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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In October, California environmentalists and health officials said they might have to undertake a one-by-one investigation of septic tanks in the movie-star-populated Malibu community in order to find the leaks that have been fouling the coastline. The final decision won't be made, according to an Associated Press report, until officials test the sea water to determine whether the sewage has human DNA or is from animals, such as runoff from chicken farms, which is the preferred explanation of actress-vegetarian Pamela Anderson.

■ In 2004, Bruce McMahan, then 65, whose success with his McMahan Securities hedge fund in the 1990s made him one of America's wealthiest men, married (perhaps unofficially) his own daughter (who had been born of a 1968 McMahan fling) following a two-year affair (according to a September report in Florida's Broward-Palm Beach New Times, based on court documents generated when the daughter sought a breakup). McMahan denied the affair and the marriage, but New Times found, among other things, many wedding photos and marriage-acknowledging e-mails, and reference to a vibrator laden with "evidence." All lawsuits relating to the matter were settled, and the files sealed by the court, in early September.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 321st day of 2006.
There are 44 days left in the year.

1800 Congress held its first session in Washington in the partially completed Capitol building.

1962 Washington's Dulles International Airport was dedicated by President Kennedy.

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Services Center provides many with a fresh start

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CLOVERFIELD BLVD. — Naima Butler moved to Los Angeles from her native Canada just over three years ago, looking to help others with post-traumatic stress disorder. Soon after arriving, however, the program fell through and Butler ended up on the streets, with no means to treat her illness.

Through the help of Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC) and the city of Santa Monica, Butler was able to find housing and begin to put her life back together. Today, she is on the dean's list at Santa Monica College and has just built a small recording studio in her apartment, where she writes her own music.

"OPCC helped make my dreams come true," said Butler, a middle-aged woman sporting braids and glasses. "They provide encouragement to those in need."

Butler joined with city officials and representatives from OPCC on Thursday for the unveiling of the new \$11 million Cloverfield Services Center, a 22,000 square-foot housing facility at Cloverfield Boulevard and Michigan Avenue.

The facility — the first of two new centers to be constructed in Santa Monica by OPCC as part of a major expansion of services on the Westside — will offer housing for 55 chronically homeless individuals suffering from mental illness and other disabilities, officials with

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Shoppers' delight

Fabian Lewkowicz fabianl@smdp.com

Artist Anthony Schmitt climbs atop the 'Edgemar Holiday Tree' to hang some lights while assembling the annual shopping cart creation. Schmitt was out on Main Street Wednesday and Thursday piecing together the holiday tree sculpture, which stands 33 feet tall and consists of 83 carts, for the 10th year in a row. No scaffolding was required, with the sculpture serving as its own ledge.

Clearing the air for SM's smokers

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN LIBRARY — On the 30th anniversary of the Great American Smokeout, business owners got heated about the city's new sweeping ban.

City officials chose the annual day when smokers across the nation are encouraged to quit to unveil a new Web site dedicated to informing businesses, residents and visitors about the new outdoor smoking ban, which goes into effect on Thanksgiving.

With links to the actual ordinance, as well as facts about the dangers of second-hand smoke and information on how to quit lighting up, the Web site (www.freshairsantamonica.org) is part of an education campaign by the City Attorney's Office to ensure compliance with the law.

City officials acknowledge that enforcement will depend heavily on awareness, in which the public is really policing themselves, being polite and respectful of others.

"Our goal is to make sure this law is understood," said Adam Radinsky, a Deputy City Attorney with the consumer protection unit. "We are

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NOT SO UNUSUAL: The number of \$2 bills printed yearly depends on demand.

A double take for \$2 bill

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN — Jacob Mandelson is a man on a mission.

Though it's not really the Ethan Hunt or 007 type of mission.

"I am trying to return the \$2 bill to circulation," the Google software engineer said on Thursday.

Each Tuesday, with a handful of \$2 bills, Mandelson strolls down the corridors of Google on Arizona Avenue, popping into offices and

cubicles, asking the one question everyone awaits.

"Twos? \$Twos, anyone?"

In fiscal year 2006, the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing released 230,400,000 individual \$2 bills. The number of \$2 bills printed depends on the demand from the Federal Reserve, and in some years, none are printed at all, said Claudia Dickens, spokeswoman for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

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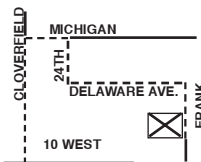


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- ARB 06-432, 1348 Pico Boulevard: Chevron Gas Station/Mini-Mart
- ARB 06-440, 1653 Twentieth Street: Studio Parking Lot
- ARB 06-448, 919 Seventeenth Street: Multi-Family
- ARB 06-471, 2029 Olympic Boulevard: Single-Room Occupancy
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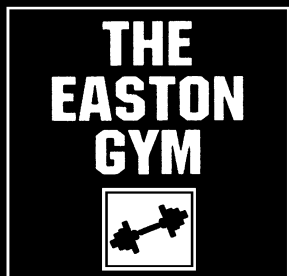
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Fitness Class (Mambo Mania)

Santa Monica, 7 a.m. — 8 a.m.

Latin-style aerobics includes pilates, stretch and yoga, cardio and muscle training and core training.

Taijiquan

Santa Monica, 7:30 a.m. — 9:15 a.m.

A healing class taught by Helene Bouboulis, who has been practicing Taijiquan for eight years and is currently studying with Joe Lopez one of the Cheng Man Ching's long-time students.

Westside Economic Summit

RAND Corporation Headquarters, 8 a.m. — 11 a.m.

Fifth Annual Westside Economic Summit, presented by the Westside Economic Collaborative.

Enchanted Lunchtime Theatre

Santa Monica Playhouse, 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.

An entertaining, enriching and educational 90-minute weekday Mommy (or Daddy) and Me theatre experience for kids ages 3 to 5 and their parents, with story-telling, sing-a-longs, handicrafts and enactment of a fairy tale.

Santa Monica Rotary

Riviera Country Club, 12 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.

The Rotary Club of Santa Monica is one of the largest and most active Rotary Clubs in the Los Angeles area.

Church Mice

First Presbyterian Church, 3:15 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

The Children's Ministry of FPC invites all children age 3 through first grade to participate in Church Mice. Activities include music, art projects, Bible stories, games and snacks.

Self Healing Community Class

Santa Monica, 5:30 p.m. — 6:45 p.m.

The class incorporates Tanden breathing, microcosmic meditation, Qi Gong, eight steps Brocade, Ampouku (abdominal massage) is simple, holistic, gentle and effective.

Santa Monica Fitness Group for Women

6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

Santa Monica-based women's group that meets every Monday and Wednesday night for either running, hiking, Rollerblading, stairs and power walks.

Santa Monica Review

Dutton's Brentwood Books, 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Contributors to The Santa Monica Review will be reading from their work.

Shabbat Dinner and Lecture

Congregation Mishkon Tephilo, 7:30 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.

American college campuses are experiencing increased anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist activity, coupled with a decreasing number of Jewish students and faculty who feel attached to Israel and who can advocate for Israel and tell its side of the story. Reservations and payments are required for the dinner.

SM YMCA Canned Fitness Food Drive

Santa Monica Family YMCA

Community members are invited to bring in 10 cans of food per visit through Nov. 21 and then can participate in fitness classes, fitness center and lap swim for free. The Santa Monica Family YMCA will donate the canned food in time for Thanksgiving to Sojourn, a local facility for disadvantaged families.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

CORRECTION There was an error reported in the article "Exemption at source of criticism" (Nov. 15, page 3). The neighborhood group Friends of Sunset Park did not take an official position on a plan by mental health provider Step Up on Second to operate a halfway house for young men and women suffering from mental illness.

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Rogue sea lion bites
at least 14 in SF lagoon

By The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A California sea lion has bitten at least 14 people and chased 10 others out of the water this week at a public park's lagoon, prompting the city to temporarily close the area to swimmers.

No serious injuries have been reported, but officials decided to ban swimming at the Aquatic Park Lagoon on Wednesday until the testy marine mammal has moved on.

Experts say the rogue sea lion could be protecting his harem of mates or might have brain damage from toxic algae.

Celeste McMullin, who was bitten Monday, said she saw the animal lurking nearby but didn't think much of it.

"I was swimming along, and I felt a brush under my feet. And I thought, 'These feel like whiskers.' So I stopped, and the animal popped up. He/she looked at me."

McMullin then tried to swim away, but the sea lion followed, biting and bumping her continuously until she made it back to shore. She ended up with six bites: two puncture wounds and four cuts.

Marine Mammal Center veterinarian Frances Gulland said the animal may soon leave the area and advised swimmers to avoid the lagoon in the meantime.

"The migration has started, and the animals are moving north to Washington state and Oregon," she said.



All Santa Monica's a stage

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Marla McClure, 28, a SMC musical theatre student, performs a piece from the upcoming Musical Theatre Workshop, "Not For The Life of Me" from Thoroughly Modern Millie on Wednesday during the Kiwanis Club weekly luncheon at the Santa Monica Family YMCA. The Musical Theatre Workshop will be held this Sunday, Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. on the new SMC Theatre Arts Mainstage.

Gender discrimination suit going to trial

BY MELODY HANATANI

Daily Press Staff Writer

Dixon alleges she was discriminated against after she filed with the SMPD

DOWNTOWN LA — A gender discrimination suit against the City of Santa Monica is expected to go to trial next month, more than two years after it was filed by a former employee.

In the suit, filed in 2004, Jessie Dixon, a former employee in the city's tennis program, alleges she was discriminated against after she reported to the Santa Monica Police Department that a person she believes to be an acquaintance of one of her supervisors had sexually assaulted her son.

The lawsuit is in the midst of an ongoing settlement discussion between both parties, but there is a trial date set for Dec. 4, said Carol Rohr, deputy city attorney, on Thursday.

Rohr declined to comment further on the case since it relates to a personnel matter.

Dixon's attorney, Allen Felahy, did not return multiple calls requesting comment.

The suit names the city; Community Programs manager Kathy LePrevost; Therapeutic Programs Supervisor Danny Price; Richard Rollins, another supervisor; and one unnamed party as defendants in the case. The name of the final defendant is being withheld until Dixon is able to ascertain the person's name, the lawsuit states.

The plaintiff alleges unlawful discrimination based upon sex; intentional infliction of emotional distress; failure to prevent sexual discrimination and hostile work environment; unlawful retaliation; unlawful whistleblower retaliation; and wrongful termination in violation of public policy.

It's an issue that is still commonly seen in the United States, where the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) received more than 23,000 reports in 2005, according to James Ryan, a spokesman for the EEOC.

"There is more consciousness that discrimination is wrong," Ryan said. "But there are still too many people who don't know they have rights."

The problem has transformed in the past few decades from being a blatant act of disrespect in the workplace to more subtle ways of discrimination, said Paula Brantner, program director for Workplace Fairness, a non-profit organization that advocates for and educates about equal treatment for all employees.

Gender discrimination is commonly seen in the "glass ceiling" or through double standards, Brantner said. For example, whereas an aggressive quality is seen as attractive in a salesman, a saleswoman with the same characteristic can be seen as a "bitch," Brantner said.

"There is still a lot of certain behavior that in men is considered acceptable, whereas in women, it's perceived as unfeminine," Brantner said.

The issues listed in the suit date back to 2000, when Dixon's son, who was 4 years old at the time, was allegedly assaulted by a tennis instructor by the name of Bruno Santi, whom she believes was a friend of Rollins.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Make an impact ... by not voting

Editor:

I don't quite agree with Lloyd Garver's view that more people should vote ("Getting people to vote isn't so hard," Nov. 11-12, page 4), since I feel if fewer voted it would be the best statement we the people could make about our hopelessly corrupt system as it's run today and also lead to quicker change than just voting for the sake of voting. And staying the course.

Additionally, most people who vote do nothing else for their country during off-season, and it's the same party-liners who keep getting voted in and out.

However, I am one happy right-winger to see the neo-con clique get thrashed. And it's because the Christian community is finally waking up to the fact that they were deceived. I, for one, was never fooled by this pagan cabal masquerading under catchy phrases like family values. And neither were many other born-again believers, but the media kept perpetuating the myth that the present imperialist, fascistic regime was conservative, and supposedly had a Christian fan base. Yeah, right.

Praise God, the truth always comes out sooner or later. Now, if the Dems will just be bold enough to initiate impeachment proceedings, we will truly be blessed by Christ.

Aric Zoe Leavitt
West Los Angeles

Santa Monica Stairs etiquette 101

Editor:

What we all are thinking, but won't say about the Santa Monica Stairs at the north end of Fourth Street:

- 1) They are not a place for a conversation with your best friend on your cell phone. Please, leave all cell phones in the car.
- 2) Since when is it OK to work out with no shoes on your feet? The stairs are made of wood. Haven't you ever heard of splinters? Wear shoes, please.
- 3) This is not a car show. Please leave your Ferrari at home.
- 4) The stairs are not a place to show off your latest boob job, a face-lift, liposuction, tummy tuck, butt implants, etc. Please dress appropriately.
- 5) Dogs. Where do I begin? Not only is this dangerous, this is pure stupidity. Please leave the dog at home and take Fido for a walk later.
- 6) If you are there with a friend, no need to walk up and down the stairs next to them. They can walk in front or behind you like everyone else. See, the side-by-side thing doesn't work. It blocks everyone else and causes major congestion.
- 7) Come on people: It's the stairs, lighten up. It's a great workout, not a commercial shoot. Please leave the drama at home.
- 8) Please do not mingle at the top or bottom of the stairs. If you feel the need to chat, please step to the side, as you are blocking the entrance/exit. Please move or stop chatting.
- 9) Let's ask ourselves these questions: Are we here for a great workout? Are we here for a good sweat? Are we here to get our heart rate up? Are we here for our health? Or, are we really here to find a date, show off our fabulous body and compare ourselves? Are we here to torture ourselves? Are we here to be 'discovered'? Are we here to judge everyone else, just to make ourselves feel better?
- 10) Whatever your reasons may be, just enjoy yourselves, and make it a safer happier place by following these guidelines.

Laurie A. McGraw
Santa Monica

Electronic voting continues to put our democracy at risk

THE
SOAP BOX
BY BENNET KELLEY



"Electronic voting machines are placing our democracy at risk." This dire warning on the eve of the election came not from MoveOn.org or Air America, but CNN anchor and lifelong Republican Lou Dobbs.

Dobbs was hardly alone in sounding the alarm, as in Maryland both gubernatorial candidates urged voters to use absentee ballots rather than rely on the state's Diebold voting machines, and nationwide, 66 percent of registered voters believed it to be likely that hackers would tamper with the vote count. While it is encouraging that last week's election does not appear to have been marred by major allegations of electoral theft, the alarm is still ringing and must be addressed prior to 2008.

In the past six years, the use of electronic voting machines has tripled and is now used by nearly 40 percent of registered voters. Questions about these machines first surfaced after the 2002 Georgia elections in which Sen. Max Cleland and Gov. Roy Barnes were upset by Republican challengers on Election Day, despite leading in the polls, and it was later discovered that Diebold had covertly implemented a program patch entitled "rob-georgia.zip" shortly before the election.

These suspicions grew exponentially after the 2004 election in which exit polls "incorrectly" showed John Kerry winning the national vote and key states such as Nevada, Ohio, New Mexico and Iowa, but otherwise were "correct" in non-swing states and precincts without electronic voting. What was particularly egregious was that Diebold's CEO promised to deliver Ohio to President Bush and proved to be a man of his word since significant discrepancies between the official tally and exit polls favored Bush 90.9 percent of the time.

These concerns continued to escalate in this election cycle with the release of documentaries such as HBO's "Hacking Democracy" and reports by the U.S. Government Accountability Office and private groups which collectively found that current voting systems were plagued with over 120 security threats and failed to meet "even the most minimal security standards." A Johns Hopkins University study concluded that "we must carefully consider the risks inherent in electronic voting, as it places our very democracy at risk."

The absence of widespread fraud, howev-

er, does not mean that this election was a success for the new technology. There were a number of reports of machines failing to register votes or flipping votes to a candidate not selected by the voter. In addition, across the nation, voters waited in line for hours because of machine failures, inexperienced poll workers and lack of voting machines. In Maryland, a lack of voting machines meant that Sharolyn Hyson had to wait over three hours, until after 11 p.m., to vote. The African American eloquently noted that while the wait was nothing compared to the sacrifices of her ancestors who "died for the right to vote ... this is the 21st Century in the United States. We can do better."

Ms. Hyson is absolutely right and the restoration of a Democratic Congress and the election of Debra Bowen (whom one blog labeled the "election integrity queen") as Secretary of State in California increases the likelihood of significant voting reform. Congress must act quickly to restore confidence in our voting process, while Bowen should push to make California a model of electoral reform.

The starting point, however, must be to address the vulnerability of electronic voting machines to attack or abuse since, as Tom Stoppard notes, "[i]t's not the voting that's democracy, it's the counting." That is why it is appalling that Las Vegas' slot machines are subject to greater scrutiny than most voting machines, as unlike most election regulators the Nevada Gaming Commission has the source code for any software used, performs spot inspections and requires background checks for all programmers.

It is not enough to ensure that the voting process is secure since, as the 2001 National Commission on Election Reform stressed, Americans "can and should expect their [voting] system to be a source of national pride and a model to all the world." A voting system to be proud of is one where voting booths are allocated based on the number of registered voters in the region and not their ethnicity; where there are serious consequences for attempting to suppress the vote through intimidation or misinformation; and which is not tainted by the partisan ambitions of the election administrators.

There is an old proverb "do not stand in a dangerous place trusting in miracles," which reminds us that while we may have dodged a bullet on Election Day, this offers no guarantee for future elections. It is imperative that we address this continued threat since democracy is too precious for its preservation to depend on luck or miracles.

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After the election, questions about the war remain

LAUGHING
MATTERS
BY JACK NEWORTH



The election is over, and none too soon. The worst part were the computerized phone calls. In one day, I received 12 voicemails. I wish I had that many friends. I even got one from Robert Redford. For years, I've been trying to get him to

read my script, and when he finally calls, it's about Proposition 87! Oh, well.

Locally, SMRR swept the school, college and rent control boards, and returned two council members. The schools got \$268 million for renovations, and Prop Y now makes marijuana enforcement a low priority. The measure to upgrade the storm drains is still too close to call. But despite the hotels' \$400,000 worth of ads attacking him on homelessness, Kevin McKeown was the top council vote-getter. The homeless issue merits serious debate, but attack ads merit serious scorn.

The election put a crimp in President Bush's "stay the course." After six years of "my way or the highway," finally some sanity has been restored. As Dan Meredith used to sing, "Turn out the lights, the party's over" — the spending party, the missing \$9 billion party, the one party rule party. Nancy Pelosi is the new sheriff in Dodge, and let's hope she's quicker with the truth than on the draw.

The whole country is waiting for the Iraqi Study Group report (Not to mention updates on

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LAUGHING MATTERS

Bush is compiling quite a record

ELECTION END, from page 4

Tomkat's wedding and how many babies Madonna is going to adopt this week). In the buildup to the war, Bush was asked if he had gone to his father for advice. "Oh, no, I went to a higher father," he boasted. Yet three and half years later, W's lower father has to bail him out once again. But this isn't college grades, frat house pranks, National Guard service, failed businesses or a DUI. Forget the station wagon, junior has dinged the country, maybe even the world.

Maybe it was Katrina or Limbaugh's mocking Michael J. Fox's Parkinson's disease, but on Nov. 7, the people finally woke up. Bush, with that "what, me worry?" look, has said, "In history, Iraq will only be a comma." But now the administration is so desperate they should have a nationwide contest — "In 25 words or less, how do we get the hell out?"

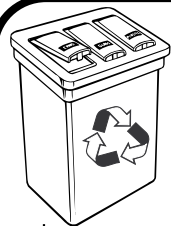
But I still want the truth about how we

got in. The families of the fallen deserve no less.

Junior has compiled quite a record for six years: historic deficits, the environment at the tipping point and our standing in the world has never been lower. Of his axis of evil — North Korea has the bomb, Iran's trying, and Baghdad's morgues can't keep up with the dead (Iraqis get addresses tattooed on their bodies so the next of kin will be notified).

Was the Iraq war ever necessary? Was it worth the treasure and lives? Has it made us safer? If you answered "no" to all three you go to the bonus round. But Junior the Decider, incapable of listening to anyone who disagrees, had to show the world. Hopefully, on Nov. 7 the keys were taken away. As it's turned out, father knows best, even the earthly one.

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TUESDAY, NOV. 7, AT 3:10 A.M.

Santa Monica police officers responded to the 2600 block of Main Street — ZJ Boarding House — regarding a report of two suspects seen throwing a metal pipe through the business' front window and leaving with several skateboards. When officers arrived, they contacted a witness who gave them a description of the suspects. A short time later, officers located the suspects. The witnesses identified them as those who robbed the skateshop. The two suspects were arrested for burglary. Police said the suspects sold the skateboards to a drug dealer for \$60, which they used to buy methamphetamine. The suspects were identified as Craig William Vandiepen, 32, a transient, and Jeffrey Edward Horvath, 35, a transient. Vandiepen's bail was set at \$20,000. Horvath's bail was set at \$30,649. Horvath was also charged with possession of a glass pipe used to smoke rock cocaine, police said.

TUESDAY, NOV. 7, AT MIDNIGHT

Officers responded to the 2900 block of Main Street regarding a report of a man who had kicked over a cement trash can, which shattered into several pieces. When officers arrived, they spoke with a witness who identified the suspect. Officers located the suspect a short time later walking down the street. He was taken into custody and booked for vandalism. He was identified as Nicolas Dante Aydelotte, 32, a transient. His bail was set at \$20,500.

SATURDAY, NOV. 11, AT 10:15 P.M.

Officers responded to the 500 block of Wilshire Boulevard — Renee's — regarding a suspect who had ordered \$42 worth of food and drinks, but did not have the money to pay for it. When officers arrived, they spoke with an employee at the restaurant, who said the suspect tried to use a credit card, but it was declined. The suspect said he did not have any other means of paying the bill, police said. He was arrested for defrauding an in-keeper. The suspect was identified as David Bina, 28, of Marina del Rey. His bail was set at \$500.

SUNDAY, NOV. 12, AT 12:30 A.M.

Officers responded to the 1300 block of Franklin Avenue regarding a report of a man urinating in public. When officers arrived, they spoke with witnesses who said a man was seen urinating in the bushes of a private residence. The owner confronted the man, who punched the owner in the face. A struggle ensued and witnesses were able to break up the fight. The suspect then ran to a nearby nightclub — Busby's — where he was detained by security. Officers took the suspect into custody and he was booked for assault and battery. He was identified as Erik Klein 27, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$20,000.

MONDAY, NOV. 6, AT 11:40 A.M.

Officers responded to Santa Monica College regarding a suspect who was in custody for stealing a cell phone. When officers arrived, they spoke with police from SMC who said the suspect had been spotted by witnesses using the cell phone that had been stolen on Oct. 17. SMC police detained the suspect, who was positively identified by the victim. Officers said the cell phone was linked to the victim. The suspect was arrested for grand theft. He was identified as Victor Clay Elliott, 18, from Long Beach. His bail was set at \$25,000.

SUNDAY, NOV. 5, AT 8 P.M.

Officers responded to the 2200 block of Lincoln Boulevard regarding a report of an assault. When the officers arrived, they made contact with the victim, who said he was in a nearby alley when two men began to kick and punch him, knocking him out. When the victim awoke about an hour later, he said that he walked over to a spot where the suspects are known to hang out, and when he saw them, he notified police. Officers detained the suspects, who had blood on them. The men were arrested for assault with a deadly weapon for using their boots to kick the victim in the head. They were identified as Nicholas McGarrity, 32, a transient, and John Vasaitis, 47, a transient. Their bail was set at \$30,000 each. The victim was treated at a local hospital. The extent of his injuries were not known at the time the crime report was taken, police said.

FRIDAY, NOV. 10, AT 5 P.M.

Officers responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue — Macy's — regarding a shoplifting suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they spoke with security guards at the department store who said they observed the suspect walk into the Macy's with a large plastic bag from the store. The suspect then proceeded to grab clothes off the racks, walk into a dressing room and exit with the clothes in the bag. Security guards said the suspect did this twice before exiting the store, failing to pay for the items. Once outside the store, security guards confronted the suspect and took him into custody. Aside from the merchandise, officers said the suspect had a utility knife, which he used to remove the security tags. The suspect was taken into custody and booked for burglary. He was identified as Iman Kesheh, 19, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$20,000. Police said \$481 worth of clothing was recovered.

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Immigration activists strategy under Dems

BY PETER PRENGAMAN
Associated Press Writer

RIVERSIDE — At a recent strategy session, Hispanic political activists debated ways to characterize the 700-mile fence along the Mexican border approved last month by Congress.

"Berlin Wall" was the language used in the meeting agenda.

"Better to call it the 'Apartheid Wall' because of the racial implications," one man said.

"We should call it what it is — an extension of the 'Tortilla Wall,'" another activist suggested, referring to the derogatory name Mexican immigrants gave fences built around Tijuana in the 1970s.

With the Democrats set to take control of Congress next year, pro-immigrant groups are meeting around the nation to devise a new strategy to win amnesty for illegal immigrants, repeal of the Secure Fence Act and more visas for foreigners.

Activists say they have a better chance of gaining reforms under the Democrats than under the Republicans, but believe it will still require intense political pressure and efforts to mold public opinion.

"We are not taking it like the Democrats are a panacea for immigration reform," said Armando Navarro, coordinator of the National Alliance for Human Rights, an umbrella organization for Hispanic groups in Southern California. "But if they hope to capture the White House in 2008, they better listen to us."

Anti-illegal immigration groups counter that a number of Democrats will be loath to embrace legalization for the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants in the U.S.

"Many newly elected members ran on a ticket of enforcement, so it's going to be difficult for them to turn around and vote for amnesty," said Ira Mehlman, spokesman for the Federation for American Immigration Reform, an anti-illegal immigrant group.

Last spring, Hispanic organizations, churches, unions and Spanish-language disc jockeys mobilized hundreds of thousands of people to protest a House bill passed last December to crack down on illegal immigrants and those who helped them.

However, cracks appeared in that united front after the Senate passed a bill in May that would create a path to citizenship for some illegal immigrants and a guest-worker program to bring mostly low-wage agricultural workers into this country.

Some Hispanic groups hailed the legislation as a first-step compromise, while others rejected it. Unions worried that the guest-worker clause would erode organizing efforts.

Now, activists are trying to repair those rifts and show a united front when they push the Democrats for reform.

"I've been making reconciliation calls," said Nativo Lopez, president of the Mexican-American Political Association. "It's extremely important that we come back together."

Some groups said activists should focus on a single issue this year: amnesty for all illegal immigrants. But not everyone agrees.

Kevin Appleby, director of migration and refugee policy for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the public expects comprehensive solutions, and so activists should also focus on the need for a new visa system and the root causes of immigration from Latin America.

Hispanic organizations have held numerous regional meetings and plan national

gatherings beginning in January. They plan to send illegal immigrants to lobby in Washington. Also, immigrants will send pictures of their families to lawmakers to gain their sympathy.

Exit polls conducted for The Associated Press and other media during last week's election showed 69 percent of Hispanics voted for Democrats, and 30 percent for Republicans. In 2004, President Bush got about 40 percent of the Hispanic vote.

As proof of growing Hispanic clout, activists pointed to Bush's decision last week to choose Florida Sen. Mel Martinez as Republican National Committee chairman.

Democratic leaders on Capitol Hill did not mention immigration reform while talking about their immediate priorities after last week's election. That has some activists worried that Washington might try to avoid the issue completely.

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COSTA MESA

Chief up for checking status

The city's new police chief said he's up for the challenge of implementing the plan backed by the city officials to have officers check criminal suspects' immigration status.

Christopher Shawkey, the Phoenix police commander who agreed this week to lead the Costa Mesa department, said Thursday that he believes he can help settle the debate over whether city officers should be trained to check immigration status.

"I'm confident that we can work together with all parties to make the plan work," he said.

Proponents of the plan say arresting officers need to check if suspects are in the country legally because people cited for misdemeanors don't make it to jail to be screened by sheriff's officials.

Opponents say screening for immigration status could violate suspects' constitutional rights and might keep people from volunteering information to help solve crimes.

The city is waiting for the federal government's permission to begin screening suspects.

Shawkey's predecessor as police chief announced his retirement in April after months of wrangling over the immigration policy.

RANCHO PALOS VERDES

A lesson in preservation

Scientists counted hundreds of plant and wildlife species in their first survey of the new Portuguese Bend Nature Preserve, conservation officials said.

The researchers found 264 plant species — 127 of which are native to the region — and 83 species of wildlife at the site that was used for farming and as a military base until restoration efforts began in 2001, officials said this week.

"It speaks to the importance of preserving land," said conservancy project manager Andrea Vona. "All of this stuff was existing and we may not have known it."

Among the highlights are a new population of the federally endangered El Segundo blue butterfly a rare plant known as the sea dahlia that was previously known to exist only in San Diego County.

The survey was completed for the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy with a \$100,000 grant from the California Department of Fish & Game.

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California faces \$5.5B deficit

BY AARON C. DAVIS
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Escalating state spending combined with sluggish tax revenue from a deflating housing market will leave California with a \$5.5 billion budget gap to close next year, the state’s nonpartisan legislative analyst said Wednesday.

The estimate offered the first glimpse of the budget challenge Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and state lawmakers will face in January.

Somewhat easing the pain for lawmakers will be a larger-than-expected \$3.1 billion surplus to carry over from the current year, thanks largely to stock market gains made by the richest Californians.

That will leave the state with a net deficit of \$2.4 billion, or about \$1 billion less than experts projected when the governor signed this year’s \$131.4 billion spending plan in June.

The governor’s previous budget was the first on-time state spending plan in six years, but it relied heavily on a revenue windfall to fund an 11 percent increase in state spending.

Legislative Analyst Elizabeth Hill warned lawmakers to not use all the surplus this year to balance the budget because deficits are forecast for the rest of the decade.

She said the governor and Legislature must make substantive corrections to get spending back in line with revenue.

“We’re living on borrowed time,” she said. “We strongly urge the Legislature to take significant actions now to balance the state budget.”

The administration welcomes Hill’s assessment but expects a clearer picture of next year’s budget by the end of the year, when more tax receipts are received, said H.D. Palmer, spokesman for Schwarzenegger’s Department of Finance.

“We’ve made substantial progress over the last three years in knocking down the state deficit. But as the governor has said consistently, we still have more work to do to close that gap,” he said.

Finance officials will begin presenting Schwarzenegger with options for balancing the budget early next month, Palmer said. He must deliver his proposed balanced budget to the Legislature by Jan. 10.

Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, who is traveling in South America, issued a statement saying voters expect lawmakers to work together this year to reach agreement on the governor’s budget. The state Constitution requires a two-thirds majority to approve it, often requiring agonizing compromises between the two parties.

“Wiping out a multibillion dollar deficit is going to require the same level of bipartisan cooperation we had last year,” said Nunez, D-Los Angeles. “It’s a tough mountain to climb, but we can meet the challenge.”

In her analysis, Hill said several indicators suggest economic growth for the state has slowed since the budget was passed in June.

Without some budget maneuvers — such as making cuts, raising taxes, taking out loans or refinancing debt — revenue would not keep pace with expenditures in the new fiscal year, she said.

About 70 percent of the budget shortfall next year is related to paying off loans used to balance past budgetary shortfalls. California has more than \$20 billion in outstanding debt related to such loans, Hill said.

Also Wednesday, budget officials learned of an additional \$100 million cost after an arbitrator ruled that the state had miscalculated wages and health benefits for prison guards.

The decision means the 30,000 guards will get a 3 percent pay raise retroactive to 2005 and that the state will pay 85 percent instead of 80 percent of guards’ health care premiums, said Lynelle Jolley, spokeswoman for the Department of Personnel Administration.

“That’s a lot of money they cheated us out of,” said Chuck Alexander, executive vice president of the California Correctional Peace Officers Association.

The guards union had sought the contract arbitration.

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LOS ANGELES

Teachers union president rejects raise offer

The president of the teachers union has rejected the school district's offer of a 3 percent raise, officials said.

A.J. Duffy, who has promised a strike unless demands for a 9 percent pay hike are met, said Thursday that teachers deserve a larger increase to compensate them for improved student achievement

“The district can't have it both ways,” he said. “They can't say, ‘This is a district on the move,’ because the almighty test scores are going up and then cheat the teachers who make those test scores go up.”

But school district officials said there isn't enough money for a 9 percent pay raise for teachers, who earn an average annual salary of \$56,652.

“We believe the offer we have put on the table is extremely generous,” said the district's chief legal counsel Kevin Reed.

LOS ANGELES

UCLA head will serve as interim chief

The head of Harbor-UCLA Medical Center will serve as interim chief executive of the facility that will be created when her hospital incorporates a shrunk version of the troubled Martin Luther King Jr./Drew Medical Center, county health officials said.

Tecla Mickoseff will lead the merged hospitals until a national search yields a permanent manager, officials announced Thursday.

The health department also tapped current King/Drew chief Antionette Smith Epps to oversee the hospital's transformation and to stay on to run the new, smaller facility.

County health chief Dr. Bruce Chernof praised the two executives as “seasoned leaders of resolve and vision.”

The plan to shrink King/Drew and put it under the control of Harbor-UCLA was approved this fall after the facility failed a critical federal inspection that could have cost it \$200 million in federal money.

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SUBJECT: Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Adding Part 9.04.10.20 et seq. to Chapter 9.04 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to Establish a Private Developer Cultural Arts Requirement and Adoption of a Resolution to Establish a Fee to Satisfy the Private Developer Cultural Arts Requirement.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following proposed ordinance:

Ordinance for introduction and first reading adding Part 9.04.10.20 et seq. to Chapter 9.04 to the Santa Monica Municipal Code to establish a Private Developer Cultural Arts Requirement to require that developer provide art valued at 2% of project construction cost or an in lieu contribution of 1% of project construction cost for all new commercial and residential development of 7,500 square feet or greater in size.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, November 28, 2006 AT 6:45 PM

LOCATION: City Council Chambers
Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California



HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
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MORE INFORMATION

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ESPAÑOL

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Denies radio uprising

BY TERENCE CHEA

Associated Press Writer

LOS ALTOS — A Florida woman who was convicted in Vietnam of terrorism and spent more than a year behind bars denied plotting to take over radio airwaves to incite an uprising against the communist government.

Nguyen Thuong "Cuc" Foshee, 58, of Orlando, was deported Monday to the U.S., just days after she and two other Vietnamese-Americans were given unusually light prison sentences ahead of President Bush's visit to Vietnam.

Foshee, who faced punishment ranging from 12 years in prison to death by firing squad, was released the day after she was sentenced to a 15-month prison term.

Vietnamese authorities freed her early because she served 14 months awaiting trial and requested an early release because she suffers from high blood pressure and heart problems.

Reunited with family in this upscale Silicon Valley suburb, Foshee said Tuesday she still isn't sure why she was arrested in September last year and detained for so long without charges.

She suspects her imprisonment was related to her involvement with Vietnamese American groups that advocate political change in their homeland.

"I support human rights, democracy and freedom of speech in Vietnam," said Foshee, sitting in her sister's living room. "I don't support terrorism or violence."

Prosecutors said the Government of Free Vietnam, a California-based group the Vietnamese government considers a terrorist organization, was behind the plan to take over the airwaves.

But Foshee said she was shocked when she learned two months ago that she was accused of leading two other U.S. citizens and four Vietnamese nationals in the radio plot.

"I didn't know those people," said Foshee, a small woman with silvery hair and glasses. "The first time I saw them was in the courtroom" during last week's trial.

Her co-defendants, Le Van Binh, 31, of Tampa, Fla., and Huynh Bich Lien, 51, of San Gabriel, Calif., received similar prison terms and were expected to serve three more weeks before being deported.

Foshee said she had participated in events organized by the Government of Free Vietnam and other exile political groups, but was not a member of any party besides the Republican Party.

She did take part in protests where she was photographed holding signs denouncing Vietnam's communist rulers and speculated that Hanoi "wanted to send a message to other Vietnamese Americans not to get involved in politics."

Nguyen The Cuong, press attache at the Vietnamese Embassy in Washington, D.C., declined to discuss details of Foshee's case and her protestations of innocence.

"The verdict is very clear and the proceeding was in accordance with Vietnamese law," Cuong said. He added that Foshee's deportation was "nothing but a humanitarian gesture" unrelated to Bush's upcoming visit.

Born near Hanoi, Foshee worked as a secretary for the U.S. military during the Vietnam War, married an American serviceman and moved in 1972 to Florida, where she helps run a construction business.

Foshee said she was arrested two days after she arrived in Vietnam last year to attend a nephew's wedding. She and three friends were driving to a beach near Ha Long Bay when police pulled them over, surrounded their sedan and accused them of smuggling. Police searched their bags, then ordered them into a police car and took them to Hanoi, two hours away.

"I didn't know what was happening," Foshee recalled. "I kept thinking they had the wrong person and the wrong car."

She was separated from her friends and jailed with another woman in a small concrete cell where she slept on a bamboo mat and was given two meals a day.

For the first six weeks, she was questioned five hours a day about her political activities and involvement with anti-government groups, she said. She repeatedly denied accusations that she was a terrorist.

Efforts not working to slow wasting disease in deer

BY TODD RICHMOND

Associated Press Writer

MADISON, Wis. — The state's multimillion-dollar efforts to slow chronic wasting disease in its deer herd aren't working, a state audit released Thursday says.

The Legislative Audit Bureau's report found that the Department of Natural Resources had spent nearly \$27 million battling the disease since it surfaced in Wisconsin in 2002.

The agency has been working to thin the deer herd in areas where the disease has been found by lengthening hunting seasons, requiring hunters to shoot a doe before a buck, banning feeding deer in 26 counties and offering rewards and cheap permits for hunters, as well as using sharpshooters to kill more deer.

Despite those measures, the audit found the estimated number of deer in chronic wasting disease zones has increased from 26 deer per square mile in 2002 to 38 in 2005.



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Dems pick Hoyer as House leader

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Democrats picked Rep. Steny Hoyer to be House majority leader on Thursday, spurning Rep. Nancy Pelosi's handpicked choice moments after unanimously backing her election as speaker when Congress convenes in January.

A Marylander and 25-year veteran of Congress, Hoyer defeated Rep. John Murtha of Pennsylvania in a vote of 149-86.

His election to the No. 2 job came just a short time after the Democratic caucus put Pelosi in line to become the first woman to be speaker, a position which is second in line of succession to the presidency. It marked a personal triumph for Hoyer.

Earlier, an ebullient Pelosi declared: "We made history and now we will make progress for the American people."

In remarks after being chosen for speaker, the Californian vowed that after 12 years in the minority, "we will not be dazzled by money and special interests." Pelosi also called for unity in the party, but within moments she put her prestige on the line by nominating Murtha.

Murtha, a Pennsylvanian, is a powerful lawmaker on defense matters, and he gained national prominence last year when he called an end to U.S. military involvement in Iraq.

He and Pelosi have long been close, and when Pelosi issued a statement supporting Murtha on Sunday night, it raised the stakes in a leadership election within a party that is taking control of the House in January for the first time in a dozen years.

"I didn't have enough votes and so I'll go back to my small subcommittee I have on Appropriations," Murtha said after the vote.

Murtha will chair the powerful defense subcommittee with responsibility for the war in Iraq and the Pentagon budget. "Nancy asked me to set a policy for the Democratic Party. Most of the party signed onto it," he said, referring to pulling U.S. troops out of Iraq.

"I was proud to support (Murtha) for majority leader, because I thought that would be the best way to bring an end to the war in Iraq," Pelosi said after the vote.

Pelosi and Hoyer, 67, have long had a difficult relationship. The two ran against each other in a leadership race several years ago. Pelosi won, but Hoyer rebounded more than a year later when he was elected the party's whip.

Hoyer's margin of victory reflected a pre-election strategy in which he showcased support from moderates, veteran lawmakers in line to become committee chairmen and more than half of the incoming freshman class.

"Steny was more where the mainstream of where the party was," said Massachusetts Rep. Barney Frank, who will become chairman of the House Financial Services Committee.

Of Pelosi's endorsement of Murtha, Frank said, "She's a very smart woman who made an error in judgment."

The intraparty battle had preoccupied Democrats, overshadowing Pelosi's promotion to speaker.

Many Democrats were dismayed that the family feud had broken out in the first place

and objected to heavy pressure placed on longstanding Hoyer supporters.

Pelosi officially becomes speaker in January, succeeding Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., when the House convenes and formally elects her in the next session of Congress.

Pelosi's selection was more history than mystery; that was reserved for the Hoyer-Murtha faceoff.

Murtha, 74, was a problematic candidate because of his penchant for trading votes for pork projects and his ties to the Abscam bribery sting in 1980, the only lawmaker involved who wasn't charged.

The race dredged up Murtha's involvement in the Abscam scandal. FBI agents pretending to represent an Arab sheik wanting to reside in the United States and seeking investment opportunities offered bribes to several lawmakers. When offered \$50,000, Murtha was recorded as saying, "I'm not interested ... at this point." A grand jury declined to indict Murtha, and the House ethics committee issued no findings against him.

"I told them I wanted investment in my district," Murtha told MSNBC's "Hardball" on Wednesday. "They put \$50,000 on the table and I said, 'I'm not interested.'"

Democrats also selected James Clyburn of South Carolina as majority whip, their No. 3 post. Clyburn is the second black in history to reach as high as a party whip. Former Rep. William Gray of Pennsylvania held the same title 1989-91. Campaign chair Rahm Emanuel of Illinois was rewarded with the caucus chair post, the No. 4 position for Democrats, for his efforts in leading the party back into the majority.

Feds are trying to stop nuclear material from reaching Idaho aquifer

By The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — Workers at the Idaho National Laboratory are about to start cleaning up radioactive contaminants that leaked into soil and groundwater to try to prevent the waste from reaching the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer.

The work is being done as part of the \$2.9 billion Idaho Cleanup Project to clean up facilities and reactors no longer in use at the 890 square-mile federal nuclear research area in eastern Idaho.

Precautionary measures to protect the aquifer are also being taken.

"We're not even watering the grass," Amy Lientz, the cleanup project's communications director, told the Post Register. She said surface water could percolate through contaminated soil and reach the aquifer.

The Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer is 60 miles wide and 170 miles long, covers about 10,800 square miles and holds about 250 million acre-feet of water. An acre-foot is enough water to cover an acre a foot deep.

Idaho Department of Water Resources estimates that about 7,500 of Idaho's 10,000 irrigation wells pump from the aquifer to water crops, as do about 47,000 of Idaho's 70,000 domestic wells.

The leaks of contaminated waste at the INL occurred between 1954 and 1986 because of flaws in piping and valves. About 18,600 gallons leaked in 1972 in one mishap. INL officials said those problems have since been fixed.

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Tsunami hits Hawaii

WAKE UP: Quake caused little damage, but was a test of warnings

BY AUDREY MCAVOY

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — Tsunamis generated by a major earthquake near Japan left behind little damage but offered a legitimate test of international warning systems.

The waves, some measuring a few feet high, struck Hawaii shores Wednesday, slightly injuring one swimmer and temporarily flooding a harbor. A surge along California's northern coast destroyed two docks in Crescent City Harbor.

The waves hit Hawaii about six hours after a magnitude 8.1 earthquake struck north of Japan. Tsunami warnings were issued by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center, which reported that its system of sending alerts functioned properly.

"It went very smoothly, and there weren't any major problems at all," said Brian Shiro, a geophysicist at the center. "We issued a warning for 1,000 kilometers surrounding the earthquake and an advisory for the rest of the Pacific Ocean."

The alerts were canceled once the center

received further information that showed the tsunami was going to be small, he said. The center canceled the tsunami watch for Hawaii when it became clear the waves were unlikely to top one meter, or about 3.3 feet.

But local civil defense authorities still warned people to stay out of the water and to exercise caution near harbors, given the possibility the earthquake would generate unusual currents around Hawaii.

A woman swimming at Waikiki suffered cuts when she was sucked through an opening in a seawall as the water receded just before the swells arrived. She was otherwise fine, said John Cummings, a spokesman for Oahu Civil Defense. Kauai, a 2 1/2-foot swell flooded a parking lot at Nawiliwili Harbor. No serious damage was reported.

"Some of the boats hit the bottom with their keels when the water receded, sort of jostled them around their moorings when the wave came through," said Mark Marshall, Kauai County civil defense administrator.

In California, the weather service report-

ed ocean surges as high as 6 feet and waves moving up to 30 mph but did not call an official tsunami warning or watch.

Harbor workers at Crescent City — about 20 miles south of Oregon's state line — noticed a fast-moving current around mid-afternoon that harbor master Richard Young described as a "river within the ocean."

As the surge rushed out of the harbor, two floating docks in the inner basin were destroyed, Young said. Another surge followed, severely damaging a third dock, he said.

Several vessels attached to the destroyed docks bobbed away from their anchorage and likely received dings and possibly greater damages, the harbor master said.

Young said the replacement costs of the docks could range from \$300,000 to \$700,000.

Thousands of people living along northern Japan's Pacific coast fled to higher ground, but Japan's meteorological agency withdrew its tsunami warning after about three hours. The waves near Japan did not swell higher than 23 inches.

Hemp growing rules close to being effective

BY DALE WETZEL

Associated Press Writer

BISMARCK, N.D. — State rules for growing industrial hemp are close to taking effect, although federal drug agents will have the final say on whether farmers may cultivate it, Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson said.

Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem issued a letter Wednesday saying the proposed rules comply with state law. A legislative committee that reviews North Dakota agency regulations still must go over them before they take effect, Johnson said.

Industrial hemp is a relative of marijuana, but does not have the hallucinogenic chemical that provides a "high" when the leaf is smoked. It is used to produce an assortment of goods, including paper, rope, clothing and cosmetics.

Industrial hemp cultivation is legal in Canada and other countries, but it is banned in the United States, a situation that Johnson and North Dakota lawmakers have been working to reverse.



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Forest fires may have a cooling effect on some regional climates

BY RANDOLPH E. SCHMID

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — Climatologists have worried for years that forest fires would worsen global warming by adding carbon dioxide to the atmosphere. Now, there is an indication that the fires could have a regional cooling effect.

Fires in northern forests do release greenhouse gases that contribute to climate warming. But they also cause changes in the forest canopy that result in more sunlight reflected back into space during spring and summer for many decades after the fire, said James T. Randerson, associate professor of earth system science at the University of California, Irvine.

"This cooling effect cancels the impact of the greenhouse gases," he said. "The net effect of fire is close to neutral when averaged globally, and in northern regions may lead to slightly colder temperatures," said Randerson, lead author of a study appearing in Friday's issue of the journal Science.

Brian Stocks, an expert on fires and climate change who recently retired from Canada's forest service, was cautious about the finding.

"I wouldn't want readers to get the impression that we don't have to worry about this so much anymore, and I'm sure that was not their intention," Stocks said.

The study focused on a single fire, and Stocks said he would feel more comfortable with the conclusion if the report included 10 or more fires under a variety of conditions.

"This is still a huge problem and is going to continue to be a huge problem," said Stocks, who was not part of the research team.

Climatologist Jonathan Overpeck of the University of Arizona said the study is unique in trying to assess effects of fire on climate over 80 years, the time it would take the forest to grow back.

The common wisdom is that there would be a net warming, he said, but the new research indicates a neutral or slight cooling.

Even if that is correct, however, it would be far too small to reduce overall global warming, said Overpeck, who did not participate in the study. Scaled up to larger fires, the amount of soot and ash deposited would increase snow and ice melt.

The study looked at the Donnelly Flats fire in central Alaska, which burned 16,549 acres in 1999. Researchers measured incoming and outgoing radiation, carbon dioxide being absorbed or emitted by plants, wind speed and other conditions. They took similar measurements on nearby land that burned in 1987 and on land that burned around 1920.

They found a lot of carbon dioxide was indeed released in the fire, there were increases in ozone levels and ash fell on icy areas, causing more light to be absorbed.

But the following spring, the land was brighter than before the fire because fewer trees shaded the ground. Snow was more exposed and reflected more light back into space.

The dark spruce trees of the forest were replaced by lighter-colored deciduous trees such as aspen and birch. When these trees lost their leaves in winter, more snow was exposed. The younger trees also take in carbon dioxide faster than the older conifers, the researchers said.

Study documents declines in the Beaufort Sea polar bears

BY DAN JOLING

Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Far fewer polar bears cubs are surviving off Alaska's northern coast, a federal government report released Wednesday has concluded.

The study of polar bears in the south Beaufort Sea, which spans the northern coasts of Alaska and western Canada, also found that adult males weigh less and have smaller skulls than those captured and measured two decades ago.

A decline in sea ice is a likely reason for fewer surviving cubs and smaller male adults, one of the three researchers said.

"We can't say unequivocally that sea ice is the only thing involved," said Steven C. Amstrup of the U.S. Geological Survey. "There are things we may not be aware of. However, the trends we observed are consistent with changes in nutritional status that are likely to be associated with declines in sea ice. These are the same kinds of trends that we observed in western Hudson Bay, and there we had enough data to determine the decline in sea ice was directly correlated with changing survival rates."

The population of polar bears in western Hudson Bay, Canada, dropped 22 percent in 17 years from 1,194 in 1987 to 935 in 2004.

Advocates seeking protections for U.S. polar bears say the report proves their point.

"It's just another example of seeing all of the impacts that scientists have previously predicted coming to pass," said Kassie Siegel of the Center for Biological Diversity in Joshua

Tree, Calif. Siegel is the lead author of the petition seeking to list polar bears as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

"The Grim Reaper of global warming is now clearly killing polar bear cubs," said Deborah Williams, president of Alaska Conservation Solutions, an Anchorage-based group aimed at halting climate change. "This study should be interpreted as a cry from the North to reduce greenhouse gases."

The report stopped short of saying the Beaufort Sea polar bear population, one of two in Alaska, had declined.

However, "Significant changes in cub survival and physical stature must ultimately have population level effects," the report concluded.

The report estimates the Beaufort Sea polar bear population at 1,526, down from a previous estimate of 1,800 bears. That would be a 15 percent decline, but researchers said the current study used different counting methods and the two estimates could not be statistically differentiated.

The Beaufort Sea bears is one of two Alaska stocks. The other is the Bering-Chukchi stock off Alaska's northwest coast, a population shared with Russia.

Polar bears are classified as marine mammals because they spend much of their lives on sea ice. The listing petition claims that polar bears are threatened because of drastic declines in ocean ice due to global warming. A decision by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on listing America's polar bears as threatened is due next month.

Bush affirms U.S. commitment to Asia

BY JENNIFER LOVE
Associated Press Writer

SINGAPORE — From across the world, President Bush took on anti-war and anti-free trade Democrats who won control of Congress, saying Thursday any drift toward isolationism would hinder America's security and economic vitality.

"We hear voices calling for us to retreat from the world and close our doors to its opportunities," he said in a speech at the National University of Singapore. "These are the old temptations of isolationism and protectionism, and America must reject them."

Asserting that the spread of weapons of mass destruction to terrorists is "the greatest danger in our world today," Bush has the standoff over North Korea's nuclear weapons program atop the agenda in most of the meetings on his eight-day Asian trip. He urged allies to stand firm against a nuclear-armed North Korea — which he called "the most immediate threat of proliferation" in the region — and enforce U.N. sanctions against the country for test-firing a nuclear bomb last month.

"The transfer of nuclear weapons or material by North Korea to states or non-state entities would be considered a grave threat to the United States, and we would hold North Korea fully accountable for the consequences of such action," Bush said. "It is vital that the nations of this region send a message to North Korea that the proliferation of nuclear technology to hostile regimes or terrorist networks will not be tolerated."

With China's influence on the rise and his own stature weakened at home by last week's defeat of his Republican Party, Bush also sought to ease any doubt about the United States' long-term commitment to the region. He reassured nervous Asian allies that the United States will remain a reliable partner in liberalizing trade, confronting the spread

of dangerous weapons and fighting terrorism, poverty and disease.

"Amid this new century we see threats like terrorism and proliferation and disease that have the potential to undermine our prosperity and put our futures in doubt," he said. "We must maintain our presence in the Pacific. We must seize on our common opportunities. We must be willing to confront our common threats and we must help our partners build more hopeful societies in this vital part of the world."

Bush appealed to nations across the Asia-Pacific region to salvage long-stalled global trade talks. At the same time, he pushed the idea of a free-trade agreement for the entire region — 21 economies along the Pacific Rim.

The president emphasized the United States' six decades of cooperation with Asia in helping alleviate poverty, providing security with military forces and promoting the advance of freedoms. He said the United States and Asian allies should focus future partnerships on combatting AIDS and bird flu, addressing corruption and developing next-generation energy technologies.

Bush chose this East-West crossroads with a turbulent past but booming present as the stage for the major speech of the trip. A tightly controlled city-state with a significant Muslim population but moderate values, Singapore is considered one of Washington's best friends in the region, a stalwart help in anti-terror and nonproliferation efforts and an active trade partner.

"America's presence in the Far East is very important for our own country," Bush said after a meeting earlier in the day with Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong. He also had paid a courtesy call on acting President J.Y. Pillay and lauded Singapore's success at integrating its many ethnicities and religions by visiting its Asian Civilisations Museum.

Lee, who often has advised Bush on how to improve the U.S. image, particularly in

the Muslim world, seemed pleased with the president's focus. "Singapore is very happy that America has a stake in the region," he said.

But analysts said Bush had much to prove, arriving in Asia as a lame-duck president after midterm elections even he called "a thumpin'" and amid a push by China for greater global influence.

"The level of attractiveness of China throughout Asia really cannot be underestimated," said Kurt Campbell, a top Pentagon official in the Clinton administration now with the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. "I think one of the purposes of American diplomacy is to reassure friends in Southeast Asia that of course the United States still has enough bandwidth in its foreign policy and national security apparatus to focus on these issues."

For that reason, Bush was trying with his speech and throughout the trip to demon-

strate that the relationship is not just about anti-terror cooperation and nonproliferation concerns, said Derek Mitchell, a former Asia adviser at the Pentagon also now with CSIS.

"The United States hasn't been there so much," he said. "China has eaten America's lunch."

Bush's national security adviser, Stephen Hadley, hinted at Washington's concern about China's ascendance as a regional power player. He said one of Bush's aims was to reassure a corner of the world undergoing change and uncertainty "as a result of the changing power dynamics within Asia."

The United States has a long list of complaints against China, including human rights, a currency Washington says is undervalued, a massive trade deficit and energy deals with countries the U.S. considers tyrannical. But Bush also needs — and gets, at least to some degree — Beijing's aggressive involvement in nuclear showdowns with North Korea and Iran.

Soldier describes genesis of plan to rape Iraqi girl and murder her and her parents

BY RYAN LENZ
Associated Press Writer

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — A soldier who pleaded guilty to conspiring to rape a 14-year-old Iraqi girl and kill her family described how he was approached by a fellow soldier with the plan to carry out the attack.

Spc. James P. Barker, one of four U.S. soldiers accused in the March 12 rape and killings, pleaded guilty Wednesday and agreed to testify against the others. He will avoid the death penalty, said his attorney, David Sheldon.

Barker told military judge Lt. Col. Richard Anderson that 21-year-old former Army private Steve Green approached him with a plan to attack the family as they drank whiskey purchased from Iraqi soldiers.

"He brought it up to me and asked me what I thought about it," Barker said. "By the time we started changing clothes, it was more or less a nonverbal agreement that we were going to go along with what we were discussing."

The plea agreement calls for Barker to serve at least life in prison. Anderson was expected to decide in a hearing Thursday whether Barker should be allowed to seek parole.

Barker, 23, described changing clothes, then climbing through backyards as the five soldiers left the checkpoint they had been manning to carry out the attack.

"We went through a chain link fence on

the back of the property that had been cut on a previous patrol," he said.

The killings in Mahmoudiya, a village about 20 miles south of Baghdad, were among the worst in a series of alleged attacks on civilians and other abuses by military personnel in Iraq.

Sgt. Paul E. Cortez, 24, and Pfc. Jesse V. Spielman, 22, members of the 101st Airborne Division along with Barker, have also been charged in the case. Cortez has deferred entering a plea and Spielman will be arraigned in December. Pfc. Bryan L. Howard, 19, also deferred entering a plea at his arraignment in October.

Green pleaded not guilty last week to civilian charges including murder and sexual assault. He was discharged from the Army for a "personality disorder" before the allegations became known, and prosecutors have yet to say if they will pursue the death penalty against him.

Barker described in vivid detail how he raped Abeer Qassim al-Janabi with Cortez and Green before Green killed the girl, her younger sister and parents.

"Cortez pushed her to the ground. I went towards the top of her and kind of held her hands down while Cortez proceeded to lift her dress up," he said. "Around that time I heard shots coming from a room next door."

The defendants are accused of burning the girl's body to conceal the crime.

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Community support

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OPCC said.

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Founded in 1963, it is a community-supported organization in which staff, volunteers and clients work together to address the effects of poverty, abuse, neglect and discrimination.

Two programs will be housed at the center — Daybreak and Safe Haven — providing residents with access to social services, counseling, life skills training that includes financial and medical management, and art programs. Participants will also be linked to job training programs provided by agencies partnering with OPCC.

In addition to those living at the center, between 50 and 70 other individuals will have access to programs daily.

The facility, which will open officially in December, represents the first addition of beds to the homeless service system on the Westside in the past decade, and "comes at a time in which the number of homeless people has increased significantly, both nationally and locally," said John Maceri, executive director of OPCC.

On any given night in Los Angeles County, there are more than 88,000 people who are homeless, nearly 2,000 in Santa Monica, according to the 2005 Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority census.

"This (facility) is going to have a significant impact on our ability to provide services," Maceri said. "Not only will this double the number of beds we currently have — and to get people off of the streets you need beds for



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AIDING AND BEDDING: The facility represents the first addition of beds to the homeless system.

them — we will also be expanding our services to help even more people in need.

"Many people's lives will be changed here."

Maceri said the facility could not have been possible without help from several partners, including City Hall, state and federal agencies and private foundations, all of which contributed funding to build the services center.

City Hall contributed \$7.4 million to the project, which helped OPCC purchase the property and make renovations. The building is owned by City Hall, which is leasing the space to OPCC for \$1 a year for the next 55 years, said Bob Moncrief, housing and development manager for City Hall.

"This is a fine example of a public-private

partnership," Moncrief said. "This was a project that was born out of compassion and for practical reasons."

With Big Blue Bus expanding its downtown facility where OPCC currently operates its access center, there was a need to relocate, Moncrief said. A new access center and Swashlock — showers, washers, lockers — facility is currently under construction near the BBB complex and is expected to be completed by the summer of 2007, Maceri said.

Formerly a boxy, post production facility, warehouse and print shop, the Cloverfield building has been transformed into a livable space by Killefer Flammang Architects, a local firm that specializes in affordable housing and adaptive re-use projects.

At the request of both the clients who will

be served at the facility and the businesses and residents living nearby, the building was remodeled to include high ceilings and plenty of natural light, as well as a facade that blends in with surrounding structures, said architect Wade Killefer.

"A major goal of the design is to provide an engaging environment that conveys hope to the residents," Killefer said.

Light will play a major role in the interior of the contemporary-styled building, Killefer said. Skywall translucent panels will control and diffuse sunlight on the western and southern exposures, while skylights and lightwells will channel natural light on the ground floor, filling the dormitories with warmth.

A ceramic masonry perimeter wall with landscaping will provide privacy for the residents, while adding beauty to the neighborhood, Maceri said.

"At first, there was a tremendous amount of misunderstanding and a fair amount of concern from the community," Maceri said. "We made sure to do extensive community outreach, creating a community advisory board that included representatives from Bergamot Station, the Water Garden, Crossroads School, the Pico Improvement Organization and Virginia Avenue Park."

Maceri said more than 150 pieces of art featured in the facility were donated by artists at Bergamot and students at Crossroads prepared welcome baskets for OPCC clients who will live at the facility.

"We are already talking about volunteer opportunities with (local schools and other community partners)," Maceri said. "We are looking forward to being their neighbors. I think we have developed a good relationship (with our community partners.)"

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Businesses still unclear about smoking ban

SMOKING BAN, from page 1

hoping that over not too long a period of time, knowledge and acceptance of the law will be widespread ... Our biggest enforcement tool will be a change in the culture, just as we have seen with people smoking in bars and restaurants.”

In addition to the Web site, City Hall will be mailing thousands of informational brochures detailing the law and how it will be enforced, as well as facts about the dangers of second-hand smoke.

City Council unanimously approved of the sweeping smoking ban last month. In addition to all public parks, the beaches, and areas of the Santa Monica Pier, the new ban prohibits smoking in all outdoor dining areas, all Farmers’ Markets, the Third Street Promenade, all waiting areas (bus stops, ATMs, kiosks and movie lines), and within 20 feet of all entrances open to the public, open windows included.

Those who violate the law could be fined \$250 per violation. Businesses will not be cited if a customer violates the law, city officials said. The responsibility to comply lies with the smoker.

The Web site and brochures were unveiled before an audience of roughly 20 business owners from various service industries, including bars, restaurants and hotels. They peppered Radinsky with questions about enforcement and pointed out what they believe are uncertainties in the ordinance.

Some were unsure if the ordinance applied to entrances to business that were closed and if pool areas in local hotels were included.

“There is really a mass confusion about what’s allowed in hotels,” said Misti Kerns, president of the Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau, which is in the process of notifying travel agencies across the globe about the new ban, a source of frustration. “The city is really good about telling us what we can’t do, but not much on what we can do. We need more information on where people can go.”

Radinsky said pool areas where food is regularly served would be included in the ordinance.

Others asked about bus stops. Since they are included in the ban, what is the minimum safe distance a bus rider can smoke without being cited? asked one woman.

Radinsky said there was no clear measurement, but that a smoker should use common sense before lighting up.

“Certainly, we want to work with businesses, but I don’t think we’ll be there with chalk and a tape measure,” Radinsky said.

Others expressed concern about a loss in revenue if tourists will not be allowed to smoke in hotel courtyards or at restaurants and outside of bars.

“I can’t imagine there won’t be an impact on us,” said



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NO SMOKING: Mauricio Eella Valle makes his feelings about the smoking ban known this week on the Third Street Promenade. “Smoking damages the brain,” said Eella Valle.

Douglas Newton, a manager at the Embassy Hotel, which caters to visitors from Asia and Europe who expect to be able to smoke. “I’ll have nothing left for them. It seems like the law was passed quickly and hasn’t really been defined yet. There are a lot of gray areas.”

Jim Lynch, president of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, which sponsored the education session with City Hall, tried to assuage fears of losing money, citing studies which showed businesses prospered following bans on smoking inside public places.

There was also a question about law enforcement resources. Gary Gordon of the Main Street Merchants Association asked whether or not enforcing the law would force officers to spend less time investigating other crimes.

“Most of the restaurant owners I have spoken to felt very comfortable with the ordinance, but felt smoking was already

not much of a problem,” Gordon said. “What is the level of compliance you expect and what about the demand on our police?”

In conversations with representatives with other cities, it was found that additional police resources were not needed and that rarely was one cited for smoking where they shouldn’t have been. Essentially, word of mouth helped cut down on the number of violations, Radinsky said.

“Our goal is to make sure this law is understood,” Radinsky said. “We don’t want to have a lot of unanswered questions.”

At the end of the session, Radinsky had plenty of those, as he was inundated with business cards from those who wanted some answers.

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Dixon was fired after filing

GENDER SUIT, from page 3

“As a result of plaintiff’s complaints to her supervisor and the police regarding the Mr. Santi’s wrongful conduct, defendant Rollins’ attitude toward plaintiff changed such that he became hostile and resentful of plaintiff,” the suit states.

“Indeed, plaintiff believes that as a result of her complaints against Mr. Santi, defendant Rollins harbored a retaliatory animus against plaintiff such that when the opportunity presented itself, he refused to promote her to Community Services Specialist V, despite her satisfactory qualifications for said position.”

When Dixon applied for the promotion, her title was Community Services Specialist IV.

The suit claims that both Price and Rollins refused to complete a supervisor ability section of Dixon’s employee evaluation in 2002, even though they had done so in her previous evaluations. Dixon claims she was denied the promotion, when she applied for an opening in December 2002, about eight months after the employee evaluation incident, even though she scored in the top three on a written examination.

The promotion was instead granted to Mike Baliski, a temporary employee “with no experience in the Tennis Program,” the suit claims.

Dixon was placed on administrative leave on Sept. 31, 2003, which she believes was a result of the incident involving her son, and repeated complaints about the defendants’ conduct regarding her promotion.

A sexual discrimination report was filed with the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing two months after Dixon was placed on administrative leave. After filing the report, Dixon was fired. The defendants allegedly fired Dixon because

she had deleted files from her work computer without authorization, and canceled the annual National Junior Tennis League.

In the lawsuit, however, Dixon claims she saved the files on a disk and provided them to the defendants. As for the tournament, Dixon said she advised a National Junior Tennis League representative to direct any further correspondence to the defendants. When the representative failed to do so, the

tournament was canceled, the lawsuit said.

LePrevost and the unidentified defendant are named in the lawsuit because Dixon believes they failed to remedy the situation involving Price and Rollins.

Dixon seeks punitive damages.

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Photo courtesy

FEELIN' BATTY: "Batman" and "Batman Returns" are part of "The Modern Mythology of the Superhero" series at the Aero Theatre this weekend.

Hero Worship

Go ahead, squeeze back into those tights

BY LORI BARTLETT

Daily Press Staff Writer

MONTANA AVE. — Get the Halloween costume back out, or at least throw on a cape, as the Aero Theatre plays host to "The Modern Mythology of the Superhero," starting this weekend.

Superheroes are ingrained in American culture as icons, a favorite of young and old alike. In the past 20 years, numerous comic book characters have made the leap from the page to the big screen. Modern film cinematography and green-screen technology has allowed Spider-man to weave his way through New York City skyscrapers and Batman to stalk the streets of an ever-grittier Gotham. Even the "Man of Steel" got an upgrade this year, taking flight once again in "Superman Returns."

The Aero Cinematheque celebrates the myth and legend of the Marvel and DC masters with a film double-feature extravaganza starring the men who aren't afraid to wear tights.

The series opens today with a double-feature of "Darkman" and "Danger: Diabolik."

Sam Raimi, known for creating horror hits "The Evil Dead" and "Evil Dead II," brought fast-paced adventure to the 1990 thriller "Darkman." Liam Neeson stars as a tragically scarred and unstable former scientist-turned-superhero. This dark picture calls upon film noir to present its tale of revenge.

On the same bill, "Danger: Diabolik" is a European thriller based on a popular Italian comic strip hero. Super-thief Diabolik, played by John Phillip Law, creates havoc for his own financial gain in the flick. He is aided by his curvy, superficial girlfriend Eva Kant (Marisa Mell). Take a trip back to the swinging '60s for this crime-laden yarn.

On Saturday, two of the most popular superheroes of all time grace the big screen

once again, with the presentation of "Superman" and "Batman."

The 1978 film that started the adaptation buzz, "Superman" is digitally restored for screens with eight additional minutes of never-before-seen footage. Christopher Reeve stars in the role that made the Man of Steel a household name, along with Hollywood heavyweights Marlon Brando (Jor-El) and Gene Hackman (Lex Luther). Bumbling reporter Clark Kent transforms into the high-flying superhero with a quick wardrobe change, and saves the day, all while capturing

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the heart of Lois Lane (Margot Kidder).

Tim Burton's dark sensibility matched the comic-book Dark Knight's style as he brought "Batman" to life for his first big-budget feature. Michael Keaton stars as the well-to-do playboy Bruce Wayne, who turns into Batman at the first sign of danger. Pitted in this tale against Jack Nicholson's sinister Joker, and saving damsel in distress Vicki

Vale (Kim Basinger), Batman is trouble-filled Gotham City's only hope.

Stick around on Sunday as the series continues with the counterparts to the Saturday screenings. The double feature begins with the Man of Steel saving the day again in "Superman II." The 1980 flick written by "The Godfather" creator Mario Puzo, and directed by Richard Lester, brought a new excitement to the franchise. Three super-villians join Lex Luther on his crusade to destroy Superman in this second installment.

The second in the Batman series, "Batman Returns," features the Caped Crusader battling evil-doers Catwoman (Michelle Pfeiffer) and The Penguin (Danny DeVito). Burton and Keaton team up again to keep the dark beauty of the original film.

"The Specials" serves as the finale to the series on Wednesday, Nov. 22. The comedy stars Thomas Haden Church, Rob Lowe and Paget Brewster as they form a rogue gang of outsider superheroes. These unlikely heroes aim to save while overcoming the everyday trials of their job. The screening will be followed by a discussion with director, Craig Mazin. The film's editor, Jeremy Kasten, and producers Mark Altman and Mark Gottwald will also be on-hand to field questions.

The Friday, Saturday and Wednesday screenings begin at 7:30 p.m. Sunday's screening begins at 6:30 p.m.

Guests are encouraged to dress as their favorite superhero or villain to get in the spirit.

Tickets are \$10 for general admittance. Double features are two films for one admission price. Generally, there is a seven- to 10-minute break between films.

For information, call (323) 466-FILM or go to the Web site at www.americancinematheque.com.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Intense organic art

By Daily Press staff

The Lowe Gallery in Santa Monica is proud to present the work of organic abstractionist Mark Perlman.

With a rich mixture of intense color and a seemingly bottomless mass of encaustic wax, Mark Perlman explores intricacies of the natural world. Detaching himself from order and never knowing how it's going to end is how Perlman creates the visual diaries that capture both time and place. Deep etched markings recall prehistoric cave paintings at the same time that bright hues indicate a new day on the horizon. Perlman's paintings tell a history that belongs to man and nature simultaneously; his paintings are signposts where the human and natural worlds merge.

The show will run through Saturday, Dec. 16. The Lowe Gallery is located at 2034 Broadway.

For more information, call (310) 449-018 or visit www.lowegallery.com.

Tapping Upstairs

By Daily Press staff

The Upstairs Studio Tap Dancers, a group that meets for tap dance classes in Venice and regularly includes dancers from Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades and other Westside communities, will perform a dance show on Nov. 18 and Nov. 19 at Santa Monica's Miles Playhouse. All proceeds will benefit the LA Jazz Society's Mentorship Program, aiding high school and college musicians.

"A Tap Tribute to Jazz" will include performances set to classic tunes such as "I've got Rhythm," "Tea for Two" and "Steppin' Out," among others, with special guest performances by Miriam Nelson, Rusty Frank, Mark Marchillo and The Rassamatappers, in addition to the studio's dancers.

Admission is \$15. Purchase tickets by calling Darlene at (310) 455-1176 or The Upstairs Studio at (310) 396-9307. For more information, go to the Web site at www.upstairs.com.

Café Plays do it fast

By Daily Press staff

The monthly installment of the Ruskin Group Theatre's popular "LA Café Plays" — dubbed the "Fastest Theater in Town" because five short plays go from conception to execution in just 10 and a half hours — will be staged on Sunday, Nov. 19. The theme will be "Thanksgiving."

The "Café Plays" will be held at 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. at Ruskin Group Theatre, 3000 Airport Drive at Santa Monica Airport.

The "Café Plays" have won praise from audiences and the press alike. For example, the Los Angeles Times said that "audiences revel in the 10 and a half-hour creation cycle of five one-act plays, bound by a common theme and locale — all must take place in a café — but otherwise are as diverse as the minds from which they spring."

And the "Café Plays" will be featured in an upcoming article in LA Stage magazine about unusual theatre in Los Angeles.

At 9 a.m. the day of the performance, five writers gather at Back on Broadway, a café-restaurant in Santa Monica. Each writer picks, at random, two manila envelopes containing actors' headshots. They are then given four hours to write a seven- to 10-page one-act play that takes place in a café. The directors then take over, meet their actors and begin rehearsals.

Tickets for "LA Café Plays" are \$10. Call (310) 397-3244 or go to <http://www.ruskingrouptheatre.com>.

SANTA MONICA ART PALETTE
MAKING ARTS AND CULTURE COME ALIVE IN SANTA MONICA

BY HAMP SIMMONS

Special to the Daily Press

It's almost Thanksgiving, which means the Christmas and Chanukah decorations have been up for the past two months, but if you're like me, you've still got lots of shopping to do. I've got a great idea for this year, though. Instead of giving people holiday presents, I'll just jot them a little note telling them that, given the fact that the arts are always in serious need of funding, and they're doing just fine, I decided to support the arts this year and attended a play or a concert or gallery exhibition in their honor. Do you think that'll work? Well, if this idea strikes your fancy, or even if it doesn't, here's a Thanksgiving bounty of cultural happenings this week-end that will take your mind off the upcoming credit card bills.



The Marriage of Figaro
Saturday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m.

An Evening of Concertos with the SMC Orchestra
Sunday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Santa Monica College Concert Hall
1900 Pico Boulevard
(310) 434-4323

In honor of Mozart's 250th birthday, the Santa Monica College Music Department will present a celebration of his work. Local opera impresario Gail Gordon serves as vocal and stage director for *The Marriage of Figaro*, with music direction by professor James Martin. Then on Sunday evening, Martin and James E. Smith conduct the Santa Monica College Symphony, along with several outstanding soloists, in some of Mozart's beautiful concertos. And for those of you who are unfamiliar with the classics — in the opera, Figaro is not a cat, there are no puppets and nobody gets swallowed by a whale.

New Works by Patricia Chidlaw
Time and Again
Nov. 11 — Dec. 23
Terrence Rogers Fine Art
1231 Fifth Street
(310) 394-4999

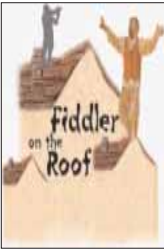


Here's proof that there are still galleries outside of Bergamot Station. Stop by Terrence Rogers' gallery in downtown Santa Monica and get a look at the new exhibition of paintings by Patricia Chidlaw. This Santa Barbara-based painter continues to create striking portraits of edgy places — motels far past their primes, derelict coffee shops and abandoned drive-in theaters — remarkable impressions of unremarkable places.

A Ruskin Group Theatre Thanksgiving
Café Plays
7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 19
Ruskin Group Theatre
3000 Airport Drive
Santa Monica Airport
(310) 397-3244

The famed Café Plays at the Ruskin Group Theatre this Sunday will all be based around the theme of Thanksgiving. Five playwrights, five directors and 10 actors will write, direct and perform five short plays in just 10 and a half hours. I don't know how they do it, but they do. And they do it well!

Fifty Plus Young Fiddlers, All on a Roof
Romeo and Juliet, Jane Ray
Fiddler on the Roof
2 p.m.
Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 17
Morgan Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Boulevard
(310) 828-7519



The Santa Monica Theatre Guild's Youth Education/Entertainment Series presents a youth production of the classic musical fable "Fiddler on the Roof." With more than 50 young people ranging in age from 7 to 17, this production is bound to be a blast for everyone concerned. There will be no performance this Sunday, but they'll be singing and dancing and bringing Anatevka to life every weekend through Dec. 17.

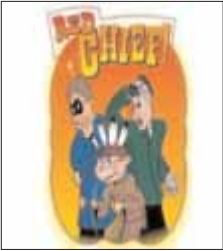
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Patssi Valdez is the recipient of the Latina of Excellence Award by the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Honorary Artist of the 26th Annual Venice Art Walk, official artist of the 5th Annual Latin Grammy Awards, and now she brings her work back to the Patricia Correia Gallery at Bergamot Station. The delightful images put a magical twist on domestic spaces.

Children's Theatre on the Promenade
Red Chief
3 p.m.
Saturdays through Dec. 16
Promenade Playhouse
1404 3rd Street Promenade
(310) 565-8070

We all know how bored kids can get when their parents drag them along on holiday shopping excursions. The Promenade Playhouse provides us with at least one solution to keep those little shoppers happy, though. West of Broadway presents "Red Chief!" a modern adaptation of O. Henry's classic short story, "Ransom of Red Chief." This production has been endorsed by Southern California's Reading is Fundamental, so check it out and let me know what you think.



Caution: Artists At Work
Information from the national arts group Americans for the Arts indicates that Santa Monica is home to 1,634 arts-related businesses, employing 11,464 people. And while the film and television industry is well-represented with 659 businesses and more than 5,000 employees, other creative enterprises are shown to be very valuable to the city's marketplace: design and publishing firms add up to 331, with 3,180 employees; there are 328 companies working in visual arts and photography who employ 1,071 people; and 261 performing arts ventures put over 1,500 people to work.

Well, that's about it for this week's Palette. We just unveiled the first draft of Creative Capital, the new plan that will direct our city's arts and cultural programming for the next 10 years. We'd still love to get your input, so stop by the web site and let us know what you think.

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TomKat keeps fans in dark on wedding

BY MARTA FALCONI

Associated Press Writer

ROME — Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes were still keeping their fans guessing Thursday about where their weekend wedding will be held.

The couple's late-night visit to Rome City Hall on Wednesday was a courtesy visit to Mayor Walter Veltroni, a big movie buff, city hall said Thursday, quashing speculation they had gone there to get a marriage license.

Cruise, 44, and Holmes, 27, became engaged in June 2005. The Hollywood couple have a daughter, Suri, who was born April 18.

Holmes' parents arrived in the Italian capital Thursday. They were whisked away in a van that had been waiting for them at the city's small Ciampino airport.

Also spotted at the airport Thursday morning were Jennifer Lopez and her hus-

band, Marc Anthony; Jim Carrey; and Brooke Shields.

Media speculation on the site for Saturday's wedding has focused on a 15th-century castle overlooking Lake Bracciano, near Rome. The Bracciano Town Hall said it had not received any request to celebrate the wedding, but preparations for a party appeared to be under way in recent days at the Odescalchi Castle.

The town hall said the mayor wouldn't need much time to prepare for a civil ceremony if the necessary papers were presented before Saturday.

U.S. citizens planning to marry in Italy must present specific documents — including their passports, birth certificates and an affidavit that there is no impediment to their marriage — to obtain a marriage license. Because the documents need to be translated into Italian and certified, the process is generally time-consuming.

Attempt to bring the bill back

TWO DOLLARS, from page 1

The first \$2 bill was issued in 1862.

Mandelson's reasoning to bring the \$2 bill back to prominence in American currency is threefold — the \$2 bill would solve the "problem" of the overstuffed wallet with \$1 bills; it's easier to make change with a \$2 bill than with a \$1 bill; and with the upward trend of inflation since the United States got off the gold standard, American currency has halved in value. Therefore, it would make sense to use larger denominations.

Also, with a mug shot of President Thomas Jefferson, and a depiction of the historic signing of the Declaration of Independence on the back, Mandelson asks, what's not to love about the \$2 bill?

Some people don't see the need for a \$2, admits Mandelson. Many \$2 bill opponents say they do not want another bill reintroduced, while other anti-two activists don't want to have to open up a \$2 slot in the cash drawer.

Mandelson's solution is to rid the nation of the \$1 bill completely and replace it with a dollar coin. But Mandelson does not plan on jumping on the bring-the-dollar-coin-into-circulation bandwagon. He's already got his hands full, literally.

"I'll just focus on the two," he said.

THE MISSION

It began in 2000, when Mandelson worked at Asynchronous Digital Design in Calabasas as a software engineer. A friend mentioned his own efforts to bring the \$2 back in circulation.

Mandelson started out small, exchanging less than \$100 worth of \$2 bills every Monday with his coworkers. The \$2 day soon switched to Tuesday, or "twos-day," after the idea caught on.

The mission continued over the years and the amount of bills gradually increased, along with demand. Now, Mandelson exchanges about 250 bills every week at Google with some 90 different employees.

"Some people get into it," Mandelson said. "One person will ask for \$40 in twos and use them as tips."

Besides helping to bring some life back to the \$2 bill, there is also the added benefit of getting to know the co-workers. Mandelson is also now well-known at his bank, where he

chats with the tellers and manager, who places special orders for the \$2 bills every couple of weeks.

With the help of his colleagues at Google, Mandelson believes his mission could be accomplished in about 10 years.

"I was heartened by a recent story in the news a couple of weeks back that the nationwide demand for twos has skyrocketed," Mandelson said. "I'm doing my tiny part in this. If it continues to go up in another five to 10 years, we could see it in circulation monthly ...

"Then weekly, daily and then in general circulation."

READING THE FINE PRINT

"Most people take it without batting an eye," Mandelson said of cashiers who receive the twos in transactions. "Some people are dubious about it. They take the counterfeit pen out to verify that the paper and ink are correct."

Some people who encounter Mandelson with his twos become very enthused to get a hold of a rarity in American currency.

When Mandelson paid a bill at a Chinese restaurant in \$2 bills, the waiter took his own wallet out and exchanged them for himself.

"I said 'I have more twos,' and sold another \$20 in twos," Mandelson said.

Sam Sharif, owner of Budget Market on Fourth Street, sees the bill about once every six months. Laughing when he received three bills from the Daily Press to pay for a bag of cookies and potato chips, Sharif said on Thursday that the presence of the \$2 bill in a cash register can be costly to the store.

"To us, it's confusing," he said. "Sometimes we mistake the \$2 for the \$20."

Bill Miller isn't surprised when he sees the \$2 bill. In the 30 years he's clerked at Fireside Cellars on Montana Avenue, he said he's come across the \$2 bill a number of times.

But Miller was surprised on Thursday when he received four in a row from the Daily Press to pay for three small bottles of liquor.

"Are you printing these at home?" Miller asked.

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Golden Bears shake off Arizona debacle before USC trip

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

BERKELEY, Calif. — Mickey Pimentel knows California must forget what its showdown with USC might have been, or the Golden Bears will forget what it still is: Their most important game in four decades, with a Rose Bowl berth and a Pac-10 title for the winner.

The Cal linebacker must heed his own advice, however. As the 17th-ranked Bears returned to practice Tuesday, a few players acknowledged they were still thinking about the opportunities they lost by allowing Arizona to sneak out a 24-20 upset win last Saturday — a loss that erased Cal’s eight-game winning streak, top-10 ranking and slim national title aspirations.

“After the game, a lot of us were crying, tearing up,” Pimentel said. “I had 25 (friends) at that game, and I didn’t talk to anybody after. It really got the best of us, but it moti-

vates us not to ever feel like that again.

“I know a lot of people just want us to go to the Rose Bowl, but we had bigger dreams than that. We wanted to play for the national championship, and we think we were good enough to do it. That’s gone, but we’ve still got a lot to play for.”

Although the flight home from Tucson was morose and grim, the Bears’ leaders addressed the team Sunday with one message: Forget the past and focus on the very near future, when Cal (8-2, 6-1 Pac-10) will attempt to end a 31-game home winning streak for the Trojans (8-1, 6-1).

Because every other Pac-10 team has at least three conference losses, Saturday’s winner will claim the league title — and the accompanying Rose Bowl berth, which would be Cal’s first since the 1958 season. Linebacker Desmond Bishop hammered that point home during an emotional speech in a team meeting.

“We weren’t supposed to lose, but the football gods want to keep you humble and keep you focused,” Bishop said.

“Almost everything we wanted to accomplish as a team is still out there for us to take. If we can beat S.C., everything we’ve worked for can still happen, except the national title.”

Whether California was unprepared, uninspired or just unlucky, nothing worked out in the second half against Arizona. The Bears blew a 14-point halftime lead and a seven-point margin heading into the fourth quarter, failing to move the ball consistently while getting hit with a spate of bad calls and costly turnovers.

Cal gave up two touchdowns early in the final period, including Antoine Cason’s interception return for the go-ahead score with 12:39 to play. The Bears then got to the 1 when receiver Lavelle Hawkins fell down after a sure TD catch, but managed just three points when Arizona’s defense shut down the Bears’ big-play stars.

DeSean Jackson’s third TD of the day was called back by video review in the closing minutes, and Nate Longshore’s deflected pass was intercepted moments later.

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Restaurant Listing

SM’s only local listing for fun eats



3221 Pico Blvd.
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HOURS LUNCH: TUE-FRI 11:30AM-2PM **DINNER:** TUE-FRI 6PM-10PM & SAT & SUN 5:30PM-10PM



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HOURS SUN-SAT 9:00am - 9:00pm



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HOURS Lunch MON-FRI Dinner MON-SAT



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HOURS MON-FRI 11am-10pm SAT & SUN 9:30-10pm



1431 Santa Monica Blvd.
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Buon Giorno Café specializes in authentic Italian cuisine. This trendy little café offers a wide variety of dishes. The menu consists of Insalata, Panini, Pasta, Seafood, Steak, Caffè and Dolce to name a few. Offering breakfast and lunch. Check out our tremendous \$5 express lunch menu, great for any occasion.

HOURS MONDAY-FRIDAY 8am-4pm SATURDAY 9am-3pm SUNDAYS Closed



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HOURS SUN-SAT 11am - Midnight



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HOURS MON-SAT 7AM-2PM SUNDAYS AT FARMER’S MARKET 8AM-2PM



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HOURS MON-SUN 11:30am-10pm



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HOURS MON-FRI 12pm-2:30pm DINNER 5:30pm



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FOOTBALL

Injured Seattle players get back to daily grind

BY GREGG BELL
AP Sports Writer

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Injured Seattle stand-outs Shaun Alexander and quarterback Matt Hasselbeck returned to practice Wednesday — with mixed results.

While Hasselbeck favored his sprained right knee for part of the practice, Alexander ran 11 plays with Seattle’s first-team offense for the first time in seven weeks since breaking his left foot. The 2005 league rushing champion ran at less than full speed but showed no signs of any pain in a foot that remains cracked, according to X-rays taken this week.

Coach Mike Holmgren joked that there has been so much public scrutiny over the weekly pictures of the league MVP’s foot that they belong in the Smithsonian. But doctors are focusing now on how Alexander feels to determine when he can return.Wednesday, he sounded like he was ready to play Sunday against the San Francisco 49ers.

“Today was very successful,” Alexander said. “It’s all about what my foot can take. ... I think that’s going to be the greatest test (when I ask for) 50 carries — which is probably what I will ask for when we get to Friday and I still feel good.

“We’re still in a we’ll see, but today was good.”

Hasselbeck was limping on his sprained right knee by the end of the 25 San

Francisco plays he ran with the scout team.

He was sharp early on in practice. By the end, his deep passes were underthrown. His limp gradually became more prominent when carrying out fakes after hand-offs. He also appeared to avoid planting on the leg while throwing.

Hasselbeck semi-jokingly attributed the limp to an extremely tight taping of the knee under his black brace.

“It’s more of a strut than a limp,” he said.

“I thought today went very well. I feel like I’m on schedule. And I’m extremely encouraged.”

Hasselbeck said last weekend that doctors originally told him he’d miss four to six weeks, “and the 28th day is Sunday.”

“The big question would be just getting tackled and getting bent up in the bottom of a pile like a pretzel,” he said. “I don’t know how you plan for that. ... There’s only one way to find out on that for real.”

The Seahawks will be keenly interested in how Alexander and Hasselbeck are feeling when they wake up Thursday morning. Holmgren and the team’s medical staff will make a determination Friday on whether they will play against the 49ers.

For Alexander, Holmgren said: “It’s come down to the fact that it’s been, (doctors) feel, a sufficient amount of time not to put him at risk, as long as he feels good. Your body should tell you if it’s not working. We’ll see how it goes.”

FOOTBALL

Walter apologizes for criticism

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA — Oakland quarterback Andrew Walter apologized Wednesday for criticizing the team’s offensive game plan, and coach Art Shell said the issue is in the past.

Whether Walter will keep his starting job, Shell won’t say. He might wait until just before game time to announce if Walter or Aaron Brooks will start Sunday when Oakland (2-7) visits Kansas City (5-4).

“We’ll see how it goes for the rest of the week and then the decision will be made,” Shell said.

Walter has started seven straight games since Brooks went down with a strained pectoral muscle early in the second game of the season. But Walter’s hold on the starting role is tenuous at best because of his struggles, Brooks’ recovery from the injury and Walter’s criticisms of coordinator Tom Walsh’s offense.

Walter complained after Oakland’s 17-13 loss to the Denver Broncos on Sunday that the Raiders were too predictable on offense and that there was not enough “depth” in the playbook.

Shell responded by calling Walter’s complaints “off base” and that Walter needs to be accountable for his own play. Walter apologized Wednesday through the media but said he didn’t talk directly to the coaches.

“I was naive to think that my words wouldn’t be heard across the nation,” Walter said. “That won’t happen again. I will be more wise as far as speaking from emotions and frustration after a tough loss. Everybody obviously is feeling that way, including the

coaches. We’re all in this together.”

The two quarterbacks split snaps with the first team in practice Wednesday, Shell said, and Brooks was able to make all of the throws he was asked to do.

Brooks, just 6-for-14 for 68 yards before getting hurt in Week 2 against Baltimore, has been completely cleared by the trainers. The only remaining question for Shell is whether he will be sharp enough after the time off to play Sunday.

“I want to make sure that he can do the things that we’re going to ask the quarterback to do and then I’ll evaluate the two of them together and see where we are,” Shell said. “It’s not that Aaron has to do this for me to do that. It’s that he has to do certain things and then I’ll evaluate both of them and see where we are and make a decision.”

Walter’s criticisms were rare for a player who is usually very guarded in what he says. He said his public call for more screens, quick passes and shorter drops was not much different than what he has asked the coaches for in private.

He said his emotions got the best of him after Sunday’s game and he vocalized his frustration when he admits he would have been better off keeping his complaints within the team.

“I spoke from the heart of a frustrated 24-year old basically in his rookie year,” Walter said. “I’ll be smart about that in the future as far as saying things of that nature in future opportunities.”

Shell said Walter’s comments wouldn’t play a role in the decision about the starting quarterback and didn’t respond to Walter’s apology.



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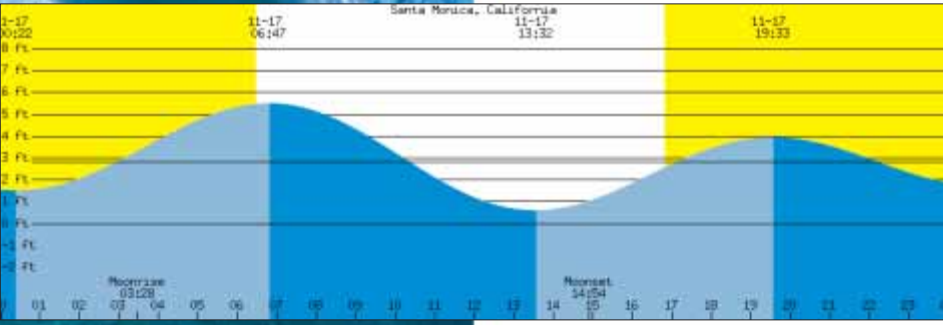
SWELL FORECAST (3-5 FT)

Some NW swell is due from that close-proximity system we've been talking about this week that's diving down from the Gulf of Alaska. This one had 35+ foot seas and has been quite close to the region, peaking at only 1200 nautical miles from SoCal. But this system is angled way too steep to bring significant swell south of Pt. Conception; instead, these north diving storms skirt right past the cove-type feature of SoCal.

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November 7, 2006

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 0

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0

Number of wet days -- 0

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 32 / no

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 13 / no

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually fail second health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Camillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lockase and Las Aliso creeks	A+	ns
Emick Canyon at El Metador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildfire Rd. (private)	A	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Escamido Creek, just east of Escamido State Beach	A	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Salerno Canyon at Deer Blucker County Beach	A	ns
Puente State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puente Beach, at 24572 Mobile Rd.	F	ns
Surfside Beach at Malibu Calvary fence	A	ns
Surfside Beach (beach location)- daily	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zone)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	D	ns
Pena Creek at Las Torres County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	D	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Del Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chatsaugay)	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	D	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kanter storm drain	E	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurant)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Tappan St.	D	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- Haggard tower	D	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Bolinas Creek mouth	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain	A	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DAW jetty)	D	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A	ns

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Easy does it tonight, Cap

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★ Dynamic ★★★★★ Positive
★★★ Average ★★ So-So ★ Difficult



ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Others take the high road. You listen and act more deliberately than in the past. Frustration is a hallmark of working with you. You finally can get a financial matter resolved in the next day or two. Tonight: So many invitations, and you are just one person!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Little did you know what was happening with someone. Given time and an easy, relaxing mood, you will get the facts. Sometimes you could get frustrated with how others behave. Who could blame you? Tonight: Make it easy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Others choose to be more playful and open than in the past. You could be unnecessarily worried about a situation. The key is to lie low and watch the denouement. Information will come forward if you are open. Tonight: Romp.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Stay close to home and honor more of what you need and want. Happiness is defined by events and how you look at them. Frustration with an emotional or financial situation could color your day. Tonight: Go for leisurely.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You might want to get to the bottom of a problem that impacts you. Misunderstandings could be cleared up before you know it. Stay on top of a difficult situation that involves someone you care about but who might be grumpy. Tonight: Happy at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Expenses go overboard, and you have a lot to handle. You see life from a different perspective. Consider what is going on with someone in your immediate environment. Don't let your nerves get the best of you. Tonight: Happiness plus.

Born Today

Film director Martin Scorsese (1942)

Satirist Peter Cook (1937)

Model Lauren Hutton (1944)



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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Be more creative and dynamic than in the past. You might want to think about your finances and spending. You have ways that draw many people to you. Be open to positive changes. Tonight: Someone might have a bad idea. Look at the ramifications.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Take your time making decisions and moving around. Your decisions could be impacted by anger and looking at situations without all the facts. Think positively. Understand more of what you want. Reflect rather than act. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Zoom in on what you want. You will discover that meetings and people in general stimulate brainstorming and getting to the bottom of a problem. Your fiery spirit takes you in a new direction. Just choose your words with care. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You need to make a must appearance, whether you want to or not. Listen to someone's offer and where he or she is coming from. You might want to rethink a situation in which you feel that someone has hurt your feelings. Tonight: Easy does it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Read between the lines. You need to think about what needs to happen with a very difficult person in your life. You might discover that your imagination goes way off the deep end when dealing with this person. Tonight: Take an overview.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You might want to do something very differently, whether you are comfortable or not. You might need to revamp a decision more carefully. How you see a personal matter could change when you realize the full scope of a situation. Tonight: Say yes to a special person.

Happy Birthday

You might want to try something in a different way this year. Yes, you will blaze a new trail. Others could be taken aback by what goes on. Take in the possibilities and don't limit or dismiss them. The more dynamic your thinking, the better the results will be. You easily could be a trendsetter if you so choose. Be careful with frustration and anger. Don't swallow your feelings either.

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Spoof sparks

SACHA BARON COHEN, whose fictional Kazakh reporter Borat has sparked controversy, says he could never put himself and others in embarrassing situations if he weren't in character. "I think I'd find it hard to," Cohen says in an interview with Rolling Stone magazine. "I think you can hide behind the charac-

ters and do things that you yourself find difficult." Cohen's spoof documentary, "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit of Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan," follows his Kazakh TV journalist character on a cross-country trip to report back to his homeland on American culture.

The film has become a runaway hit — generating complaints and lawsuits along the way from Borat's unwitting subjects who say they were duped into making racist, sexist and anti-Semitic remarks. Cohen, a devout Jew who keeps kosher and the Sabbath when possible, says he purpose-

Cohen confesses Borat allows him to be bolder

ly made his character prejudiced. "Borat essentially works as a tool," the 35-year-old British comedian tells the magazine in an interview conducted before the film's opening. "By himself being anti-Semitic, he lets people lower their guard and expose their own prejudice, whether it's anti-

Semitism or an acceptance of anti-Semitism," he says. Cohen says doesn't like to discuss how he got people to appear on camera or take seriously Borat's preposterous questions. Revealing his tactics, he says, would be "a disaster, terrible for me."

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Godfather of Soul gets slammed with suit

A woman who claims soul singer JAMES BROWN raped her is asking the Supreme Court to hear her sexual harassment lawsuit, which a lower court ruled this year she had waited too long to file. Jacque Hollander argues that the state's two-year statute of limitations in such cases

does not provide equal protection to women. In her lawsuit, Hollander said Brown raped her at gunpoint in 1988 while she was working as his publicist. She seeks \$106 million in damages. Hollander said she sued Brown after she developed a thyroid condition in 2000 that

doctors told her was caused by the stress of the alleged assault. She said the statute of limitations also shouldn't apply because the condition wasn't diagnosed for 12 years. Brown's attorney, Debra Opri, called Hollander's request for the Supreme Court to hear the case "a pipe dream."

AP

Beatty adds new award to his collection

Actor, director, writer and producer WARREN BEATTY will receive the Cecil B. DeMille Award for lifetime achievement at the 64th annual Golden Globe awards, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association said Wednesday.

Beatty will add the award to a collection that includes five other Golden Globes, one Oscar and the Irving G. Thalberg Award, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' highest honor. The 69-year-old filmmaker has also

won honors from the Directors Guild, Producers Guild, Writers Guild, National Board of Review and the Kennedy Center. Beatty will receive the award at the Golden Globes ceremony on Jan. 15, 2007.

AP

Cruise, Holmes send Rome into frenzy

TOM CRUISE and fiancée KATIE HOLMES made a late-night visit to City Hall on Wednesday, sending paparazzi chasing after them on motor scooters through the capital's streets. It was their first appearance together in Rome in the days before their wedding Saturday, reportedly to be held in a castle overlooking Lake Bracciano. Cruise wore a dark gray, pin-striped suit with matching vest

and a striped lavender tie as he escorted Holmes, who was clutching what appeared to be a very sleepy baby girl dressed in a fuzzy-soft white sweater, white tights and print dress. The couple, who became engaged in June 2005, are the parents of a daughter, Suri, who was born April 18. Holmes, 27, wore a dark jacket over what appeared to be a dark skirt or dress as she

crossed a cobblestone square atop ancient Capitoline Hill. Mayor Walter Veltroni is a big movie buff and was the driving force behind Rome's first international film festival this year. Speculation quickly grew that the Hollywood couple was paying a courtesy visit to him. No one answered the phone in the mayor's office late Wednesday. Cruise and Holmes were first photographed together in Rome in

April 2005. Two months later, the "Mission: Impossible" star announced that he had proposed to Holmes atop the Eiffel Tower in Paris. The 44-year-old actor had been spotted by photographers Tuesday as he was being driven from his hotel atop the Spanish steps. Cruise had flown into Rome on Monday, and airport officials said Tuesday that Holmes was also in the city.

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MOVIEGUIDE

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Wednesday
Some Like it Hot
7:30

Thursday
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7:30

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Babel (R)
1:15, 3:45, 4:30, 7:00, 7:45, 10:15
A Good Year (PG-13)
1:30, 4:25, 7:30, 10:30
The Return (PG-13)
2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30

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The Departed (R)
12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:20
Flags of Our Fathers (R)
1:15, 4:15, 7:25, 10:30
Flushed Away (PG)
12:40, 3:10, 5:20, 7:35, 9:50
Marie Antoinette (PG-13)
1:35, 4:20, 7:15, 10:15
The Santa Clause 3: The
Escape Clause (G)
1:45, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30
Saw III (R)
2:30, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13)
2:00, 4:45, 7:50, 10:45

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1314 Wilshire Blvd
(310) 281-8228

Harsh Times (R)
1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:00
The Last King of Scotland (R)
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55

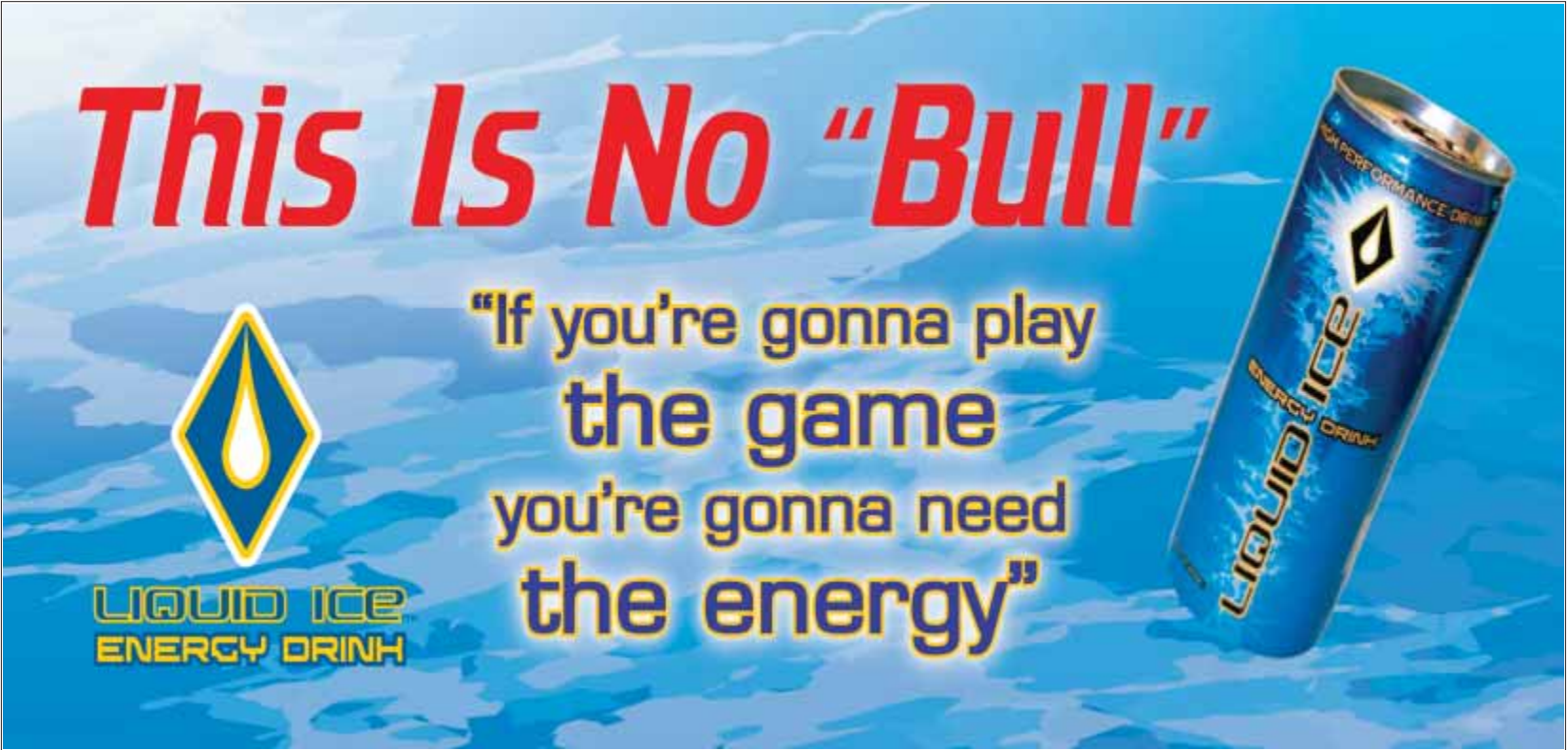
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5:30, 7:00, 7:50, 9:20, 10:10
Man of the Year (PG-13)
4:10, 7:10
Night of the Living Dead 3D (R)
12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
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9	7	4	1	8	2	5	6	3
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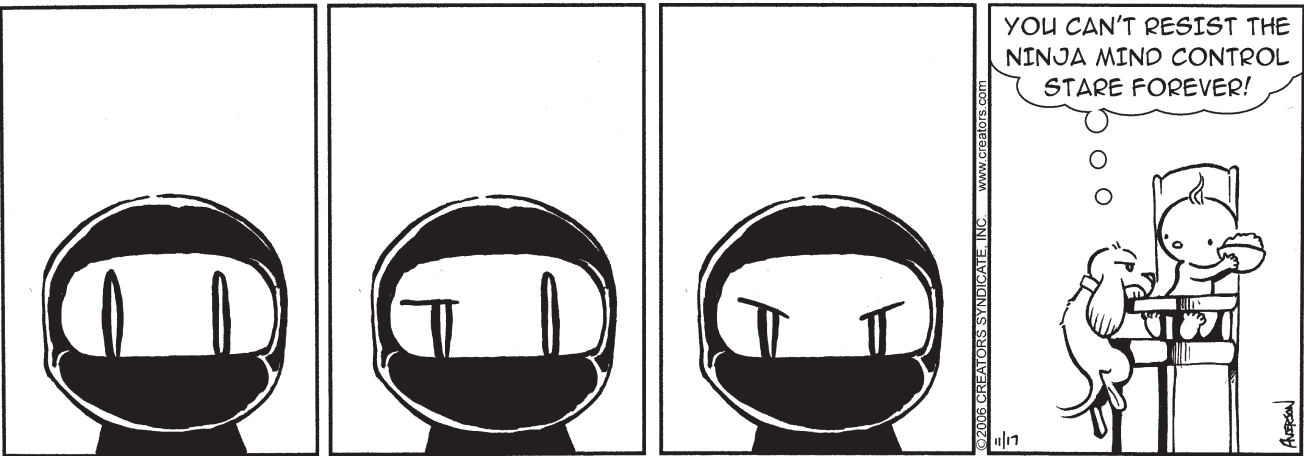
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- 15 Cleaning cloth
- 16 Hand communication
- 18 Furious
- 20 Antlered animal
- 21 English county
- 22 Biol. and chem.
- 23 Bronze ingredient
- 24 Barfly
- 25 Bit of profit
- 27 Shire of "Rocky"
- 29 Lennon's wife
- 30 Notorious box opener
- 32 "Atlas Shrugged" writer
- 34 Silent approval
- 35 Go — for (support)
- 36 Photo book

- 38 Sleeper's sound
- 39 Baggy
- 40 Alimony recipients
- 41 Cart pullers

DOWN

- 1 Fruit basket items
- 2 Compare
- 3 Place for employee ideas
- 4 Gallic assent
- 5 Treated roughly
- 6 "Trinity" author
- 7 Church fixture
- 8 Designer Norma

- 10 Mariners
- 12 Puts in order
- 17 U.S. neighbor
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- 33 More than uncommon
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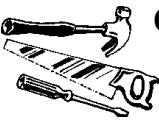
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