1994 Northridge Earthquake and had to be closed down.

The estate, once the splendor of the rich and famous, has since been neglected and prone to trespassing and vandalism, some say.

Pankow Special Projects, Ltd. has completed a number of projects of "greater magnitude and complexity" than the Davies estate, according to a city staff report. The firm's resume includes historic projects, making it "keenly familiar with the issues associated with preservation and restoration."

Frederick Fisher and Partners, the team's design architect, is an internationally-recognized architecture firm based in West Los Angeles. The award-winning firm specializes in art-related design, historic building rehabilitation and residential work. Its projects include the restoration of the A. Quincy Jones Studio, and the adaptive reuse of the Santa Monica Bay Telephone Company Building for the headquarters for the Broad Art Foundation, among others.

As of July 25, an "e-workshop" has been available at 415pch.smgov.net. The e-workshop will provide historical information on the site, background information on the revitalization project and an opportunity for community members to provide input on their vision for the site. Comments received will be forwarded to the design team.

Barbara Stinchfield, director of community and cultural services, said the e-worskhop is a relatively new concept for city projects. It's being used, in part, to help expedite the timetable to finish the project in 2008, as requested by the Annenberg foundation.

"It's good there is money for this project and it's moving forward quickly," Carrey said. "City Hall isn't known for always being on time."

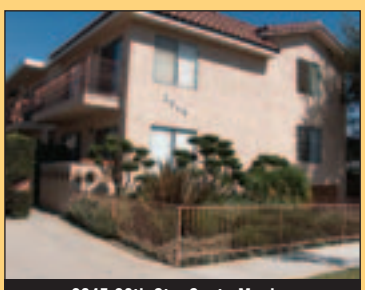
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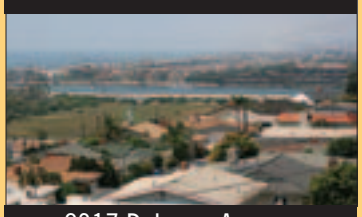
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City in early stages of plan

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the report.

It's a sentiment which rings true for Councilman Kevin McKeown, who said he was initially dismayed by Santa Monica's report card, until he was able to put the results in perspective.

"At first glance, I was disappointed because these look like George W. Bush's grades at Yale," McKeown said. "Then I understood that we are in the first year of a 10-year plan, and can't expect to master the material in the first semester.

"What's important here is Santa Monica's consistent As for effort, and our willingness to be self-critical and judge our progress realistically."

The report focuses on resource conservation, environmental and public health programs, transportation, economic development, open space and land use, housing, community education and civic participation, and human dignity. Santa Monica was graded by an environmental task force, which was made up of local environmentalists and experts in those fields.

In 1994, the Santa Monica City Council adopted the city's first sustainability program, initially proposed by the city's task force on the environment. The program grew and evolved. In February of 2003, the City Council adopted the Sustainable City Plan (SCP), an updated and expanded version of the program.

The SCP was created by community members and is comprised of far-reaching goals, according to city staff.

Kubani said that while the grades are important, providing the annual report ensures the topic of sustainability is being kept in the public eye.

Under each sustainability category, there is a grade both for results, as well as effort.

Santa Monica didn't receive an "A" for results in any of the eight categories. However, it received Bs in community education and participation, economic development, environmental and public health and open space/land use.

While Santa Monica earned Cs in the areas of resource conservation and transportation, it nearly flunked in being able to provide affordable housing.

"Housing is simply not affordable here, and the conditions that make it happen, such as the Costa Hawkins Act of 1999 which caused de-rent control, as well as property values sending the cost of homes through the roof, have been serious problems the city is trying to tackle," Kubani said. "While there have been thousands of units coming up at market value rate, we've only been building hundreds of affordable housing units and can't keep up with the pace."

Kubani said City Hall often gets a bad rap by the public for areas that continue to be a regional problem, outside of Santa Monica's control.

"The Big Blue Bus is ranked as one of the top bus lines in the United States," Kubani said. "People are getting out and using it, and we're continuing to do all we can to get the rail here."

Kubani also pointed out Santa Monica's recognition at the United Nations-backed World Environment Day, held in San Francisco in June.

SustainLane, a privately held company committed to promoting sustainable efforts, said Santa Monica finished first nationally for its "green" buildings, as well as for the city's solid-waste diversion program, and planning and environmental knowledge of residents.

Some of the awards lined up for Santa Monica were based on a SustainLane study that included 20 categories, and information compiled from more than 90 interviews with representatives of 25 American cities.

Kubani said other problems that continue to face Santa Monica which the report card touches on is the higher number of people who work in Santa Monica compared to those who live here.

To create a community in which more residents live and work in Santa Monica, City Hall encourages mixed-use developments that offer both commercial and housing space. However, Kubani said because there continues to be an affordable housing shortage, the aim of creating a more locally-based economy and community may need to be modified.

"The report card aims to show how the kinds of development we have, as well as the parking, traffic and economy are all interconnected," Kubani said. "We can't just focus on one sustainability area when we make a decision.

"If we are to continue to improve, we must consider all of them."

Poll shows public is losing confidence that hurricane relief will be spent wisely

BY WILL LESTER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Americans are losing confidence that the federal government will wisely spend billions of dollars set aside for recovery from Hurricane Katrina, an AP-Ipsos poll found.

Just three weeks ago, the public was evenly split on whether the money would be spent wisely, according to the poll. Now, six in 10 say they are not confident the money will be well spent.

Federal officials were left red-faced after scuttling a debit-card plan almost as soon as they announced it, few hurricane victims moved into cruise ships leased off the Gulf Coast at considerable cost and Congress pushed to reverse many no-bid government contracts.

The negative publicity appears to have had an impact on public opinion.

"They're doing a bad job with the money," said Larry Washington, of Bonham, Texas, who complained about companies from outside the region getting rich, noncompetitive contracts to build mobile shelters at the expense of local businesses.

"I guess they just want to make the corporations rich," he said. "They're doing it for their buddies."

Since the initial, much-criticized federal government response to Katrina, Congress has appropriated $62 billion for hurricane recovery. The Congressional Budget Office says the final tab likely will be less than $150 billion _ below initial estimates.

Most people have no problem with the expected cost.

Almost half of those surveyed in the AP-Ipsos poll said the government is spending the right amount while two in 10 said the more should be spent.

Public concerns tend to arise over whether the money will be spent well.

Government efforts to deal quickly with the crisis brought problems _ from a short-lived program to give hurricane victims $2,000 debit cards to a six-month lease for three Carnival Cruise ships that cost $236 million and aren't being used by most hurricane victims.

Millions of dollars in contracts also were awarded without competitive bidding, prompting protests by members of Congress.

R. David Paulison, acting chief of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, promised Thursday that millions of dollars worth of no-bid contracts will be rebid to prevent waste or abuse.

Thousands were stranded in New Orleans for days after Katrina struck the Gulf coast in late August. And three weeks later, thousands were trapped in 100 miles of bumper-to-bumper traffic on the highway headed north into Texas as Hurricane Rita approached.

Those two difficult experiences with hurricane evacuation have raised public anxiety about government's ability to evacuate people in case of a major disaster. People are evenly divided on whether the government can do that, the poll found.

The most difficult job for government in storm evacuations is moving the old, the infirm and people without their own transportation, said Jane Bullock, who was FEMA's chief of staff under President Clinton.

She said the problems with the Katrina evacuation were caused by government officials at all levels not recognizing the size of the job facing them.

"The federal government didn't bring in assets to help with the evacuation and there wasn't enough time," Bullock said.









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Author looks to capture essence of 'Grizzly Man'

BY GEORGE BRYSON
Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The short, heartless version of the story was simply: "The Doofus Dies." At least, that's how some Alaskans saw it, says Nick Jans, the Juneau-based author of a new book, "The Grizzly Maze," about Malibu resident Timothy Treadwell's fatal obsession with Alaska's huge coastal brown bears.

Two years ago, he might not have argued, knowing only the earliest details of how a big grizzly had just killed Treadwell and his girlfriend, Amie Huguenard, in a bear-haunted thicket of Katmai National Park.

Treadwell, it was thought, had only himself to blame, having invited such danger by fashioning himself as a "bear whisperer" who could walk within a few feet of a lounging Katmai brown bear, turn his back and calmly smile into his camcorder. He gave the bears names like Booble and Mr. Chocolate. Sometimes he touched them with his hand.

Soon after his death, federal wildlife officials disputed Treadwell's assertion that he was somehow protecting the grizzlies from poachers. The bears in Katmai were already protected, the officials said. They lived in a national park.

Others called Treadwell a California con man, someone who'd changed his name and once even invented a new country of origin (along with a fake Australian accent) while drifting from job to job.

And yet, says Jans, some of the most knowledgeable bear biologists and wildlife photographers in Southwest Alaska still found reasons to admire Treadwell. No one disputed his commitment to the bears. Often he was alone at Katmai for 13 long summers.

How did he do it — and why? And who was he, really?

"It was like that line in 'Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid' — 'Who ARE those guys?!"' Jans told an audience at the University of Alaska Anchorage. "Well, who is this guy anyway?

"He was charismatic, irritating, bright, stupid, brave, foolhardy — a mixture of all these things," he said. "And the more I learned about Timothy Treadwell, the more I came across a person who was incredibly complex and contradictory."

So the short version was no longer operative.

While German filmmaker Werner Herzog, in his critically acclaimed documentary "Grizzly Man," appropriated more than a hundred hours of Treadwell's films to paint a vivid portrait of his volatile persona, Jans used his own knowledge of the Alaska Bush — as a nature writer and longtime teacher in northwest Alaska — to analyze Treadwell's special relationship with bears.

In fact, his book is as much about bears as Treadwell, Jans said.

"Timothy Treadwell is just the lens. Timothy Treadwell is dead as a doornail on Page 111, and the book is 274 pages long," he said. "The book is dedicated to bears, and I think he would have liked that."

It begins in early October 2003, with Jans, on assignment for Alaska magazine, flying to Upper Kaflia Lake near the southeastern coast of Katmai National Park to inspect Treadwell's last camp just five days after the fatal attack.

"If there was one place the National Park Service could tell you 'don't camp here!' — it would be Kaflia Lake," Jans said. In late summer, the alder-choked maze of bear trails that extend from the lake to the nearby coastline are usually packed with grizzlies.

Treadwell knew that maze as well as anyone, sometimes crawling down its well-worn channels on all fours to slip beneath the brush. He also knew a lot about bear behavior, having published a book on the subject — though some of its content wasn't original, Jans said.

"After reading all the bear books I did, I'd have to mark him down at least three grades because he lifted a lot of his information from real bear biologists, then parroted it back as something he discovered."

What Jans discovered on his own were local reports of "some weird things going on at Katmai" the season that Treadwell and Huguenard died.

Bear biologist and wildlife photographer Matthias Breiter told him that he'd led a party of about a half dozen photographers to a creek in an adjoining bay the previous week and been surprised by what he found. Where normally he might see a dozen grizzlies, this time there were 60 — and a lot of bear fights in the mix.

What was going on?

Apparently, Jans said, the Katmai coast berry crop had failed that fall. Breiter surmised that the loss of the berries had forced the bears to focus their feeding more exclusively on fish. Hence the traffic jam at the creek and the cranky dispositions. Later, some of the same bears journeyed over the ridge to Kaflia in search of greener pastures.

"That doesn't mean it's an army of killer bears descending (into Kaflia)," Jans said. "But it does mean that there are even more bears jammed into a finite resource. And Timothy's journals — which were read by the investigators — demonstrated there were all sorts of fights breaking out there in a volatile environment.

"So it wasn't usual."

Unusual too was the fact that Treadwell was still lingering at Katmai as late as early October. Usually he checked out a month earlier before the bears became stressed.

In summer, grizzlies that cluster together to feed on the plentiful salmon runs along the Katmai coast are naturally more tolerant of each other than their cousins, the smaller and far more dispersed inland brown bears, Jans said. They have to be.

And they're more tolerant of the occasional human as well, especially in a national park, where they seldom get shot at. That, he said, was part of the whole "card trick" that explained how Treadwell got away with standing in their midst so much. Usually the bears there were too preoccupied to care.

Moreover, Treadwell undoubtedly "habituated" several of the coastal bears to his presence after 13 years of visiting Katmai. But contrary to some press reports, Jans said, the bear that biologists believe attacked the couple wasn't a stranger.

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Ranger tells author of grizzly conclusion

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No one knows for certain, but park officials believe it was the same bear that was seen feeding on Treadwell's and Huguenard's bodies the next day: a distinctively scarred 1,000-pound male that biologists knew simply as "Bear 141," having tattooed that number on its lip six years earlier — but that Treadwell called "Mr. Vicious." Which is kind of an odd name coming from a bear lover, Jans said.

"He actually told a bear-hunting friend of (bush pilot) Willie Fulton: 'If you ever want to shoot a bear, that's the one you should shoot.' And he gave him a picture of this bear."

On the other hand, he'd crossed paths with the same large male on many occasions at Katmai, and there'd never been an attack, Jans adds. So why this time?

"Who the hell knows?"

Hearing the bear outside his tent, Treadwell probably stepped outside to confront it, Jans said. Investigators later determined that it didn't tear into the tent, and an audio tape from a camcorder that was left running throughout the attack provided additional clues, though a cap covered the lens.

Jans wasn't allowed to hear the tape — authorities concluded it was too personal and graphic to be made public — but a ranger was willing to summarize some of what was heard and said.

It begins with Treadwell screaming for Huguenard to help him outside the tent: "Come out here, I'm being killed out here!" he said. "Play dead!" she shouted back.

Jans thinks the bear probably smashed Treadwell to the ground with its initial charge.

"A bear of any size is capable of holding him in its mouth and literally shaking him to death the way a terrier would a cat," he writes. "But Timothy Treadwell doesn't die quickly. The tape runs roughly six minutes, and his cries can be heard two-thirds of that time."

The bear seems to have retreated briefly, leaving Treadwell on the ground, the investigators told Jans. Then it returned, and there was the sound of something being thrown. Treadwell begged Huguenard to hit the bear with a pan. Huguenard urged Treadwell to fight back. Then she started screaming in an eerie, rhythmic way. There was a dragging sound as Treadwell's voice trailed away, as if his body was being pulled into the brush.

Near the end, there was no movement, the investigator said. Just the sound of Huguenard screaming.

"And I won't put you through his imitation of it," Jans said. "It was just this repeated, very high-pitched, rhythmic, animal-like, totally melted-down scream, over and over. ... And then the bear comes back."

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Commercial fishermen called on to save whales

BY MARY PEMBERTON
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ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Alaska's commercial fishing fleet is joining in an effort to save the world's most endangered whales.

Until recently, it was believed that the North Pacific right whale was headed toward certain extinction. However, more animals than expected were found last summer in the Bering Sea, lending hope they can be saved.

Even so, there are likely fewer than 100 North Pacific right whales. The animals share the Bering Sea with the largest commercial fishery in the U.S.

Now, the Marine Conservation Alliance — a coalition of commercial fishermen, seafood processors and coastal communities — is working with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration to make mariners more aware of the vulnerable whales. They've come up with a two-page laminated guide suitable for posting on a ship's bridge.

"The population of right whales in the eastern North Pacific is so critical that anything we can do to promote the recovery of this population is urgently needed," said Doug DeMaster, head of NOAA's Alaska Fisheries Science Center.

The initiative was announced this week at the meeting of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council in Anchorage.

Some 5,000 North Pacific Right Whale Guides will be printed next week and delivered to at least 2,000 boats in the Alaska fishing fleet. Copies also will be translated into Russian, and perhaps Japanese, to provide information to those fishing fleets as well.

The guide describes the whales and includes charts of all sightings since 1941. Recently the whales have been seen at their summer feeding grounds in the Bering Sea and off Kodiak Island.

The guide provides fishing vessel captains with a list of "dos and don'ts."

The "do" list says that if a right whale is sighted, captains should keep their vessels 100 yards away. The "don't" list includes the recommendation that captains not place their ships in the path of — or even near — oncoming right whales, which are described as slow swimmers that sometimes feed at or near the surface.

"They show little or no instinct to avoid vessels and are vulnerable to ship strikes," the guide says. "They also tend to roll when they meet an obstacle, which may result in gear entanglement."

To date, there have been no reports of fishing vessels striking the whales or getting entangled in gear.

The guide asks commercial fishermen to log the time and location of any whale sightings and immediately notify the federal fisheries observer if one is on the vessel. If there is no observer, the guide recommends photographing the whale to confirm the sighting and sending a report to NOAA in Seattle.

Mariners should also notify any other boats in the area to stay away once a whale is sighted. If the whale approaches the boat, the guide says the captain should put the boat's engine in neutral and allow the whale to pass.

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‘Bridge to nowhere’ a bridge to the future?

BY RACHEL D’ORO
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ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Let others sneer at Southeast Alaska’s so-called “bridge to nowhere.” Leaders in Ketchikan, the small port town on the receiving end of the project, aren’t sneering at what they call a bridge to the future.

The $223 million two-bridge project would connect the airport to Revillagigedo Island, where most of the 13,000 residents of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough live.

The airport is separated from its users by a quarter-mile-wide channel of water, forcing travelers to catch either a ferry or a water taxi.

Some Ketchikan leaders, in fact, want to rename the airport after Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, for the all the federal money he’s brought to the area, including the bridge. Young is chairman of the House Transportation Committee.

“He’s been very supportive of all our infrastructure projects,” said Jack Shay, a member of the Ketchikan Borough Assembly who proposed the renaming.

Critics in Alaska and the Lower 48 say the funds earmarked for the bridge and some other projects in the federal transportation bill would be better spent on hurricane recovery.

Shay said he would have no problem deferring the funds for a year if the money is instead used on Gulf Coast projects. But he disagrees with opponents who say the bridge is a boondoggle.

The airport is separated by Tongass Narrows from the town, which sits near the edge of another island. Scheduled ferries and water taxis now carry travelers back and forth from town, about 235 miles southeast of Juneau.

“We’ve only been a state relatively short time, so we’re way behind the other states,” said Shay. “Don Young has been a great help catching us up with other states.”

Young has said that the federal money helps build basic connections between communities in Alaska, just as the government long ago built connections between cities in the Lower 48 states.

“Because of its geographical location, Ketchikan has long been recognized as the ‘Gateway to Alaska,"’ Young wrote. “Yet the community is accessible only by air and sea and has run out of land.”

The town — Alaska’s entry port for northbound cruise ships — is literally out of room for expansion, said Glen Thompson, a borough assemblyman.

The town is seven blocks wide and eight miles long, backing up to forest and mountains. There’s no place left to go but across the channel to Gravina Island, population 50, where the airport is located. It is relatively flat and prime real estate for development.

A road link between the two shores is crucial for growth, Thompson said.

“We don’t consider it a bridge to nowhere,” he said. “We consider it a bridge to the future.”

Many Alaskans, including some Ketchikan residents, aren’t convinced a bridge is necessary. Ferries run every 15 minutes in summer and every half hour in winter, said Shannon Spring, who is gathering signatures around town for a petition drive in favor of diverting the money to hurricane victims. A ride across the channel takes just a few minutes, he said.

“I think the bridge should not be built at all,” he said. “It’s ludicrous because of the expense.”

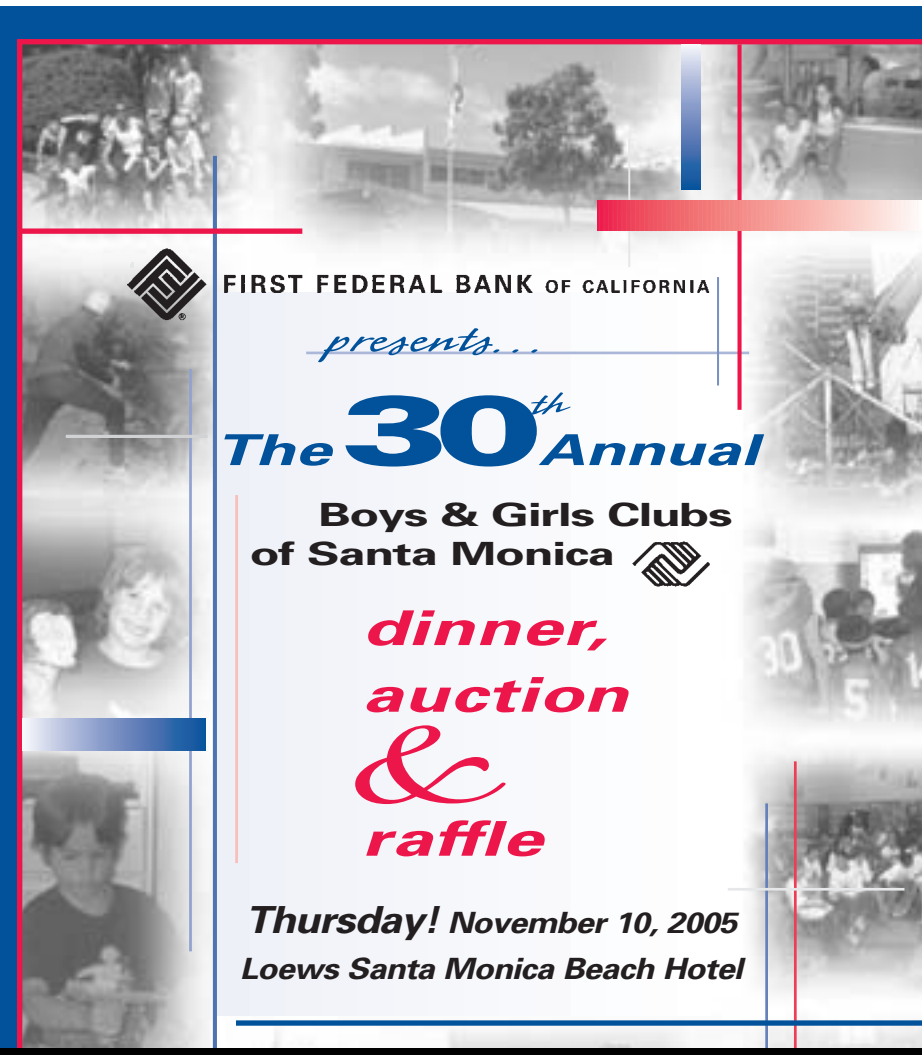
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He's the bomb: U.N. nuclear chief feels vindicated

BY GEORGE JAHN
Associated Press Writer

VIENNA, Austria — Mohamed ElBaradei and his International Atomic Energy agency won the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize Friday, leaving the chief U.N. nuclear inspector strengthened in a job he nearly lost because of a dispute with the United States over Iran and Iraq.

ElBaradei suggested winning the world's most prestigious award vindicated his methods and goals — using diplomacy rather than confrontation and defusing tensions in multilateral negotiations that strive for consensus.

He also suggested the conflict with Washington was over, saying Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice "wished me well" in a congratulatory phone call.

The Bush administration has bristled at ElBaradei's positions on the nuclear threat posed by Iran and Iraq and unsuccessfully lobbied to block his appointment to a third and final four-year term this year. The endorsement by the Nobel Committee was viewed as a major boost to the 63-year-old Egyptian diplomat and his mandate to curb nuclear proliferation.

ElBaradei (pronounced ehl-BEHR'-uh-day)and the IAEA locked horns with Washington in the run-up to the 2003 Iraq war by challenging U.S. claims that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction. More recently, ElBaradei's refusal to back U.S. assertions that Iran has a covert nuclear weapons program hardened opposition to him within the Bush administration.

After the award was announced, ElBaradei refrained from criticizing the United States in comments to Associated Press Television News and two other media outlets.

"I don't see it as a critique of the U.S." he said Friday. "We had disagreement before the Iraq war, honest disagreement. We could have been wrong, they could have been right."

Instead, ElBaradei said, the honor was "a message — 'Hey guys, you need to get your act together you need to work together in multinational institutions."'

The award also was a signal "going to the Arab world, going to the Western world that we ... have a lot in common and we need to work together to survive," ElBaradei said.

Describing his phone conversation with Rice, he said that they both "agreed that we will have to continue to work together" on issues including dispelling suspicions about Iran's nuclear ambitions and getting North Korea to return to the nonproliferation fold.

"The award sends a very strong message: 'Keep doing what you are doing,"' he said. "We continue to believe that in all of our activities we have to be impartial, objective and work with integrity."

In Washington, Rice reaffirmed in a statement that the Bush administration was "committed to working with the IAEA to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons technology."

Nobel Committee chairman Ole Danbolt Mjoes also denied the award was meant as a slap at the United States.

"This is not a kick in the shin of any nation, any leader," he said. "It is a challenge to all leaders in the world and all the world's nations to go much further on the road toward ridding the world of nuclear weapons."

The award was the highlight in the career for the diplomat, who received a doctorate in International Law at the New York University School of Law in 1974 and later became an adjunct professor there.

ElBaradei joined the IAEA in 1984 and rose from within the ranks of the 139-nation agency, becoming its head in 1997. Naturally shy, he grew into the job as the IAEA dealt with crises in Iraq, North Korea and Iran, becoming an ever more outspoken advocate of nonproliferation in comments that mutated from stilted statements to polished soundbites.

The Nobel Committee recognized ElBaradei and the U.N. nuclear agency "for their efforts to prevent nuclear energy from being used for military purposes and to ensure that nuclear energy for peaceful purposes is used in the safest possible way."

"At a time when disarmament efforts appear deadlocked, when there is a danger that nuclear arms will spread both to states and to terrorist groups, and when nuclear power again appears to be playing an increasingly significant role, IAEA's work is of incalculable importance," it said in a statement.

ElBaradei and the agency had been among the favorites to win as speculation mounted the Nobel Committee would seek to honor the victims of nuclear weapons and those who try to contain their use.

The committee has repeatedly awarded its peace prize to anti-nuclear weapons campaigners on the major anniversaries of the 1945 atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan.

Among the dozens of foreign leaders congratulating ElBaradei was German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder — a strong critic of the U.S. invasion that toppled Saddam. He praised ElBaradei's "courageous stand for an objective view of the situation in the run-up to the Iraq war."

Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf also applauded the committee's decision — despite often tense relations with the IAEA, most recently over revelations of an enormous nuclear black market run by disgraced Pakistani scientist Abdul Qadeer Khan.

ElBaradei's agency has been pivotal in nearly three years of investigations into Iran's suspect nuclear activities, including programs that can be used for making weapons.

Last month, the IAEA board put Iran on notice that it faces referral to the U.N. Security Council unless it dispels international concerns about it nuclear aims — despite ElBaradei's private preference for a less confrontational approach.

The agency has had no control over North Korea since the country quit the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty in 2003, but ElBaradei has said he hopes to have his inspectors back in the country, the "sooner the better" in the wake of the North's announcement that it wants to end its atomic weapons program.

In Iraq, IAEA inspectors searched for evidence of a nuclear weapons program in the months ahead of the 2003 U.S. invasion but failed to find concrete evidence to back U.S. assertions Saddam's regime had such a program.

The Nobel committee received a record 199 nominations for the peace prize, which includes $1.3 million, a gold medal and a diploma. ElBaradei and the IAEA will share the award when they receive it Dec. 10 in the Norwegian capital of Oslo.







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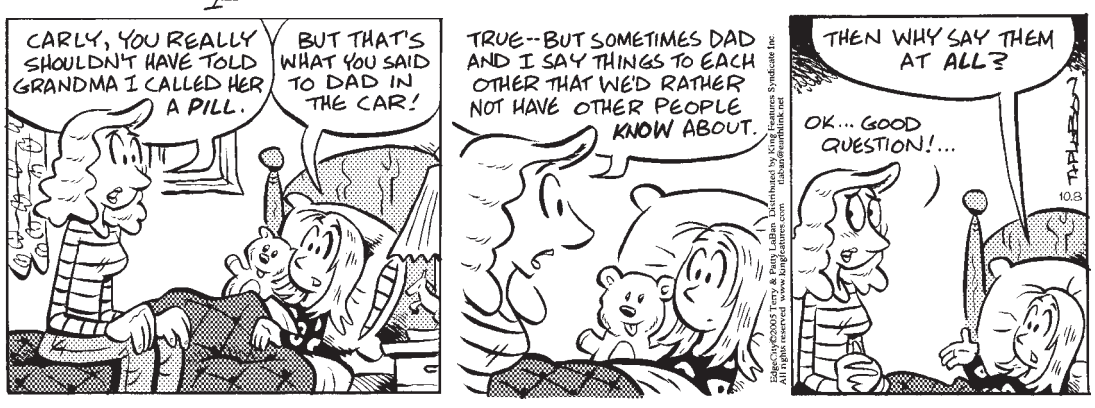
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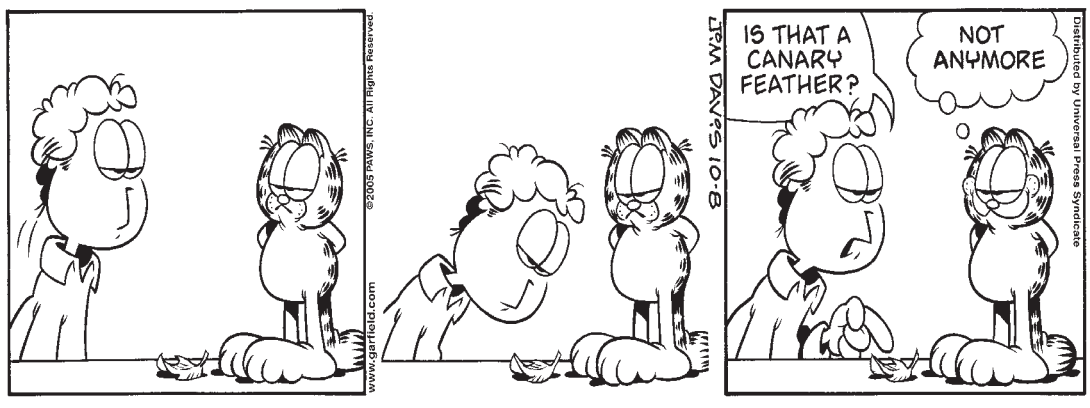


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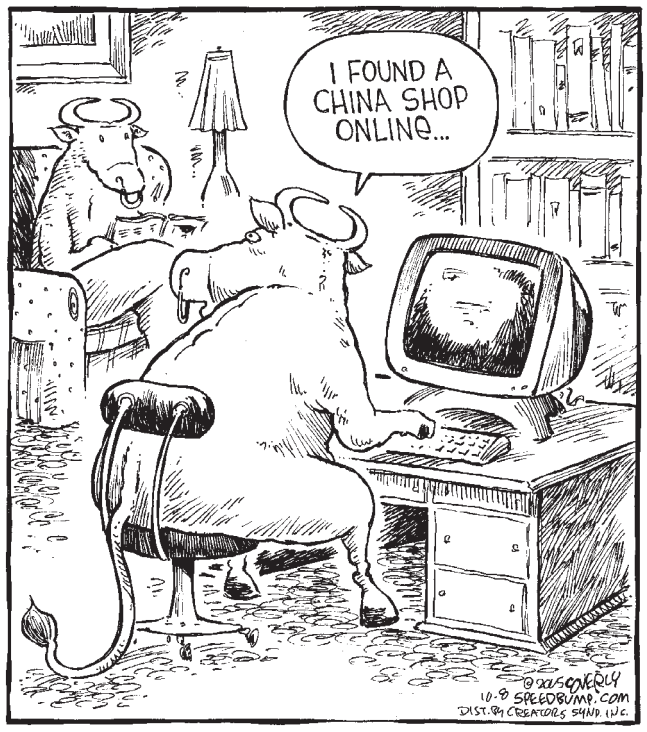
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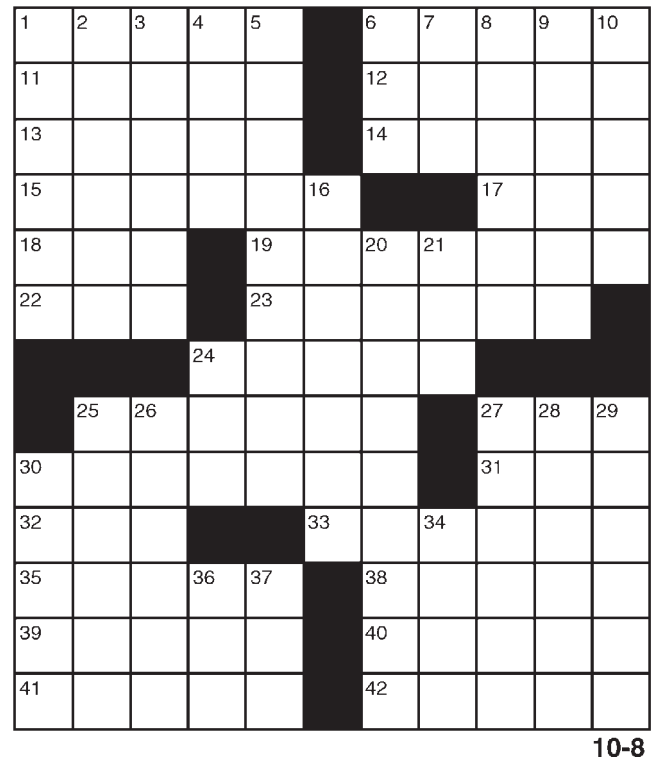
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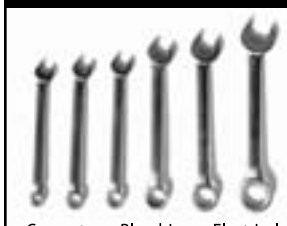


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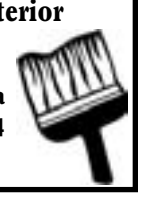


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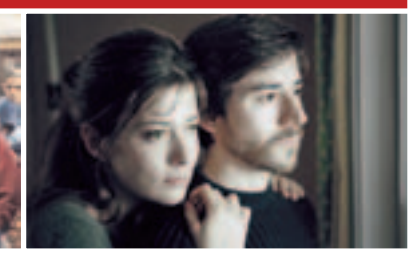
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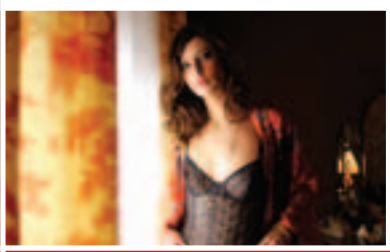


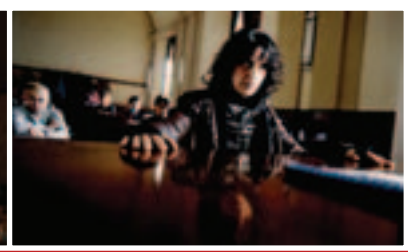
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