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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Another painter, California graffiti artist Paco Rosic, set out to facilitate what he called his life's ambition in January when he and his family bought an abandoned warehouse in Waterloo, Iowa, so that he could re-create with spray paint a near replica (in half-size) of Michelangelo's fresco on the Sistine Chapel ceiling. The Los Angeles Times reported in September that he has used 2,000 cans so far and eventually will cover about 2,500 square feet of newly installed curved ceiling in the warehouse.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 290th day of 2006.
There are 75 days left in the year.

1777

British forces under Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered to American troops in Saratoga, N.Y., in a turning point of the Revolutionary War.

1956

The all-star movie "Around the World in 80 Days," produced by Michael Todd, had its world premiere in New York.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The philosophies of one age have become the absurdities of the next, and the foolishness of yesterday has become the wisdom of tomorrow."

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GEOGRAPHY CLASS: Students (from left) Ami Ogura, of Japan, Niki Chen, of Taiwan, and Afram Chukro, of Sweden, show SMC has international appeal.

College is world class institution

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC — Ami Ogura's first impression of Santa Monica can be described as typical for someone from one of the busiest and dampest cities in the world.

"There are no clouds in the sky," said the 22-year-old Ogura, who hails from Tokyo.

The beaches, cool breezy climate and, yes, clear blue skies, are just some of the qualities unique to Santa Monica that drew Ogura all the way from Japan this year to study dance at Santa Monica College.

Ogura is one of 2,800 students from more than 100 countries who are attending SMC this year, following their dreams of studying at a American school.

"We have one of the largest international student populations of any community college in the nation," said Darryl-Keith Ogata, director of international programs at SMC. "We're probably ranked second or third (in terms of international population in the nation)."

Santa Monica College serves as a hotbed for international students for many reasons, including its location, transfer rate to four-year universities and affordability, Ogata said. But

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Success was a snap

Ashes hoopla spawns plans near Pier

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

PCH — It seems the nomadic photography exhibit *Ashes & Snow* was a boon for Santa Monica in more ways than one.

Not only did artist Gregory Colbert's 100 large-scale photographic works capturing extraordinary interactions between humans and animals attract more than 400,000 visitors from Jan. 14 to May 14, 2006 — raising Santa Monica's status as a haven for innovative and creative artists — it also generated an estimated \$1.2 million in sales at

the Santa Monica Pier.

The temporary exhibit helped business owners at the city's most famous landmark earn some cash during the typically "off-season" months of November through March.

That's according to a recent economic impact survey released by business interests along the pier and City Hall, who have joined forces to keep the pier active 365 days a year.

"Your gut instincts tell you that (the exhibit) was very positive, but it's always nice to have the facts to back it up and help drive the discussions

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File photo
TUNNEL VISION: Ashes & Snow was exhibited to big crowds for five months.

Making a stink: Dump defenders look to clean air

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

STEWART STREET — Living near a dump has been rough on Rose Martinez' senses.

Not only is the stench unbearable at times, the dust kicked up by construction companies dumping used blocks of concrete agitate the eyes, forcing Martinez' daughter to take off from work.

"Then you have the trucks driving through, beeping all the time, 'Beep, beep, beep,'" Martinez said, standing on her front porch overlooking the Santa Monica Solid Waste Transfer Facility, which has the capacity to handle as much as 400 tons a day. "Sometimes, it gets hard to sleep, but that's what you get when you live by a dump."

While the noise and the dust may continue to pose problems, the odor will soon be a thing of the past. At least that's what officials with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) hope will happen, following the passage of new requirements for odor management at 45 solid waste transfer stations throughout Los Angeles, Orange,

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Waves of the future

Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press
Children's entertainer Rachel Owens plays musical games with kids at the Pier during the 'Wake Up With Waves' concert series on Saturday morning.

Much ado about city street

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK — City officials are in the final phase of a traffic study to improve a deadly stretch of Ocean Park Boulevard that has been the subject of

neighborhood outrage for years.

Still, their progress has been agonizingly slow for residents worried that another accident lurks around the corner.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Emphasize what needs to be done. You'll get through oodles of work if you focus. You gain perspective through a brainstorming session or a talk with a key person in your life. Others will put in their two cents, whether you want to hear it or not. Tonight: Off to the gym, or take a walk.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision with precision and directness. Emphasize your perspective of late involving a partnership. You have a strong sense of direction, no matter what anyone thinks. Tonight: Say yes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Basics do count. Listen to others and know what must ultimately be handled. Your creativity helps you sleuth through any convoluted situation. Just because someone else judges you doesn't mean you need to do the same. Tonight: Anchor in.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You have a way with words right now that could change not only your decisions but also those of people around you. Start listening to yourself. Think positively about what others suggest. Curb judgments. Tonight: Visit with a pal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ As difficult as it might be, you might need to say no to spending. A risk could totally backfire. Don't expose yourself to what might not be solid and secure — especially emotionally. Your creativity needs focusing. Tonight: Do for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might be strong and direct. How you deal with someone might determine this bond's long-term history. You need to remain sensitive to a family member's needs. Put yourself out there. What do you have to lose? Tonight: Make yourself smile.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Know when to step back, though on some level you might not be able to rope yourself in. If nothing else, pick and choose your words with care. Listen to what is needed and respond accordingly. Take a walk if you need a break. Tonight: Schedule some downtime.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your instincts serve you well with a boss or someone you look up to. Investigate new possibilities that someone presents. Create a more vital life. Don't settle; you don't need to. Tonight: Where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ A change in your mind-set proves to be more than beneficial. You will be able to present a key issue differently. Take charge and stay in touch with others' demands. A friend or meeting plays a pivotal role. Tonight: Bathe in the limelight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Read between the lines and get feedback from those you respect and who are in the know. You will change your mental perspective. Your professional or public image might be very important. Tonight: Detach from a problem.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Investigate and question. What you see and what occurs could be two different things. If you're questioning what is going on, detach, but also check in with an impartial party. You might be amazed by what comes up. Tonight: Say yes to a special person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Others run with the ball. You will not be able to beat them to the finish line. Knowing this fact, make choices accordingly. An associate has strong instincts about a personal or key matter. Understanding comes through listening. Tonight: Say yes.

BORN TODAY Animator **Mike Judge** (1962), singer **Ziggy Marley** (1968), rapper **Eminem** (1972)

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Ab ‘Fab’

Fabrice Vignati (foreground) and Justin Valdivia (on bass) of the French-American Gypsy Jazz band ‘Hot Fab Djazz Club’ perform a rendition of “Jesuis Swing” on Sunday at the Santa Monica Farmers’ Market on Main Street.

Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Starving for changes

By Daily Press staff

It’s not Yom Kippur or Ramadan, but peace which will prompt a three-week hunger fast for the “Friends Don’t Let Friends Vote Republican” effort to “Take Back Congress.” Longtime peace activist Jerry Rubin will undertake the fast, beginning today with a light lunch and noontime press conference at his office/residence, 2035 Fourth Street, #103-C. Rubin intends to fast on water, juice and herb-tea for three weeks, until Election Day on Nov. 7, to send a message urging voters to oust Republicans. “Unless you’re under 18, not a U.S. citizen or some other legally justified reason,” Rubin added, “then please don’t even try to find some flimsy excuse for not voting in this upcoming crucial election. An anti-Republican change is needed now more than ever to strengthen America and help undo the damage to our country’s good standing in the world.”

Putting on a touch of English

By Daily Press staff

Adults looking to improve their English can also get wired this month at the Westside Community Adult School’s free computer class. The instruction offers an innovative way to improve English learning skills through the incorporation of computers. Students aged 18 to 80 will be under the supervision of a credentialed instructor and will use computers to practice English through games and other educational software. Beginners and intermediate English language learners are welcome, and senior citizens are encouraged to attend. The class will be held Monday through Thursday, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the University High School campus at 11900 Texas Avenue (corner of Barrington) in West Los Angeles. For more information, call (310) 477-2084.

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LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS
SOUTH SWELL DUE WEDNESDAY...
SUBSTANTIAL SW DUE 21ST-23RD...

WATER TEMP: 64°

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Newspaper good ‘Sports’ with Comics page

Editor:
Just writing to thank (The Daily Press) for the new expanded Comics section, as well as your inclusion of “Girls & Sports.” I no longer have to go online to find it in Santa Monica. Thanks again.

Chris Morrow
Santa Monica

More laughs to be had

Editor:
Hey, I saw that (The Daily Press) added some new Comics today. Good move. The new strips are great!

Kyle Ford
Santa Monica

‘Friends of Santa Monica’ no friends of reader

Editor:
We have rarely seen such reprehensible and fallacious campaigning as the recent “hit piece” we received from an organization calling itself “Friends of Santa Monica College” and located in Burbank. They obviously hate Tom Donner, who is running for Trustee.
Donner has been an able defender of Santa Monica College’s fiscal stability for nearly 30 years through the terms of two dynamic presidents and has managed the fiscal affairs of the college through amazing growth and to statewide acclaim. He is being opposed by those with whom he has had to negotiate matters of pay and entitlements.
We think the faculty representatives are scared stiff that with Donner on the Board of Trustees there will be a knowledgeable member who can counter their machinations. We urge everyone we know to vote for Donner to shepherd Santa Monica College on to greater success.

Ruth and Jim Mount
Santa Monica

Love lost: Tennis court renovation falls flat

Editor:
Perhaps the city of Santa Monica should hire the former head of FEMA, Michael (“heck of a job”) Brown to oversee reconstruction of the tennis courts at Reed Park. Certainly, he could not do a worse job than he has to date.
Specifically, the courts were closed to the public on June 1 for what was supposed to be a one-month job putting in new lights for evening tennis.
Meanwhile, court fees range from \$5 an hour for singles play to \$10 an hour for doubles play, and with a few exceptions, the courts rent out from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thus, the six courts could easily bring in \$250 to \$300 a day — or \$2,000 a week with only moderate use.
But summer is not a time for moderate use. Rather (who knew?), summer is the height of tennis season. And so it was that the city completely shut down the courts during — drum roll, please — summer.
The result: a project, which in private hands might have taken one week to complete, and which, in the city’s capable hands, was supposed to take four weeks, instead took not one, not two, but three months — June, July and August. Instead of losing \$8,000 for just one month (once more, I am keeping the numbers conservative), it lost \$8,000 for three months, or an extra \$16,000 out the window. Gone. What else could that \$16,000 have purchased?
When the courts finally reopened in September after this very expensive remodeling — and, in fairness, the lights are, indeed, better — perhaps all this bumbling would have been forgotten. That is, had the walkways between the courts not been removed. For through to this day, only rubble remains, as if the walkways had been used for bombing practice.
Similarly missing are the bushes and plants which shielded the tennis courts from heavily trafficked Lincoln Boulevard, and the greenery which once, however imperfectly, adorned the now “bombed-out” walkways. Instead of being set in a park, then, the “improved” courts feel more like a Third World recreation area set against the roar of traffic.
So let’s either fix this thing and get it right, or let’s bring Mike Brown to Santa Monica. Even his watch would be an improvement.

Joseph Hanania
Santa Monica

Enough with the war-mongering

Editor:
Please, please, please speak up loudly. We do not need another “front” on the war on terror. We are in enough trouble already with Iraq. Don’t let this administration get us even deeper into trouble by pretending to protect us.

Leslie Johnson
Los Angeles

GUEST COMMENTARY BY JOHN W. WHITEHEAD

The minions of mean are growing

A culture of meanness has come to characterize many aspects of the nation’s governmental and social policies. “Meanness today is a state of mind,” writes Nicholas Mills in his book *The Triumph of Meanness*, “the product of a culture of spite and cruelty that has had an enormous impact on us.” But until it happens to us, it is easy to close our eyes and go on with our everyday lives.
The problem is epitomized by a recent e-mail I received:
“We live in a small rural town. Moved here in 1961. I don’t remember what year the State Troopers moved a headquarters into our town. Our young people were plagued with tickets for even the smallest offense. Troopers had to get their limits for the month. People make jokes about that but it has been true. Every kid I knew was getting ticketed for something.
But now it is so much worse. I raised my kids to respect police. If they did something wrong and got caught they deserved it and should take their punishment. I have no respect for the police. I feel threatened and fearful of them. They are aggressive and intimidating. They lie and are abusive and we do not know how to fight them. I am not a minority here but people are afraid if they speak out they will be targeted.
We are just a small town. I am a 60-year-old grandmother and I just don’t care anymore if they do target me. I am afraid they are going to kill someone.”
This is just the tip of the iceberg.
Far from hardened criminals, individuals such as this are treated like street thugs, despite not having committed any serious crime. At one time, the police would merely have lectured these two upstanding citizens. Certainly, no one would have been handcuffed, arrested and jailed.
However, their stories represent a symptom of a much broader and growing problem in America. Perhaps out of fear or some other innate human element, America has grown cold and callous and often lacks common sense in its accepted brutal treatment of others who commit small wrongs or merely make mistakes. We see school children placed at the heart of our court system and treated like hardened criminals. Many find negative marks placed on their permanent records due to the harsh treatment of zero tolerance policies. Average Americans who make unwise, but nonetheless, harmless decisions are treated like drug traffickers or other dangerous criminals. It seems that everyone is now a criminal-in-waiting.
Consider the story of Margaret Kimbrell of Rock Hill, South Carolina. This 75-year-old woman who suffered from arthritis and had six broken ribs was given a 50,000-volt shock from a police taser gun and was forced to spend three hours behind bars. Describing the pain from being tasered, Kimbrell stated, “It was the worst pain. It felt like something going through my body. I thought I was dying. I said, Lord, let it be over.”
What led to this horrifying experience was Margaret’s refusal to leave a nursing home before she had the opportunity to visit a friend whose well-being she was concerned about. According to the police, Margaret posed a threat. They claim she was waving her arms and threatening the staff. Her response was, “As weak as I am, how could I do that?”

In Portland, Ore., authorities seemed to have abandoned their common sense and good judgment when they pepper-sprayed and tasered Eunice Crowder, a blind 71-year-old woman. What began as an attempt by a city employee to remove unsightly shrubs and trash from the handicapped woman’s yard ended in a show of what many believe to be excessive force. After the city employees began to remove her belongings from her yard, Crowder became concerned that a 90-year-old wagon, which was a family heirloom, had been placed in the truck to be hauled away with her other belongings. She told the city employees that she was concerned about the wagon, explained why it was so important to her and asked if she could enter their truck to search for it. When the elderly woman entered the truck in search of her treasure, after being told not to, the city employees called the police. When the police showed up, the situation worsened. Crowder had one foot on the curb and the other on the bumper of the trailer when one of the officers stepped on her foot. Crowder, being blind, asked who it was. Moments later, one of the officers struck her on the head — which dislodged her prosthetic eye, kicked her in the back and pepper-sprayed her in the face.
Students are also facing these issues in schools across America through strict “zero tolerance” policies. When a high school junior in Kentucky wrote a story about zombies taking over his high school, he was sent to the principal’s office. School officials then contacted the police, which led to a search of the student’s home and his arrest. Despite the student’s plea that the story was merely fiction, he was charged with second-degree felony terrorist threatening. What began as a creative story, the kind thousands of kids have written, ended in a permanent criminal charge that will haunt this young man for the rest of his life.
As one commentator noted, “Kids have been kicked out of school for possession of Midol, Tylenol, Alka Seltzer, cough drops and Scope mouthwash — contraband that violates zero tolerance anti-drug policies. Students have been expelled for Halloween costumes that included paper swords and fake spiked knuckles, as well as for possessing rubber bands, slingshots and toy guns — all violations of anti-weapons policies.”
While many of these shocking stories go unnoticed, experts see an alarming trend in many small pockets of America. In fact, a report issued by Human Rights Watch suggests that abuse by public officials against average citizens for minor, often innocent, acts “remains one of the most serious and divisive human rights violations in the United States.”
These are the questions we need to ask ourselves in our local community: Are we really any safer? Does the punishment really fit the crime? Have we lost our common sense in order to secure a false sense of safety?

I don’t know about you, but I don’t think I’m going to sleep any better tonight just because these local “criminals” were taken off the streets or suspended from school.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY ALEX EPSTEIN

What to do about gas prices

Now that gasoline prices are below \$3 a gallon, calls for the government to “do something” to force prices lower have temporarily abated. But it is crucial for us to recognize that no matter what the price of gasoline is, such calls are wrong. All market fluctuations in the price of gasoline, up or down, are a good thing — and none of the government’s business.

When customers’ demand for gasoline increases relative to the supply, the sellers of gasoline raise their prices. As the producers and owners of gasoline, this is their right — and we should be glad that they exercise it. Not only do price increases encourage future production, but without such price increases, we would very quickly see shortages as customer demand for cheap gasoline far outstripped the available supply. Thanks to price increases, we can ensure our continued access to gasoline to the extent we are willing to pay for it — i.e., to the extent we value it. Most of us are willing to pay \$3 a gallon for a 15-mile office commute — but might not be for a 15-mile drive to our pet’s beauty salon, and so our personal consumption voluntarily decreases as prices increase.

In the realm of business, a higher price means that firms will only purchase oil or gasoline to the extent that they can make profitable use of it at those prices. An efficient airline will still be able to offer low prices while using high-priced jet fuel; a less efficient airline may not be able to. A company in China or India that uses oil to run highly efficient factories can make profitable use of oil at \$70 a barrel; their laggard competitors may not be able to. Since nearly every product we use involves oil at some stage of production, we all gain vast benefits from oil being directed toward its most profitable uses.

There is no moral or economic justification for any politician or consumer to declare market prices “too high,” and to use the government to coerce lower prices. To do so violates both the rights of gasoline producers and their productive customers to set voluntary prices — and, in doing so, causes destructive shortages. When shortages exist, how much gasoline one is able to get depends not on one’s willingness to pay a mutually agreeable price, but on one’s polit-

ical pull to secure rations, or on whether one has time on one’s hands to wait in endless lines (as in the 1970s).

There is only one sense in which we are entitled to tell the government to “do something” about gasoline prices: insofar as these prices are made artificially high by the government’s many regulations on oil and gasoline production.

Consider oil refining regulations. Various state governments impose the absurd mandate that companies refine nearly 60 different “blends” of gasoline — despite the fact that cars using today’s standard unleaded gasoline, even with the overall increase in driving, pollute very little by historical standards. Additionally, endless red tape and “environmental impact studies” forced by regulators hostile to industrial development, make new construction dramatically less profitable. The costs of such regulations are huge and raise the price of gasoline; according to the American Petroleum Institute, “the refining industry has spent over \$47 billion over the last decade to comply with environmental and fuels regulations — expenditures that generally yield little or no return on investment.”

Another costly set of regulations are those prohibiting domestic drilling on plentiful sources of oil. In the name of safeguarding a portion of the caribou habitat in an Alaskan wasteland, drilling is prohibited in ANWR — a potential source of 1 million barrels a day. Also off-limits is the entire Outer Continental Shelf of the United States — a far larger untapped source of oil. Chevron’s recent discovery of an estimated 3 to 15 billion barrel reserve in the Gulf of Mexico invites the question: How many such troves are currently off-limits?

The government is right to take action if an oil company provably threatens or harms a person’s property. But to impose huge costs on oil companies and their customers in the name of preserving untouched nature is unconscionable.

What should the government do about gasoline prices? Get its hands out of the market — and keep them off.

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BOXCAR WILLING: The Nomadic Museum, comprised of recycled storage containers, was erected just north of the Pier in November of last year.

Success of Ashes & Snow has city making plans for the Pier

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we've been having about making the beach experience the best it can be," said Misti Kerns, president of the Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), which paid a little under \$5,000 for the survey. The Santa Monica Pier Lessees Association, the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp. (PRC) and City Hall also paid equal portions for the study, which cost close to \$20,000.

"What this information does is allow everyone to consider what type of events add to the experience at the beach, without taking over the beach," Kerns said. "In the past, some pier businesses complained that events near the pier had a negative impact on them, so we are looking to strike a balance."

"Anything that is worthwhile never comes easy."

The survey of 616 adult patrons — 312 of which were interviewed at Ashes & Snow and 304 at the pier — showed the exhibit contributed positively to the area, and specifically the pier, with the average group spending \$68.61 amid their stop to The Nomadic Museum. Of that, 57 percent was spent on food and beverages at the pier, 28 percent on amusements and the other 14 percent on retail and other items.

City Hall also benefited from the five-month show, taking in an estimated \$7,200 in related sales tax, plus \$450,000 in rental revenue from the event's producers, the survey showed. The exhibit also appears to have attracted a different demographic than is typical for the pier — higher income, slightly older individuals with fewer children, and residing in other parts of California and the U.S.

IT'S SHOWTIME

Two years ago, City Hall approved a plan to use the city-owned parking lot at 1500 Pacific Coast Highway to stage long-term events, such as Ashes & Snow, as a means to make better use of the lot during the winter months, when there are less visitors. The plan was also enacted to attract more visitors overall to the pier and downtown.

Other long-term events that have been held at the lot have included the critically-acclaimed Cirque du Soleil and the equestrian ballet Cavalia. It was following Cirque's success that the City Council decided to adopt the plan for use of the beach lot.

"This survey is great because it shows us

that there are events that can be held that work in tandem with the pier to offer visitors the best possible beach-going experience," said Barbara Stinchfield, director of the department of community and cultural services at City Hall.

Not every event is going to have the same synergistic effect as Ashes & Snow, which made only one other stop in the U.S. — on the opposite end of the country, in New York City. Some of the unique features of Ashes & Snow were its extended hours of operation and the freedom provided, allowing visitors to spend as much time as they liked wandering the spacious Nomadic Museum, a series of recycled box-car trailers stacked atop one another to render a mobile exhibition space. No food or beverages were sold at the exhibit, creating a greater demand at the pier.

"We were extremely fortunate to have an event of that caliber, and the way it was set up really allowed for people to explore the area without having to be concerned with a schedule," said Ben Franz-Knight, director of the PRC, which manages the pier. "We have a delicate operation on the pier and it's a challenge to find events that can co-exist. It just so happens that Ashes & Snow fit the parameters."

A BRAND NEW START

The CVB is currently engaged in a branding process to help visitors better identify with Santa Monica. As part of that process, business leader and city officials have been working with residents to enhance the beach-going experience. A suggestion often heard is to increase the number of events held at the beach and pier during winter months.

With the success of Ashes & Snow, Kerns sees potential, however, "it is too premature to say what events we'll host next."

The survey recommends that when considering future events, those in charge would be wise to consider the event type, its duration, publicity, space utilized, event structure, staging, pricing and the potential audience it might draw. Those surveyed also recommended various enhancements to the pier to keep patrons coming back, such as more upscale restaurants, more nightclubs, cheaper parking and some minor improvements to the pier's aesthetics.

Stinchfield said city staff will be returning to the council soon with recommendations regarding extended performances in the



Kevin Herrera/Daily Press

SPRAY IT, DON'T SAY IT: A 'mister' with treated water is used at the city's Solid Waste Transfer Facility to combat odors that would otherwise travel to nearby communities.

Imposing the 'Rule' should go long way to clearing air

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Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

The new requirements, known collectively in the trash hauling industry as "Rule 410," were proposed to provide a preventive approach to reduce odors instead of having regulatory agencies sit back and wait for complaints from residents and business owners.

Transfer facilities are second only to oil refineries in generating complaints about offensive and harmful odors, said Sam Atwood, spokesman for the SCAQMD.

"Prior to the passage of the Rule, our only existing tool required us to have a considerable amount of complaints about a particular odor and a particular time and we had to verify that odor," Atwood said. "With a huge jurisdiction, even if we could respond to the complaints within an hour, the odor may be long gone.

"Now we can take a proactive approach to control odors."

Operators of transfer stations would be required to file an odor management plan with the local enforcement agency, such as the Los Angeles County department of health or the SCAQMD. The plan would include facility information, type and amount of solid waste and green waste handled, a protocol for handling community complaints, contact sign, paper log of odor complaints, protocol for handling odiferous loads, housekeeping activities, coverings for recyclable materials and for transfer trailers.

Those operators who fail to register their odor management plans could be fined \$1,000 per violation per day. If there are injuries involved, the fines could climb into the millions, Atwood said.

A worst case analysis for the 45 facilities indicates that the total average annualized cost of subjecting to a Rule 410 odor management plan is estimated at \$1,654,257.

With an open-air facility, City Hall has had to work overtime to keep trash moving so that it doesn't sit under the sun and have time to cook, said Wes Thompson, City Hall's solid waste supervisor. City officials also use a "mister," which sprays water treated with an enzyme that breaks down the odor to keep it from drifting into nearby homes.

The transfer station is located next to the city's recycling center, a privately operated facility owned by Southern California Disposal (SCD). Both are within close proximity to the Mountain View Mobile Home Park and a residential neighborhood dotted with small, single-family homes.

Miguel Cancio, a manager at the mobile home park, said residents often complain about the smell of trash wafting into their trailers, but the stench is usually contained towards the back.

"We are cognizant of our place in the community," Thompson said. "We have tried to move trash so there won't be any funk. We also have an odor control system in place. We want to be good neighbors and we've worked very hard to make sure that we keep the odor under control."

Atwood said the city-owned facility, as well as the privately run transfer station have not registered any violations with the SCAQMD, however there have been 47 complaints in the last four years, about a dozen attributed to the Santa Monica station and a similar number to the SCD facility.

Officials with the county health department said it is difficult to determine where offensive odors are coming from because the city-owned facility is located just down the street from the SCD facility. Using only one's nose as a meter, it's difficult to locate the actual source of an odor, county officials said.

Craig Perkins, City Hall's director of environmental and public works management, said city officials are discussing building a new transfer facility that would be enclosed and include a significant number of improvements that would keep odor from escaping. The discussion is part of an overall review of the city's solid waste hauling service.

"We would love to be able to build a new facility. We've been trying to do it for some time," Perkins said. "We just haven't been able to get there. With our existing facility, we'll most likely have to make some minor modifications to be in compliance with the new rule, a few extra bells and whistles, but nothing major."

At SCD, manager Mike Matosian said City Hall should move more quickly on the construction of a new facility because his company is being blamed for odors emanating from the city yards.

"We'd argue that we are already complying with all the rules and the city facility does not," Matosian said. "They are uncovered. We are partially covered. They have a misting system, but if you look at it, it's not really effective. I don't think any odor is suppressed by it."

Over at Martinez's home, she could care less about whose mister is the strongest. She just wants to be able to take a deep breath during the afternoons without having to smell garbage and yard clippings.

"You'd think you'd get used to it after all these years," she said. "But, you don't."

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SMC student body contains close to 3,000 international students

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matriculating on the Westside doesn't come cheap. International and non-California residents pay approximately \$5,692 a year, while in-state students pay less than \$700 for tuition.

"It's only fair for international students and out-of-state students to pay higher tuition because local taxpayers are supporting the community college," Ogata said. "It's still a pretty good deal compared to private universities and other state universities."

UCLA international and non-California residents dish out approximately \$26,000 a year for tuition, as opposed to California residents, who pay a little over \$7,000.

Niki Chen, 20, from Taiwan, was a foreign exchange student at a New Mexico high school when she decided to attend SMC after hearing about its vaunted transfer rate for international students to four-year universities. Chen is in her second year at Santa Monica College and probably has another year left before she can transfer.

The psychology student has not decided on a university, but is considering schools in Canada and Australia.

About half of the international student population come either for the career certificate program or to receive their associate degree, said Ogata. The other half transfer to a four-year school.

Afram Chukro, 21, made the decision to

study at an American institution after an international agency came to his Swedish school to talk about overseas colleges.

He came to Santa Monica last February, following three months of an English-language class in Santa Barbara.

"I didn't know anything about Santa Monica College," Chukro said. "I was supposed to be here for only a year, but now I'm thinking of transferring to California State University, Northridge to study international business."

Chukro estimates he has another year left before he can transfer.

Japanese students comprise the largest population in the international education program at SMC. Students from South Korea, Sweden, Hong Kong and Indonesia are also well represented, rounding out the top-five list.

The large Asian population on campus came as a surprise to Ogata, who expected to see primarily Americans walking about.

"I've learned a lot here about different cultures," she said. "I'm broadening my mind and having a good time."

Chukro's image of American colleges was limited to what he had seen in movies in Sweden. He too had pictured a school filled with American students.

"It's very diverse," Chukro said. "I never thought there would be a lot of international students."

The large international population at

SMC allows foreign students to mingle with their peers from different countries.

Chen communicates with American students not only to hone her English, but to work on her social development.

"We're shy and don't express ourselves well," Chen said of the Taiwanese.

AN UPHILL BATTLE

International students face an uphill battle in the rigorous admissions process to SMC. American students can attend if they have graduated from high school, are 18 years of age or older, or are 16 years of age or older if they passed their California High School proficiency exam.

The application process for international students includes proof of English proficiency, an essay, official transcripts from a secondary school, a financial statement proving they can afford at least one year's tuition and a \$50 non-refundable fee.

After the student is accepted, the visa process begins.

"[The F1 student visa] can be difficult, depending on the country," Ogata said. "Japan, Korea and Sweden are fairly easy."

One of the most common reasons why a student could be denied an F1 Visa is if the United States consulate officer feels there is a high probability the student will not want to return back to their country. He said this is more common with students from India,

China and countries in Eastern Europe.

Students have the option to stay in the country up to one year after they finish their studies. A work visa is required after a year.

Janelle Hironimus, spokesman for the State Department, said a visa can be approved in a matter of days.

Security screening has become more vigorous since 9-11, Hironimus said. An applicant is evaluated on a case-by-case basis, regardless of their country of origin.

"We have more information to work with," Hironimus said. "We have a name check system that gives information from a variety of sources."

Ogata said the college has seen a decline in the number of students from the Middle East since Sept. 11, 2001, but the population is slowly starting to replenish.

Every international student at SMC has their own vision of life after school.

Chukro said he would like to stay in the United States for a few more years to establish a business before he goes global.

Ogata would like to stay in America to pursue her dream as a professional dancer. She said Japan's performing arts scene is not as popular as it is in the United States.

Chen sees herself as a children's psychologist in America.

"There are more opportunities in America," Chen said. "The system here is more well-developed."

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Road rage: Residents await safety solutions

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Business owners and residents around Ocean Park Boulevard have complained to City Council about the accident-prone area for years because of the high number of near-miss accidents that they say occur every day. Last month, a vehicle struck and killed a pedestrian in a crosswalk at 25th Street and Ocean Park Boulevard.

Planning and Community Development officials updated the City Council last week on the progress of an estimated \$75,000 study on measures to improve Ocean Park Boulevard between 16th and 18th streets.

Planning and Community Development Director Eileen Fogarty expects to report back to the community in January, after a series of long-term solutions have been fully studied.

Zina Josephs, president of the Friends of Sunset Park, said she was not satisfied with the news that the public would have to wait until January to hear about the traffic study results, as the association has complained for years.

"It's been a while and we've had four accidents that I know of," Josephs said. "It's frustrating to have to keep waiting."

The city kicked off a four-phase traffic analysis in May 2006 at a community meeting at the Fairview Branch Library, where approximately 45 concerned participants vented their frustration over the dangers of an area that is home to John Adams Middle School, Will Rogers Elementary School and New Roads Elementary School. Santa Monica College is also nearby.

Some of the suggestions for Ocean Park Boulevard that emerged from the meeting included adding a crossing guard and a traffic light at 16th Street, installing a signal at 18th Street and adding a left turn signal at 14th Street.

The study has identified speed as one of the main problems on Ocean Park, which has posted speed limits of 25 mph when children are present, and 30-35 mph at other times. Residents contend the limits are rarely adhered to by motorists.

In response to neighborhood concerns, the city is planning to implement short-term

measures to alleviate speeding through increased police presence and a scale that informs the driver at which speed they are traveling.

In the meantime, the Planning and Community Development department is analyzing three long-term suggestions to install full signals at 16th and 18th streets, reconfigure Ocean Park Boulevard to include angled parking, and change the street to include a through lane and turn lane.

"Some of those long-term measures would also be a deterrent for speed," Fogarty said on Monday.

Transportation Planning Manager Lucy Dyke said Ocean Park Boulevard is designed in a standard configuration, but is wide and flexible enough to accommodate change.

Ocean Park Boulevard, which is used by an estimated 23,000 vehicles per day, currently includes some safety measures that were implemented in the past few years, including two marked crosswalks with embedded flashing lights at 16th and 18th streets, and a traffic signal at 17th Street.

However, business owners have complained that the embedded lights in the crosswalks, which are pedestrian-activated, do not work all the time.

At the City Council meeting, department heads said the company that maintains the crossing lights recently went bankrupt.

"The city is looking at alternative methods to get the light fixed," Fogarty said on Monday.

The city has used three different brands of flashing light systems at the intersection, Dyke said. She said the issue with the malfunctioned lights cannot be pinpointed to one company since none of the products are as effective and reliable as traffic signals.

The flashing lights at 16th Street were replaced in the past few months.

Dyke said several other cities that have used the flashing light crosswalks have experienced problems, including Glendale.

Josephs, meanwhile, said the city should disconnect the entire flashing light system because it endangers pedestrians with a false sense of security.

Inspiration from the Ashes

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beach lot.

The process is already underway to include different attractions at the pier, with the council approving in August a plan to restore commercial boating. There is also the possibility of adding two new restaurants and a series of eclectic shops that will mirror other seaside shopping centers, such as Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco and Pike Street in Seattle. In addition, there is talk of bringing in an old-fashioned soda fountain to serve root-bear floats to kids riding the classic carousel, a fresh fish market and a performing arts venue.

The speed in which any of the aforementioned plans occur depends largely on the construction of a new pier bridge, which could occur as early as next fall, city officials said. However, there needs to be discussion regarding the replacement of the California Incline, and whether or not that project will take precedent over the pier bridge or if the two can be done simultaneously.

"The council and the public are really going to have to engage in several discussions before we will have an answer on that," said Craig Perkins, director of environmental and public works management for City Hall.

In the meantime, pier lessees can take comfort in knowing that even when a hot event like Ashes & Snow comes to town, people will still have a fondness for the classics.

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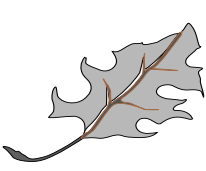
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A time to look out for those with disabilities

BY CHRISTOPHER KNAUF

Special to the Daily Press

Editor's note: In recognition of October as Disabilities Awareness Month in Santa Monica, the Daily Press presents a month-long series of articles written by members of the City of Santa Monica Disabilities Commission.

Since 2002, the Santa Monica Disabilities Commission has advised the City Council and city staff on numerous issues concerning people with mental, physical and other disabilities. We are the disability community's sounding board and we are proactive and informative on the most important issues facing our constituents. As people with disabilities continue making strides to overcome stigma and become fully integrated in society, we pride ourselves on helping Santa Monica improve as a disability-friendly community.

On Oct. 28, at 1 p.m., as part of various Disability Awareness Month activities, the commission will host a special event at the Main Library, featuring Lyena Strelkoff's critically acclaimed performance "Caterpillar Soup," along with various speakers and artists with disabilities, both to inform and to celebrate the disability community. We invite all to attend this free event, along with your families, friends and co-workers.

As part of the Oct. 28 event, Samohi's Circle of Friends will receive the first annual Disabilities Commission Award, honoring a local group or individual who has made outstanding progress in promoting inclusion of persons with disabilities in community life. Circle of Friends has impacted dozens of young lives by matching high school students

with and without disabilities to promote integration, understanding and friendship. We are very pleased to be able to honor them.

As we celebrate Disability Awareness Month, the commission also celebrates its recent accomplishments:

1. We requested that the City Council provide an electronic captioning system at City Council meetings for attendees who are unable to hear the proceedings. The council approved this request at their June 20 meeting.

2. We produced and distributed a landlord-tenant "rights and responsibilities" informational brochure that includes resources for landlords and tenants alike, as affordable accessible housing remains a top concern for people with disabilities throughout the region. Please contact the commission if you would like a free copy.

3. We advised the city regarding issues and concerns of people with disabilities, including the lack of sufficient accessible parking spaces throughout Santa Monica's various beach parking lots. The city plans to increase the number of accessible beach parking spaces.

4. The commission held a Mental Health Awareness town hall meeting featuring city homeless "czar" Ed Edelman and various prominent mental health professionals and consumers.

5. We continue to advocate for construction of additional accessibility features and a disability-friendly children's park at the 415 PCH project and project staff has met with one of our commissioners to review the plans and discuss these issues.

6. With the Fall election approaching, we have advocated for CityTV to caption election-related programming. CityTV recently agreed to caption the live debate for the

2006 election.

The Disabilities Commission also hears public opinion and advises the City Council and city staff on positions the city should consider taking on prominent legislation and actions pending in state and local government that affect our city and its disability community. Recent advocacy topics include:

1. Implementation of a "visitability" ordinance that provides incentives to homeowners to make their homes more accessible in order to allow greater "visit-ability" as well as increase the stock of accessible homes over the long term.

2. Opposing state cuts to essential in-home supportive services (IHSS) that are crucial to allowing independent living by persons with disabilities who do not have family or other resources to assist them.

3. Making appropriate changes to developer "in lieu" fees in order to increase the availability of affordable accessible housing in Santa Monica.

The Santa Monica Disabilities Commission meets the first Monday of the month at the Ken Edwards Center, at 6:30 p.m. We welcome all public input. If there is an issue or concern that you would like the commission to take a position on, please let us know. We are here for the community, with the hope of improving the quality of life for our residents and visitors with various disabilities.

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Students take a hack at it

Eighty-seven special-education students in the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District use taxicabs for transportation to and from school.

The district saves about \$100,000 a year by using trained cabbies rather than buses provided by Los Angeles County.

The district, which spends \$750,000 for the service, shifted to cabs three years ago because they cost less and arrive on time, Superintendent Walker Williams said.

"It saved us a few bucks, it's a little bit more reliable, and we get less complaints," Williams said. "It's a win-win for us."

The district signs year-to-year contracts with Gardena-based Administrative Service Co-Op. Taxi drivers must complete extra training to handle behavior outbursts.

"These kids vary in their own behavior. Some of them are hyper, some are quiet," driver Sammy Fadde said.

Project manager Joe Viera said drivers undergo sensitivity training, background checks similar to teachers and random drug testing.

School districts must provide transportation to students with handicaps that prevent them from walking to school.

LOS ANGELES

Reality strikes in LA area

A drop in Los Angeles area location movie production has been more than offset by a surge in reality television shoots.

The region saw a 5 percent decline in location film activity during the third quarter while TV shoots jumped 15.5 percent during the same period a year ago.

The Film L.A. permitting agency's third-quarter figures

released Monday showed movie production in the area declined by 136 days to 2,423 — 35 percent below the third-quarter peak of 3,744 days in 1997.

For the first nine months of 2006, movie activity has edged down 1 percent to 6,755 days from the same period of 2005.

Third-quarter TV activity hit 5,833 days, the busiest-ever quarter in the region. Television production surged over the past decade thanks to reality TV and the growth of cable.

Nine-month TV activity is 14,843 days, up 2 percent from the year-ago period.

LOS ANGELES

Bond measure seems shaky

The proposed \$10 billion state school bond measure on the November ballot — Proposition 1-D — includes an earthquake clause that would exempt community colleges from California seismic inspection standards.

Community colleges have long lobbied to be removed from the Field Act, which imposes tough building standards to protect students from earthquake hazards. The schools insist compliance is too costly and time consuming.

Proposition 1-D authorizes borrowing for the construction and modernization of schools. Exempting colleges from the Field Act could endanger students, state Seismic Safety Commission experts said.

"We believe Field Act buildings are safer buildings," said Richard McCarthy, executive director of the commission.

The law was enacted after the 1933 Long Beach earthquake damaged public schools. It requires all public classrooms be built to higher earthquake standards and be subjected to intensive inspections during construction.

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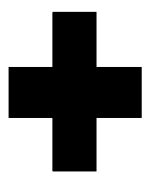
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Governor pushes global warming emissions

BY SAMANTHA YOUNG

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will announce an executive order Monday in New York that joins California's landmark global warming law with the Northeast's program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The executive order is the first step in creating a system that helps California's largest manufacturers comply with stricter environmental regulations, a Schwarzenegger administration official said. Industrial corporations and utility companies must cut their greenhouse gas emissions by roughly 25 percent by 2020.

"Gov. Schwarzenegger wants to build a large, robust carbon trading market that will dramatically reduce emissions," said

Schwarzenegger communications director Adam Mendelsohn. "The more robust the market, the more effective we will be."

The executive order "will now get the northeast states working with California to trade credits in the very near future," Mendelsohn said.

The Northeast system currently involves seven states that plan to reduce carbon dioxide emissions at power plants beginning in 2009. It allows power plants to trade emissions credits as a way to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions in the region.

Linking California to that program could help California power plants meet their obligations under the state's new global warming law.

Schwarzenegger will spend the day in New York learning about corporate and government efforts to combat global warming, his spokesman, Darrel Ng, said. The gover-

nor will open the Nasdaq Stock Market. In May, the Nasdaq and Clean Edge Inc. of Oakland created The Clean Technology Index to track investments in clean-energy companies.

Schwarzenegger also will tour a carbon trading floor at Credit Suisse with New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and visit the country's first "green" residential high-rise building with New York Gov. George Pataki, Ng said.

The two governors will discuss ways to join California to the northeast states' Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and create an emissions trading exchange.

Pataki helped craft the Northeastern system after Bush withdrew from the 160-nation Kyoto Protocol on global warming in 2001.

Schwarzenegger, who is running for reelection in November, has touted the state's

2006 global warming law as a key component of his environmental record. It has also distinguished him from President Bush, who has said companies should voluntarily reduce emissions. Schwarzenegger's Democratic opponent, state Treasurer Phil Angelides, has embraced the law.

California's global warming law imposes the country's first mandatory statewide cap on greenhouse gas emissions, a move that has been criticized by manufacturers and cement makers — two of the largest emitters of the greenhouse gases scientists blame for rising temperatures in many parts of the world.

In an effort to make the cap workable for businesses, Schwarzenegger has advocated setting up a market system that could enable the state's companies to buy, sell and trade emission credits instead of making their own reductions.



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Dorie Meek

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I can't think of any situation that is inappropriate for an infant clapping and squealing with delight in their accomplishment. And if there is one, leave the baby at home. Have fun.

Dorie

Dorie Meek is director of the Infant & Family Support Program, provided by Saint John's Health Center in partnership with the school district. Submit your questions to "Dear Dorie" at meek@smmusd.org.



GUEST COMMENTARY BY LINDA MILO

Three's company

Parents must teach their child to sleep on own, independently

Clients who are stumped have brought toddler sleeping habits to my attention twice last week. In both cases, parents are asking me what can be done to persuade their youngsters (each about 2 years old) to sleep at night in their own beds, versus sleeping in their parent's bed.

"Co-sleeping" is the term used when children sleep in their parent's bed, also called "shared sleep" or the "family bed." Prior to the late 1700s, co-sleeping was the norm in all societies. Some very dedicated parents have passionately believed that close bodily contact was very necessary for their bonding with their child. Some parents believed that this physical closeness at night is a necessity, a requirement for a loving relationship to be created.

Parents across America allow co-sleeping on occasion. Ninety-three percent of middle-class families report having a frightened (bad dreams) or sick child share their bed. If there is lightning and thunder, the dog may also sneak into the bed for comfort. Parents who allow their frightened or sick child into their beds also take the time to return their child to their own bed after their child is more relaxed or falls asleep. Approximately 20 percent of parents routinely allow their child to sleep with them, either for part or all of the night.

Each client told me, more or less, the same story — co-sleeping was more than acceptable when his or her youngster was smaller and younger. Now that their child is growing bigger and older, they complained that their child noisily snored, squirmed, tossed and turned, grinded their teeth, and overall disrupted their sleep. The bed became very crowded and the parents were starting to resent their child's behavior. The parents were exhausted each morning and they knew why. These parents wanted to know how to coax their child into staying all night in their own beds.

Here are the suggestions I gave them:

1. Start Setting Limits and Schedules. Create a set schedule for the p.m. hours (i.e., dinner, playtime, bath time, quiet time, reading, listening to tapes) and sleep time. This schedule should be shared verbally with your child and carried out every single night. Use colorful makers and put this schedule on a big piece of paper and tape it to your kitchen wall.

2. Try to introduce something "new" in your child's bedroom (a new rug, new pillows, new bed). The new bedroom stuff signifies change and new conditions.

3. After putting your child in his own bed (a night light may be a good idea), smother him or her with nighty-night kisses, sweet dream hugs and tell your child that you'll be in the next room. Your child may cry and scream when he realizes he is not going to sleep in your room. Allow your child to cry and scream before giving any reassurances (five minutes the first night, nine minutes the next night, 11 minutes the next night, etc.), waiting progressively longer each evening. Remember, it's a parents' job to provide a really secure environment, which will allow your child independence to develop. Establish the rule that your child will now only sleep in his own bedroom and make absolutely no exceptions.

4. If your child does fall asleep in his own bed and then later in the evening finds his way back to your bed — wake yourself up and carry/walk your child back to his bed. Every single time! Don't over-react, just say, "Remember, we have a rule that says you sleep in your own bed." This may make you very tired in the morning, but after a few nights, your child will get the message and not wake himself up in order to move into your bed. Night waking behavior is common with preschoolers. A common cause of night waking is that your child associates your presence with falling asleep.

It is vital that both parents accept this plan of action and both parents follow through, even if it means nobody catches any sleep for a few nights. Parents should feel empowered to change the co-sleeping pattern and to enjoy a good night's sleep and each other's company. To educate yourself even further, spend some time at the local library and check out books on children's sleep problems and behaviors.

Reward your child after a full week of sleeping in his own bed. Use colorful stickers to mark now many days on your schedule paper so he can keep track and be proud of himself.

Linda Milo is "The Parent-Child Connection Coach." For more information, visit: <http://www.empoweringparentsnow.com>. To book a free parent coaching session, write her at linda@empoweringparentsnow.com.

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FAULKNER FARM PUMPKIN PATCH and HARVEST FESTIVAL
Activities include exploring a giant sunflower forest and hayrides; 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. 14292 W. Telegraph Rd., Santa Paula, 805-525-2226, www.faulknerfarm.com.

SAT. & SUN., SEPT. 30 – OCT. 29 – 12:30 & 3:00 p.m.
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TUESDAY

Movies for Moms! 11:00 a.m., Loews Cineplex Broadway Theatre, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. Visit www.enjoytheshow.com/reelmoms for details.

Storytelling and Library Programs
Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd. – 458-8621
Baby Time – 10:15 & 10:45 a.m., babies up to 2 years, next session starts Oct. 31.
Spanish and Bilingual Stories – 11:20 a.m. Ages 2 – 5.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 450-0443.
Toddler Story Time in Spanish – 10:00 a.m., ages 2-3, next session starts Oct. 31.
Baby Time – 11:00 a.m., babies to age 2, next session starts Oct. 31.
Twilight Story Time -7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 829-7081.
Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.
10/24 & 11/21 – Terrific Tuesdays – 3:30 p.m. Stories and crafts for K-2nd graders.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 392-8304
Story Time for Twos – 10:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis For ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com
Barnes and Noble at the Grove
Storytime for ages 2 – 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Classes
YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. – 12 to 36 months; Infant & Me Class - 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., 0 – 12 months; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.

BREAKTHROUGH PARENTING CLASSES – 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
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Yoga & Exercise
Exhale Center for Sacred Movement, 245 S. Main St., Venice. Pre/Post Natal – 11:25 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. 450-7676, exhalespa.com. Single class \$17, package of ten \$135.
Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:30 – 1:55 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Mommy Care – at the Dance Factory, 11606 San Vicente Blvd., Brentwood, 310-394-6711. Combined Pregnancy/Recovery Exercise Group – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and work-out at the end)
Stroller Strides Fitness Class – 9:30 a.m. Mon. – Fri., Palisades Park, call 800-795-6708 or visit www.strollerstrides.com for more info.
YoMama Yoga – 1404 3rd St. Promenade, St. 201. Parent & Me – 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Yoga for parents with kids ages 6 wks – 6 years. Kids interact with each other and toys. \$15 single class, \$65 for five classes, \$120 for ten classes.
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Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station, 2415 Wilshire Blvd., 310-998-1981 - drop-in, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

MOMS Club of SM South Playgroups – 4:30 p.m., separate groups for children born in

2000 and 2001. Call or email Alison at 450-0209 or riversalison@hotmail.com for more info. All moms welcome!

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The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge – 1630 Ocean Park Blvd., 450-6052
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4 at this neighborhood coffee shop.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
Next session starts Nov. 1 for both Story Time for Twos – 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m.; ages 3-5.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Baby Time - 10:15 & 11:15 a.m., ages 0-2, current session thru Oct. 18.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. –392-3804.
Preschool Twilight Story Time – 7:00 p.m. Parents/children ages 3-5.
Main Library – 601 Santa Monica Blvd, - 310-458-8621
10/25 & 11/29 - Creative Kids’ Club – 3:30 p.m. – Stories and crafts for K-2nd graders.
Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144
Border’s, Westwood – 11a.m. – 310-475-3444.

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Preschool Story Time – 11:20 a.m. Ages 3 – 5.
Fairview Branch Library – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443.
La Hora Del Cuento – 7:00 p.m. Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.
Montana Avenue Branch Library – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081.
Story Time for Twos – 10:15 a.m., current session thru Oct. 19.
Preschool Story Time – 11:15 a.m.; ages 3-5. Ongoing.
Ocean Park Branch Library – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804.
Baby Time – 9:20 & 10:20 a.m. Babies to 2 years. Next session starts Oct. 26.
Babystyle, 1324 Montana Avenue, 434-9590
10:30 a.m. Free story time for moms and kids ages 0-4.

Classes
YWCA – A Place for Parents –Toddler & Me Class - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m and 10:45 –

11:45 a.m., 12 to 36 months; Parent Support Group – 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., age 3 – 5 years; 2019 14th St. Call 452-3881for details and prices.
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Hispanics show growing clout

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS

Associated Press Writer

EL MONTE, Calif. — Maria Valdez didn't consider herself an environmentalist when she pressed this city east of Los Angeles to buy land ringed with factories and railroad tracks for a new neighborhood park.

The trash lot is now on its way to becoming a green oasis with a butterfly sanctuary and community garden — and Valdez is undergoing a transformation of her own. Next month she will be sworn in as president of the El Monte chapter of Mujeres de la Tierra, a two-year-old environmental group that caters to Hispanic immigrants and translates as "Women of the Earth."

"When you get involved and you know that you could make it happen, it feels good," said Valdez, a stay-at-home mother of six. "I'm interested in the water, the air — for our kids."

Spurred by high rates of asthma and lead poisoning among their children, Hispanic immigrants such as Valdez, a U.S. citizen who left Mexico as a child, are embracing green values like never before — on their own terms.

Hispanic activists and politicians talk openly about building a unique green movement that distances itself from mainstream environmental groups, even as those organizations hope to tap into newfound Hispanic political clout.

Those involved in the nascent movement cite a gap between the priorities of traditional environmentalists, who may focus on saving endangered species and preserving roadless areas, and the practical concerns of many Hispanic immigrants, who confront thick smog and lead-laced water every day in inner-city neighborhoods. Many also are wary of groups like the Sierra Club, which has debated whether to make U.S. immigration control part of its platform.

"If you ask a Latino, 'Are you an environmentalist?' they'll say 'No' because it boxes you in," said Irma Munoz, founder of Mujeres de la Tierra. "Environmentalists blame Latinos for all the problems."

The newly defined movement is strongest in Southern California.

Last month, more than 1,200 Hispanic community leaders, activists and politicians gathered in Los Angeles for the first meeting of its kind in decades. Participants in the National Latino Congreso drafted resolutions on issues ranging from emissions reductions to mercury pollution, hoping Hispanic voters will use those as a litmus test for candidates in the 2008 presidential campaign.

Some high-profile Hispanic politicians also are intent on being green.

Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, D-Los Angeles, co-sponsored a groundbreaking law that makes California the first state to put a cap on greenhouse gas emissions, including those from industrial plants. He said his interest grew partly out of his concern for the effect that poor air quality

has on Hispanic children.

"For a long time, the image of an environmentalist in California was a stereotypical, brie-eating, chardonnay-sipping, Volvo-driving Marin County-ite," Nunez said at a speech at the Los Angeles gathering. "But there were other issues that affected people who wouldn't commonly be known as environmentalists."

In the heavily Hispanic cities of Maywood and Bell Gardens, also just outside Los Angeles, local politicians got elected last year by focusing on industrial pollution, lingering Superfund sites and water contamination.

A 2004 study by the Natural Resources Defense Council found that nearly 70 percent of Hispanics live in areas that violate federal air quality standards and Hispanic children are twice as likely as non-Hispanic white children to have lead in their blood.

Traditional environmental groups have catered to the Hispanic green movement by hiring Spanish-speaking outreach coordinators, starting Spanish-language Web sites and running ads on Spanish TV and radio. Some, such as the Earth Day Network and Sierra Club, helped sponsor the National Latino Congreso and work with activists on local projects.

Oliver Bernstein, deputy press secretary for Sierra Club's diversity programs, said his organization has been doing environmental justice work with grassroots Hispanic groups since 1992. At the Latino Congreso, Bernstein said many Hispanic leaders were "pleased that Sierra Club was working hand in hand with them."

Some Hispanic environmentalists say they want to do it their way.

For Hispanic immigrants, environmentalism can mean building a park, getting rid of a smoke-belching factory or persuading railroads to run freight trains less often — not protecting an endangered species hundreds of miles from their homes.

"We're not the tree-huggers," said Laura Rodriguez, a spokeswoman for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund. "We have to deal with high numbers of asthma patients and Superfund sites and how it affects communities."

Mainstream environmental groups recognize that they are shadowed by past mistakes — but say they are ready to move forward.

Adrianna Quintero, the director of Latino advocacy and outreach at the Natural Resources Defense Council, said the organization created her position to reach out to local activists. The group's work with Hispanic environmentalists on Nunez's emissions cap bill was a watershed moment for both sides, Quintero said.

"From now on, going forward, we hope that everything will be like that," she said. "The reality of it is that we have so much in common. Our goals are the same, which is to make a better planet for everyone."

Inspectors check for damage in Hawaii after 6.7 earthquake

BY JAYMES SONG

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — Officials began inspecting bridges and roads across Hawaii early Monday following the strongest earthquake to rattle the islands in more than two decades, a 6.7-magnitude quake that caused blackouts and landslides but no reported fatalities.

At least one stretch of road leading to a bridge near the earthquake's epicenter on the Big Island collapsed, Civil Defense Agency spokesman Dave Curtis said Monday.

Several other roads on the Big Island were closed by mudslides, debris and boulders, but most were still passable, he said. The power were back on across most of the islands Monday morning. About a dozen schools were closed for inspection, but no major injuries or deaths had been reported.

"If you're going to have an earthquake, you couldn't have had it at a better time — early in the morning when people aren't even out of their homes yet," Curtis said.

"I think people, under the circumstances, have remained very calm," he said.

The quake hit at 7:07 a.m. Sunday, 10 miles north-northwest of Kailua-Kona, on the west coast of Hawaii Island, known as the Big Island, said Don Blakeman of the National Earthquake Information Center, part of the U.S. Geological Survey. The USGS on Monday raised the magnitude for the quake from a preliminary 6.6 to 6.7.

A government computer simulation estimated as many as 170 bridges could have been damaged by the quake, said Bob Fenton, Federal Emergency Management Agency director of response for the region.

Gov. Linda Lingle, who was in a hotel near the epicenter, issued a disaster declaration for the state, and the state Civil Defense had several reports of minor injuries as aftershocks continued to shake the island chain.

"We were rocking and rolling," said Anne LaVasseur, who was on the second floor of a two-story, wood-framed house on the east side of the Big Island when the temblor struck. "I was pretty scared. We were swaying back and forth, like King Kong's pushing your house back and forth."

The shaking broke water pipes at ResortQuest Kona By The Sea, turning the front of the building into a dramatic waterfall starting at the fourth floor, said Kenneth Piper, who runs the front desk.

"You could almost see the cars bouncing up and down in the parking garage," Piper said.

The earthquake was followed by several strong aftershocks on Sunday, including one measuring a magnitude of 5.8, the USGS said. Forecasters said there was no danger of a tsunami, though choppy-than-normal waves were predicted. The quake struck during heavy rain, though, adding a risk of mudslides.

Earthquakes in the 6.0 magnitude range are rare in the region, which more commonly sees temblors in the 3- and 4-magnitude range caused by volcanic activity.

"We think this is a buildup from many volcanic earthquakes that they've had on the island," said Waverly Person, a geophysicist with the USGS.

Lingle told radio station KSSK that she toured the Kona area by helicopter to view the damage, including earth falling into Kealahakua Bay.

Kona Community Hospital was evacuated after large chunks of its ceilings collapsed and power was cut off. At least 10 acute care patients were evacuated to a medical center in Hilo, and about 30 other patients were moved to a nearby conference center, said Terry Lewis, spokeswoman for the hospital.

"We were very lucky that no one got hurt," Lewis said.

County of Hawaii Mayor Harry Kim estimated that as many as 3,000 people were evacuated from three hotels on the Big Island. Brad Kurokawa, Hawaii County deputy planning director, confirmed the hotels were damaged and said people were taken to a gymnasium until other accommodations could be found.

The power outages were largely due to power plants turning off automatically when built-in seismic monitors were triggered by the quake. All electricity systems needed to be rebooted, which was expected to take several hours in more populated areas. Most of the region had electricity again Monday.

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Duncan pleads, gets three life sentences

BY NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS

Associated Press Writer

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho — Joseph E. Duncan III, accused of killing three members of an Idaho family so he could kidnap two children for sex, pleaded guilty Monday to murder and kidnapping in a deal that calls for him to receive three consecutive life terms without parole, but leaves open a possible death sentence.

Sentencing on the three counts of first-degree murder was withheld until Duncan's federal trial, Kootenai County Prosecutor Bill Douglas said. If the federal trial does not produce a death sentence, Duncan could be brought back for a death penalty hearing in state court, Douglas said.

Federal prosecutors have said they intend to charge Duncan, 43, with kidnapping Shasta and Dylan Groene, and with the killing of 9-year-old Dylan in 2005.

Shasta and Dylan were taken to a remote campsite in Montana where Dylan was later found dead. Shasta was rescued after Duncan walked into a Denny's restaurant with her in Coeur d'Alene seven weeks later.

The agreement announced Monday slightly changes a plea deal Duncan's lawyers offered last week in that it keeps the death penalty option in Idaho, should a federal jury not opt for capital punishment, Douglas said.

The deal also means that the only survivor, 9-year-old Shasta, will not have to testify. She was expected to be a primary witness against Duncan at trial.

Duncan pleaded guilty to three counts of first-degree murder and three counts of first-degree kidnapping in the slayings by hammer blows of Brenda Groene; her fiancé, Mark McKenzie; and Groene's 13-year-old son, Slade, in May 2005 at their home outside of Coeur d'Alene.

Under the agreement, Duncan is to cooperate fully with law enforcement officers on the state charges and the anticipated federal counts. Duncan will also provide the key to unlocking coded files in his computer that could present additional evidence in the case.

"We essentially gave up nothing," Douglas said of the plea negotiations. "It is virtually guaranteed he will face two death juries."

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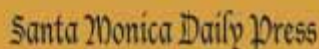


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Bush has China's back

BY FOSTER KLUG

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration, citing new inspections by the Chinese of trucks bound for North Korea, said Monday it expected China would do its part in enforcing a U.N. resolution punishing its reclusive ally for its nuclear program.

The United States is pressing China for tough action against North Korea ahead of Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's trip this week to Asia.

R. Nicholas Burns, undersecretary of state for political affairs, pointed to the fact that Chinese customs inspectors had begun inspecting cargo trucks bound for North Korea in the border city of Dandong. Japan and Australia, meanwhile, announced Monday that they might take measures beyond the new U.N. sanctions against North Korea for that country's reported nuclear test.

"We have indications this morning the Chinese are beginning to apply this to their very long land border" with North Korea, Burns said on CBS' "The Early Show." "We also have announcements from Japan and Australia. I spoke to both governments this morning. They are both implementing this."

He said there will be "enormous pressure on China to live up to their responsibility" in enforcing United Nations punishment of its ally, North Korea. "We are all banking on that."

White House press secretary Tony Snow said President Bush had not personally been making any calls Monday on the matter. Snow urged patience before judging China's commitment to the inspections.

"The parties have committed to fulfilling its conditions," Snow said. "Let's see what happens, all right?"

Rice travels to the region Tuesday for a series of talks aimed at easing tensions among countries already on edge from the North's claimed nuclear test.

China, which voted Saturday for the U.N. penalties, has balked at cargo inspections to prevent trafficking of certain banned weapons and technology.

"I'm quite certain that China is going to live up to its responsibilities," Rice said Sunday, adding she was willing to have "conversations" during her trip on how best to enforce the resolution.

The United States' U.N. ambassador portrayed North Korea's detonation last week as a public humiliation for China, which shares a long border with North Korea and is the North's chief ally and supplier of crucial shipments of food and energy aid.

If China were to cut its support, John Bolton said, it "would be powerfully persuasive in Pyongyang," the North's capital. "They've not yet been willing to do it. I think that China has a heavy responsibility here."

Rice, who joined Bolton in making the rounds of the Sunday talk shows, plans to visit Asian partners this week to consult about the resolution. "I understand that people are concerned about how it might work so it doesn't enhance tensions in the region, and we're perfectly willing to have those conversations," Rice said.

Bolton said the United States' concept of the resolution "is that the overwhelming predominance of the inspections would take place in ports or at land crossings or that sort of thing. But the resolution neither increases nor decreases existing authority to interdict on the high seas."

The U.S.-sponsored resolution demands North Korea eliminate nuclear weapons but rules out military action against the country, as the Russians and Chinese demanded.

After the resolution unanimously passed, North Korea's U.N. ambassador accused council members of a "gangster-like" action that neglects the nuclear threat posed by the United States.

China's U.N. ambassador, Wang Guangya, said his country "strongly urges the countries concerned to adopt a prudent and responsible attitude in this regard and refrain from taking any provocative steps that may intensify the tensions."

A leading Senate Republican urged direct talks with North Korea, as the reclusive nation has sought. "We do need to engage the North Koreans" because the U.N. resolution is weak and limited, said Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, the second-ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Rice brushed aside such calls, reaffirming the U.S. commitment to six-nation disarmament talks, which have stalled.

Critics said the U.N. penalties will not curb North Korea's nuclear ambitions and stemmed from what they saw as President Bush's failed foreign policy.

Democratic Sen. John Kerry said the Bush administration is "living in a complete fantasy with respect to the foreign policy they put in place. It is a failure." He said U.S. involvement in Iraq has undermined America's credibility to deal with nuclear threats in North Korea and Iran.

Associated Press writers Edith M. Lederer from the United Nations, Nedra Pickler from Washington and William Foreman and Hans Greimel from Seoul contributed to this report.

Virginia City exhibit dispels many myths about the Wild West

By The Associated Press

VIRGINIA CITY, Nev. — A special exhibit of artifacts recovered in archaeological digs in this Comstock mining town is helping dispel myths about 19th century saloons in the West, state historians say.

The variety of bottles, dishes, glasses and gaming devices reveal the Virginia City saloons to be centers of society and commerce rather than the arenas for deadly showdowns between ruffians, the frequent depiction in books and movies, the researchers say.

The Comstock History Center opened the exhibit in mid-August: "Havens in a Heartless World — Virginia City Saloons and the Archaeology of the Wild West."

"It's helping focus a little bit more on the reality of life in Virginia City in the 19th century instead of a lot of the mythology," said Bert Bedeau, district administrator for the Comstock Historic District Commission.

Ron James, Nevada's state historic preservation officer, agrees.

"The exhibit brings the saloon to life, correcting the stereotypes and providing visitors with a new view of this famous, western institution," James said.

"Havens in a Heartless World brings many artifacts excavated from Virginia City back to the Comstock for the first time since their removal," he said.

Between 1993 and 2001, archaeologists excavated the remains of four saloons in Virginia City.

The exhibit features the world's oldest bottle with a Tabasco brand sauce imprint, dating to 1870. The bottle was reconstructed from 21 shards of glass excavated from beneath the site of the Boston Saloon, which was owned by a black man from Massachusetts and catered to blacks and whites alike from 1864-75.

It was among roughly 30,000 artifacts excavated in 2000 in an effort to learn more about the estimated 100 blacks who lived in the bustling mining town of 20,000 in the 1870s.

The Boston Saloon site is behind the Bucket of Blood Saloon, which was established in 1876 and still stands at the corner of D and Union streets. Samuel Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, got his start a block away at the local newspaper, the Territorial Enterprise.

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A star is born

Toast of Korean film fest is a Hong Kong import

It's that time of the year when South Korea's entertainment elite descend upon a southern beach resort town for the country's flagship film event, the Pusan International Film Festival.

But this year the toast of the town isn't a Korean director or actor, it's Hong Kong movie star ANDY LAU.

Lau is one of Pusan's hon-

ored guests this year because it named him Asian filmmaker of the year for his efforts in promoting new Asian film talent.

In a testament to his regional appeal, the 45-year-old actor has been mobbed wherever he goes, from the very moment he landed in Busan on Wednesday. People gawked and took pictures while he lined up to clear immigration.

Walking the red carpet at the opening ceremony Thursday, Lau drew screams as loud as those prompted by Korean stars.

With his latest honor, Lau has now cemented his credentials in another area — movie producing. Pusan organizers chose him because of his work on a new program that finances up-and-coming directors from

across Asia.

One area he hasn't branched out into is directing, and he said he isn't eager to do so.

"I'm still young. I'll be an actor first. Also, there are lot of good directors. If people like me perform well in front of the camera, we shouldn't force ourselves into directing," said Lau, who starred in the 2002 Hong Kong crime thriller "Infernal

Affairs," which inspired Martin Scorsese's new hit film "The Departed."

Lau added his temper was a handicap when it came to directing.

"I scold people. I sometimes have a bad temper. If shooting isn't going well and I can't control my temper, I may offend a lot of people," he said.

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Man who would be king rolls in Rome

For VIGGO MORTENSEN, it's loyalty to friends — not to flag or country — that keeps soldiers on the battlefield, as depicted by his character in the film "Alatriste" about a soldier in 17th century Spain.

"Alatriste is not really fighting for his king, but for his friends," the 47-year-old actor said

Monday before presenting the movie at the Rome Film Festival.

"There's a sense of honor and pride, some of them, of course, fight for their countries, but for some, first comes friendship, the people you're there with," Mortensen said, going as far as to compare his character, an aloof and loyal hero to "the

American, Italian or even Spanish soldiers who fight in Iraq."

Mostly shot in Andalusia, Spain, the movie is based on Arturo Perez-Reverte's saga of Captain Alatriste. It's been an enormous success in the author's native Spain and in Latin America.

The first-ever Rome Film Festival has drawn a handful of stars promoting their films to the Italian capital, although the 16 films in competition are mostly smaller films.

"Alatriste" was being shown out of competition. The festival runs through Saturday.

AP

Chan chops into Hollywood lightfoots

JACKIE CHAN, famous for his daredevil stunts, says he's frustrated by Hollywood's safety rules.

"There are so many safety and insurance rules to follow," Chan said in an interview on his Web site Sunday. "I know that they want to make sure that I'm safe when I do my stunts, but sometimes they insist that I use protective gear for even simple

things, and that is frustrating. It takes so much time."

Chan, best known in the United States for the "Rush Hour" movies with Chris Tucker, said he feels less encumbered when making films in Hong Kong.

"In Hong Kong we just go ahead and do what needs to be done. There is no safety captain on the set. I use my own stunt

team because they have experience and I trust them to make the action and stunts safe," he said.

Chan, 52, also said that when he first broke into Hollywood, he'd had little control over his own moves, even though he'd been choreographing stunts for decades in Hong Kong.

But that that has changed over time.

"When I first started making Hollywood films, the directors wouldn't listen to anything I said when it came to the action," he said. "It's different now; the directors respect me and listen to me. Over the years I have gotten more involved in the planning of the action and stunts on my American movies and that makes me happy. But mostly it is difficult."

AP

Radio personality is keeping it simple

Enough with the talking heads. DICK GORDON isn't interested. The veteran public radio voice wants to tell the tales of everyday folks, to sit down for an hourlong chat and just listen. So far, he's heard the story of an eclipse chaser, a father who created innovative devices to help a son born without a left hand, and a man who has developed rela-

tionships with some of the hundreds of children he helped create through the local sperm bank.

"When I started working as a reporter, one of my jobs was to go find the people who were part of the news," Gordon said. "Ambulance-chasing produced some really compelling" stories.

There are more stories to come.

After months of test runs on North Carolina Public Radio, Gordon's daily one-hour show "The Story" will go national early next year, part of the stable of radio programs distributed by American Public Media, the nation's No. 2 producer of public radio programs, that includes the popular "A Prairie Home Companion."

"The Story," which started airing a few days a week in February, now airs Monday through Friday on public radio in North Carolina. The show, produced at WUNC-FM in Chapel Hill, was recently picked up by KNOW-FM in St. Paul, Minn., for further refinement before its national debut.

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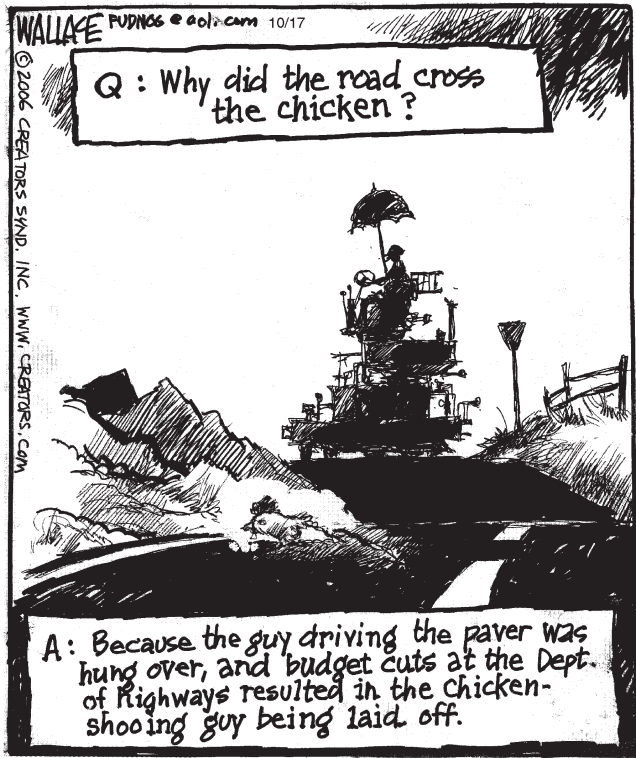
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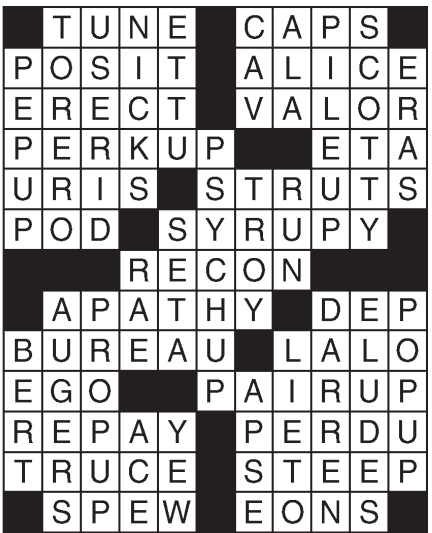
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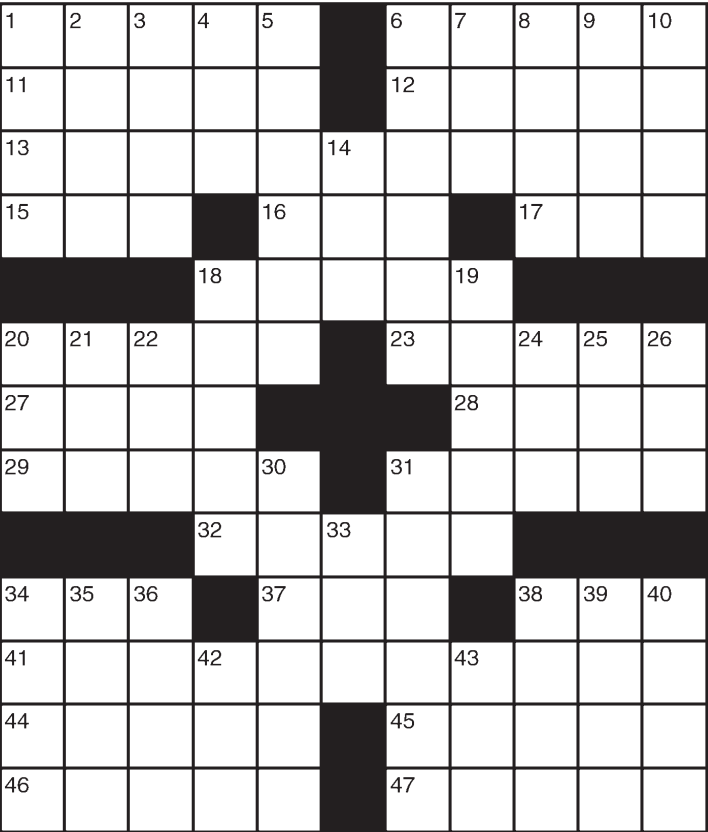
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THE PETITION requests the de-
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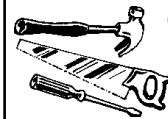
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