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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In Dafen, a suburb of Shenzhen, China, more than half of the world's cheap oil paintings, including knock-offs of masterpieces, are hand-produced by laborers at up to 30 per day, earning them the equivalent of \$125 to \$400 a month. Germany's Der Spiegel reported from Dafen in August that a "reasonably skillful copy of Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers' sells for (about \$50). Buy 100, and the price goes down to (about \$33 each)." One painter remarked that when a large order arrives (for instance, from Wal-Mart), he may have to paint the same thing 1,000 times, earning perhaps the equivalent of 40 cents each.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 286th day of 2006.
There are 79 days left in the year.

1792 The cornerstone of the executive mansion, later known as the White House, was laid during a ceremony in the District of Columbia.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Children are the true connoisseurs. What's precious to them has no price — only value."

BEL KAUFMAN
AMERICAN AUTHOR AND EDUCATOR

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Melody Hanatani/Daily Press

BUNCH O' SCAREDY CATS: Black cats line a shelf at the novelty store Aahs!! on Wilshire Boulevard. Superstitions abound every Friday the 13th, a combination of two traditional beliefs — that both Fridays and the number 13 are jinxed.

Jury is still out on Weller case

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN LA — Jurors are scheduled to hold a fourth full day of deliberations today in the criminal trial of George Russell Weller, the 89-year-old man who drove his car through a crowded Farmers' Market in July 2003, killing 10 people and injuring 63 others.

The Los Angeles Superior Court panel got the case against Weller last Friday after hearing closing arguments from lawyers for both sides.

Weller, who was 86 at the time of the crash on Arizona Avenue on July

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GEORGE RUSSELL WELLER

Scared yet?

It's a massive case of triskaidekaphobia

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

THIRD STREET — When Orlando Cruz ascended a 15-foot ladder Thursday on the Promenade to work on a building near Santa Monica Boulevard, he noticed something odd about the passersby below.

Just about every person on the sidewalk opted not to continue on their path.

"Almost everyone walked around [the ladder]," he said.

David Garber was one such walker. He remembered the myth that

walking under a ladder would inflict bad luck, pausing before the construction workers came down and solved his dilemma for him.

Such predicaments will be plentiful today — Friday the 13th, when superstitions emerge in full across the world.

Garber, who does not describe himself as a superstitious person, said he won't be taking any special precautions today, but may be putting on a strong front. The bartender at O'Brien's Pub on Main Street admits

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A matter of Trustees at SMC forum

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS — Candidates vying for four open seats on the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees sounded off this week on how to improve one of the top com-

munity colleges in the nation during a candidates forum.

Five of the six candidates voiced their opinions on issues of traffic alleviation and workplace environment during the forum, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Santa Monica.

Shriver, Bono got a brand new bag

BY MICHAEL J. TITTINGER
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — With great power comes great responsibility.

Following years of lobbying governments worldwide to support the Global Fund — a public-private partnership dedicated to ridding Africa of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria — City Councilman Bobby Shriver and U2 frontman Bono are enabling Americans to support the cause by doing what many feel Americans do best — shopping.

The longtime friends, who met 20 years ago while working on the charity record "A Very Special Christmas," will be among a slew of celebrities appearing today on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" to celebrate the American launch of RED. In Santa Monica, shoppers will be made aware of the commercial ven-

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your focus goes from work to the whimsical. You want to try something different. Opposition can occur if you take a too-upbeat path. Handle what you know works, but also be willing to pioneer in a new direction. Tonight: Happy at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Communicate what you must rather than what you would like to. Others might develop an attitude out of the blue. How you handle a situation and the choices you make could change substantially. Think positively. Tonight: Christen the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Finances could color your day. Could you have been overspending or taking a risk? Listen to your sixth sense with someone you really care about. This person needs extra attention and time. Use your high energy level constructively. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You might mellow out or head in a new direction. Your ability to make waves could be a good thing or a bad thing depending on your focus and direction. Beam in only what you want. Tonight: You get to choose!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Do step back, or you could develop a bad case of "foot-in-mouth disease." Show your generosity of spirit through smiles. Yes, play it safe. If you can, call it an early day and become the reclusive Lion. Right now your lair is the best place. Tonight: Slow down. You need some personal time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might see life quite differently if you listen to a friend. Say no to stretching your budget beyond its limits. You will be happier if you surround yourself with creativity and imagination. Not everything has to cost you. Tonight: Say yes to a pal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Others want advice and feedback. You might not understand what is happening on a deeper level. Realize what needs to happen with a boss or higher-up. Yes, you might not be comfortable with what goes down. Tonight: Say yes to a must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Dig for more information. If you are worried or concerned about someone or something, check it out. You might have a tendency to exaggerate a problem more than usual. Detach, and you will see that a problem isn't as bleak as you think. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Working with others might be nothing but a pleasure if you relax and don't get uptight. You might judge that someone is pushing you way too hard. You have a way of intuitively knowing what others want. Tonight: Go for a togetherness theme.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Others are far more in control than you might think or wish. Stay grounded and follow your priorities, even if you are a bit distracted. Your creativity emerges as a strong suit. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You are busy and active. You can do a lot, and quite quickly at that. Take time to pull away and see what is going on. Gather information and use what you hear to add to the quality of your life. Tonight: Mellow out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Your imagination leads you down the right path. You have the ability to read between the lines with a partner or someone who can be really touchy. Know your skills. Use your talents to enhance a special bond. Tonight: Let your hair down.

BORN TODAY Comedian **Lenny Bruce** (1925), singer **Marie Osmond** (1959), singer **Ashanti** (1980)

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Dust in the wind
Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press
Interim SMPD Chief Mark Smiley (left) presents Lt. Frank Fabrega with a duster jacket on Thursday during Fabrega's retirement party. Fabrega has served with the SMPD for 32 years, beginning as a SMPD Cadet at the age of 19.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Red Cross embarks on emergency mission

By Daily Press staff

The American Red Cross of Santa Monica has embarked on an aggressive plan to ensure that Santa Monica is prepared to respond to a disaster — be it a house fire, terrorist attack or a devastating earthquake.

A three-year, \$1 million campaign is being launched to ensure that funds are available to maintain Red Cross preparedness, response and community safety.

The public is being asked to make a pledge to the chapter's Community Disaster Preparedness and Response Fund. "Providing timely, effective and compassionate response to the victims of a disaster requires the right plan, the right resources and the right people — and that takes money," explains Ann Greenspun, chair of the Santa Monica Red Cross Board of Directors,

With the fundraising effort, the chapter hopes to acquire an Emergency Response Vehicle (ERV) to support mobile feeding and sheltering operations around the city, plus acquire additional emergency supplies and equipment for a catastrophic level disaster including cots, blankets and comfort items.

To find out how you can help or donate to the Community Disaster Preparedness and Response Fund, call the Santa Monica Red Cross at (310) 394-3773 or go online to www.redcrossofsantamonica.com.

Rummage sale is a SMASH

By Daily Press staff

Find treasure of all kinds at the Santa Monica Alternative School House's annual SMASH Rummage Sale on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This year's sale features gently used clothing, appliances, books, toys, furniture and collectibles. More than 75 families contribute items to the sale. Proceeds from this event provide for programs in art, science and technology for the ethnically and economically diverse K-8 student population.

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SOUTH SWELL DUE ON 18TH...
SUBSTANTIAL SW DUE 21ST-23RD...

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA

The Q-Line

Off and running ...

This work week will be a shorter one for many of us, with Columbus Day still a federal public holiday. Banks, post offices and other government offices close their doors, though Santa Monica schools remain in session. Holidays reserved for the remembrance of such figures as Christopher Columbus, Martin Luther King Jr. and past presidents often spark discord about just who warrants a national day off in their honor.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know:

"Who really deserves a holiday named in their honor? Should schools and offices be closed for all of these honorary days, or has the calendar become clouded? Is there a current holiday that should be eliminated?"

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

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Commentators misguided about guns

Editor:
In response to your Oct. 7-8 guest commentary “The dirty little secret of ‘Gun-Free School Zones’”: Many studies have been conducted and show that an increased number of guns wouldn’t be good. This would lead to even more deaths due to accidental shootings and suicides. I am a student, so I know that teenagers are very impulsive, and with a gun, could make a decision they would regret for the rest of their lives. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported, “American kids are 16 times more likely to be murdered with a gun, 11 times more likely to commit suicide with a gun, and nine times more likely to die from a firearm than children in 25 other industrialized countries combined.”
Should we really increase the number of guns and make this rate even higher?
History is also against everyone having guns. Many school shootings are conducted by the students themselves. Mr. Gottlieb and Mr. Workman apparently “forgot” about the Columbine High School shootings, in which two students killed 12 other students and a teacher, wounded 24 others, and then committed suicide. Mr. Gottlieb and Mr. Workman wrote, “If what’s happening at schools today is ‘progress,’ we might be better off — and a lot of students would still be alive — if we were back in those unenlightened days when school kids riding down country roads with .22 rifles across their bicycle handlebars alarmed nobody.” On May 21, 1998, at Thurston High School in Springfield, Ore., Kip Kinkel used his .22 rifle to kill his parents and two students, and wound 25 others.
Those good old unenlightened days?

Christopher Peak
Santa Monica

High school mural isn’t picture perfect

Editor:
As the acting PTSA representative on the Samohi Walls Committee, I was shocked and dismayed to read on the front page of Saturday’s Daily Press that the Walls Committee had approved Jun Cha’s new mural. This is not true. The committee discussed the new mural and agreed to meet again in a few weeks as several key participants, including the PTSA President and the President of the African American parent group, were unable to attend. I repeat: The mural was not approved. There was no vote taken. There was a discussion. There was an agreement to meet again in two or three weeks.
Hopefully, the process will continue without further disruption; the Walls Committee will meet again and make a recommendation to the administration of Samohi.

Louise Jaffe
Acting PTSA representative for the Samohi Walls Committee

Take measures to help our waters

Editor:
In response to “Prop. V is ‘wastewater’ for oceans and taxpayers” by Bill Bauer (SMDP, Oct. 9, page 4), I can scarcely imagine a worse-informed and more ideologically driven rant. To Bauer, the city of Santa Monica — populated as it is, in his view, with bureaucratic empire-builders whose sole mission is to fleece taxpayers — can do no good, of any kind, at any time, not even in the area of environmental stewardship. I pose a particularly bizarre suggestion: Santa Monica has earned a worldwide reputation for the creativity and effectiveness of its programs for safeguarding our natural resources and ensuring that we live, work, play and commute in an environmentally sustainable fashion.
Fortunately, most Santa Monicans are proud of the numerous national and international awards that testify to the efficacy of the city’s environmental programs that have made it a model of progressive municipal and regionally coordinated policy. The city’s efforts to restore Santa Monica Bay to full health are a highlight of years of forward-thinking and proactive practice.
The truth is, Measure V will enable the city of Santa Monica to implement a comprehensive municipal plan, already approved by the City Council, to dramatically reduce local pollution that goes into Santa Monica Bay. And we will not be alone: Los Angeles voters have already approved a \$500 million bond to help finance measures to tackle regional dimensions of the problem.
What Santa Monica has done, however, is to develop a fully fleshed-out plan first, prior to seeking voter approval for financing. We will be doing our share, but we will also be showing other communities how to do it right, which is the only way the job will ever get done. Leaders must lead, and we in Santa Monica are proud to be known for our municipal leadership. I will gladly vote ‘yes’ on Measure V and urge all my neighbors to do the same.

Genise Schnitman
Santa Monica

Smoking ban hardly worth the trouble

Editor:
Congratulations, City Council, on passing yet another ridiculous and self-serving law. Personally, I couldn’t care less about the law itself — I don’t smoke, and I’ll freely admit it’s nice not to have to smell smoke in restaurants anymore — but that’s not really the point. The SMPD’s resources are already spread thin. Does their job description now include writing citations to tourists smoking on the Promenade? I’ll bet they are thrilled about that. What are the chances these fines ever get paid from out-of-state violators? What about the homeless? Will they be exempt from this new law, as they are from most other laws in town?
What a colossal waste of time and resources. Way to go, City Council!

John Linfesty
Santa Monica

All hope is lost in a NY minute



In case you were lucky enough to miss it, the Dodgers were swept by the Mets in the playoffs. I predicted they would lose, but I was hoping I’d be wrong. I wasn’t going out on much of a limb. The Dodgers had only won one postseason game in the last 18 years.
It’s still one.
It was definitely a bad omen in game one, when two Dodgers got thrown out at home on the same play! It’s a first in playoff history. Not exactly the way you want to make history. Throughout the series, there was never much hope for the Dodgers. And baseball is about hope. It starts in the spring, when hope is in the air.
As a kid, I would take these types of defeats very hard. I’d turn into an ostrich, albeit in a baseball cap. I’d avoid the sports page, flip the channel when the TV news turned to sports and not even mention it with friends and family. Today, I’m considerably — okay, slightly — more mature.
Don’t get me wrong, I was grateful for the thrills this year. In one week alone, Nomar Garciaparra hit two walk-off home runs. But against the Mets, he could barely run to first. It’s a shame the season ended on such a sour note, especially after the fans set an attendance record of more than four million. It seemed like one minute, we celebrated making the playoffs, and in a New York minute, we were shown the door.
During the season, I noticed many women are big Dodger fans. In my apartment building’s gym, often it’s women who turn on the TV to the Dodgers game. My pretty workout friend, Maria, is a total jock. In five minutes, she gives me the rundown of scores and highlights. She’s a walking ESPN, though with a much nicer voice than Chris Berman. Of course, a leaky car muffler sounds nicer than Chris Berman.
Twenty years ago, women didn’t seem to

take sports so seriously, though my Aunt Amelia was an exception. A divorcee in the mold of “Auntie Mame,” she loved the Dodgers, and the Rams even more. For my 12th birthday, she bought Rams season tickets. We went to the Coliseum every Sunday there was a home game. But Aunt Amelia took the losses hard, too. Maybe it’s genetic, She often bantered back and forth with fans rooting for the opposing team. Mortified, I shrunk in my seat.
Leaving the parking lot could be even more embarrassing. Listening to the post-game show, on occasion Amelia inadvertently tapped the bumper of the car in front. No damage, but the unexpected tap usually led to blaring car horns. Amelia would shout back, “If only your brain worked as well as your horn!”
One time, Amelia tapped the bumper of a brand new ’57 T-Bird. The owner was huge, and with his veins bulging from anger, I wondered if he was going to have a stroke. As he rushed over, I rolled up the window. But Amelia could charm any man. She had some kind of feminine magic. And sure enough, within minutes, he went from fuming to fawning. After he walked meekly back to his car, Amelia turned to me, “He seemed like a nice man don’t, you think?” I nodded and rolled down the window.
In 1995, the Rams moved to St. Louis. I don’t know why, but all these years later, I still root for them. It’s probably for Amelia. I know this. Leaving the parking lot after a game, I’m always careful in the bumper to bumper traffic.
If I watch the rest of the baseball playoffs, it will be with pangs of what might have been.
As a boy, when the baseball season ended in heartbreak, my father comforted me, “Wait until next year.” But my father is gone. And the older I get, the faster the years seems to go by. On the other hand, maybe spring training will seem to get here that much faster.
One thing about spring, hope is in the air. Of course, so is pollen.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Cops snag a wanted child predator

On Wednesday, Oct. 11, Santa Monica Police officers arrested a man in the 900 block of 21st Street who was wanted in connection with a child annoyance incident that occurred a day earlier in the 900 block of 20th Street. The suspect was identified as Charles Evien Maxwell, 43. He was booked at the Santa Monica Jail and charged with trespassing and child annoyance. An investigation revealed that Maxwell was also wanted in the state of Nevada on a fugitive warrant for failing to register as a sex offender. No bail was set.

On Sunday, Oct. 8, at 9:10 a.m., officers responded to the 2100 block of Lincoln Boulevard — UNOCAL gas station — regarding a report of an assault. When officers arrived, they spoke with an employee who said that a woman entered the gas station and attempted to take items without paying. The employee confronted the suspect, who left the store and walked across the street to Bill's Liquor, police said. The suspect reappeared with a bottle of wine. The employee said the suspect charged at him with the wine bottle, threatening to hit him with it. The employee ran and the suspect allegedly chased him. The suspect then broke the bottle on the street and threatened to stab the employee, police said. Officers responded and placed the suspect in custody. She was booked for assault with a deadly weapon. She was identified as Rakisha Graham, 42.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, at 3:40 a.m., officers responded to the 900 block of Fourth Street regarding suspicious activity. When officers arrived, they spotted two men wandering around a parking garage. Police said the men appeared to be hiding items under their clothing. The officers approached the men and during an investigation discovered several items that did not belong to them, including a cell phone, CDs, a DVD player, flashlight and fishing equipment. The men were arrested for burglary. They were identified as Richard Measel, 43, and David Fortenbury, 30.

On Friday, Oct. 6, at 11:15 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle in the Santa Monica Pier parking lot for a minor traffic violation. An investigation revealed the driver had no license. He also had outstanding warrants, police said. A passenger in the car was searched and officers found a small amount of marijuana and methamphetamines in his possession. Another passenger was released. The driver, who was arrested for driving without a license and outstanding warrants, was identified as Omar Magallon, 19. The passenger, who was arrested for possession of narcotics, was identified as Jamie Talavera, 21.

On Friday, Oct. 6, at 2 p.m., officers responded to the 2600 block of Lincoln Boulevard — Albertsons — regarding a theft in progress. When officers arrived, they spoke with a store employee who said a suspect entered the market and began to place food and other items into a bag and then left, failing to pay for the items. Once outside the store, the suspect was confronted by store employees and began to fight with them, police said. The employees managed to contain the suspect, who was later placed into custody by police. The suspect was arrested for strong arm robbery. He was identified as Dwayne Parker, 46. The value of the items seized was estimated at \$15.

On Thursday, Oct. 5, at 6:10 p.m., officers responded to the 2200 block of Pico Boulevard — Virginia Avenue Park — regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. When officers arrived, they spoke to a victim who said he was playing basketball with friends when he got into an argument with the suspect. At one point during the argument, the suspect ran to his car and retrieved a semi-automatic handgun, which he allegedly pointed at the victim, threatening to kill him. At that point, the victim left the scene and called police. When officers arrived, the victim identified the suspect, who was placed under arrest. Officers searched his vehicle and recovered the weapon. The suspect, who was identified as Thomas Lim, 21, was booked for assault with a deadly weapon.

On Thursday, Oct. 5, at 1:40 a.m., officers on patrol in the 800 block of Strand Street stopped a suspect who was allegedly riding his bicycle on the sidewalk in violation of the municipal code. When officers searched the suspect, they found a glass pipe used to smoke crack cocaine. The suspect, identified as Levon Turner, 48, was booked for possession of drug paraphernalia.

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 12:30 p.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of Palisades Park regarding an attempted robbery. When officers arrived, they spoke with the victim who said she was rolling along in her wheelchair when a woman approached her and tried to snatch her wallet, which was hanging by a string around her neck. The victim said she fought with the suspect, who pulled out a knife and slashed her wrist, creating a one-inch gash, police said. The suspect then fled without the wallet. The victim notified police, who apprehended the suspect a short time later. She was identified as Austria Giancarlo, 49.

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m., officers responded to the 1700 block of Lincoln Boulevard regarding a report of malicious mischief. When officers arrived, they spoke to witnesses who said they saw three men spray-painting walls in the area. Officers detained one suspect, who was identified by witnesses. Officers said the suspect had paint on his hands and clothes matching that which was found on the walls. The suspect was arrested for vandalism. He was identified as Ricky Gomez, 18. Officers are still searching for the other two suspects.

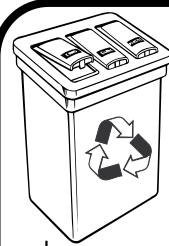
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BY NOAKI SCHWARTZ

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Next to a copy machine on the 10th floor of the city's public works building sits a plastic bin filled with worms wriggling in rotting lettuce.

Public servants walk by without even glancing at the box or the note above it: "Quiet please. Worms at work."

Always on the cutting edge of all things environmental, California is encouraging public and private-sector employees to bring worms to work so that the creatures can chew up apple cores, sandwich scraps and other lunch leftovers and produce compost.

The employees are then invited to take the stuff home and use the all-natural fertilizer in their gardens and on their houseplants.

The state's Integrated Waste Management Board is so serious about this that it has posted on its Web site a list of top 10 ways to recycle on the job, and No. 2 is: "Keep worms in your office."

Supporters of the idea say that once you get over the ick factor, it's not so bad. Open up a bin and it looks like a box of odorless, wet coffee grounds.

"Worms are the most forgiving pets you'll ever own," said Carol Parker, the "worm lady" who cares for the worms at the public works office. "You can go away for two weeks and ignore them and they're fine."

Tips for keeping happy worms are available on the state's Web site. Among other things, it suggests buying your worms from a worm supplier, to make sure you get the right kind. ("Unless you are pretty well brushed up on oligochaetology, do not try to dig up worms from your backyard.")

The site provides a long list of suppliers across the state to choose from, including As the Worm Turns, Live Nude Worms, and the Happy D. Ranch Worm Farm, which sells a three-tray "worm factory," which for \$117 includes a bed of shredded coconut fiber and 2 pounds of worms.

To start a homemade bin, experts recommend putting down a little dirt and shred-

ded damp cardboard or newspaper. Be sure to poke holes in the bin — air flow is necessary to promote decomposition and keep odors down — and make absolutely certain you've bought the right kind of worms. Apparently if they are not red worms, they may try to escape en masse.

The waste management board — part of the California Environmental Protection Agency — began promoting composting at least a decade ago, though the Top 10 suggestions are more recent. Andrew Hurst, who oversees the program at Cal EPA, acknowledged that only "very, very small numbers of businesses have worms."

"It's a weird thing to do," he admits. "It's not normal behavior to bring a bucket of worms to your office and put food scraps in there."

At the Cal EPA complex in Sacramento, hundreds of thousands of worms process some 5 tons of food scraps per year. The 60-some bins are in offices, halls, even the day-care center. There is a waiting list for bins among employees, some of whom have been

known to compete over whose office has the more productive worms.

Over time, the caretakers have learned a thing or two about the worms' preferences.

"Worms don't like ranch dressing," Hurst said.

They also seem to harbor a special dislike for bologna sandwiches, though any kind of dairy or meat product is problematic because of the smell, he added. Like other slender creatures, worms are also finicky about fatty foods and carbs, and eat bread only in moderation. Coffee grounds, on the other hand, and rotting fruit go over very well.

"They don't have teeth, so things have to rot," Hurst explained. "Worms need to be able to slurp it."

At least one Los Angeles County employee acknowledged that her popularity did not exactly skyrocket when she brought her new hobby to work.

"People found it objectionable that I had worms behind my desk," said Janet Coke, with the county sanitation agency. "They would just kind of tease me about my worm pile."

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American in al-Qaida videos is indicted on treason charge

BY JEREMIAH MARQUEZ

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — A California man who joined al-Qaida and appeared in its videos declaring that “the streets of America shall run red with blood” was indicted Wednesday on the first treason charge filed in more than 50 years.

Adam Yehiye Gadahn, 28 — who is believed to be in or near Pakistan — could be sentenced to death if convicted of the charge. He also was indicted on a charge of providing material support to terrorists.

Treason has only been brought a few dozen times in U.S. history and not at all since the World War II era.

Gadahn “knowingly adhered to an enemy of the United States, namely, al-Qaida, and gave al-Qaida aid and comfort ... with intent to betray the United States,” according to the indictment, handed up by an Orange County grand jury.

The suspected al-Qaida operative has been sought by the FBI since 2004. Based on the indictment, the FBI added Gadahn to its list of most wanted terrorists, and the State Department offered a \$1 million reward for information leading to his capture.

“The charge of treason is exceptionally severe and it is not one that we bring lightly,” Deputy Attorney General Paul McNulty told reporters in Washington. “But this is the right case for this charge.”

Treason “is not a crime only against the American people, but against America itself,” McNulty said.

Gadahn is suspected of having attended al-Qaida’s training camps in Pakistan and serving as one of its translators. He has become known by his nom de guerre, Azzam al-Amriki, or “Azzam the American.”

Appearing last month in a 48-minute video along with al-Qaida’s No. 2 leader, Ayman al-Zawahri, Gadahn called on his countrymen to convert to Islam and for U.S. soldiers to switch sides in the Iraq and Afghan wars.

It was the second time he appeared in the same video with al-Zawahri. In a July 7 clip marking the one-year anniversary of the terror attack on London commuters, Gadahn appeared briefly, saying no Muslim should “shed tears” for Westerners killed by al-Qaida attacks.

Beyond that, authorities believe he is the masked figure who appeared in two previous videos from al-Qaida, one given to ABC television in 2004 and another a few days before the fourth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

According to the indictment, Gadahn announced in the 2004 video that he had joined al-Qaida, “a movement waging war

on America and killing large numbers of Americans.”

“Fighting and defeating America is our first priority,” he said, according to the indictment. “... The streets of America shall run red with blood.”

In a 2005 video, he referred to terrorist attacks in Europe and threatened more against the United States.

“Yesterday, London and Madrid,” he said. “Tomorrow, Los Angeles and Melbourne.”

The treason charge carries penalties ranging from a five-year prison sentence to the death penalty, while the charge of providing material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization carries a possible 15-year sentence.

The last person convicted of treason was Tomoya Kawakita, a Japanese-American sentenced to death in 1952 for tormenting American prisoners of war during World War II. President Eisenhower later commuted Kawakita’s sentence to life imprisonment.

Treason is rarely prosecuted, in part due to high constitutional thresholds that require two witnesses or a confession in court to “levying war” against the United States.

Raised in Southern California on a Riverside goat farm, Gadahn was homeschooled, partly because the dirt road outside his home often becomes impassable in winter. The family was Christian but not particularly religious, with his father describing them as Universalist and believers in nonviolence.

Gadahn, who didn’t attend college, later move to the suburbs of Los Angeles where he became a Muslim and worshipped at the Islamic Society of Orange County. The mosque later expelled him for hitting one of its leaders in the face in May 1997.

He was sentenced to two days in jail and five days of community service, but he never showed up for the community service.

That same year, Gadahn worked at Charity Without Borders in Garden Grove, where Khalil al-Deek, a terrorist suspect with alleged ties to Osama bin Laden, also was employed.

Al-Deek was jailed in Jordan for 17 months on suspicion of being involved in a bombing plot, but he was never charged with a crime. He was released in May 2001 and deported to the United Arab Emirates.

Gadahn was last known to be in Southern California in 1997 or 1998. He eventually traveled to Pakistan with friends and, at first, would occasionally write home, according to his family.

He called home several months after the Sept. 11 attacks to say he was married to a refugee and they were expecting a child. Family members said it was the last time they spoke with him.

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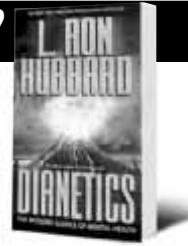
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Notice Of Preparation Of a Draft Environmental Impact Report For 1803-1807 16th Street Condominium Project



DATE: October 13, 2006

TO: State Clearinghouse, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: City of Santa Monica

The City of Santa Monica intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the 1803-07 Sixteenth Street Condominium Project. In accordance with Section 15082 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the City of Santa Monica has prepared this Notice of Preparation to provide Responsible Agencies and other interested parties with information describing the proposal and its potential environmental effects. Environmental factors which would be potentially affected by the project are:

- Transportation/Circulation
- Neighborhood Effects
- Construction Effects

PROJECT APPLICANT: Long Iron Investments, LLC

PROJECT LOCATION: 1803-1807 Sixteenth Street, Santa Monica, California

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project involves the construction of a two-story, 13,400 square foot, 11-unit condominium complex consisting of two buildings with semi-subterranean parking on a 15,000 square foot site. The project also includes demolition of two single family homes on the site and removal of existing landscaping. The applicant has applied for the following discretionary permits: a Design Compatibility Permit (DCP 03-013) for a condominium project, and a Vesting Tentative Tract Map (TM 03-014) for a subdivision for condominium purposes.

REVIEW PERIOD: As specified by the State CEQA Guidelines, the Notice of Preparation will be circulated for a 30-day review period. A copy of the Initial Study and Neighborhood Impact Study is available for review. The City of Santa Monica welcomes agency and public input during this period regarding the scope and content of environmental information that must be included in the Draft EIR. **Comments may be submitted, in writing, by 5:30 p.m. on Monday, November 13, 2006** and addressed to: City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401 Attn: Laura Beck, Associate Planner. Fax: (310) 458-3380. E-mail: laura.beck@smgov.net.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de la preparación de un reporte sobre los posibles efectos ambientales referente a la construcción propuesta de un edificio de 11 unidades, lo cual puede ser de interés a usted. Para más información, llame a Carmen Gutierrez, al número (310) 458-8341.

Investigators seek answers after Yankee player's crash

BY NAHAL TOOSI

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Investigators sifted through debris inside a luxury high-rise apartment Thursday for clues to why a small airplane with New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle aboard slammed into the building, killing the pitcher and a flight instructor.

National Transportation Safety Board member Debbie Hersman said federal investigators arrived Wednesday evening and found debris scattered everywhere.

Aircraft parts and headsets were on the ground. The propeller broke apart from the engine, which landed on the floor of an apartment. The bodies fell to the street. On Thursday, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly identified the flight instructor as Tyler Stanger.

"There's a significant amount of damage," Hersman told CNN Thursday morning.

She said investigators were taking fuel samples, looking at maintenance records and examining Lidle's flight log book, found in the wreckage — "anything that will give us a clue about what happened."

Lidle talked often of his love of flying, describing it his escape from the stress of professional baseball and a way to see the world in a different light.

"No matter what's going on in your life, when you get up in that plane, everything's gone," Lidle told an interviewer with Comcast Sportsnet out of Philadelphia while flying his plane in April.

Lidle boarded the same single-engine plane Wednesday afternoon with Stanger for what was supposed to be a leisurely flight around New York City. They took off from a suburban New Jersey airport, circled around the Statue of Liberty, flew past lower Manhattan and north above the East River.

Something went wrong just moments after passing above the 59th Street Bridge. The plane smashed into a luxury high-rise condominium building on the Upper East Side, killing Lidle and the other passenger and showering fiery debris on the sidewalk and street below, officials said.

The crash briefly raised fears of another terrorist attack in this scarred city.

"It was very scary," said Diane Tarantini, who was sitting in an outdoor courtyard across the street when she heard a loud boom and saw a big fireball that reminded her of Sept. 11. "It brings back all these memories about planes hitting buildings, the terror of that day in September."

Lidle's passport was found on the street, according to a federal official, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. It was not immediately clear who was at the controls or who was the second person aboard.

A federal official, speaking on condition of anonymity, had said that authorities had a report that the plane sent a distress call to the Federal Aviation Administration before the crash.

Hersman said at a late-night news conference that, "we've asked the FAA and they have reviewed some aircraft-control tapes. At this point they have no indication that there was a mayday call." Thursday morning, she said officials were continuing to review the tapes.

The flight lasted about 20 minutes, with a 911 call about a fire coming in around 2:45 p.m.

The Cirrus SR20 was manufactured in 2002 and purchased earlier this year, Hersman said. The small aircraft has four seats and is equipped with a parachute designed to let it float to earth in case of a

mishap. The parachute apparently did not engage after the crash.

NTSB records indicate a total of 12 accidents involving the Cirrus SR20, first flown as a prototype in 1995. In two accidents this year, pilots reported engines losing power.

The plane that crashed Wednesday was registered to Lidle, FAA records show.

Lidle had repeatedly assured reporters in recent weeks that flying was safe and that the Yankees — who were traumatized in 1979 when catcher Thurman Munson was killed in the crash of a plane he was piloting — had no reason to worry.

His teammates were stunned at the news of the crash.

"Right now, I am really in a state of shock," Jason Giambi said in a statement. "I have known Cory and his wife Melanie for over 18 years and watched his son grow up. We played high school ball together and have remained close throughout our careers. We were excited to be reunited in New York this year and I am just devastated to hear this news."

On Sunday, the day after the Yankees were eliminated from the playoffs, Lidle cleaned out his locker at Yankee Stadium and said he planned to fly back to California, making a few stops. Lidle had reserved a room for Wednesday night at the historic Union Station hotel in downtown Nashville, Tenn., hotel spokeswoman Melanie Fly said.

Family and friends converged on Lidle's home in the Los Angeles suburb of Glendora, Calif., where he and his family moved about six years ago.

"This is a tragedy for everybody involved," said his mother-in-law Mary Varela, her eyes welling with tears.

Lidle's twin brother, Kevin, told CNN's "Larry King Live" the family was having a tough time.

"But what can you do? Somehow you hang in there and you get through it," he said. "I've had a lot of calls from friends and family, people calling and crying. And they've released some emotions, and I haven't done that yet. I don't know — I guess I'm in some kind of state of shock."

Lidle pitched with the Phillies before coming to the Yankees. He began his career in 1997 with the Mets and also pitched for Tampa Bay, Oakland, Toronto and Cincinnati.

Wednesday afternoon, his plane came through a hazy, cloudy sky and slammed into apartments that were 30 and 31 stories above the street, but the floors are numbered at 40 and 41, and go up to 50, even though the building is technically about 40 stories high.

The crash touched off a raging fire that cast a pillar of black smoke over the city and sent flames shooting from four windows on two adjoining floors. Firefighters put the blaze out in less than an hour.

At least 21 people were taken to hospitals, most of them firefighters. Their conditions were not disclosed.

Dr. Parviz Benhuri said his wife, Ilana, was home when the plane hit their window, breaking the glass and spewing flames.

"She told me she saw the window coming out and she ran. She's in shock. She's lucky she made it. It's a miracle," he told The New York Times.

Large crowds gathered in the street in the largely wealthy New York neighborhood, with many people in tears and some trying to reach loved ones by cell phone. Rain started pouring at around 4 p.m., and people gazed up at the smoke and fire as they covered their heads with plastic bags; earlier, parts of the plane fell to the ground.

Sound quality won't come cheap in Wash.

BY RACHEL LA CORTE

Associated Press Writer

OLYMPIA, Wash. — It will take billions of dollars and targeted efforts to restore dwindling habitat and reduce pollution if Puget Sound's biggest problems are to be solved by 2020, a state task force said Thursday.

In a summary of a draft report to be released to Gov. Chris Gregoire on Friday, the Partnership for Puget Sound said the state needs to improve not just the sound, but the entire ecosystem that surrounds it.

"We must manage our complex Puget Sound ecosystem holistically to ensure that we stop harm and protect the connections within the ecosystem itself," the report summary read. "Ecosystem-based management will help us grapple with the potential trade-offs inherent in balancing the needs of people and the environment that we share with other species."

The partnership was created in late 2005 by Gregoire, who has ordered the group of business, education, environment and government leaders to come up with a detailed recovery plan for Puget Sound.

The task force has proposed eight priorities for the state to address, including protecting the existing habitat, reducing toxins entering the sound and managing stormwater runoff.

Within each priority the group suggested actions, such as increasing money to protect freshwater and marine habitats, cleaning up all Superfund and high priority sites, and increasing public education.

In a July report to Gregoire, the partnership warned that many people living in the region had an overly optimistic view of the sound's health — two-thirds of people contacted for a survey rated the sound's health as "good."

"The lack of public awareness on Puget Sound conditions contributes to the lack of support for the personal and public policy actions needed to restore the sound's health," the summary read.

The task force also recommends the creation of a new Puget Sound Ecosystem Partnership to oversee the actions taken and to monitor results.

Puget Sound Partnership said that several billions of dollars over the coming decades will be needed to achieve the level of protection and restoration needed.

The report says cleaning up contaminated sites over the next 12 years will cost more than \$500, salmon recovery plans will cost more than \$1.6 billion, and stormwater impacts will run more than \$2 billion.

The group said that increased money from the state, the federal government and private sector will be necessary to meet all of the goals.

Hastert-backing Bush to make appearance together at benefit

BY DEB RIECHMANN

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush is campaigning with House Speaker Dennis Hastert to help two Illinois Republicans in tough races, but it's the embattled top official in Congress who has an urgent need of a crutch.

Bush has been backing Hastert as he fends off calls for him to resign over his handling of the congressional page scandal. The president on Wednesday called Hastert "very credible" and, last week, a "father, teacher and coach who cares about the children of this country."

The political event in Chicago to benefit David McSweeney and Peter Roskam is the first time Bush has publicly appeared with Hastert since former Rep. Mark Foley resigned in disgrace over sexually explicit messages he sent to teenage male pages.

"This Foley issue bothers a lot of people, including me," Bush said at a news conference. But, he said, national security and the economy will be the deciding factors in voter's minds.

"When they get in that booth, they're going to be thinking about, you know, how best to secure the country from attack and, you know, how best to keep the economy growing," he said.

With the GOP already facing waning public support for the war in Iraq and lukewarm approval ratings of the president and Congress, the Foley scandal has become another roadblock in the party's effort to retain control of the House and Senate.

Hastert insists he was not aware that the Florida congressman was sending sexually explicit instant messages until Foley resigned two weeks ago. Regardless of Hastert's han-

dling of the Foley matter, his tenure as speaker may be nearing an end, according to a prominent conservative activist, Paul Weyrich.

"In all probability Speaker Hastert will be replaced next year, whether it's because the Democrats take over or it's because Republicans retain control and they decide he's been speaker long enough," Weyrich said.

With just a few weeks remaining before the election, the White House is doing its best to prop up the speaker. White House press secretary Tony Snow plans to appear at a fundraiser with Hastert on Saturday. Asked whether the Foley scandal is contributing to Bush's low poll numbers, Snow said: "It certainly hasn't been a lift."

While Bush continues to be his party's biggest fundraising draw, Roskam and McSweeney could risk alienating some voters by appearing with Bush in a state where he is unpopular. His opponent, Democrat Tammy Duckworth, says the fundraiser will remind voters that Roskam puts party politics first.

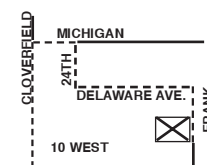
"Politics is not the main job of Congress. Governing is," Duckworth said. "And they want someone who is going to help govern, not someone who is going to, on every vote, go check with his party leadership and say, 'Which way am I supposed to vote on this?' I mean, if that's the case, why do we need representatives?"

Roskam insists his neck-and-neck race against Duckworth is not a referendum on either Bush or Hastert.

"It's going to be Peter Roskam on the ballot, and that's the person that this district knows," Roskam said. "There's no evidence that the speaker knew about the Foley e-mails. Here in Illinois, he's a leader."

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Meteor chasers searching for 'marbles' in Colorado

BY BILL HETHCOCK

Associated Press Writer

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Imagine searching for marble-size rocks in a 50-mile strip of Colorado. That's essentially what meteorite hunter and collector Robert Ward was doing this week.

One of the brightest meteors reported in recent years slow-danced across Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado the night of Oct. 1, possibly dropping meteorites toward the tail end of its trip.

Ward said he has chased fireballs worldwide for 20 years, and that this is the most impressive.

"This one traveled amazingly far, amazingly low, and amazingly slowly," he said. "It was a very big, very bright fireball seen by a lot of people."

Jeff and Pam Holmberg are two who watched it come to Earth.

The couple was watching television at home west of Canon City when Jeff looked out the window and saw the fireball soar over the Sangre de Cristo mountain range.

Pam was dozing off after a full day of football watching.

"I started hootin' and hollerin' and she came out of the chair like a shot," Jeff Holmberg said.

He and his wife ran outside in time to see the main fireball break into three or four pieces. Jeff Holmberg scrambled up a ladder to the roof and watched the meteor pieces

disappear into the northeast horizon toward Colorado Springs.

"It was a big, bright light with a smoke trail behind it," he said. "It looked like the landing light on a big jet."

The Holmbergs estimated the fireball took 20 seconds to pass from horizon to horizon.

"It was just incredible how close it seemed," Pam Holmberg said. "It was floating across, so bright, it seemed like you could just reach out and touch it."

Eyewitnesses and cameras that capture the whole sky in Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona caught the fireball at 11:16 p.m. on Oct. 1, said Chris Peterson, an astronomer and a researcher at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

Witnesses also reported hearing the sonic boom, a sound similar to thunder. The sonic boom is heard several minutes after the fireball is seen because it takes sound that long to travel to Earth from more than 20 miles in the air, Peterson said.

The fireball traveled generally southwest to northeast, beginning northeast of Phoenix, cutting across northwest New Mexico and ending east of Colorado Springs.

It was captured by sky cameras at the Guffey School and at Cloudbait Observatory north of Guffey, which Peterson runs, as well as sky cameras in New Mexico.

Camera data suggest the full flight possibly lasted 45 seconds — an eternity for a meteor, Peterson said.

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First he insults 'Turkishness,' then takes the Nobel prize

BY MATT MOORE

Associated Press Writer

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Turkish novelist Orhan Pamuk, whose uncommon lyrical gifts and uncompromising politics have brought him acclaim worldwide and prosecution at home, won the Nobel literature prize Thursday for his works dealing with the symbols of clashing cultures.

The selection of Pamuk, whose recent trial for "insulting Turkishness" raised concerns about free speech in Turkey, continues a trend among Nobel judges of picking writers in conflict with their own governments. British playwright Harold Pinter, a strong opponent of his country's involvement in the Iraq war, won last year. Elfriede Jelinek, a longtime critic of Austria's conservative politicians and social class, was the 2004 winner.

Pamuk, currently a visiting professor at Columbia University in New York, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview that he was overjoyed by the award, adding that remarks he made earlier this year referring to the Nobel literature prize as "non-sense" were a mistranslation.

He told AP that he accepted the prize as not "just a personal honor, but as an honor bestowed upon the Turkish literature and culture I represent."

The author did have one complaint: The Swedish Academy announced the prize at 7 a.m., EDT.

"They called and woke me up, so I was a bit sleepy," said Pamuk, adding that he had no immediate plans to celebrate, but looked forward to being with friends back in Turkey.

Pamuk, whose novels include "Snow" and "My Name is Red," was charged last year for telling a Swiss newspaper in February 2005 that Turkey was unwilling to deal with two of the most painful episodes in recent Turkish history: the massacre of Armenians during World War I, which Turkey insists was not a planned genocide, and recent guerrilla fighting in Turkey's overwhelmingly Kurdish southeast.

"Thirty-thousand Kurds and 1 million Armenians were killed in these lands, and nobody but me dares to talk about it," he told the newspaper.

The controversy came at a particularly sensitive time for the overwhelmingly Muslim country. Turkey had recently begun membership talks with the European Union, which has harshly criticized the trial.

The charges against Pamuk were dropped in January, ending the high-profile trial that outraged Western observers.

The Swedish Academy said that the 54-year-old Istanbul-born Pamuk "in the quest for the melancholic soul of his native city has discovered new symbols for the clash and interlacing of cultures."

In Turkey, fellow novelists, poets and publishers were among the first to congratulate Pamuk, but nationalists who regard the novelist as a traitor accused the Swedish Academy of rewarding the author because he had belittled Turks.

"The prize came as no surprise, we were expecting it," said Kemal Kerincsiz, a nationalist lawyer who helped bring charges against Pamuk. "This prize was not given because of Pamuk's books, it was given because of his words, because of his Armenian genocide claims."

Turkey's Foreign Ministry congratulated Pamuk, wishing him continued success and saying the prize would help give Turkish literature a wider audience abroad.

Prominent Armenian writers also hailed the decision to award a Nobel to Pamuk.

"This a lesson to those Turks who wanted to put him on trial. This is a victory for democracy in Turkey," said Perch Zeituntsian, a leading Armenian writer and playwright, speaking in Yerevan, Armenia.

The head of Armenia's Union of Writers, David Muradian, said the decision to award Pamuk the Nobel prize sends a strong message. "This is a both a literature prize and about morality."

The head of the PEN American Center, the U.S. chapter of the international writers-human rights organization, also praised Pamuk's selection.

"I think that Orhan Pamuk was a splendid choice for the Nobel Prize, not only for the evident literary merit of his work, but because of his courageous defiance of political pieties in Turkey," said historian Ron Chernow, the chapter's president.

Academy head Horace Engdahl said Pamuk's political situation in Turkey had not affected the decision.

"It could, of course, lead to some political turbulence, but we are not interested in that," Engdahl said. "He is a controversial person in his own country, but on the other hand, so are almost all of our prize winners."

He said Pamuk was selected because he had "enlarged the roots of the contemporary novel" through his links to both Western and Eastern culture.

"This means that he has stolen the novel, one can say, from us Westerners and has transformed it to something different from what we have ever seen before," Engdahl said.

Earlier Thursday, French lawmakers in the National Assembly in Paris approved a bill making it a crime to deny that the mass killings of Armenians in Turkey during and after World War I amounted to genocide, a move that has infuriated Turkey.

Pamuk has spoken up for other writers in peril. He was the first Muslim writer to defend Salman Rushdie when Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini condemned Rushdie to death because of "The Satanic Verses," a satire of the Prophet Muhammad published in 1989. Pamuk has also been supportive of Kurdish rights.

Pamuk himself had little religious upbringing. Growing up in Istanbul, his extended family was wealthy and privileged. Religion, Pamuk has said, was considered to be something for the poor and the provincial.

Instead, Pamuk was educated at the American school, Robert College, founded in the 1860s by secular Americans, where half the classes were taught in English. Among the Turkish graduates are prime ministers and corporate executives.

Pamuk has long been considered a contender for the Nobel prize and he figured high among pundits and bookmakers. His works, written in Turkish, have been translated into other languages, including English, French, Swedish and German.

Pamuk's prize marked the first time that a writer from a predominantly Muslim country has been honored for literature since 1988, when the award went to Egyptian Naguib Mahfouz, who died in August.

In its citation, the academy said that "Pamuk has said that growing up, he experienced a shift from a traditional Ottoman family environment to a more Western-oriented lifestyle. He wrote about this in his first published novel, a family chronicle ... which in the spirit of Thomas Mann follows the development of a family over three generations."

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'Oprah' rolls out the RED carpet for duo

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Working towards relief in Africa has been an eight-year journey to this point, according to Shriver, the chairman of DATA (Debt, AIDS, Trade, Africa), with the difference of today's launch being the targeted demographic — the young private sector hounded by advertisers because of their expendable income and their appetites for new fashions, products and gadgets.

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DRAWING THE RED LINE

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gency, and frankly, not everybody acts like it's an emergency," Shriver said this week. "I think now it has a sexy connotation. It's a strong color, a powerful color to get people to think about the power they already have just by spending money. Just getting something like a cup of coffee from this person (a RED member business) as opposed to that person (a non-RED business) can actually be a significant thing."

"If we can get control of pricing power, we can buy a lot of medicine."

Three million people die of AIDS each year. Of the 40 million people in the world infected with AIDS, some 25 million (or 60 percent) live in Africa, where it is the leading cause of death, according to the RED initiative's web site,

DATA was founded by Shriver and Bono in 2002 as a means of putting political pressure on world governments to tackle the key issues surrounding debt, AIDS and trade in Africa. The Global Fund was established the same year, and has since committed more than \$5.2 billion to programs in 131 countries, accounting for a quarter of the world's funding for AIDS relief in the developing world.

"We decided to get more of the private sector involved, and to do that we created a brand," said Shriver. "The difference here, as opposed to other ventures, is how we communicate it to people."

"Let's go shopping. It's a fun idea."

STAR POWER BEHIND LAUNCH

Today's episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" — taped on Thursday — promises to be stocked with popular singers, actors and personalities, all on board the RED movement and supporting the efforts of Shriver and Bono. On Tuesday, the councilman hinted that Winfrey and Bono would take to the streets of Chicago in a red convertible, stopping at stores along Michigan Avenue and not-so-coincidentally bumping into various celebs.

The Gap is also lending a measure of star power to the campaign, releasing an adver-



Alejandro Cesar Cantarero II/Daily Press

A 'VERY SPECIAL' FRIENDSHIP: City Council member Bobby Shriver (left) and U2 lead singer Bono met while producing a charity record in 1987. Their friendship has led to a series of efforts aimed at relief for Africa, including the RED brand being unveiled across the U.S. today.

tising campaign photographed by Annie Leibowitz and featuring the likes of singer Mary J. Blige; actors Don Cheadle, Jennifer Garner and Penelope Cruz; director Steven Spielberg; and comedian Chris Rock.

At the Gap store on the promenade Thursday, there was little evidence of the RED line of products about to be rolled out, but that's due to change today. Shoppers, unaware of the brand, seemed to welcome the efforts of Shriver and Bono and looked forward to being able to make a difference by being stylish at the same time.

"It would make me feel good to know I'm buying things and also helping people," said Sally Baron-Hay, 40, who was shopping at the Gap on Thursday after arriving in town from Sydney, Australia, for a conference.



Photo courtesy

Another shopper, Amy Powell, 52, planned to tape today's episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

"It's horrible what's happening to these people in Africa. It's so sad," said Powell, of Pacific Palisades. "We've got to do something about AIDS. It's absolutely horrible."

"It's super important we get awareness out there," she said. "And anything they (Bono and Shriver) do, I would support."

"The Oprah Winfrey Show" airs locally at 3 p.m. on Channel 7.

Maya Meinert contributed to the reporting of this article.

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Dimming the lights

A couple walks hand-in-hand along the Santa Monica shoreline during low tide this week amid a setting sun.

Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Good relations proves hot topic

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league hosted on Tuesday, in addition to the Board of Education and Rent Control Board. The league held the forum to educate the public on local candidates and issues with four weeks remaining before the Nov. 7 election.

Candidates were all asked the same questions for the first three rounds. The league received and selected questions prior to the forum.

One question asked the candidates how they would promote a good relationship between professors and the administration, something that has been lacking amid a protracted contract negotiation that was finally settled this week following two years of talks.

The Board of Trustees ratified a three-year contract with the Santa Monica College Faculty Association on Monday. One of the biggest sticking points during those two years was pay raises.

Tom Donner, a SMC college administrator and professor, said fostering a good working relationship between the faculty and administration will be his top priority. Donner suggested the administration ask the Academic Senate to create staff development programs as a show of good will.

Louise Jaffe, a former PTA president, said

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When keeping fingers crossed may be safe play

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he does have a tendency to throw salt over his shoulder whenever he accidentally knocks over a shaker.

“I don’t know why,” he said of his habit. “I just always heard that was a superstition.”

According to the Oxford Dictionary of English Folklore, “Friday the 13th” is a combination of two traditional beliefs that both the day Friday and the number 13 are jinxed.

The first record of Friday the 13th as being a day of superstition dates back to around 1913, said Henry Ansgar Kelly, professor emeritus of English at UCLA and an ordained exorcist.

The dislike for Friday first appeared in the middle ages and the fear of all things 13 surfaced around the 17th century.

From the 18th through 20th centuries, Fridays were widely thought to be a dangerous day to travel, move, get married or give birth — a nod to an old Catholic belief that held Friday to be a day reserved for penance.

Today, the superstition says that Friday is the day of traffic accidents, the Oxford Dictionary of English Folklore states.

The number 13 was not considered to be an unfortunate number until the late 17th century, when a new belief arose that if 13 people dined together, one person in the group would die within a year.

Today, 13 is still widely considered to be unlucky and some people have developed a fear for the number, called triskaidekaphobia. Oftentimes, buildings will not acknowledge a 13th floor and hotels are conspicuously devoid of any room numbers with the numerals 1 and 3 together.

Kelly said many cultures have adopted an unlucky number. In Italy, 17 is considered to be the number to avoid. He added that the marrying of the unlucky day and number — Friday and 13 — “was only a matter of time.”

“The big surprise is how recent the first incident was,” he said.

The concept of a superstitious Friday the 13th has been played out in popular culture in recent decades with movies like the “Friday the 13th” franchise, which features a hockey mask-clad killer named Jason.

At aahs!! on Wilshire Boulevard, a gift store specializing in Halloween costumes and gag gifts, customers have been flocking to a section created for Friday the 13th merchandise.

Manager Nitu Chopra said on Thursday that he had sold approximately \$200 in Friday the 13th movie merchandise, black fuzzy cats and rabbit’s foot keychains within a 48-hour period. He expects the store to sell almost double that today.

“Generally, we don’t have a special section,” Chopra said. “This year, we have a special section for Friday the 13th because it’s in October.”

He might do well to keep his fingers crossed.



A brush with celebrity

Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Actress Lisa Rinna, from ‘Dancing with the Stars,’ helps the Glam Squad apply make-up to Sunny (no last name provided to protect the ‘victim’), who hails from the Sojourn, a Los Angeles-area domestic violence shelter, during the Marshalls Shop ‘till it stops campaign at the Viceroy on Thursday. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and 1 percent of all sales sold at Marshalls on Oct 19 will go to the Family Violence Prevention Fund.

Farmers’ Market case a tough decision

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16, 2003, is charged with 10 counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence. If convicted on all counts, he could face up to 18 years in prison.

Jurors have the option of finding Weller guilty of a lesser charge — vehicular manslaughter with negligence, a misdemeanor.

In her closing argument, Deputy District Attorney Ann Ambrose said failure to convict Weller of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence would be akin to saying the man was guilty of nothing more than making a mistake when he drove his Buick LaSabre through the open-air market in downtown Santa Monica.

Defense attorneys countered that Weller accidentally stepped on the car’s accelerator instead of the brake, a case of “pedal error.”

Defense attorney Mark Overland argued that the prosecution’s case was built on questionable testimony from a select number of witnesses whose comments were tailored to fit the prosecution’s theory that Weller was able to see, steer and stop the vehicle, and could have prevented the carnage he ultimately caused.

Of the hundreds who witnessed the event, only a select few were chosen to testify, and their testimony, based on

events three years ago, was questionable, Overland contended. He noted the discrepancy in the testimony of certain witnesses on the stand and in statements they made to police at the scene.

“So what do you do with all this, do you pick and choose what fits your theory or do you look at all the evidence?” he asked the jurors.

In her rebuttal, Ambrose described the defense’s tactics as a sleight-of-hand designed to divert jurors’ attention away from the criminal conduct of Weller.

“He spent two hours yesterday talking about everyone other than the defendant,” she told jurors. “He roared at you so you wouldn’t look at the truth, the truth that Mr. Weller’s conduct killed 10 innocent people.”

Referring to one witness Overland attempted to discredit because she was the only one who claimed to have seen Weller brake before entering the market, Ambrose said that only bolstered the prosecution’s case.

“That’s the problem, he never applied his brakes in the market,” she said. And despite the defense’s claim -- backed by some high-paid, “so-called,” defense experts — that Weller made a pedal error sending him into a “hypervigilant brain freeze,” that didn’t legally absolve the man of guilt, she said.

“Just because it’s an accident doesn’t mean there’s no crime,” she said. “You can’t then use your negligence as an excuse.”

SMC candidates square off

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professors and administrators will need to keep the lines of communication open to maintain a good relationship.

Jaffe said she has a record of “bringing people together” and believes that all the future trustees have the ability to work with the staff to ensure there is no miscommunication.

Another question focused on work-related training programs for SMC students, something the college eliminated approximately four years ago.

Greenstein said she was a new member on the board four years ago when budget cuts forced the school to cut some of its work-training programs. Greenstein said she was the only board member who voted against the measure.

“I feel incredibly strongly today that it was the right vote,” she said. “[We] could’ve cut the budget without eliminating programs.”

Using the Automotive Club as an example, Greenstein said some of the poorest students were impacted by the cuts.

David Finkel, a professor and retired judge, said the board made a serious mistake when it voted to eliminate the pro-

grams. Finkel predicts the board will agree next spring to reinstate some of the vocational programs.

With the completion of the new Theatre Arts Building, another question asked what the college could do to alleviate traffic in the neighborhood.

Andrew Walzer, a professor at Los Angeles Community College, suggested implementing a program to encourage students to take public transportation. As an example, he mentioned Los Angeles Community College, which issues free bus passes to students.

“I’d like to see the same thing happen in Santa Monica,” he said.

ANSWERING THE BELL

Candidates were asked questions on an individual basis following the first three rounds, then were permitted to answer one question posed earlier to another candidate. The questions ranged from how the school could better educate students with limitations to whether or not students in the SMC district of Malibu and Santa Monica should receive tuition breaks.

According to Donner, who answered the question concerning physical limitations, the college does currently provide

assistance and opportunities to students facing challenges.

Statewide propositions also became an issue when one question asked Greenstein how the school should use additional funding under Proposition 1D, which would bring money to repair school facilities. Greenstein said the money could go towards a new student services center.

Walzer answered a question concerning the relationship between SMC and its neighbors, stating that the administration has a shoddy record of listening to the neighbors and said the school must work to build a good relationship with the residents.

Jaffe answered the question of whether the school should use clean fuel vehicles, expressing that she favors using environmentally friendly buses and hopes it can be achieved through a partnership with an outside party.

The question of why residents in the SMC district do not receive tuition discounts was given to Finkel.

Finkel called the college “a unique institution open to everyone” and said the college cannot deny access to a student based on their residency.

“Our goal should be equity, not drawing distinctions,” he said.

Susanna Kim Bracke, a financial adviser, was the only candidate who did not attend the forum.



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It may taste like mud, but kava comeback is for real

BY AUDREY MCAVOY

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — Resembling dishwater and tasting like mud, kava is an unlikely hit drink. But to devotees, kava, or “awa” in Hawaiian, is a treasured elixir that can calm nerves and deepen sleep — all without slowing your mind and making you slur your words.

Islanders from Fiji to Hawaii have been drinking kava for centuries to cement bonds among friends and strangers. Priests and elders offered kava to the gods in religious ceremonies.

Now, the ancient beverage is making a modest comeback in Hawaii amid a broader cultural renaissance in Hawaiian language, music and arts.

“We’re at the point now where we don’t want any more drinkers. Our market is flooded. We got more awa drinkers than we have product,” said Jerry Konanui, a kava farmer, drinker and president of the Association for Hawaiian Awa. “So we’re in a bind. We’re looking for farmers.”

The potion is made by mixing water with the pounded root of a pepper plant called kava, or Piper methysticum. Although often mistaken for a narcotic, kava is instead akin to a combination of an anti-anxiety drug, a local anesthetic, and drugs used in psychotherapy to help people communicate, said Martha Harkey, a former University of California-Davis pharmacology professor.

Frequently, it makes drinkers feel calm and perhaps mildly euphoric. While several cups of coffee may make you jittery, several cups of kava will put you at ease.

Konanui, a Hawaiian, said he was introduced to kava several years ago.

“Ohhh, as a replacement to alcohol, to beer, whiskey, I love awa. I can best describe it as a massage from inside out,” Konanui said at an annual kava festival held at the University of Hawaii.

The first Hawaiians are believed to have brought the kava plant with them from other Pacific isles — probably the Marquesas — when they discovered Hawaii around 500 A.D.

Oral histories tell of planters offering kava to the gods to secure bountiful harvests. Big Island elders were said to offer kava to a shark deity to drive fish into fishermen’s nets.

Royalty and commoner alike would drink kava, though the elite helped themselves to the plant’s rarer varieties. Even children had some: adults would feed irritable babies a mild variety called nene to calm them down.

Kava gradually fell out of favor, however, after the 19th century arrival of Christian missionaries who disapproved of its intoxicating effects and the way it encouraged “idolatry.”

As Christianity spread, Hawaiian religious ceremonies using kava became increasingly marginalized and many kava traditions were lost. The government also began to require permits for kava medicine.

By Margaret Titcomb’s 1948 study “Kava in Hawaii,” usage had almost ceased and only botanists and a few older Hawaiians knew of the plant.

Kava has only started to significantly reappear in Hawaii during the last decade, though it’s still not mainstream.

Many Hawaii kava drinkers credit the state’s first kava bar, Hale Noa, founded in Honolulu in 1999, for introducing them to the drink. A handful of other bars have since sprouted.

However, traditional Hawaiian ceremonies using kava are still rare. Some ceremonies claiming to be Hawaiian are actually a hodgepodge of Fijian, Tongan and Samoan rituals, because many Hawaiian traditions have been forgotten.

At the university kava festival, Laakea Sukanuma, the head of the Hawaiian martial arts group Kapa Lua Hawaii, revived the old Hawaiian ways for an authentic local ceremony called “Kapu Awa.”

Over a dozen festival vendors and organizers sat in a rectangle on straw mats drinking kava from individual coconut shell bowls. They ate snacks, or pupu, to soften the bitter kava taste.

In the South Pacific, many share one kava bowl and don’t eat during ceremonies.

“The purpose is the same, and that’s to commune with ancestors, to ask for guidance and inspiration,” Sukanuma said, adding he hopes the ritual helps deepen Hawaii’s understanding of kava.

Drinking kava does have some negative effects.

Those who imbibe a great deal can develop dry, cracked, scaly skin. And you may have trouble walking if you absorb too much in one sitting because your muscles will be so relaxed. Some Hawaii kava cafes require patrons to step up to the counter for their kava drinks so they can see who’s gone overboard.

California and Fiji authorities have arrested people for allegedly driving under the influence after drinking kava, but courts have ruled there wasn’t enough evidence to prove the substance impeded driving.

The most serious allegations of harm have come from indications kava, when taken regularly as an herbal supplement, may hurt the liver. Several European countries banned kava herbal supplements several years ago as a result, but later research put the likely source of the problem in supplement manufacturers’ use of kava bark, not just the kava root, to make their pills. The bark, which islanders have never used in their kava, may contain an alkaloid toxic to the liver.

Kava is still evolving in new directions.

Researchers are developing kava that can be bottled for retail sale. Float Beverages LLC, a Honolulu startup, has launched a bottled concoction of kava, lemonade, ginger, and mint it hopes to start offering in stores next year.

Some Hawaiians object to kava’s commercialization, but others say it should be accessible.

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SM's only local listing for fun eats



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SANTA MONICA ART PALETTE

MAKING ARTS AND CULTURE COME ALIVE IN SANTA MONICA

It's the weekend, but what to do? There's contemporary dance with a generous dose of physical science at the Miles Playhouse. Or there's paper-making at the Santa Monica Museum of Art, where you can also start your holiday shopping in the new Gracie gift store. Bergamot Station has so many outstanding exhibitions up right now that you could easily overdose on visual art while you're there. And if you're musically inclined and under 18, you can join the new youth orchestra. Or you could just stay at home and watch TV. But you don't want to stay at home and watch TV, do you? Face it, it's 467 channels and nothing to watch. I'd suggest dance ... and Bergamot ... and shopping at Gracie ... and ...

The Miles Playhouse will host the premiere performance of a work in progress, "Rage to Know," an evening multi-media dance based on the leading theories in modern physics. This collaborative work between digital media artist Michael Masucci and choreographer Donna Sternberg explores the nature of reality according to current physics theories. Live action, computer animation and motion graphics alter notions of time and space, creating an environment where the unexpected can and does happen. Following the performance, Sternberg will lead a discussion on the interaction of art and science. Check the Donna Sternberg and Dancers web site for ticket information. This project is funded by the Santa Monica CO-ARTS Grant Program and the Santa Monica Arts Commission.



Rage to Know
Saturday, Oct. 14 at 8 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 15 at 2:30 p.m.
Miles Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Boulevard
Park free at 808 Wilshire Boulevard

Cardboard at the Bobbie Greenfield Gallery

The Bobbie Greenfield Gallery celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Charles and Ray Eames Chair and Ottoman with an all cardboard exhibition featuring legendary L.A. artists Robert Rauschenberg's Cardbirds, Guy Dill's The Last Supper Series, and the Easy Edges Furniture collection, a collaborative effort between Frank Gehry, Jack Brogan and Robert Irwin that utilized cardboard to create well designed, practical, and affordable furniture with a unique aesthetic appeal. A reception for CARDBOARD will be held at the gallery on Thursday, Oct. 12 from 5-8 p.m.

Bobbie Greenfield Gallery
2525 Michigan Avenue, B6
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Be sure to visit Bergamot when the Santa Monica Museum of Art will celebrate the official opening of GRACIE: Shop/Storage/Installation, a multifunctional exhibition, bookshop, storage and reception area. This extraordinary new element of the museum was conceived by Rome Prize-winning artist and architect Allan Wexler (who designed the Tables of Content public art project in Douglas Park with his wife Ellen), and is stocked with a unique array of artful books and extraordinary objects that will delight every visitor.

GRACIE
Friday, Sept. 13
Reception 7 p.m.; special program 8 p.m.
Santa Monica Museum of Art
Bergamot Station, G1
2525 Michigan Avenue

Also opening this weekend at Bergamot Station is Karla Klarin's Orange Clash at the Susan Schomburg Gallery while ZeitHeist, a group exhibition of works by Nancy Baker, Kendell Carter, Jennifer Nehrbass and Klaus Wanker goes up at the Mark Moore Gallery, along with new works by Alistair Mackie. And be sure to check out one of the two Lyn Foulkes exhibitions on display simultaneously at Bergamot Station in Santa Monica. An alumni of Chouinard School of Art, his first one-man show was presented at Ferus Gallery in 1961 and he's been a leading international artist ever since. Foulkes' exhibitions are on view at the Craig Krull and Patricia Faure Galleries.



Bring the munchkins along with you to Bergamot on Saturday morning when the Santa Monica Museum of Art will offer an introductory papermaking class for students 8 years and up. In partnership with Hiromi Paper International, the leading importer of Washi, the traditional hand-made Japanese paper, young people will learn traditional methods creating Washi, but with lots of room for their own innovations.

Making the Papers
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Santa Monica Museum of Art
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Kickin' it in the SM Canyon

BY LORI BARTLETT

Special to the Daily Press

Families, friends and music lovers alike can gather for more than the average picnic this Sunday, with Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Jackson Browne headlining the fourth "Jammin' in the Canyon" festival in the Santa Monica Canyon. The event was established as a fundraiser for the music, art and enrichment programs at the Canyon Charter School. The music fest is held every other year and the money raised is used to fulfill school needs such as a computer lab, a full time Physical Education coach and additional library hours. Event organizer Bridgid Coulter said the fundraiser has been of great aid to the school.

"It picks up the things that we think are really important to have in the school, but are not always in the full on LAUSD (Los Angeles United School District) budget," said Coulter.

Funds are raised through ticket sales and with a diverse musical line-up; the show offers something for music appreciators of all kinds.

In the past, music artists such as David Crosby, Terence Blanchard and Paul Oscher were a part of the show.

This year's musical performers include Jackson Browne, The English Beat, The Blanks, Jeff Young and the Youngsters, and Asi Son with Gabriel Gonzales. Academy Award nominee Don Cheadle ("Crash") will host the event along with Black Thought, of the hip-hop act The Roots.

Browne headlines the show and has been a popular artist in the music biz for more three decades. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2004, and having lived in Southern California since age 3, Browne is a supporter of the local community.

In contrast to Browne's folkly jams, The English Beat brings energy filled tunes under a heavy dose of ska and punk influence. The band entered the music scene in 1979, and became an influential part of the British ska movement.

The Blanks offer upbeat a cappella songs including covers of theme songs like "Charles in Charge." The quartet is often recognized as "Ted's Band" from the TV show "Scrubs."

Soulful R&B should flow from the Jeff Young and the Youngsters performance. Young is a local singer/songwriter who has performed with musical heavy hitters such as Sting, Al Green and Alanis Morissette.



Photos courtesy

HEARD THAT: An eclectic group of performers are scheduled once again for this year's Jammin' in the Canyon, set for Sunday.

Lead vocalist Gabriel Gonzalez of Asi Son provides some spicy salsa songs for the show. Gonzalez is a true performer as an actor, singer, songwriter, arranger and producer. His band was voted LA Weekly's best salsa band, and he is a highly respected member of the music community.

Black Thought along with other special guests will perform some spoken word, hip-hop style poetry.

Doors for "Jammin'" open at 11 a.m., with DJ Grooves spinning some morning jams. The live musicians start at around 11:30 a.m. While the exact line-up will not be announced until the day of the show, the headliners are expected to play from 1 p.m. till 4 p.m.

"This year, we kind of have an issue that everyone is such a top notch performer that I don't think any of the show is

to be missed," said Coulter.

While the parents groove to the tunes, the little ones can get their face painted or an airbrush tattoo. The playground will also be open all day.

Attendees are encouraged to bring picnic supplies and lunches. Pizza, gelato and other festival fair will be available. City Bakery lunches are available for \$10 ordered via the event Web site at www.jammininthecanyon.org.

Jammin' in the Canyon will be held at the Canyon Charter School field at 421 Entrada Drive. Tickets are \$35 for adults in advance, \$40 day of show, \$10 for ages 12 to 17, \$5 for age 5 to 11 and children under 5 get in for free. For more information, visit the Web site at www.jammininthecanyon.com or call (310) 285-8196.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEF

Actors, playwrights rush to judgment

By Daily Press staff

The new installment of the Ruskin Group Theatre's popular L.A. Café Plays, dubbed the "Fastest Theater in Town" because five short plays go from conception to execution in just 10 and half hours, will be staged on Sunday, Oct. 15, at 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. at Ruskin Group Theatre, 3000 Airport Drive at Santa Monica Airport.

Past participants in the Café Plays, as director or actor, have included such luminaries as Dylan McDermott ("The Practice"), Olivia D'Abo ("The Wonder Years") and Dan Lauria ("The Wonder Years," "Jag").

Although several theaters throughout the country have staged 24-hour plays, Ruskin producers Mike Myers, Erin Kelly and Michael Laurie have upped the stakes and cut that time by more than half. In addition, the speed plays are produced monthly.

At 9 a.m. the day of the performance, five writers gather at Back on Broadway, a café-restaurant in Santa Monica. Each writer picks, at random, two manila envelopes containing actors' headshots. They are then given four hours to write a seven- to 10-page one-act play that takes place in a café. The directors then take over, meet their actors, and begin rehearsals.

The Ruskin Group Theatre, founded in 2002, has not only produced several critically acclaimed shows, it has done extensive outreach, teaching and performing in correctional facilities, boys' homes, nursing homes and more throughout Southern California.

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MOVIEGUIDE

AERO THEATRE

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Monday

My Father

7:30

Tuesday

She

7:30

Wednesday

Running with Scissors

7:30

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Devil's Island - Journey into Jungle

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Friday

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7:30

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The Black Dahlia (R)

11:10am, 2:05, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30

Gridiron Gang (PG-13)

11:00am, 1:45, 4:35, 7:30, 10:20

The Illusionist (PG-13)

11:20am, 1:55, 4:25, 7:15, 10:00

The Last Kiss (R)

11:15am, 1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40

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The Departed (R)

12:00, 1:20, 3:30, 4:50, 7:00, 8:20, 10:20

Employee of the Month (PG-13)

1:50, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50

The Guardian (PG-13)

1:40, 5:10, 7:40, 8:30, 10:45

Open Season (PG)

12:45, 2:10, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:10, 9:30

Texas Chainsaw Massacre:

The Beginning (R)

12:35, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

LANDMARK NUWILSHIRE

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The Last King of Scotland (R)

1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55

The Science of Sleep (R)

1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00

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A Guide to Recognizing Your Saints (R)

11:30am, 1:55, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40

Half Nelson (R)

11:40am, 9:55

Little Children (R)

12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 10:00

Little Miss Sunshine (R)

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The U.S. vs. John Lennon (PG-13)

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Fender fixed Grammy-winner returns home from Texas hospital

FREDDY FENDER has been discharged from a hospital and was resting at his South Texas home Thursday, but family and friends said the Grammy-winning musician remained gravely ill.

Fender, 69, had been getting treatment for cancer in Oklahoma but was transferred to a hospital in San Antonio last

week because of a blood infection.

"He's not doing too good," said his wife, Vangie Huerta. "It's kind of like — we just got back yesterday and it's kind of breaking us."

Ron Rogers, who has acted as a spokesman for Fender, said the musician had talked

about making a public statement but hadn't been able to yet.

"Of course he's ill, gravely ill, and he's at home resting," he said.

Born Baldemar Huerta in 1937, Fender has won three Grammys, the most recent in 2002. He started his career in

the late 1950s and hit the charts with "Before the Next Teardrop Falls," "Wasted Days and Wasted Nights" and "You'll Lose a Good Thing."

He was to have surgery in January to remove the upper left lobe of his lung because of a fungal infection, but surgeons found two large tumors and left

the lobe intact. Doctors last month told Fender the cancer had spread from his left lung to his body.

Fender, who has had problems with diabetes and hepatitis C, received a kidney from his daughter in 2002 and a liver transplant in 2004.

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Ebert gives thumbs up to Oscar night

ROGER EBERT hopes to be fully recovered in time for the Academy Awards and the Cannes Film Festival.

In a letter published Thursday in the Chicago Sun-Times, the Pulitzer Prize-winning film critic and co-host of the "Ebert & Roeper" TV show says he's looking forward to getting back to work full time early next year.

"One thing I've discovered is that I love my job more than I

thought I did, and I love my wife even more!" he wrote.

Ebert had surgery June 16 to remove a cancerous growth on his salivary gland. He also had emergency surgery July 1 after a blood vessel burst.

He had undergone cancer surgery three times before the June operation — once in 2002 to remove a malignant tumor on his thyroid gland and twice on his salivary gland the next year.

He announced in the letter that his first movie review in months will run Friday. He decided to review "The Queen" after an "Ebert & Roeper" producer brought him a copy of the movie on DVD. He plans to continue doing occasional reviews until he's fully recovered.

The 64-year-old Ebert, who's now at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, thanked fans and colleagues for their

support.

He has been a film critic at the Chicago Sun-Times since 1967. He won the Pulitzer Prize for criticism in 1975, the same year he teamed up with Gene Siskel of the rival Chicago Tribune to launch their TV show. Siskel died in 1999. Ebert has co-hosted the show with fellow Sun-Times columnist Richard Roeper since 2000.

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HEEERE'S ARNOLD

GOV. ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

traded quips with Jay Leno one moment and criticized U.S. foreign policy the next during an appearance on the "Tonight Show" that had the governor's opponents crying foul because his rival in next month's election wasn't included.

When asked by Leno about television campaign ads attempting to link Schwarzenegger to President Bush, the star of the "Terminator" films mocked the notion.

"To link me to George Bush is like linking me to an Oscar," said the governor, who has never won — nor even been nominated for — acting's most prestigious award.

On a more serious subject, the Republican governor said a "lot of mistakes" were made during the war in Iraq, but ducked a question from Leno about whether Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld should be fired.

"Without any doubt, we have to find an exit strategy as quickly as possible," he said.

Schwarzenegger has previously said he supports the war, but that the nation should find a "sensible" way to get out.

His appearance Wednesday riled supporters of his Democratic opponent, state Treasurer Phil Angelides, whose campaign said he wants equal time.

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Jolie says world is 'gazing out to sea'

ANGELINA JOLIE sees Western nations as being indifferent to refugees and finds that shocking.

"It's a scandal, really, in such a rich world, that we are not even finding a way to help feed refugee families properly," the Academy Award-winning actress and U.N. goodwill ambassador wrote in Refugees, a quarterly magazine published by the U.N.

refugee agency.

She said Europeans, who six decades ago were confronted by 40 million refugees in the aftermath of World War II, have turned their backs on victims of tyrannical regimes. Jolie also criticized Americans and Australians.

"Agencies like UNHCR (the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees) should not really have to struggle to scrape a few tens

of millions of dollars together to help rebuild shattered nations — like Angola, Sierra Leone, Liberia and south Sudan," Jolie said. "But we won't pay for a full cure."

The 31-year-old Jolie, who has made more than 30 missions for the agency since becoming goodwill ambassador in 2001, described her shock over a photo printed in an edi-

tion of Refugees earlier this year capturing a couple on a beach while disregarding a black man washed ashore.

"They can't see the stark reality lying a few yards further up the beach," she wrote. "We are all — myself included — behaving like the couple sitting under their umbrella on the beach, gazing studiously out to sea."

AP

'Jefferson Airplane' is grounded in SF

Rock icon **GRACE SLICK** of Jefferson Airplane was on hand Wednesday to dedicate Virgin America Inc.'s new corporate headquarters and an aircraft named after the legendary 1960's band.

Slick joined California Gov.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom and Virgin America Chief Executive Officer Fred Reid for the celebration at San Francisco's International Airport.

The "Jefferson Airplane" is the first of Virgin America's new

fleet to be named. The company has invited the public to submit entries to name its other planes.

The airline, expected to bring 1,700 new jobs to the Bay Area, announced last year that it would locate both its operations and headquarters here, after

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