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THE HERE'S TO PATTY ISSUE

The great Big Blue Bus way

Brand spanking new
BBB customer
service center opens

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN The biggest shopping district in the city is now home to the bluest green business in Santa Monica.

The Big Blue Bus' customer service center and retail shop opened its doors on Monday at its new digs on the 100 block of Broadway, a move lauded by frequent public transit riders who long complained

of the inconveniences of the old location on Olympic Boulevard and Seventh Street.

An information hub where riders can acquire bus schedules, inquire about routes, receive assistance with trip planning and purchase monthly passes, the customer service center is now housed in a

building that is easily accessible from most of the Big Blue Bus' major lines, whereas the old location was a block away from only one bus line. Directly in front of the BBB store is the stop for some of the system's busiest lines.

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SPORTS



FIGHTING ON

Pee Wee Vikings on cusp of a championship

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HERE, HERE: The Santa Monica Vikings Pee Wee football team needs just one more win to capture the Pacific Coast Conference Championship. The 11- and 12-year-olds take on Lakewood this week.

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601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.

The Santa Monica Public Library presents a free monthly screening and discussion series, built around issues-based movies. Presenter Gregg Heacock will lead a discussion prior to the film. This month's screening is the Best Foreign Film Oscar winner, "Tsotsi." Seating is first come, first served in the MLK Jr. Auditorium.

Story Time for Twos

2601 Main St., 10 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

The Ocean Park Branch Library brings back their music and story program for toddlers aged 24-36 months. Registration and an accompanying adult are required. For more information or to make a reservation, call (310) 392-3804.

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462 N. Robertson Blvd., West Hollywood, 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Artist's reception for "NCIS" actor David Dayan Fisher. Hors d'oeuvres, wine and silent auction benefiting Kensington Cares.

Story time Tuesdays

11360 Santa Monica Blvd., L.A., 10 a.m. — 11 a.m.

The West L.A. Library offers stories and crafts for kids every Tuesday morning.

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2007

Surviving the Holidays

1332 Sixth St., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.

Santa Monica Family YMCA presents "Bereavement Support: Surviving the Holidays" led by group facilitator and social worker Tracy Lynch. Admission is free. Register in advance at the Member Service Desk. For more information, call Lidia Magarian at (310) 393-2721, ext. 129 or e-mail her at lidiam@ymcasm.org. Underground parking is available.

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601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

The group discusses Angela Carter's "The Bloody Chamber and Other Stories," a collection of children's fairy tales remade for adult readers. Group meets in the Community Room.

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601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:45 p.m.

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Mystery book group

1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

The Montana Branch Library's mystery book group will discuss Batya Gur's "Bethlehem Road Murder."

'Glitz and Grit'

2601 Main St., 7 p.m. — 8:45 p.m.

Author and Hollywood insider Beverly Gray describes her film industry career and how she produces her books — "Roger Corman: Blood Sucking Vampires, Flesh-Eating Cockroaches, and Driller Killers" and "Ron Howard: From Mayberry to the Moon ... and Beyond." Admission to this book signing is free.

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Rude deli patrons irk neighbor

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

MID-CITY For the last two years, Nathan Crowe says he has been unable to get a good night's sleep because of excessive noise emanating from the parking lot behind Izzy's Deli, a popular, 24-hour eatery that is one of the few places in Santa

Monica where one can dine after hours.

Crowe, whose cottage is separated from the parking lot by a 15-foot hedge, plans to go before the City Council tonight and demand that Izzy's, a fixture in the community for over 30 years, be forced to close at midnight and reopen at 8 a.m., or be banned from using the parking lot during those hours.

Crowe, who is disabled and seeking a kidney transplant, said his much-needed sleep

has been interrupted by illegal food deliveries and late-night maintenance, but even more so by drunk, obnoxious patrons of the deli. Crowe said he has seen or heard customers get into fist fights during the early morning hours. One couple even had sex on the hood of a car, he claims.

"This restaurant is doing nothing to stop this, or dissuade people from going out into the parking lot and partying," Crowe said. "I

will tell you that it has absolutely negatively impacted my health and I want something done about it. (The restaurant) should be held to a hire standard," because it is allowed to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Izzy Freeman, the owner of Izzy's, said there is no evidence to support Crowe's claims. Freeman said he follows the letter of

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Saturday night's all right for fighting

Pee Wee Vikings eye a championship

BY GABRIELLE HARRADINE
Special to the Daily Press

SAMOHI The Santa Monica Vikings Pee Wee football team will be looking to bring home a championship this weekend, after disposing of Gardena in a hard-fought victory Saturday night.

"It was a tough battle," said Michael Ehrlich, who coached the Pee Wee squad of 11- and 12-year-olds to the 24-19 win.

The Vikings' road to the Pacific Coast Conference Championship won't get any easier this Saturday, having to go through the Lakewood Huskies — a squad that has only lost one game in four years.

"They are a very formidable opponent," said Ehrlich. "(But) if we focus and execute, nobody can beat us."

Meanwhile, the Jr. Pee Wees came up just short in their bid to play for the title. The team faced a three-way tie-breaker against Culver City and Downey last Thursday, each vying for a spot in the quarterfinals. Culver City prevailed in the tense tie-breaker, and has since gone to make it to the finals.

Coach Allen Hankel said Monday that, despite the team's small roster, the players worked really hard and had a great year.

The Mitey Mites — the youngest of the Santa Monica teams that earned a spot in the postseason — fell in the first round on Saturday. The 8- and 9-year-olds faced a tough Torrance Panthers team, and despite



Photo courtesy of Lexi Dotson

FACE TIME: Vikings Pee Wee head coach Michael Ehrlich talks strategy with his son amid the team's championship game run this season. Santa Monica faces off against lakewood in this weekend's title game.

taking an early lead with a touchdown just five plays in, they could not hold off the powerful Panthers. Running back Indiana McAlpine supported the Mitey Mites with tough work and dedication, playing both offense and defense, said coach Rick Regalado.

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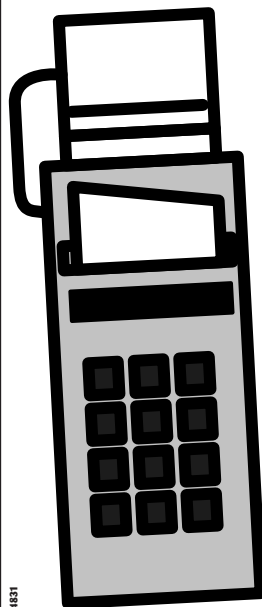
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This newspaper you hold in your hands is decidedly disposable; it's recyclable, biodegradable, even sustainable ... but by no means is it worthless. This is your sounding board, your voice. For six years – through celebrations and protest, court actions and catastrophes, reminiscences of past and portents of the future – the Daily Press has been there with you.

Today marks our sixth anniversary as a newspaper, after having launched on lucky Nov. 13, 2001. Through the years, we have striven to provide Santa Monicans – an engaged bunch if ever there was one – with a forum to express themselves on these very Opinion pages, even as we looked to inform, educate and entertain them throughout the newspaper with our news coverage.

Oftentimes, usually in efforts to pigeonhole us, readers will ask which way the Daily Press leans, but our stated goal has always been to lean in whatever direction we're being pulled by our readers. That's what a community newspaper should be and that's the agreed upon goal for which our newsroom strives.

In 2001, a new millennium began, a new president was sworn in and, of course, our nation was attacked and then collectively mourned. There was the Lakers celebrating another NBA title, a resurgent China bidding to host the 2008 Olympics and an endangered guar being cloned. There was good and bad, ugly and sweet, events that binded us and tore us apart. So much of it seems so long ago. It can be hard to recall a world before such change, and a Santa Monica without a daily newspaper to inform it.

For six years, readers have opened their doors and hearts to the Daily Press. Like any relationship, there have moments of discord, of criticism, of suggestion and of love, but this is a work in progress, and together we have weathered the growing pains.

On this day, the start of "Volume 7" on our front page masthead, we salute you, the readers, who have shaped us, molded us and crafted this daily paper that reflects a quite newsworthy city.



Dispatches from Dystopia

Ryan Hyatt

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Cast a 'yes' vote for political fist-fighting

I'M NOT SURE HOW THIS COUNTRY will extricate itself from the quagmire of Iraq, but I've devised a way to avoid similar snafus in the future.

I propose an amendment to the United Nations whereby conflicts between states are settled by their leaders in the boxing ring.

Bear with me here.

Congress, so far, has approved \$610 billion for the U.S. military operations related to the War on Terror. Most of this money has been used to invade and re-build Iraq, of which there have been 3,860 American fatalities for a campaign that has incited more terrorism, and a civil war.

In terms of Iraqi war-related deaths, the number is uncountable because of poor record-keeping. Estimates range from tens of thousands to 1.2 million.

Such staggering human and financial loss has led me to question our prospects living under nation states, whose leaders seem bent on proving just how unaccountable they are to the public interest they should be furthering.

Current political systems are pitting humanity into competing camps that exert artificial ideological agendas on each other. Until there's a wide scale effort to acknowledge the unalienable interests of humanity in politics, this country and every other will remain susceptible to the whims of myopic leadership.

With this in mind, I wonder how the world might fare if powerful rulers like George Bush and Saddam Hussein were forced to settle their differences one-on-one. I can't help but feel these two men have done Iraqis, military families and taxpayers an incredible disservice by dragging us into an adolescent conflict with dire geo-political consequences.

As leaders, they should have done better. I'm thinking an air-conditioned venue, like the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. On the one side, we'd have had the challenger, a white-haired cowboy dictating democracy to the good people of an oil rich desert. On the other, we'd have had the cigar-smoking despot out to keep the title of tyrant.

The winner could have decided the form of government in Iraq without furthering bloodshed, national debts or the volatility of the Middle East.

I'd have gladly put my tax dollars toward watching Bush and Hussein slugging it out on ESPN in the comfort of my easy chair. That would have been more entertaining than my TV watching experience since the 2003 invasion began, mostly reruns on C-SPAN of a crippled Congress incapable of even wiping its ass with the checks it's signed to fight a war most of us have grown indifferent toward.

Notice how many nations are getting out of hand in their maniacal tendencies? Examples include Darfur, Georgia, Iran, Myanmar, North Korea, Pakistan, Venezuela — oh yeah, and the United States. Apparently, it's not easy for governments to respect democracy and the rule of law when its biggest advocate is bogged down in its own feces.

It's like we've been living in an alternative universe since the 9/11 attacks, tuned out to the heroism of some and the complacency of most of us.

Let's make the national dialogue exciting again. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jesse Ventura — these entertainers-turned-politicians are onto something. Settling our differences with fists isn't much worse than asking families and taxpayers to bear the burden for their leaders' destructive foolishness.

A disturbing news story in the Oct. 19 issue of Current Science profiled Jon Town, a U.S. veteran, who suffered brain damage

I'D HAVE GLADLY PUT MY TAX DOLLARS TOWARD WATCHING BUSH AND HUSSEIN SLUGGING IT OUT ON ESPN IN THE COMFORT OF MY EASY CHAIR. THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE ENTERTAINING THAN MY TV WATCHING EXPERIENCE SINCE THE 2003 INVASION BEGAN ...

from a rocket attack in Iraq. He was persuaded by military doctors to retire under a diagnosis of "personality disorder," barring him from military benefits. There are allegedly thousands of similar cases that have been undertaken to save the Pentagon money.

Town since has been re-diagnosed and is receiving the military benefits he deserves. What about our other vets?

How can the Bush Administration have the audacity to spend hundreds of billions of taxdollars making its corporate cronies in the defense, construction and service industries rich, only so our soldiers in harm's way don't get the support they need?

The Department of Veterans Affairs is considering development options for its West L.A. complex. I hope any schemes include room for the veterans for whom the land was intended.

It would be really nice if the winner in the upcoming presidential election upheld the consensual decision-making process of democracy. I doubt my boxing amendment will catch on in Santa Monica — the City Council is too fond of talking — but perhaps we can convince elected leaders elsewhere to keep their egos to the boxing ring.

I mean, if our leaders aren't willing to fight for what they believe in, why should any of us for what they believe in?

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What's the Point?

David Pissarra

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Money makes the world go around

THE MOVIE "CABARET," STARRING LIZA Minelli, has a song in it "Money Money." It's a classic, sung by Joel Grey in the movie. As a kid, I used to listen to that soundtrack and I loved that song.

Money is what allows us to set our values. By that I mean, that where we spend our money declares for us, as a society, what we value.

In societies that value art and music, the theater, the symphony and the operas all have enough funding. For example, in dynastic China, art was valued, so the artists were provided for. Granted there was gross inequality, and certainly the peasant class was under-funded, but what I am saying is that the society valued art over eradicating hunger.

Money is not intrinsically valuable. Nothing is. Value is put upon the object, by the observer. A dollar bill is nothing but a piece of linen with some ink on it. The only reason that it has any value is that you and I agree that, based on the shape of the ink blotches, this piece of linen is worth \$1, \$5 or \$100, and then, we agree that we can exchange those linen pieces for other items.

As humanity has progressed from a barter society — through coins, present-day linen and "credit/debit" cards, and soon-to-be cashless society — we have changed the form of the money we use. But changing the form of money, does not change its purpose, only the way we interact with it.

The purpose of money is to make trade easier. Whether we are trying to acquire candles or a home, money makes the process of transferring an asset from one party to another quicker and easier.

This same process works for services. As a divorce attorney, I trade my time and my knowledge of how to accomplish certain goals, for money. If I was a small town attorney, perhaps I would accept fresh eggs, or a chicken or having a barn built on my back 40, in exchange for all the years of hard work I put in to acquire the knowledge of how to separate husband from wife. I could still accept barter in today's society. I could get a man more custody or lower spousal support and he could agree to re-roof my house. But the problem with that is how to value his time versus my time.

It is this valuing process that makes

money such a good idea. Money is a common valuation language that allows me to determine whether it makes more sense for me to charge my regular hourly rate, and then hire a roofer, versus trading my work for his. It is because I value my time at one rate, and he values his time at another, that creates the need for money.

If we all valued our time equally, then, trade would be simple. But life is not so simple. It takes four years of college and three years of hell, called law school, to become a lawyer. It takes years of working outdoors in bad conditions, and then lots of book reading to become a contractor. The years are not equivalent in terms of time, effort or skill sets, so we cannot make them equivalent.

Unless we use money. Money which becomes the great equalizer in terms of a common language.

Assume that my hourly rate is \$100, and that I need a new roof on my 900-square-foot home. It would take me all week to do the work, that's \$4,000 at my hourly rate, for me to re-roof my house. But to the roofer, who knows what he is doing, it might take one day. He might charge me \$1,000 to fix my roof. I can look at that and say its just a little roofing job, some tar paper, some nails, why should it cost that much? The answer is that he knows how to do it, and do it quickly. And I don't.

The old adage that time is money, is true for this reason. I can make more being a lawyer in the week it would take me to do the roofing work.

The point is that when we look at what are perceived injustices, we must remember that "the issue" is rarely, if ever, the issue. Money is rarely the problem.

What we value, is the problem. Shoes for all, or Prada pumps for a few? Who we value is the problem. The little old man down the street who knows the neighborhood history, or drunken cover girl Britney Spears?

Money is just a language that allows us to communicate and come to an agreement of values. It is a hallmark of a civilized society, what that society does with it, is the result of the value the society holds.

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The Q-Line

Paying up

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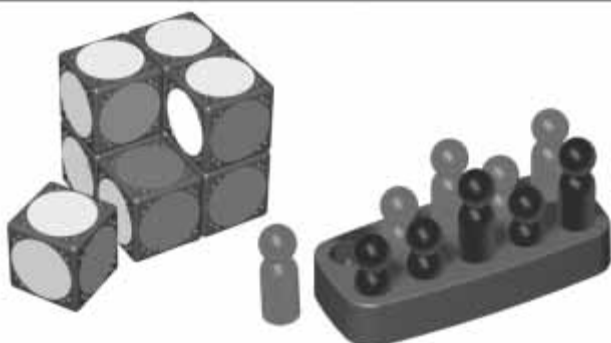
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BUBBLY AT THE PIER

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A group of young children scurry around trying to pop bubbles created by the self-proclaimed 'Bubbleman' near the Santa Monica Pier on Saturday afternoon.

Disciplining others' kids can be difficult

BY ANGIE WAGNER

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS Not long ago, Lisa Nichols took her three boys to see the polar bear exhibit at the zoo. They were waiting in line when another kid walked up, put two hands on her 5-year-old's shoulders and shoved him out of the way.

Nichols says she promptly walked up to the boy, gently put her arm on him and said, "Excuse me, that was very rude. You should not be shoving other people. You don't shove my son."

"He just looked at me and said, 'Whatever.' His mom was standing right there and didn't say a word."

As many parents know, disciplining other people's children can be tricky and uncomfortable - even when, like Nichols, of Broken Arrow, Okla., you think you're doing the right thing.

Problems with other kids can arise anywhere — the park, a birthday party or when another child comes over to play. But do parents have the right to discipline other children? And if so, what's the best way to go about it?

■ Experts suggest approaching the parent first.

"You may be much more effective talking to the parents, rather than talking to the child," says Lawrence Kutner, a clinical psychologist who teaches at Harvard Medical School. "The child does not have an ongoing relationship with you. All you are is a big stranger who says 'don't do that,' whereas they have to go home with this child-care provider or parent."

Of course, it's easier and less confrontational to reprimand the child. Approaching the parent requires a lot of tact and diplomacy, Kutner and others say.

■ Start out positive, they advise.

"You can't ever make accusations," says Jonathan Bloomberg, a psychiatrist and director of the Bloomberg Institute, a treatment center for children in Northbrook, Ill. "People don't appreciate that."

By saying something like: "I noticed this happened..." parents can try to read the

other parent to see if they are going to become agitated.

Kutner suggests something along the lines of: "I've been watching your child play and he strikes me as a very creative child ... but one thing that concerns me, and I'm sure would concern you as well, is your child..."

Nichols, the Oklahoma mom, has occasionally said something to another parent in a playground, but tries to phrase it in a question.

"Do you think that's safe for him to be doing that?" she has asked.

HE JUST LOOKED AT ME AND SAID, 'WHATEVER.' HIS MOM WAS STANDING RIGHT THERE AND DIDN'T SAY A WORD."

Lisa Nichols
Parent from Broken Arrow, Okla.

"I try to be nonconfrontational. People let their kids get away with way too much."

■ Sometimes, of course, the other parent isn't around, isn't paying attention or doesn't mind that their child is poking another kid in the eye with a plastic sword.

"If the parent isn't close by, set the limit with the child and then say, 'Where is your mommy,' or 'Where is your daddy?'" says Caroline S. Clauss-Ehlers, an assistant professor of counseling psychology at Rutgers University.

■ If another child's behavior is a safety issue, intervene immediately.

■ Parents should adjust their response according to their own child's development.

"A lot of times as parents we think it's our job to sort of stick up for our children and defend them from any injustice that takes place on the playground. But it's not that simple," Bloomberg says. "You don't want to overreact."

Don't panic

What to do when your child throws a temper tantrum

BY RANDI GOLDBERG BERRIS
Associated Press Writer

Rebecca Jacobs was amazed at how quiet and involved her rambunctious 2 1/2-year-old son was with the new puzzle in the children's room at the library.

Until it was time to go home.

Tyler threw himself on the floor, yelling: "No, mama, I don't want to leave!"

Jacobs, 7 1/2 months pregnant, can't exactly scoop up her son and hustle out the door that easily.

"It literally took me 10 minutes to get out to the car," says the mom from West Bloomfield Township, Mich. "It was really embarrassing. There were two guys having an intellectual conversation. Here I am with my child kicking and screaming."

Parents, you've all been there.

So what DO you do when your child throws that all-out temper tantrum, especially if you're in public?

First, don't panic, says Dr. Paul Donahue, a child psychologist and author of the recently released "Parenting Without Fear" (St. Martins, 2007).

Try to let the child cry it out, he says — unless, of course, he could hurt himself or others, in which case intervene.

"Tantrums in public can be some of the most difficult moments for parents. You think all eyes are on you," says Donahue, whose practice is in Scarsdale, N.Y. "Leaving kids be for a few minutes until they come out of it, and not giving in to whatever they're asking for — it's often much tougher to do that."

Donahue notes that other parents who observe your child's tantrum likely will empathize with you.

"The library, where it's supposed to be a place of quiet, it's OK. Parents have got to remember that it's not going to be the first time that it ever happened there, or in preschool, or in a restaurant," Donahue says.

In a synagogue or church, though, sticking to your guns can be even tougher.

Just ask Amy Goldstein, who took her 4-year-old daughter, Molly, to a Friday night service at their synagogue in Houston recently. All Molly wanted to do was run around outside and play with her friends, but Goldstein insisted that she stay until the singing was over.

That didn't go over so well.

"She was hysterical," says Goldstein, 41. "The entire congregation turned around to look at me. ... She saw it or sensed it, so she got louder, screaming, 'No, Mommy, no!' So I walked out with her, since now I seemed to be the worst mother in the world, torturing my child, but I also wanted to dig my feet in."

Molly eventually calmed down, and Goldstein took her back in to the service, where the rabbi stopped speaking for just a moment.

"Let me tell you, I was mightily embarrassed," Goldstein says. "But in the end, she enjoyed it."

Donahue says tantrums are a good thing — even if they don't feel that way. They are an important part of emotional development, and teach children to deal with frustration and disappointment.

"It's important that parents feel they don't have to jump in too soon to soothe kids. They have to let them sit with those very uncomfortable feelings, even if it's painful to do so," Donahue said. "A lot of parents come to me, afraid their child will be scarred for life. It's highly unlikely a tantrum will do any lasting damage."

Charmaine Stevens, a mother of three in Canton, Mich., does whatever she can to distract her youngest, Samantha, if she starts to melt down in public. Often she takes the 2 1/2-year-old to the bathroom, where the change in environment sometimes is enough to calm her down.

"She is the biggest temper tantrum queen there is," Stevens says. "Sometimes all you can do is let her cry it out. Our doctor said to hold her, don't look at her, and let her go through it."

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If Samantha acts up in church, however, Stevens or her husband will get her out of there as quickly as possible.

"I've seen others in church let their kids fall down and have it out, but in that particular situation, I couldn't do it," says Stevens, 43. "That's not my style."

Donahue agrees there are times when all bets are off, and you do what you can to stop the tantrum. But he warns that giving in too often can encourage more tantrums.

Jay Hoecker, a pediatrician at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., suggests trying to head off temper tantrums before they start. If you're going to the grocery store at a time when your child might get hungry, take along a snack. If you're heading to the toy store to buy a present for someone else, make a deal ahead of time on what small toy your child can have.

And if the tantrum comes anyway, have a plan. Hoecker suggests on the mayoclinic.com Web site trying a "marked" time-out. Because it's hard to give a time-out in a store, instead put a mark on the back of your child's hand and say you'll talk about it when you get home. When you get home, discuss the mark, why you gave it, and have the child sit in a time-out then.

Donahue says parents need to remember that tantrums are how young children express frustration.

"They need to learn how to cope. They're not going to get everything they want. They need to learn how to delay gratification," Donahue says. "Children need to learn that at 2, 3, 4 years old. If they don't learn it then, it will be much harder at 10, 12, 15 years old."

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

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The City Council is expected to spend tonight nearly \$2.5 million on a variety of projects, including street improvements on Colorado Avenue, air conditioning repairs for Big Blue Buses, and the creation of a regional, emergency shelter for families in Culver City.

The big ticket item will be the pedestrian and neighborhood traffic improvements on Colorado between 20th Street and Centinela Avenue. The project is budgeted at \$1,035,496, according to a city staff report. A construction contract is expected to be awarded to Genesis Development, Inc., which has done similar projects including the Pacific Palms Resort paving and landscaping project for the city of Industry and the Big League Dreams Baseball Park project for the city of Riverside.

Improvements here will include: mid-block crosswalks with in-pavement flashers between 20th and 26th streets; crosswalk enhancements at all intersections east of

26th; raised landscaped median islands and curb extensions at various locations; five new streetlights and other lighting enhancements; traffic signal modifications at Stewart Street; and striping and signage improvements.

The work is part of the final phase of the Mid City Traffic Plan, which was developed in response to a call for a safer, more active pedestrian environment. Police said jaywalking across Colorado has become a concern, especially near the Water Gardens, where employees can often be seen darting across Colorado illegally to get to the Yahoo Center.

Community workshops were held in April 2002 and again in December 2004, according to a city staff report.

KEEPING IT COOL

For \$425,000, the council could secure for three years on-site repair services for air conditioning systems on Big Blue Buses. BBB does not currently have the infrastructure or technicians on staff to perform the repairs and believes contracting out is the most cost effective measure at this time.

The contract, if awarded, would go to Bus Systems Unlimited.

"Contracting for these services ensures that the city's equipment is maintained to the highest standards and that our customers are treated to a comfortable ride even during the warmest weather months," a city staff report reads.

A HOME FOR THE HOMELESS

Looking to follow through on a promise to spread homeless services throughout the region, city staff is asking the council to grant a housing trust fund loan to Upward Bound House in the amount of \$400,000 to help the Santa Monica-based non-profit purchase a 20-room motel at 12841 West Washington Blvd. in Culver City.

The motel would be converted into a 72-bed emergency shelter for homeless families with children under the age of 18. The cities of Beverly Hills and Los Angeles, the county of Los Angeles and the state have committed funding for the development.

The development of a regional emergency shelter for families with children in conjunction with other entities "would further a regional 'fair share' strategy" regarding homelessness and would benefit families in and outside of Santa Monica, according to a city staff report.

Upward Bound will connect families with

a case manager and provide services that will help them transition from homelessness to permanent housing as rapidly as possible, an approach known as "housing first."

If approved, this will be the third City Hall-funded facility located outside of Santa Monica and funded jointly with other jurisdictions.

In September of 1995, the council authorized a housing trust fund loan of \$400,000 in federal HOME funds to New Directions, Inc. for the development of a 165 bed facility for homeless veterans on the grounds of the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration. That project received funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the cities of Los Angeles, Beverly Hills and Culver City.

In June 2006, the council spent \$75,000 in one-time funds to help St. Joseph Center's Homeless Services Center located in Venice. St. Joseph received funding from the city and county of Los Angeles to identify and rehabilitate a site on Lincoln Boulevard.

There is currently no emergency shelter in the Westside that serves homeless families in custody of minor children, according to a city staff report.

The total cost of the Upward Bound project is estimated at \$3.5 million. The county

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is expected to contribute \$750,000. The city of Los Angeles will contribute \$200,000, while the state Emergency Housing Assistance Program will contribute \$1 million. Upward Bound is expected to raise \$750,000.

The motel was built in 1953 and has 20 units, of which 18 are one-bedroom units. The property is said to be in good condition and is located only four miles from Santa Monica.

NEW POOPERS

In order to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the council is being asked to spend \$289,516 for the design of new beach restrooms. The restrooms must be completed by June 2010 under a consent decree with the State Department of Parks and Recreation.

City Hall plans to replace eight non-compliant restroom using designs that will somewhat mirror new restrooms built at city parks. In order to minimize impacts to the public, city staff proposes a two-phase construction schedule with four facilities under construction during non-peak periods, from October 2008 to April 2009, and October 2009 to April 2010.

State Parks sent a letter to City Hall in December 2005 notifying Santa Monica that it had been defending a class action lawsuit filed under ADA by plaintiffs representing park users with mobility, vision and hearing disabilities. The claims in the lawsuit stated that State Parks, including those parks operated by local agencies such as Santa Monica, did not provide legally sufficient access for persons with disabilities. A settlement was reached calling for restrooms to be renovated.

UNION DUE

City employees will be getting a raise under a new deal that the city manager is looking to finalize. The total cost of the raise, which includes a cost of living adjustment for the next two years, is \$233,819.

In addition to the raise, employees will also receive another personal day that can be cashed out if not used by the end of the year, and two non-cashable personal days, according to a city staff report.

UNDER THE BRIGHT LIGHTS

In a collaborative effort between residents and City Hall, street lights will be installed along a dim stretch of Georgina Avenue from Fourth to Seventh streets. Residents there circulated a petition amongst their neighbors, the majority of which voted in favor of adding lighting to the area.

The total cost for the project is expected to be \$172,050, with 50 percent of the tab to be picked up by residents in the form of an assessment. Property owners will have two options to pay. They can pay the entire balance, without incurring any interest, in 30 days of receiving an invoice, or they can make payments over a 10 year period. Under the second option, bonds will be issued for the unpaid amounts and a lien will be placed upon the property until the full assessment costs, including interest, have been paid. Payments will be made twice a year with an annual interest rate equal to 8 percent.

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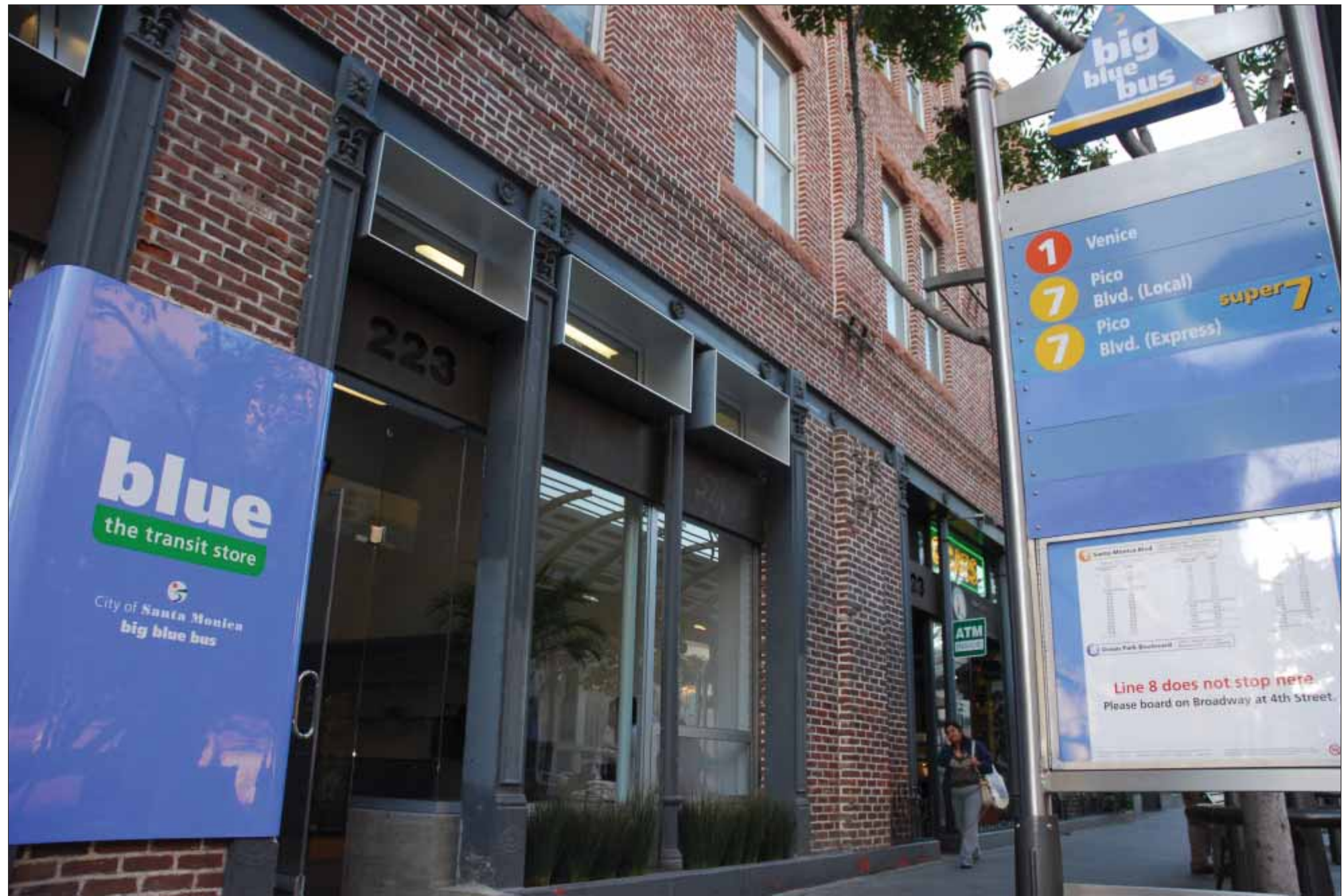
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DAY PASSES



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IN THE HEART OF THE CITY: 'Blue: The Transit Store' opened its doors to customers Monday. The Big Blue Bus' new 900-square-foot customer service center, retail store and information hub downtown should prove more convenient for customers than the agency's former digs at Olympic Boulevard and Seventh Street. The service center is located at 223 Broadway near Second Street.

BBB opens new center

FROM BBB PAGE 1

"This new location is really all about convenience and about bringing transit into more of a public place so that it's more visible, and also more contemporary," said Dan Dawson, spokesman for the Big Blue Bus.

The store attracted more clients on opening day than what BBB officials expected, attracting more than 50 people during the first few hours, a high figure considering it was a bank holiday.

One of those visitors was Marsha Parkinson, who while visiting Santa Monica on Monday afternoon stumbled upon the Big Blue Bus store after spending a few moments in front of a bus stop in confusion. Parkinson, who is visiting Southern California from Kansas City, was trying to find a bus back to her hotel in West Hollywood.

"The people here are extremely helpful," she said.

The new digs is a hit with the seven BBB employees that work out of the office, enjoying the conveniences of being close to restaurants and shops.

"We always have to call (orders) to go," said Lois Safriwe, a BBB customer service representative. "It's great to have the variety."

The 900-square-foot space was designed by Warren Wagner of W3 Architects and built to look like the exterior of a Big Blue Bus, covered in a blue paneling that starts at the store's facade and extends inside. The

shop was designed to incorporate environmentally friendly concepts, from the floors made of recycled rubber tires to the high windows that utilize natural lighting and cuts down on energy costs. The project cost an estimated \$585,000 and was funded mainly by grants from the Federal Transit Administration.

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Dan Dawson, Spokesman for Big Blue Bus

In addition to buying monthly fares and picking up route maps, customers will also be able to see a real time system-wide map of the buses, shown on a flat screen television inside the store, said Jose Barba, the customer service supervisor.

In planning the new center, called "Blue: The Transit Store," Big Blue Bus officials looked to public transit agencies in London and Dallas for inspiration, both of which have successfully molded together the retail store and customer service center concept.

"It attracts people who are not even thinking about transit," Dawson said.

The BBB merchandise will not go on sale

until this weekend but the store's shelves are already stacked with Big Blue theme towels, toy buses, organic cotton T-shirts and even baby clothes. The store will also sell jewelry made from old Big Blue Bus tokens from the 1930s, discovered in a safe and transformed into jewelry by two local Santa Monica artists.

The former location drew anywhere from 2,500 to 3,000 walk-in visitors a month. That number is expected to rise, especially with tourists.

Another added bonus for BBB riders will be the extended hours at the new service center, now open for two hours longer every weekday and from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturdays.

"The drivers are the first initial contact (for riders), but we're the second one," Barba said.

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Detour: Hacker takes Big Blue visitors for a ride

By Daily Press staff

DOWNTOWN The Big Blue Bus' Web site was hacked Friday afternoon by an unidentified perpetrator, briefly transforming the public transit agency's main page from a source of information about schedules and fares to anti-war propaganda.

Big Blue Bus officials are not sure when the hacker accessed the Web site or why they decided to leave their mark. The site was returned to normal within an hour after it was discovered Friday afternoon, said Dan Dawson, spokesman for the BBB.

"We do know that the technical mechanism that allowed the hacker to get in was blocked and our IT department is working on a longer term fix so it won't happen again," Dawson said.

Visitors to the BBB site were greeted by a solid bright blue screen, containing a picture of a gas nozzle against a child's forehead. Below it was an unintelligible rant about protesting the war.

The episode marked the second time the Big Blue Bus' site has been hacked within the past year. About six months ago, a hacker posted an anti-American message on the site, Dawson said. The bus agency made some adjustments in response to the online invasion.

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Angry neighbor takes fight to city

FROM DELI PAGE 3

the law when it comes to deliveries and is doing everything he can to ensure his customers are respectful of the community that surrounds him.

Freeman believes the noise is coming from those who are leaving a nearby bar called The Parlor and have chose to park in the lot behind his restaurant. He has hired a valet to monitor the lot and he forces people who park there to pay a \$20 fee if they do not patronize his establishment.

"People go to work before eight in the morning. If they won't allow me to open, I might as well close my business and put 45 people out of work because of one schmuck," said the Brooklyn-born Freeman, who opened up shop in 1973 at the northwest corner of Wilshire Boulevard and 15th Street. "For 35 years I've never had a problem ... We've been here for a long time. We serve the community and the community has been good to us."

Freeman said he plans to post signs in the parking lot warning his customers to be cour-

teous, and hopes that will appease Crowe.

Over at The Parlor, a sports bar that is located just up the street from Izzy's, manager Tim Dearn said he employs security guards to hang out on side streets and monitor his patrons to make sure they are respectful of the neighbors. Dearn said "once in awhile" he will get noise complaints, and that's why he hired extra security.

"We're sensitive to the issue and do our best to make sure people respect the neighbors," Dearn said.

Both Freeman and Crowe said they are willing to go to court if they have to.

During a recent Saturday night, there were roughly 10 people eating at Izzy's around 1 a.m. Joe Petz was one of them. He said he "hits up" Izzy's every couple of months for a late night snack and has never felt like there was a problem with noise.

"It seems pretty quiet to me," said Petz, who sympathizes with Crowe, but believes Freeman has the right to operate as long as he's following the law. "I can see some people maybe being loud because they've been out late at a party or a club, but I don't think



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OFFICIAL VISIT: A valet at Izzy's Deli talks with a Marine while a patron backs out of a parking space behind the Wilshire Boulevard eatery. A resident living just north of the parking lot plans to ask the City Council to limit Izzy's hours of operations or close the parking lot from midnight to 8 a.m. because of excessive noise. Izzy Freeman, the deli's owner, disagrees with the upset neighbor.

Izzy's should be made responsible for it. It's up to each one of us to be respectful and not act like an idiot."

Petz said Izzy's could put up signs, but that's no guarantee that people will be quiet.

"There are no smoking signs, no right-turn signs, no littering signs," Petz said.

"People still smoke, still make illegal turns and still throw things on the ground."

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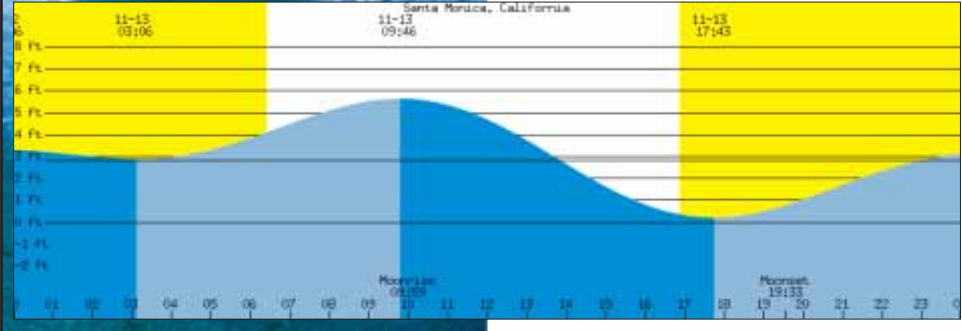


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Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth (leocarrillo)	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	B	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A	A+
Puercio State Beach at creek mouth	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puercio Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	B	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	D	F
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A	A+

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Trojans fall out of current Top 25 poll

BY JIM O'CONNELL

AP Basketball Writer

The Atlantic Sun Conference doesn't have any members in the Top 25, but its teams knocked a couple of big-name schools out of the rankings.

Gardner-Webb's win over Kentucky and Mercer's victory over Southern California weren't enough to get them into The Associated Press' first regular-season poll Monday, although both did receive votes.

Southern California fell from the rankings after it was 18th in the preseason. Kentucky dropped out from 20th place.

North Carolina, which opens the season against Davidson on Wednesday, remained No. 1 as the top seven teams held their places from the preseason poll.

Villanova, which beat Stony Brook 86-64 in its season opener, and Butler, which beat Ball State 61-45 in its first game, moved into the rankings at Nos. 24 and 25.

North Carolina received 29 first-place votes and 1,737 points from the 72-member national media panel. UCLA, which opened with a 69-48 victory over Portland State, was No. 1 on 24 ballots and had 1,710 points.

Memphis, which beat Tennessee-Martin and Richmond to advance to this week's semifinals of the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic, was third with 18 first-place votes. Kansas, which beat Louisiana-Monroe and

Missouri-Kansas City by an average of 26 points, was fourth.

Georgetown drew the other first-place votes and was fifth, followed by Louisville and Tennessee. Indiana, Washington State, Marquette and Oregon all moved up one spot to eighth through 11th, respectively.

Michigan State, which opens the season Tuesday against Chicago State, dropped four places to 12th after losing to Division II Grand Valley State in an exhibition game.

Duke, Gonzaga, Texas A&M, Texas, Arizona, Arkansas, Pittsburgh and Stanford rounded out the top 20.

The last five ranked teams were North Carolina State, Kansas State, Southern Illinois, Villanova and Butler.

Gardner-Webb beat Kentucky 84-68 in the second round of the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic. The Bulldogs, with seven points in the poll voting, will play Connecticut in the semifinals at Madison Square Garden on Thursday, while Memphis faces Oklahoma.

Mercer, which opened its season with the 96-81 victory at Southern California, had four points.

The second full week of the season won't feature any matchups between ranked teams, but two of the more interesting games have Michigan at Georgetown on Thursday and Virginia at Arizona on Saturday.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Brennan 'knocked out cold' during game; may play Friday

BY JAYMES SONG

AP Sports Writer

HONOLULU Colt Brennan was knocked out cold after taking a helmet-to-helmet hit Saturday night, but said he feels fine and will be ready to go Friday when No. 13 Hawaii faces Nevada on the road.

"I'll be out there and ready to play," he said, after sitting out practice Monday.

Warriors coach June Jones, however, said his record-breaking quarterback will be a game-time decision.

"I've talked to a bunch of specialists," Jones said. "It's a little more complicated than it used to be, when they give some smelling salts and they send you back in. We'll do what's best for him."

Brennan suffered a mild concussion in Hawaii's 37-30 victory over Fresno State that kept the Warriors undefeated at 9-0 and their BCS hopes alive.

He is also expected to be sidelined Tuesday as well. The team also practices Wednesday before flying to Reno in the afternoon for its game Friday.

The senior said he's had no symptoms from the concussion and feels "normal."

"I just got to hope that I continue to get better and feel good," he said. "Hopefully Friday, I can get cleared. That's all I'm waiting for."

Brennan had thrown for 396 yards and two touchdowns against the Bulldogs before leaving with about 11 minutes left in the game. He was flattened by linebacker Marcus Riley near the Bulldogs' sideline while

scrambling on third-and-7.

"He hit me solid," Brennan said. "Unfortunately, he hit me right in the head and my head hit the ground and it knocked me out cold."

Brennan laid motionless, face down, as trainers from both teams came to his aid. The near-sellout crowd drew silent and teammates prayed on one knee as the game was halted for about five minutes. Brennan eventually stood up, wincing in pain and was helped off the field into the locker room.

"I didn't see him until the last second. He came in and I tried to get underneath him and we just went helmet-to-helmet," Brennan said. "That's the game. ... Do I think he did it on purpose? Absolutely not. Do I feel any negative feelings toward this guy? Absolutely not."

However, the injuries to Brennan and Washington's Jake Locker, who suffered a stinger and muscle strain in his neck in a helmet-to-helmet collision Saturday, raises the issue of whether college athletes are adequately protected.

Neither hit was flagged.

In the NFL, contact with a quarterback's helmet — even inadvertent — draws a 15-yard penalty at a minimum, and ejections and possible fines if flagrant. In college football, ejections, are not as common and suspensions are almost unheard of.

Jones said the NFL has set the ground work for the NCAA, by cracking down on helmet-to-helmet contact and helmet-leading hits in recent years.

Teeing it up

Timberlake to host PGA Tour event in Las Vegas next year

JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE is getting his own golf tournament. The 26-year-old singer will host the PGA Tour event in Las Vegas, which will be renamed the Justin

Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. Timberlake becomes the 14th celebrity to host an event, joining notables Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and Glen Campbell.

The five-year agreement begins next year. "We will make sure to make this event unique and memorable, and we will raise money for charity while participating in the

greatest game ever played," Timberlake said in a statement Monday. "Raising money to better children's lives while playing golf? I can't think of a better way to pass the time."

The Las Vegas tournament is part of the Fall Series in October, played after the FedEx Cup. George McNeill is the defending champion.

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HASSELBECK GOES PUBLIC

ELISABETH HASSELBECK has revealed the name of her newborn son: Taylor Thomas Hasselbeck. Hasselbeck, co-host of ABC's "The View," called the daytime talk show Monday to announce the name. The baby was born Friday at an Arizona hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces. The 30-year-old Hasselbeck – typically chipper but sounding tired – said she was in labor for what seemed like "four or five thousand hours." She began a 2½-month maternity leave Oct. 23. Her husband, Tim Hasselbeck, is a backup quarterback for the Arizona Cardinals.

AP



Federline's attorney may request video

There could be more trouble ahead for Britney Spears in her custody battle. **KEVIN FEDERLINE'S** lawyer says he may try to subpoena video footage that apparently shows the pop princess running a red light at a Hollywood Hills intersection while driving with their two young sons in the back seat. Attorney Mark Vincent Kaplan says he's weighing whether to seek a subpoena from the court Wednesday for the footage, which was posted on the celebrity news Web site TMZ.com. Separately, TMZ reported that it was contacted by Kaplan. Kaplan declined further comment, but the footage could support his request to a Superior Court commissioner to stop Spears from driving when her sons are in her car. Federline has temporary custody of Sean Preston, 2, and Jayden James, 1, because Spears has defied court orders. A message left for an attorney for Spears, Anne Kiley, wasn't immediately returned Monday. Spears' driving has been an ongoing problem for her.

AP

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

Relax. You need to, Leo

Happy Birthday!

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Born Today
Author **Robert Louis Stevenson** (1850)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You will actually be the sane one, as everyone else easily could lose his or her temper. Work through hassles by being understanding. You are coming from a place of security, whereas someone else might not be. Tonight: Could be late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ How you visualize a situation could easily determine what happens. At first, everything could be a touch confusing. If you get out of your skin and look at the complete story, you will feel better. Tonight: What would look adventurous?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Let someone else make the first move. You will relax more and also get a better vision of someone else's ideas. With this sense of what works, you will feel much better. Possibilities that you had not considered open up. Tonight: Go along with another's ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You might want to try a different approach knowing that you are getting nowhere. Think positively about what is being put on your plate. Know when you have had enough. Take your time; there really isn't a rush. Tonight: Luxuriate in your popularity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Listen to what others have to say about a project. Know also that you don't have to make it so. You are only gathering information. You have a lot to smile about. Knowing when to call a halt to a problem could be very important. Tonight: Relax. You need to.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Your wilder side emerges. Know when you need to say enough. Understand where others are coming from by listening and imagining their words and feelings. Tonight: With your sensitivity, it could be fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Get past an issue that has been revolving around you. Think positively and with understanding. Take care of a personal matter first. You might be uncomfortable with what must happen in order for a bond to flourish. Listen to that voice. Tonight: Happy at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ You might want to try something very different. Talking and explaining might work, yet action does make a difference. Trust yourself with a decision, and move forward as need be. Listen to your inner voice. Tonight: Hang out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Curb your spending while it still can make a difference. Listen to another's tale of hardship. How you see this person might change considerably. Others might go slightly overboard. Can you understand what is happening? Tonight: Easy does it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You are in the thick of a situation. Though you might want to move through a problem, perhaps you are better off approaching the situation differently. Think positively. You will get great results that way. Tonight: As you like.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You might be surprised by what is happening within your immediate circle. Surprised or not, you could discover that you need to regroup and think through a problem. Think more deeply about a personal issue. Tonight: All is quiet.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Move to the head of the class. Think in terms of gain through a meeting. Friends provide a meaningful outlet as well as a source of multiple suggestions. Let your supporters cheer you on. Tonight: Where your friends are.

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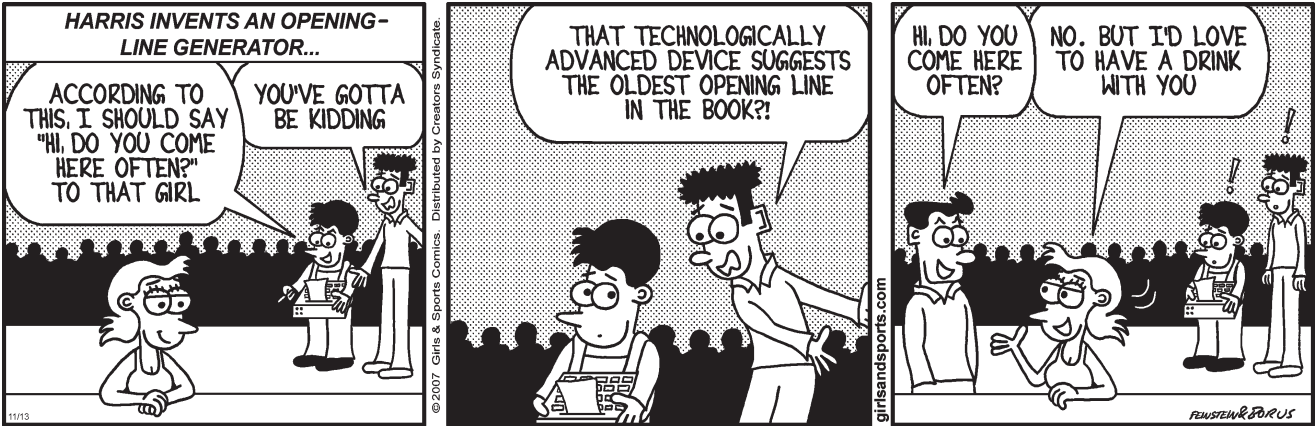
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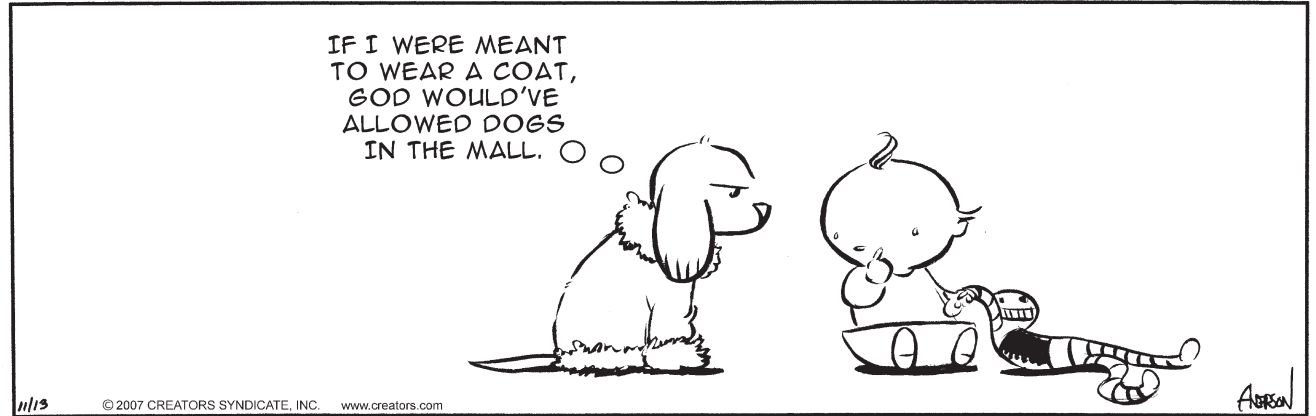
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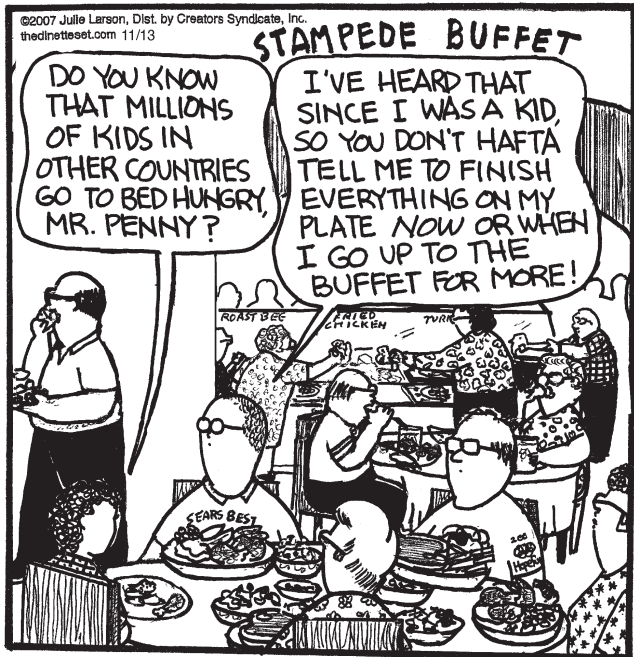


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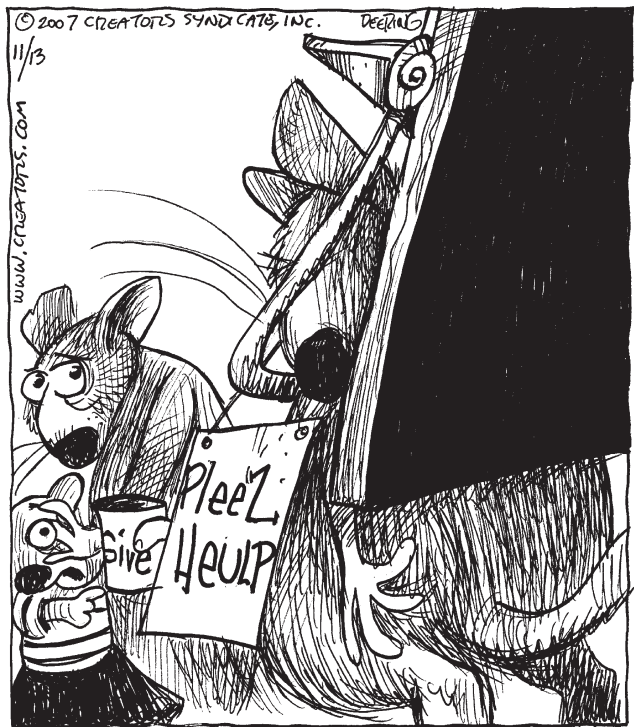
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

William R. Cohen filed a \$1 million lawsuit in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in May against a family after their Jack Russell terrier bit his left nipple, causing him (according to the lawsuit) medical expenses, loss of income, pain, disfigurement and "loss of sexual comfort and desire."

Smooth Reactions: (1) Po Shiu-fong, 58, was sentenced in July to six months in jail in Hong Kong for stabbing her boyfriend, 49, in his eyes with a chopstick because she thought he was cheating on her. (At the hearing, Po admitted that she had already blinded him in the left eye six years earlier by poking him with her finger because of alleged cheating.) (2) Allen Beckett, 53, was charged with assault in Oklahoma City because, in June, he had allegedly become enraged at a patron who had entered Henry Hudson's Pub wearing a University of Texas T-shirt. Eventually, the two men brawled, during which time Beckett grabbed the man's crotch and would not let go until he tore the scrotum, requiring more than 60 stitches.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1851 Herman Melville's novel "Moby-Dick" was first published in the United States.

1881 Charles J. Guiteau went on trial for assassinating President Garfield. (Guiteau was convicted and hanged the following year.)

1907 Two renowned children's authors were born: William Steig ("Shrek") in New York, Astrid Lindgren ("Pippi Longstocking") near Vimmerby, Sweden.

1922 The British Broadcasting Corp. began its domestic radio service.

1935 King Hussein of Jordan was born in Amman.

1940 During World War II, German planes destroyed most of the English town of Coventry.

1969 Apollo 12 blasted off for the moon.

1970 A chartered Southern Airways DC9 crashed while trying to land in Huntington, W.Va., killing all 75 on board, including the Marshall University football team and its coaching staff.

1972 The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed above the 1,000 level for the first time, ending the day at 1,003.16.

1973 Britain's Princess Anne married Capt. Mark Phillips in Westminster Abbey. (They divorced in 1992, and Anne remarried.)

WORD UP!

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IF YOU ARE A CREDI-TOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a per-son interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Re-quest for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and ap-praisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Pierre Sauvaget in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Pierre Sauvaget be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ESTALINE LEASKO CASE NO. SP007306

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by JOSEPH P. ARGENTA in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that JOSEPH P. ARGENTA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act . (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on 11/30/07 at 9:15AM in Dept. R located at 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401

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IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

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