Residents not sold on project

By Melody Hanatani | Daily Press Staff Writer

Ocean Park

Nearly a year after the birthplace of Dogtown was saved from demolition, the owner of a building that housed the old Zephyr surf shop returned to the Ocean Park neighborhood, this time with a new set of plans.

Juli Doar, whose family owns an 86-year-old commercial structure on the corner of Main and Bay streets, presented plans last week to develop a three-story apartment complex behind the original home of Zephyr and Jeff Ho Productions, where the Z-Boys skateboard team was credited with revolutionizing the recreational activity into the form seen today.

The building caused a stir among Dogtown loyalists and Ocean Park residents after Doar filed a demolition permit in fall 2006 to build an environmentally-friendly apartment complex. The demo permit was subsequently withdrawn after Doar learned about the impact that Zephyr and its skateboard team had on the world of skateboarding.

The Landmarks Commission designated the western part of the C-shaped building as a landmark, which is the retail space, in May of last year, keeping it intact while allowing the rear to one day be demolished.

The retail space is currently the home of Horizons West Surf Shop, which was founded by one of the Z-Boys and is now in the hands of long-time surfer, Randy Wright.

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Come on and take a free ride

SMC employees, students to ride for free on BBB

By Kevin Herrera | Editor in Chief

SMC - Beginning this fall, Santa Monica College students and employees with I.D. will be able to ride any Big Blue Bus line any time for free.

In an historic move designed to improve access to the college and to reduce traffic, noise and air pollution, the SMC Board of Trustees voted unanimously Monday night to approve the "Any Line, Any Time" program with the BBB. The program will go into effect in late August when the fall semester begins.

"This is an extraordinary commitment on the part of the Board of Trustees and the Associated Students to support my vision of creating a reliable way for students and employees to get to campus without having to pay the high price of gas, battle traffic and waste time looking for parking spaces," said SMC President Chui Tsang.

"Only a very few public colleges in California have attempted to provide no-charge transit passes," said SMC President Chui Tsang.

The new program will require an SMC financial commitment of $1.2 million in 2008-09, of which approximately one-third will come from the Associated Students, one-third from the SMC general fund, and the remainder from new revenues generated by increased parking and Associated Students fees.

The action is a major expansion of SMC’s transportation initiative, launched in 2007 in partnership with the BBB, when free access to three bus routes — two of them newly established — was first made available to the college’s students and employees. The routes are the Line 6 to Mar Vista, the Crosstown Ride to midtown Santa Monica, and the Sunset Ride connecting SMC’s satellite campuses and new parking lot.

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WHAT’S REALLY THE STORY?

3116 SECOND ST., 8 P.M.

Local landmark goes on the auction block
Pacific Park puts iconic Ferris Wheel on eBay

SANTA MONICA PIER. It is perhaps one of the most iconic symbols of the Los Angeles area, featured in television shows, feature films and commercials, and now fans can put in a bid to purchase the Ferris wheel on the Santa Monica Pier.

The famed Pacific Wheel and its 20 colorful gondolas are up for grabs on eBay, with the opening bid at $50,000. The online auction began late Tuesday and lasts until April 25. Half of the winning bid will be donated to Special Olympics Southern California.

“Where there is the wheel, there is a way for Pacific Park to raise money for Special Olympics,” says Jeff Klocke, director of marketing and sales at Pacific Park amusement park. “We have partnered with the great organization for more than 10 years and feel this is the grandest gift we could offer the organization. It’s a sign of our commitment to their mission and reinforcing our valued long-term relationship.”

The Pacific Wheel, which originally cost $800,000, was installed at Pacific Park in 1996. It was upgraded two years later to become the world’s first solar-powered Ferris wheel.

Standing 90 feet tall and carrying riders 130 feet above the ocean, the wheel has given more than 3 million rides over the past 12 years, park officials said.

“Pacific Park and Special Olympics continue to strengthen their relationship and commitment to families, athletes and the community with this unique donation and auction on eBay,” said Maria Shriver, who sits on the board of governors for Special Olympics Southern California. “The winning bidder will gain a historical piece of Santa Monica while making a difference in the lives of Special Olympics athletes.”

People who have never ridden the wheel have likely seen it. According to Pacific Park, the Pacific Wheel has been in 105 photo shoots, 71 television commercials, 69 television shows, 28 feature films and 13 music videos.

At night, the wheel is illuminated by 5,392 light bulbs.

Before deciding to bid, however, potential buyers should be aware that the wheel weighs 122,000 pounds, and the winning bidder must have the wheel moved. The base of the wheel is not included in the purchase price, but Kansas-based Chance Morgan Inc. — the original manufacturer — will offer the winning bidder a base for about $135,000, with 10 percent of that amount going to Special Olympics Kansas.

The wheel has two hubs that say “Pacific Wheel,” but one of them will be removed and donated to the Santa Monica Historical Society. The wheel will be replaced with a $1.5 million, more energy efficient Ferris wheel next month. Installation is expected to begin May 5, with a grand-opening ceremony set for May 22.

GOING ONCE: Pacific Park has put the iconic Ferris wheel at the Santa Monica Pier on eBay, with the starting bid set at $50,000. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Special Olympics. The amusement park is replacing the wheel with a more energy efficient one this summer.

Jury reaches some verdicts in murder-for-profit trial of elderly women

LOS ANGELES. Jurors deliberating in the murder-for-profit trial of two elderly women said Tuesday they have reached some verdicts but asked the court what happens if they are not unanimous on one of the criminal counts involving the deaths of two homeless men.

Superior Court Judge David Wesley referred them to a jury instruction which deals with the possibility of reaching agreement on a lesser charge. The only lesser charge possible in the case is second-degree murder rather than first-degree.

The jurors said they had reached some verdicts which they submitted to the judge in a sealed envelope before retiring for the day. They were to resume their deliberations on Wednesday.

The defendants, Helen Golay, 77, and Olga Rutterschmidt, 75, spent the day in a holding cell at the courthouse awaiting the verdict. They are accused of befriending two transients, buying insurance policies on their lives and ultimately drugging them and running them over with cars.

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**Sanctuary City: A Lesson in Futility**

Sanctuary cities are like holding actions, hoping that the next election will change the national landscape. But in reality, they are a waste of resources and a drain on local law enforcement agencies. The real solution is for the federal government to enforce immigration law and secure the border.

**The Argument of ‘Lifestyle vs. Biology’ is Stupid and Mean**

The argument of “lifestyle vs. biology” is a false dichotomy that detracts from the real issue at hand. Everyone has a right to their own identity and expression, and we should respect that.

**THE ARGUMENT OF ‘LIFESTYLE VS. BIOLOGY’ IS STUPID AND MEAN**

AND THE SOCIAL CRIPPLERS WHO USE IT AS A JUSTIFICATION TO DISALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL THE DISTINCT PRIVILEGE OF SERVING THEIR COUNTRY ARE FRIGHTENED BY THEIR OWN IGNORANCE.

Tony Rezko-funded Illinois state Sen. Rev. James T. Meeks is listed, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, as one of the “10 leading black voices in the anti-gay movement.” This is a travesty.

**Don’t ask, do tell**

“Everyone knows that gays have served honorably in the military since at least the time of Julius Caesar.”

**Barry Goldwater**

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**Letters to the Editor**

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Each week when the newspapers publish the (Department of Defense’s) list of names of the American military personnel who have died in Iraq, I take the time to read them.

I don’t know a single soldier. I’ve never met his or her family. But they were somebody’s someone special, and somehow I feel I owe it to them to take a moment and consider their lives, and their deaths.

Most of those on the weekly list are killed in Iraq by roadside bombs or snipers.

Most are not even 25 years old.

Lama urged people to support not only nuclear disarmament but also every other kind of disarmament.

No enemies, at home or abroad. Therefore I will stay in the Green Zone, which is where they live and work. One report said their unit was attacked by indirect fire.

In reality, they were on the treadmill in the workout room when the mortars hit.

The Army colonel had served for 35 years, and his latest assignment was to help train and equip the Iraqi army. His sister said she could hear his voice the last few weeks that even though he said he was safe, she didn’t think he believed it.

And since there had been more mortar attacks on barracks, some soldiers had taken to sleeping in their offices.

The major from the Army Reserve leaves behind his wife and three daughters, all under age six, who he often referred to as the “beautifuls.” It was his third tour of duty in Iraq.

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Pornography isn’t a substitute for talent

A STORY BROKE IN THE LAST FEW DAYS that has caused me to re-examine a relationship I’ve had since I was a teenager. It’s a relationship that has always been kind to me, but I’m starting to have my doubts about its future.

The story that caused me to stop and reflect was the New York Post’s account of the sale to an anonymous “collector” of a 50-year-old film of Marilyn Monroe performing a sex act on an anonymous man. The man who “brokered” the $1.5 million sale (who also happens to be producing a documentary in which he claims Marilyn Monroe was murdered) not only got his story into the Post, but was also interviewed by CBS’s “Early Show” for two segments. Amazingly, they treated him like a respectable filmmaker, and not the lying, smut-peddler that he is.

To see how acceptable porn has become, just open any glossy magazine sold at any newsstand anywhere. Not just “Maxim,” “Cosmo,” “Stuff,” and “FHM” (which are basically just porn without nipples), but also ad campaigns for Bebe and Guess Jeans (among many others) that actually appear in advertising or entertainment and cloaked as “feminist,” “empowered slut.”

This isn’t a new phenomenon since there has always been a demand for “nude modeling” but porn used to be a woman’s last resort. The question a woman had to answer was, “do I really want to go there?” Sure, you could make some quick cash and possibly launch your career (like Madonna did with the “Penthouse” spread that made her famous) but it would come at the expense of your dignity. That’s why actresses used to get naked on film one time early in their careers then never again. But over the last few years, dignity has become way overrated.

It’s this attitude that has made “celebrities” out of people whose only talent is the willingness to perform sex acts on camera. People like Paris Hilton and Kim Kardashian have literally launched careers in film, television, music, and modeling based entirely on the popularity (or notoriety) of their home-made porn. It’s gotten so bad that Audrina Partridge, a girl from a good family who definitely doesn’t need the cash, was so desperate for more exposure than she was getting from her fake reality show that she reportedly leaked her own nude photos on the Internet.

Which brings us back to the Marilyn Monroe story and the burning question: Could it possibly be true? I don’t doubt that the film exists since it’s referred to in FBI documents, but I have serious questions about the story this “broker” is telling. He claims he got the only copy not in the FBI archives from the son of a former FBI snitch. He also says he sold it to someone who bought it to protect Marilyn’s legacy by making sure it was never released.

But his story doesn’t add up. First of all, he wants us to believe that some guy somewhere had this footage and didn’t talk about it or show it to anyone for 50 years. He also wants us to believe that even though he’s producing a documentary about Marilyn, he was just a middle-man. And we’re supposed to believe the going rate for this film was a mere $1.5 million.

It’s the last one that killed his credibility with me. We live in a world where an original photo of Marilyn Monroe sold for almost $50 grand and homemade porn of Paris Hilton, Kim Kardashian, and Amy Fisher sold for multiple millions of dollars each. This footage is supposedly of the American female film icon of the last century going down on a man who J. Edgar Hoover believed to be either John or Robert Kennedy and somebody let it go for a million-and-a-half? Give me a break.

I'm not saying the Post and “the Early Show” got duped, but if they believe this story, I know a guy looking to get rid of a bridge connecting Brooklyn to Lower Manhattan and I’d love to broker the sale.

Kenny Mack

Kenny Mack is a writer and comedian living in Santa Monica whose sex tape will never be released to the public. He can be reached at kennymack@gmail.com.

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State facing major earthquake risk

BY ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES — California is virtually assured of experiencing one or more potentially damaging earthquakes by 2037, scientists said Monday in the first statewide temblor forecast.

New estimates show there is a 99.7 percent chance a magnitude 6.7 quake or larger will shake California’s most populous state in the next 30 years. The odds of such an event are higher in Southern California than Northern California, 97 percent versus 93 percent.

“Basically guarantees it’s going to happen,” said Ned Field, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Pasadena and lead author of the report.

The 1994 Northridge earthquake under Los Angeles’ San Fernando Valley was magnitude 6.7. It killed 72 people, injured more than 9,000, and caused $25 billion in damage in the metropolitan area.

Despite the new probabilities, scientists cannot predict exactly where in the state such a quake will occur or when. The uncertainty could make a difference in loss of lives and damage. A Northridge-size shock in a major urban center would be more devastating than one in a sparsely populated area. The far stronger 7.1 Hector quake that struck the Mojave Desert 130 miles south of Los Angeles in 1999 derailed a passenger train but caused only a few injuries and no deaths.

Nonetheless, scientists say the analysis should be a wake-up call for residents to prepare for a natural disaster in earthquake country.

“Earthquake dangers are high throughout California,” said Tom Jordan, director of the Southern California Earthquake Center headquartered at the University of Southern California. Jordan took part in the research.

California is one of the most seismically active regions in the world. More than 300 faults crisscross the state, which sits atop two fault zones. California sits on the Pacific and North American plates. About 10,000 quakes each year rattle Southern California alone, although most of them are too small to be felt.

Knowing the likelihood of a strong earthquake is the first step in allowing scientists to draw up risk maps and assess the potential severity of ground shaking in an area. The information can also help with updating building codes and emergency plans and setting earthquake insurance rates.

In the study, researchers computed the likelihood of a fault rupture using new information about prehistoric earthquakes, location of hard-to-spot faults and their slip rates as well as satellite-based GPS data of the Earth’s crustal movement.

Scientists determined a Northridge-size shock occurs on average once every five years. The chance of a temblor that size striking the Los Angeles Basin is 67 percent compared to 63 percent for the San Francisco Bay area. The San Francisco figure is similar to a 2003 analysis that put the probability at 70 percent.

Roughly 25 percent of the area is underlain by sediment, making it 3.5 times more likely to experience a magnitude 7.5 or greater earthquake than a similar area on the East Coast.

Researchers also calculated the statewide probabilities for larger temblors over the same time period. Among their findings:

— There is a 94 percent chance of a magnitude 7 shock or larger; a 46 percent chance of a magnitude 7.5 and a 4.5 percent chance of a magnitude 8.

— The odds are higher that a magnitude 7.5 quake will hit Southern California than Northern California — 37 percent versus 15 percent.

Girls Gone Wild’ creator’s trial moved to Los Angeles

The tax evasion trial of “Girls Gone Wild” founder Joe Francis has been moved to Los Angeles by a federal judge.

U.S. District Judge Brian Sandoval granted the change of venue from Reno, saying it was justified because Francis and all but a few of those expected to testify live in Southern California. The ruling, issued late Friday, was officially transmitted today to the Central District of California.

A federal grand jury in Reno indicted Francis, 35, and his companies, Mantra Films Inc. and Sands Media Inc., in April 2007, on two counts of tax evasion. Francis has built a soft porn empire filming and marketing videos of young women exposing their breasts and having sex in other sexually provocative situations.

Federal prosecutors allege Francis report- ed taxable income for 2002 of $13.9 million and paid $3.5 million in taxes “when in truth and fact, he then and there knew well and believed that he had omitted additional income,” the indictment said. For the follow- ing year, he paid $351,727 in tax on report- ed taxable income of almost $1.16 million.

The government alleges the compa- nies claimed more than $20 million in phony deductions in those years, and that Francis used offshore accounts to conceal income.

Government lawyers opposed moving the trial, arguing that Francis “held himself out” to be a Nevada resident. They also said Sands Media is incorporated in Nevada, and that the company’s account at a bank in Incline Village “was a significant tool in the defen- dant’s tax evasion scheme.”

Francis’ lawyers said that while an address at “Incline Village” — a ritzy community on the east shore of Lake Tahoe — appears on some of Francis’ bank statements, the tax returns were prepared and likely signed in Southern California.
The Santa Monica Municipal Employees Association would like to salute Lindsey Folsom for her work at the Santa Monica Police Department and for her work with senior citizens in our community.
Major profits often come with major risks

I WAS DRIVING AROUND THE SOUTH BAY the other day with a friend and she turned to me and said that the construction project on “X” Street was on hold. I asked how she knew and she said that she used to see a plethora of people working in the mornings on her drive to work and then noticed no one working one morning. After that, she said it has been a ghost town. To confirm, I went to the Web site, where the company said they were timing the market for new homeownership opportunities. I am not really sure what that means, but I would guess the company is having financing problems.

How great would it be if you could use someone else's money to buy an asset and make money? In essence, that is what real estate investors, builders and syndicates do. Since most real estate projects — such as a condo development — take large amounts of money, the developer will go out and find financing to get the project started. An owner or developer can go out and borrow money from a bank through a bank loan, or go to private sources offering the investors a set return on the money along with a portion of the profits.

Kevin, a developer, wants to build six condominiums on a piece of land his family has owned for years. The land already has a condominium map approved by the city and Kevin’s father began the work a couple years before, but got ill and stopped the project. Now Kevin has an opportunity to finish the project, but needs more money. He goes to four investors and asks each of them to invest $420,000. Along with Kevin’s $450,000 the total amount raised is $2,100,000. With years of experience, Kevin knows it will cost him $350,000 per condo to complete the construction of the project. Kevin estimates the completed values of the condos to be $600,000, leaving him with a gross profit of $1,500,000. He tells his investors that each will receive a 10 percent return on their money or $45,000, plus 10 percent of the gross profit or $37,500. It costs Kevin $330,000 to borrow the money, but he is left with a profit of $1,170,000. What happens if the real estate market turns?

Sure it is easy to say that Kevin is going to make out like a bandit, but you have to keep in mind the risk Kevin is taking on. What if the project costs more due to a spike in building materials or the real estate market turns for the worst? Both scenarios are possible. If the real estate market turns and banks make it difficult for people to purchase new homes, Kevin could be stuck with the project for several months. Selling the condominiums at a fire sale would free Kevin from the project, but leave him with little or no profit. That is part of the problem with developing a site, the risk is great and so are the profits and losses.

Going back to the project in the South Bay, I’m sure the developer ran into liquidity problems — either the bank will not release any more money or the money has run out from private sources. Once a project stops, it is unlikely for it to continue with the same development company as a developer makes money on the sale of the units or property, not holding it like an investor. The South Bay project will continue and the condominiums will be sold, most likely in the future after the real estate market recovers.

By Adam Schreck

NEW YORK

Crude oil prices rose to within a penny of $114 a barrel Tuesday, setting new records as concerns mounted about global supplies. U.S. retail gasoline and diesel prices also struck new highs.

Traders honed in on a report by the International Energy Agency that said Russian oil production dropped this year, and earlier news that Iranian oil production had fallen. The IEA also struck new highs.

Price Information Service. Prices were highest in California, where mid-range and higher grades are now averaging more than $4 a gallon.

Diesel prices at the pump jumped to $4.119, also a record, setting the stage for higher prices on food and other goods transported by truck, ship and rail.

Prices are widely expected to keep rising as summer approaches. Gasoline futures jumped by nearly 6 cents to finish at a settlement record of $2.881. That is less than a nickel less than the intraday record for the futures.

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By Adam Schreck
Charging into the cola market

Energy drink maker diversifies its product line for the first time

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA | MANAGING EDITOR

EASTSIDE: The bosses of energy drink heavyweight Red Bull think that the cola business is missing something. Instead of the countless unpronounceable and decidedly un-natural ingredients in most mainstream sodas, Santa Monica-based Red Bull is going all-natural with its entry into the cola wars. Due out later this year, Red Bull Cola includes an array of ingredients not normally associated with soft drinks. The new drink primarily contains coca leaf and kola nut, but the list grows considerably more unorthodox after those time-honored elements. Some of the more interesting items include clove, pine, mustard seed and ginger.

Red Bull officials hope to hearken back to the "old days" of cola when things were more natural — and had more kick.

"Red Bull Cola contains no phosphoric acid, no preservatives and no artificial flavors. And it is the only cola that contains the original kola nut as well as coca leaf," said Patrice Radden, Red Bull's director of corporate communications. "Red Bull Cola has more caffeine and is therefore stronger than a traditional cola and has a unique composition of ingredients from 100 percent natural sources. All ingredients are listed on the back of the can."

Red Bull released the drink earlier this year in Europe and company officials say it's too early to determine whether or not the launch has been a success. What little reaction Red Bull has received has been "really positive from consumers and retail partners," Radden said. Red Bull is planning a test launch in Las Vegas this summer with a national roll out expected later this year. Small 8.4 ounce cans of the beverage will be available in bars, restaurants and nightclubs and larger 12 ounce cans will be available in grocery and convenience stores.

Kastner and Associates, also based in Santa Monica, has handled all of Red Bull's advertising to date and will handle the launch of this new drink. CEO Thomas Grabner said that his company has been with Red Bull since its inception in 1995 and looks forward to see how the introduction pans out.

"There is a lot of PR around the launch," Grabner said. "Just the fact that Red Bull is launching a cola is big news. No big advertising campaign is planned for it. It depends on the consumers and how they react. There is already so much buzz going around."

While the drink comes years after the creation of Red Bull's flagship product, the idea has been in the works for decades. Red Bull's creator Dietrich Mateschitz came up with the idea for a cola around the same time the now iconic energy drink was conceived. He even developed the design of the packaging and has kept it under wraps for all these years.

"It's a major step for Red Bull," Grabner said. "This is the first time (Red Bull) has launched a different product."

The company is quick to point out that its cola is not a new energy drink or an energy drink that tastes like cola. It stresses that Red Bull Cola should be considered a bona fide cola and will market it as such.

"If it tastes anything like it sounds, I'm not sure what to expect," said Robert Ingman, while browsing the drink isle at Vons on Lincoln Boulevard. "Those ingredients sound kind of wild, but I'd be willing to give it a try considering it is from Red Bull. I've been drinking (the energy drink) for years."

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Darfur meets Santa Monica

Samohi students hope to empower others through knowledge

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOH - The Darfurian genocide, seemingly worlds away, touched the high school community on Tuesday during a day-long campus demonstration where students experienced first hand the atrocities, the dire living conditions and slowly dissipating hope that accompany the deadly conflict in the Sudan.

The Human Rights Watch Student Task Force at Santa Monica High School set up a series of tents in the science quad on campus, simulating a refugee camp, each tent dedicated to educating students about a specific topic related to the Darfurian genocide. While the genocide, which has seen more than 200,000 deaths since 2003, is thousands of miles away, the organizers with the Student Task Force hope that knowledge will translate into power, believing that change can be effected by the youth population.

It’s a conflict that club co-founders Francis Ahn and Fanny Ballantine-Himberg believe high school students know very little about, their classroom education limited to the Holocaust, Rwandan and Armenian genocides.

“When people hear Darfur, they don’t know what it is," Ballantine-Himberg, a junior who will graduate in June, said.

Each of the five tents addressed a different element related to the Darfurian conflict — the first tent educating about Camp Farchana where 22,000 people have died since 2004; the second about what a refugee would eat as compared to the average American; a third about child soldiers forced into the conflict; a fourth about past genocides, and the fifth on water rationing.

The tents have been traveling to different high schools across the country thanks to Garret Stauring, who works with the Human Rights Watch office in Los Angeles and serves as an advisor to the Samohi STF, said that students have actually made a lasting impression on the students were the ones that focused on the disparity between the amount and quality of food and water that Darfurians receive as compared to Americans. The average American consumes about 2,200 calories as compared to the average refugee who gets just 1,000 calories, according to junior Brianna Blumenthal-Cohen.

Refugees, on average, only have access to about one gallon of water a day, while three to five times that amount goes down the drain in one flush of an American toilet. “The club’s main goal is to get students aware and aware of what is going on in the world,” Esme Levy, a Samohi freshman and STF member, said. “If students knew what was going on, they definitely have the power to make it stop.”

Amy Marczewski, who works with the Human Rights Watch office in Los Angeles and serves as an advisor to the Samohi STF, said that students have actually made a substantial impact toward ending the conflict in Darfur, noting that a group of students at UCLA started a divestment campaign and got the University of California to divest their funds from Sudanese companies.

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Several classes did a walk through the tents, some students appearing surprised as to the severity of the conflict.

Orli Robin, a student in the freshman seminar, said she knew that the Darfur genocide was taking place but was surprised by what she learned.

“I didn’t realize it was this harsh,” she said. “A lot of people think it was just the Holocaust and that it would never happen again, but it is and it’s happening right now.”

SPECIAL MESSAGE: Mike Black writes on the tent walls of Samohi’s mock Darfur refugee camp on Tuesday. The event was designed to spread the word about the conflict in Sudan.

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Fees raised to pay for free bus service

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Angles, and possibly all the way to the Metro Purple Line station at Wilshire Boulevard and Western Avenue."
The proposed new route, which is expected to be approved and launched by the beginning of the fall semester, would also be free for SMC students and employees.

BBB officials have estimated that the new and expanded transit services implemented in 2007 have reduced vehicle trips to campus by 6,000 a day.

In an analysis done last fall, the BBB found that new and expanded service on Line 6, Crosstown Ride and Sunset Ride have collectively resulted in more than 2,300 boardings every weekday. The Sunset Ride now ranks eighth among the 19 Big Blue Bus lines in terms of service productivity, and the Crosstown Ride has experienced a 133 percent increase in ridership from fall 2006 to fall 2007.

In addition, bus officials estimate that the new “Any Line, Any Time” program will result in more than 5,000 new boardings of SMC students and employees system-wide, over and above the current program.

The Associated Students initiated the “Any Line, Any Time” program, voting in March to raise the optional Associated Students fee from the current amount of $10 to a new amount of $19, and to support the administrative raise of the optional I.D. fee from $8 to $13 to pay for the expanded service. Students felt it was important to provide free service to all students on every BBB line.
The increases will result in an estimated $620,000, according to an SMC staff report. Fees were last adjusted in 1996. Additionally, staff intends to increase parking by $10 per semester, beginning in the fall, resulting in new net revenue of $150,000.

“I think it’s a great idea,” said SMC student Shelley Kaye just before she boarded a bus on Stewart Street. “Some may complain about the increase in cost, but in the end it is going to pay for something that is of benefit to everyone. I think it’s money well spent.”

Rob Rader, president of the Board of Trustees, said there are some concerns about over expanding, but SMC and BBB will closely monitor ridership to see if any adjustments need to be made. Rader praised the student body for its commitment to being good neighbors and to protecting the environment by getting more cars off the streets.

“What I am most proud of with regards to this is not what Santa Monica College as an organization has done, but what the students have done, saying this didn’t go far enough initially and they wanted to make sure the funds were available to not only subsidize students, but faculty and administrators,” Rader said. “The students are paying the extra amount for everybody because they feel it is the right thing to do, and I am humbled by their civic duty, their commitment to principals.”
Property owner presents project

FROM PROJECT PAGE 1

showing a three-story apartment complex being erected in the rear portion of the building, which is along Bay Street.

The project received a mixed reaction from the small crowd that congregated in the Ocean Park branch library, some criticizing the project as being overbearing and out of character and scale of Main Street,” Kent Fernandez, who lives around the corner on Bicknell Avenue, said at the meeting.

The complex would be 27 feet tall and include 14 residential units — a mixture of one, two and three bedrooms — and 48 underground parking spaces. The project is still undergoing the environmental review phase and could go before the Planning Commission as soon as this fall. The building is expected to be LEED certified by the U.S. Green Building Council for sustainable design elements.

“IT's a very high quality, detailed building,” Laks said at the meeting. “It's not your typical apartment building.”

As part of the project, the preserved portion of the building will undergo substantial upgrades and rehabilitation. The aging structure will require seismic upgrades and rehabilitation. The aging building will undergo substantial improvements.

“The longevity of Horizons appeared to be a concern of many residents who attended the meeting, some wondering whether Doar could’ve proposed a project with more than 14 units, bringing in more revenue, but that she respects the concerns of neighbors and decided to keep the development smaller in size.”

“IT's this kind of building will be good for Santa Monica,” he said. “It’s got over with it and build this building.”

If it’s one thing that the detractors agreed on with the supporters, it was in commending Doar’s willingness to work with the community in developing the project. After withdrawing the demolition permit, Doar held several community workshops last year to get a sense of what residents wanted out of the project and how the history of Dogtown should be honored. Some of the ideas that came out of those workshops were displaying a plaque or building a skate park elsewhere in the city at Doar’s expense.

In the end, Doar and Laks suggested a compromise — landmarking the Main Street portion of the building and demolishing the back.

“We all support this feature of the neighborhood and its association with the skateboarding culture and that is something we want to maintain,” Laks said.
**Sports**

**Wednesday, April 16, 2008**

**Number of black players in decline**

**BY RONALD BLUM**  
**AP Baseball Writer**

**MLB**

**NEW YORK**  Major League Baseball received its best grade for racial hiring, even as the percentage of black players dropped again last year.

MLB received its first A- for race Tuesday from Richard Lapchick, director of the University of Central Florida’s Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sports. Its grade was B+ in last year’s study.

Among major leaguers, though, just 8.2 percent were black players, down from 8.4 percent in 2006 and the lowest level in at least two decades. The percentage of black pitchers remained at 3 percent.

"Baseball has probably lost a whole generation here," Lapchick said. "African-Americans just aren’t playing it at this point. They’re going to have to increase their efforts."

Although MLB has established its Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities program and urban youth academies, Lapchick said it will take many years for those efforts to pay off.

Lapchick released the study on Jackie Robinson Day, the 61st anniversary of when Robinson broke the major league color barrier.

MLB received a C+ for gender hiring, up from a C last year. Its overall grade remained at B.

Lapchick said 28 percent of employees at baseball’s central offices were nonwhite, including 20 percent among senior executives. Women were 42 percent of employees, but 26 percent of the senior executives.

He suggested baseball commissioner Bud Selig pressure clubs more to consider minority candidates. He also said MLB should institute a rule that a woman be considered for all senior job openings, similar to the rule that minority candidates must be interviewed.

Lapchick would make an exception for general manager—there has never been a woman GM, and there are relatively few high-ranking women in baseball operations.

Kim Ng of the Dodgers and Jean Afterman of the Yankees have been the exceptions.

Managers received a C+, with six minority managers last year. The total increased to eight at the start of this season.

**NCAA Basketball**

**Beasley leaving Kansas State**

**BY JOHN MARSHALL**  
**AP Sports Writer**

**MANHATTAN, Kan.**  After putting together one of the best freshman seasons ever, Michael Beasley is headed to the NBA.

Kansas State’s All-American freshman announced Monday that he will skip his final three seasons to enter the June 26 NBA draft, where he could be the No. 1 overall pick.

"It’s time to take my game to the next level," Beasley said as his family and several teammates looked on. "I think I proved myself over the course of the season. I just think it’s time for new challenges."

Fellow freshman Bill Walker also announced Monday that he will skip his final three seasons to enter the June 26 NBA draft, where he could be the No. 1 overall pick.

Walker, too, is headed to the NBA.

**BY JOHN MARSHALL**  
**AP Sports Writer**

**KANSAS CITY**  Michael Beasley is headed to the NBA.

Beasley dominated his lone college sea-son, averaging 26.2 points and becoming just the third freshman in NCAA history to lead the nation in rebounds at 12.4 per game.

He had the second-most rebounds and fourth-most points by a freshman in NCAA history, helping Kansas State to its first NCAA tournament victory in 20 years.

Beasley also was a consensus All-American, was named Big 12 player of the year and finished second to North Carolina’s Tyler Hansbrough for numerous player of the year awards.

"Mike’s as good as I’ve seen," said Kansas State coach Frank Martin, seated next to Beasley in front of dozens of reporters.

"NBA scouts and general managers like him, too."

An agile 6-foot-10 power forward, Beasley is exceptionally versatile, able to power his way inside or step out to the perimeter, shooting 37 percent from beyond the arc.

NBA officials came out in droves to watch him play at nearly every game, and some general managers spent three to four days at a time in Manhattan, leading to speculation that Beasley would be the No. 1 overall draft pick if he left school early.

"Millions of dollars awaits Beasley in the NBA, but it still wasn’t an easy decision to leave school."

He spent the weekend debating whether he should stay or go, talking with family, friends and coaches about the NBA. It wasn’t until Monday morning, just hours before his final decision, that Beasley made his final decision.

"I kind of made my mind up, then went back to being undecided," said Beasley, who signed with agent Joe Bell.

"I gave baseball a B+ for race and a C for gender for its senior administration hiring. The same as last year. For team vice presidents, the grade is B for race—the same as last year—and D- for gender, up from an F."

General managers were given a C for 2007, and Lapchick noted the Los Angeles Angels promoted Tony Reagins to GM, where he joins Kenny Williams of the Chicago White Sox and Omar Minaya of the New York Mets as the only minorities.

Managers received a C+, with six minority managers last year. The total increased to eight at the start of this season.
Hang out with friends, Cancer

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Don't blow a situation out of proportion. Your creativity emerges. You might decide to drive a hard bargain. Your fire sparks others' interest. Tonight: Easy works.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your imagination excels. Investigate alternatives. Make calls and get the ball rolling on a project. You understand the next step, but say no to risk-taking. Tonight: Happy to head home. Now, act like it's your castle.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might want to try another approach or way of handling a problem. You might have to spend in order to end a problem. Remember, costs can vary. Play Ralph Nader eye on the big picture, and you'll achieve your desired results. Tonight: Entertain a suggestion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You're instincts guide you with a money matter. Rest assured, though you don't have all the answers, you're heading in the right direction. Choose to do nothing halfway, for your sake. Tonight: In the game of life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Pressure builds, but trust yourself to take the right action. Your understanding of a situation might be a lot fuller than you realize. You alone can make a difference. Trust your instincts. Think clearly. Tonight: Work with someone closely.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ News or information from out of left field forces a stronger reaction than intended - not that you cannot deal with it. Keep your eye on the big picture, and you will achieve your desired results. Tonight: Entertain a suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ A partner drives a hard bargain. Whether you feel comfortable with his or her action, you will need to deal with it. Irritation could bloom into a fight. You also could have a meaningful discussion. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Someone seems ready for a battle. Detach and try to understand what ails this person. Tonight: Choose an activity that allows your mind to relax and wander.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ A partner needs to call the shots. You might be more assertive or back. He or she wants more of your ingenuity. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You find many people out of kilter, though you seem to make the best of every bad situation. Your resourcefulness sets someone back. He or she wants more of your ingenuity. Tonight: Easy does it.

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This year, keep a cap on strong feelings. If you feel uncomfortable in certain situations or as if you can't control your temper, indulge in an immediate stress-reducing activity like walking. Often people act in an erratic manner. Look within to see if you have blocked knowing such a person in his or her true capacity. Sometimes denial floats into our relationships. You will work hard but also will get your just rewards. If you are community-orient- ed, you'll discover new prestige in this area. If you are single, be aware that someone quite spectacular could enter your life, but not until 2009 will you understand the extent of this bond. If you are attached, share more of your outside life and become closer. VIRGO understands you.
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THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE DONE
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TOO MUCH TIME ON THEIR HANDS: It struck Leo Hill, 81, of Lakewood, Colo., that he was being shorted sheets of toilet paper (in the 12-pack, whose rolls allegedly yielded fewer sheets than similar rolls in the 4-pack), and he earnestly counted 60 rolls, sheet by sheet, concluding that the shortage amounted to enough paper to service one sit-down session per roll. He took his complaint to the Denver Post (and even to the Better Business Bureau), but the reporter, trying to replicate Leo’s work, found no shortage, in Leo’s brand or eight others.

Jonathan Lee Riches is believed to be the most prolific lawsuit-filer ever to operate from behind bars. His “docket” now includes more than 1,000 cases in just over two years (with eight more years to go on a federal sentence for fraud, including claims totaling several trillion dollars from “injuries” inflicted on him by such people as President Bush, Martha Stewart, Steve Jobs, Britney Spears, Tiger Woods (luggage theft), Barry Bonds (illegal moonshine production), and football player Michael Vick ($63 billion for allegedly stealing Riches’ pit bulls and selling them on ebay so that Vick could in turn buy missiles from Iran).

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THOUGHTS ON LEAVING A LEGACY: I’ve read that MacArthur was not content with just leading troops on the battlefield. He wanted to plan a city. He had a vision of an ascetic, Thomas Merton-esque city where people would live simple, ascetic lives. He wanted to create a city for the poor, to house veterans who had no jobs. After World War I, he had a similar vision of creating a new city in the Middle East to house displaced farmers. He was the pilot to come to the aid of people who were suffering and in need of help.

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