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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

■ A TV station reported that a state historical fund gave \$210,000 to a landlord to renovate a building whose only tenant happens to be a sex club for gay men (Denver).

■ A 41-year-old California mayor who was cited for having illegally tinted car windows filed a complaint against the ticketing officer for continually referring to him as "dude" (Arvin, Calif.).

■ Three 19-year-olds, who said they were bored, allegedly hacked into an Internet auction account and bought \$160 million worth of goods (including industrial machinery and airplanes) in a two-hour period (Limburg, Germany).



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"For three days after death, hair and fingernails continue to grow but phone calls taper off."

— Johnny Carson



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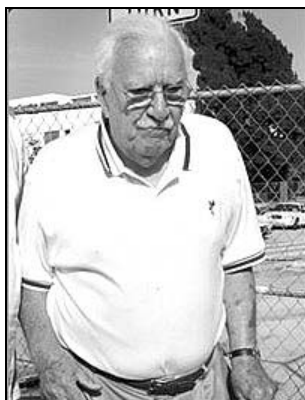
Elderly driver charged with felony manslaughter

Charges stem from July 16, 2003 Farmers' Market incident

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
AND JOHN WOOD
Daily Press Staff Writers

LOS ANGELES — Felony manslaughter charges were filed Monday against the elderly man who killed 10 people when he drove through the downtown Farmers' Market last July.

Santa Monica resident Russell



RUSSELL WELLER

Weller, 87, was charged by the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office with 10 counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence. The case comes two weeks after police concluded their five-month investigation and turned the case over to the DA.

Weller, who has remained secluded in his home north of Montana Avenue since the July 16 incident, must appear at the LAX Courthouse for his initial court appearance at 10:30 a.m. today. His attorney, James Bianco, will hold a press conference after the arraignment. Weller's bail has been recommended by the DA at \$50,000.

Weller is charged in the deaths of Theresa Bregalia, 50, of Bronx, N.Y.; Brendon Esfahani, 7 months, of Los Angeles; Molok Ghoulain, 62, of Los Angeles; Gloria Gonzalez, 35, of Venice; Movsha Hoffman, 78, of Santa Monica; Leroy Lattier, 55, a Santa Monica transient; Diana McCarthy, 41, of New York, N.Y.; Kevin McCarthy, 50, of New York, N.Y.; Cindy Valladares, 3, of Los Angeles; and Lynne Ann Weaver, 47, of Woodland Hills. The victims were fatally struck while shopping at the Farmers' Market on Arizona Avenue after

Weller plowed through the crowd in his Buick Le Sabre. Sixty-three others were injured.

If convicted on all counts, Weller faces a possible sentence ranging from probation to 18 years

in state prison. Deputy District Attorney Ann Rundle will prosecute the case.

Rundle will have to prove that

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Man holds up Citibank

First bank robbery of year in Santa Monica

By Daily Press staff

DOWNTOWN — A Santa Monica bank was robbed Monday morning by a man who fled on foot and remains at large.

Authorities described the suspect as a male Hispanic with a mustache in his late 30s, standing 5'6" tall and weighing 210 pounds. He wore a burgundy and black sweater, and a white baseball cap with "BIB" printed on it when he entered Citibank shortly after 11 a.m.

"He presented a note to the teller that said, 'Give me all your loose money. I have a gun. This is a bank robbery. Thank you very much,'" said FBI spokeswoman Laura Bosley. "It was printed in black ink on a piece of torn, white-lined paper."

It is the second time Citibank, 501 Santa Monica Blvd., has been robbed in four months.

Minutes after Monday's robbery, the bank was closed and forensics officers from the Santa Monica Police Department were inside dusting for fingerprints, while detectives interviewed bank workers. Signs posted on the exterior bank doors read, "Due to unforeseen circumstances we will be closed for a couple of hours."

Felon: 'Not guilty' of firearm possession

Daily Press staff

LAX COURTHOUSE — The man suspected by police for allegedly killing a Santa Monica teenager pleaded not guilty on Monday to an unrelated felony charge.

Arthur Archuleta, 21, will stand trial Feb. 24 on one count of

being a felon in possession of a firearm, with a prior conviction. Archuleta was arrested by Santa Monica police on Nov. 22 during a routine traffic stop. Police found a firearm in the car, which Archuleta was a passenger in. A crime analysis recently found that

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The lure of the Lego



John Wood/Daily Press
Stephen Lau builds an animal out of Legos. More than 100 enthusiasts vying for an opening at Legoland were given 2,000 Legos and 45 minutes on Monday — and told to create.

31st STREET — Looking for a career as a professional Lego builder?

Well, the chance to be discovered in Santa Monica has passed.

But not for Stephen Lau. Lau, 21, was among some 100 enthusiasts who came to Santa Monica on Monday to apply for an opening as a model builder at Legoland in Carlsbad. Each builder was given a tub filled with 2,000 Legos and told to construct an animal of their choosing in 45 minutes or less.

"It's an opportunity for me," said Lau, an accounting student at the University of Southern California. "I've always been playing with these as a kid. And I kind of watched it evolve from playing into tools."

Lau wasn't alone. Organizers for the "Master Model Builder

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Santa Monica Police Department forensics officer Maria Navarro checks for fingerprints at Citibank, 501 Santa Monica Blvd., which was robbed Monday morning.

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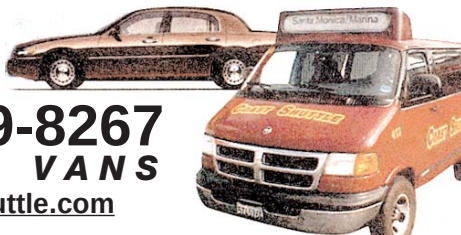
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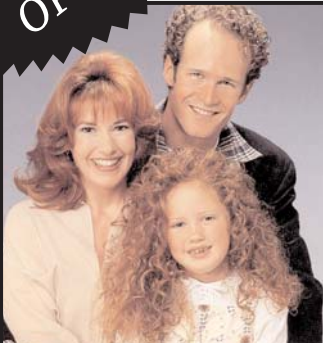


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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ A serious conversation is long overdue, and it might happen as soon as tonight. In the meantime, start being aware of how much you are contributing to a situation. Do your best to clear out work. Tonight: You finally enjoy yourself at home. Put your feet up.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Finally, someone will start speaking his or her mind and share his or her feelings about what is going on. Stay open, even if chaos breaks out, as you will see solutions appear. You might want to discuss a topic you have been putting off. Tonight: Know that finally the doors have opened.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Your ruler goes direct today in your opposite sign. If you would like, a partner seems more amenable to a discussion later in the afternoon. Mend bridges rather than letting your pride interfere. Caring will flow on a deep level. Tonight: Buy a card for a loved one.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ The Moon in your sign gives you that extra oomph you might need. You could be shocked by what someone says to you. Don't be; it is about him or her, not you. Remember that, and let a personal exchange begin. Tonight: The world is your oyster — finally.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You finally see a difference in what happens at work. Suddenly people are more cooperative. Now you can start planning a longtime objective, both personally and professionally. Caring seems to exude from you. Tonight: Mellow out.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Your ability to be understanding could make a big difference right now. You might feel overwhelmed by what is going on. With your ruler going direct, you find that others work better with you. Keep smiling; pinch yourself. Tonight: Follow your friends.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Judge to hand down MLK celebration

By Daily Press staff

A high ranking judge who specializes in resolving disputes will lead the celebration of the life of the man who was killed trying to end them.

U.S. Appellate Court Judge Dorothy W. Nelson — winner of the American Bar Association's award for outstanding contribution to dispute resolution — will be the keynote speaker at the celebration of the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Jan. 19 at the First United Methodist Church, 1008 11th St., Santa Monica.

The free event, which has become one of the largest celebrations of its kind in Southern California, is scheduled for 9 a.m. The event is coordinated by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside Coalition, a nonprofit coalition whose missions are consistent with King's legacy. It is co-sponsored by Santa Monica College, the city of Santa Monica, and the SMC Associates.

The multi-ethnic, interfaith program also will include inspirational readings, music and presentations of scholarships to those involved in the community. Immediately following the program will be a community involvement fair with informational booths by local organizations and refreshments.

Nelson, a senior judge of the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, was appointed to the position by President Carter in 1979. In 2000 she won the ABA's D'Alemberte/Raven Award for Outstanding Contribution to Dispute Resolution.

Nelson is active in a wide range of legal, judicial and law school organizations, and has served on several presidential commissions, including the White House Conference on Children. She served as dean of the USC Law Center, where she established a dispute resolution center in 1967. Nelson received her bachelor's and law degrees from UCLA and an advanced law degree from USC's Law Center.

Playhouse campaign full of acts

By Daily Press staff

The financially struggling Santa Monica Playhouse is going solo this month.

As part of the "Save-the-Playhouse benefit series," the theater presents the world premiere of Clare and Tom: One Woman Show!

The play is described as a positive, surreal, and silly look at growing up, finding yourself and being in relationships. The show opens Friday, Jan. 23 at 8 p.m. Clare and Tom marks the fifth Playhouse collaboration with comedian Tom Konkle, a founding member of the acclaimed comedy troupe, Lester McFwap.

In this solo outing, Konkle teams up with fellow funny-meistre and co-author Clare Salstrom in a semi-spoof of the one-woman show. Ably aided and abetted by director Michael Neill, Clare and Tom: A One Woman Show!, journeys through a progression of visuals and parables that are said to entertain all audiences.

Clare Salstrom was a California arts scholar, and received her BA from UCLA's School of Theatre, Film and Television. She has performed with various theatre ensembles in L.A., including a recent stint with Buffalo Nights in the play "JB." On television, she has appeared on "Providence" and "7th Heaven," and most recently in the film "The Advanced Guard."

Konkle got his undergraduate degree from American University's School of Theatre and Film in Washington D.C. He also studied at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA).

Director Neill received his BFA in theatre from Southern Methodist University before receiving a graduate diploma in acting from the Central School of Speech and Drama in London.

The show plays for three weeks only, Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 23-24, Jan. 30-31 and Feb. 6-7 at 8 p.m. All seats are a \$15 donation with proceeds going to the "Santa Monica Playhouse Save The Playhouse Campaign." Reservations are necessary. For more information about the show or the campaign, visit SantaMonicaPlayhouse.com.

Santa Monica Playhouse, celebrating its 41st year of service to the community, is located at 1211 Fourth St.

surf report

The surf will be small today, mainly leftover WNW swell and a touch of new NW swell. Most spots stay below the waist-high mark.

OUTLOOK: Look for the surf to stay very small into Wednesday morning, before starting a slow pick-up by the afternoon.

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FRIDAY	1:08pm	0.4	11:46pm	2.3	5:42	5.2	7:27	3.2
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Because politicians serve as constituents for the voters who live here, it might be beneficial for elected leaders to

know what residents think should be the priorities this year.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "What should officials focus on this year as their top priorities?"

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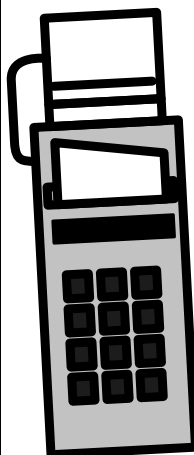
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LOCAL

Tragedy has taken toll on the Weller family

WELLER, from page 1

Weller's behavior was aggravated, reckless or flagrant to prove gross negligence. Without gross negligence, vehicular manslaughter is a misdemeanor and carries a maximum sentence of four years in prison. In California, a finding of negligence depends on what a "reasonable" person would do.

Weller's fate has been the subject of much debate within the community over the past six months. Public sentiment has run both ends of the spectrum — that he should be charged to the fullest extent of the law to it was a tragic accident and Weller should be cleared of all charges.

Santa Monica residents Paul Pantheroudakis, 36, and Nicole Katof, 34, who were walking down Arizona Avenue Monday evening next to where Weller's car entered the busy market, said the situation was tragic but charging Weller was the wrong thing to do.

"I don't know all the facts in the case, but my instinct is he should not be prosecuted," Pantheroudakis said.

Katof agreed, adding, "The government should make better regulations as far as seniors' ability to drive."

Resident Jonathan Chapman, 22, disagreed. Chapman, a 1999 Samohi graduate who drives elderly people to and from their homes, activities and errands, said someone needs to be held responsible for the accident.

"Either him or the person taking care of him in one way or another should have known that he wasn't fit to drive," Chapman said.

But now it's up to the court to seal Weller's fate.

"The district attorney's office strongly believes that this tragic incident should be addressed in the courtroom," said DA spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons.

After a lengthy investigation, the Santa Monica Police Department determined that Weller was traveling at an unsafe speed — a violation of California penal code — and the primary cause of the accident. The California Highway Patrol and the SMPD submitted a 917-page report to the DA's office on Dec.

17 and recommended manslaughter charges.

Police also attribute Weller's medical condition of reduced mobility as a contributing factor of the accident. That may be why Weller didn't stop when he initially rear-ended a Mercedes Benz at the intersection of Fourth Street and Arizona Avenue before he accelerated 245 feet into the market's entrance.

Police say it appears as though Weller hit the gas pedal instead of the brake when his vehicle hit the left rear of the Mercedes, which was attempting to make a right turn onto northbound Fourth Street from Arizona Avenue. The Mercedes, driven by an unidentified female, was waiting for a pedestrian to cross the street when she was struck from behind by Weller.

After the collision, Weller pushed the Mercedes out of the way and into crosswalk. According to witnesses, Weller accelerated rapidly toward the market and struck a pedestrian standing on crutches near the "road closed" sign where the market begins.

Of the more than 200 witnesses interviewed, no one saw the Buick's brake lights illuminate in the 1,000 feet Weller traveled. The Buick stopped as a result of rolling friction and objects trapped beneath the car, including a body, the final fatality. There were more than 100 separate collisions during the incident, police said.

The two-and-a-half block stretch where Weller drove at high speeds looked like a war zone — debris strewn everywhere, bodies lying in the middle of the street, people screaming, emergency workers frantically responding and helicopters swooping onto Wilshire Boulevard, taking the injured to area hospitals.

Victims and their family members have hired lawyers and are preparing for civil battles. They plan to pursue Weller and the city of Santa Monica for compensation. Legal experts have speculated that City Hall will become a target for much of the liability as the assets of Weller, a retired wholesale grocer, will easily be exhausted.

More than 28 claims have been filed

against City Hall by victims and their families. For City Hall to be found liable for the accident, it will have to be proven that a "dangerous condition of public property" existed when Weller's car entered the market that was closed off by a wooden sign, and that officials either knew or should have known about the potential danger. The twice-weekly market is now barricaded at both ends with large trucks.

With Weller's future uncertain, neighbor Mary Roney, who visits the Wellers

several times each week, said the accident has taken a toll on the family. Weller's health has reportedly deteriorated since the incident.

"The whole family is devastated," said Roney. "It's taken it out of the couple's health. It's never far from their mind."

"Russ is still his wonderful self," she added. "The kindness is still there, the love of humanity is still there — but the vitality and enthusiasm for everyday life isn't."

Bank robber still at large

ROBBERY, from page 1

Citibank also was robbed in September, allegedly by Darwin Craig Stanley, 45, known as the "Both Hands Bandit" because he used both hands to hold his demand notes. Stanley was arrested late last year in Modesto. Despite that he allegedly robbed dozens of banks, Bosley said Stanley hasn't been charged for bank robbery and instead is being tried for a string of commercial robberies authorities think he committed.

Shortly after the robbery Monday, workers in the Citibank building, customers and others nearby said the incident happened so quickly they didn't realize what had happened.

"I saw the cops looking around while I was looking for something to eat," said Richard Caldwell, who was repairing the elevator shaft in the parking structure behind the bank. "They didn't have anybody (in custody)."

— John Wood

SM man faces second felony strike if convicted

FELON, from page 1

Archuleta's fingerprints were on the gun, police said.

But the weapon is not linked to the Sept. 2 murder of 19-year-old Jalannie Carter, which Archuleta was arrested for but never charged. Nearly a week after his arrest for second-degree murder, the DA's office didn't file the case against Archuleta due to insufficient evidence.

Carter, whom Archuleta knew, was gunned down in an alley east of 20th Street. Archuleta remains a suspect in the investigation, which is ongoing, said

SMPD Lt. Frank Fabrega.

If convicted, the firearm possession charge would be Archuleta's second felony, which carries a stiffer penalty. DA spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons said if convicted, Archuleta must serve a minimum of 85 percent of his sentence.

Archuleta, who was first convicted in Marin County in 2002 for attempting to smuggle a controlled substance into a jail, was paroled from a minimum security prison this past July, according to the Department of Corrections.

— Carolyn Sackariason

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Legoland lovers search for employment and enjoyment

LEGO, from page 1

Search," which has been through nine U.S. cities and makes its last stop in Orange County on Wednesday, said more than 400 people pre-registered for the initial "interview" nationwide and many more have simply dropped in.

"It's free. It's a job interview — if you think you've got the stuff and this is what you want to do," said Francine Marseille, a spokeswoman for the Art Institute of California on 31st Street, where Monday's contest was held.

The designer ultimately chosen by Lego officials will join an elite team of six in charge of creating, designing and maintaining the more than 5,000 Lego models at the park in Carlsbad. Those models range from miniature people made up of only a dozen pieces to whole cities that are built out of more than a million. Some take four months or longer to build.

Stacy Slingerland, a spokeswoman for Legoland, said the next addition to the team will start at \$13 to \$15 an hour, but will be eligible for better-paying promotions. Many a builder have made a career out of playing with Legos, she added.

"For most people trying out, it's not about the money," Slingerland said. "It's about having the dream job ... but some builders that have been there a while do

make good money."

Eighty percent of Legoland models are done freehand, using a specialized "Lego brick paper," designed like graph paper but tailored for Legos. The other 20 percent are designed with computers, using custom programs not available to the public. New hires start their jobs gluing together models and can move their way up to become a model builder, model designer and, ultimately, a supervisor, Slingerland said.

Dan Bennett, 28, who started as a Lego designer six years ago in the U.K., was among those judging the hopeful builders. Asked what he was looking for in the applicants, Bennett said, "Structure is a very important part of it — and complying to the theme. It's imagination as well. We like to see an element of humor."

Bennett said the judges were less concerned with color coordination and more with the applicant's ability to make three-dimensional figures out of blocks. He said model designers and builders come from a wide variety of backgrounds, but they all have one thing in common — they love Legos.

"It's great," said Bennett, who has a degree in art design. "You get a chance to play around with bricks all day."



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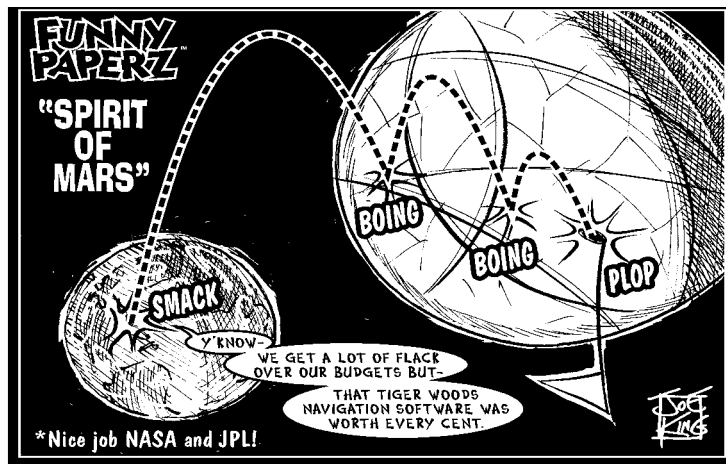
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Stop the madness now

Editor:

In this new year we need to stop complaining about the homeless and even about the hapless and ineffectual Santa Monica City Council, and help get legislation enacted that makes panhandling and loitering (sleeping in parks, in doorways and other public property) against the law. Violators of panhandling and loitering should be taken to facilities where their problems of unemployment, drug and/or alcohol addiction or mental illness can be properly treated. Palming small change and dollar bills and free meals in the park only help facilitate a lifestyle that should be remedied, not encouraged. And while we cease our complaining about the homeless, we should silence the complaining by the homeless. A start would be for the SMDP to stop wasting paper and ink on one homeless careerist, Charles Springer.

Sunny Kreis
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A few resolutions to get the city and state in a healthy place



THE FLORA FILES

By Todd Flora

A "New Year's resolutions" column may seem gimmicky. But New Year's resolutions and bestowed wishes are a healthy way to crystallize our thoughts, and express our best hopes for others and ourselves.

■ To the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, I wish for a healthy economy, booked hotels, adequate parking for multitudes to "shop Santa Monica," and increased respect for our Main Street merchants. I hope the organization will resolve to run reasonable minded candidates and respectable campaigns, and to build bridges with its political opponents rather than merely serve as City Hall's "agitators-in-chief."

■ To Santa Monicans for Renters Rights (SMRR), I wish for a healthy canvass, increased membership, a clear direc-

tion, and a campaign next fall that reflects the changing times. I hope the organization will resolve to go beyond its habitual practices and spend considerable resources educating the "Costa-Hawkins generation." In other words, SMRR should actively reach out to young professionals and those under 50. The difference between 5-2 and 3-4 the other way on the City Council could be a slim electoral reality if the "same old, same old" is the norm. Want a good theme? Here it is: "New SMRR, New Generation."

■ To the people of Santa Monica, I wish for sound public safety and responsive city government, a balanced city budget, and a quality education for your children. I hope my fellow residents will resolve to thank their lucky stars they live in this incredible city, and begin vocalizing their appreciation more for what works in this city, and less for what doesn't. Judging from letters to the editor in our local papers, I would think I was living in an oppressive, run-down shantytown.

■ To our State Legislature, I wish for wisdom, selflessness and political

courage. Why on earth did you acquiesce to repealing the law granting undocumented residents driver's licenses? Did anybody bother to tell the public that until 1994, it was already legal for undocumented to obtain them? Did anybody bother to consider that thousands of undocumented residents are going to drive anyway, so we might as well insure that they meet state standards, and that their cars be smog checked? Terrorism? Please. You think obtaining a driver's license is an "evildoer's" only way to hurt us?

Also, why on earth did you give in so easily on the vehicle license fee? Did anybody bother to remind the public that it's tax deductible for business expenses? I hope the State Legislature will resolve to show some guts, stand up to this governor when he's wrong and work with him when he's right.

Oh, and it would be nice if state government would start respecting community colleges. It is despicable how SMC and others throughout the state are undervalued by the elitists in government and higher education. Straighten up your act, Sacramento.

■ To Governor Schwarzenegger and President Bush ... oh, why bother. No matter what you do, the public seems to give you a free pass.

■ Finally, myself. Despite some partisan stands and affiliations, I resolve to be as much of a bridge builder as I can be, especially in our local political community. On occasion I hold strong opinions and have reinforced some polarizing views. You might see more in 2004, but I resolve to do better. This town is a perpetual political tinderbox. But for the good of the city, we must come together to find points of agreement. Please e-mail me using the address below. Let's begin a dialogue that will lead to creative ideas and means by which we can bring factions together. Also, please e-mail me examples of what you feel WORKS in Santa Monica.

(Todd Flora is a government relations professional with a statewide children's network. A six-year resident of Santa Monica, Todd is active in Heal the Bay, the Democratic Party, and the living wage movement in Santa Monica. To respond or reach Todd, e-mail him at: reformadvocate@yahoo.com).

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OPINION



Santa Monica has become home for a Canadian transplant

In the movie "Moonlight Mile," there is a scene where Susan Sarandon explains to Jake Gyllenhaal how she and her husband (played by Dustin Hoffman) love each other. Her explanation comes after she and Hoffman have just had an argument.

To paraphrase, Sarandon says that every night, for 31 years, she knows that when she gets into bed and slides her bum up against Ben (Hoffman) that his warm body will embrace hers and calm her. "You find your home," she says.

My husband and I left our home in Toronto last summer and moved to Santa Monica. Tears were shared with family and friends when we said our good-byes, but my dream of living in sunny California where tall palm trees line the streets and winter boots are unheard of was becoming a reality. We didn't look back.

Our first outing was last summer's Pacific Palisades July 4th parade. We figured it was a must-see because community members had placed their chairs — some even roped un-moveable — along the Sunset Boulevard sidewalks the night beforehand.

While standing in the sweltering afternoon heat watching the parade, we were struck by the overwhelming participation — and patriotism. Holding American flags high above their heads, families and seniors sat front row while young

teenagers ran in sync with parade marchers.

Awkward-looking parents skipped alongside their costumed children playing instruments. It wasn't because the parents were proud but rather to spray water on their offspring's faces and necks for hydration. Most vendors sold everything from balloons to stuffed animals and nothing that wasn't striped red, white and blue.

I recently read the novel "Martin Sloane," written by Canadian author Michael Redhill, where the characters struggle within themselves and their environment when trying to accept who, what and where honestly makes them happy. They run to and from the people they love and who love them, which leads to inner conflict and their true feeling of home.

Moving boxes emptied, cable man long gone and our paintings hanging on the walls, I drove our rented car to the grocery store with a long shopping list to stock our fridge and cupboards. When I got there, I circled the block twice then slowly drove home without ever going in.

Add a passport and 2,531 miles, and the move to California wasn't any different than the many moves I had made

across Canada over the past 10 years. But if for some strange reason I fainted in the vegetable aisle, would anyone run to my aid? My wallet contained foreign identification, a Toronto parking ticket I had never gotten around to paying and dated business cards. And if someone actually asked if they could help me home, what was my address again?

I called my mother who lives in Canada, just a short drive from the Atlantic Ocean. She encouraged me to go

back to the store where I had had a nice conversation with a woman from whom I had bought a bath mat. She had recently moved to California from New York. To

seem less like a stalker, I returned about a week later. Probably going against everything her parents had advised about not talking to strangers, she said "yes" when I invited her for coffee.

I had two inches cut off my hair and the mousy-colored roots dyed a California blonde. I took my husband to the sushi restaurant recommended by my hairdresser.

Even after ordering a tall coffee with half breakfast blend and half decaf during morning rush hour, I was recently promoted to "Starbucks regular" when they asked me my name — and not for label-

ing my coffee!

Drenched in sweat during my first Californian level-one-and-two yoga class, the instructor smiled gently and suggested I lose the thick east-coast sweats for fabrics a little more forgiving.

I witnessed my first "LA moment" when I walked passed a parking lot and overheard a woman ask the parking attendant if she could pay later because she just had a manicure. Then I got my nails done too.

Sarandon further explained to Gyllenhaal: "It may not be what you thought, you know colors off, styles wrong, but there it is anyway and the hell with you if you can't take a joke. You find your home. Ben's (Hoffman's) mine."

Not a day goes by when my husband and I don't kiss good morning and kiss good night. That brings me home.

The other day I was asked to show my ID while buying a bottle of chardonnay at the liquor store. Although I wanted to jump across the counter and kiss the man behind the cash register, I smiled instead and gave him my Canadian driver's license that revealed my birth date — 1971.

I decided then that Santa Monica had become home.

(Amy Perritt is gladly a resident of Santa Monica and has found her home).

Guest Commentary

By Amy Perritt

Infringe on this: It's the end of the world as we know it



LEGAL VIEWS AND NEWS

By David Pizarra

This year for the Christmas holidays we took a road trip. We went to Lake Tahoe, then across the Nevada desert to Salt Lake City. It's about an 18-hour drive total, but when you break it up with a couple of days of skiing in Tahoe, it doesn't hurt quite so much. On that long drive, we decided to do something different. We listened to a book that we downloaded to an iPod, from Audible.com after purchasing it. This electronic version of a book sits on the hard drive, ready to be played just like the latest pop hit.

This provoked an interesting discussion about copyrights and the nature of works of intellectual property. The field of intellectual property covers the subject areas of copyrights, trade and service marks, and patents. It is a field of law that is populated with very bookish, quiet lawyers — people who spend their lives ruminating over minute details and deciding if they infringe on the rights of their client.

A copyright is the right an author of a work of intellectual property has to a royalty for the copying, playing, or usage of their creation. It applies to authors of books, music, plays, movies and computer software. A trademark or servicemark applies to a brand name or phrase. Patents are ownership rights granted to a designer or inventor. All lawyers can handle copyright and trademark work, but patents require special lawyers. Patent lawyers are members of a special patent bar and generally they are engineers by their undergraduate training.

This is different from other lawyers, who are usually from the liberal arts and hold degrees in English literature, philosophy, or some other area of education that avoids math and numbers. The reason for this is simple — the law deals with definitions and distinctions, it is a system that depends on language, not numbers. This is also why most lawyers are not great with math, but do very well on crossword puzzles.

The world of copyrights has undergone a huge change in the past three decades, thanks to the copier machine, scanners, the Walkman, personal computers and CD players, and of course the latest and largest changes have come from the Internet.

In a society that values artistic expression, it is crucial to the continued development of the arts that a copyright be protected by the law. The problem is, it takes very little today to copy a recorded song or video from a hard drive, put it in an e-mail, and send it to 500 of your closest friends.

Historically the distribution costs would prevent most people from infringing on a copyright. If I wanted to send 500 copies of Cat Stevens' "Peace Train" to my friends, I would have to buy 500 cassettes, spend hours at a copying stereo, then mail the tapes individually. The time involved, and the cost of the blank tapes and postage is a sufficient deterrent to effectively prevent most people from doing this.

Today, I can copy a song to my hard drive, create an e-mail, hit the send button, and now all of my friends have become unwitting accomplices in an infringement on the copyright of the artist. It took five seconds and cost me nothing, and the author received no more income.

The recording industry is fighting very hard to prevent just this type of distribu-

tion and infringement. They are very concerned because this type of free flowing exchange is severely hurting their profits.

Contrast this with the purchase of a book. I can buy the latest Michael Moore book, read it, and then share it with 500 of my closest friends, and no one thinks that this is copyright infringement. For most of us, when we buy a book, that book is ours to do with as we please. The belief is that the author has no further rights to the physical embodiment of their ideas. In fact, for most readers, it is important to share a book and then pass it on.

Now compare that with the all too common practice of "sharing" software. After all, if you pay Microsoft \$400 for a software program, why shouldn't you be allowed to "share" it with your office-mates, best friends, neighbor and the dog catcher? The software manufacturers consider this to be piracy. I think that's a misnomer because piracy is taking that which doesn't belong to you. Clearly if you have bought something, it belongs to you, but the question is, what have you bought? With software, one buys a right to use a tool that is made up of electronic information.

If I share software with everyone, most people understand that I have overstepped the terms of the right that I bought. Most do it anyway but know it is wrong. But when I share a book, I am sharing that which is mine. When I share music that I have purchased, I am sharing that which is mine. But the question becomes, what are the limits, if any, to my ownership? If I have paid Dave Koz for his music and downloaded it, to what extent does it become mine? Is it fair I share it with the world via my hard drive and the Internet?

The Recording Industry Association of America is trying to stop the exchange of electronic music files. They are desperate to find encryption technology that will

prevent the copying and distribution of artists' works. This is not likely to happen. They want their business model to be more like the software industry where every installation is supposed to be paid for, but in reality it is more like the book publishing business where they expect only a portion of the users to pay for their product.

As MP3 players become more popular, as the Internet continues to become a greater force in our lives, it will become easier and easier for scofflaws to obtain their music and videos for free. The hard life of a performer is going to get harder as technology continues to make distribution easier and cheaper. Music has become as readily portable as borrowing a book. Musicians need to look to the world of writers to see their future incomes. The days of big profits, which rarely made it to the musicians anyway, are winding down.

Technology will always change the way that the music business operates. It is already becoming harder for musicians to get a contract. Because fewer independents can survive — which hurts the growth of our social music library — we are ending up with more corporately controlled music, centralized in one of the major labels, which are all fast becoming one company.

Historically when the Japanese and the Germans are getting along, it is not good for the world. Sony bought Bertelsman Music Group. Can the end of the music world as we know it be far off?

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Santa Monica

A weekly look at events and programs for Santa Monica

There is a right way to teach your child how to learn

Guest Commentary

By Margaret Altman

Your child was born to learn. Babies are ready to take in all kinds of sensory information and their brains grow with this stimulating and soothing information. Within the past year there has been an enormous advance in understanding the learning process itself and a great deal of this data is useful for parents of young children.

Question: I have a 1-year-old baby. How can I prevent her from learning bad habits since there is so much negative information on TV and from other sources?

Answer: The most important thing that you can do to guide and enhance your young child's learning is to understand the different forms that learning takes. With this information you can more effectively teach your child very positive learning skills and this will empower her to make good learning choices as she grows older.

The latest data on learning has provided us with excellent tips for parents.

There are two primary forms of learn-

ing. "Rote learning" is described as occurring when your child doesn't relate new information to existing information in her mind. This is repetition learning or memorization, and it happens to be the way many of our kids learn their lessons. Meaningful learning occurs when your child relates new data to existing data in her mind and builds up concepts for future learning. This kind of learning can be challenging for young and old learners, and many people prefer simply to memorize and pass tests.

Rote learning does have a place in the learning process but it limits the child in terms of creative thinking, decision-making and the ability to find alternative ways to solve problems. This is a key factor in helping prepare children to change negative habits, and to build strong and flexible problem solving skills very early in life.

Parents of young children can begin to build the foundations of meaningful learning in many ways. You will be teaching your child to learn how to learn when they engage in the following activities.

Engage your child in interactive learning experiences with you, the parent, and then with children their own age. Social interaction gives even small children the opportunity to watch as other kids learn things and participate in the learning process.

Attach positive emotional reinforcement to learning experiences. Meaningful learning is boosted when the learner is applauded for trying new things and new strategies. Encourage your child's curiosity in exploring the environment with all of their senses.

As your child grows, it is very important to give them many opportunities to ask questions, comment on experiences and also to answer questions about what they have seen, heard or felt.

When your child appears frustrated in grasping new concepts and wants to fall back on memorizing items, it is your chance to boost their self confidence and encourage them to try new ways of understanding the concept. Many children give up and tend to learn by rote because school tests reinforce rote learning. Parents can and should give their children many opportunities to build meaningful learning skills by asking them questions about their homework, having them describe new experiences to you, and giving them creative and challenging peer group experiences.

Parents can model meaningful learning techniques. Show your young child how you problem-solve in simple step-by-step fashion. Demonstrate the joys of learning new things and using this information to enhance your daily life. Let your kids see

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that you can make mistakes and then develop new strategies that work for you. Question information as it comes to you and give your children the skills that they need for meaningful learning.

The experts in the field of defining learning models have compared rote learning to training and meaningful learning to education. It is true that our school systems are very slowly beginning to integrate this new information and it is up to parents to build the foundations for meaningful learning early in life.

(By Margaret Altman L.C.S.W. author of "Developing Your Child's Emotional Intelligence," in private practice with Dr. A. Korchmarev in Sherman Oaks. E-mail margiealtman@yahoo.com).

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Colorado blizzard leads to bundles of babies

BY ROBERT WELLER
Associated Press Writer

DENVER — Cabin fever is alive and well in the West.

Hospital officials say the monster blizzard that kept people indoors across Colorado last year led to a spike in the number of December babies.

"We had more babies born in December — exactly nine months after the blizzard — than in any other month last year," said Len Gregory, spokesman for St. Mary-Corwin Hospital in Pueblo.

Added Lynne Snyder, head of newborn services for Avista Adventist Hospital in suburban Louisville: "We were overflowing there for a while."

Snyder said it is not unusual for a surge in births 40 weeks after

major events like the Denver Broncos' first Super Bowl victory.

The snowstorm started March 17 and shut down Colorado cities big and small for several days. Nearly 9 feet of snow fell in the mountains and half that total paralyzed the heavily populated Front Range along the eastern slopes of the Rockies.

The state health department won't have final birth figures until next month, but spokeswoman Cindy Parmenter said she wouldn't be surprised if the numbers back the anecdotal evidence of a baby boomlet.

Where there is a trend there is usually a market: Gift Services Inc. of Denver has begun offering a \$60 "Blizzard Bundle" for babies conceived during the bliz-

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Spokesman for St. Mary-Corwin Hospital in Pueblo

zard. They include a new toy, a footprint kit and a special treat bundled inside a blanket monogrammed with the baby's name and date of birth.

A similar surge in Colorado births was reported in 1998, nine months after an October blizzard.

Nicole Marie Walker is one of this year's blizzard babies. Several days late, she was the clinic's first

baby of the new year — born at 4:01 a.m. Jan. 1.

"We had just come home from visiting family in Germany last March and when the snowstorm hit we couldn't go anywhere," said Gary Walker, Nicole's father.

"We certainly will never forget this new year," said Nicole's mother, Regina.

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CINDERELLA

The single most requested of all the Santa Monica Playhouse Family Theatre musicals returns. This delightfully romantic, original classic features the handsome prince, zany fairy godmother, silly stepsisters and a zealously well-meaning stepmother. Saturday & Sunday, January 10 - 25, 12:30 & 3:00 p.m., \$9 children, \$10 adults. Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 Fourth St., 3 9 4 - 9 7 7 9, www.santamonicaplayhouse.com

DISNEY'S PRINCESS CLASSICS ON ICE Featuring nimble skating, amazing costumes, creative choreography and a musical story with Cinderella, Jasmine, Ariel, Belle, Snow White and other Disney characters. January 7 - 11 at the LA Sports Arena; 213-480-3232 or 714-740-2000. January 14 - 19 at the Long Beach Arena. Visit www.disneyonice.com for more info.

TUESDAY

Movies for Moms sponsored by:



"Peter Pan" showing January 6th 11:00 a.m., Loews Broadway, 1441 3rd St. Promenade - for Moms and babies newborn - 1 year old. Doors open early for socializing and getting comfortable.

The classic tale of the boy who can fly is retold in this faithful live-action adaptation. Peter Pan (Jeremy Sumpter) whisks the three Darling children off to Neverland, where they embark on many adventures and fight to evil Captain Hook (Jason Issacs) alongside Peter and his lovely friend, Tinker Bell (Ludvine Sagnier). Starring Jason Issacs, Jeremy Sumpter and Rachel Hurd-Wood. Directed by P.J. Hogan. Rated "PG" for action adventure sequences.

Storytelling

Main Library
Toddler Storytime at Reed Park; 10:00 & 10:30 a.m. Stories for two year olds with

adult.

Fairview Branch Library - 2101 Ocean Park Blvd - 310-450-0443.

Cuentos Para Pequenos - 10:00 a.m., Jan. 6 - Feb. 10; six-week series in Spanish for 24 - 36 month olds with adult.

Lap Time - 11:00 a.m., Jan. 6 - Feb. 10; six-week series for babies 0-24 months, co-sponsored by the SMMUSD Infant and Family Support Program.

Twilight Story Time - 7pm - an ongoing program for 3-5 year olds.

Girl Talk - Jan. 6th, 4:45 - 5:45 p.m. Monthly focus group for girls; discussions, esteem building and activities. Grades 6 and up. Call Nia at 458-8688 for details.

Montana Avenue Branch Library - 1704 Montana Ave - 310-829-7081.

Family Story Time - 7:00 p.m., all ages. **Terrific Tuesdays**, Jan. 13 & 27, 3:30 p.m. Stories and crafts for K - 3rd graders.

Ocean Park Branch Library - 2601 Main St. - 310-392-3804.

Toddler Storytime - 10:00 & 10:30 a.m., Jan. 6 - Feb. 10. Music, rhymes and stories for 24 - 36 month olds with adult. Registration is required.

Tiny Tuesday Storytime at Storyopolis Themes change weekly; for ages infant to 3. 11:00 a.m. 116 North Robertson, Plaza A, LA. 310-358-2500, www.storyopolis.com

Barnes and Noble at the Grove Storytime for ages 2 - 6. 10:00 a.m. 189 Grove Drive, LA, 323-525-0270

Yoga & Exercise
Yoga Baby (Venice) - 310-306-9381 - Mommy & Me (ages 0-5 years) - 10 - 11 a.m.; Pre-natal yoga - 7-8:15 p.m.
Yoga Works - 2215 Montana Ave, 310-393-5150; Pre/postnatal - 12:15 - 1:40 p.m., \$15. Mommy and Me - 1:45 - 3:00 p.m.
Mommy Care - 11870 Santa Monica Blvd, at the Dance Factory, West LA, 310-394-6711. Pregnancy Exercise - 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.; Post Partum Exercise - 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. (babies welcome, includes baby massage and workout at the end)

Breastfeeding Group
The Pump Station - 310-826-5774, no pre-reg required, first class free, \$10 fee thereafter. Moms/babies 0-4 months, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Other

Magicalopolis - 8 p.m., 1418 4th St. Admission is \$20 Call 310-451-2241 for info.

January 6
Nature Walk (Children's Nature Institute) - Franklin Canyon (Beverly Hills) - 10:00am Reservations required - 310-998-1151 or www.childrensnatureinstitute.org

WEDNESDAY

Storytelling
Fairview Branch Library - 2101 Ocean

Park Blvd - 310-450-0443.

Preschool Story Time - 10:30 a.m., Jan. 7 - Feb. 11; six-week series for 3-5 year olds with adult.

Montana Avenue Branch Library - 1704 Montana Ave - 310-829-7081.

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Toddler Story Time - 11:15 a.m., Jan. 7 - Feb. 11. Six-week series for 2 year olds with adult.

Ocean Park Branch Library - 2601 Main St. - 310-392-3804.

Preschool Twilight Story Time - 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. An ongoing story time for parents and their children ages 3 - 5.

Barnes and Noble, Westside Pavilion - 2 p.m. - ages 2-5 - 310-475-4144
Border's, Westwood - 11am - 310-475-3444.

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Ocean Oasis Day Spa, 1333 Ocean Avenue, 458-8190.

Pre/Post Natal Yoga/Gentle Flow - 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. Private sessions available; call Kate Thomas, RN - 408-1717

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Montana Avenue Branch Library - 1704 Montana Ave - 310-829-7081.

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Lawmakers face budget, workers' comp problems

BY STEVE LAWRENCE

Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO — Like someone staring into the refrigerator the day after a holiday feast, California legislators begin their 2004 session Monday facing a slew of leftovers, ranging from seemingly endless budget deficits to bottled water standards.

Also on the table will be renewed efforts to cut workers' compensation costs, allow undocumented immigrants to obtain drivers' licenses and bolster public access to government meetings and records.

About 1,300 bills that weren't approved in 2003 could come up again in 2004, and lawmakers will add to their workload by introducing hundreds of new pieces of legislation.

While many of the issues will be old, at least two of the Legislature's top leaders will be new. Freshmen Fabian Nunez, D-Los Angeles, and Kevin McCarthy, R-Bakersfield, are in line to succeed Assembly Speaker Herb Wesson, D-Culver City, and Assembly Minority Leader Dave Cox, R-Fair Oaks, respectively. And Sen. Richard Ackerman, R-Fullerton, is likely to replace fellow Republican Jim Brulte of Rancho Cucamonga as Senate minority leader well before lawmakers adjourn at the end of August.

That would leave Senate President Pro Tem John Burton, D-San Francisco, as the only experienced leader, and Burton, along with Brulte and most of the Legislature's other long-serving members, will be termed out at the end of November.

The state's budget problems aren't new. Lawmakers battled a \$38.2 billion deficit in 2003. This year they're facing at least a \$14 billion shortfall in the fiscal year that starts July 1.

The problem will get worse if voters reject a \$15 billion bond measure on the March 2 ballot that is needed to help balance the current budget.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will unveil his budget proposals for the new fiscal year on Friday and is expected to ask lawmakers to make deep cuts in public health and welfare programs.

Schwarzenegger has hinted that he also may propose cuts in school funding, which would violate one of his campaign promises. There is little expectation that he'll throw out another campaign pledge and ask for tax increases to help erase the red ink, although fees to use state parks will jump to their highest levels ever.

During a special budget session that began in November, the new Republican governor and the Legislature's Democratic majorities were able to reach a compromise on a spending restrictions

measure that will also be on the March 2 ballot.

But they may not be able to sort out their differences quite as easily in this next round of budget negotiations. Long budget deadlocks have become almost routine in Sacramento because California is one of the few states that requires more than a simple majority lawmakers to approve budget bills.

Here's a rundown on some of the other key issues facing legislators in the coming year:

Workers' Compensation — Last year lawmakers approved a package of reforms designed to ease skyrocketing workers' compensation cost increases faced by California employers. That legislation focused mainly on limiting how much doctors, pharmacies, outpatient clinics and others who treat job-related injuries are paid.

Now Schwarzenegger is proposing sweeping legislation that attempts to bring the state's workers' comp costs down to at least the national average by, among other things, altering how work-related injuries are evaluated and medical disputes resolved.

Schwarzenegger's plan is drawing strong opposition from labor, employees' attorneys and Democratic lawmakers, but Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi, a Democrat, says he's close to working out a similar plan that could get support from both business and labor.

Schwarzenegger's proposal is designed to cut more than \$11 billion in workers' comp costs, a goal Garamendi calls a "significant challenge." Garamendi says his proposal would generate at least \$5.5 billion in savings, which would match his estimate of how much the 2003 legislation will cut costs.

■ **Drivers' Licenses** — One of Schwarzenegger's first acts as governor was to sign legislation repealing a new law allowing illegal immigrants to obtain California drivers' licenses. But Schwarzenegger has also indicated a willingness to consider signing a similar bill accompanied by more security safeguards. The author of the initial legislation, Sen. Gil Cedillo, D-Los Angeles, says he'll try to draft legislation that would satisfy the governor.

■ **Public Records** — Twice in the last two years the Senate has approved a constitutional amendment by Burton to strengthen public access to government meetings and documents, only to see the legislation stall in the Assembly because of Republican blockades.

Burton plans to bring back the measure this year. This time it's more likely to pass because of support from Schwarzenegger and a pledge by McCarthy and Nunez to try to avoid partisan disputes.

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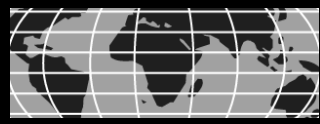
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SARs found in China, cats killed

By The Associated Press

BEIJING — China on Monday confirmed its first SARS case since an outbreak of the disease was contained in July and authorities ordered the emergency slaughter of some 10,000 civet cats and related species after tests linked a virus found in the animals to the patient.

The Philippines also isolated a woman and her husband who might be infected, triggering fears across Asia that a second season of the highly contagious illness might be at hand.

The Chinese Health Ministry said the illness contracted by a 32-year-old television producer in the southern province of Guangdong "has been confirmed as a diagnosed case" of SARS.

The diagnosis came hours after China ordered 10,000 civet cats in wildlife markets — and several related species — killed in its southern province of Guangdong after genetic tests suggested a link to the patient there. The civet has long been suspected as a vector for the disease's suspected jump from animals to humans.

All of Guangdong's wildlife markets were ordered to close on Monday, Feng Liuxiang, deputy director of the province's health department, said on national television. The weasel-like mammals are considered a delicacy in Guangdong and are served in wild game restaurants.

Summit a sryum for poisonous relations

By The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Building on momentum toward better relations after a half-century of venom, Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf held much-anticipated, face-to-face talks Monday with Indian leader Atal Bihari Vajpayee on the sidelines of a South Asian summit.

The talks were seen as a milestone toward increasing confidence for a rapprochement, two years after their armies stood on the brink of war.

The meeting lasted one hour, five minutes. The two men shook hands and were joined during the talks by foreign affairs and national security aides.

"This meeting was held in a cordial manner and ended on a positive note," Pakistan Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed told The Associated Press.

Indian and Pakistani officials had worked behind the scenes for days to ensure that the meeting went ahead and billed it as a diplomatic courtesy call to dampen expectations of any major breakthrough, especially on the bitter territorial standoff over Kashmir, flashpoint of two wars since the countries achieved independence from Britain in 1947.

Skier survives freezing ordeal

By The Associated Press

SEATTLE — A 25-year-old skier missing for four days and four freezing nights in the central Cascade Mountains was found alive after rescuers spotted his fresh tracks by helicopter.

"It's unbelievable — four tough nights in the teens with no food, no water, just normal ski gear and a hel-

met," said King County Sheriff's Lt. Jim Fuda.

Dan Witkowski was "lucid and talking," Fuda said Sunday night.

He told Fuda that he got turned around while skiing Wednesday, so decided to head downhill in hopes of finding his way out.

So for four days, he kept moving, resting in the dips of snow surrounding tree trunks to get out of the wind. He told Fuda his longest break was two hours.

Witkowski was listed in critical condition Sunday night at Harborview Medical Center, a nursing supervisor said. She could not provide any more information.

Scores of people had been looking for the Ellensburg resident since he was reported missing Thursday.

Bush: Think of the children

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush is defending his "No Child Left Behind" initiative against Democrats who, in fighting for a political advantage on the education issue, argue that the law is too rigid and is being shortchanged by the administration.

Bush scheduled a visit Monday with fourth-graders and a roundtable-style conversation on education at Pierre Laclède Elementary School in St. Louis.

On Thursday — the second anniversary of the signing of the "No Child Left Behind Act" — Bush will hold a similar event at West View Elementary School in Knoxville, Tenn. Both events are paired with re-election campaign fund-raisers in the two cities.

Bush and other Republicans praise the law, signed on Jan. 8, 2002, saying it expands testing and toughens standards for teachers, schools and students. The initiative, however, has lost support of some Democrats who say too little money has been spent on the mandated actions.

Politicians to close defense gaps

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The chairman and ranking Democrat on the House Homeland Security Committee are calling for the rapid closing of any gaps in U.S. terrorism defenses, highlighting the need for action on many fronts, not just international air routes.

Committee chairman Christopher Cox, R-Calif., said the government is working on an assessment of vulnerabilities. "We're doing everything we can to speed that along, to hasten it, but we've got to prioritize," he said Sunday on CNN's "Late Edition."

Appearing with Cox, Rep. Jane Harman, D-Calif., said: "The ports of L.A. and Long Beach are where 43 percent of the container traffic for America enters and exits, and yet we still don't have a good system of inspecting" cargo.

Extra security checks again delayed a British Airways flight to Washington Dulles International Airport on Sunday and the United States entered a third consecutive week on a high state of alert for terrorists.

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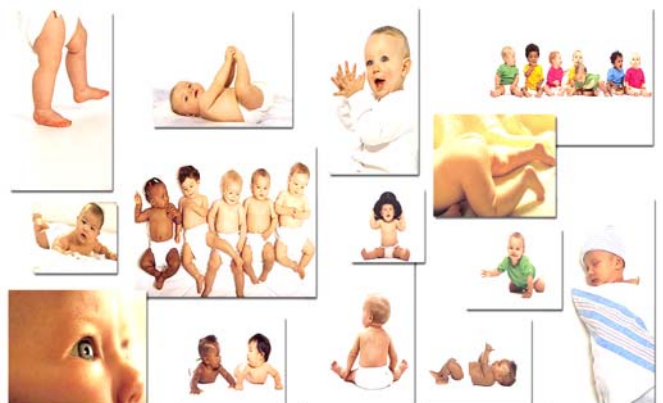
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Columnist's bout with depression a cause for celebration?

By The Associated Press

■ **BRADENTON, Fla.** — Humorist Art Buchwald is being honored for talking openly about depression.

Buchwald, 78, will be feted Jan. 12 by the National Association for Research on Depression and Schizophrenia at a gala in Sarasota.

"I could fight it, but then I became suicidal. I just couldn't handle it anymore," said Buchwald, who writes a column for the Washington Post. "It was so bad that I planned to check into the Plaza Hotel (in New York) and jump from the 16th floor."

Buchwald revealed his depression on CNN's "Larry King Live" nearly eight years ago. At the time, he said he had two "bad periods" that required hospitalization, in 1963 and in 1987.

"I wouldn't wish them on anybody, but I got better which is my biggest message for the people out there," Buchwald told King. "You get better."

Buchwald was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 1982. For many years, he was a columnist for the Herald Tribune in Paris. He has published more than 30 books, including his memoirs "I'll Always Have Paris" and "Leaving Home."

■ **AUSTIN, Texas** — Willie Nelson brought down the house when he debuted his new anti-war ballad at a fund-raiser over the weekend for Democratic presidential hopeful Dennis Kucinich.

"People were on their feet, applauding," Kucinich's media coordinator Susan Mainzer said of the Saturday performance.

Nelson has said he wrote "What Ever Happened to Peace on Earth" on Christmas Day at the California home of his in-laws.

"There was nothing but bad news, and here it was Christmas Day," Nelson told the Austin American-Statesman last month. "I said, 'There sure are a lot of babies dying and mothers crying,' and (wife) Annie

said, 'That sounds like a song.'"

The song asks questions such as, "How much oil is a human life worth?"

It is the second protest song Nelson has written. He often performed his Vietnam-era protest song, "Jimmy's Road," at peace rallies during the 1991 Gulf War.

Kucinich's two-day tour through Austin started Friday. At a Capitol rally Saturday, Kucinich told several hundred people that ending combat in Iraq is among his highest goals.

Asked if his new song might cause a backlash with conservative country music fans, Nelson said, "I sure hope so."

■ **WELLINGTON, New Zealand** — Grammy-nominated singer Daniel Bedingfield may remain in New Zealand for several months to recuperate from injuries suffered in a car accident.

Alison Lees, spokeswoman for the Whangarei Base Hospital where Bedingfield was listed in a stable condition, said he'd likely be released by the end of next week.

"But he won't be well enough to travel, so he'll be recuperating in New Zealand for two or three months," Lees told reporters Sunday.

"He's damaged vertebrae in his neck but it hasn't affected his motor or sensory capabilities. He's a fairly lucky guy."

Bedingfield, 24, suffered head and neck injuries Friday when the Jeep Cherokee he was driving from a music festival near Whangarei rolled on a rural road. Firefighters cut him from the wreckage and he was taken to a hospital by ambulance.

His manager, Neale Easterby, said the singer would have to change his immediate career plans.

"He had half a new album in the can before he left for New Zealand," he told New Zealand Press Association from Britain. "We'll just have to push stuff back."

"He's happy. He just thanks God he's alive."

The young garage artist burst onto the British dance scene in 2001 with the album "Gotta Get Thru This,"

which sold more than 3 million copies. The title track went to No. 1 on British charts and earned him a Grammy nomination for best dance recording.

■ **NEW YORK** — Jerry Seinfeld will do a "pop-in" on his old friend, Larry David, this season on "Curb Your Enthusiasm."

"But don't blink," David told Newsweek magazine for its Jan. 12 issue.

He said the comedian, with whom he created "Seinfeld," showed up on the set during an episode set in Manhattan and makes a brief cameo, but wouldn't elaborate.

The fourth season of the HBO comedy, which began Sunday night, stars David as himself: a cranky comedy writer. He figured he'd do 10 episodes a year, compared to the 23 required for a network series, and that production would take eight months at the most.

Even though the shows are mostly improvised, he found that writing 10 episode outlines takes so long, he has to start on a new season as soon as he finishes the last one.

"I'm working all the time," the 56-year-old said. "It's 51 weeks a year. I'm working more days on this show than I did on 'Seinfeld.'" ... "It's not OK at all! It's the opposite of OK!"

■ **KEY WEST, Fla.** — Former Philadelphia 76ers president Pat Croce plans to open a pirate museum in this island city, once a base for seafaring outlaws.

Croce, known for his daredevil personality, bought a building in Key West's downtown for \$3 million last week. He hopes to open Pirate Soul in the fall.

He said the museum will feature items from his pirate collection, including a treasure chest from Capt. Thomas Tew and the last journal from Capt. William Kidd, a 17th century pirate who was executed for his crimes. Croce also wants to borrow or lease other items.

"I want people to say, 'Wow!' when they see it. We'll take them back in time," Croce, who lives in the Philadelphia area and owns two homes in Key West, told the Key West Citizen.

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