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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ When Dan White killed San Francisco supervisor Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone in 1978, but argued successfully that he had diminished capacity because of a depression that was exemplified by eating too much junk food, the "Twinkie Defense" was born. In December 2003, U.S. Rep. Bill Janklow of South Dakota was convicted of manslaughter for causing a traffic fatality, despite a defense that he had diminished capacity due to low blood sugar from his diabetes. Presumably, then (though Janklow did not specifically say so), the accident, the death, and his conviction would never have happened if only he had eaten some Twinkies.

■ According to a December Miami Herald story, the condition of museum-goers who grow faint or suffer anxiety attacks while viewing art (or viewing too much in a short time) has a name, Stendhal's syndrome, that, although rare, has been studied for almost 200 years.

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Band director enters 'not guilty' plea

Samohi's Hammer ordered to stay away from victim, minors until case resolved

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

LAX COURTHOUSE — A Santa Monica High School band director pleaded not guilty on Friday to two felony charges stemming from an alleged sexual encounter with a 15-year-old girl.

Assistant band director Carl

Hammer, 37, has worked in the local school district for nine years. He was arrested in August following months of investigation and immediately posted \$40,000 bond. A bail review hearing is scheduled for Oct. 19 and Hammer is due to stand preliminary trial next month.

Hammer and the victim were neighbors. The girl's family attended Friday's hearing, her sister shaking her head and the mother whispering "liar, liar" under her breath as Hammer's plea was recorded.

"As the mother of the victim,

we don't want him to hurt any other child — and due to his distinction as a teacher, shame on him," the distraught mother said after Hammer's arraignment. The Daily Press is not identifying the victim's family to protect the identity of the 15-year-old girl.

Hammer, wearing a dark, pin-striped suit and carrying a black backpack, declined to comment on Friday. He was accompanied to court by his wife Jennifer, his father and attorney Vicki Podberesky.

In addition to recording Hammer's plea, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge T.K. Herman ordered Hammer to stay 100 yards away from the victim and not associate with minors, except his own children, who attend local schools. Though the victim was not a Samohi student, her siblings are.

Samohi's award-winning band is widely respected, thanks in part to the tutelage of department chair Terry Sakow and Hammer, who

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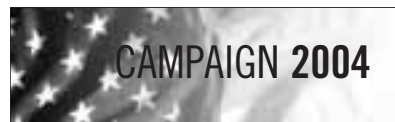
Smells like team spirit



Susan Tam/Special to the Daily Press

Samohi students show a little pep at a rally on Friday afternoon to announce the homecoming court. Homecoming weekend at Santa Monica High School also included Friday night's football game against Roosevelt and the Homecoming Ball on Saturday night.

School district, SMC candidates rally funds



(Editor's note: This is the fourth article in a series this week covering election fundraising.)

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Tens of thousands of dollars have been raised in the race to fill three open seats on both the local school and college boards this November, according to reports filed this week.

Leading the pack is Malibu resident and parent Kathy Wisnicki,

who is running for a board seat on the joint Santa Monica-Malibu district. She reported raising \$28,000 so far this year and spending \$10,000.

Santa Monica College trustee Margaret Quinones was next, declaring \$13,551 in cash raised for her re-election bid, followed by attorney Rob Rader, who reported raising \$8,510 in his quest to unseat an SMC trustee. After Rader were incumbent SMMUSD board members Maria Leon-Vazquez and Jose Escarce.

The size of the other school candidates' war chests were dramatically smaller, with none of the candidates reporting contributions

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Morea, full of race: Council hopeful still in running

BY SUSAN TAM

Special to the Daily Press

City Council candidate Kathryn Morea felt her campaign was cruising along just fine, that is until one resident told her he was surprised to hear she was still running.

According to Morea, when she announced her recent decision to

leave the Team for Change slate, a whole contingent of voters may have assumed she was dropping out of the race altogether.

"I think people just see 'Morea quits' and jump to the wrong conclusion," she said.

According to Morea, a number of people have stopped her to inquire as to why she had dropped

out of contention, run-ins the would-be councilmember found disheartening to say the least.

Last week, Morea voluntarily resigned from the Team for Change slate — which also includes Bill Bauer and David Cole — over a conflict of interests stemming from her endorsement by the local chamber of com-

merce. Morea's decision to split with her former running mates left her scrambling to come up with new mailers, lawn signs and her own Web site. She estimates the whole process has set her back more than \$1,000.

"I've more than made up for it, the money is definitely coming in

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** Listen. Get to the bottom of a partner or friend's thoughts. Together you might reorganize or rehash plans or a decision. You come up with strong choices. Visit close to home, where you are comfortable. Tonight: Entertain till your heart's content.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** It isn't what you say but how you say it that makes all the difference in a willful person's response. You want only the best responses, so give 100 percent to diplomacy and a positive attitude. Hang out with others. Even phone calls prove rewarding. Tonight: Use that ol' Gemini charm.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** You might not always be up for grandiose shows, but right now you are. Take a loved one out for dinner or a night on the town. Treat someone and take him or her shopping. Of course, this person could be you. Tonight: You make a splash wherever you are.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** The Lion roars as only you can. Wherever you are, your originality and magnetic qualities come out. You might feel like the Pied Piper, with admirers popping up left and right. Know that you don't have to make choices yet, though others might appreciate it. Tonight: You are the action!



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
** Sometimes not being available or simply pulling the curtains might be a better option. Warm up a relationship in private, if the opportunity arises. Otherwise, take on some special project that you might enjoy, like getting extra R and R! Tonight: Not available — thank you.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Head for the game or join friends at a favorite hangout. You might quickly alter your plans, but you might be a lot happier that way. Friends surround you, though you might see a relationship transforming in front of your very eyes. Tonight: Hoot the night away.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** You might not believe all that needs handling. A public appearance or dealing with a respected figure in your life takes priority. Revamp your finances if you need to. Pursue the logical course. Tonight: A force to behold.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** You might reverse a decision after a discussion. Know that not everything has to be your way. If you listen to others' logic, you might opt to pursue another course or direction completely. Tonight: Yes, do try different.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Your expectations might be a lot different from those of a partner or special friend. Don't hem and haw, simply zoom in and adjust your thinking. Give up rigidity, for your sake if not another's. Enjoy a key person in your life to the max. Tonight: Dinner for two.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Others seek you out. A call or special invitation causes you to change plans. Know that you will enjoy yourself more, but use your verbal skills when you are telling a friend you won't join him or her. Trust that everything will work out. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Relaxation mixed with fun and a day off suits you fine. Make sure to touch base with a parent or older relative. Don't make anything difficult. Run with a partner's suggestion. You are 100 percent right-on. Tonight: In the limelight.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Elks lend helping hoof to handicapped

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica Elks contributed \$17,007 — about \$56.50 for each member — toward handicapped programs for children.

The Santa Monica Elks held what's called a "Major Project Theme Dinner" last week. Past Exalted Ruler Ray Beers said the major project is a program to help handicapped children. The program started in 1950 with the formation of a committee to analyze the needs of handicapped children in remote areas and find a solution.

In 1951, two physical therapists were hired and were furnished with two station wagons. In 1965, pre-school vision testing and speech therapy were added. In 1981, the first college scholarships for handicapped children were issued.

More than \$1 million was given in scholarships in 1974.

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'Jungle' boogie at the pier this weekend

By Daily Press staff

Grab a vine and swing on over to "Jungle Mania" this weekend, when Maria Shriver will recognize Anne Sweeney for her dedicated support of Special Olympics over the past 15 years.

The eighth annual Pier Del Sol celebration is put on by the Special Olympics Southern California (SOSC) and is a family-oriented event taking place on the Santa Monica Pier's Historic Park on Sunday, Oct. 10. Sweeney is co-chairperson of Media Networks, the Walt Disney Company and president of Disney-ABC Television Group. Shriver is the 2004 honorary chair for Pier Del Sol, which will feature continuous entertainment, a VIP brunch, awards ceremony, silent auction and live music.

Shriver will present the award to Sweeney at noon.

Since its inception in 1997, Pier Del Sol has raised more than \$2 million to benefit the athletes of Special Olympics Southern California, an organization that strives to make a positive impact upon the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities. More than 11,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities participate in the organization's year-round program of sports, training and competition.

The public is invited to the pier for the festivities, which will feature food from more than 35 of Los Angeles's best restaurants. Among the top restaurants participating are Angelini Osteria, Granita, Jose, Maple Drive, Melisse, Sona, Spago Beverly Hills and Valentino. Patrons also can challenge their skills at the game booths and mingle with celebrities, or ride the carnival rides. Dancing to a jungle beat also will be part of the day.

This year's event is presented by Westfield Shoppingtowns, the Walt Disney Company and Cingular Wireless.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. General admission tickets are \$35 and include unlimited rides, six game booth tickets, and a meal coupon for Pacific Park's food plaza. VIP tickets, which include unlimited rides and games at Pacific Park and the special VIP brunch, are \$100 for individual tickets and \$375 for a VIP package (five tickets). Tickets are available through Ticketmaster by calling (213) 480-3232 or on the web at www.ticketmaster.com. For further information, call Special Olympics Southern California at (310) 215-8380, ext. 135.

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CORRECTION: In the Oct. 6 edition of the Daily Press, an article about campaign fundraising disclosures contained an error. City Council candidate Linda Armstrong said she has raised \$350.



SURF REPORT

The SSW'er keeps standouts in head-high waves on Saturday. More NW wind swell fills in on Saturday with waist- to chest-high surf at exposed beaches.

A healthy looking, low-tracking under the Alaskan Gulf will be pushing in NW swell in on Sunday. The swell is still on the steep side, but more good exposures will get waist-chest-shoulder-high waves off it and best breaks get some better sets. The NW ground/wind swell combo continues through next Monday then fades into mid-week.

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SUNDAY	1:49	0.3	1:53	1.8	8:18	4.8	7:45	5.3
MONDAY	2:14	0.3	2:26	1.3	8:35	5.1	8:22	5.3
TUESDAY	2:39	0.4	3:00	0.7	8:54	5.5	9:01	5.4
WEDNESDAY	3:04	0.6	3:36	0.3	9:16	5.8	9:42	5.1
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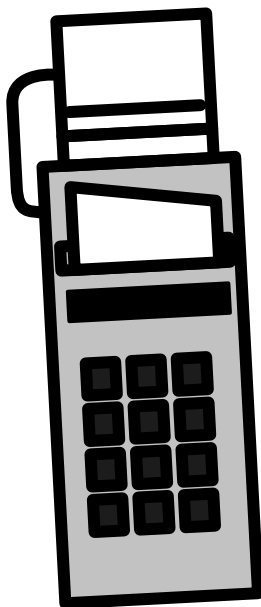
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Endorsements may hold key to election victories

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of more than \$700. Candidates and political groups are required by local law to regularly report their fundraising activity. They also can only accept individual donations of \$250 or less.

Wisnicki called upon dozens of local education activists to amass her campaign pot. In the last three months alone, she called upon Committee for Excellent Public Schools leaders Shari Davis and Ralph Mechur; school district union organizer Harry Keiley; and current SMMUSD board member Julia Brownley. Also contributing to her campaign were the campaign to re-elect Assemblywoman Fran Pavley, 2002 City Council candidate Abby Arnold and Le Merigot Hotel, according to disclosure documents filed at City Hall.

Like many of her competitors, Wisnicki has spent her money so far on a series of slate mailers, lawn signs, and election information and literature. She reported still having \$17,500 in the bank.

SMC trustee Quinones declared the second highest amount in funds raised. She called upon donations from leading SMC officials Piedad F. Robertson, Tom Donner, Don Girard, Dorothy Ehrhart-Morrison and Herb Roney, among others, to build up a campaign war chest totaling \$13,500. The \$8,000 she reported having spent so far went mostly towards 15 slate mailers and a \$2,500 consultant tab.

Trailing Quinones was Rader, a local attorney and board member of the non-profit organization that runs downtown Santa Monica. Rader pulled in \$8,500 in contributions, mostly from fellow lawyers, college professors and Hollywood industry players, and spent \$5,500, according to his report. Like the others, the money Rader spent went almost exclusively to a consultant and slate mailers — 16 of them.

SMMUSD board member Jose Escarce raised the fourth largest amount of money, with \$5,500 in contributions from a variety of donors, including fellow candidate Wisnicki, CEPS member Mechur and City

Council candidate Matt Dinolfo. Escarce reported spending his money on 11 slate mailers, along with a campaign consultant, lawn signs, and various expenses for postage, letterhead and printing.

Leon-Vazquez reported \$2,200 in campaign contributions and \$3,000 in expenditures, including bills for eight slate mailers and a small consulting fee. School board candidate Ana M. Jara reported \$629 in contributions, and SMC hopefuls Doug Willis and Charles Donaldson declared \$609 and \$525, respectively.

Susan Aminoff and Tonja McCoy, both running for seats on the SMC board of trustees, turned in papers indicating they didn't plan to raise more than \$1,000 and, therefore, didn't need to file disclosure reports. Only SMC candidate Susanne Trimbath failed to turn in the required paperwork.

In addition to spending their own money, the candidates rely on endorsements from key political groups to aid them in their campaigns. Viewed as especially important is the backing of Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, a political group formed 26 years ago that spends tens of thousands of dollars each election cycle.

SMRR this year is backing Aminoff, Rader and Willis for the SMC board of trustees — all challengers — and Escarce, Jara and Leon-Vazquez for the local school board.

It's unclear how much weight a political action committee set up by the chamber of commerce to endorse candidates will have in this upcoming election. The chamber, which is backing candidates for the first time this campaign season, decided to support Quinones, Rader and Willis in their bids for seats on the SMC board of trustees.

For the SMMUSD board, the chamber tapped Escarce, Leon-Vazquez and Wisnicki.

CEPS, which hasn't yet spent any money campaigning, also has weighed in on the school board race. They too chose to throw their support behind Escarce, Leon-Vazquez and Wisnicki.

Hammer remains on leave until sex charges resolved

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also played trombone for the Santa Monica College orchestra. The Samohi orchestra traveled to Europe last year; the marching band performed in Washington, D.C.

The investigation into Hammer was conducted by the California Department of Children and Family Services and the Santa Monica Police Department. On July 8, the SMPD was contacted by the department of children and family services regarding a child abuse investigation, according to SMPD Lt. Frank Fabrega. Police then conducted their own investigation and issued a warrant for Hammer.

The two charges stem from an alleged encounter on July 6.

Hammer was immediately put on paid leave by the district and will remain there indefinitely, according to the terms of his contract, said Superintendent of Schools John Deasy after the arrest.

While attorneys prepare to try Hammer's case, another Samohi teacher is expected to appear in court next week on underage sex charges. Mike Hearn, also 37, an assistant football and basketball coach, was arrested this summer for his alleged relationships with three different underage girls. Hearn has pleaded not guilty to nine felony charges stemming from those relationships.

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Schwarzenegger betting he can sink gaming bills

BY BETH FOUHY

AP Political Writer

SAN JOSE — Proclaiming his pride in “the great partnership I’ve won with the people,” Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger celebrated the first anniversary of his election vowing to defeat two gambling initiatives he warned would be “disastrous” for the state if passed.

Schwarzenegger pushed for the defeat of Propositions 68 and 70 at a “town hall” campaign stop that was actually a carefully screened gathering of Silicon Valley business people and local government officials who have already come out against both measures.

Proposition 70 would allow Indian gaming tribes to expand the number of slot machines they can operate in exchange for returning 8.8 percent of their revenue to the state — the same rate corporations pay. Proposition 68 would have allowed card clubs and race tracks to challenge the tribes’ monopoly on casino gambling, but the campaign to pass it was abandoned Wednesday after polls showed it was trailing badly.

Schwarzenegger, who has already negotiated agreements with nine gaming tribes to return \$1 billion to the state this year and another \$200 million per year in the future, has warned the two propositions would undermine those agreements and allow Las Vegas-style gambling to flourish in California.

“We have to terminate Propositions 68 and 70 — let’s say Hasta la Vista Baby to those propositions,” Schwarzenegger said to laughter and applause. “It’s a jackpot for special interests and a bust for California.”

Wearing his trademark black campaign bomber jacket bearing California state flag and a “No on 68 and 70” patch, Schwarzenegger warned the crowd of dire fiscal consequences to state and local

governments if either of the measures passed. But he sidestepped when pressed on specifics, such as how much the state’s deficit would increase if the measures were enacted or how much tribal revenue would be directed to schools or health care.

“The important thing is that we form a good partnership with Indian gaming, a good compact that is good for everybody. That’s the key thing here,” Schwarzenegger said repeatedly.

Bill Rukeyser, a spokesman for the Yes On 70 campaign, said the tribes behind the measure — notably the Agua Caliente Band of Mission Indians — would be willing to negotiate directly with the governor to enact a “fair share” compact but that they had pressed ahead with Proposition 70 as well, in order to ensure a good outcome.

“It’s a real naive person in Sacramento who tries one solution at a time,” Rukeyser said. “An agreement with the governor would be good — one that gives the state a fair share payment while respecting tribal sovereignty as guaranteed by the Constitution. Nobody says that wouldn’t have been preferable, but it would have been a sucker move to not try everything simultaneously.”

With 14 other major ballot initiatives facing voters on November 2, Schwarzenegger was asked by one fan in the crowd when he might use his “stunningly effective” leadership to campaign for other things besides the gaming measures.

“Right now it is very important to focus on propositions 68 and 70 so we don’t send mixed signals out to the people,” Schwarzenegger said. “I’ve always been very good at focusing on one thing at a time. This is how it works. This is the way the press likes it the best. They don’t like writing about too many things at the same time.”

No quips about quitting, Morea asserts she’s still here

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now, in droves,” she said. “I never stopped fundraising.”

Morea attributes her recent momentum to the chamber endorsement, which, she feels, elevated her visibility in business circles. Still, it’s the voters who will decide whether or not she will take a seat

on the City Council in November, so the misinterpretations of her split with Cole and Bauer is bothersome.

“When you work so hard, and people believe that you’ve given up because they didn’t read (all the information), it’s terrible,” she admits.

“It bothered me and I want to set the record straight.”

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The Q Line

OPINION

MORE STARSHIP ENTERPRISE THAN FREE ONE

This past week, Q-line asked:
"Should the city government get involved in regulating the free market?"
 Here are your responses:

Ⓢ "Any person who has been in business understands there is no free market. There is always a price to be paid due to nothing being free on the face of the earth. Business costs are horrific. Still, without regulations, we would live in a highly combative world where only the fittest survive, very much in the order of Prohibition businessmen who held bullet-riddled showdowns for territory. As for myself, I have pushed my bike up and down the Promenade many times, seeking the attraction of the Promenade. Each time I leave, I feel as if I have walked from no place to nowhere."

Ⓢ "Governments already regulate free markets, so what's the difference? The four-story height limit on buildings in Santa Monica, for instance, and other things are to keep the citizens who don't have millions of dollars from hating where they live, like people in Long Beach. I really hope that the city will do that, because we can always go to a shopping mall. There are very few choices for small places."

Ⓢ "Why shouldn't Santa Monica try to regulate the free market? They've tried to regulate everything else in the city, except for the bums — the only thing they should be regulating."

Ⓢ "The answer is gray, it isn't a black-and-white answer. First of all, if it's recommended that independently-owned retail stores and restaurants should be installed, or be more plentiful on the Promenade, this is going to be absolutely impossible. One of the problems on the Promenade is — and this is true of any 'hot retail areas,' locally or nationally — is that the hot areas have very, very high per-square-foot rates which would dissuade an independent from owning a retail store or a restaurant. Only the big chains can afford to pay such high per-square-foot rates. Everybody else is left out in the cold. I think it's admirable, however, that the City Council is trying to encourage more independents to come in through the limitation of the number of linear feet — in this case, 50 — to discourage more chain stores from coming into the outdoor mall."

Ⓢ "It's like locking the barn door after the horse is stolen, worrying about who should be in charge of what. The Third Street Promenade is so ruined it will take a miracle to return it to something functioning and pleasant. The demise of the JC Penny, Woolworth's, the smaller shoe stores and drug stores and clothing stores of yesteryear sounded the death knell. These upscale shops of today just don't cut it."

Ⓢ "There's too much government interference in this lovely city by the bay. So, no, I don't think we need to have City Hall involved in local business."

Ⓢ "We know that the city has been involved in regulating the free market on the Promenade and you can see what we have. They need to get out of that business. They need to let free enterprise work its work, and we'd probably see the Promenade looking much better (if) they get their noses out of some of the things and get that street cleaned up and help the homeless. There's all different techniques. It's not just letting them stay there."

Ⓢ "We don't need unknown, expensive stores and restaurants. We need Wal-mart, Target, Applebees, Costco — stores like that, and Santa Monica would really make a fortune. Rich and poor alike shop those places mentioned, and don't shop in Santa Monica. That City Council are a bunch of hayseeds and cause downtown Santa Monica to be a hick town."

Ⓢ "Absolutely not. However, they already have — they refuse to allow a Target store in downtown, and that is one store that would allow low-income people to shop and be able to buy things that they can't buy in Santa Monica at a reasonable price. So it's almost a moot question, however, it would be nice if they would decide to butt out."

Ⓢ "I believe that limiting the space is not going to encourage small businesses to relocate to the Promenade. The nice small businesses that they had that lent a kind of quaint atmosphere to the Promenade were forced out by large rents. So, you know, this is again too little, too late, and totally off the mark of trying to restore the Promenade to its former glory. It's all over with the Promenade, with the big stores — the ones that are going to board the greedy rent. It's nothing to do with limiting their space. All the cool stores are gone, thanks to the greed."

Ⓢ "Your question is rather redundant. They already are involved in regulating the free market. That's what rent control is, that's what SMRR stands behind, that's what they've been doing for over 25 years. I hope the business community finally realizes now that it's affecting them, too, that they may wake up and do something about it."

Ⓢ "Absolutely not, it goes against the very principles that our country were founded on. This smacks of SMRR all over the place. Stop micro-managing our lives. Stop micro-managing businesses. If you want to encourage small business in Santa Monica, come up with some kind of tax-break for them, some kind of business credit to encourage them. But don't stop other businesses."

Ⓢ "The way you pose this week's question, there is only one answer, and that is 'yes.'"

Another read-letter day for Modern Times fans



MODERN TIMES

BY LLOYD GARVER

Since millions of Americans are anxious to have their voices heard in the election next month, I thought this would be an appropriate time to demonstrate that we at the Santa Monica Daily Press hear your voices whenever you e-mail us. Below are some comments that I've received from readers lately. And of course, you're always free to send me comments on the comments.

After my column on the Democratic ticket, "TWO JOHNS, NO WAITING," I received:

CELLO...: "The heading of your article, 'Two Johns, no waiting' is highly offensive and a transparent partisan attack. You don't fool anyone."

ANITA: "I love your sense of humor, we should have more of it in the news. We need something to lighten us up."

In response to COLOR CODE CONFUSION, a discussion of our threat alert system:

BILL: "Of course there's confusion, that's what it's for."

JOE: "I checked out today's color, and found myself clashing in a big way with the orange."

In SEMPER CUTE AND PERKY, I talked about military personnel getting free cosmetic surgery.

LAUREN: "You're a jerk. Plain. Simple. I hate when 'sex changes' are part of jokes/puns/parodies."

ED: "I would like to think that if my daughter at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. wants plastic surgery she can get it. Of course we were not aware before your column! Thanks for the tip."

In PARENTS, IRAQ, AND WORRY, I wrote about a woman whose stepson is fighting in Iraq. She's against the war, she supports the troops, and she's baffled by some people who think she's unpatriotic.

LARRY: "I am against this war, but I, too, fear reprisals from those who say we are un-American or even traitors."

SUSIE: "Thank you. Your words describe my feelings exactly. Our leaders have sent our precious children to an illegal war."

JAMES: "Sorry, Lloyd, but you sir are a complete left wing jackass. Your article is horrible."

The columns that got the most e-mails had to with a non-scientific survey I took prior the Republican convention. Many

people completed the survey, and some sent in "write-in" answers:

CHRIS: "This poll had me rolling on the floor laughing. I wish more normal people in this great country would come out of the closet and admit how ridiculous this election year is. It's like watching a bunch of kids yell at each other and not really accomplish anything."

SANDY: "A little levity is welcomed. I'm voting for John Kerry. For 40 years I was registered as a Republican. A month ago I registered as a Democrat. You're never too old to learn!"

DJS...: "No need to take any polls ... Bush will easily win."

JOYCE: "I want to know why there is not a huge media fuss because the Kerry campaign is doing everything possible to stifle the Swift boat vets' Constitutional right to free speech."

JACK: "Whoever Hollywood tells me to vote for, I'm going the opposite."

NEUB...: "It's about time someone is having fun with this election!!!!"

KEN: "Your article is a very sad attempt at humor."

In RESTING UP FOR THE NEXT OLYMPICS, I talked about how little exercise most of us got while watching the fittest athletes in the world.

GORDON: "I was really on the edge of my recliner when I watched the weightlifting. Darn near spilled my Doritos when those guys lifted a flexing bar carrying more weight than a Toyota over their heads!"

FRED: "My wife and I should have taken our couch with us on our walk last night."

In response to PROFILING NOT THE BEST ANGLE:

STEVEN: "Speaking out against profiling is not logical. We cannot just assume that everyone is equal. We have to go on our experience."

SUBH...: "Excellent job on this article. Very impressive writing. Please keep up the good work."

Well, obviously not everybody feels that I'm doing "good work." However, I will "keep it up." And readers like MARIE will keep sending me their comments. Hers read, "I think you are full of canal water." At least she didn't criticize my writing.

(Lloyd Garver has written for many television shows, ranging from "Sesame Street" to "Family Ties" to "Frasier." He also has read many books, some of them in hardcover. He writes the "Modern Times" column for CBSnews.com's opinion page, and can be reached at smdp@lloydgarvermoderntimes.com).

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OPINION



GUEST COMMENTARY BY THOMAS A. BOWDEN

Columbus Day reminds us why we deserve to win the war against Islamic totalitarianism

On Oct. 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus discovered the New World, opening a sea route to vast uncharted territories that awaited the spread of Western civilization. Centuries later, the ensuing cultural migration culminated in the birth and explosive growth of the greatest nation in history: The United States of America.

On Sept. 11, 2001, that nation came under attack by Islamic totalitarians who hate the distinctive values of Western civilization that America so proudly embraces — reason, science, individual rights, and capitalism — and who targeted the World Trade Center and the Pentagon as symbols of those values.

These attacks could not be dismissed as aberrant acts by a lone band of zealots, not after it became clear how widely that same festering hatred of Western values is felt in the Muslim world, where Osama bin Laden is embraced as a folk hero, terrorists continue to receive help from sympathetic governments, and the United States is perpetually damned as the Great Satan.

America has responded since Sept. 11 with various military and political maneuvers. Notably missing, however, has been any clear principled statement of what we are defending, and why we deserve to win.

Without moral certainty, America cannot prevail.

We cannot win a war in which Islamic totalitarians loudly proclaim that their way of life is superior — while liberals trot out the clichés of multiculturalism, claiming that there is no objective standard by which to judge a society good or evil, and conservatives downplay the religious motives driving Islamic terrorism, clinging to the notion that religion promotes peace despite blood-soaked centuries of evidence to the contrary.

This moral uncertainty is dividing Americans into two equally ineffectual camps. Liberals, mortified by world opposition, want to demilitarize the conflict in favor of a criminal-justice approach, granting every Muslim killer his day in court. Conservatives, although seemingly willing to address the conflict militarily, wring their hands if a stray bullet chips gold leaf off the dome of a mosque.

Americans can escape this quagmire of moral vacillation only by becoming fully, rationally convinced that our values are objectively worthwhile — that they are worth pursuing, worth upholding, and worth defending, by force if necessary. One way to attain such moral certainty is to understand, with full clarity, why we celebrate Columbus Day.

On one level, Columbus Day honors the explorer himself, for his many virtues. Columbus was a man of independent mind, who steadfastly pursued his bold plan for a westward voyage to

the Indies despite powerful opposition — a man of courage, who set sail upon a trackless ocean with no assurance that he would ever reach land — a man of pride, who sought recognition and reward for his achievements.

We need not evade or excuse Columbus's flaws — his religious zealotry, his enslavement and oppression of natives — to recognize that he made history by finding new territory for a civilization that would soon show mankind how to overcome forever the age-old scourges of slavery, war, and forced religious conversion.

On a deeper level, therefore, Columbus Day celebrates the rational core of Western civilization, which flourished in the New World like a pot-bound plant liberated from its confining shell, demonstrating to the world what greatness is possible to man at his best.

On Columbus Day, we celebrate the civilization whose philosophers and mathematicians, men such as Aristotle, Archimedes, and Euclid, displaced otherworldly mysticism by discovering the laws of logic and mathematical relationships, demonstrating to mankind that the universe is knowable and predictable.

On Columbus Day, we celebrate the civilization whose scientists, men such as Galileo, Newton, Darwin, and Einstein, banished primitive superstitions by discovering natural laws through the scientific method, expanding the reach of man's scrutiny to the farthest galaxy and the tiniest atom.

On Columbus Day, we celebrate the civilization whose political geniuses, men such as John Locke and the Founding Fathers, showed how bloody tribal warfare and religious strife can be supplanted by constitutional republics devoted to protecting life, liberty, property, and the selfish pursuit of individual happiness.

On Columbus Day, we celebrate the civilization whose entrepreneurs, men such as Rockefeller, Ford, and Gates, transformed an inhospitable wilderness populated by frightened savages into a wealthy nation of self-confident producers served by highways, power plants, computers, and thousands of other life-enhancing products.

On Columbus Day, in sum, we celebrate Western civilization with the utter certainty that it is good according to an objective standard: man's life. America therefore deserves to prevail against the religious totalitarians who would destroy industrial civilization and return mankind to the Stone Age.

(Thomas A. Bowden is a senior writer for the Ayn Rand Institute and the author of "The Enemies of Christopher Columbus." The Institute promotes objectivism, the philosophy of Ayn Rand, author of "Atlas Shrugged and The Fountainhead.")

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**EXERCISE
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BY THADDEUS REICHLEY

Reading this column could save your life. No really, I actually have some very important information to talk about so pay attention.

I do a lot of biking, both on road and trail, and when I go for a ride I like to be prepared. There are certain things I always take along with me on a ride, no matter the length or the location. It really does not matter whether you are a novice or a pro, these are the things you should be concerned with on your next ride.

1. Clothing. Sure, it sometimes feels like “Groundhog Day” living in LA. Every day it is between 70 and 72 degrees, and it rains an average of three times a year. That does not mean that you can always just head out the door in your skimpy little spandex outfit, especially if you are just hanging out at Peet’s. Between the wind, the cloud cover and the pesky marine layer, we can experience some pretty major temperature shifts. Carrying a lightweight jacket, arm-warmers or leggings is a great idea.

2. Food. Whether I am going 10 miles or 100, I always carry food with me. I have “bonked” enough times to learn my lesson. It is amazing how long the last few miles can feel when you are running on empty. Usually, I just take a few hundred calories in the form of a bar or gel, but sometimes I take more substantial fare like a bagel or some trail mix. Don’t be afraid of the carbohydrates. If you are on your bike, you deserve them. If you have trouble eating while you exercise you can also get plenty of calories from a sports drink.

3. Tools. It is a known fact that no matter what you bring along in your repair kit, it will not be what you actually need when you break down. Still, you should always have the basics. I always take two tubes and a patch kit. Two tubes might seem like a bit much, but once you have double flatted once you will understand. As for patches, I like the glueless kind. There is nothing more frustrating than sit-

ting on the side of the road or trail waiting for glue to dry. I also carry a small pump. When I am racing, I take CO2 cartridges, but sometimes flats need to be pumped up more than once, and you can’t do that with a cartridge. Finally, I carry tire irons and a small all-in-one bike tool. It all fits in a little pouch on my bike, and I don’t even notice it.

4. Emergency stuff. I always carry money, ID, and a cell phone. I used to think cell phones were dumb but I changed my mind. I can’t count how many times I have made a call after a crash, or a mechanical problem ended my ride many miles from home. Cell phones can be valuable and can really save your butt. People who bike along and talk on their phones ... that’s dumb.

5. Patch kit. I know I already said this but this one is for you body. I recently took a spill on my mountain bike that left me an hour from home with a big hole in my arm. I didn’t have any medical supplies, and were it not for the guys I was biking with, I probably would have passed out from a loss of blood. Again, you don’t need much. A bandage, some gauze and an antiseptic cream will do for emergencies.

6. Helmet. Enough said.

This is probably nothing new for most people, but how many of you actually take it all with you? I am guessing it’s probably the same group that remembers to change their fire alarm battery every season. Seriously, this stuff could help you avoid some pretty nasty situations. Think about it.

If you do enough biking there are also some things that you will eventually want but will probably never take along with you:

1. A big, fat, sheepskin saddle cover.
2. Toilet paper. Trust me on this one.
3. A much larger left hand to let careless drivers know how you really feel.

I hope to see you all out on the roads and trails. Get out there, be prepared and have fun.

(Thaddeus Reichley is a pro triathlete and middle school teacher living and training in Santa Monica. Send questions, comments and concerns to thadscolumn@yahoo.com).

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Pyramid scheme: Feeding children right

By Daily Press staff

Advocates of children’s nutrition want parents to know how to feed them right.

The YWCA Santa Monica/Westside will host a free “Nutrition for Toddlers” talk sponsored by the Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles Monday, Oct. 11. The event is the first in a series of free talks and discussions offered by pediatric interns from Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles. Dr. Karin Berglund will speak to parents and caregivers on the special nutritional needs of children ages 1 to 3 years old. Childcare is provided to those who pre-register.

The talk will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at “A Place for Parents” in the Kiwanis Cottage at the YWCA Santa Monica/Westside, 2019 14th St.

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STATE



Border Patrol agents tap into FBI database

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT

Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — The Department of Homeland Security this week unveiled new computer workstations that allow Border Patrol agents to tap into the FBI's fingerprint database, overcoming a technological hurdle that lasted years.

At San Diego's Brown Field station, Senior Patrol Agent Arnie Villarreal rolled his finger over a glass plate that glowed red as his print was scanned and digitally stored.

The new system scours 43 million records in the FBI's criminal database for a match. If there's a hit, the FBI computer spits out the person's criminal history.

The whole process takes 15 minutes.

Before the computer networks were linked, Border Patrol agents had to drive a paper imprint to a Border Patrol office in Chula Vista, a south San Diego suburb.

"It was a very time-consuming process," said agency spokesman Richard Kite. "It could take hours."

The bureau said that workstations at all 136 Border Patrol stations now have access to the FBI's Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System, known as IAFIS.

The deployment marks a "significant step" toward getting the databases of the FBI and the Homeland Security Department — which includes the Border Patrol — to talk to one another, said Paul Martin, the Justice Department's deputy inspector general. His office has repeatedly cited delays in linking the two networks.

But Martin noted that while Homeland Security workstations can access the FBI files, the reverse isn't true. The inspector general reported in March that the FBI and local law enforcement agencies were not expected to have access to Homeland Security's Automated Biometrics Identification System, or IDENT, until 2008.

IDENT lists people who have been previously deported. It matches only two index fingers (and a photograph), while the FBI's system requires all 10 fingers be scanned.

"Full integration is a two-way street," Martin said.

The Border Patrol came under fire in 2002 when a Mexican man illegally crossed the U.S. border a third time and raped two Roman Catholic nuns, killing one, in Klamath Falls, Ore. Victor Manuel Batres had been captured twice by the Border Patrol and returned to Mexico. The Border Patrol never checked the FBI database, which showed that Batres had several felony convictions.

During installation from Oct. 1, 2003, through Aug. 31, the new system was responsible for Border Patrol arrests of 8,005 criminal suspects trying to enter the United States, Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Robert Bonner said. He acknowledged that none of these were arrested for terrorism-related crimes.

The workstations are also at about one-third of all ports of entry.

Bonner said all major ports of entry — land border crossings and major air and sea ports — would have the new system by the end of November. And all 317 ports of entry would have it by Sept. 30, 2005.



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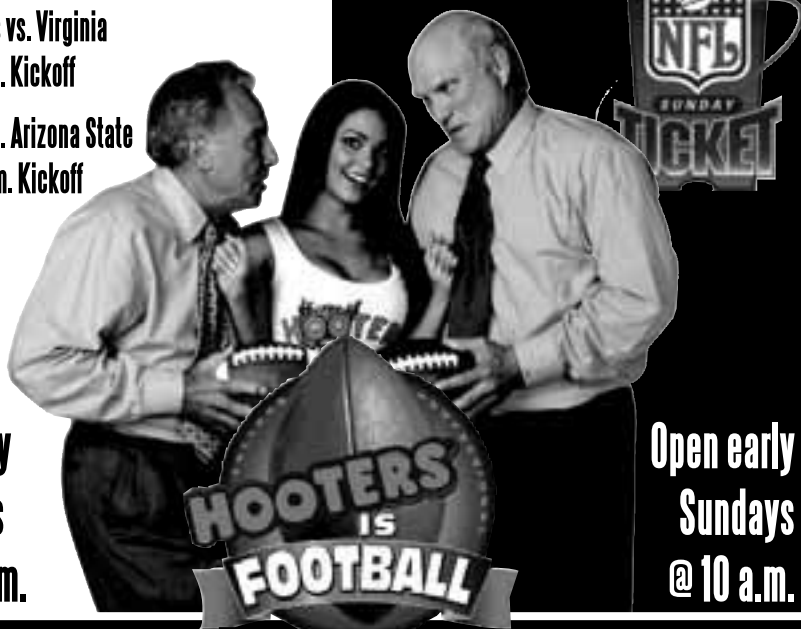
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STATE

A new school of thought at Berkeley 40 years later

BY MICHELLE LOCKE

Associated Press Writer

BERKELEY — Forty years ago, Free Speech Movement protesters at the University of California, Berkeley, were hauled off in handcuffs. Friday, they were welcomed back with open arms.

A noon rally featuring former presidential hopeful Howard Dean was the highlight of a week of events that included lectures and teach-ins commemorating the 1964 protest.

A common theme of the events: Get involved.

"Activism is not dead. Power to the people is not dead," said Dean, who spoke to a crowd of about 3,000 gathered under a blazing blue sky.

The Free Speech Movement began in October 1964 when police arrested graduate student Jack Weinberg for handing out leaflets about civil rights in violation of a campus ban on political activities.

It's hard to imagine that rule today. Sproul Plaza, where Weinberg was arrested, is the site of campaigns promoting everything from opinions on the Middle East to the merits of affirmative action.

Back in 1964, police put Weinberg in a squad car, but couldn't go anywhere because thousands of students surrounded the vehicle in a 32-hour protest.

Several students scrambled up on the car to speak, after considerably removing their shoes; the 1964 protest was a well-dressed and polite affair. Among the speakers was the late Mario Savio, who electrified the crowd with his call to "put your bodies on the gears ... upon all the apparatus" and change the system.

This time around, police loaned a squad car to the erstwhile protesters to add authenticity to Friday's rally.

"We were surprised that they were so readily amenable to it," says Michael Rossman, one of the leaders of the movement and an organizer of the 40th anniversary commemoration.

Friday's rally began softly with muted sing-alongs to protest-movement standards. But it wasn't long before speakers energized the crowd with full-throated orations on the constitutionality of the Patriot Act, the Bush administration and apathy.

"They depend on cynicism to keep you

out of the battle," thundered state Assemblywoman Jackie Goldberg, D-Los Angeles, and a former Free Speech Movement leader. "Are you going to keep out of the battle?"

"No!" roared the crowd.

Dean told students merely voting is not enough. They should run for office or support someone else's campaign.

"You have the power to stand up as they did in this very spot 40 years ago for a democratic America which allows ordinary people to reclaim their government," he said. "You have the power. Use it."

The Free Speech Movement culminated on Dec. 2, 1964, when 1,000 students marched into Sproul Hall for a sit-in and nearly 800 were arrested. Shortly after that, faculty voted to drop speech restrictions.

But the movement stretched beyond that, becoming a catalyst for the anti-Vietnam War protests that followed.

For years, that was a distinction that Berkeley administrators found hard to embrace. In the early 1990s, a memorial to the movement was installed on Sproul Plaza but was forbidden to contain the phrase "Free Speech Movement."

But over time, attitudes mellowed.

Berkeley associate chancellor John Cummins, who was a student in Wisconsin in the '60s, thinks administrators back then "simply were not ready or prepared to deal with a group of young people who had very strong feelings about a range of issues."

For universities, which traditionally had tried to keep themselves apart from politics, the movement was "a major revolution, in terms of kind of the counter-cultural revolution and in terms of young people really speaking up."

Rossman is pleased to see administrators cooperating with the commemoration, but says the fight for free speech isn't over.

"It's easy at this point to wear a cloak of respect for the heroic victory 40 years ago of the Free Speech Movement. But it's more difficult to actually act in stalwart support of free speech," he said. "And that's worth mentioning because free speech and civil liberties in general are under more vicious and broader attack than they've been for at least 50 years."

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Buffalo soldiers: Montana leans towards allowing bison hunting

BY BECKY BOHRER
Associated Press Writer

BILLINGS, Mont. — On a spring day in 1990, there was chaos near the border of Yellowstone National Park and D.J. Schubert was in the thick of it, leading protesters who were trying to keep hunters from killing bison that had left the park.

Animals were running. Hunters and activists squared off. And cameras, he said, captured it all.

Schubert, a wildlife biologist with The Fund for Animals, believes media attention and public outrage played a big role in the state's decision in 1991 to halt bison hunting. And he and other activists promise it will happen again — including more bad publicity for Montana — if the state allows hunting to resume this winter, as planned.

"Once again, you're going to give the state of Montana and hunters a black eye," he said Friday. "It's going to be an embarrassment for the state and hunters."

"I can guarantee you lawsuits. I can guarantee you public outcry," agreed Mike Mease of the Buffalo Field Campaign, which plans to document the hunt. "These animals are sacred to a lot of people."

The controversy surrounding bison heats up each winter around Yellowstone when the animals leave the park in search of forage. Ranchers in Montana worry the bison will transmit brucellosis, a disease that can cause cattle to abort, although activists say it's never been proven that bison can spread the disease to cattle in the wild.

A plan carried out by several state and federal agencies allows for hazing and capture of Yellowstone bison that wander out of the park and for testing the animals for brucellosis. Bison that test positive are sent to slaughter.

But some hunters feel that if bison are to be killed anyway, they should have the opportunity to take a rare trophy. And wildlife commissioners voted tentatively this week to allow up to 25 bison to be killed during a month-long season to start in January. The public has until Nov. 26 to comment.

Future hunts would go from about Nov. 15 through Feb. 15, with the number of permits varying each year.

The hunts of the 1980s drew outrage in part because of the way they were conducted. Wardens led each hunter to a specific animal, which often was peacefully grazing when it was shot at close range.

This time around, state wildlife officials insist, the hunt will look much different. There will be no wildlife officials guiding hunters. Hunting will occur in areas where state and federal officials are not hazing the bison, both measures intended to address the issue of a "fair chase" hunt, said Pat Flowers, a regional supervisor for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

"In order to re-engage sportsmen in managing bison, I think it's important to offer them an opportunity to hunt bison," he said.

Wildlife and hunting groups say interest is bound to be high. But support is not unanimous; some hunters fear what it could do in its current form to the image of hunting.

"The hunters of Montana don't want to be caught in

this whirlwind and be the bad guy," said Craig Sharpe, executive director of the Montana Wildlife Federation.

From 1985-89, about 670 bison were killed in the hunts — most in the winter of 1988-89. Just 18 were killed the following two winters, the department said, but the attention surrounding the hunts continued.

Photos and video footage of the confrontations between hunters and animal rights activists made national news, and many felt the publicity was a blight on Montana's tourism industry.

The Montana Legislature halted the hunts in 1991, changing it from sport to a disease control program implemented by state and federal officials. Even that is documented by the Buffalo Field Campaign, an activist group that exists to protect Yellowstone bison. Add in a hunt, the activists say, and the scrutiny will intensify.

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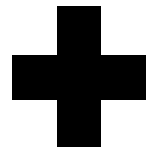
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NATIONAL

Lawmakers work for late deal on disaster relief

BY JIM ABRAMS
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The White House agreed to tack on another \$887 million in hurricane aid for Florida and the Southeast as Congress worked Friday to put the final touches on a multibillion-dollar storm and drought disaster package.

With the new money, the package would include \$11.9 billion for hurricane relief and \$2.9 billion to assist farmers in the drought-plagued Plains. Congress previously approved \$2 billion to help Florida and neighboring states recover from a series of four devastating hurricanes.

The House was possibly taking up the aid package, if a deal was reached, on Friday before its scheduled recess, and the Senate possibly on Saturday.

The additional \$887 million would go part way toward satisfying Florida lawmakers who have stressed that the level of federal aid is still not enough to cope with one of the worst natural disasters to hit the state in decades.

White House Office of Management and Budget Director Joshua Bolten, in a letter to congressional leaders, said the new money included \$348 million for Agriculture Department forestry and watershed protection programs, \$402 million for highway repairs and \$117 million for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects to restore navigation channels and rehabilitate beaches.

The \$11 billion in the original package is divided among the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Federal Highway Administration, the Small Business Administration and others involved in recovery efforts in Florida and other Southeast states. It also includes \$100 million to help

Grenada, Jamaica, Haiti and other Caribbean nations that suffered heavy damage from the storms.

Finally, there's \$2.9 billion for farmers, primarily in the Great Plains, who are enduring a prolonged drought. Lawmakers from those states argued disaster relief should not go primarily to Florida, a key battleground state in the November election. But unlike the hurricane money, which will add to the federal deficit, House leaders insisted that the drought money be paid for, in this case by cuts in a conservation program.

To better the odds that the emergency package would pass before lawmakers go home to campaign, it was attached to a must-pass, \$32 billion spending bill for the Homeland Security Department.

Still, there were several complications Thursday.

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, a strong supporter of the conservation program, threatened to filibuster the final bill if he did not get a vote on the cutbacks, a move that could force the Senate to reconvene next week.

Kohl's chances of keeping his provision in the final bill increased Thursday when President Bush expressed support for the Milk Income Lost Contract program and said he would work with Congress to extend it.



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NATIONAL



Playing waiting game: Hangers-on are hungry to see mountain blow top

BY GENE JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

MOUNT ST. HELENS, Wash. — Konrad Hegner has found himself with a minor addiction.

Last Friday, the 34-year-old Swiss tourist decided to visit Mount St. Helens, hoping to witness an eruption before heading to Mount Rainier and continuing on his travels. He's been here every day since — even when clouds obscured the crater — and he's not sure when he'll leave.

"It's like a magnet," Hegner said. "There's always a question: Will it erupt today? The first eruption last Friday was so huge, so powerful, and I felt so close to it."

The recent reawakening of the 8,634-foot mountain has similarly affected many people. They're afraid to miss the big eruption scientists have anticipated but now warn may not happen for weeks or months, if at all.

"I gotta be here," said Ken Marshall, who left his wife at home in Valley Springs, Calif. "Back in '80, I kept talking about coming up but never did. I wouldn't miss it this time."

Dave Brown, a 62-year-old novelist from Providence, R.I., looked from an observation deck toward a thicket of clouds in the volcano's direction Wednesday. Binoculars and a camera

dangled uselessly from his neck.

"It's close — it's so close," said Brown, who'd been visiting in Seattle and arrived at the mountain over the weekend. "It's all about nature. This is natural history."

Not everyone who made the trip has been so impressed. After detouring about 60 miles on a road trip from Ballwin, Mo., to Seattle, Sharon Mackie looked at the clouds Wednesday and had little to say beyond, "This stinks."

At the other end of the spectrum was Mathias Van Hessemans, who pulled into the Coldwater Ridge Visitor Center parking lot Sunday in a station wagon bearing California plates: VOL K NO.

A landscape photography professor at West Valley College near San Jose, he asked his colleagues to cover his classes for the week. Van Hessemans, 58, has long been a volcano nut.

"It's the beauty, the power, the energy of the Earth. It has that macabre mystery to it — the birth of land and also the destruction of it. For me, volcanoes are just very magnetic."

In 1983, he had a helicopter drop him off in the crater of Mount St. Helens. As he photographed the moonscape around him, the lava dome in the crater erupted — twice. They were minor blasts but enough to cover him with ash and force him to take cover in a snow cave.

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NATIONAL

U.S. employment rises 96,000 in September, weaker than expected

LEIGH STROPE

AP Labor Writer

WASHINGTON — Employers' payrolls grew by just 96,000 in September in a weaker-than-expected government report Friday that provided a final snapshot before Election Day of a lackluster jobs market.

Friday's Labor Department report means President Bush will face the electorate with 821,000 fewer jobs in the country than when he took office, though 1.78 million jobs have been added in the past year.

The nation's unemployment rate held at 5.4 percent last month as 221,000 job seekers dropped out of the labor pool. Economists predicted that about 150,000 jobs would be added in September.

The economy is growing, yet businesses remain reluctant to hire new workers because of global pricing pressures and skyrocketing costs for health care and pensions.

Democrat John Kerry seized on the report ahead of his town-hall style debate with Bush as evidence that the country needs a change in leadership.

"Our economy has failed to create even enough jobs to cover new workers coming into the job market, not to speak of the millions who are unemployed, working in part-time or temporary jobs or who have given up and dropped out," said Kerry, who consistently leads Bush in polls on jobs and the economy.

The White House said the jobs report was proof that Bush's economic policies were working.

"The president's policies are working to create jobs and keep the economy moving forward, but there is still more work to do," said White House spokesman Scott McClellan said. Bush's campaign launched an ad on national cable networks touting the creation of "nearly 2 million jobs in just over a year." The report shows that 1.78 million jobs have been added since September 2003.

Much of September's job growth was in government hiring, with 37,000 net new jobs. The service sector continued to add jobs in such categories as professional and business services, financial services and in leisure and hospitality.

Overall job growth in September was weighed down by losses in manufacturing, retail and information services. August payrolls were revised down to 128,000 from the 144,000 initially reported. July's payrolls were revised up by 12,000 to 85,000.

"On a macro-economic basis, we're falling behind," said Bill Cheney, chief economist at MFC Global Investment Management.

The report particularly reverberates in Rust Belt battleground states that have lost thousands of manufacturing jobs during Bush's presidency. The sector shed 18,000 net jobs in September and has lost 2.7 million jobs overall since Bush took office.

The economy must create about 150,000 new jobs a month just to keep pace with population growth, analysts say. Payrolls should be growing by 250,000 a month or more at this point in the recovery from the 2001 recession.

"The reality is that a 96,000 increase in a work force of a 131 million base is an anemic rise, and is in no way a satisfactory increase," said economist Ken Mayland of ClearView Economics.

The four hurricanes striking Florida and other coastal states the past two months appear "to have held down employment growth, but not enough to change materially" the national jobs picture in September, the report said.

Still, some economists refused to discount the storms. "I still believe in my heart of hearts that these numbers were negatively impacted by the hurricanes," said Anthony Chan, senior economist with JP Morgan Fleming Asset Management. He said his review of previous hurricanes showed that business payrolls had always declined.

Regardless, "this is a very disappointing report at this stage of an expansion," Chan said.

Bush is the first president since the Great Depression to seek re-election or to close a term with a jobs deficit, economists said.

Peter Morici, an economist and international business professor at the University of Maryland said cited an array of factors likely to keep job growth slow: soaring energy prices, the expanding trade deficit, sluggish wage growth, production cutbacks at Ford and General Motors, and layoffs in the airlines, telecommunications, furniture and textile industries. Businesses announced more than 16,000 layoffs just this week.

Consumer confidence last month dropped to its lowest levels since mid-summer amid worries about high energy prices, Iraq and jobs, according to an AP-Ipsos consumer confidence index. That's a concern for economists because consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of total economic activity.

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Bush, GOP outspending Kerry and co. on radio

BY LIZ SIDOTI

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Turn on the radio while driving through West Virginia, Iowa or Oregon — or just about any other competitive state in the presidential race — and you'll be far more likely to hear ads by President Bush than by John Kerry.

The president and the Republican National Committee have spent about \$10 million on radio ads during the general election campaign so far, outpacing Kerry, his party and allied groups roughly 3-to-1.

It's only been this fall that Democrats, led by the party's national committee, have started advertising on the radio in earnest. But even then, they still trail Bush's recent radio buys.

The president has spent \$3.5 million on radio since Labor Day, compared with about \$2 million or so for Democrats. And little of that Democratic money came from Kerry's campaign.

A Kerry spokesman, Michael Meehan, says, "As we turn the corner into the final weeks of the election, we will have the financial resources to communicate John Kerry's winning message through all mediums, including radio."

Still, some Democrats question whether the campaign is making a strategic error by virtually ignoring a medium that reaches large audiences and can be targeted to the desired listeners.

"Democrats tend to put all their eggs in the TV basket. I believe you've got to spread it across the board. It's a sore point for many of us in the party," said Donna Brazile, who managed Democrat Al Gore's presidential campaign in 2000. "It explains why voters can repeat Bush's lines over and over."

For decades, radio has been used as a secondary element in presidential campaigns built around TV. Strategists say television remains the most effective way to communicate with the masses.

Still, radio has many advantages, particularly when TV channels are cluttered at the end of the campaign. "Mainly, it can be a good vehicle to reinforce your messages," said Gene Beaupre, who teaches about campaign media at Xavier University in Cincinnati.

It's also less expensive than TV, and, therefore, allows candidates to spend more time explaining their viewpoints. And the medium reaches audiences —

people driving long commutes, farmers on tractors plowing fields — who are likely to sit still and listen.

Also, campaigns can reach out to specific groups of voters based on geographic areas — or on demographics, depending on the format of radio stations, such as Christian, R&B, or all-news.

A disadvantage: It takes a lot of planning to do such targeting.

"It's not that Democrats don't believe in it, they just haven't maybe put the time and effort into figuring it out," said Carter Eskew, a Democratic media consultant. Unlike Kerry, Bush's campaign has had four years to plan its re-election strategy.

Since March, the president's campaign has run radio ads regularly in states considered presidential battlegrounds. The ads, which praise Bush and assail Kerry, mostly mirror the campaign's TV ads.

Currently, Bush's commercials are on large radio stations, including conservative talk radio programs, in 14 states, as well as on specialty stations that reach swaths of rural audiences, who tend to lean Republican, and Hispanics, a group in which the GOP is looking to make inroads.

The president's ads also are on urban radio stations whose listeners are predominantly black. An ad tailored for those stations has a black woman saying she's "tired of being taken for granted by John Kerry."

The Republican National Committee and a smattering of conservative-leaning groups also are chipping in.

Meanwhile, Kerry's campaign is taking a page from Gore's ad strategy in 2000 by waiting until a few weeks before the election to advertise on the radio.

Four years ago, Democrats' only radio advertising targeted blacks and Hispanics in the final weeks to encourage them to vote. That's largely what Kerry is doing this year. Within the last week, Kerry went on the air in select markets in 12 states mainly targeting those voting groups.

Acting independently of Kerry's campaign, the Democratic National Committee, a liberal organization of Democratic insiders called The Media Fund and a group of moderate Democrats have tried to fill in what they say is a spending gap that could put Kerry at a disadvantage in a tight race. Combined those groups have spent the majority of Democratic radio money.

Lack of energy in Arizona as DOE suspends shipments

By The Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — The Energy Department has suspended shipping radioactive material through Arizona after a truck leaked packing material, Gov. Janet Napolitano said.

In a letter to Napolitano, environmental management secretary Paul Golan said the department halted uranium loads pending safety improvements, Napolitano said. No date for resumption was set.

"The letter is a good, strong response to our concerns," Napolitano said. "The Department of Energy said that it should have never happened."

Napolitano asked the DOE for an investigation and safety assurances after a

leak was found on a truck hauling radioactive material across Arizona on Aug. 15.

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DOE reduced payments to the contracted carrier by \$450,000 for the violation, Golan said in the letter.

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The City Council of the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the Amendment to the FY 2004-05 One-Year Action Plan. The One-Year Action Plan, which is a component of the Consolidated Plan, is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It delineates the City's specific projects and activities for one-year use of CDBG and HOME funds in order to meet the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the Consolidated Plan (FY 2000-05) adopted by City Council and submitted to HUD in June 2000. To obtain a copy of the Amendment to the Consolidated Plan, please contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701.

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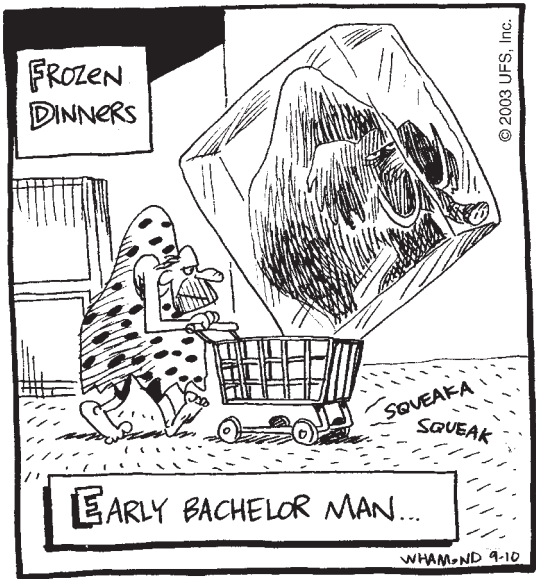
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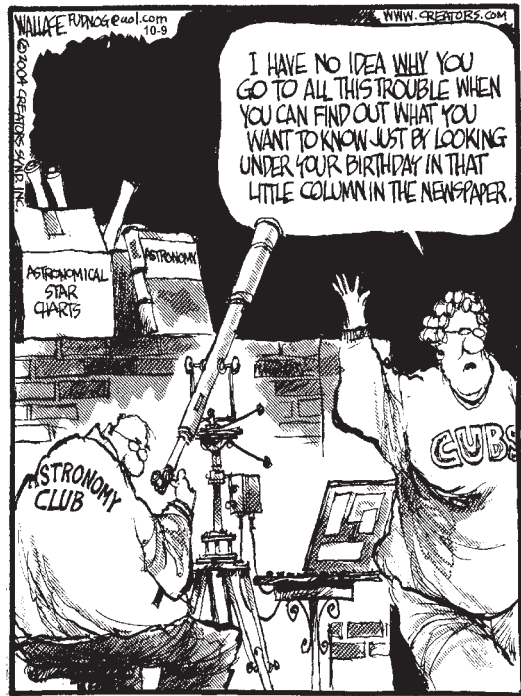
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

‘Destiny’ calling? P. Diddy woos women this time

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sean “P. Diddy” Combs is on the prowl for some ladies — who can sing and dance.

This week, he announced dates for an open-call audition for his new MTV series, “Making the Band 3,” a reality show about Combs producing an all-girl pop group.

“I want a group of women that can sing like Christina Aguilera and dance like Usher,” Combs told The Associated Press by phone. “I’m looking to create an international supergroup to follow in the footsteps of the Supremes and Destiny’s Child.”

Combs hosted “Making the Band 2” for three seasons in which he formed the hip-hop group, Da Band, before disbanding them. This time around, Combs sees less opportunity for failure.

“Diddy with the ladies! How can you go wrong?” he told the AP.

LOS ANGELES — A low-key Courtney Love made a brief court appearance and was told to return Oct. 27 for a preliminary hearing to determine if she stands trial for allegedly attacking a woman with a liquor bottle.

Love, who strode into court wearing a miniskirt and sweater over tights and thigh-high boots, softly answered “yes” Thursday when asked if she agreed to the next court date.

She was mobbed by TV and still photographers as she left the courthouse. A team of sheriff’s deputies was assigned to keep the media crowd under control.

“Look this way, Courtney!” one person shouted. But the 40-year-old singer-actress hurried to her car without posing or commenting.

Love has pleaded not guilty to the felony assault charge and is free on \$150,000 bail. She allegedly attacked the woman at an ex-boyfriend’s home in April.

NEW YORK — Kathie Lee Gifford is going “Under the Bridge.”

The former daytime talk-show host has written the book and lyrics to a new musical based on the children’s book “The Family Under the Bridge” by Natalie Savage Carlson.

The story follows a Parisian hobo who must give up his solitary, carefree life when he finds three children and their mother seeking shelter under the bridge he also calls home. It was a 1959 Newbery Honor Book.

Directed by Eric Schaeffer with music by David Pomeranz, “Under the Bridge” will open a 12-week off-Broadway run at the Zipper Theatre on Dec. 1. The official opening is set for Jan. 6. Ed Dixon will star as the hobo.

Gifford, 51, a former Carnival Cruise Lines spokeswoman, stepped away from her “Live With Regis & Kathie Lee” chair in 2000. In May, she released the gospel album “Gentle Grace,” filled with songs she co-wrote. She also wrote the musical “Hurricane Aimee” about evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson.

LOS ANGELES — “Four Weddings and Funeral” actress Andie MacDowell and businessman Rhett Hartzog have called it quits after nearly three years of marriage.

On Thursday, MacDowell’s publicist, Karen Samfilippo, confirmed the divorce, which had been reported earlier by People magazine, but declined to comment further.

MacDowell, 46, and Hartzog, 45, married in November 2001 in Asheville, N.C. They had been classmates at Gaffney High School in South Carolina.

The actress has three children from her first marriage to Paul Qualley. Hartzog’s marriage to MacDowell was his first.

MacDowell will appear in the upcoming “Beauty Shop,” starring Queen Latifah. Her films also include

“Michael,” “Groundhog Day” and “Green Card.”

NEW YORK — “National Anthem,” a documentary film by Albert Maysles and D.A. Pennebaker on the Vote for Change concert tour, will air Monday on the Sundance Channel.

The concert tour, presented by MoveOn PAC, was designed to focus on states expected to have the closest races in this year’s presidential election. It began Oct. 1, and was to take artists including Bruce Springsteen, R.E.M. and the Dixie Chicks to 33 cities in 11 states. Proceeds go to America Coming Together, or ACT, a group raising money for Democratic candidates.

The TV special, “National Anthem: Inside the ‘Vote for Change’ Concert Tour,” will include behind-the-scenes footage from the tour and live performances from the final concert Monday at the MCI Center in Washington. It will air from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. ET.

“Sundance is pleased to present these legendary filmmakers’ view of the collision between pop culture and politics at this fascinating moment in U.S. history,” Sundance Channel founder Robert Redford said in a statement Thursday.

Redford described Maysles and Pennebaker as the “pre-eminent observers of politics and music in our time.”

Maysles’ films include “Gimme Shelter,” a documentary of the Rolling Stones’ 1969 tour. Pennebaker directed “Don’t Look Back,” a 1967 documentary on Bob Dylan, “Monterey Pop” and the David Bowie concert film, “Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders From Mars.” He co-directed “The War Room” with Chris Hegedus, a documentary of Bill Clinton’s 1992 presidential campaign.

Pennebaker and Maysles worked together on “Primary,” a documentary that followed presidential hopefuls John F. Kennedy and Hubert Humphrey during the 1960 Wisconsin primary.

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