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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

Several psychics are hard at work advising Australian business executives, providing such things as "intuitive diagnostics" of personnel systems and detecting "blockages" of the organizational structure (for hourly fees as high as the equivalent of US\$290), according to a June report in Sydney's Sunday Telegraph. Psychic Sally de Beche advises clients based on her "holographic images" of the business cycle, and another, Stacey Demarco, a self-described "witch" (and author of the book "There's a Witch in the Boardroom"), builds business networks that she terms "covens."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 293rd day of 2005.
There are 72 days left in the year.

On Oct. 20, 1944, during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur stepped ashore at Leyte in the Philippines, 2 1/2 years after he'd said, "I shall return."
In 1892, the city of Chicago dedicated the World's Columbian Exposition.
In 1903, a joint commission ruled in favor of the United States in a boundary dispute between the District of Alaska and Canada.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Everybody's private motto:
It's better to be popular than right."

MARK TWAIN (1835-1910)

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City has a million reasons to settle

BY RYAN HYATT

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE — A lawsuit regarding an unendorsed \$1 million check from Los Angeles County to the Big Blue Bus, stolen from the US postal system and cashed in a Colorado bank, may soon be settled out of court.

In August of 2002, attorneys with Santa Monica and Los Angeles County successfully entered into a Colorado lawsuit between the two banks that handled and cashed the check worth \$1,075,408.08. More than three years later, City Hall said it may settle the case by next week, according to Jeanette Schachtner,

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STATE

Buyer's remorse: Renters are in zone

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Business Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — While the cost of buying a home has continued to soar during the past year, renting an apartment remained a relative bargain throughout the West's major markets, according to a report to be released Thursday.

As of Sept. 30, apartment rents had either declined slightly or increased by less than 4 percent during the past year in 16 of the West's 20 largest markets surveyed by RealFacts Inc., a Novato-based research firm.

Even the hottest rental markets, southern California and southern Nevada, looked mild compared to the rapidly rising sales price of homes.

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SMASH and grab



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Jack Gregory Perdomo, a third-grader from SMASH School, selects a pumpkin from the patch during the SMASH schools pumpkin and bake sale on Wednesday.



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

FEELING FLUSHED: Trash accumulates on the beach nearby the Pico/Kenter storm drain on Wednesday, prompting an emergency beach cleanup.

'First flush' renders the beach filthy

By Daily Press staff

SM BEACH — This year's "first flush" has rendered the beach a virtual toilet bowl, prompting Santa Monica-based nonprofit Heal the Bay to schedule an

unprecedented, emergency beach cleanup today.

The first significant rain of the season has fallen, which means thousands of pounds of trash that

See **CLEANUP**, page 10

SM lawsuit is music to whales' ears

BY TIM MOLLOY

Associated Press Writer

Santa Monica environmentalists filed suit against the U.S. Navy Wednesday, claiming that its most widely used form of sonar disturbs and even kills whales and dolphins, which sometimes beach themselves to escape the noise.

The new lawsuit by the Natural Resources Defense Council, located on Second Street in downtown Santa Monica, and other plaintiffs seeks a court order to curb mid-frequency sonar, the Navy's most common method of detecting enemy submarines.

The sonar "is capable of flooding thousands of square miles of

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



ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Speak your mind, especially when someone does the unexpected. At first you might be upset, but you'll gain tremendous insight as a result. A discussion with a child or loved one might be very serious. Think before you talk. Tonight: Swap jokes.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Investigate and think before you make a decision. Understand that there could be ramifications with plans or a long-term goal. You might wish money grew on trees, but as of now, it doesn't. Be open to caring. Tonight: Gather your bills.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might be on a roll, but someone certainly throws a curveball in your direction. Handle this situation with care. You might want an intense conversation or a clearing of the air. Your words will be heard. Tonight: Happy as a clam.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Take your time and don't force a conclusion in any issue. You might gain new information that tosses out yet another perspective on a key matter. Relating might not be as high of a priority as handling your budget and needs. Tonight: Get extra sleep. You will need it.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Aim for more of what you want, and you will get where you want to be. Your determined attitude goes far in clearing your path. Sometimes you have to work harder than usual for what you want. You might discover that this is the case right now. Tonight: Toss ideas around with friends.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might want to take a stronger stand with someone who often appears to be in charge. Your best bet is to chill out and watch what happens. You could find others acting strangely. You might be everyone's anchor. Tonight: Out as late as you need to be.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Sometimes you might decide that others are being unusually stiff or difficult with you. Could this really be? Some of you might want to wave goodbye to a difficult friend or association. Let things play out. Tonight: Detach and think about recent events.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Work with an associate who feels as if he or she has it together right now. You might find wild ideas exploding in your mind. Keep these flights of fancy to yourself, for now. Soon someone will find them valuable. Tonight: Let your imagination go.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Others seem to ask a lot of you. Requests come in from all directions. Be in touch with the unpredictability that surrounds you. Your job is to adjust and move through different situations. Others are in control right now. Tonight: Go along with plans.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might be able to listen to others and extract from their actions as well as their words what they are really communicating. Stay out of others' business, and keep your opinions to yourself. A partner could be tough. Tonight: Easy does it.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Handle a monetary surprise; remember, it doesn't have to be bad. Rather, be creative and work with what comes up. Your solution-finding skills peak once you decide to be positive. Yes, the glass is half-full. Tonight: Go into weekend mode.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You could be part of the reason instability and excitement surround you. Enjoy what is happening, but don't contribute to any problems. You need to be more mellow and focused. If you can, stay out of others' business. Tonight: Head home.



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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Walk it off for diabetes

By Daily Press staff

Cure diabetes by walking it off this weekend at Santa Monica Beach. Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is hosting a 5K Walk to Cure Diabetes on Sunday, Oct. 23, starting at 2600 Barnard Way.

Breakfast and registration begins at 8 a.m., with the walk going from 10 a.m. to noon.

The walk will raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, which funds innovative, cutting-edge diabetes research worldwide and is dedicated to finding a cure for juvenile diabetes, organizers said.

Each year, JDRF sponsors a walk to raise money for diabetes research. It has awarded more money for diabetes research than any other charitable organization — more than \$900 million since its founding in 1970, including more than \$98 million in 2005 alone, officials said.

This year, Van's International Waffles and Fabe's All Natural Bakery are partnering with the JDRF by offering a diabetes-friendly breakfast to walkers before the event.

Stick it to hunger this Sunday

By Daily Press staff

Once you've walked for diabetes as mentioned above, it's time to walk to end hunger.

On Sunday, Oct. 23, the Westside Food Bank will hold its 15th annual 5K Hunger Walk, focusing on the issue of local youth hunger. The event will take place at Santa Monica High School, 601 Pico Blvd. Pre-walk festivities and registration begin at 11:30 a.m. in the science quad, with the walk-a-thon beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Hot Dog on a Stick will be providing lunch for all walkers.

All proceeds benefit the Westside Food Bank, which provides food to more than 65 local social service agencies. Each month, the Westside Food Bank provides food that reaches more than 50,000 hungry people, nearly half of whom are children. Escalating costs for housing, healthcare, energy, and childcare are forcing more local people than ever before to seek food assistance to help make ends meet, organizers said.

Local need is currently rising five times faster than the level of food distribution. The event attempts to help close the gap between the need and the ability to meet it. The Westside Food Bank 5K Hunger Walk is dog-friendly.

Individuals, schools and organizations are invited to participate in the walk. For additional information or to register, call (310) 828-6016 x-18, or visit www.westsidefoodbankca.org.



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SURF REPORT

Almost all breaks are seeing soggy waist- to chest-high sets. West-facing breaks will increase some later in the day.

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HIGH TIDES

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TUESDAY	3:45	1.2	4:48	-0.4	9:58	6.5	11:04	4.4
WEDNESDAY	4:14	1.8	5:34	-0.3	10:28	6.3	N/A	N/A
THURSDAY	4:41	2.3	6:25	-0.1	12:00	3.9	11:00	6.1
FRIDAY	5:15	1.7	7:20	0.0	12:42	3.1	11:25	5.7

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City Council, by a 4-3 vote, approved an amendment which significantly raises developer "in lieu" fees, the mandated contribution to the city's affordable housing effort. In May, the city was found to have not kept its promises to voters that it would be consistent in the number of affordable housing units it produced.

Still, some feel it unfair to pass the costs on to developers, who will be required to pay quadruple, in some cases, what they previously had, and may dissuade them from doing business in the city.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know: "Was City Council correct in their assertion that higher developer fees will equal more affordable housing, or was the hike an unnecessary passing of the buck?"

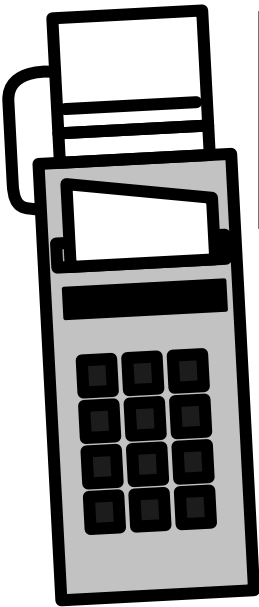
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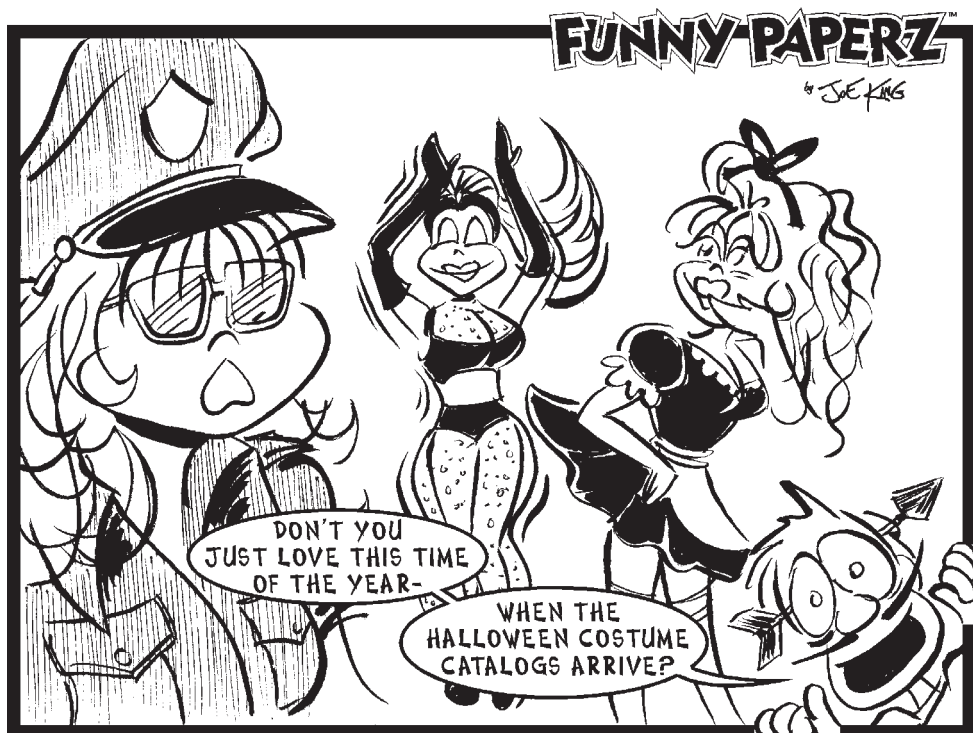
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OPINION



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Doing the crime, but serving little time

Editor:

This is in response to the article on the front page of the Santa Monica Daily Press dated Oct. 12, 2005. I am in disbelief that this teacher from a local high school, Mr. Mike Hearn, received so little time in prison after all that was reported to have happened to these three young girls. This former coach had numerous counts of inappropriate sexual behavior with minors and yet he received so little time behind bars. I believe he had nine felony counts against him and he gets only two years due to a plea bargain, where is the justice here?

It seems like these sex crimes are happening on a regular basis and those are just the ones which are reported. Who knows how many go unreported due to embarrassment or shame. It seems that these types of cases are always done on a plea bargain basis and the criminal gets a minimum sentence and is then let go to turn around and often times, do it again and we wonder why. Maybe our laws need to change so these criminals can get a firmer punishment. It just doesn't seem right after what he did to those girls for Mr. Hearn to receive only two years in prison and becomes a lifetime sex offender. I realize that this will be on his record for life but it doesn't seem to balance out the effects of what he did to those girls and what they will have to live with the rest of their lives.

In addition to this case, Santa Monica had another teacher, Mr. Carl Hammer who according to the paper was reported to have molested a young girl and who pleaded out as well. According to the paper, Mr. Hammer would have received several years in prison for his crime had he not pleaded out. It seems we need to ask ourselves how can the laws be changed so justice can be done properly for these horrible crimes and not just a slap on the wrist to protect our girls and boys and help him them safe.

Peggy Rumalda
Santa Monica

Hearn could have used a little support

Editor:

I would like to make a statement concerning the Santa Monica High School football coach (SMDP, Oct. 12, page 1). Michael Hearn has been in the community for a long time helping kids and teenagers, he has always been well liked, but there also was a lot of jealousy because parents in the community would go to Michael for help with their kid. If the kid was acting up at home or at school Michael Hearn was a person a lot of parents would call. There was never a kid Michael would not try and help. I feel bad for him that none of these parents came to his aid to at least tell their side of the story or to be a character reference. Everyone knows the character of the so-called victims but no one wants to come forward with this either. This coach was born and raised in Santa Monica and I think he deserved a little more support from the community and his peers.

Gail Lawson
Las Vegas

We have to tell Dubya when to cash in chips

NEWS ON THE EDGE

BY RON SCOTT SMITH



"So much of what is great about America is wrapped up in one big hug."

That's what the next justice to the Supreme Court of the United States, Ms. "Harry" Miers, said in June as she watched her mentor and idol, George W. Bush, wrap a big old Texas bear hug around a relative of another of his 2,000 soldiers who was killed in the Iraq War.

If it has been their master plan to seize and maintain power through the dumbing down of America — it appears to be a rousing success because they rule, and we're as stupid as a pet rock for allowing it. Harry was right over here in Malibu in May where she told Pepperdine Law School graduates, "Serving President Bush is an impossible-to-describe privilege. His vision ... and his hard work ... have made it possible for all of us in this room to participate in the great enterprise we know as the United States."

Now it is hard work, and George W. Bush has not been shy in reminding us of that. And it is accepted that the president has the right to nominate to the court a jurist of a similar philosophical bent. But throwing up a lap dog whose highest qualification appears to be that she was his personal lawyer and adores him may be pushing it.

When Harry met W. it must have been love at first sight. Like Dr. Evil's Frau Farbissina, Bush's Frau Miers appears to have his back from every angle. The presidential choke on Sept. 11, 2001, when the man she described as "the most brilliant I've ever known" sat frozen for seven minutes in front of a classroom of grade-schoolers, fully aware that his America was under attack, was spun by her into, "I was with him on Sept. 11, 2001. The nation witnessed a determined, strong leader who swiftly responded." Harriet, in long black robe, will stand by her man as this nation is dragged by the hair backwards into the '50s, every bit as stupid as a pet rock.

Meanwhile, the inner sanctum falls apart like a cheap suit all around the president. One of his staunchest allies, Tom DeLay, fellow Texan and House majority leader, is that no more, as he was forced to step down after being indicted twice in the same week on conspiracy and money-laundering charges. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) is under federal investigation for insider trading that if proven to be true, would make ex-con

Martha Stewart look like a petty shoplifter. And now, Bush's brain, Karl Rove, appears to be headed to jail for outing the identity of CIA operative Valerie Plame, putting hers and the lives of those she covertly operated with, in danger, because her husband brought forth information that got in the way of their slick, used-car-salesmanlike pitch for war.

The "Plamegate" scandal appears to have legs and may be walking directly to the front porch of the vice president, who is widely viewed as the master architect of the war and its phony pretense. Plus, he's got his hands full trying to explain his ascent to extravagant wealth on the backs of U.S. soldiers.

According to his own federal financial disclosure forms, Dick Cheney currently holds the following stock options in Halliburton, where all the kings horses and all the kings men couldn't put Iraq back together again — at mind-numbing profits:

- * 100,000 shares at \$54.50.
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The value of Cheney's stock options rose in value by 3281 percent in one year, the one year being the first year of Halliburton-led reconstruction of the nation he led us into war against.

Nine billion dollars are unaccounted for, but the stock options, which were worth \$241,498 before, are now valued at \$8,165,489.07. Who says war is bad business and a last resort? Somebody around here's stupid as a pet rock and it certainly does not appear to be Dick Cheney.

You want to talk about stupid hooking up with high irony yielding cosmic blunder? With all that we and the innocent citizens of Iraq have endured in this three-year madness, for all the blood flowing down the gutters of Baghdad, all the missing limbs, the families torn apart, what is the Bush-Cheney payoff to us, their gift to Iraq? How about a new constitution that declares in no uncertain terms Islam to be the absolute source of all law? Welcome to New Iraq. Iron the bertkas.

There's only so far stupid can go before stupid starts to get smart. It's some kind of unwritten law of the universe or else the universe would have no chance. Bush's approval rating is currently at an all-time record low for any president, ever.

We followed the leader to the table, backed him with a tall stack and let him play. He winked at us, told us he was holding aces. Turns out it's a three and a seven under there, and now we know it. He wants us to go all in and see the flop, but even his pet rocks are only so stupid. We fold.

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COMMENTARY



GUEST COMMENTARY BY SETH BARNES

Santa Monica Sooner claims his piece of pie

Across our nation a frenzied debate rages over the steady escalation of real estate prices. Will home values continue to rise? Is it too late to jump into the white-hot marketplace? Should I risk life, limb and pocketbook to squeeze every penny within reach into the first dilapidated shanty I can lay my hands on?

These questions resonate more loudly in the minds of renters like me. After all, there is no greater disgrace than missing an opportunity to leverage unbalanced market conditions into an insane amount of cash. At least that's what I've learned from watching TV.

This is where I stood at the beginning of last week. I couldn't pony up the cash for a piece of property on my own. I didn't want to bother with all the intricacies and obligations of owning a home. I wasn't exactly sure what property taxes consisted of, but I sure as hell didn't want to pay them.

I wanted in on the real estate boom without any of the annoying inconveniences.

So, like most lazy and unmotivated knuckleheads looking for an easy way out, I stumbled upon that shining beacon of redemption: A government handout.

While I've only lived here for a few months, it's clear that the city is as socially conscious and progressive as they come. Santa Monica clearly relishes extending assistance to the marginalized and dispossessed. If you're a disease-ravaged squirrel, a chronically homeless opiate abuser, or a daredevil bicyclist insistent on riding down traffic-choked thoroughfares, an activist group of some sort supports and genuinely believes in your cause.

I knew Santa Monica took care of its tenant population with its controversial rent control measures. And while I would have happily moved myself into an artificially deflated lease agreement, I found something better. To my extreme delight, Santa Monica also runs a "short-term" property acquisition program that I unwittingly became a part of on a recent Monday morning.

Heading out to my car to run an errand, I realized I had failed to move my car for street sweeping. A ticket was unceremoniously jammed under my windshield. I removed the ticket and glanced at the fine. I was stupefied at the amount: \$47. Now, it's possible that I'm a sheltered and naïve ignoramus, but I just couldn't see how a seemingly minor infraction could add up to nearly \$50. Of

course, the city needs to encourage residents to move their vehicles by setting a sufficiently punitive penalty, but wouldn't something on the order of \$20 do the trick? Did the small blip that my car forced the street sweeper to undertake really result in \$50 of hardship for the city? Most importantly: Was the sweeper really even doing anything other than churning the refuse and grime into the middle of the street?

It was perplexing.

It was out of character for a leftist, quixotic outpost like Santa Monica to raise the ceiling on fines to pay for a wide buffet of social programs and services. It seemed they were trying to weasel their way deep into the recesses of my pocketbook with a dinky street sweeping machine. It felt like a shake-down.

But as I opened the door and put the key in the ignition, a feeling of calm washed over me. My bitterness dissipated. I felt true peace and love for my fellow man. I smiled slightly and smelled something wholesome and familiar. Fresh baked bread, perhaps.

I was home. Secure in my own personal space. Utterly serene. It was as clear as a freshly swept patch of asphalt: I had just purchased an eight by five foot parcel of land from the city of Santa Monica for the low, low price of \$47. Granted, I only owned it from 10 a.m. to noon that morning. Granted, I had no official deed or title to the space, but the ticket clearly indicated that a green RAV 4 utility vehicle was occupying space on Sixth Street at 10:31 a.m. That sounded pretty ironclad to me.

So on the occasional Monday or Tuesday morning, you'll find me ensconced in my new digs. Sometimes I read the newspaper or take in a radio program. I usually have a steaming cup of coffee. Some day, I may set up a grill, fill a cooler with refreshments, and flip open the tailgate. You know, the whole shebang.

This is a happy story. Almost zero commitments are demanded of me. I can keep my responsibility dial tuned to "moderate." Santa Monica has a snappy way to pay for the social bloat that oozes from its balance sheet, and I have a method for trying out homeownership on a de facto basis.

That's what I call synergy.

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STATE

Governor keeps space between him and Bush

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
AP Political Writer

LOS ANGELES — At the Republican National Convention last year, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger couldn't say enough good things about President Bush. But lately, it looks like he's trying to avoid him.

The president will visit California this week for the second time since August, but he and the Republican governor are not expected to see each other — in public or private — for the second consecutive time.

With the Nov. 8 special election looming, Schwarzenegger is trying to court independents and Democrats to support a string of his ballot proposals — two groups of voters that polls show loath the Republican president.

"Unless President Bush is coming to California to hand over a check from the federal government to help us with the financial challenges we face, the visit seems ill timed," said Karen Hanretty, a spokeswoman for the state Republican Party.

Sherry Bebitch Jeffe, a political scientist at the University of Southern California, said the president could turn off voters Schwarzenegger needs to supplement his Republican base on Election Day. Polls have shown some of the proposals lagging at a time when the governor's own popularity has hit an all-time low.

Schwarzenegger's office has told the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley he will not attend Friday's dedication ceremony for an exhibit featuring a Boeing 707 that carried seven presidents. The governor is also skipping a Republican National Committee fundraiser at a private home in Los Angeles on Thursday. Bush will be at both events.

"We have a very busy campaign schedule," said Todd Harris, a spokesman for Schwarzenegger's campaign.

The governor is pushing ballot initiatives that would cap state spending, strip lawmakers of the power to draw political boundaries, lengthen the probationary period for teachers from two years to five and force public employee unions, such as those representing teachers, firefighters and prison guards, to seek written permission from members before using dues for political purposes.

Bush last made a swing through the state in August, when he stopped in Rancho Cucamonga and San Diego. Schwarzenegger was conspicuously absent.

It's no secret that California is not Bush country. The president lost the state to Democrat John Kerry in the 2004 presidential race and to Vice President Al Gore in 2000.

Recent polls also show Bush's job approval ratings, nationally, are at an all-time low, his image battered by the war in Iraq and the government's slow response to Hurricane Katrina. Meanwhile, a grand jury is investigating whether a crime was committed when presidential adviser Karl Rove, fellow White House aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby and possibly others in government leaked information blowing the cover of covert CIA officer Valerie Plame, the wife of Bush administration critic Joseph Wilson.

Schwarzenegger had nothing but praise for Bush at the 2004 GOP convention, when he called him "a leader who doesn't flinch, doesn't waver, does not back down." But no one would call them close — they disagree over abortion rights, illegal immigration and stem cell research, among other issues.

While Schwarzenegger is keeping his distance from Bush, he campaigned last week with Sen. John McCain, the Arizona Republican known for his crossover appeal.

The White House did not return a phone call Tuesday afternoon, but one Republican leader said Bush's visit would generate enthusiasm among Republicans, which could help Schwarzenegger's campaign.

"I don't see any negative," said state Senate Minority Leader Dick Ackerman, R-Tustin.

Schwarzenegger's absence from the library would be striking because the governor has described Reagan as a role model and Schwarzenegger and his wife, Maria Shriver, are friendly with the late president's widow, Nancy Reagan.

But Schwarzenegger has also shown a willingness to skip events that other governors might consider mandatory. Last month, he turned down an invitation to attend opening ceremonies at the University of California, Merced, the first UC campus to be built in four decades.



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Renters remaining as home prices skyrocket

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For instance, apartments in Los Angeles and Orange counties rented for a monthly average of \$1,441, the highest of any market covered by RealFacts. That represented a 6.3 percent increase from the region's average apartment rent a year ago.

In contrast, a mid-priced home in Los Angeles County sold for \$494,000 in September, a 21 percent increase from a year ago, according to DataQuick Information Systems, another real estate research firm. In Orange County, a mid-priced home sold for \$610,000 in September, a 14 percent increase from last year, DataQuick said.

The situation is similar in the Las Vegas metropolitan market, where the average apartment rent last month stood at \$813, a 6.1 percent increase from last year. Through June, the average home

price in the Las Vegas market had increased by 27 percent, according to federal mortgage regulators.

The only other major Western markets where apartment rents have increased by more than 4 percent were both in Southern California. In Riverside and San Bernardino counties, the average rent increased 6 percent to \$1,061. In Fresno, the average rent rose 4.7 percent to \$738.

The only markets where apartment rents fell were Colorado Springs, Colo., down 2.2 percent to \$710; and Tucson, Ariz., down 0.3 percent to \$617, the lowest rent among the Western markets surveyed by RealFacts.

While buying a home has been a lot more expensive than renting recently, the owners have been enjoying substantial gains — on paper at least — on their investments. Many economists are convinced that trend will change as interest

Average rents in major Western markets

By The Associated Press

Average rents in major Western markets:
Metropolitan area: average Sept. 30 rent, percent change from previous year.
Los Angeles/Orange counties: \$1,441, +6.3 percent
Ventura County: \$1,345, +3.3 percent
San Francisco/Oakland: \$1,339, +2.1 percent
San Jose, Calif.: \$1,313, +2.0 percent
San Diego: \$1,251, +3.2 percent

San Bernardino/Riverside counties: \$1,061, +6.0 percent
Sacramento, Calif.: \$923, +2.1 percent
Seattle: \$901, +3.2 percent
Denver: \$849, no change
Las Vegas: \$813, +6.1 percent
Reno, Nev.: \$806, +3.7 percent
Portland: \$747, +0.9 percent
Phoenix: \$741, +3.3 percent
Fresno County, Calif.: \$738, +4.7 percent
Colorado Springs: \$710, -2.2 percent
Boise, Idaho: \$704, +1.3 percent
Salt Lake City: \$674, +0.9 percent
Albuquerque: \$663, +1.7 percent
Tucson, Ariz.: \$617, -0.3 percent

rates rise, squeezing homeowners with adjustable mortgages and eventually causing housing prices to decline as demand dries up.

If that happens, "some people could look really smart for having remained renters," said Chris Bates, a RealFacts spokesman.

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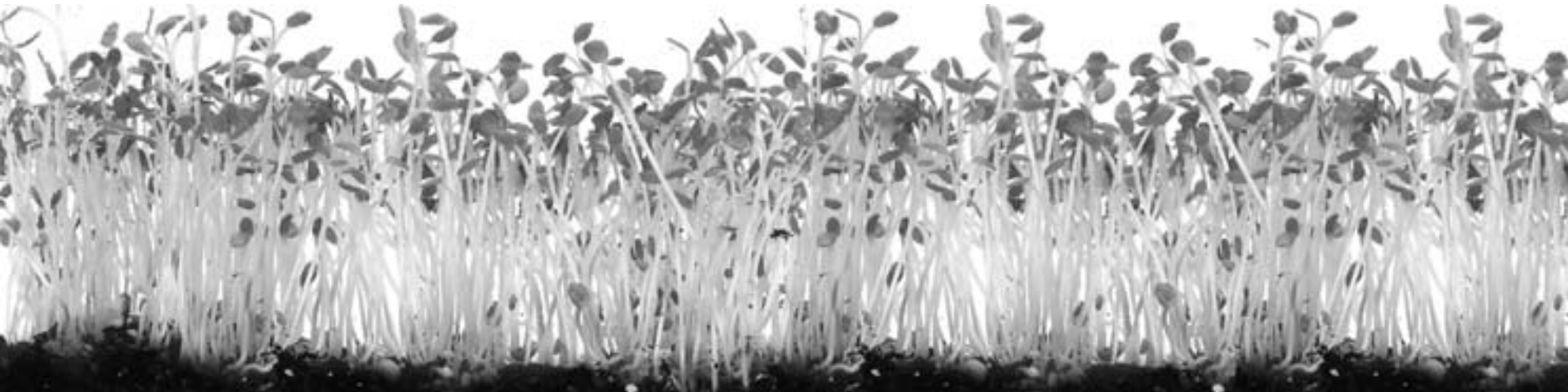
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American Film Market ready to roll into SM

By Daily Press staff

A record 529 films are confirmed to screen at the 26th American Film Market — to be held the first week of November in Santa Monica — including a record 382 market premieres, said Jonathan Wolf, executive vice president of Independent Film & Television Alliance and managing director of AFM.

In addition, 45 films represented at the AFM are official selections at AFI FEST presented by Audi, including 43 of the festival's 70 narrative features, and two of its 17 feature documentaries.

"This record breaking market is a testament to the strength of the independent film business around the world," said Wolf. "The 45 films at both the AFM and AFI FEST show that the industry sees tremendous value in our festival-market alliance."

A record 410 exhibitors will take part in the 2005 AFM, making it the largest market in the event's history. Exhibitors will come from 33 countries, also a record. The 410 exhibitors represent a 15 percent increase from the 356 companies that exhibited at the November 2004 AFM, officials said. The increase is across-the-board, with 24 countries showing an increase in exhibiting companies.

There are 35 languages represented amongst the 529 films, also a record. A selection of notable titles screening at the AFM include:

"American Gun" with Donald Sutherland and Marcia Gay Harden (Pathé Pictures International) (U.S.); "Ask the Dust" with Colin Farrell and Salma Hayek (Capitol Films) (U.K.); "Brooklyn Rules" with Freddie Prinze, Jr. and Mena Suvari (KMI) (U.S.); "Conversations with other Women" with Helena Bonham Carter and Aaron Eckhart (Fabrication Films) (U.S.); "Ellie Parker" with Naomi Watts and Chevy Chase (Dream Entertainment) (U.S.); and "Fierce People" with Diane Lane and Donald Sutherland (Lions Gate Films) (U.S.).

The full list of films being screened along with cast, director and synopses appears on the AFM Web site www.americanfilmmarket.com. For additional information on the festival please visit www.AFI.com

The AFM is the world's largest motion picture trade event. The AFM is a global marketplace where more than \$500 million in motion picture, and television production and distribution deals are closed annually. Each year, more than 7,000 industry professionals converge in Santa Monica for eight days of deal making, screenings, seminars, networking and hospitality. Participants come from more than 70 countries, and include leaders in motion picture and television production and distribution, directors, agents, writers, lawyers, bankers, festival directors, film commissioners and trade groups.

The AFM is produced by the Independent Film & Television Alliance (IFTA), the trade association representing the world's producers and distributors of independent motion pictures and television programs.

In 2004, the AFM moved to November and established a strategic alliance with AFI FEST, creating the only festival-market combination in North America. Officials say that the alliance has successfully resulted in a unique combination of commerce and culture. AFI FEST runs Nov. 3-13.

For more information on the AFM, visit www.americanfilmmarket.com.

What's a film without some snacks?

By Daily Press staff

Kitchen Academy has announced its new alliance with American Film Institute Fest 2005.

Now in its 19th year, AFI FEST 2005 will run from Nov. 3-13, 2005 at ArcLight Hollywood, also home of the Kitchen Academy. Kitchen Academy will focus on creating one of the supporting roles of the festival — the food.

Kitchen Academy will host events for AFI FEST 2005 in its new facility located in the ArcLight Hollywood complex. Academy students will create and serve food to festival patrons. During the day, Kitchen Academy is the location for the AFI FEST'S Kodak CONNECT program, where visiting filmmakers meet with representatives from all corners of the film community within an intimate and intensive framework of one-on-one meetings. In the evening, Kitchen Academy turns into a green room for the festival's gala events and special screenings.

Kitchen Academy is a new culinary training program where students concentrate solely on hands-on cooking and baking skills. The program has been designed by chefs and has been developed to allow students to earn their professional culinary arts diploma in as little as 30 instructional weeks.

Upon completion of the program, the graduate should be qualified to work in an entry-level position in the culinary or hospitality industries. Today, the food industry is a \$476 billion industry and is the largest employer next to the government, employing 12.2 million and growing, according to the National Restaurant Association 2005 Restaurant Industry Forecast.

Get a head start, plan for tax season right now



MARKET MATTERS

BY BRIAN HEPP

Now is the time to get a jump-start in the annual race to reduce your tax bill. While tax time is not for a few more months, it's not too early to begin thinking about strategies that can help you take control of your tax bill.

Consider gifting appreciated securities. With long-term capital gain taxes at a maximum 15 percent rate until 2008, the tax bite is considerably less when you sell securities at a profit. The tax cost could be even less if you gift appreciated securities to family members in the 10 percent and 15 percent tax brackets because they currently enjoy a 5 percent rate on long-term capital gains as long as they remain in those brackets.

For example, if a child or grandchild is in the 15 percent tax bracket and the eventual sale qualifies for long-term capital gain treatment, you may want to gift the securities to the child or grandchild. If he or she sells them — perhaps for college education expenses — for example, the gain will be taxed at only 5 percent.

You'll also want to think about gifting long-term appreciated securities to philanthropic organizations. By gifting securities instead of cash to the charity, you don't incur the capital gains tax liability you would if you sold the securities yourself. In addition, you may be able to take a charitable deduction for the fair market value of the securities on the date of your gift.

Don't get caught by the wash sale rule. As you know, you can use capital losses to offset capital gains and reduce your tax burden on securities you sell. However, before you do this, it is important to understand the wash sale rule. This comes into play when your goal is to maintain your position in a security but recognize a capital loss in that same security. To do so, you might consider selling the position — and realizing the capital loss — and buying the same security. That's where things get tricky.

The wash sale rule does not allow a tax loss if you buy the same or substantially identical security within 30 calendar days before or after the trade date — a total period of 61 days. This rule is designed to ensure you take the risk of being out of the

market in that security to claim a tax loss.

To avoid the wash sale rule, many investors take advantage of a strategy called "doubling up." Before selling your loss position, you purchase the amount of shares you want to own. You then wait until 31 calendar days after the trade date to sell your original position, creating the loss. The last day to double up this year is Nov. 29 to claim a loss in your 2005 return.

Take your required minimum distributions. Once you reach age 70, you must take required minimum distributions from your traditional IRAs and qualified employer-sponsored retirement plans, such as 401(k) plans. If you fail to take these distributions, withdraw less than you are required to or miss your deadline, you could be subject to a 50 percent IRS penalty on the difference between the amount you should have withdrawn and what you actually withdrew.

These distributions must be taken by Dec. 31 each year. An exception to this rule applies only to your first distribution, which you can postpone until April 1 of the year after you turn 70.

Now is the time to meet with your financial consultant and your tax advisor to discuss strategies to help you better prepare for tax season.

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The great empire rolling over

THE WEEKLY RECKONING

BY BILL BONNER



The War on Terror now costs \$7 billion per month. Rebuilding New Orleans costs about \$16 billion per month. A billion here, a billion there ... pretty soon you're talking about real money ... which is just what the empire does not have. It only has make-believe money — credit, offered by the kindness of strangers in strange places.

What we think we are witnessing, dear reader, is this: A great empire is rolling over. That empire got its start with steam engines and mechanized looms. It managed to parley its "early mover" advantage from industrialization into an imperial asset. It could produce more weapons and more machines — and the oil to run them — than any of its competitors.

But the great Anglo-Saxon empire rests on commerce more than outright conquest. Until the mid-1970s, it paid the costs of imperial order with the profits from its factories.

Those profits have now disappeared.

Over the weekend, another little milestone was passed — the \$23 billion giant auto-parts supplier, Delphi, went broke. An MSNBC report explains:

"As the auto industry has gone global, U.S. automakers — saddled with high-cost labor contracts negotiated in more prosperous times — now find themselves pitted against leaner overseas rivals.

"Delphi's bankruptcy filing, which became more likely as the Oct. 17 deadline loomed, nonetheless sent shockwaves

through the industry. The company's management has said operations won't be affected. And the complicated three-way talks between Delphi, the United Auto Workers and General Motors will continue. At stake is billions of dollars owed Delphi's work force, including wages, benefits and pension payments — some of which GM agreed to take on when it spun off Delphi to fend for itself."

Of course, Delphi's 185,000 employees will be the ones holding the short end of the stick in this situation. They can expect major wage cuts and an elimination of a "jobs bank" that gives full pay to 4,000 laid-off workers.

The report continues, "Delphi's retirees face similar cuts if the company follows the lead of steel companies and airlines that have successfully used the bankruptcy courts to offload their pension obligations to the federal Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, an agency set up in 1974 that is funded by contributions from premiums paid by companies. Once the agency takes over a pension plan, workers receive only part of their benefits.

"The PBGC itself is on a rocky financial footing, in part because of chronic under-funding of older, so-called 'defined benefit' pension plans in favor of pay-as-you-go 401(k) retirement savings plans, which don't leave employers with long-term obligations to pay retirees.

"As of the start of this year, the PBGC

was under-funded by some \$23 billion. A report last month by the General Accountability Office estimated that gap will swell to \$87 billion over the next decade. If the PBGC continues to shoulder the cost of more failed pension plans dumped by ailing companies, those liabilities could hit \$119 billion in 15 years and \$142 billion within two decades, the GAO report said."

With no longer a commercial advantage to sustain the empire, the whole apparatus of world domination now rests on debt. America now borrows from (still communist) China to keep its bourgeoisie living in luxury and fantasy.

As the kids say in their text messages: LOL.

Readers less hip than your editor may require a translation. LOL originated as "laugh out loud," Henry explains. Now its used to mean 'ha ha' or 'wow' or almost anything.

So you see, dear reader, you do learn something from The Daily Reckoning, after all.

But let's get back to money ...

"Even if you are right," you might object. "Let's say the Anglo-Saxon empire really is peaking out. Isn't that just too 'big picture' to be useful? What point is there to such an insight?"

The answer is: We don't know. But we have long ago given up the habit of trying to guess about tomorrow's stock prices. Even going out a year or two, we still have a very spotty forecasting record.

And yet, we think we can see broad patterns in history — like the ocean currents, long and slow, viewed from outer space — that inevitably and ineluctably float the trash in a certain direction. America was a very good bet in 1900. Is it a good bet now? We don't know. All the

promise that the country held 100 years ago now appears to be fully realized and fully ... or even over-fully ... priced.

But wait, you protest. Isn't it exactly the same country ... with same people ... with the same constitution ... the same commercial energy ... the same can-do spirit?

It is certainly the same in form but perhaps not in substance. Today's big corporations are rarely run by risk-taking entrepreneurs. Instead, they're in the hands of professional functionaries, pension funds, and fund managers.

A glimpse of one of these men appeared in the weekend paper. Mario Gabelli, a regular at Barron's Roundtable, and his family has been accused of "looting the assets of the company, breaching (their) fiduciary duties to the shareholders and oppressing its minority shareholders." Family members allegedly took out hundreds of millions of dollars in salary and "management" fees.

Gabelli stands accused by one of his largest investors. Can you imagine what small mom-and-pop lumpeninvestors get? Is it any wonder that America's mommas no longer want their sons to grow up and be cowboy entrepreneurs? Instead, they help them to be financiers, and managers and lawyers, oh my.

America has grown old and decadent, along with its leading corporations. The voters still vote. But who really cares what they vote for? The empire has a life of its own ... a destiny to be fulfilled ... a banana peel to slip on. The people vote, but it is the custodians, the managers and politicians who run the great empire who get the loot.

(For more commentary and analysis from Bill Bonner and other writers, visit www.dailyreckoning.com)

The burden of debt can weigh heavy on retirement plans

BY JASON VANCLEF

Special to the Daily Press

When most people think about credit card debt, they picture struggling college students and young couples.

Still, retirees and baby boomers have become the fastest growing segment with debt problems. Many older people have been forced into a cycle of debt due to a lack of health insurance, increased medical costs, stock market volatility, eroding pensions, reduced income and even the death of a spouse.

Many experts believe the numbers will only continue to rise as retirement funds fall short and the cost of living continues to spiral higher. According to a 2004 study conducted by the Demos research and advocacy organization, nearly one-third of Americans age 65 and older carry credit card balances. Between 1992 and 2001, credit card debt among indebted retirees increased by 89 percent to \$4,041.

This trend is not surprising when you

consider a credit card industry that has increased its marketing and lowered credit standards. Today, anyone can get a credit card regardless of their income or credit history. Older Americans are finding themselves in this situation not due to frivolity, but because they are simply trying to make ends meet on fixed incomes. The same Demos study showed that 40 percent of their income is spent on debt payments, including mortgage debt. Cash flow is just not keeping pace with the cost of living, particularly with the rising cost of health care and prescription drugs.

Everyone wants to live a comfortable retirement, free from the struggle of credit card debt. If you find yourself in a situation where your debt is unmanageable, the following are four debt-management strategies that can help you get out of the red.

■ Look into a reverse mortgage. This special type of loan converts home equity into cash for homeowners age 62 and older. The money can be received on a monthly basis, as a lump sum payment or

can be used as a credit line. The loan does not have to be paid back during the homeowner's lifetime, so long as they continue to live in the home. As an added benefit, the loan is not taxable and does not affect Social Security or Medicare benefits.

■ Give yourself a loan with your life insurance policy. A cash-surrender loan is a viable option for people holding a permanent life insurance policy with cash value. A life insurance policy has an amount of cash available should the policy be canceled before the benefits become payable. A policyholder can take up to 96 percent of the cash value available in the form of a loan that does not have to be paid back.

■ Consolidate your credit cards. There are many consolidation loans available that offer lower interest rates and allow you to lower your payments or apply more toward the principal. Counselors are available to help you choose the best option to repair your credit and pay off your debt faster.

■ Think twice before tapping into

your savings. If you are fortunate to still have money in savings, it may not be wise to use those funds to pay off credit card debt. If your money is in a long-term savings vehicle such as an annuity or CD, you may be better off letting that money grow at a higher interest rate. Although, if your credit cards are accruing interest at a higher rate than what you are earning, it may make more sense to use a portion of your savings toward your debt. Just remember, you should always have some emergency money on hand.

Once your credit card debt is under control, your No. 1 concern should be saving for retirement. It's never too early or too late to start. If retirement seems out of your grasp because of credit card debt, it might help to talk with a professional who can give you advice specific to your situation. He or she can help you develop a long-term savings plan so you can enjoy your golden years.

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Lawsuit blames marine deaths on Navy sonar

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ocean with dangerous levels of noise pollution” according to the lawsuit, filed in federal court in Los Angeles.

The Navy settled a similar lawsuit two years ago by agreeing to limit the peacetime use of experimental low-frequency sonar to specific areas along the eastern seaboard of Asia.

At a news conference, NRDC attorney Joel Reynolds said the group recognized the Navy’s need to detect enemies but wants sonar used more carefully. He noted that the lawsuit seeks limits on sonar during training exercises, not in war.

“Our position is that whales shouldn’t have to die for practice,” he said. “The Navy refuses to use common-sense precautions in its training practices.”

The environmentalists want the Navy to use harmless passive sonar to locate mammals before using mid-frequency sonar. They also want the Navy to avoid migration and calving areas and to intensify sonar signals gradually so the animals have time to flee.

Navy spokesman Lt. William Marks said the Navy already is doing many of the things demanded in the suit.

“The Navy is firmly committed to the protection of Marine mammals and goes to great lengths to mitigate its potential effects on marine wildlife,” he said.

The service already avoids training in areas that have large populations of whales and dolphins, looks for marine mammals in the area before exercises, and

stops active sonar operations when there is a risk of harm, Marks said.

The lawsuit blames the Navy for the January stranding and deaths of at least 37 whales on North Carolina’s Outer Banks after a mid-frequency sonar exercise. The Navy said it was unlikely the whales were harmed by sonar because the exercises were too far away.

The NRDC sued the federal government in a New York federal court in June, seeking documents about the mass stranding and other marine mammal deaths.

The new lawsuit also cites a May 2003 case in which orcas behaved erratically and porpoises were found dead in northern Puget Sound following exercises by the USS Shoup, a Navy guided-missile destroyer.

A National Marine Fisheries Service report found that sonar near the San Juan Islands was likely loud enough to send the killer whales fleeing.

The Navy said they probably were not affected by the sonar.

In 2000, sonar tests in the Bahamas apparently caused the deaths of eight whales, though that incident involved multiple vessels and a closed area where animals could not flee.

Necropsies revealed hemorrhaging around the cetaceans’ brains and ear bones — injuries consistent with exposure to loud noise.

Marks said the Navy acknowledged responsibility for the Bahamas incident but said its sonar has not been linked to any harm of marine mammals in the past four years.

Heal the Bay makes the call for volunteers to clean beach

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had clogged the storm drain system since the last big storm has now emptied onto the beaches and into the oceans. The areas around the Pico/Kenter storm drain are particularly bad, said Heal the Bay spokesman Chris Schmidt.

“We are trying to get as many people out there to clean up trash as possible

before it harms marine life,” Schmidt said.

Organizers are asking people to help clean up from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Volunteers should meet at the Pico/Kenter storm drain, located at the end of Pico Boulevard between Shutters Hotel and Casa Del Mar.

Participants are asked to use parking lot 4S, which is just south of Pico Boulevard. A guide will be on hand with parking passes.

Officials discover leak at City Hall

By Daily Press staff

CITY HALL — Crews here had to move swiftly this week when water started to seep into the basement of the government’s oldest building.

Workers on Monday swiftly contained the mini-flood in City Hall’s basement where the voice mail server is located. The water was never more than one-inch deep and voice mail service was never interrupted, said City Hall spokeswoman Judy Franz.

Construction crews, who were grading the vacant lot behind City Hall, accidentally cracked four abandoned conduits that had been capped off when the old Santa Monica Police building was demolished

earlier this year. When it began to rain, the water went through the pipes and into City Hall’s basement.

“During the rough grading, unbeknownst to anyone, the capped conduits were evidently scraped and cracked and that’s where the water leaked in,” Franz said in an e-mail message. “We were able to quickly find the source of the leak and recap the conduits at the break points.”

The former police headquarters was demolished earlier this year after personnel moved into the new Public Safety Building. The area behind City Hall will be a landscaped courtyard open to the public, which is expected to be ready by the beginning of next year.

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Signer of \$1M check still eludes authorities

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deputy city attorney.

However, Schachtner wouldn't comment on the terms of the settlement until all parties sign off on it.

The lawsuit was originally filed in early 2002 by First National Bank of Colorado, which cashed the check, against Denver-based Robert W. Baird & Co. and Bank of America — the bank handling Los Angeles County's account — to determine who is liable for the cashing of the fraudulent check.

Amy L. Nutter, public relations coordinator for Robert W. Baird & Co., said the case is in mediation and a resolution appears imminent.

First National Bank of Colorado didn't comment.

Robert W. Baird & Co. had asked the lawsuit be delayed until US Postal Inspectors completed their investigation and found the culprits. However, the culprits were never found and the judge felt the result of the investigation would not change the liability of cashing an unendorsed check.

Schachtner has previously described the matter as an "open and shut case," confident City Hall would receive its money.

Thomas M. Tyrell, the L.A. County attorney handling the case, said the banks would have an uphill battle in court trying

to prove the money belongs with them. They would have had to show the county or the city were directly at fault for the check being cashed. According to Tyrell, the evidence didn't suggest that.

Santa Monica first noticed the money was missing when it conducted a routine audit at the end of the 2001 budget. The same audit shows that two other checks totaling \$67,000 from the MTA are also missing and are presumed stolen.

Renee Focht, public information officer for the U.S. Postal Service's Los Angeles investigation division, said no suspects have been identified in the case, which remains open.

Postal inspector Mike McCarthy, who initially handled the case, said the theft of the \$1 million check may be the work of an international ring that pays for unendorsed checks. The person unconnected to the ring steals the check and is given either a percentage of the check's amount or a flat fee. Then, the network of criminals finds a way to cash the check.

Focht wouldn't comment as to whether or not the U.S. Postal Service still believes an international ring may be responsible.

In the case of Big Blue Bus' check, the thieves did all of their banking electronically. The account set-up at Robert W. Baird & Co. was in the name of "Big Blue Bus Tours" and the signature card on file is the forged signature of John Catoe, the

Road to ruin



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Firefighters clean up following a two-car accident at the intersection of Santa Monica Boulevard and Ocean Avenue on Wednesday. The driver of a Mercedes SUV, traveling southbound on Ocean Avenue, collided with a Honda headed northbound on Ocean Avenue, while attempting to turn left onto Santa Monica Boulevard. The driver of the Mercedes was treated for a minor hand injury at a local hospital.

Big Blue Bus' former director.

McCarthy advised when sending large sums of money through the postal system to send it via registered mail. Though it may take a little longer to arrive at its destination, anyone who handles the envelope has to sign for it.

Los Angeles County collects sales taxes earmarked for mass transportation

and divides them among all the bus and rail operators throughout the county. Those checks, which tend to be six and seven figures, are routinely sent first-class through the postal system.

And while the county maintains sending large checks through the mail is completely safe, they have begun depositing large sums electronically for the Big Blue Bus.

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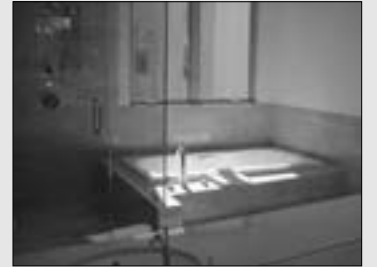


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DOD official: U.S. could be bigger world player

BY SARAH COOKE
Associated Press Writer

BOZEMAN, Mont. — The United States could become the new Middle East of the energy world if it took greater advantage of its vast resources of coal, oil shale and petroleum coke, a Defense Department official said Wednesday at a Western energy conference here.

The nation depends too much on foreign oil and other resources, said Ted Barna, assistant deputy undersecretary for the DOD. That's not only troubling to consumers, but also the U.S. military, which uses about 300,000 barrels of fuel each day to power its tanks, ships and fighter jets, he said.

A lack of fuel or expensive fuel could impede the military's overseas deployments and cut into its security missions, Barna said.

"We're very concerned about this energy security issue and that we, in the (future), won't have the energy we need to do our tasks without being coerced by governments who say if you do that then we

won't sell you fuel," he told about 700 people attending the energy conference organized by Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer.

Barna first spoke with Schweitzer about using coal-to-liquid fuels technology and other alternative fuels in easing the military's fuel shortage concerns last year, partly spurring Schweitzer's push for a coal-to-liquids plant in eastern Montana.

Barna, a retired military fighter pilot from Texas, said the military is working toward cleaner and ideally more domestic fuel in its vehicles by 2010 or 2011. Since 2003, defense officials have worked with the Department of Energy to create a national initiative to develop, test, certify and use jet fuels produced from coal, oil shale, biomass and petroleum coke, a byproduct of the oil refining process.

"We need clean energy and we need it now," Barna said. "We in the DOD need it as soon as you can make it."

He called on the federal and state governments, energy companies and others to help make the program a reality through loan guarantees, tax credits, fuel contracts and other initiatives.

National Park Service backs off guidelines nixing preservation

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The National Park Service has backed off of a proposed new management policy that critics said would have shifted the agency's priorities toward recreational use of the parks and away from preservation.

The agency released a draft proposal for revising its management policy Tuesday, scrapping one that had been criticized by environmentalists and some of its own employees.

The previous draft, authored by Assistant Deputy Interior Secretary Paul Hoffman earlier this year, proposed softened guidelines on what activities are allowed in parks. Hoffman's proposal placed more emphasis on recreational use of the parks, the groups said.

Hoffman's draft would have expanded the use of snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles on federal land. And it proposed that in order for activities to be prohibited in parks, they must be something that "irreversibly" harms the parks instead of only harming them.

Park Service officials said the new draft would leave current snowmobile and off-road regulations in place, and the word "irreversibly" has been removed.

Environmentalists said Tuesday they were still going through the new document, which is more than 200 pages long. But most said they were cautiously optimistic that the new guidelines would be closer to current regulations and not as damaging to public lands as the Hoffman draft.

"On the surface it appears that the pri-

mary mission of the National Park Service, protection, has been restored in the new draft," said Robert Arnberger of The Coalition of National Park Service Retirees.

The Park Service will receive comments on the policy for 90 days. Agency Director Fran Mainella said the changes will clarify the agency's policy in light of increased population pressures on parks, new technology and a desire for increased civic engagement and public involvement.

"We are trying to do things in a more businesslike way," Mainella said.

The policy changes were drafted by both political appointees and career agency employees, Mainella said. Officials said many of the changes would give more leeway to individual park managers, clarify how the agency approaches public-private partnerships and increase public involvement in agency decisions.

Kristen Brengel of The Wilderness Society says there is still confusion in the environmental community over why Park Service policy needed to be revised at all. The new policy should be compared to current regulations and not the Hoffman proposal, she says.

Sen. Ken Salazar of Colorado, a Democrat, said he would review the changes with a watchful eye.

"In light of the recent Hoffman re-write of the National Park Service management policies, I will be carefully reviewing this new document with an eye toward the long-term preservation of the nation's parks," he said Tuesday.

The new policy will be reviewed by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources national parks subcommittee on Nov. 1.

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Saddam blasting judge, scuffling with security

BY HAMZA HENDAWI

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A defiant Saddam Hussein pleaded innocent to charges of murder and torture as his long-awaited trial began Wednesday with the one-time dictator arguing about the legitimacy of the court and scuffling with guards.

The first session of the trial lasted about three hours, and the judge ordered an adjournment until Nov. 28.

Saddam and his seven co-defendants could face the death penalty if convicted for the 1982 massacre of nearly 150 Shiites in the town of Dujail. They are being tried in the former headquarters of Saddam's Baath Party.

After presiding judge Rizgar Mohammed Amin, a Kurd, read the defendants their rights and the charges against them he asked each for their plea. He started with the 68-year-old ousted dictator, saying "Mr. Saddam, go ahead. Are you guilty or innocent?"

Saddam replied quietly, "I said what I said. I am not guilty," referring to his arguments earlier in the session.

Amin read out the plea, "Innocent."

The confrontation then became physical. When a break was called, Saddam stood, smiling, and asked to step out of the room. When two guards tried to grab his arms to escort him out, he angrily shook them off.

They tried to grab him again, and Saddam struggled to free himself. Saddam and the guards shoved each other and yelled for about a minute.

It ended with Saddam getting his way, and he was allowed to walk independently, with the two guards behind him, out of the room for the break.

Many Iraqis and others across the Middle East were glued to their television sets to watch the first-ever criminal trial of an Arab leader.

The proceedings were aired with about a 20-minute delay on state-run Iraqi television and on satellite stations across Iraq and the Arab world. Technical quality was poor, with the sound cutting out frequently and the picture going blank several times.

A too-busy President Bush did not watch, even as the White House hailed the trial as a key step in Iraq's transition to a functioning democracy.

"Saddam Hussein is facing Iraqi justice," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said. "The trial is a symbol that the rule of law is returning to Iraq. We hope this trial will help bring some closure for the Iraqi people to their country's dark past."

Neighboring Iran, which fought a 1980-88 war with Iraq, welcomed the trial's start but said Saddam should be

charged with invading Iran.

The panel of five judges will both hear the case and render a verdict in what could be the first of several trials of Saddam for atrocities during his 23-year-rule.

The identities of the judges have been a tightly held secret to ensure their safety, though Amin's name was revealed just before the trial began. The courtroom camera repeatedly focused on him, without showing the others.

Earlier, at the opening of the trial, the ousted Iraqi leader stood and asked the presiding judge: "Who are you? I want to know who you are."

"I do not respond to this so-called court, with all due respect to its people, and I retain my constitutional right as the president of Iraq," he said, brushing off the judge's attempts to interrupt him. "Neither do I recognize the body that has designated and authorized you, nor the aggression because all that has been built on false basis is false."

He wrote notes on a yellow pad throughout the hearing.

Amin, a Kurd, tried to get Saddam to formally identify himself but Saddam refused and finally sat. Amin read his name for him, calling him the "former president of Iraq," bringing a protest from Saddam, who insisted he was still in the post.

Later, Amin read the defendants their rights and then read the charges, which are the same for all, and told them they face possible execution if convicted. The chief prosecutor, Jaafar al-Mousawi, then began outlining the case against the men.

Near the end of the session, Saddam's lawyer, Khalil al-Dulaimi, asked for the names of the witnesses who will testify for the prosecution. Amid said al-Dulaimi could ask the prosecutors for the names but did not say if he would order them handed over.

Al-Dulaimi then asked for an adjournment of between 45 and 90 days. The judge set Nov. 28 for the trial to resume.

Saddam and his fellow defendants were ushered into the courtroom to their places directly in front of the panel of judges. They were seated in three rows inside a pen made of white iron slats, a scene that made them look more like worshippers in the pews of an Anglican church.

The bars, neck high as the men sat on black chairs, rose as a symbol of their status as some of the most-wanted criminals in the world and the kind of obstructed view of the world they will have for the rest of their lives.

Starting the session, Amin called the defendants into the room one by one. Saddam was the last to enter, escorted by

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Saddam goes to trial amid the Green Zone

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two Iraqi guards in bulletproof vests guiding him by the elbow. He glanced at journalists watching through bulletproof glass from an adjoining room. He motioned for his escorts to slow down a little.

After sitting, he greeted his co-defendants, saying, "Peace be upon you," sitting next to co-defendant Awad Hamed al-Bandar, former head of Iraq's Revolutionary Court.

The other defendants include Saddam's former intelligence chief Barazan Ibrahim, former vice president Taha Yassin Ramadan and other lower-level Baathist civil servants. Most were wearing traditional Arab robes and complained they were not allowed to have headaddresses, so court officials brought out red head-dresses for them. Many Sunni Arabs consider it shameful to appear in public without the checkered scarf, tied by a cord around the forehead.

Ramadan also refused to identify himself to the judge.

"I repeat what President Saddam Hussein has said," he added.

The other defendants stood one by one and stated their names.

The trial is taking place in the marble building that once served as the National Command Headquarters of Saddam's feared Baath Party. The building in Baghdad's Green Zone was ringed with 10-foot blast walls and U.S. and Iraqi troops, with several Humvees and at least one tank deployed outside. U.S. soldiers led bomb-detecting dogs around the grounds.

Many Iraqis gathered around TV sets to watch the proceedings.

"Since the fall of the regime, we have been waiting for this trial," said Aqeel al-Ubaidi, a Dujail resident. "The trial won't bring back those who died, but at least it will help put out the fire and anger inside us."

In Baghdad, Shiite construction worker Salman Zaboun Shanan sat with his family at home in the Shiite neighborhood of Kazimiyah, having taken the day off from work to watch the trial.

When Saddam appeared on television, he and his wife spit.

"I hope he is executed, and that anyone who suffered can take a piece of his flesh," said Shanan, who was imprisoned during Saddam's rule, as was his wife, Sabiha Hassan, and several of their sons.

Across the Tigris River in the mainly Sunni Arab district of Azamiyah, some were embittered by the trial of Saddam, whose regime was dominated by Sunni Arabs who have now lost their power.

"Saddam is the lesser of evils," said engineer Sahab Awad Maaruf, comparing

Saddam to the current Shiite-Kurdish led government. "He's the only legitimate leader for Iraqis."

The Shiite Muslim majority and the Kurdish minority have eagerly awaited the chance to see the man who ruled Iraq with unquestioned and total power held to justice.

"I'm very happy today. We've prayed for this day for years," said Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Chalabi, an anti-Saddam opposition leader in exile for years and now one of the fiercest proponents of the purge of Baathists from the new government.

The night before the trial a bomb went off in a Baghdad square at a statue of Abu Jaafar al-Mansour, the 8th-century caliph who built Baghdad and to whom Saddam frequently compared himself. The blast toppled the bust off its marble pedestal, but no one was hurt.

The world will be watching Saddam's trial to see whether Iraq's new Shiite and Kurdish leaders can rise above politics and prejudice and give the former dictator a fair hearing. Human rights group have criticized the government for trying to influence the trial, adding that considerable U.S. logistical and financial aid to the tribunal could lend credibility to charges it will mete out "victors' justice."

The court also is operating under its own rules and a 1971 Saddam-era criminal law that some have criticized as not up to international standards.

That law says the judges can issue a guilty verdict if they are "satisfied" by the evidence.

Saddam was ousted after U.S.-led forces swept into Iraq in March 2003 and marched in to Baghdad. He fled the capital and was on the run for nearly eight months until American forces found him hiding in a cellar in a rural area outside his hometown of Tikrit north of Baghdad on Dec. 13, 2003.

He has been held since in a U.S. detention facility at Baghdad International Airport.

Prosecutors are preparing other cases to bring to trial against Saddam and his officials — including for the Anfal Operation, a military crackdown on the Kurds in the late 1980s that killed some 180,000 people; the suppression of Kurdish and Shiite revolts in 1991; and the deaths of 5,000 Kurds in a 1988 poison gas attack on the village of Halabja.

If a death sentence is issued in the Dujail case, it is unclear whether it would be carried out regardless of whether Saddam is involved in other trials. He can appeal a Dujail verdict, but if a conviction and sentence are upheld, the sentence must be carried out within 30 days. A stay could be granted to allow other trials to proceed.

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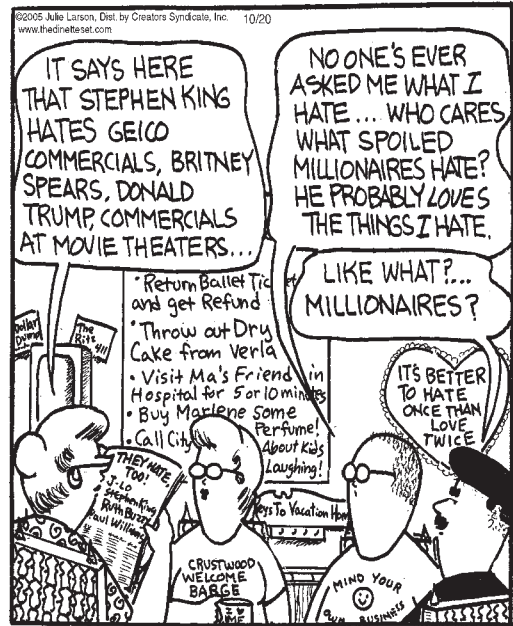
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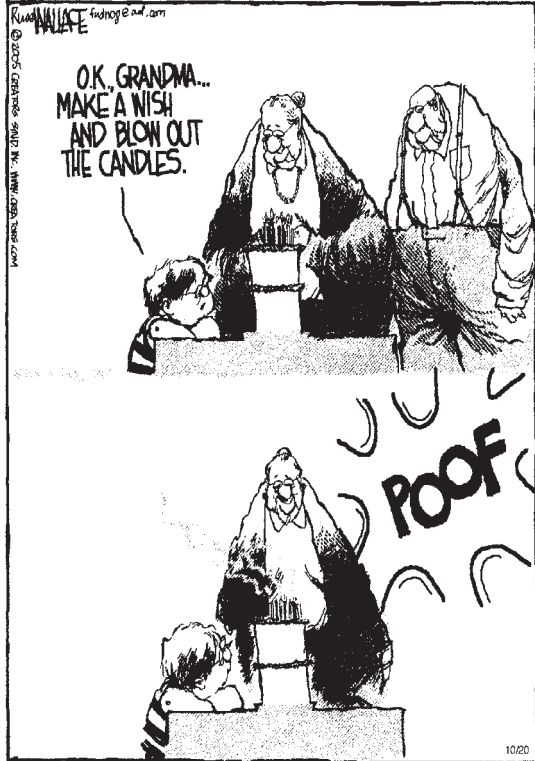


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