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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

In March, students at Mount Saint Vincent University in Bedford, Nova Scotia, persuaded the administration to prohibit professors from using any plagiarism-detecting aid, to avoid (said the student union president) a "culture of mistrust."

Students at Banja Luka University in Bosnia-Herzegovina protested in February the economics faculty's decision to install surveillance cameras during exams. "Cheating in exams," said one student, "is a part of our Balkan mentality, and it will take years to change students' (attitudes)."

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 98th day of 2006.
There are 267 days left in the year.

On April 8, 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record. The round-tripper was off pitcher Al Downing.

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By leaps and hounds



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Antonio Martinez Garcia leads Louie, a French bulldog, through an obstacle course at Lincoln Middle School on Friday, as part of graduation ceremonies for K9 Connection Class #7. The K9 Connection is a project bringing together dogs and at-risk teens, encouraging the youths to apply lessons learned in training homeless sheltered dogs to their own lives.

Parents wait for healing to begin

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS. — Both black and Latino parents on Thursday expressed their continued frustration with school officials, who they feel have not adequately addressed institutionalized racism, leading to poor academic performance and youth violence.

In response, the Santa Monica-Malibu School Board instructed district staff to identify dates suitable for holding community forums to address the issue at length and in detail.

"We need to keep this dialogue going throughout the year ... and keep our kids from self-destructing on our streets," said school board member Oscar de la Torre. "We need to be proactive instead of reactive."

Members of the Unity Coalition — a group of minority parents, students and concerned residents — pointed to an increase in racial tension at Santa Monica High

School. Safety plans also show that more students at Samohi and others schools have been disciplined for fighting and drug possession in the last year. Coalition members use those increases as evidence that core problems have not been addressed.

While standardized test scores are up, coalition members drew attention to data showing more students of color are earning less than a 2.0 grade point average, which has raised many questions for parents and board members.

In spring of 2005, the coalition presented the board with a "Ten Point Plan for Student Success" to address the root causes of poor performance and youth violence among students of color. The plan was in response to a brawl that broke out between several African-American and Latino students, which the coalition said was caused by conditions on campus, such as overcrowding and a lack of

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City councilman's new gig helps bring it all together

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

Councilman Richard Bloom's worlds are about to collide — and he couldn't be happier.

As an attorney practicing family law, Bloom enjoys the interaction he has with his clients, as well as the ability to help resolve complex and often highly emotional conflicts within families that may have otherwise caused them to disintegrate if left untreated.

As a representative of Friends of Sunset Park and as a member of the Santa Monica City Council,

Bloom has been able to solve conflicts on a much larger scale, and in turn make the lives of the community better, much like he has done with his private practice.

With his new job as executive director of the Levitt & Quinn Family Law Center, the 52-year-old Bloom now has the opportunity to practice law,

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RICHARD BLOOM

Raging for cajun



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Members of RatzClique, a fife-and-drum corps from Basel, Switzerland, raise awareness along the Third Street Promenade for this weekend's Carnival UCLA, a world tribute to New Orleans.

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