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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

State and local law-enforcement officials met in Salt Lake City in August to discuss the growing and seemingly intractable problem of the radical, Mormon-based polygamist community that reaches from Hildale, Utah, to Colorado City, Ariz., and which has been denounced by mainstream Mormons. Issues included not just religious freedom and forced marriage for young girls, but the \$5 million annually in federal benefits that go to polygamist wives who say they are "single" mothers on their welfare applications.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"For the upper middle class, marriage is the only adventure left."

— Unknown



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SMC president to advise Schwarzenegger



Dr. Piedad Robertson

Dr. Piedad Robertson one of 65 named to transition team

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

The president of Santa Monica College announced Monday she will join the transition team for Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger to advise him on education issues.

Dr. Piedad Robertson said she is honored to accept the position and is committed to preserving California's community colleges.

"I am going to be pushing for

bringing the state back into a balanced budget, and being able to provide education the opportunities that it deserves and needs," said Robertson, who is one of 65 transition advisors. "And to provide our students the services and opportunities they deserve and need."

SMC and the state's other community colleges were dealt devastating budget blows this year by Gov. Gray Davis' efforts to close California's \$38 billion deficit. As a result, community colleges have been forced to cut back on faculty, staff, classes and programs.

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Dr. Robertson to be confronted by faculty, students and staff

By Daily Press staff

Before she can provide her insight to Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger, Santa Monica College President Piedad F. Robertson will have to answer to her faculty, students and staff.

Protesters plan to confront Robertson and the board of trustees

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SM City Council expected to spend \$2 million tonight

Costs for consultants, construction and new computers included

(Editor's note: This is part of an ongoing series that tracks City Hall's expenditures which appear on the upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agenda. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.)

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

The City Council tonight is expected to spend \$1 million on computers for City Hall workers and tens of thousands of dollars for paid consultants to plan a new community garden.

Most of tonight's expenditures are for Gateway microcomputers — \$1.08 million over four years. Each computer will cost \$1,210, and city staff are asking the City Council for \$451,890 annually as part of a replacement program, which has been ongoing for seven years.

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Steel on wheels



Del Pastrana/Daily Press

A passerby on Main Street Monday admires 'Lunchtime Atop a Skyscraper,' a replica of the classic 1932 photo with the same title, depicting a line of steelworkers dangling high above New York having lunch. The sculptor, Sergio Furnari, is driving his sculpture on a tour across the country to pay tribute to laborers who helped construct America.

Plastic surgeon settles for \$27,500 with City Hall

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

City Hall has given \$27,500 to a local plastic surgeon who hit a crack while riding his bicycle on San Vicente Boulevard more than two years ago, breaking his shoulder and wrecking his road bike.

Dr. Steven Teitelbaum originally filed a

claim against City Hall for \$600,000, saying it was responsible for the accident because it should have known a nearby pine tree had uprooted the asphalt on the popular bike path.

"Santa Monica's an outdoor, recreational city," said Teitelbaum, who was riding with his trainer between 10th and 11th streets when the accident occurred on July 4, 2001. "We've

built beautiful parks, we've built beautiful bike lanes — and I think the city should do everything to make it safe."

The original claim represented medical bills in the amount of \$7,700, anticipated medical bills of \$30,000, as well as \$100,000 in lost earnings and \$250,000 in future lost

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Out of a black hole in a conversation, options suddenly appear. Don't question why or how. Just be grateful. Ideas flourish. Responsiveness once more appears, and you have plenty of reasons to smile. Tonight: Out and about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You could feel jammed by a conversation. Whether it is necessary to feel this way is another issue. You could be surprised by what a little creativity and brainstorming permit. Doors open up for you. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You are personality plus, and others respond either extremely negatively or positively to you. The good news is that as the hours go past, the going gets easier and easier. Did you decide to go home to get work done? Tonight: Let it all flow, as only you can.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Step back and take your time thinking through a decision. What might appear to be a piece of cake in your mind certainly gets another's dander up. Try another approach, and you'll get a totally different reaction. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Aim for more of what you want within a relationship, even if you get flak or feel a bit intimidated. When you start discussing the almighty dollar, you could be surprised by just how much falls into place. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You might want to defer to someone else about what is happening. By the end of this lively conversation, you will be agreeing with this person. Charge your creativity into your work, allowing more ideas, solutions and projects to happen. Tonight: A must show.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You see events and people a lot differently than the majority sees them. Think about what makes you happy, though you might not want to make a public announcement just yet. A child or loved one has an interesting way of seducing you. Tonight: Take an overview.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Work with individuals rather than with groups, or you might get a lot more flak than you need or desire. You come from a space of caring and solidity. How you phrase your thinking and how you express your feelings will make all the difference. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Others present different points of view. You might or might not agree, but you come up with solutions out of the blue. A boss encourages more progressive thinking. Once everyone starts thinking and breaking past his or her natural filters, you feel as if the office is cooking. Tonight: Go along for the ride.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Continue with what you do well, but also don't be surprised by what might come down your path. Your happier ways help you see life from a totally different viewpoint. Your imagination takes on a new perspective when you are relaxed. Tonight: Don't make any money agreements yet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Someone close might react to your playfulness and fun nature. Though you might not be sure which way you are going, you might want to discuss what is going on. You might get more information through pulling back and observing. Tonight: Continue in play mode.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Listen to a family member, even if you feel that this person could be a nag or really off-base. Your instincts will direct you in a conversation. If you stop and think logically, it won't work. Just follow your sixth sense. Tonight: R and R at home.

CLARIFICATION — In the Oct. 13 edition, a story regarding the city attorney warrants a clarification. Local property rights attorney Tom Larmore respects Marsha Moutrie's work, although he is critical of the policies that the City Council asks Moutrie to enforce.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Ocean Park to get cleaned up

By Daily Press staff

The Main Street Merchants Association needs volunteers to participate in its third annual community clean-up event, which will benefit the Ocean Park neighborhood. The City of Santa Monica will provide all support services for the clean-up and "Tree People" will provide instruction to volunteers as they care for the Cassia trees along Ocean Park Boulevard.

The main goal is pollution prevention, but there also are many advantages to cleaning up the neighborhood, including improved business and residential relationships to the community, organizers say.

Last year, more than 60 volunteers were rewarded for their hard work with gift bags containing goodies from vendors along Main Street and a raffle for larger prizes. The merchants plan to build on the success of the previous clean-up efforts with an even larger selection of prizes for the Ocean Park participants.

The clean-up will take place on Saturday, Oct. 18, and volunteers are to meet at the Ocean Park Library located at 2601 Main St. at 8:30 a.m. to register. For more information on volunteering, e-mail opcleanupday@excite.com.

John Wayne Cancer Institute volunteer honored

By Daily Press staff

A woman will be honored in Santa Monica this month as a local hero for her fight against breast cancer.

As part of the Seventh Annual Ultimate Drive for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Gloria Gebbia, president of the Associates for Breast and Prostate Cancer Studies, Inc., will be presented with the local hero award in recognition of her efforts to raise funds for breast cancer research at the John Wayne Cancer Institute.

Betty Rodriguez, executive director of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Los Angeles and Dr. Donald L. Morton, medical director and surgeon-in-chief at JWCI, will present the award to Gebbia. As a committed volunteer of the Calabasas community, Gebbia also resides on the Board of Hospice in the valley, is president of the Smiles Brigade at Maryvale, and is a member of the President's Club of the Thalias.

In 2002, JWCI was one of only five institutions in the country to be awarded a grant from the Susan G. Komen Foundation, establishing the Komen Interdisciplinary Breast Fellowship Program at JWCI's Joyce Eisenberg Keefe Breast Center. The center designed to train medical professionals, including surgeons, radiologists and medical oncologists about the complexities of breast health and cancer. The program is currently funded through 2006.

In 2003, an estimated 211,300 new cases of breast cancer will occur among women in the U.S., with approximately 40,200 deaths. It is estimated that 1,300 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. In 2002, there were 400 men who died from the disease. Breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths among women ages 40-59.

The event, which is open to the public, will take place at the Santa Monica BMW Dealership on Thursday, Oct. 23.

Free HIV/AIDS services

By Daily Press staff

Wednesday is a day to be aware of AIDS.

The AIDS Project Los Angeles, APLA, will join community-based organizations, medical clinics and health departments across the country to support National Latino AIDS Awareness Day by providing a range of HIV and AIDS-related public services and activities this week.

While various Latino organizations across Los Angeles County will be offering free services — including HIV counseling, testing, and education — throughout the

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surf report

Look for NW swell to hold some energy into the morning before slowly fading in the afternoon. That will mix with some S swell that will still be building.

OUTLOOK: The waist-high fundogs may be sticking around for a while, thanks to some pulses from the S this week.

Write us at wood@smdp.com and tell us what the surf is doing today at your local break.

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MONDAY	4:37	2.0	5:56	0.6	10:53	5.5	N/A	N/A
TUESDAY	4:52	2.4	6:43	0.8	12:14	3.6	(11:17)	5.3
WEDNESDAY	4:59	2.8	7:47	1.1	1:20	3.2	(11:45)	5.1
THURSDAY	N/A	N/A	9:17	1.1	N/A	N/A	12:22	4.8
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So this week Q-Line wants to know, "Do you think the Promenade is too homogenized? Will limiting storefronts fix the perceived problem?"

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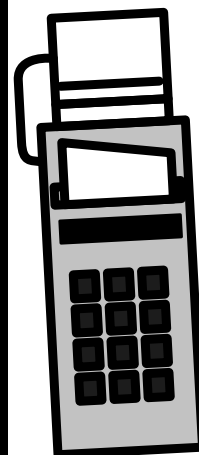
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OPINION

LETTERS

Parking officers: Are they human?

Editor:

Here's my story. A few years ago on Thanksgiving weekend after some heavy rain, the telephone pole wires in the alley behind our apartment building broke, hit the wet road, and the sparks set fire to some trees in the house next to us. We were evacuated in the rain in bathrobes and slippers for about two hours until the fire department said it was safe.

Both our cars were in the carport and completely covered in ash, melted plastic and dirt from the fire and were not drivable. I backed them out to the alley to wash them with at least two of the wheels in our carport. A parking officer came around, stopped and started to write something. I asked her if she was giving me a ticket for washing my car. She said she wasn't. She then proceeded to give me a ticket. I asked why. She said because I was washing my car in the alley. She then proceeded down the alley and tried to give the Southern California Edison workers a ticket for parking there while they were trying to repair the damaged wires.

I went to court and fought it. I was given a reduced ticket of \$15. It wouldn't hurt if the parking officers showed a little compassion and showed they were at least human in certain circumstances.

Barbara Riley
Santa Monica

Addict confused

Editor:

Rush Limbaugh misses the point. It wasn't *his* prescription.

Flo Ginsberg
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Another way to look at illegal immigration issue

LEGAL
VIEWS AND
NEWS

By David Pizarra

"Give us your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." So wrote Emma Lazarus in her now famous poem New Colossus in 1883 to help with the fundraising the statue of liberty pedestal that was mounted in a bronze plaque at the base in 1903.

It was a great sentiment for the 100 or so years it lasted. But lately the immigrants are not wanted, particularly those that supposedly scourge of our society — the illegal immigrant. They come to this country from all over the world. They are Irish, English, Italians, Germans, Japanese, Chinese, Thai, and they all come here looking for one thing: To build a life.

You'll note that I don't say, "to be given a life." The reason for this is quite simple. The vast majority of the illegal aliens who come to this country do so for the profound amount of opportunity that we still have in our country. The opportunity to start at the bottom, take a low paying, back-breaking job, and to one day have a better paying, less back-breaking job.

It is my opinion that the majority of those people who come to this country illegally are the hardest working members of society. They take the jobs that no one

else would ever dream of taking. Why would someone take a job like picking strawberries in the incredibly hot central valley of California for pennies per flat, when they can sell drugs in the inner city and live in a much more comfortable apartment with a new car in the driveway and lots of untaxed cash income?

The economics of our society depend greatly on the illegal alien. We live in a society that balks at paying \$2 a gallon for gas. Can you imagine the cries of horror if the farmers in the central valley had to pay minimum wage (\$6.75 per hour in California, and double time for any day more than 12 hours) plus worker's compensation, vacation and sick pay, and health benefits for a field worker to pick our lettuce? They'd have to charge \$9 a head for lettuce and who knows what for strawberries.

That would lead to a increase in the base amount that an office worker would have to earn in order to pay for their food bill and their rent. And as the food bill increases, who is most hurt? Not the guys at the top of the corporate ladder, but the ones at the bottom and the middle because they are the ones most likely to have a family. And as a percentage of their income, their food budget will balloon.

As they need more money to survive, the company has to earn more money, which means their costs are going up, which means that they are going to charge more, which means that the public at large will have to pay more. Thus, an inflationary cycle is started and it won't end until

the society as a whole has reached essentially the same standard of living as before the farm workers were paid their now increased wages.

In Los Angeles there are many nannies and maids who are from across the southern border. They do not have the right papers to be here, but without them, our society would look decidedly different. In any given room of more than five people in Santa Monica, it is safe to guess that at least two of them have an illegal immigrant working for them in some capacity. Whether as a gardener, a painter, a maid or a nanny, they are everywhere. I don't think it makes me particularly racist to acknowledge the fact that most of these people are Hispanic, mostly from Mexico, but some from Honduras, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Columbia and Ecuador.

I think if we were to close our borders, which realistically we could do on a greater basis but certainly not completely, we would find that our way of life would have to drastically change. I think that we would find a sudden run up in the cost of maids, nannies and general workers.

If we truly wanted to eliminate the illegal immigrant "problem," which I dispute even exists, we need to first make the available population who could take those jobs, hungry for them. When healthy people have a choice of welfare or doing a menial, unsavory job, they are more likely to take the welfare. When we as a society decide that we are done supporting those who could support themselves, we

will find that they are then willing to take the jobs that are currently being filled by the illegal immigrants. Then, and only then, can we realistically expect to solve the illegal immigrant "problem."

I'm a business lawyer, and from that perspective, it really is nothing more than basic economics. On the one hand, it is too expensive to pay legal citizens what they would require to do many jobs, and on the other, they have no motivation to want the work anyway.

Until we create incentives to work for those who don't, we cannot expect to see any lessening of the numbers of people who are willing to risk their lives and their freedom to come here. There are just too many jobs available that the illegals are willing to fill, and the citizens aren't.

I think we all should show a bit more admiration for the illegal immigrant who is willing to come to our home, and pick our strawberries or clean our toilets, and a little less tolerance for those who are so willing to sit at home and live off the government tap.

I have a great deal more respect for the guy who is working 10 hours a day and sending money home to his family in Guadalajara than the yahoo selling crack in Oakwood and killing his neighbors.

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LOCAL

Schwarzenegger studied at SMC in the 1970s

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Robertson, 65, said she has a lot of ideas but declined to discuss them in detail until after the first meeting of the transition team, which is scheduled for Wednesday in Los Angeles. She said she doesn't know how often or for how long the group will meet.

"Everything is up in the air," said Robertson, who was contacted by Schwarzenegger's staff immediately after the election. "I imagine that it's going to be a pretty heavy duty meeting-time because it's such a short period of time and there has to be a budget ready for January, and the transition will take place in November."

Asked what she will earn for her service on the transition team, Robertson, who took over at SMC in 1995, said, "A nice 'Thanks.' You don't do these things for money."

The group of 65 transition committee members, which includes former Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill Simon Jr., former Democratic Assembly Speaker Robert Hertzberg, Hewlett-Packard Chief Executive Carly Fiorina, and San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, will advise Schwarzenegger on a range of policy decisions.

"In my campaign, I said that I would reach across the political aisle and bring the best and brightest people together to help us solve the problems facing California," Schwarzenegger said in a prepared statement issued to the media. "The transition committee is a distin-

guished group of men and women who share my commitment to restoring California to greatness."

Schwarzenegger studied part-time at SMC from the spring of 1971 through the fall of 1974. Though he was on a strict diet of academics and steered clear of physical fitness courses, Schwarzenegger transferred to another college in Wisconsin before ever earning SMC's Associate of Arts degree.

After fleeing her native Cuba in 1960, Robertson earned B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Miami, and was awarded an Ed.D. from Florida Atlantic University. Before coming to SMC, Robertson served four years as Massachusetts Secretary of Education, a post she was appointed to by Gov. William F. Weld.

Robertson serves on the Gates Millennium Scholars Program Advisory Council, which oversees the \$1 billion scholarship endowment created in 1999 by Microsoft founder Bill Gates, as well as many local, state and national organizations, including the American Council on Education, the major coordinating body for all of the nation's higher education institutions.

"I've worked on statewide issues both in Florida and in Massachusetts, and I've been involved with more than community college issues here — I've been involved in all kinds of education issues," Robertson said.

Students to rally themselves

GATHERING, from page 1

at the opening of SMC's new library today at 11 a.m. They will convene at the west entrance to SMC's liberal arts building, across from the library and off of Pearl Street.

The disgruntled group has consistently challenged Robertson and the SMC Board of Trustees to find an alternative to cutting programs and slashing classes at SMC. The board recently formalized SMC's \$208 million budget after cutting \$10 million.

Preceding the dedication of the new library, students, faculty and staff will launch a new campaign called, "86 the Trustees — Put the Community Back in Our College."

"Students are very upset," said Nick Corbin, a sophomore and political science major, in a press release. "The programs the board eliminated disproportionately affect Latino students. Although Latinos comprise

only 24 percent of SMC's total student body, they make up 40 percent of the students majoring in the eliminated programs."

Phil Hendricks, payroll specialist and president of the Classified School Employees Association — the union for campus workers — said half of the financial aid department staff are gone, leaving students with 12-week waits for their applications to be processed.

Lantz Simpson, professor of English and president of the SMC faculty association — a teacher union — pointed to two recent votes of no confidence in Robertson — one by teachers, the other by campus workers.

"SMC's president received an 86 percent vote of no confidence," he said in the press release. "She's less popular than Gray Davis. We're holding the elected board of trustees accountable for unnecessarily dismembering these programs. We're going to 86 the trustees."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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week, the APLA will officially kick off the special day with a breakfast and community gathering of Latino political and community leaders, and service providers.

In the U.S., AIDS is the leading cause of death due to disease among male Latinos ages 24-44. Latinos account for 13 percent of the U.S. population and 20 percent of persons living with AIDS. In Los Angeles County, that figure rises to 38 percent.

To combat those increases, the APLA, one of the nation's largest AIDS service organizations, provides direct services to more than 10,000 men, women and children living with HIV or AIDS in Los Angeles County. Services include prevention education, food banks and nutrition education, professional dental care, housing assistance, mental health counseling and case management.

The breakfast will begin on Wednesday at 9 a.m. at Plazita Olvera in Pueblo de Los Angeles at 533 N. Main St. in Los Angeles. For more information, visit www.apla.org.

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LOCAL

Parking garage construction costs increase nearly \$100K

CONSENT AGENDA, from page 1

The program provides for the replacement of computers on a four-year cycle to keep pace with changes in technology and to keep prices competitive, city staff said.

City staff also has asked that \$72,600 be spent on a landscape and community-planning consulting firm that would educate the public on a \$700,000 garden planned near the beach.

The city staff wants to make sure people know about it so they suggest hiring consultants to handle public outreach and education, which they say will ensure community participation in the garden's design.

Construction and design of the garden, which will be located between Barnard and Nielsen ways, is expected to cost \$699,000. To maintain the 1.2-acre garden, it will cost an estimated \$7,500 a year. City staff expect that it will take up to four years to complete the project.

It's all part of City Hall's "Sustainable Garden Program" that promotes native, drought-tolerant landscapes and low-volume irrigation systems. The program includes tours of sustainable residential gardens in Santa Monica, as well as workshops on plant selection, installation and maintenance. The program features two sustainable demonstration gardens on city property.

But based on surveys taken on the tours, most people said they hadn't heard of the demonstrations and are interested in a more interactive experience, city staff said.

So in 2002, city officials approved a portion of Ocean View Park, also known as Ashland Walk, as the site for a new "flagship" interactive demonstration garden showcasing native plants, technologically advanced irrigation systems and sustainable landscape construction methods.

The City Council also is expected to approve paying consulting firm Project for Public Spaces \$3,900 on top of the \$54,500 it has already been paid. The firm was hired in 2002 to help the Promenade Uses Task Force review issues and strategize on how to make the outdoor mall and downtown Santa Monica a better place.

PPS, which is based in New York and

handles the design for public spaces across the country, was charged with providing technical expertise to the task force and city staff. But because the task force took longer to assess the issues surrounding the Promenade, PPS consultants worked more than what was envisioned by city staff.

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As part of the contract, the consultants were to attend five meetings and workshops, conduct evaluations of public sites and pedestrian patterns affecting downtown, as well as make recommendations on the overall direction for the downtown area. But the consultants went to additional meetings, which translates into \$3,900 more in fees.

Another \$97,725 may be spent to cover additional construction management costs for the seismic retrofit in parking structure No. 8, which is connected to Santa Monica Place Mall.

The improvements began in April 2002 and were supposed to be completed by March. In January, the City Council approved a modification to contractor Black & Veatch's work order because of a number of unforeseen conditions and additional work related to the American Disabilities Act, city staff said.

That work includes replacing two exterior stairway towers to comply with ADA standards, which will extend the contract another three months. The entire contract would be \$753,573, if the City Council approves the additional costs tonight.

Negotiations result in small pay-out for surgeon

SURGEON, from page 1

earnings, said Deputy City Attorney Lance Gams, who handled the case.

Though his shoulder is now fully healed, Teitelbaum said the accident kept him away from work for weeks. He's also worried the injury may cause future problems, especially because arthritis has a higher tendency to develop early in broken joints, Teitelbaum said.

"I hit the crack and it just flipped me off," he said. Teitelbaum, who specializes in breast augmentation and body sculpting, lives in the neighborhood near where the accident occurred and works at a medical office on 20th Street. "It was a really bad fracture. I'm fine now, but the big issue is what's going to happen to me in the future."

Gams characterized the settlement as a "large compromise" for Teitelbaum. He said City Hall decided to settle the case because it could have ended up

paying much more if the case was lost in a jury trial.

"It was on city property, it was uneven concrete," said Gams, who added that the tree actually grew on private property. The property owner paid between \$1,000 and \$1,500 as part of a separate settlement with Teitelbaum.

Ronald Fomalont, Teitelbaum's attorney, said there were months of negotiations with City Hall before a settlement was reached.

"Well, you're always hoping for more," he said. "But, given the circumstances, we were happy with the amount."

Teitelbaum, who said he regularly rides his bike on San Vicente Boulevard, said he was eager to get back to work.

"I settled for much less than I should, only because the laws tend to be quite favorable to cities in these sorts of cases," Teitelbaum said. "I didn't want to take the chance of having nothing and I didn't want to take hours away from work."

STATE



CALIFORNIA BRIEFS

City to take cars from dumpers

By The Associated Press

FONTANA — Illegal dumping will now cost offenders their cars.

Fontana is joining a growing list of cities in San Bernardino and Riverside counties fighting illegal dumping by confiscating the vehicles of dumpers.

"They dump everything but the kitchen sink, well, actually I've seen kitchen sinks, too. They've dumped everything and the kitchen sink," Mayor Mark Nuaimi said.

The City Council gave preliminary approval to the ordinance last week. The law copies nearly word-for-word a similar rule passed in Colton last summer. It allows officials to confiscate vehicles used to dump trash along city streets.

Exceptions include cars owned by more than one person, company cars used for dumping by an employee without the employer's knowledge and rental cars.

Sgt. Mark Weissmann said the new ordinance could function as a deterrent.

"Let's say, for instance, you own a brand-new pickup truck that cost you \$25,000, and if you go out and dump something illegally into a field, and the vehicle is going to be seized, and you'll have to deal with the financial burden are you going to deal with that?" he asked.

In Colton, where an anti-dumping ordinance took effect Aug. 1, authorities have towed six to seven vehicles and seized two, Sgt. Bill Burrows said. Colton gave one of the cars back because it wasn't worth enough to warrant selling it, Burrows said.

Police investigate one of their own

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Police are investigating whether a policeman misused a law enforcement database and violated a molester's privacy rights by providing the name and address of a registered sex offender in Torrance.

Dozens of fliers with the information were posted in Torrance.

Detectives in Torrance opened a criminal investigation Sept. 29, but dropped it and referred their reports to the Los Angeles Police Department.

"Torrance PD has contacted LAPD and LAPD, of course, has initiated their own personnel investigation based upon whatever Torrance has told them," said Officer Ruben Holguin, who is at the center of the probe. "I have a personnel issue that's currently ongoing. I have been told not to discuss it."

In an interview with the Daily Breeze, however, Holguin said he printed the information and provided it to his teenage stepchildren to warn them about the man living two doors away. Holguin said he had an obligation to inform family members about the sex offender, and he didn't know how the fliers ended up posted throughout the neighborhood.

"It's not a secret that they were all over the city of Torrance," Holguin said. "I believe that's what Torrance police have taken exception to. How they got there, I really don't know. As a parent, I provided information to my wife and (stepchildren)."

The fliers said Mark Kenneth Vasquez, 36, was a "serious offender" and it included his photograph, a description, his exact address and criminal convictions. According to the information, Vasquez was convicted of lewd conduct with children under 14 and sexual battery in San Bernardino County.

The public has access to information about sex offenders through the Megan's Law compact discs available at many police stations, but their exact addresses are not listed. Police, however, have access to registered sex offenders' addresses through state databases.

Three teens wounded at separate parties

By The Associated Press

VENTURA — Two teenagers were killed and a third was wounded during separate Ventura County shootings at parties in Santa Paula, Fillmore and Oxnard.

Froylan Martinez, 16, of Oxnard and Samuel Travis Reeves, 15, of Santa Paula died early Sunday, and a 16-year-old Fillmore boy was hospitalized with a wound to the face. None of the victims was a gang member.

"As far as we can tell right now, they don't appear to be related," sheriff's spokesman Eric Nishimoto said. "It was a very bad and busy night."

The first shooting occurred in Oxnard about 8 p.m. Saturday as friends gathered for a surprise 16th birthday party near Del Sol Park. Martinez was walking to the party with friends when two or three people jumped from a car and began beating one of the boys, authorities said.

Martinez and the others ran and gunfire erupted. A bullet hit Martinez in the head as he was about to walk into the party house, police said.

"This is a very disturbing senseless killing due to the fact that this was a surprise party for a 16-year-old girl. All those in attendance were described as being good students. The victim has never had contact with the police. He is well liked by everyone and said to be a shy 16-year-old boy who usually stays at home studying and playing video games," police said in a statement.

Early Sunday in Santa Paula, another party turned violent.

Up to 600 young people had gathered at a farm home when gang members showed up and began fighting, investigators said. Someone pulled a gun and Reeves was killed.

A third shooting occurred about three hours later at a Fillmore party and a 15-year-old boy was struck in the face by a bullet. He was taken to Santa Paula Memorial Hospital with an eye injury, sheriff's Capt. Larry Kelley said.

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A weekly look at events and programs

Parents' role in shaping child's developing memory

Guest Commentary

By Margret Altman

(This is the second installment of a three-part series on memory development. The first article noted that our memory systems are important not only for their function in empowering us with the skills to store, to retrieve and to use information but also for the content and quality of what is contained in memories. We encourage parents to build healthy, positive content during the first year through their warm and consistent interactions with their infants.)

Our goal is to provide young children with the kind of learned information that will guide them in making healthy decisions and leading satisfying lives.

Now we advance to the second year and the vital lessons that parents can teach in order to shape their toddlers' growing memory abilities.

In the often tumultuous second year of life it sometimes seems as though your child has a keen memory for the things that he or she wants and doesn't want. Kids at this stage are learning a great deal and testing out strategies for getting their needs met. Parents are faced with multiple challenges at this time and the most important one is to continue to provide positive and healthy information as the memory systems develop. Children younger than 3 years old still have not developed mature memory systems. They appear to remember a great deal and parents often assume that their memory abilities are more competent than they are. Many parents are so busy keeping up with their toddlers that they overlook one the most important memory-enhancing feature of this stage.

In terms of providing quality content for your toddler's developing memory we turn to the experts in the field of Developmental Emotional Intelligence who point out that at this stage a child's capacity for empathy will

add to the quality and usefulness of stored memories.

Empathy, the ability to feel similar feelings to others, can be observed in children at the tender age of 18 months. Your child cries when you cry and laughs when you laugh. When parents encourage and guide this amazing capacity the child learns that people's feelings are important. They learn that other's feelings have value and should be remembered, and guide them in their own behavior.

A young child's compliance with rules is rarely achieved by punishing him when he forgets to do something.

QUESTION: I have a 22-month-old son who seems to be scatter-brained. He makes the same mistakes over and over again and he can't seem to remember how to do things. I have tried time outs for when he repeatedly forgets how to use the toilet, or how to put his toys away and how to say "Thank you" for a gift received. I think that these things are very important at this point and I am worried. Does he have a problem with his memory?

ANSWER: Your son probably has a normally developing memory system. At his age, most kids are attracted to many kinds of new stimuli — they are very active and learning all kinds of things. The items that you mention above and that you want your child to remember are quite important in the social domain of life. However, there are other things that you will want him to recall in all kinds of situations as he gets older. You will want him to have the kinds of stored memories that lead to respect and understanding of his own, and other's feelings and needs. These are the kind of high quality memories that will empower your son to make healthy decisions and retain positive values.

A young child's compliance with rules is rarely achieved by punishing him when he for-

gets to do something. Compliance is most often achieved by stressing the underlying meaning of most social rules which is that they help us live together in peace and harmony.

There are several easy ways to begin to accomplish this with a child in the second year of life.

TIPS FOR PARENTS:

■ Encourage your child's ability to express feelings appropriately. Catch your youngster when he or she is verbally or behaviorally (a smile, a frown) expressing how they feel and share the feeling with them. For example, "I like when you smile. It tells me that you are happy right now."

■ Encourage your child to demonstrate empathy for other's feelings. Let your youngster know that if he feels sad when someone else cries that it is a good thing.

■ Praise the positive things that your child does even if they are normal and expected things like eating most of his meal or sitting calmly when you read to him.

Now that you have built a foundation of positive emotional memories it is time to begin to shape the behaviors that you want to see. You can do this slowly and one behavior at a time, beginning with putting a few toys away at a certain time every day. Most parents find it helpful to give the child a gold star on a wall chart every time that he puts toys away. You can let him know in advance that this is something new and that at the end of a week a certain number of stars will get him something special.

Memory and empathy are closely related. We know of children who have stored traumatic memories that shape their lives and we also know that parents can do a great deal to shape the quality of the memories that guide youngsters throughout their lives.

(Margret Altman, author of "Developing Your Child's Emotional Intelligence" is a specialist in the field of child development and her goal is to make people's knowledge and experience available for parents, teachers and any child-involved individual.)

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TUESDAY

Movies for Moms
FEATURES "OPEN RANGE"
11:00 a.m., Loews Broadway, 1441 3rd St. Promenade - for Moms and babies newborn - 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. This week's feature is the western "Open Range." Four cattlemen band together in the last days of the wild west to protect a small province from a villainous land baron. Writer-director-producer Kevin Costner co-stars with Robert Duvall as two of the veteran cowboys. Annette Bening plays the nurse who catches Costner's eye, and Michael Gambon is the rancher determined to create and preside over a lawless state. This film is rated "R" for violence. Running time is 2 hr. 18 min.

Storytelling
Main Library - Toddler Story Time at 10:00 and 10:30 a.m., begins September 16, at Reed Park, 7th and Wilshire - 2 year olds with parents, 310-458-8600.
Fairview Branch - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-450-0443. Lap Time - 11:00 a.m., September 9 - October 14, a six-week series for babies 0-24 months. Twilight Story Time - 7pm - an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.

Cuentos Para Pequenos - 10:00 a.m., September 9-October 14, a six-week series in Spanish for children 24-36 months with adult.
Montana Avenue Branch - 1704 Montana Ave - 310-829-7081. Family Story Time - 7:00 p.m., all ages.
Ocean Park Branch - 2601 Main St. - 310-392-3804. Toddler Story Time - September 16 - October 21 (registration required). Music, rhymes and stories for 24 - 36 months with adult.

Yoga & Exercise
Yoga Baby (Venice) - 310-306-9381, Prenatal yoga - 7:00-8:15pm, \$13, Mommy and Me(ages 0-5) - 10-11am, \$9
Yoga Works - 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal - 12:15 - 1:40 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me - 1:45 - 3:00 p.m.
Mommy Care - 11870 Santa Monica Blvd, at the Dance Factory, West LA, 310-394-6711. Pregnancy Exercise - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.; Post Partum Exercise - 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station, 310-826-5774, no pre-reg required, \$10 per class, first class free. Moms/babies 0-4months, 1:00 - 2:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Storytelling
Ocean Park Branch - 2601 Main St. - 310-392-3804. Twilight Story Time - 7:00 to 7:30pm - for parents with 3-5 year olds.
Montana Avenue Branch - 1704 Montana Avenue - 310-829-7081. Lap Time - 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. - Next series begins September 24 for six weeks, for 0-24 months, no registration required. Toddler Story Time - next series begins September 24 for six weeks, for two year olds with adult, no registration required.
Fairview Branch - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-450-0443. Preschool Story Time - 10:30 a.m., September 10 - October 16, a six-week series for 3-5 year olds.
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion - 2 pm - ages 2-5 - 310-475-4144
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Other
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THURSDAY

Storytelling
Main Library - Toddler Story Time - 10:00 a.m. - Reed Park, for 2 year olds. Begins Sept. 11. Preschool Story Time - 10:30am - Reed Park. Begins Sept. 11. Stories for ages 3-5. 310-458-8922 for info.
Montana Avenue Branch - 1704

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Ocean Park Branch - 2601 Main Street, 310-392-3804. Spanish for Little Ones - 11:15 a.m., September 22 - December 15 (no class Nov. 3). Rhymes, songs and very simple stories in Spanish for ages 2-5 with adult.

Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station - 310-826-5774, no pre-reg required, \$10 per class, first class free. Moms/babies 8-12 months, 10:30 a.m. -noon; Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

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Yoga Works, 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150 Pre/Postnatal - 12:15 - 1:45pm, \$15
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Northern California mourns Schwarzenegger win

BY RACHEL KONRAD

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Arnold Schwarzenegger is taking office with a clear mandate from millions of people in Southern California's suburbs and the state's vast interior, where 70 percent of voters favored recalling Gov. Gray Davis.

But liberals are mourning along the state's northern coast, particularly San Francisco, where 80 percent voted against the recall. In the city that nurtured beatniks in the '50s, hippies in the '60s and is determined to retain a bohemian air, Schwarzenegger came in a distant second to Democratic Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante among the replacement candidates.

Some residents joke darkly about forming a separate state, with San Francisco as the capital. Others are surrendering to reality, moving from denial to acceptance of the Republican actor's impending move to Sacramento.

Oscar Grande is still "in shock" over the results of Tuesday's recall election, but the environmental activist takes comfort knowing his friends and neighbors feel equally disturbed by the Republican actor's lopsided victory.

"This is still San Francisco, and we're like our own little island from the rest of California," said the 30-year-old organizer at PODER, an environmental justice organization in the city's Hispanic-dominated Mission district. "The folks in the suburbs and the Central Valley were so pumped about him — it really blew me away."

Southern Californians voted over-

whelmingly to oust the despised Davis and replace him with Schwarzenegger. Nearly three out of four voters in Orange County supported the recall, and Schwarzenegger received 64 percent of the replacement vote, soundly thumping Bustamante's 17 percent.

In San Diego County, home of Republican Rep. Darrell Issa, who spent nearly \$2 million to launch the recall, 66 percent of voters favored getting rid of Davis. Oceanside resident Rex Wait, 45, was one of the 59 percent of county voters who picked Schwarzenegger.

"I feel upbeat for once," said Wait, who owns a 15-employee industrial equipment company. "It may be a cliché, but I'm really excited."

Schwarzenegger won decisively not only in the southern California suburbs that gave Richard Nixon his start in politics, but across most of inland California, which has shifted Republican more recently. That's where the actor spent much of his two-month campaign, in rallies that attracted thousands of people.

The recall had the largest support, 77 percent, in Sutter and Lassen counties, where Schwarzenegger struck a chord with people who wanted to oust the governor.

"He just seems like he's genuine, honest and wants to clean it up," said P.J. Wickum, a 62-year-old housewife from Yuba City in Sutter County, where she said farmers have struggled with taxes, water problems and higher energy costs.

California's interior has been growing more conservative for at least a decade. But Schwarzenegger's support in sparsely

populated farming communities provided a stunning example of the long-term geopolitical shift, said John J. Pitney Jr., a professor of government at Claremont McKenna College.

Instead of the traditional north-south divide that characterized the Golden State throughout the 20th century, lines are increasingly drawn between older communities along the coast, with expensive housing and environmental activism, and inland communities with vast subdivisions and socially conservative agricultural regions.

"The pattern emerging is that the closer you are to salt water, the more likely you are to vote Democratic," Pitney said. "Maybe it has something to do with the ideological values of communities that have popped up along the coast, as well as concern for the environment."

The trend may bode well for Republicans in future elections as development comes to California's remaining rural spaces. Despite longer commutes, affordable housing is attracting young professionals, and agricultural jobs are bringing new immigrants to the interior, which is growing far faster than along the costly and crowded coast.

Placer County, along the Nevada border, added more jobs than any county in the nation in 2001, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and it had the fastest growing county population in California in 2002, according to the U.S. Census. Nearly 72 percent of Placer voters favored the recall, and 63 percent chose Schwarzenegger.

The trend troubles David Orleans, a 32-year-old insurance underwriter who moved to San Francisco five years ago in part because of the liberalism championed by Democratic Mayor Willie Brown and U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein.

"The answer to the current political clash in California is simple," Orleans joked. "Coastal California from L.A. northward should secede from the rest of the state. San Francisco, where voters voted no on the recall by a margin of four to one, could be the capital."

Nearly seven out of 10 voters opposed the recall in Marin County, across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco. Bustamante received 48 percent of the vote, compared to 32 percent for Schwarzenegger.

Marin County author Anne Lamott said she cried herself to sleep Tuesday night but woke on Wednesday and renewed her liberal values.

"I will keep registering voters and taking care of the poor and sending money to the ACLU, and marching for peace, in the hope and belief that we can get our country back from the rich oil men who have sold our country out," Lamott said.

Mark Malone, a computer marketer from Santa Cruz County, where 65 percent of voters opposed the recall, accepted the election and is trying to be optimistic.

"Part of me says the old guard isn't having the best go at it, so maybe we should try and get a new perspective on things," Malone said.

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WORLD BRIEFLY

Muslims must realize U.S. hold

By The Associated Press

PUTRAJAYA, Malaysia — Iraq's foreign minister said Monday that Muslim nations need to accept the reality that the U.S.-led occupation of Iraq will last for a while, and he urged them to contribute peacekeeping forces and money.

Hoshyar Zebari, representative of the U.S.-picked Iraqi Governing Council, said any American withdrawal would be gradual. He said other countries had reacted coolly to his request for soldiers to help stabilize Iraq.

"I don't think there is any desire by the Muslim countries to send troops," Zebari said. "I mean, that's the feeling I'm getting from my initial contacts."

At the outset of the weeklong meetings Saturday, senior officials from the 57 members of the OIC — the world's biggest Islamic organization — countries urged the "eviction" of U.S. troops from Iraq — something Zebari said would not happen in the near future.

"There is an occupying power controlling Iraq and this is the feeling of most of the Muslim countries — they want this state of affairs to be ended as soon as possible, and we share this view, but we believe this needs to be done in a gradual way, in a phased way," Zebari told reporters.

Israeli military wreaks havoc in Palestine

By The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israel's three-day military operation in a Gaza Strip refugee camp has left about 400 Palestinian families homeless, local officials said Monday, as the interim Palestinian Cabinet prepared to meet in the West Bank.

The new Palestinian prime minister, Ahmed Qureia, has told the ruling Fatah party he wants to quit once the term of his temporary government expires because of sharp disagreements with Yasser Arafat over the appointment of a security chief.

However, with the deadline three weeks off, there is

still time to settle the differences, Palestinian officials said.

Israeli troops withdrew from the Rafah refugee camp on the Gaza-Egypt border on Sunday, after a three-day operation the military said was aimed at finding and destroying weapons smuggling tunnels. Three tunnels were shut down.

The raid, the biggest in Gaza in six months, was accompanied by heavy fighting between soldiers and Palestinian gunmen. Eight Palestinians, including two children, were killed, and dozens were wounded.

Saied Zoarub, the mayor of the town of Rafah next to the camp, said Monday that between 100 and 120 houses were demolished and another 70 damaged, leaving about 400 families homeless.

More Texas GOPs going to D.C.

By The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — After six months, two walkouts and three special legislative sessions, lawmakers have signed off on a new congressional redistricting map that likely will send more Texas Republicans to Washington.

The Texas Senate approved the bill Sunday, sending it to Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who was expected to sign it.

Republicans have said they could pick up as many as six additional seats in Texas' 32-member delegation, which is ruled 17-15 by Democrats. Democrats said the map would add seven Republicans.

After the vote Sunday, Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said the new plan better reflects voting trends in the state.

Democrats have opposed every attempt by Republicans to pass a new plan, saying the current congressional boundaries drawn by a court in 2001 should remain in place.

Kucinich enters presidential race

By The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Dennis Kucinich, self-described urban populist and liberal four-term congressman, is

formally launching his bid for the White House, a long-shot candidacy against eight rivals for the Democratic nomination.

Kucinich, who has been campaigning for months planned to make the announcement Monday in his hometown of Cleveland, the first stop of a 12-state tour that will include Michigan, New Hampshire, Wisconsin and Iowa.

"There is a real need for a president who understands the challenges that are facing urban areas," said Kucinich, the eldest of seven children whose financially strapped family lived in 21 apartments, houses and cars before Kucinich turned 18 years old.

The candidate has stressed several themes during his months on the campaign trail and in candidates' debates: his steadfast opposition to the U.S.-led war against Iraq and his call for American troops to return home; his desire to end the North American Free Trade Agreement that he argues costs U.S. jobs and his support for a single-payer, universal health care system.

Twins separated, father passes out

By The Associated Press

DALLAS — Told that his 2-year-old twin boys were no longer joined at the top of their heads, their father — who had just endured the wait through 34 hours of surgery — fainted.

"At one point when someone came up and said you have two boys, the father jumped to my neck and he hugged me and he fainted and I cared for him," said Dr. Nasser Abdel Al, head of neonatal surgery at a Cairo hospital where the Egyptian twins were taken shortly after their birth.

"He told me that he never dreamt of such a moment," Abdel Al said.

Abdel Al was with the family for the marathon surgery over the weekend at Children's Medical Center Dallas.

"The mother on the other hand was crying like everybody else," said Abdel Al, describing the scene Sunday when the parents of Ahmed and Mohamed Ibrahim learned of the successful operation to separate the boys.

"We're very pleased with the surgical outcome," said Dr. Dale Swift, one of five pediatric neurosurgeons involved, "but the post-surgical care is extremely important — really can determine your outcome. So right now, we're waiting." The surgery began Saturday morning and ended late Sunday afternoon.

U.S. official says Saddam hid recently in Tikrit

BY KATARINA KRATOVAC

Associated Press Writer

TIKRIT, Iraq — Saddam Hussein has been hiding in his hometown Tikrit and is believed to be exerting influence within the resistance that has been killing American soldiers at a rate of nearly one every two days, a U.S. officer said Monday.

The American casualties continued, with one soldier killed and two wounded when attackers fired a rocket-propelled grenade at their patrol in Tikrit. A second soldier was killed and another wounded when their vehicle struck a land mine in Beiji, 120 miles north of Baghdad.

U.S.-led coalition officials said they had made arrests in a suicide car bombing that shook central Baghdad on Sunday, killing at least six bystanders and wounding dozens of others.

U.S. troops have been struggling to put down an insurgent campaign that has targeted American forces and has increasingly turned to using dramatic suicide attacks. The most recent deaths brought to 96 the number of U.S. soldiers known to have been killed in hostile action since May 1, when President Bush declared major combat over.

A top American officer in Tikrit told The Associated Press that Saddam likely has a "strong influence" on anti-U.S. guerrilla attacks in the area around the city.

"We have clear indication he has been here recently," Maj. Troy Smith, execu-

tive officer of the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, told reporters.

"He could be here right now," Smith added. "At the least, he is maintaining a strong influence in the area."

Support for Saddam still runs deep in Tikrit and other parts of the so-called "Sunni triangle," a region north of Baghdad where Saddam's Baathist regime drew much of its power. Most of the attacks employ rocket propelled grenades or roadside bombs. Saddam's Fedayeen militia and his most loyal supporters are believed to be financing and organizing the attacks. The U.S. military says it has uncovered scores of bomb-making facilities and weapons caches in private homes across the Sunni region.

Saddam, who was born in a village on the southern outskirts of Tikrit, was last seen in Baghdad in early April as the city was falling to American forces. His sons Oday and Qusai were killed July 22 in the northern city of Mosul.

Smith did not elaborate on intelligence information that has led the military to conclude that Saddam has been in the Tikrit area but expressed confidence in the quality of the information.

"Where else would he go to?" Smith said. "He has family and tribal roots here."

Smith said some of the other key regime figures still at large could be in the Tikrit area. Of the 55 Iraqis on the coalition's most wanted list, 38 are in custody, 14 are at large and three are either dead or

thought to be dead.

"We think they could still be around," he said. "They obviously have the money to pay the average poor Iraqi to shoot at coalition forces... We believe we are dealing with very few individuals here."

The American administrator in Iraq vowed to hunt down those responsible for Sunday's car bomb outside the Baghdad Hotel.

"We will work with the Iraqi police to find those responsible and bring them to justice," L. Paul Bremer said.

Coalition spokesman Charles Healy said "there are some people in detention" after Sunday's attack but refused to elaborate.

Two cars exploded nearly simultaneously, and two drivers were killed but it was not clear if both were suicide attackers. Military spokesman Lt. Col. George Krivo said Monday the second car may have exploded when its fuel tank was ignited by the first blast.

At least one guard was reported among the six bystanders dead. One member of the 25-seat Governing Council, Mouwafak al-Rabii, told Al-Jazeera satellite television he suffered a slight hand injury.

The lunchtime attack sent terror-stricken Iraqis fleeing up Saadoun Avenue, over broken window glass from banks, restaurants and shops and past the bloodied bodies of injured. American helicopters and combat vehicles converged on the chaotic scene as black smoke from burning cars

billowed over the central city.

The six victims and 32 injured reported at al-Kindi Hospital were all Iraqis, authorities said. The U.S. military said three Americans were slightly injured.

Along Saadoun Avenue, feelings ran high against the Americans and their inability to stop the bombings. As rubble burned, a crowd chanted slogans calling the U.S.-led regime a failure.

In other developments:

— Hundreds of thousands of Shiite Muslim pilgrims concluded a weekend of religious celebration in the holy city of Karbala, south of Baghdad. The festival was peaceful despite a fiery Friday sermon by hard-line cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who railed against the U.S. occupation and announced formation of his own Islamic "government."

— Members of a visiting U.S. congressional delegation expressed American determination to stick it out in Iraq. "We are here to stay until these people are ready to take over," said Rep. H. James Saxton, R-N.J., referring to members of Iraqi security forces with whom the delegation met.

— An explosion on the outskirts of the southern city of Basra slightly injured a British soldier on Monday, the British military said, but it gave no details. Basra residents said the explosion occurred as the soldier's vehicle was passing a gas-line station.

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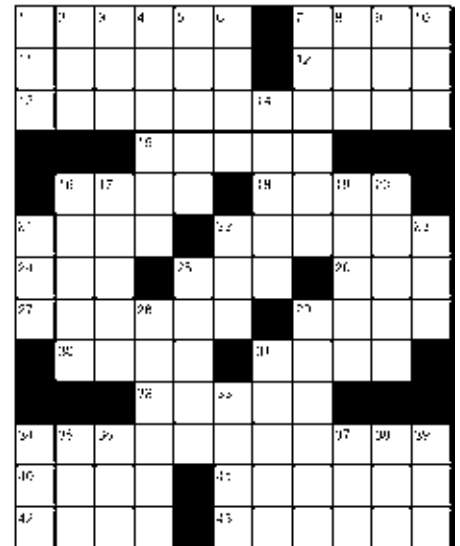
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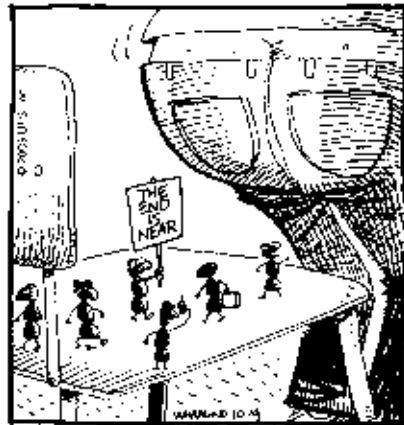
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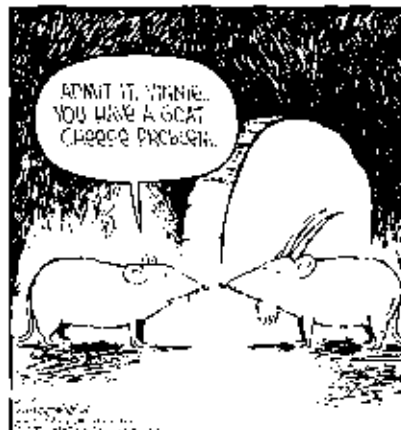
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SANTA MONICA SCENE °CALENDAR EDITION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2003**EVENTS****City Council Meeting.**

The public is welcome to attend, learn about local issues, and voice opinions at a free City Council meeting tonight at 5:45 p.m.
Council Chamber
1685 Main St.

Family Holiday Bazaar

Get ready for the holidays by perusing through a vast selection of gifts, jewelry, boutique items, plants, baked goods, adult treasures, stationary, clothing, children items and household goods. This bazaar will support Habitat for Humanity and is sponsored by Mission and Youth Groups. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25 and is open to the public. Also, there will be a Scottish Meat Pie Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. which will cost \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Free parking will be available in the underground parking structure located on the north side of Arizona, between Ocean and Second with a validation stamp obtained at the church's Desk. First Presbyterian Church
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Write Away

Open to writers who are looking to share their work, receive feedback, and write new pieces. The group meets weekly and welcomes published writers, students, and those who simply enjoy to write. 12:00-3:00p.m.
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ENTERTAINMENT**Temple Bar**

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The Event R - 1:35, 4:25, 7:15, 9:55
Wonderland R - 12:45 p.m., 1:45, 3:25, 4:25, 6:05, 7:05, 8:45, 9:45

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

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1441 Third Street Promenade
Open Range - 11:00 a.m.
Kill Bill Vol. 1 R - 11:30 a.m., 1:00, 2:15, 3:30, 5:00, 6:05, 7:40, 9:00, 10:30, 11:30
Lost in Translation R - 1:10, 3:45, 6:10, 8:40

AMC SANTA MONICA 7

1310 Third Street Promenade
House of the Dead R - 1:05, 3:20, 5:35, 7:50, 10:05
Out of Time PG-13 - 2:00, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50
School of Rock PG-13 - 1:15, 2:15, 4:00, 5:00, 6:45, 7:30, 9:30, 10:10
Intolerable Cruelty PG-13 - 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:55, 10:15
Under the Tuscan Sun PG-13 - 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45
Once Upon a Time in Mexico R - 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40

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1313 Third Street Promenade
Good Boy! PG - 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:10, 9:45
Secondhand Lions PG - 11:20 a.m., 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00
Duplex PG-13 - 12:15 p.m., 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 9:55
Matchstick Men PG-13 - 11:30a.m., 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30
The Rundown PG-13 - 11:55a.m., 2:00, 4:55, 7:30, 10:20
Underworld R - 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Jesse Ventura fined after Davis-sign 'smackdown'

By The Associated Press

■ **MINNEAPOLIS** — Former Gov. Jesse Ventura has been ordered to pay frequent Ventura critic Leslie Davis \$258.40 for damaging Davis' sign.

Davis was awarded the amount — the cost of the sign — on Monday for an incident that happened outside the St. Paul studios of Twin Cities Public Television in July.

Davis, a frequent irritant of Ventura's who has written a book critical of the former governor, said Ventura took his sign and destroyed it.

A long-standing feud between the two now includes a restraining order against Davis prohibiting him and fellow Ventura critic Bill Dahn from having any contact with Ventura or being within a block of the Twin Cities Public Television studio for the next two years while Ventura works there.

■ **NEW YORK** — Two wealthy young women dash around New York City, mindlessly spending money while TV cameras follow them.

They're Ally Hilfiger and Jamie Gleicher, the teenage stars of MTV's latest reality series, "Rich Girls."

"We just prance around this damn city like it's, like, our shopping haven," Hilfiger, the daughter of designer Tommy Hilfiger, says in the first episode, scheduled to air at 10:30 p.m. ET Oct. 28.

She adds, "Just because we're rich doesn't mean that we're not good people."

And her pal Gleicher says she's learned from her privileged life that "money does not buy happiness."

In the premiere, cameras capture them riding in a limousine to shop for prom dresses and going to the upscale Frederic Fekkai salon to have their hair and nails done. Gleicher also debates whether to lose her virginity on prom night.

■ **MEMPHIS, Tenn.** — Rep. Harold Ford Jr. is in the HBO series "K Street."

No, he's not following in the footsteps of former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson, who has a recurring role on NBC's "Law & Order."

Ford, D-Memphis, played himself in the series about political consultants in Washington, D.C. The episode was taped Wednesday and aired Sunday night.

In the scene, Ford is having lunch with an old friend, Francisco Dupre (played by actor Roger G. Smith), who was recently hired by a lobbying firm that includes James Carville and Mary Matalin, the real-life consulting couple from opposite political parties.

A theme of the episode is the investigation into the leak to a columnist that the wife of former ambassador Joe Wilson was a CIA operative. Matalin is wondering whether she needs an attorney. Dupre sounds out Ford.

Ford said he gave the same advice as he had on talk shows last week: that President Bush give his chief of staff 48 hours to turn over names.

Ford said he did not pursue acting

beyond elementary school and has no plans for it in the future. "I'm not anticipating any nominations for my performance, so I'm going to stay right where I am," he said.

■ **SANTA FE, N.M.** — Actor Val Kilmer has taken out a newspaper ad thanking friends from New Mexico for standing by him in a controversy over an article Kilmer says inaccurately depicted him as being anti-New Mexico.

Kilmer, 43, who lives in Pecos — a village of about 1,400 in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains east of Santa Fe — denied telling Rolling Stone magazine he lived in the "homicide capital of the United States," and said he does not carry a gun.

"I love my state and Pecos where I live," he said in the advertisement in The Santa Fe New Mexican, which featured two open letters — one to his friends and the other to the editors of Rolling Stone.

Rolling Stone spokeswoman Claudia Diromauldo said the magazine stands by its article.

■ **RICHMOND, Va.** — Former Gov. Doug Wilder has resigned from the governing board of his alma mater, Virginia Union University, blaming "the inability to get a full and accurate picture of the school's true financial condition."

Wilder, a 1951 graduate of the historically black college, announced his resignation last week in a commentary he wrote for the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

The board of trustees chairman, Frank

S. Royal, told the Times-Dispatch that Wilder's resignation was "unsolicited but not unexpected."

Wilder, a Democrat, became the nation's first elected black governor with his narrow victory in Virginia's 1989 election.

Wilder has had a tempestuous relationship with his alma mater. Five years ago, he accepted the presidency of Virginia Union, then abruptly resigned, citing what he said were previously undisclosed financial, legal and management problems.

Last November, Virginia Union laid off 16 top-level employees and disclosed a \$1 million deficit.

■ **MELBOURNE, Australia** — Britain's Princess Anne will travel to Australia this week to attend a conference for potential future leaders from Commonwealth countries, organizers said.

The Princess Royal will represent her father, the Duke of Edinburgh, at the Ninth Commonwealth Study Conference, said executive director Brian Pickett.

Nearly 200 people from 30 Commonwealth countries were expected at the conference, which opens in the eastern Australia city of Melbourne on Thursday.

The Commonwealth, a grouping of Britain and its former colonies, is made up of 54 countries.

Pickett said delegates had been selected based on their potential to become leaders in commerce, trade unions, government and community services.



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