

Surf Report

Wind: Var., 10-20 kts.
 Swell: W — 4-6 ft.
 Period: 8 sec. Temp: 55°F
 Tide: High 10:34 a.m. Low 5:45 p.m.
 High 12:25 a.m. Low 5:26 a.m.

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TODAY'S WEATHER



Warmer &
 Breezy
 High: 67

NASDAQ: 2,439.94 -48.58

DOW: 12,606.30 -246.79

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Drummer comes to town

Grammy-winning Luis Conte will conduct a workshop at Dancing Drum Studio on Monday afternoon and perform with a quintet at the Marjorie Luke Theatre the next night as part of the Santa Barbara Symphony's first International Percussion Festival.

New league for the Breakers

After spending its debut year in the International Basketball League last year, the Santa Barbara Breakers will play the 2008 season in the newly formed West Coast Pro Basketball League, the team announced yesterday.

Group to clean railroad stretch

A six-mile stretch of Union Pacific railroad corridor through the city of Santa Barbara is scheduled to undergo a four-day cleanup beginning this Monday.

Sailors swarm city

Thousands from USS Ronald Reagan hit the town

BY ERIC LINDBERG
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With a rattling rumble that reverberates through the entire ship, the USS Ronald Reagan aircraft carrier drops a 30-ton anchor about a mile off the coast of Santa Barbara.

Its hulking steel mass dominates the channel. With 3,300 sailors on board, the Nimitz-class carrier also marks the largest naval port call in Santa Barbara since President Theodore Roosevelt's Great White Fleet visited a century ago.

Trying to put the immensity and complexity of the massive, 1,096-foot-long carrier into meaningful terms is no easy feat, but Commanding Officer Capt. Terry B. Kraft gives it a shot.

"I manage an airport with a nuclear reactor beneath it and 5,000 people squeezed in between," he says, standing in the gaping hangar bay. "...If you stood us on end, we're about as tall as the Empire State Building."

Capt. Kraft says his sailors are in the process of training and preparing to deploy to the Persian Gulf this spring, and this port call is a special treat for all on board.

"We just can't wait to get ashore," he says. "...There is a real Ronald Reagan spirit in Santa Barbara."

At any given time during the next two days, between 1,500 and 2,000 sailors will be ashore, enjoying a bar-

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SANTA BARBARA DAILY SOUND / Janel Holcombe
 Sailors from the USS Ronald Reagan, which dropped anchor about a mile off the Santa Barbara coast yesterday, cruise up State Street while on shore leave for the weekend. More than 3,300 sailors infiltrated the city, marking the largest naval port call in Santa Barbara since President Theodore Roosevelt's Great White Fleet visited a century ago.

Locals shine light on human trafficking

BY COLBY FRAZIER
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To commemorate the first National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness, members of two local wings of the Soroptimist organization passed out fliers and picketed at local transportation hubs.

Toting a sign that read, "Stop Human Trafficking," Donnalynn Bayet Karpeles said human trafficking isn't just a problem in countries like Thailand, it happens in Southern

California and throughout the U.S. as well.

"Everyone only thinks it happens in Asia, but it happens here," Karpeles said. "The more people who are aware of what is going on around the world the faster we can create change."

Karpeles and other members of the organization, which has 95,000 female members in 120 countries, kicked off their informational tour yesterday at the Santa Barbara

Airport. At noon they were at the Amtrak Station and during the evening rush hour, made their presence felt on the corner of Carrillo and Chapala Streets next to the Greyhound bus station.

Karpeles said one of the most common ways people find themselves in a human trafficking or slave situation is when people are simply trying to find a better life.

She said people searching for better educations or lives in other coun-

tries will often negotiate with an outside party that turns out to be a human trafficker.

When the person seeking the better life ends up in the hands of the trafficker, Karpeles said, they're often never heard from again.

According to information on the Soroptimist website, anywhere from 12.3 million to 27 million people worldwide live in slavery, and the United Nations estimates the market

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