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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

Marion, Ohio, inmate Willie Chapman got permission to delay his scheduled parole by one day until Aug. 12 so he could attend a prison meeting of the religious/personal-responsibility organization Promise Keepers. Chapman's inspirational decision made the newspapers, inadvertently alerting his manslaughter victim's family, who complained to the Ohio Parole Board that Chapman should not be free at all. Consequently, the board reconsidered Chapman's parole and delayed it 991 days, until May 1, 2006.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The gods, too, are fond of a joke."

— Aristotle

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John Wood/Daily Press

Above: A car tire sits atop the rubble at the Beach House Restaurant. Owner Liza Utter stands in the background, next to where the car finally came to a stop.



Ben Lunsky/Special to the Daily Press

Right: An LAPD officer stands in front of the restaurant after the crash. A tow truck had already dragged the car back to near where it entered the building.

Driver smashes into restaurant on PCH

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

An out-of-control motorist drove through the Beach House Restaurant in Santa Monica Canyon last weekend, destroying the posh dining room there and breaking the foot of a teenage passenger.

"She was under the influence, very intoxicated, and hit the curb

and the sidewalk at 65 mph and exploded into the restaurant," Beach House owner Liza Utter said.

Jessica Jones, 34, of Altadena, crashed her white Mitsubishi Eclipse into the restaurant at about 5:30 a.m. Saturday as she turned left onto West Channel Road from Pacific Coast Highway, according

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Name that street

By Daily Press staff

It's time to name another street in Santa Monica.

The Santa Monica City Council tonight will consider asking residents to submit their votes on what former State Route 187 should be named.

State Route 187 is an access road to the Pacific Coast Highway located between Palisades Beach Road and Ocean Avenue.

The one-block street, which has no addresses along it, could be named to honor someone in the community or a shared community value.

City Hall will ask the community to submit names for the street through the Internet and the city's publication, "Seascape." City staff will then present a list of names to the City Council, which could then either direct staff to use one of the suggested names, one of its own or to narrow the list and conduct an online poll.

In March of 2002, hundreds of residents had to change their addresses when City Hall renamed a portion of Ocean Avenue. Nine apartment buildings, one home and a hotel now reside on Barnard Way, after council members decided Ocean Avenue was too confusing.

Ocean Avenue runs from the northern city

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Law against chain stores to be heard

Business officials say proposal will create vacancies

BY JOHN WOOD

Daily Press Staff Writer

The surge of chain stores popping up downtown has become such an issue that local officials are expected to consider tonight a law that would require corporations to prove they will fit in with the character here.

Though the goal is to preserve the flavor of the Third Street Promenade, some local business leaders said the proposed law could suffocate the marketplace on the pedestrian thoroughfare.

It's the first time local officials will consider an ordinance that specifically targets "formula retailers," or chain stores. By

doing so, City Hall is venturing into legal territory tested only in a handful of other cities.

The proposed law would require chain stores to apply for a special permit to do business. In order to be approved for a permit, a chain outlet must prove it will fit in and contribute to the overall character of the Promenade based on a number of factors.

Some of those include the business must be able to preserve the unique character and ambiance of the Promenade, and it must contribute to a balance of local, national, and small and large businesses there.

"Right now a retail business on the Promenade can just be approved administratively, there's no public hearing," said Andy Agle, assistant director of planning in City Hall.

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Radio gear to cost \$200K

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

By Daily Press staff

The Santa Monica City Council is expected tonight to give Motorola nearly \$200,000 for radio equipment.

The equipment will be used by the Santa Monica Fire Department, the Santa Monica Police Department and the Big Blue Bus for the next year.

The existing maintenance and repair agreements between City Hall and Motorola will be consolidated and be valid for one year at a cost of \$177,936, with three-year additional one-year renewal options. The money will be taken out of each departments' budget.

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State Route 187 needs a new name.

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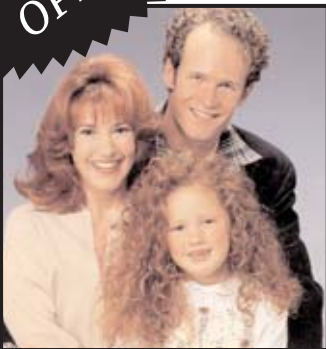
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, November 11, 2003:

You might find this year to be nerve-racking in some ways. People misunderstand you. Others get a different impression from what you intended. Family life gains a new tone of excitement that might have you a bit crazy. Make sure others understand what you say. In this extremely powerful year, you have the wherewithal to make what you want happen, though you will need to stick to your goals. Networking can also prove to be unusually successful. A change in your financial structure is a strong possibility. If you are single, you might not want to formalize a relationship this year, but get to know this person very well. If you are attached, you will need to redefine the boundaries that exist between you. Don't fight. Instead, agree to disagree. GEMINI likes you and understands you on a profound level.

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Hold on to your hat, as you seem to be on a roller-coaster ride at present. Unexpected developments revolving around a loved one at a distance might cause a change in plans. You might not exactly know which way to go. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ What you might have been sure of changes rapidly. You might not know what to do. In this case, the best thing to do is nothing. A partner stresses the situation even more than you'd anticipated. Tonight: Consider playing ostrich. You end up making a purchase for yourself.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Though the moon is in your sign, you could wonder what to do with a cantankerous associate or two, as well as a friend. Unexpected information comes to you that might even shake you up. Keep smiling, but choose not to respond. Tonight: As you like.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★ Know when to cocoon and choose to lie back, out of the present uproar. You might need to revamp a work project in a different way. Roll with the punches, but don't personalize what is happening. Just consider this a bad hair day. Tonight: Run away from calls; turn on your answering machine.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Aim for more of what you want, ignoring another's cantankerous and difficult ways. A child or loved one could lure you into a power play before you know it. Misunderstandings run rampant with others, especially partners and family members. Tonight: Don't play into what is going on.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★ Take charge if you must, but if you do, all the complaints and difficulties will land in your lap. It appears that everyone has a different idea from yours. You can't win for losing. Why not let someone else run the show? Why try? Tonight: Vanish home.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Detach from a misunderstanding. Don't try to read too much into a personal situation. Others seem prone to manipulation in order to get their way. The only way to win a power play is not to play. Do your own thing. Tonight: Hop on the computer.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Deal with a loved one or a partner as directly as possible. You might want to think before you make money agreements or sign papers. One thing is for sure — no one is speaking the same language. Time is in your favor. Tonight: Make nice with a loved one. Swap today's war stories.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Others prove to be demanding and full of misinformation, which might have you running in the opposite direction. Consider what you do and say, since your behavior — even in extreme circumstances — might not be forgotten. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Pace yourself, and focus on getting the job done. How you visualize a financial situation could be much different from how someone else you care about does. Don't make any agreements in the present climate. Misunderstandings run rampant. Tonight: Out to the gym.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Confusion is the earmark of the day. It feels as if nothing you do can please someone you care about. Look at the big picture carefully, rather than reacting. A friend just might be a lot different from what you perceive. Tonight: Romp with a loved one.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Deal with others with kid gloves once more. You might want to think through a decision that involves a child or loved one more carefully. Pressure builds where you least expect it. Express your caring so someone can feel it. Tonight: Cocoon. Play ostrich.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

'Noises Off' at Santa Monica High School

By Daily Press staff

The sound will be turned off at an upcoming play at Santa Monica High School. Well, sort of.

The new Santa Monica Civic Light Opera will present Santa Monica High School's fall production of the renowned play "Noises Off" with the help of an accomplished Samohi alumnus.

The Santa Monica High School's theatre alumni organization has provided help and support to make the production a success, officials say. Alumnus musical director Brett Fisher has been teamed up with director Dr. Frank Ford since 1995 and is now holding down a three-year apprenticeship with the light opera as he completes his graduate degree in theatre production at USC. According to opera officials, Fisher's involvement with the high school theatre exemplifies their primary mission of mentoring and educating current high school theatre students as they learn not only on-stage technique, but the various offstage duties associated with producing live theatre. This fall, Fisher started a comprehensive internship program for students interested in stage management, costumes and wardrobe and audience development.

"Noises Off," written by Michael Frayn, is a comedy about a British theatre company performing a stereotypical British bedroom farce named "Nothing On." The audience sees the production on stage and the goings on backstage — a feat made possible by director Dr. Ford's two-story set that rotates.

According to opera officials, the play provides an opportunity for members of the community to witness the extraordinary talents of students in the Santa Monica High School theatre department. Many university-level theatre groups and even some professional groups, they claim, don't pull off what Dr. Ford does consistently with the performers at Samohi.

There will be eight showings of "Noises Off," which opens Nov. 21 and ends on Dec. 20, at the Humanities Center Theater on the Samohi campus at 601 Pico Blvd. General admission costs \$15 and other packages are also available.

For tickets or show information, call (310) 458-5939 or visit www.smcl.org.

Los Angeles flunks on housing affordability for Latinos

By Daily Press staff

The average Latino family in Los Angeles has been financially locked out of housing opportunities, according to a new study by the Center for the Study of Los Angeles at Loyola Marymount University.

Soaring increases in home prices, a growing population, sluggish growth in household income and a slow rate of home construction are at the root of the current trend, the researchers say.

The findings from the center came from a survey known as the "Latino Scorecard 2003, Grading the American Dream." The center reviewed numerous housing factors in the Latino community as one of five parts of the scorecard. The other areas evaluated were health, education, economic development and public safety. The survey is a five-year project sponsored by the United Way of Greater Los Angeles.

"At the current time, the typical Latino family has little choice but to live in expensive and inadequate rental units," said Dr. Mara Marks, associate director of the center. "If the 'American dream' is to remain viable for this region's largest demographic group, Los Angeles County needs more housing, as well as home loans that are cheaper and of higher quality."

Marks co-authored the housing study with Fernando Guerra, the center's director, and Matt Barreto, a research fellow at the center.

Nearly half of Los Angeles County's population — about 45 percent — is Latino, and the majority of children now born in California are Latino, meaning the population will continue increase in the coming years, center officials said.

"As a result of current demographic trends, what impacts Latinos impacts all Angelenos," Marks said.

LMU researchers focused on four areas: Accessibility, availability, affordability

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surf report

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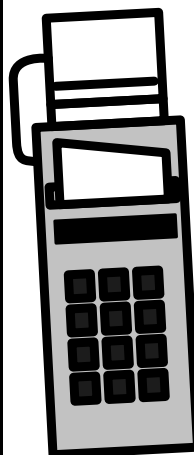
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OPINION

California supermarket strike, what's really at stake?

The current supermarket dispute involving more than 70,000 employees is obviously of considerable importance. First, it is one of the few large labor disputes of recent years. If employees go out on strike over issues of wages and benefits in the United States, employers are allowed to hire permanent replacements to take their places. The United States is one of the few democratic nations that allows companies to hire permanent replacements for striking employees and the only one in which this extreme tactic has been used with any regularity. As a result of employees' fear of losing their jobs, large strikes are now rare occurrences in the United States. The number of work stoppages involving 1,000 or more employees has declined from 298 in 1977 to just 19 in 2002, a remarkably small number for a workforce of 137 million people. And, as is the case in the supermarket dispute, an increasing number of work stoppages are defensive strikes — attempts by employees to protect existing wages and benefits.

The second issue at stake in the strike is that the spiraling cost of health benefits and the employers' effort to pass on that cost to their employees affects most Americans. More than 43 million Americans lack health insurance, including 6 million in California. Millions more are under-insured or live in fear of losing their existing coverage. If the supermarket owners prevail, their employees will

have to pay approximately 50 percent more for health benefits, rendering them unaffordable to significant numbers of workers. If these workers are then priced out of their employer-provided health insurance, taxpayers will effectively pick up the tab, as they will be forced to seek medical attention in emergency rooms across the state.

Cooperative collective bargaining between employers and unionized employees — previously the norm in the supermarket industry — has been the largest and most successful anti-poverty program in postwar America. It has enabled tens of millions of workers to earn decent wages and health benefits, to send their children to college and to retire with dignity. In the service sector, the United Food and Commercial Workers, Service Employees International Union and Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Union have enabled millions of working-class Americans in the retail, healthcare, janitorial and hospitality sectors to win decent wages, health and pension benefits just like the workers at Ralphs, Albertsons and Vons.

But in recent years, these hard won gains have come under increasing threat. American employers have become more aggressive in their pursuit of the union-

free workplace and have attempted to shift the costs of health and pension benefits onto employees. Even in the case of the current supermarket dispute, grocery store employers continue to post enormous profits. Safeway, which owns Vons, generated more than \$10 billion in profits last year. Safeway CEO Steven Burd (one of George Bush's top fundraisers) has called the strike "an investment in

our future," something he understands well — between Sept. 3 and Oct. 14, Burd unloaded 300,000 shares of company stock, "earning" \$5.2 million in the process. Corporate

managers like Burd have fought vigorously efforts by employees to form unions, and have demanded concessions in wages and — increasingly — in health and pension benefits in contract negotiations. As a result of this sustained assault on the freedom of association, unionization rates have plummeted and millions of Americans stuck at the wrong end of the labor market now work under poverty wages with few benefits.

In the supermarket sector, Wal-Mart exemplifies this "low-road," non-union strategy. Its 800,000 plus (documented and undocumented) workers earn considerably less in wages and benefits than do unionized retail workers. The owners of Ralphs, Albertsons and Vons insist that

they need to redistribute the skyrocketing cost of employee health benefits in order to compete with low-road rivals such as Wal-Mart. But even if Wal-Mart were to move into large metropolitan areas in California, city councils will likely require the world's largest and most profitable retailer to pay prevailing wage rates for the area — not the poverty wages and substandard benefits it usually provides in other parts of the country.

The supermarket strike is not simply a company/worker dispute. Nor is it only about the future of low-paid work. It affects all of us. The outcome of the dispute and others like it will determine the continued viability of the American middle-class. Without the existence of unionized jobs with decent wages and benefits at large and influential employers such as Ralphs, Albertsons and Vons, we will move inexorably toward a polarized and dysfunctional society of haves and have-nots. If these companies succeed in eviscerating their employees' health benefits, we will move one step closer to becoming "Wal-Mart Nation."

(John Logan teaches in the industrial relations department at the London School of Economics and Political Science. His publications on labor-management relations have appeared in several leading academic journals in the United States, United Kingdom and Canada. He is currently a visiting research fellow at UCLA. He lives in Santa Monica.)

Guest Commentary

By John Logan



Ridgeway gets away with murder because death penalty justice system fails



Evelyn Jerome

■ I used to say there were two words that succinctly described my support for the death penalty: Charles Manson.

Manson was convicted and sentenced to death before I was born and I couldn't understand as I grew into political consciousness why Manson — the architect of the horrible Tate/LoBianco murders and a person who has served no purpose for the past 30 years except to be a cult hero to the off-kilter — is still alive in a California jail.

But now I have two additional words to describe my support for the death penalty: Gary Ridgeway.

For 20 years, Ridgeway eluded law enforcement in King County, Wash., leaving a ghastly trail of 48 women, mostly prostitutes, in his wake. Finally arrested in 2001, Ridgeway was charged

with the first seven of these murders, because the prosecutor's office had DNA evidence solidly linking him to all seven. King County prosecutor Norm Maleng, who at first said he would not take the death penalty off the table to negotiate because he said the case "screamed out for" it, then assigned the case to a 20-year veteran prosecutor who it was widely known opposed the death penalty and had never tried a capital murder case.

Ridgeway, who with 48 victims is now the most prolific serial killer in American history, will not face the death penalty. Ridgeway killed 48 of the most anonymous women he could find, selecting them precisely because he knew no one would miss them, at least not immediately. Ridgeway did not know the names of his young (in some cases, teenaged) victims. Ridgeway had sex with their bodies after he strangled them because he resented having to pay a prostitute for sex. Ridgeway said this in court last

week, "I killed so many women I have a hard time keeping them straight."

Ridgeway will not face the death penalty because the county prosecutor who said he would not take the death penalty off the table did just that.

At the same time that Scott Peterson, who may or may not have killed his pregnant wife in Modesto, sits in a courtroom charged with one count of murder and is facing the death penalty, Ridgeway, who killed more women over a 17-year period than he can remember, will escape from it.

What exactly must one do to be deemed a danger to society, to have no redeeming societal value and to be sentenced to death? While this judgment question sounds harsh (and it is), the fact remains that the United States has a community standard that allows for us to make this decision about some people. Like Susan Smith. Like Timothy McVeigh. Like Ted Bundy. Like Gary

Ridgeway.

Since 1976, support for the death penalty has never dropped below 64 percent in regular polls. Since 1982, more than 70 percent of Americans consistently support the death penalty for people convicted of murder. More African-Americans support the death penalty in murder cases than oppose it. Both high school and college graduates support it almost 3 to 1. Even those who identify as Democrats support it 2 to 1 in murder cases.

Ridgeway should be the poster child for the death penalty. Ridgeway is getting away with murder, 48 times. Aided and abetted by King County prosecutor Norm Maleng, Ridgeway now has a 49th victim — Justice.

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LOCAL



Chain stores put under more scrutiny at City Hall

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City Councilman Ken Genser said limiting the sprawl of chains is important because gone unchecked, an influx of chain retailers have taken over and threaten to homogenize the Promenade. However, some would argue they are already here.

"It could be anywhere, be it Des Moines, Iowa, or even Omaha, Nebraska," Genser said. "In terms of serving a population, we (need to) have more variety and more uniqueness on the Promenade."

Though Genser said limiting the chains is an ongoing task that requires constant monitoring, he added it's worth the extra effort.

"I think if it's done properly, it may make it a little more difficult. But I think the businesses will have a situation that's more profitable because I think people will see Santa Monica ... as a place they're willing to pay to experience," he said.

Business officials view the proposed law differently. They said the Promenade wasn't built for small merchants and by limiting the growth of chains, City Hall is ensuring that vacancies on the mall will continue.

"Now that they have a successful Promenade they want to kill it," said Barbara Tenzer, a prominent commercial real estate broker. "It doesn't make sense from a business point of view ... this is not a teeny-weeny town."

Because the majority of spaces on the Promenade measure 50-by-150 feet,

"What we're going to be regulating ... is the turnover factor and I'm personally concerned about that because what we're going to be dealing with is longer-than-average vacancies."

— KATHLEEN RAWSON
Executive director, Bayside District Corp.

Tenzer said it's difficult for independent merchants to thrive. Even when divided into two or three stores, the spaces are still difficult to work with.

"What you have then is a store that is 16- or 25-foot wide and 150-foot deep," she said. "It's a nightmare for small retailers."

Tenzer also pointed to the large chain stores that made the Promenade successful in the first place.

Earlier this year, the City Council passed an ordinance that limits new merchants on the Promenade to less than 50 linear feet of store frontage, unless they apply for a special permit. The intent with that law is the same, but there's one major difference — it doesn't target chain stores outright.

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie in the past has cautioned the City Council against adopting a law that targets chains because it could open the door for lawsuits. She had pointed to cities such as Santa Cruz, which passed a law based on

the size of the business' square footage rather than its type.

According to city documents, a formula business is a retail establishment that is required to have certain standardized elements. Those include services or merchandise, business name, decor, architecture, layout and worker uniform. The proposed law specifically exempts movie theaters, hotels, drug stores, grocery stores and automobile service stations.

Since first being cordoned off as a pedestrian-only mall, the Promenade has gone through various iterations.

At one point, there were too many restaurants and officials were worried retail outlets were being squeezed out. But recently, incentives for restaurants have been put in place to balance against the influx of retailers.

Genser said regulating the Promenade, which is a major source of revenue that fuels City Hall coffers, is a difficult task. He added that private malls such as the Grove off of Fairfax Avenue in LA have an easier job doing it because they're private and are able to control their leasing.

Kathleen Rawson, executive director of the Bayside District Corp., the nonprofit charged with running downtown, agreed.

"It's constantly a balancing act," she said, adding that a majority of the Bayside board did not recommend regulating chain stores. "The Promenade is relatively developed as it stands now. What we're going to be regulating ... is the turnover factor and I'm personally concerned about that because what we're going to be dealing with is longer-than-average vacancies."

New 911 system for SMPD

CONSENT, from page 1

Motorola will equip city staff with radio equipment, base stations, mobile data computers and data network controllers. City Hall has been using Motorola equipment since the 1980s, according to city staff.

The City Council also is expected to approve spending \$59,465 in state funds to buy a telephone system to make the SMPD's new 911 emergency system more functional.

The PBX system is offered by Verizon of California Inc. and will serve as a support to the 911 dispatch system.

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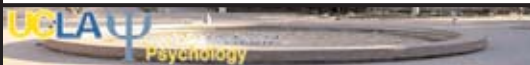
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Crash leaves Beach House dark indefinitely

CRASH, from page 1

to a police report. Jones wasn't arrested, but the police report indicates she was under the influence. The investigation is ongoing, police said.

Utter said the car struck every table in the 80-person dining room, knocking down an 800-pound concrete pillar before finally coming to a stop 50 feet into the building, near the hostess stand.

Though the restaurant was empty, a 14-year-old boy who was in the car with Jones was taken to a nearby hospital and treated for a broken foot, Utter said. It's unknown if the boy is related to the woman. Jones was treated for lacerations and broken bones.

Santa Monica resident Ben Lunskey, who arrived on the scene about 90 minutes after the accident, said the crash created an eerie scene, with the mangled hulk of the car coming to a stop next to white table cloth dinner settings. That mess was still in place Monday afternoon, as Utter placed calls to insurance companies and began the process of reopening the restaurant.

Utter, who opened the Beach House more than five years ago, said the restaurant will remain closed for as long as it takes to remodel. She added that although she is worried about how long her 40-staff person restaurant will be closed, she is more concerned about getting people to return once it opens.

"For whatever reason, people cannot seem to negotiate that corner," she said, adding that though the City of West LA is responsible for West Channel Road, the City of Santa Monica is responsible for the portion of PCH in front of her restaurant. "It's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when it's going to happen again. And if somebody else is injured or, God forbid, there is a fatality, I personally couldn't

live with myself."

Utter said her calls and letters to officials have one goal: She wants a barricade installed at the intersection to protect her building from passing motorists.

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— LIZA UTTER
Owner, the Beach House

In the meantime, workers have a major cleanup project ahead of them at the Beach House. A tire from the Mitsubishi still sits on top of a heap of broken tables and chairs in the center of the dining room. A hubcap is nearby next to the load-bearing pillar toppled by the crash. And a 6-by-12 inch cloth section of booth is stuck to the ceiling, in the spot where it was left after Jones ripped through the empty room.

"It looks like a bomb went off in the restaurant," Utter said.

Residents to be asked to help name State Route 187

RENAME, from page 1

limits to Pico Boulevard, where it veers towards the Pacific Ocean and continues to Hollister Avenue. Traveling south of Pico Boulevard on Ocean Avenue toward Hollister Avenue the street name suddenly changed to Barnard Way.

Council members agreed that it would be less confusing for residents and visitors if the entire street from Pico Boulevard to the southern city limit had the same name, which is now Barnard Way.

The City Council in 1966 honored former mayor Benjamin Barnard by renaming "The Speedway" and a portion of Ocean Avenue to Barnard Way. Within a couple of months, the council then changed its decision and the Ocean Avenue portion was reinstated.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BRIEFS, from page 3

and quality. The study provides grades in each area as a baseline. Updated "scorecards" will be issued in 2005 and 2007 to explore the progress made in each area.

From the 2003 survey, researchers arrived at the following statistics:

■ Latinos receive only 17 percent of new home loans, had higher rejection rates than whites and were more likely to receive sub-prime loans.

■ Latino homeownership stands at 38 percent compared to 58 percent among whites and only one new home is being built for every 30 Latinos who move to L.A.

■ Home prices grew by 12 percent, up to \$227,000 in 2001, but incomes only grew 3 percent, the average Latino family spends almost half their income on housing.

LMU researchers came up with an overall "D" grade for the housing situation among Latinos.

STATE



Schwarzenegger's growth agenda may rile California suburban developers

BY JIM WASSERMAN
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger could become the nation's newest Republican governor to try to curb suburban sprawl in favor of rebuilding existing cities, experts say, a path certain to rile some California builders and real estate interests who contributed \$2.5 million to his campaign.

Schwarzenegger, who took his campaign cues regarding growth from an environmental group, has projected a bent toward "smart growth" which favors transit, rebuilding existing cities and slowing development on vacant farmland. His Web site has pledged wholesale restoration of declining urban environments, criticized "fiscally unsustainable sprawl" and promised new incentives to build homes on blighted, bypassed land in older cities.

"He seemed comfortable with a lot of it and that's why it's there," said David Myerson, of Los Angeles-based Environment Now, which assembled much of the growth-related material on Schwarzenegger's Web site.

Schwarzenegger's development priorities also include rapidly cleaning up an estimated 90,000 blighted and contaminated city properties around the state for new stores and houses, and breathing new life into old neighborhoods with fresh parks paid for with money from state bonds.

In another hint of his possible priorities, Schwarzenegger's transition team includes several experienced proponents of downtown redevelopment in Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area, but not a single major current suburban subdivision builder.

Though no one knows for certain how the incoming governor will manage growth in a state of 36 million people which swells with 600,000 newcomers yearly, mostly from births, analysts believe the action hero-turned-governor's new administration could become a turning point in a state widely known nationally as a laggard in growth management.

"I have every reason to think the basic principles are understood by Arnold and are going to be acted upon," said former San Jose Mayor Tom McEnery, a Schwarzenegger transition team member who launched one of California's most striking downtown rejuvenations.

Already, Schwarzenegger is being asked to intervene in one of the state's biggest suburban-style growth proposals, an entirely new town of 70,000 people on a remote grazing plateau 60 miles north of Los Angeles. He's also pledged incentives to install solar power systems on half the new homes built in California after 2005.

Both are likely to put him in delicate spots with powerful development firms that bristle at state interference, and have already dubbed a similar legislative proposal for widespread solar systems a "dream killer" that will cost home buyers \$25,000 extra each.

But for millions of Californians who endure marathon commutes, live in expensive housing they can barely afford and cope with a sprawling megastate that hasn't written a statewide growth plan in 25 years, Schwarzenegger represents hope for bolder solutions to the state's

drawbacks than his cautious predecessor, Gov. Gray Davis, who studiously avoided the phrase "smart growth." Indeed, much of Schwarzenegger's strongest support on Oct. 7 came from suburbs where residents can afford homes, but must endure some of California's longest commutes.

"More regulation is not the answer to poor land use planning," said Schwarzenegger spokeswoman Karen Hanretty. "We need to invest in existing urban areas and remove current barriers to smart growth."

That's led to speculation by analysts, including Bill Fulton, publisher of Ventura-based California Planning and Development Report, that Schwarzenegger could follow in footsteps of other progressive Republican governors in growth management, including New Jersey's Tom Kean, Utah's Mike Leavitt, Florida's

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Schwarzenegger's growth agenda for California

By The Associated Press

Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger's growth and development agenda pledges to curb "fiscally unsustainable sprawl, traffic congestion on commuter roadways, air pollution, pressure to consume scarce infrastructure resources and loss of valuable open space."

His plan:

- Invest more in existing cities and remove barriers that slow growth there.
- Create an infill incentives package that encourages new development in older areas.
- Help city planners identify and evaluate blighted and passed-over sites for new growth.
- Help cities accommodate more buildings that are a mix of stores, offices and housing.
- Direct state agencies to plan rapid cleanup of abandoned industrial sites and thousands of old contaminated gasoline station properties for new commercial development.
- Steer more state water and park bond money into older neighborhoods to create parks and upgrade old plumbing that contaminates residential water supplies.
- Provide incentives to install solar power systems on half of new homes built in California after 2005.
- Provide incentives to retrofit commercial buildings for energy savings and solar power.
- Make federal government return more gasoline tax money to improve transit systems.
- Oppose urban growth boundaries such as those required in Oregon and 32 California cities.
- Solve budget crisis, then consider changes in tax system that makes cities hostile to housing and overly dependent on sales taxes from stores.
- Stop political interference in Coastal Commission decisions, including favorable decisions tied to campaign contributions.

Source: Arnold's Views and Arnold's Agenda: <http://www.joinarnold.com>

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Concerns of gestational diabetes in pregnant women

Guest Commentary

By Jon S. Matsunaga, M.D.

QUESTION: What causes gestational diabetes and how is it treated?

ANSWER: Only a small percentage of women develop gestational diabetes during pregnancy, which occurs when hormonal changes interfere with the body's ability to use insulin, resulting in high blood sugar levels.

Symptoms of gestational diabetes are similar to those of normal pregnancy, including extreme hunger, thirst or fatigue, and frequent urination. Therefore, all women are screened for diabetes when their pregnancy reaches 24-28 weeks.

Fortunately, pregnant women suffering from this disease are usually able to control their blood sugar levels without medication by making simple dietary changes, such as reducing fat and sugar intake and by exercising regularly. Your Ob/Gyn will advise you on the proper course of treatment.

Women at increased risk of developing gestational diabetes include those who:

- Are older than age 30 when they became pregnant.
- Are overweight.
- Have a family history of diabetes.
- Had this disease during a previous pregnancy.
- Had a previous abnormal glucose tolerance test.



- Are members of ethnic groups with a high risk of developing diabetes, including Latinos, Asians and African Americans.

Once you've been diagnosed with gestational diabetes, you will have to have your blood sugar levels checked frequently. Since a pregnant woman's blood sugar travels through the placenta to the fetus, it's important that blood

sugar levels remain within a safe range. If blood sugar levels rise above normal, the fetus will convert some of that extra glucose into fat, causing the fetus to grow larger than expected. In some cases, the fetus may become so large that it will have to be delivered by C-section.

If diet and exercise fails to stabilize your blood sugar, you will probably have to self-administer daily injections of insulin throughout the remainder of your pregnancy and monitor your blood sugar levels at home. As long as your baby remains healthy and of a normal size, you should be able to deliver the baby naturally.

Gestational diabetes usually resolves itself after delivery and blood sugar levels typically return to normal within two to three days. However, to determine if your diabetes was the result of a pre-existing condition, I recommend that you be tested approximately six weeks after your baby is born.

It also is important to realize that women who developed gestational diabetes during pregnancy are at an increased risk of developing diabetes afterward. To reduce your risk of developing insulin resistance after pregnancy, you should continue to eat properly and exercise regularly, as well as have your fasting blood glucose levels checked every year to make sure they remain within normal levels.

(Jon S. Matsunaga, M.D. is an Ob/Gyn in Santa Monica and chair of Saint John's Health Center's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. For more information on Saint John's, contact the health center at (310) 829-5511 or visit the hospital's Web site at www.stjohns.org.)

Holding your baby makes getting his shots easier

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Infants getting shots at the doctor's office cry less when they are held by their parents and given sugar water and bottles or pacifiers, a study found.

The extra steps eased parents' minds and took only about five seconds more than the old-fashioned way of immunizing infants while they lie on an examining table, without any pain relief.

"This simple, effective and feasible intervention ... can be readily incorporated into standard infant immunization practice," said researchers led by Dr. Evelyn Cohen Reis at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Their research was reported in November's

Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, published Monday.

Doctors used to believe young infants feel little or no pain. In recent years, that thinking has changed, and studies have shown that babies' crying can be reduced by giving them sugar or local anesthetics during medical procedures such as circumcisions.

With the continued introduction of new vaccines, children get up to 20 injections by age 2, so pain relief remains a concern throughout early childhood.

The researchers recruited families through the Pittsburgh hospital for their study of 116 babies receiving the typical four shots at their two-month immunizations.

Infants given the intervention received a

bottle of sugar water two minutes before the injections, then used a bottle or pacifier during the shots while being held.

In those babies, the first cry during the shots lasted an average of 19 seconds, compared with nearly 58 seconds for the regular-care babies. Total crying spells lasted about 92 seconds versus 118 seconds.

Dr. Michael Wasserman, a New Orleans pediatrician with the Ochsner Clinic Foundation, said the results were "pretty impressive."

"We physicians need to be flexible," Wasserman said. "As long as we think there is limited potential of hurting the patient and distracting us from doing our job properly, sure, we're willing to try it."

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Santa Monica Swim Center – on the campus of SMC at 2225 16th St., 458-8700. www.swim.santa-monica.org. Fall Hours! Oct 6 – Dec. 31. Recreational swim times in the splash pool are: Mon-Fri – 3 – 6:30 p.m., Sat – 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sun – 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The splash pool is great fun for Moms and Dads with infants and small children. One parent could even get a little "lap-swim workout" in while the other plays with the kids. The splash pool is heated to approximately 85 degrees and lifeguards are always on duty. Visit their website for more info on lap swimming, recreational diving and the fitness pool.

TUESDAY

Movies for Moms

FEATURES "LOVE ACTUALLY"

11:00 a.m., Loews Broadway, 1441 3rd St. Promenade – for Moms and babies newborn – 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable. This week's film is "Love Actually" – starring Hugh Grant, Liam Neeson and Keira Knightley and was directed by Richard Curtis. "Love Actually" is 10 romantic films in one. Set in London in the two months before Christmas, it weaves together a series of touching and hilarious stories which end in not one, but lots of romantic climaxes on Christmas Eve.

Storytelling

Main Library – Toddler Story Time at 10:00 and 10:30 a.m., at Reed Park, 7th and Wilshire – 2 year olds with parents, 310-458-8600.

Fairview Branch – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443. Lap Time – 11:00 a.m., New series begins Nov. 4, a six-week series for babies 0-24 months.

Cuentos Para Pequenos – 10:00 a.m., New series begins Nov. 4, a six-week series in Spanish for children 24-36 months with adult.

Twilight Story Time – 7pm – an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.

Montana Avenue Branch – 1704 Montana Ave – 310-829-7081. Family Story Time – 7:00 p.m., all ages.

Ocean Park Branch – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804. Toddler Story Time – 10 and 10:30 a.m. New series begins Nov. 11 – Dec. 16. Registration required. Music, rhymes and stories for 24 – 36 months with adult.

Yoga & Exercise

Yoga Baby (Venice) – 310-306-9381, Prenatal yoga – 7:00-8:15pm, \$13, Mommy and Me (ages 0-5) – 10-11am, \$9

Yoga Works – 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal – 12:15 – 1:40 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me – 1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Mommy Care – 11870 Santa Monica Blvd, at the Dance Factory, West LA, 310-394-6711. Pregnancy Exercise – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.; Post Partum Exercise – 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Santa Monica YMCA – 1332 6th St., 310-393-2721. Pre-natal Water Work – 10 – 11 a.m. and 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Free for members. Non-members pay \$15.00 regular YMCA day fee or buy a ten-class card for \$70 (\$7 per class)

Breastfeeding Group

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

Other

Magiopolis – 8 p.m., 1418 4th St., Admission is \$20 Call 310-451-2241 for info.

School Age Stories and Crafts – Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 3:30 p.m. every other Tuesday, Nov. 11 and 25. A combination of stories and crafts for 5-9 year olds.

Wildlife Wendy's Tropical Birds – Coming Tuesday, November 18 – 3:30 p.m. at the Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. Help celebrate Children's Book Week with us! Ages 4 and up.

WEDNESDAY

Storytelling

Ocean Park Branch – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804. Twilight Story Time – 7:00 to 7:30pm – for parents with 3-5 year olds.

Montana Avenue Branch – 1704 Montana Avenue – 310-829-7081. Lap Time – 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. – New series begins Nov. 12-Dec. 17 for 0-24 months old, no registration required.

Toddler Story Time – 11:15 am – New series begins Nov. 12-Dec. 17 for two year olds with adult, no registration required.

Fairview Branch – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443. Preschool Story Time – 10:30 a.m., New series begins Nov. 5-Dec. 18, a six-week series for 3-5 year olds.

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 2 pm – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144

Border's, Westwood – 11am – 310-475-3444.

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THURSDAY

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Fairview Branch – 2101 Ocean Park Blvd – 310-450-0443. Toddler Story Time – 10:30 a.m., New series begins Nov. 6 – Dec. 18. A six-week series for children 24-36 months.

La Hora del Cuento – 7:00 p.m. Spanish stories, songs and rhymes for all ages.

Ocean Park Branch – 2601 Main St. – 310-392-3804. Lap Time – 9:20 and 10:20 a.m. – Oct. 23 – Dec. 4 (no class Nov. 27) – for babies 0-24 months old.

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Cinderella – thru Dec. 19, 6:00 p.m.

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Puppet Show at Miles Playhouse in Reed Park – November 14 – Corner of Wilshire & Lincoln (2nd Friday of the month) 4:00 p.m. – Join the fun with Woody and Lester, ages 4 and up.

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SATURDAY

Storytelling

Barnes and Noble, 3rd St. Prom-enade – Kid's Story Time – 10am – 310-260-9110

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion – 10:30 a.m. – ages 2-5 – 310-475-4144.

Children's Book World – November 15 – Stories with Jennifer & Jon. 10:30 a.m. ages 3-8.

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Being state's first lady just 'one more role' for Shriver

BY LYNN ELBER
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Maria Shriver is destined to be a glamorous California first lady given her family pedigree, fashionable looks and Hollywood patina courtesy of her husband.

At the same time, the television journalist could be raising the bar of accomplishment for political spouses.

Shriver, 47, has said she intends to return to NBC News from her campaign leave of absence, which would make her the first California governor's wife to hold a paying job. She'll be raising four children, ages 5 to 13, in Los Angeles while her husband works mostly in Sacramento.

Behind the scenes, Shriver, part of the Democratic Kennedy dynasty, could also be a quiet but critically important influence on Republican Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"She comes from a political family where women have a significant role — Jackie Kennedy, Ethel Kennedy, her own mother. ... They may not have been elected, but they have impacted the men they're married to," said Barbara O'Connor, director of the Institute for the Study of Politics and the Media at Sacramento State University.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Shriver said she has yet to figure out how she will juggle all the demands on her time, but she stressed that her children are her most important commitment.

Shriver has plenty of experience balancing family and career. In a 2000 book, she recounted asking Cuban leader Fidel Castro to reschedule an interview that would have conflicted with taking one daughter to her first day of school.

As her husband's Nov. 17 inauguration approaches, she has begun to sketch out ideas about her service as first lady.

"For me, it's one more role," she said. "I don't look at it as a quote 'first lady' role. I look at it as a citizen role. ... I approach this as a journalist — really," she said. "I ask myself at the end of the day, what did I accomplish?"

Shriver's value to Schwarzenegger during the election, both publicly and behind the scenes, was undeniable.

After the actor-turned-candidate was accused of lecherous behavior toward women, groping them on movie sets or making unwanted advances, Shriver stepped forward with forceful and unswervingly loyal campaign speeches.

"I wouldn't be standing here if this man weren't an A-plus human being," she told one gathering of women.

She was equally good at strategy, summoning both her expertise as a journalist and her background as a child of politics. As a teenager, she watched her father, Sargent Shriver, campaign as George McGovern's running mate in 1972. Her mother, Eunice, is a sister of President John F. Kennedy.

Rumored to be initially hesitant about the effect Schwarzenegger's political aspirations would have on their lives, Shriver ended up a key team player.

"She was like the secret weapon of the press office," said Todd Harris, a campaign spokesman. "She understands both sides of this business better than anyone on the planet and she was able to provide insightful guidance for those of us dealing with media issues."

Shriver was credited with a staff shake-up in the campaign's crucial early days and with crafting a theme for Schwarzenegger.

Developers watch Gov.-elect Schwarzenegger on sprawl

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Bob Martinez and Massachusetts' Mitt Romney. Ex-California Gov. Pete Wilson, who as mayor began rebuilding downtown San Diego and created the state's first new light rail system in decades, also has many former staffers scattered among Schwarzenegger's team.

Fulton, noting that statewide growth management is typically considered a Democratic issue, wrote recently that "moderate Republicans are often the most credible purveyors of innovative land-use ideas."

But that may conflict with agendas of Schwarzenegger's major campaign contributors, many of them suburban builders with thousands of acres planned for growth in Southern California's Inland Empire, the Central Valley and San Francisco's East Bay. Developers who showered Schwarzenegger with dozens of \$21,200 campaign donations, are on track this year to build 187,000 new homes, with most of their 134,000 single-family homes planned on vacant land in emerging new suburban hotspots from Elk Grove to Menifee Valley.

Among Schwarzenegger's biggest clashes with suburban builders may be Tejon Ranch's "Centennial," the state's newest city planned between Los Angeles and Bakersfield. A U.S. Defense

Department official recently wrote Schwarzenegger that the project may interfere with military pilot training routes.

Tejon Ranch also faces environmental opposition over its distant location from Los Angeles job centers. Myerson said it could cost the state vast sums to expand highways in the region to handle residents' long hauls to work.

Though builders often profess to favoring more growth in already-developed cities as Schwarzenegger suggests, most also say it's more expensive, time consuming and subject to greater opposition from neighbors. Yet as Los Angeles and Orange County builders find less vacant land to build on, many are launching infill divisions to do more of the development that Schwarzenegger claims to favor.

California Building Industry Association officials, who represent the state's homebuilders in the Capitol, said Schwarzenegger can get more growth in existing cities by limiting builders' legal liability for building on blighted contaminated industrial sites and relaxing state's environmental laws often used by project opponents to stall builders into giving up.

"It's become a way to stop things and that's a miscarriage of the law," said Tim Coyle, the CBIA's vice president of governmental affairs.



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Another party in Japan?

By The Associated Press

TOKYO — Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's ruling bloc has won a majority in parliamentary elections but faces a stronger opposition party whose gains signal a shift away from a political system that has long been dominated by a single party.

Sunday's balloting was the first major test for Koizumi since he took power more than two years ago, and he said the results gave his Liberal Democratic Party-led bloc the mandate it needs to forge ahead with reforms.

The coalition, which includes the New Conservative Party and the Buddhist-backed New Komeito Party, kept a tight grip on the 480-seat lower house of Parliament.

Koizumi, 61, said his administration would immediately start hammering out details for tax cuts, public pension reforms and privatization of the highways administration. He also pledged to continue prodding banks to dispose of their massive bad loans to revive the world's second-largest economy.

But the vote was hardly a resounding victory for the LDP, which failed to win a simple majority on its own,

and it reflected growing dissatisfaction with the conservative party's inability to end an economic slowdown that has persisted for 13 years.

Sniper attorneys to argue 'insanity'

By The Associated Press

CHESAPEAKE, Va. — A theory advanced by the prosecution against sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad is being embraced by attorneys for Lee Boyd Malvo in their efforts to keep the younger suspect off Virginia's death row.

Malvo's trial was to begin Monday in Chesapeake, and defense lawyers plan to argue the 18-year-old is innocent by reason of insanity.

Prosecutors in nearby Virginia Beach are trying to convince a jury that Muhammad, 42, exerted such control over Malvo that Muhammad should be held responsible for the shootings that killed 10 and wounded three in the Washington area last fall.

"Our strategy is their strategy," Malvo lawyer Michael Arif said. "If you watch the prosecutors (in Muhammad's case) carefully, they will never put on evidence that Lee was the shooter in any of the shootings in question."

The defendants are being tried for different killings by prosecutors from two Virginia counties. Both face the possibility of the death penalty if convicted.

Senator calls for summit to mend Europe

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States should organize a trans-Atlantic summit to mend fences with Europe and develop a new approach for Iraq based on NATO troops, a senior Democratic senator says.

"The U.S. is a country right now basically in search of a strategy, and I think it's time to make a fundamental shift in the way in which we're going about trying to win the peace here," Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware said Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

Biden, the ranking minority member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said that after gathering with European leaders, President Bush should tell Europeans that three changes regarding Iraq are needed:

- Making it a NATO-led operation.
- Having a high commissioner, who need not be an American, report to NATO, to the alliance's political arm and to the U.N. Security Council.
- Overhauling Iraq's U.S.-appointed Governing Council, which he said could serve as "the entree to the French to say, 'We can work out an arrangement here.'"

U.S. pledges to help Saudi war on terror after weekend attacks

BY ADNAN MALIK

Associated Press Writer

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — The United States pledged to help Saudi Arabia in its war on terror after a suicide car bombing killed at least 17 people in its capital, and the U.S. Embassy slightly relaxed security restrictions Monday on its staff and their families.

Police, military guards and armored vehicles blocked the roads leading to the compound housing mostly Arab foreigners that was targeted in Saturday's attack. Security also was heavier Monday at compounds for Western foreigners.

The U.S. Embassy said that after a daily review of the threat level, staff and their families were told they could now travel outside Riyadh's heavily guarded diplomatic quarter to which they had been ordered restricted Saturday. It said the embassy would remain shut indefinitely.

The attack was portrayed by Saudis as proof of the al-Qaida terror network's willingness to shed Arab and Muslim blood as well in its zeal to bring down the U.S.-linked Saudi monarchy. At least 13 of those killed were Arabs, with four as yet unidentified, an Interior Ministry official told the official Saudi news agency. Five were children.

In the attack, gunmen battled security guards at the compound of about 200 houses, located in a ravine surrounded by hills. Then the attackers, believed to be in a police car, drove into the compound and blew themselves up.

Along with the dead, 122 people were injured. The attack left piles of rubble, hunks of twisted metal, broken glass and a large crater in the compound located not far from the diplomatic quarter and the king's main palace.

The United States joined countries around the world in expressing condolences and pledging to stand by Saudi Arabia.

"On behalf of my nation I will just pledge that we will be fully participating partners if that is the desire of the

kingdom of Saudi Arabia," said Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, who arrived Sunday night.

Armitage said he was "personally quite sure" al-Qaida was behind the car bombing "because this attack bears the hallmark of them."

Such attacks appear to be directed "against the government of Saudi Arabia and the people of Saudi Arabia," he said, adding that he expected more to follow.

Jordan's King Abdullah II expressed his "categorical and strong condemnation" of the bombing, the official Petra news agency reported Monday. The king assured Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah in a phone call that "Jordan stands with its brothers in Saudi Arabia and rejects attempts to destabilize the kingdom," the news agency said.

The secretary-general of the Organization of Islamic Conference, Abdel Wahid Balqiz, denounced the Riyadh bombing as a "horrendous terrorist act" in a statement released Monday.

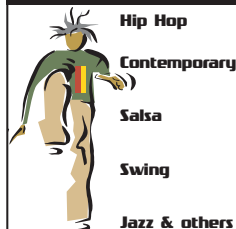
In comments published Sunday on the Web site of Saudi daily Okaz newspaper, Interior Minister Prince Nayef said he could not rule out a connection to suspected al-Qaida terrorist cells targeted in recent sweeps, as a number of suspects from those cells were still at large.

"It's become a war on the regime, a war to turn the country into a new Afghanistan ruled by a Saudi-style Taliban," said Dawood al-Shirian, a Saudi analyst.

An Interior Ministry official told The Associated Press that the compound attack was by a suicide car bomber and resembled car bombings May 12 on three Riyadh compounds housing foreigners. Those attacks, blamed on al-Qaida, killed 35 people, including nine suicide bombers.

Armitage also cited "similarities to the May 12 attacks," and said "some of the al-Qaida Web sites and things of that nature have been speculating about this type of event."

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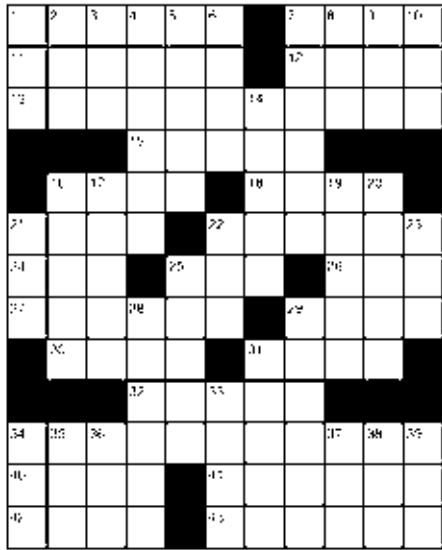
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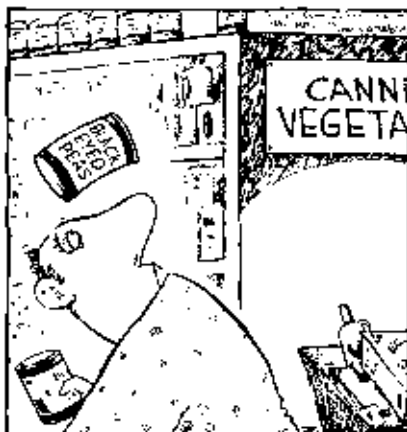
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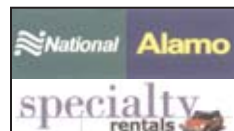
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EVENTS

National Teachers celebration luncheon

The Santa Monica Bay Area Chapter of the California Retired Teacher's Association will meet to celebrate the "National Teacher's" program and discuss the federal government and California schools. The social hour begins at 11:30 a.m. and a luncheon will be served at 12 p.m. for \$7.50. Reservations are appreciated and can be made by calling Linda Owens at (310) 828-2674. United Methodist Church, 1008 11th St.

Terrific Tuesdays

The Santa Monica Library invites children, grades k-3, to participate in their, "Terrific Tuesdays" program featuring stories and crafts. The event is free and will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call (310) 829-7081.

Montana Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

City Council Meeting

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

Backing up your hard drive and avoiding identity fraud

The Los Angeles Computer Society presents Gene and Linda Barlow who will present options for protecting confidential computer files and how to properly eradicate files

instead of simply pushing "delete." This free event begins at 6 p.m. with a help forum for beginners, followed by the Barlows' discussion at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be available. For more information, call (310) 289-7177 or visit www.lacspc.org.
Fellowship Hall, 8065 Emerson Ave., Westchester

Abraham Foxman speaks about his new book

National director of the Anti-Defamation League Abraham Foxman, himself a Holocaust survivor, will speak about and sign copies of his new book, "Never Again? The Threat of the New Anti-Semitism." The event will consist of a speech, a three-course dinner and book signing, and will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the event cost \$57. For more information or reservations, call (213) 628-2333 or visit www.lawac.org. This event is part of the Los Angeles World Affairs Council's "speaker season."
Beverly Hills Hotel, 9641 Sunset Blvd., Beverly Hills

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Comedic Lectures by John Lehr

John Lehr explains what he has learned in life during this partly improvisational, partly storytelling lecture. The act is a non-stop tour of recollection from one hilarious experience to the next. 8 p.m.

The Powerhouse Theatre, 3116 2nd Street
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The Other Shoe: Original Short American Plays

The Edgemar Center for the arts will present a compila-

tion of musical and comedic plays. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and costs \$20. Reservations can be made at (310) 392-7327. Saturday and Sunday. Edgemar Center for the Arts, 2437 Main Street

ENTERTAINMENT

Harvelle's

Established in 1931, Harvelle's is the oldest blues club on the west side. This is the kind of blues joint you'd expect to find in a dark Chicago alley; yet even if it's your first visit, it feels familiar. Tonight Harvelle's features their Circle of Songs at 7 p.m. and LA Live at 9 p.m.
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1332 2nd Street
Mambo Italiano - 1:15, 6:05 p.m.
Shattered Glass R - 12:15, 2:40, 3:40, 5:05, 6:05, 7:30, 8:30, 9:55 p.m.
The Singing Detective R - 12, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15 p.m.
The Station Agent R - 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 p.m.

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1314 Wilshire Blvd
Elephant R - 4:45, 7, 9:30 p.m.
Pieces of April PG-13 - 5, 7:30, 9:45 p.m.

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1441 Third Street Promenade
Kill Bill Vol. 1 R - 12, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20 p.m.
Love Actually R - 12:30, 2:45, 3:45, 6:15, 7, 9:30, 10:15 p.m.
Mystic River R - 12:45 p.m., 3:50, 7:15, 10:30 p.m.

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1313 Third Street Promenade
Alien: The Director's Cut - 9:15 p.m.
Brother Bear PG - 12, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:20 p.m.
Elf PG - 12:10, 2:35, 5:10, 7:35, 9:40 p.m.
In the Cut R - 1, 4, 7:10, 9:50 p.m.
Intolerable Cruelty PG-13 - 12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:40 p.m.
Scary Movie 3 PG-13 - 12:20, 2:25, 4:45, 7:20, 10 p.m.
School of Rock PG-13 - 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10 p.m.
The Texas Chainsaw Massacre R - 1:45, 4:05, 7:05, 9:30 p.m.

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1313 Third Street Promenade
Good Boy! PG - 10:45 a.m.
The Human Stain - 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 4:50, 7:50, 10:40
The Matrix Revolutions - 11 a.m., 12:30, 1:15, 2, 3:30, 4:15, 5, 6:30, 7:15, 8, 9:30, 10:15, 11 p.m.
Radio - 10:50 a.m., 1:20, 4, 7, 9:40 p.m.
Runaway Jury - 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30 p.m.

If you know of an upcoming event which may be included in the calendar please send the information to calendar@smdp.com or fax it to (310) 576 9913



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Author John Grisham also charges for spoken word

By The Associated Press

■ **CHARLOTTE, N.C.** — Is John Grisham worth \$75,000? Organizers of the Novello Festival of Reading think so, though they “gulfed” at the author’s speaking fee.

Ultimately, though, administrators of the Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg decided that the master of the courtroom novel would strengthen the festival by drawing a big crowd to the annual event’s final night.

“He’s been one of our most requested authors,” said library spokeswoman Rita Rouse. “We have tried to get him for not quite as long as Novello’s been around, but close to it. He’s always declined until this year.”

The 2,100-theater for Grisham’s speech Monday sold out quickly. Ticket sales — seats cost \$14 to \$35 — won’t cover the fee, Rouse said, but Grisham’s popularity attracts corporate sponsors and increases the festival’s profile.

About 40,000 attend writing workshops, appearances by writers and other activities scheduled over roughly a month.

“This is the kind of thing corporate sponsors and the community want to be a part of,” Rouse said.

Grisham, 48, is expected to attend an event for Novello sponsors and major library donors before his talk. Unlike nearly every other festival speaker, he will not autograph books for fans because of the size of the crowd, Rouse said.

Novels by Grisham include, “A Time to Kill,” and “The Firm.”

■ **LOS ANGELES** — Ron Howard’s new film “The Missing” is his first Western but the Oscar winner has been interested in the genre for a long time.

Before stepping behind the camera, Howard was an

actor and one of his early big screen appearances was opposite John Wayne in 1976’s “The Shootist.” He is best known for his television roles, Opie Taylor on “The Andy Griffith Show” in the 1960s and Richie Cunningham on “Happy Days” in the 1970s.

Howard also was set to direct the upcoming film “The Alamo” but backed out after budget and creative disputes.

“Every time we are about to renew our contracts, Ron brings up a Western,” said Brian Grazer, Howard’s long-time producing partner at Imagine Entertainment. “I always say, ‘OK, OK.’ But I never thought he’d actually do one.”

“The Missing,” set to open this month, stars Tommy Lee Jones and Cate Blanchett in a tale of a pioneer mother who reunites with her wayward father to hunt for her abducted daughter.

■ **ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** — Nobody’s saying whether R-E-S-P-E-C-T is on the table, but Aretha Franklin and the Star are sitting down to discuss settlement of the soul superstar’s lawsuit against the super-market tabloid.

Last year, Franklin sued the Star and its parent company, American Media Inc., over an article that alleged she had a drinking problem.

Barry Langberg, Franklin’s Los Angeles lawyer, has said everything in the article published in March 2000 was false.

Franklin — best known for such hits as “Respect,” “Natural Woman,” “Chain of Fools” and “Think” — and the lawyers for both sides left court late Friday afternoon with no word of the progress toward settlement. Langberg’s office said he would not be available for immediate comment because he had to catch a plane

back to Los Angeles after the hearing.

Langberg has said he could reasonably have sued the Star in any state because it is sold nationwide. He has not specified why he chose New Mexico as the venue for the lawsuit.

■ **HUNTINGTON, W.Va.** — West Virginia is proud of Grammy-winning native Michael W. Smith and told him so.

The contemporary Christian musician was given the Distinguished West Virginian Award before taking the stage Sunday at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena.

“He’s known the world over for his inspirational music, and I thought ‘This is certainly something he’s deserving of,’” said state Sen. Steve Harrison, who bestowed the honor. “He said it wasn’t necessary, but I told him I thought it was long overdue.”

Smith is a native of Kenova, W.Va., and graduated from Ceredo-Kenova High School in 1976.

He started his music career as a piano player for Amy Grant and has gone on to sell more than 8 million records. His No. 1 songs on the Christian charts total 26. His current album, “The Second Decade: 1993-2003,” is No. 7 on Billboard’s Contemporary Christian Top 10 this week.

“I Will Be Here For You” reached No. 1 on the adult contemporary charts in 1992, and “Friends” has been a favorite class song for graduating high school seniors for 10 years.

He won Grammy awards for Best Pop/Contemporary Gospel Album in 1995 and for Best Male Gospel Performance in 1984.

“I think he makes West Virginia seem like a beautiful place,” said Danielle Lagos, a fan from Fayetteville. “He’s not ashamed to be from here.”

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