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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

In a September story, the local Spokesman Review reported that putting a stop sign at the Spokane, Wash., junction of Havana Street and Eighth Avenue is tricky because the intersection is subject to the jurisdiction of three different entities. West of the center line of Havana is regulated by the city of Spokane, and east of it by Spokane County, and to stop Eighth Avenue traffic heading west, permission is also needed from incorporated Spokane Valley, which controls land up to the edge of Eighth Avenue. Said resident Ed Weilep, "You get a real thrill going through that intersection."



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"What dreadful hot weather we have! It keeps me in a constant state of inelegance."

— Jane Austen



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Carolyn Sackariason/Daily Press

Above: More than 100 people pack The Gaslite bar on Wednesday to rally around presidential candidate Howard Dean. Below: Bar owner Claire Ragge uses The Gaslite as a community gathering place to debate local and national issues.

Bar owner taps into political inspiration

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

MID-CITY — Bar owner Claire Ragge couldn't open a newspaper without shedding tears. She felt helpless as the world around her seemingly crumbled a little more each day.

"It has gotten so bad in this country. I would read the paper every day and I would cry," she said. "I said to myself, 'What can I do?'"

"I started doing 'Booze, Blues and Views' and I stopped crying."

For the past year and a half, Ragge has hosted the political forum every Monday at her Gaslite tavern on 20th Street and Wilshire Boulevard. Everyone from the chairman of the chamber

of commerce board to city council candidates to local activists have debated and discussed issues with citizens over cocktails and complimentary pizza.

Ragge, who previously worked as a bartender and as a publicist in the entertainment industry, had never been involved in politics. But then one day, she had an epiphany of sorts. She had grown tired of the direction the nation was heading and decided to use the one asset she had — a venue — to connect people with the issues.

Political expression has always gone hand-in-hand with knocking a few cocktails back, but rarely do bar-flies have contact with the

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Lawyers saddle up for showdown over Market crash suits

Tragic accident finally plays itself out in civil and criminal arenas

BY JOHN WOOD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN — Seven months after the July 16 Farmers' Market crash, legal disputes surrounding the devastating accident are finally gathering momentum in both civil and criminal arenas.

On Thursday, civil litigators contended that lawsuits will be filed against City Hall any day now. They argue the city is responsible because it should have known shoppers at the Farmers' Market were being subjected to danger.

City officials have rejected dozens of claims by victims and their families in relation to the crash, maintaining that City Hall had no way of knowing such a

horrific accident could occur in the popular marketplace.

Meanwhile, driver Russell Weller, 87, who killed 10 people and injured 63 more when he drove his Buick Le Sabre through the crowded market last summer, pleaded not guilty Tuesday to 10 felony counts of vehicular manslaughter.

The stakes are high in both trials — In the civil lawsuit, untold millions of dollars hang in the balance; in the criminal forum, a decision could have implications for elderly drivers across the nation.

Lawyers involved in the cases come from a wide variety of backgrounds, but all have one thing in common — they are widely viewed as among the best in their fields. Here, the Daily Press takes a closer look at some of the key players in both the civil and criminal matters.

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Aftershock: Break-in sparks \$1 million suit

Couple was attacked at gunpoint in their luxury apartment

BY JOHN WOOD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM COURTHOUSE — Theirs is the kind of lawsuit movies are made of.

It starts with Oliver Starr, a 36-year-old former bicycle racer and sales consultant, and his ex-girlfriend, Julien Serrano.

Four years ago, the couple had just gotten engaged. Things were good. They were living in a luxury seaview apartment in Pacific Palisades. Starr was raking in \$35,000 a month.

That all changed on Aug. 18, 2000, a typical Friday afternoon, when four gunmen stormed into their apartment in broad daylight,

"Our defense is that, look, this is four men, armed and intent on breaking in by any means necessary."

— GILBERT GARCIA
Defendant's attorney

tied up the couple and their two lunch guests, severely beat Starr and demanded \$30,000 in cash.

But that wasn't the end of it. Apparently, the gunmen had the wrong apartment. They were looking for a man named "Matt," a reported drug dealer who just days

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Extremes punctuate others' thinking, especially if it involves plans. Thank each person for his or her input, but be willing to forge ahead independently. You might have to follow a business schedule first. Then you will have the energy you need. Tonight: Be as naughty and as nice as you can be.

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Deal with bosses and career matters head-on. Although you have that special Bull touch that puts others at ease, you actually might be confused by what is going on. Don't hesitate to ask questions, if need be. Tonight: Happy at home.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Making an idea you have a reality might take more effort than you realize. Discuss your ideas with a very practical person who might be a stick in the mud. Though you don't have to agree, you might learn something here. Tonight: Do what you do best: Flirt.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Take action if you feel you are lucky, but do it without putting yourself into major debt. Buy that lottery ticket. Make that bet, but understand the results if you lose. Return all calls and messages. Clear off your desk. You want to enter the weekend free and clear. Tonight: Fun doesn't have to cost.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ If any sign can handle popularity, it is yours. Many surround you, asking for suggestions and a different point of view. Focus on work and getting the job done. You will be well rewarded if you simply follow through. Tonight: Split as fast as you can.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Your good luck carries you through the day. Someone wants a private discussion or time with you. It is your pleasure as well as his or hers. Work with one person at a time. Don't allow your office to get too crowded. Tonight: Happily be naughty.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Where your friends are could make a big difference in your choices. An amorous adventure could be slated, but the call is ultimately yours. Do you want to jeopardize what you have and value? Tonight: The party surrounds you.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might want to let others lead the way. You discover that this attitude might be the right way to go. Review what you think has worked in the past. Someone shares a hot piece of gossip. Verify it before you act on it. For many, it will be right-on. Tonight: Go to the gym first.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Hop into work ready to do more than your share. Your insight could make all the difference in preventing a mistake. Find experts if need be. Financial gain becomes a possibility if you follow this path. Others admire your endurance. Tonight: Take off and split town if possible.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Stay on top of what is going on with both a personal and a professional relationship. You gain by finding experts and distancing yourself from immediate chaos. You find a partner to be a tremendous relief. Tonight: Togetherness works. Dinner for two.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You can do nothing to change the pace, so don't try. You might find that sharing a secret with a key associate or loved one is important to your well-being. The sense of togetherness cannot be duplicated. Network away. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Know that you have much to do, and there might be no way around it. Others will chip in, especially if they realize that you have to put in overtime. Associates are particularly amiable right now. Ask for all the help you need. Tonight: Work late.

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LOCAL

Police run around town chasing homeless man

By Daily Press staff

A crazed, hungry homeless man managed to avoid criminal charges of shoplifting and assault on Thursday, even after he allegedly tried to steal food from a 7-11, pushed a woman and threw items at Southern California Edison employees. Police detained him anyway for a psychological evaluation.

The unidentified man had an eventful morning:

■ At 8:12 a.m., police were called to the 7-11 at Seventh Street and Wilshire Boulevard, after the suspect reportedly attempted to steal food. Employees there declined to press charges.

■ At 8:28 a.m., police were called to

the 700 block of Santa Monica Boulevard, where a woman said she was walking along the sidewalk when the man matching the description of the suspect at 7-11 pushed her. She declined to press charges. Police searched the area, but couldn't find the suspect.

■ At 9:30 a.m., Southern California Edison employees reported to police that the suspect was throwing unknown items at them while they were working on the 1300 block of Pacific Coast Highway. He fled on foot up the California Incline and was intercepted by police at Fourth and Arizona streets. Edison employees also declined to press charges.

The man was subsequently sent to a hospital for a mental evaluation.

Vikings give competition the boot in shutout wins

■ **Boys: Samohi 3, Mira Costa 0**

After finishing second in the Bay League in 2002-03, one game back of Peninsula, the Vikings have their eyes on the prize this season, looking to challenge for the Bay League crown.

Senior forward Barry Jackson (All-CIF Div. II, First Team, Most Offensive Player Bay League) and midfielders Andrew Martinez (All CIF Div. II, Third Team, First Team All-Bay League), Carlos Lopez and Ryan Natale lead Samohi into what promises to be a big season for the program.

The defense, which has already posted six shutouts, is spearheaded by junior goalkeeper Ari Zlotoff, sweeper Michael Eyler, junior Grant Buckingham and senior Aaron Wallachinsky.

Second-year varsity coach Manu Appellius and Head Santa Monica High Soccer Coach Frank Gatell, now in his seventh year, lead the Vikings into battle. The Vikings will be put to the test on Friday (3 p.m.) when they play host to rival Peninsula.

The Vikings (10-1-2 overall, 1-0 Bay League) recently had their league-opener at Mira Costa. Samohi opened up the scoring in the 27th minute, when senior Andrew Martinez scored on an assist by fellow senior Carlos Lopez. Then early in the second half (45th minute), senior

Barry Jackson put the ball into the back of the Mustang net, when after a long throw-in by junior Michael Eyler, the ball bounced around in front of the goal before Jackson put it away.

In the 57th minute, junior Ross Cooper sealed the victory, driving it home after the ball had deflected off a Mira Costa defender. Goalkeeper Zlotoff and the Samohi defense kept the pressure on all game, sealing the shutout victory.

■ **Girls: Samohi 3, Torrance 0**

Last year's girls team finished second in the Ocean League, behind South Torrance. Despite a young squad, the Lady Vikings look to make waves in the Ocean League for 2003-04.

Led by senior midfielder and captain Claire Beitcher, the Vikes look to junior midfielders Payton Raffa and Zoe Mosk to step up as leaders. Senior Lucy Fairweather anchors the defense at sweeper, while junior Allison Field and sophomore Julia Keighley also mark their opponents well. The addition of freshmen forwards Samantha Greene and Michela Fitten give the Lady Vikings youth and determination.

First-year varsity coach Serafin Rodriguez, and Head Santa Monica High Soccer Coach Frank Gatell, who now directs both girls and boys programs, are the ones calling the shots.

The Lady Vikings (3-7-1 overall, 1-0



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Ocean League) hosted their league-opening game against Torrance. Beitcher opened the scoring in the second half, netting a shot in the 59th minute by sneaking the ball past the diving goalkeeper on her near post.

Two minutes later, Fitten put the Lady Vikings ahead 2-0. In the 68th minute,

sophomore Nicole Hoffman piled it on, tallying the Vikings' third goal.

Sophomore Jordana Brownstone recorded her first shutout of the season, stopping all three shots she faced.

The Lady Vikings will travel to Hawthorne for a Friday match. Kickoff is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

RAND: U.S. obesity epidemic weighs heavy on disability rates

By Daily Press staff

The obesity epidemic caused disability rates to rise sharply in the last two decades among Americans younger than 60 years old, according to a new study issued by a Santa Monica-based think tank.

The RAND Health study was published in the January edition of the jour-

nal Health Affairs. The study found that the number of people ages 30-49 who were disabled in their ability to care for themselves or perform other routine tasks increased by more than 50 percent from 1984 to 2000.

For people ages 30-39, the number reporting disabilities rose from 118 per

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OPINION

LETTERS

School measure should be embraced

Editor:

Thank you for your coverage of the Community for Excellent Public Schools' ballot measure submitted for voter consideration.

There is one error in your story, however. You state: "The (CEPS) amendment proposal serves as a warning to City Council members: Either establish a permanent funding source for the school district, or let voters decide how City Hall's money should be spent."

There is no warning being issued here. We are proud of this measure. It's extremely reasonable and provides flexibility for the City Council to maintain its fiscal authority. We believe the Excellent Public Schools Measure is a good addition to the city's charter, and we urge the City Council to voluntarily place it on the ballot and join us in calling for voter approval for its passage.

Finally, it's worth noting, it's not "City Hall's money." It's city taxpayers' money. And Santa Monica taxpayers have been very supportive of our schools. City taxpayers have turned out in droves to urge the city to provide more desperately needed funding for our schools.

After all, a great city, and its children, deserve great schools. And that's what the Excellent Public Schools Measure is all about.

Louise Jaffe and Shari Davis

Co-chairs, Community for Excellent Public Schools
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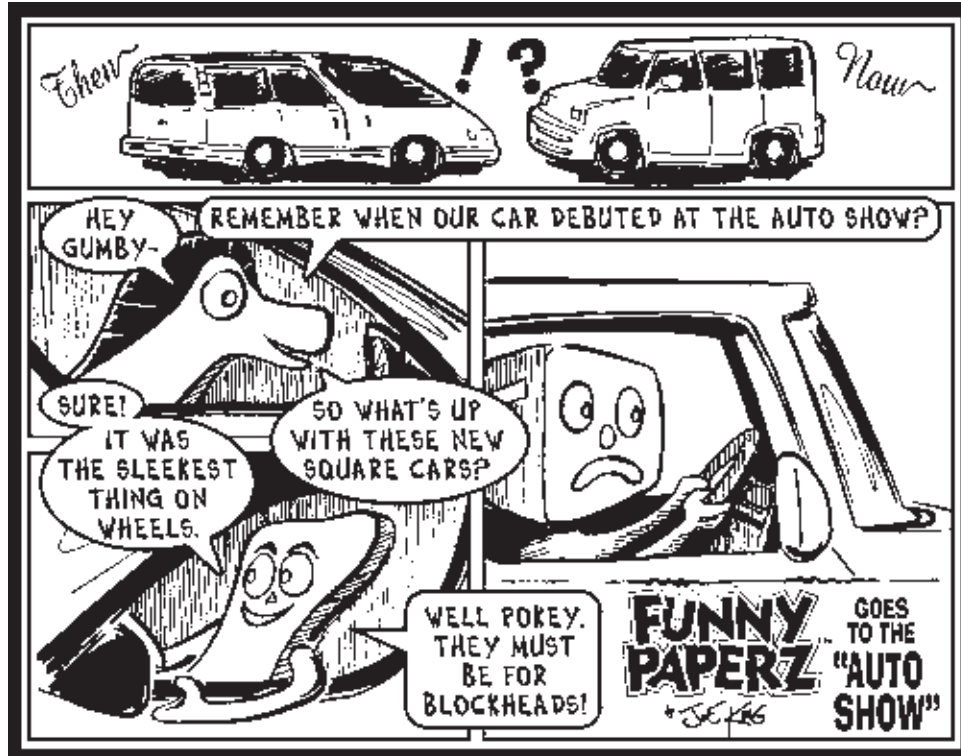
Incensed about incest

Editor:

I cannot believe you'd use such an insensitive quote of the day, ("The trouble with incest is that you get involved with relatives" — George S. Kaufman, SMDP, Jan. 8, page 1). That was poor judgment.

Jeri Wingo

Santa Monica

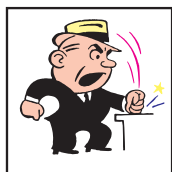


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There's more than meets the eye in mayor's priorities



**MY
WRITE**
By Bill Bauer

"Mayor sets priorities for the year ahead" was the front page headline on Jan. 3 in the Santa Monica Daily Press.

"Oh, boy," I thought, "This ought to be good." It was classic political rhetoric. "A political action committee being set up by the local Chamber of Commerce is sure to cause problems." Problems? For whom? Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights and its slate of candidates, no doubt.

The truth is that SMRR and its politicians want their own way. If you disagree with them, you are definitely a problem. And, if the chamber is a "problem," can you imagine what they say about me? I'm SMRR Enemy No. 1. It's an honor — like winning an Academy Award.

Mayor Richard Bloom, who'll likely run for reelection to the City Council on the SMRR ticket this fall, said that the chamber's entry into the political scene isn't "going to change the outcome of the election and it's going to create a more divisive environment at a time when we really don't need that."

I talked to many Pico neighborhood leaders and Bloom's interest in stopping the violence was a bit of a surprise to them.

So when a non-SMRR voice is heard, it's divisive? Isn't Democracy about expressing different viewpoints and exchanging ideas? How divisive is that?

When SMRR City Councilpersons appoint themselves and their lackeys to all the task forces, boards and commissions, and ignore, discredit or stifle other points of view, that's divisive.

Luckily for Santa Monica, the chamber has the money and resources to counter SMRR's propaganda machine. Issues such as the impact of homelessness on the community, support for schools, misdirection of city funds and serving residents' needs might have a chance to be heard and not obscured by the usual SMRR smokescreens.

If the chamber plays it smart, SMRR might not get away with its usual underpaid hotel workers crisis or bogus rent control threat its members always use to scare gullible renters.

Chamber involvement could unite the various non-SMRR factions whose disunity has always played into SMRR hands. It'll be interesting to see if homeowners,

moderates, the business community, parents with children in schools and the disenfranchised find a strong, united voice.

Yes, there's another kid in the sandbox. It's a problem, all right, but only for Bloom, SMRR and their cronies.

The mayor also talked about specific priorities he'd like to see the city deal with. Gun violence in the Pico neighborhood was at the top of his list.

I talked to many Pico neighborhood leaders and Bloom's interest in stopping the violence was a bit of a surprise to them. Beyond reading and conversing about "Reducing Gun Violence," a research report by the RAND Corp. think tank, I don't know what the mayor has done to help quell gun violence, but I hope his latest statements aren't just lip service.

At least Councilmen Kevin McKeown and Michael Feinstein showed up and schmoozed at the last Pico Neighborhood Association annual congress.

The mayor also wants to promote the arts. He points to partnerships and sponsorships and "finding ways for local resi-

dents, the business community and the hospitality industry to energize the community with more music and more arts."

I wonder if all this "energizing" is going to take place before or after the SMRR politicians back another union-sponsored minimum wage proposal that'll increase overhead costs and place Santa Monica's business community at an even bigger competitive disadvantage.

Lastly, Bloom supports funding for education, but, "It's really important for local government to maintain flexibility in how it allocates its resources."

Folks, that's SMRR-speak for "we have more important things to do with your tax money than spend it on education." Bloom and the City Council need to be able to throw our money away on \$135,000-a-bed homeless shelters, affordable housing for non-residents, traffic calming, speed bumps and a host of other pet pork.

These priorities sound like political hooey. It's all happy news: Education, arts and world peace — and no substance.

Wisely, the mayor avoids the real issue, which is the City Council's refusal or inability to improve the quality of life and safety of tax paying, voting residents of the community, their children and their families.

(Bill Bauer is a longtime Santa Monica resident and a freelance writer).

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OPINION



The Q-Line

Mayor, wake up and smell the homeless

This week's Q-Line question asked:

"What should officials focus on this year as their top priorities?"

Here are your responses:

■ "The City Council needs to stop putting its agenda before the citizens of Santa Monica. They don't have time for the people of Santa Monica. They don't listen to the voters. Maybe with the election of Arnold Schwarzenegger the people will wake up. Maybe they will decide it is time for a change. The streets are a mess. The homeless are absolutely taking over Santa Monica. I was in Culver City over the weekend and did not see a single homeless person. It is time for a major overthrow. Look around you. This council is a bunch of losers. Vote them out."

■ "The top priority of the City Council should be to get rid of the homeless. I am a senior citizen and a resident of Santa Monica. I cannot walk down any street without being approached for money at least 10 times. I think we should get rid of them all and have a safe city. We pay enough to live here. We need a new council."

■ "Schools and parks should be a concern. However, let's not build the parks just for the homeless. The school problem means we have to cut back on affordable housing. That means bringing more new families to the area. If the city doesn't want to be the rich uncle to the schools, we can't have any more housing for new families."

■ "Mayor Bloom minimized the homeless problem to the extreme in his

recent interview. It should be the top of the list of priorities. It is awful to be a pedestrian in Santa Monica, we are plagued by this problem. Most of these people are mentally unstable and very frightening. The rest are smelly, filthy and annoying with their persistent panhandling. Wake up, Mayor Bloom. Would you please, please wake up?"

■ "The mayor's priorities show how out of touch he is with his own community. Reducing gunfire in one area is only a part of the crime problem in the city. There is one issue that he should be concerned with — the homeless population. Most people see this as the top priority in Santa Monica. He either does not see this as a priority or just has no idea how to deal with it. This one issue concerns the most residents. As for the school district, the city has done as much as it should. The only way that things will change for the better is to elect officials who truly represent their constituents."

■ "The No. 1 priority this year should be to fund the schools. Mayor Bloom has his own agenda-going along with the rest of the City Council. If they have \$7 million to build for the homeless, they don't have a penny for the leaders of tomorrow? I am sick and tired of elected officials who don't care about the people. Let's vote them out. Now."

■ "I don't know what the mayor is thinking about. Maybe he doesn't read the

paper. The first priority should be the homeless problem in Santa Monica. The school district will never be financially stable."

■ "Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom's goals to decrease gunfire on the eastside and to help fund the school district are very worthy. However, I don't understand why he hasn't mentioned the homeless problem at all. To mention these other items, and even suggest an increase of arts in the community, which is the least of our problems, and omit this acute problem is irresponsible."

■ "So many stop signs, pillars and traffic circles have been implemented on our city streets that Santa Monica traffic is at a virtual standstill. Creating a better flow of traffic in the city should be on the list of priorities for elected officials."

■ "I was very disappointed with the mayor's list of priorities, as they differed greatly from my own. My top priority would be to divert 90 percent of our homeless funding to the schools. As far as

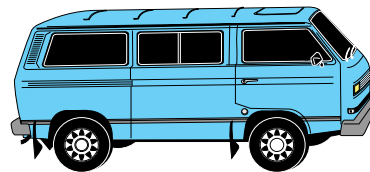
art goes, getting the drunks and panhandlers off the street would go a long way toward beautifying our city. I also would be the first to support a measure for the \$6 million funding for the schools, before the city has a chance to waste it. In fact, why don't we make it \$8 million?"

■ "Mayor Bloom wants to end gunfire. This is good. Mayor Bloom wants to help the schools. This is good. Increasing the arts? This is good. What they should be focusing on is the homeless problem. The city needs to stop funding homeless programs. They don't work and all they do is attract more vagrants. Concentrate on stopping this problem and not exacerbating it."

■ "You know, the City Council has its head in a bubble. Richard Bloom wants to reduce gunfire in the eastside neighborhood. How? And instead of supporting the schools, they're going to build more homeless shelters. Instead of increasing arts in the city, why won't they repair our streets? I am really disgusted with the council. I hope they all get thrown out."

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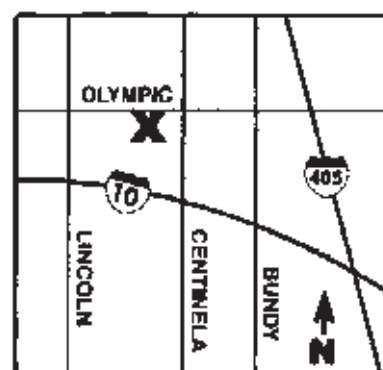
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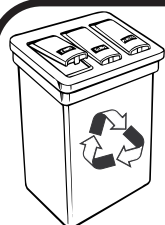
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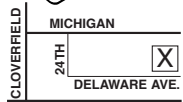
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LOCAL

Bar owners providing a soapbox for new generation

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politicians in question. It occurred to Ragge that she could bring the two sides together and perhaps start a meaningful debate, with the goal of getting those who wouldn't otherwise be involved in politics at least interested.

"I would listen to people at the bar talking politics," she said, adding that the first forums consisted of discussions with Santa Monica City Council candidates two months before the November 2002 election. "It gave people that didn't normally have access to them a chance to talk to them and, at first, they were hostile toward (the politicians), but then they talked with them and began to understand their positions."

"Watching the shift in attitudes was amazing."

The forums have attracted between 20 to 50 people per night and have ranged from environmentalist John Quigley to local activist Kelly Hayes-Raitt, who spoke about her recent travels to war-torn Iraq, to elected officials who spoke about issues facing Santa Monica.

But Ragge has temporarily suspended the "Booze, Blues and Views" forums to focus on what she considers a more important effort — the Howard Dean presidential campaign.

"I've never campaigned for anyone in my life and I've never been involved in politics," Ragge said. "But when things get so bad you have to do something, you have to take action, and I wish more people would do it and they are with the Howard Dean campaign."

"I've never seen anything like it."

Ragge got involved in the Dean campaign when, after attending a speech by Dean in downtown Los Angeles this past summer, she realized that his supporters were a lot like her — they had never before been involved in politics, but believed in the grassroots effort and the power of individualism.

"Like the 'Booze, Blues and Views,' people feel connected, people feel like they are part of something meaningful," she said. "It helps to overcome the helplessness feeling ... the power of individualism is so exciting."

For the past six months, Ragge has been hosting what the Dean campaign

calls "meetups," where supporters and potential volunteers meet at venues usually chosen online. Ragge, who has volunteered as the regional press coordinator for the Dean campaign, offered her bar as a regular meetup venue. On Wednesday, more than 100 people crammed into the small corner bar to rally together and organize their volunteer efforts for the upcoming caucuses and primaries. They also learned more about the national campaign's latest strategic initiative — the "Southwest Victory Express." More than 1,000 supporters are expected to hit New Mexico and Arizona the last two weekends of the month to canvas for the campaign before the states' Feb. 3 primaries.

"(The meetups) are really helpful in terms of volunteerism," Ragge said.

Also on Wednesday night, across town at "The Yard," bar owners Jeff Decker and Sean Norris held another Dean "meetup," which was voted online by supporters as the preferred Santa Monica venue. About 75 people showed up to watch Dean's opening speech on a big-screen TV, listen to campaign organizers and help write letters of support to Iowa for the upcoming caucus.

"People loved it and raved about the place," Decker said of the outdoor bar, located behind Warszawa restaurant on Lincoln Boulevard, just south of Broadway. Decker and Norris have a similar vision to Ragge's — to use their establishment as a community gathering place for the arts and politics. The Yard hosts film festivals twice a month, and has recently hosted other political forums, like a rally for candidate Wesley Clark.

The average age of those who showed up at the Gaslite was about 35 years old. Phyllis Chase, a 46-year-old marriage and family therapist in West Hollywood, grew up with Dean in East Hampton and attended Wednesday's meetup there.

Chase also had never been involved in politics, but she became impressed with the grassroots effort the Dean campaign has attracted.

"It's changing the face of politics," she said. "I really never thought I would get involved in politics and it's really foreign to me, but I know that I can trust him."

Rick Jacobs, California state chair of Dean for America, said the volunteer effort is unprecedented in any presidential

campaign, but has similarities to Gary Hart's 1984 bid because his supporters also were political first-timers. The Dean campaign's success is largely attributed to its widespread grassroots support that has been driven by the Internet. Dean's multi-

million dollar campaign war chest has been built on small donations. In the third quarter of 2003, the average donation to the campaign was \$77.

"The core of people keeps growing," Jacobs said.

Heavy burden: Obesity threatens healthcare costs

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10,000 people to 182 per 10,000 people from 1984 to 1996. For those ages 40-49, the numbers rose from 212 per 10,000 to 278 per 10,000 during the same period. In addition, researchers found smaller but still significant increases for those ages 18-29 and those ages 50-59.

In contrast, disability declined by more than 10 percent for people ages 60-69, the study found.

The study results surprised researchers, who warn that the increase in the disability rate could have severe consequences for the nation's future health costs.

"People who are disabled generally use a lot more medical services so in the long run this trend could add a lot of costs to the nation's health care bill," said Dana Goldman, a study co-author and director of health economics at RAND Health.

Some portion of the rise in disability may be explained by disability insurance incentives and advancing medical technology that saves the lives of people who even a few years ago might have died, according to the study. But the only factor researchers could identify that would explain such a large jump

in disability is obesity.

"Obesity is the only trend that is commensurate in size with what we found happening with disability," said Darius Lakdawalla, lead author of the report and a RAND economist. "It's the only suspect. We found that there is something going on with people's health and that the increase is not just a case of people dropping out of the workforce and going on the public dole."

Musculoskeletal problems, such as chronic back pain, which are linked to obesity, are one of the nation's leading causes of disability, along with mental illness. Obesity also is a major factor in the development of diabetes, which accounts for a small number of disability claims, officials say.

The number of disability cases attributed to primarily back problems and diabetes grew more rapidly than those from other problems during the study period, with the proportion of diabetes-related disability doubling.

Since 1984, disability among the nation's older population has dropped, even though this group was considered most at risk for disabilities, the RAND study found.

Researchers had known

that the number of people filing for disability benefits had risen during the study period. But the increase generally had been attributed to relaxed standards for disability claims that have made it easier to file for benefits.

Researchers found that disability rates rose for all demographic groups not in the age 60-69 category: For whites and non-whites, for those who worked and those who didn't, and for people with all levels of education.

Researchers conducted the study by examining information collected from 1984 to 2000 by the National Health Interview Survey, a nationwide survey that collects a wide array of information from about 36,000 households annually.

Beginning in 1984, the survey asked participants a variety of questions about whether they needed help with personal care or other routine needs — the information analyzed by RAND health researchers.

RAND researchers say their findings show there should be better efforts to study disability trends among younger people.

"We need to study this trend further and improve our measurement tools because the rise in disability has enormous consequences for public finances," Goldman said.

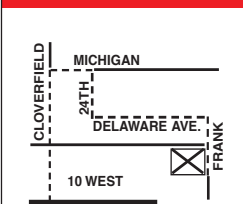
Support for the study was provided by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the National Institute on Aging. Jay Bhattacharya, an assistant professor of medicine at the Stanford University School of Medicine, is another author of the report.

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LOCAL

Farmers' Market suits attract lawyers with starpower

LAWYERS, from page 1

**Ann Rundle**

Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles.
California lawyer since 1995.
Undergraduate studies at University of California, Santa Barbara. Law degree from Loyola Marymount Law School.

Working under LA District Attorney Steve Cooley, Deputy DA Ann Rundle will attempt to prove Weller was in control of his car when he drove through the crowded Farmers' Market on July 16.

Rundle has been a Deputy DA for eight years. In that time, she has prosecuted a wide array of felony cases, including a mother who dumped her newborn baby in a dumpster and actress Winona Ryder, who was convicted of shoplifting in a case that garnered national media attention.

Rundle is known as a hard-driving, no-nonsense lawyer.

"She was very effective in the Winona trial, if a bit strident at times," said Shepard Kopp, a lawyer with Geragos & Geragos, the high-profile private firm that represented Ryder and also is working on behalf of Scott Peterson and Michael Jackson. "I don't think she won the case by appealing to the jurors' emotions in any way."

Elizabeth Ratino, the Deputy DA in charge of the Beverly Hills office, said Rundle is defined by her organization.

"She is an unbelievably well-prepared, ethical, smart, fabulous trial attorney," she said. "She is completely devoted to her work and she really gives every case 150 percent."

Jim Bianco

Weller's defense attorney.
California lawyer since 1987.
Undergraduate studies at State University of New York. Law degree from the University of Southern California.



Jim Bianco, co-counsel for Weller, works out of a small office at 2115 Main St. with a dozen other local attorneys. He will have to show that the carnage on July 16 was an accident and not a crime.

As a former prosecutor with the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office, Bianco is no stranger to being on the other side of criminal disputes. But it's as a defense lawyer that he's made his living for the last eight years.

Bianco successfully kept Cesar Isaac, a Santa Monica man accused of fatally shooting someone in the Pico neighborhood in 1999, off of death row. Isaac is serving a life sentence for second-degree murder.

Another major case defended by Bianco was one against 17 Greenpeace activists arrested offshore near Vandenberg Air Force base, where they were protesting a missile launch.

"The feds really took a hard line in the case," Bianco said. "We, eventually, after nine months, agreed to misdemeanor charges. They had pushed for felonies."



Mark Overland
Weller's defense attorney.
California lawyer since 1966.
Undergraduate studies at Loyola Marymount University. Law degree from University of California, Berkeley.

Mark Overland, who has been a lawyer 39 years, is the oldest and most experienced of the attorneys involved in the Farmers' Market case. He has successfully defended 14 death penalty cases

and argued before both the U.S. and California Supreme Courts.

Before moving over to the private sector 23 years ago, Overland worked for 15 years in the public defender's office for LA County, where he served as chief of trials. For the last two years, Overland has run his own firm out of offices in West LA and at 1717 Fourth St. in Santa Monica.

"My last death penalty case was the first federal death penalty case in the central district of California in 50 years," said Overland, who was named trial lawyer of the year in 2002 by the Criminal Courts Bar Association. "It was the head of the Mexican Mafia."

Jeanette Schachtner

Deputy City Attorney, Santa Monica.
California lawyer since 1984.
Undergraduate studies at University of California, Los Angeles. Law degree from Southwestern University, Los Angeles.



As the current point person in City Hall for claims and lawsuits related to the Farmers' Market crash, Deputy City Attorney Jeanette Schachtner has already rejected 37 claims against the city. She maintained that the accident was a terrible tragedy, but that the City of Santa Monica had no way of foreseeing what might happen.

If City Hall is found liable, it would be responsible for the first \$1 million of any verdict. After that, City Hall's insurance company, AIG Insurance Co. in New York, would arrange for further payments. Immediately following the crash, AIG also retained private attorney Dana Fox from the firm Lynberg & Watkins to represent and work with City Hall.

Schachtner has spent her entire 19-year legal career at City Hall. For the last 12 years, she has supervised the six-person civil division of the City Attorney's Office, handling all types of cases — including numerous wrongful death suits.

"Lawyers are prepared to defend the lawsuit," she said. "The number of lawyers will depend on the number of lawsuits that are filed."

**Brian Panish**

Civil litigator, representing victims.
California lawyer since 1984.
Undergraduate studies at California State University, Fresno. Law degree from Southwestern University, Los Angeles.

Brian Panish is one of at least two local civil litigators with multiple clients planning to sue City Hall over the July 16 Farmers' Market crash. He said the city should have known the accident could have occurred and erected some type of barricade to prevent it.

Panish, whose partner Geoff Wells is also working the case, is also investigating whether General Motors, manufacturer of Weller's 1992 Buick Le Sabre, should bear some liability for the accident. He said that model does have problems, but because his team has been unable to investigate Weller's car, it still has not reached a conclusion.

A lawyer for nearly 20 years, Panish, whose office is atop the high-rise tower at Ocean Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard, won the largest product liability verdict in 1999 — \$4.9 billion against General Motors after a defective model burst into flames when it

was rear-ended. He has also been named one of the top-10 litigators in the U.S.

Michael Piuze

Civil litigator, representing victims.
California lawyer since 1972.
Undergraduate studies at Lake Forest College, Illinois. Law degree from University of Texas.



Michael Piuze, whose offices are in West LA, is the other key civil litigator working on the Farmers' Market case. He too said City Hall should have known the accident could occur before July 16.

"Now, of course, they understand it, but it was such rocket science before they never could of seen it," Piuze said facetiously. "Well, it ain't rocket science."

Piuze said the recent decision to try Weller in criminal court may be designed to protect City Hall, because if prosecutors can show Weller was grossly negligent, it would protect the city's liability.

Like Panish, Piuze has been named one of the top-10 litigators in the U.S. Piuze won the largest single-person verdict of all time — \$28 billion against Philip Morris for a cancer victim in 2002. He also has an extensive background in municipal liability legislation.

"I don't have to survey any cities to find out if barricades are a good idea," he said. "All I have to do is walk a block to the Promenade, because they have them on the Promenade. The City of Santa Monica put removable, metal-encased barriers on the Promenade so cars can't go on there."

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Entertainment

Left wanting Moore: Singer proves engaging in 'Liberty'

Review

BY DAN DUNN

Special to the Daily Press

If teenaged girls, the target demographic for pop star-turned-actress Mandy Moore's latest film, cared much for the way things actually work in the real world, under the bright yellow sun, "Chasing Liberty" would be doomed. Chances are, however, that particular audience won't be put off by the film's arrant disregard for verisimilitude, and will delight in this bromidic, yet undeniably pleasant fairy tale about an 18-year-old girl coming of age under highly unusual circumstances.

What's Playing

BY DAN DUNN

Special to the Daily Press

CALENDAR GIRLS

Boasts an appealing British sensibility and echoes the uplifting themes that made "Billy Elliott" a surprise hit stateside a few years back.

THE COOLER

Wayne Kramer's lowdown on the desperate lives of lost souls in Las Vegas is easily one of the best bets this year.

THE BARBARIAN INVASIONS

An emotionally charged, and often hilarious tale about a dying man who reconnects with old friends and his estranged son.

THE RETURN OF THE KING

This film, the best of the year, seals the deal: Director Peter Jackson has delivered the most spectacular film trilogy of all-time.

SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE

If you enjoy lots of jokes about May-December romances and erectile dysfunction, this is the film for you.

STUCK ON YOU

Contains several laugh-out-loud moments and some surprisingly deft comedic performances.

IN AMERICA

An inescapably moving elegy about pain and loss and hope and renewal that unabashedly wears its broken heart on its tattered sleeve.

THE LAST SAMURAI

An entertaining film, but highly derivative of superior antecedents such as "Dances With Wolves" and "Unforgiven."

HONEY

With Jessica Alba leading the way, it's only a matter of time before the Crips and the Bloods trade in their colors and guns for tap shoes and ballet slippers.

THE MISSING

Ron Howard had the key elements of an extraordinary film at his disposal — great premise, cast — yet, frustratingly, it never quite realizes its potential.

Anna Foster (Moore) is the president's (Mark Harmon) only child, and as such lives under the constant surveillance of a Secret Service unit headed by Agents Weiss (Jeremy Piven) and Morales (Annabella Sciorra). All she wants is to experience a little "Anna time" unescorted by the ever-present security detail, which has screwed up more than a few of her dates. While on a diplomatic trip to Prague with her folks, Anna manages to escape an army of bodyguards with the help of hunky Brit Ben Calder (Matthew Goode), and embarks on a journey of sanitary self-discovery that takes her across the European continent. Ahh, but there's more to Ben than meets Anna's infatuated eye — turns out, he's Secret Service, too, and that the president has directed him to play along, thus creating for Anna an illusion of independence. En route to a giant rave in Berlin, the cutesy couple encounter a familiar assortment of off-center characters that includes a zany pickpocket, a friendly gondolier and a crew of German bungee-jumpers.

Directed by TV sitcom veteran Andy Cadiff, "Chasing Liberty" (the title refers to Anna's Secret Service codename) is as predictable as the weather in Arizona, steadfastly refusing to veer off the safe course for risk of alienating its youthful audience, which presumably wants nothing more than Anna and Ben to fall in love without ever really putting themselves at any risk. Moore has yet to take on a role that demands much beyond her natural magnetism, and Anna is no exception. (The opening sequence is a montage of Anna trying on a variety of outfits before a big date, because that's what girls do, right?) Moore is



Mandy Moore and Matthew Goode star in "Chasing Liberty."

clearly the most talented actor of the recent crop of female crooners who've graced the big screen, and it's unfortunate that she isn't given the opportunity to explore her range here. She's engaging, nonetheless, and as

early January releases go, Hollywood has done a lot worse than "Chasing Liberty."

(Rated PG-13 for sexual content and brief nudity. Running time: 111 minutes)

Pop star is squeaky clean and 'such a girl'

BY DAN DUNN

Special to the Daily Press

At 19 years old, pop star and actress Mandy Moore still lives with her family and regularly says things like "skeevey" and "stupid and stuff" in interviews. It's quite refreshing, really, especially now that many of her contemporaries seem hell-bent on one-upping Guns & Roses for their "Behind The Music" special. Girls like Britney and Christina may have gone wild, but Mandy has maintained a squeaky clean image since bursting onto the scene with her debut album "So Real" in 1999.

Moore plays the president's daughter, Anna Foster, in her latest film "Chasing Liberty," which opens today. She chatted up a roomful of scribes recently about the film and other matters that are, well, kinda stupid and stuff.

QUESTION: The media, her parents and the Secret Service agents who are assigned to protect Anna constantly monitor her. You've been famous since before you were old enough to drive — how similar has your celebrity experience been to hers?

MANDY MOORE: I don't have people hiding in my bushes trying to take pictures of me, and I don't travel with bodyguards. I don't think I'd ever want to live that lifestyle. I'm very much allowed a private life. People give me my space and my time, and let me go out to dinner with my friends or whatever. I have my independence. I go out by myself without feeling scared.

Q: Some of your contemporaries haven't



Mandy Moore

been so lucky, though. Why do you think that is?

MM: For some reason, people have left me alone, and I like that. I wasn't Britney or Christina, and I didn't have to grow up in the public eye, and have every bad outfit or everything I said thrown back in my face. People just didn't care.

Q: What interested you most about "Chasing Liberty?"

MM: It's so the type of movie that I would go see anyway if I wasn't involved in it, because I'm such a girl. I gravitate toward these films, and I love the feeling you get watching these people fall in love onscreen.

Q: You mentioned that your friends and family have yet to see the film. How do you think your boyfriend (US Open tennis champion Andy Roddick) is going to feel

about all the close encounters onscreen with your co-star Matthew Goode?

MM: It's got to be awkward. I would feel weird if I saw him kissing someone. It's only human to feel that way. I'm just lucky the situation's not reversed, and that he plays tennis and doesn't have to kiss anyone. So there!

Q: How about your father? Is he OK with it?

MM: You don't want to think that way about your little girl. My dad's pretty protective in that sense — not overprotective like my father in the film, but it's difficult for him to see certain photos of me looking (sexy) because, you know, you always want to regard your little girl as your little girl.

Q: So who would rather be sitting next to in the theater when you watch the film — Andy or your dad?

MM: I wouldn't want to sit next to my dad. He's pretty conservative, so I'm not sure how he's going to feel about some of it (laughs).

Q: Your films to date have been geared largely to a teenaged demographic. As you prepare to turn 20 years old, are you looking forward to taking on more mature material?

MM: I'm very happy that I've been a part of making movies for people my age that have something positive to say and aren't necessarily like every other teen film. But I know there comes a point where I can't play 17 or 18 anymore, nor is that challenging for me anymore. So I think this might be the last movie I do that caters to that audience.

ENTERTAINMENT



Christina Ricci and Charlize Theron in the movie "Monster."

A 'Monster' performance by Theron is Oscar-worthy

Review

BY DAN DUNN
Special to the Daily Press

In 1989-90 a truck-stop prostitute named Aileen Wuornos robbed and killed several johns in South Florida, a spree for which she was executed last year. That brief period of carnage, during which she met and fell in love with a woman named Selby Wall, is the focus of writer-director Patty Jenkins chilling portrait of America's first female serial killer. Due largely to the subject matter and some truly marvelous performances by Charlize Theron and Christina Ricci, the film is as powerful as any in recent memory. But because Jenkins offers very little backstory to explain what most likely drove Wuornos to such extremes — childhood abuse, rape, abandonment — viewers who are unfamiliar with the case might ultimately be left feeling a bit lost.

Theron underwent a much ballyhooed makeover to inhabit the role of Wuornos, one that included considerable weight gain, oral prosthetics and lots of make-up. The starlet is virtually unrecognizable

beneath Wuornos' rough-hewn exterior, though we'll surely be seeing Theron's pretty face again soon enough — like when they announce the Academy Award nominees for Best Actress, a category in which she must be considered one of the favorites. Almost as impressive is Ricci, who pulls off an astounding transformation in her own right. Almost laughable at first as the butch Wall, Ricci — Hollywood's resident kewpie doll — slowly but surely morphs into the manipulative seductress whose avarice makes her a different sort of monster.

Above all else, "Monster" is the story of an ill-fated love affair, and hard-liners may find Jenkins take on Wuornos' existence to be overly sympathetic. But no defense of her murderous deeds is offered, nor any doubts raised as to whether justice was served. "Monster" is only a movie, and a very good one at that, but it serves as a grim reminder of humanity's very real and limitless capacity for evil.

(Rated R for strong violence and sexual content, and for pervasive language. Running time: 111 minutes)

Billboard's 'Top 10'

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.):

Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Hey Ya!" OutKast. Arista. (Gold)
2. "The Way You Move," OutKast Feat. Sleepy Brown. Arista. (Gold)
3. "Milkshake," Kelis. Star Trak.
4. "You Don't Know My Name," Alicia Keys. J.
5. "Stand Up," Ludacris (feat. Shawnna). Disturbing tha Peace.
6. "Walked Outta Heaven," Jagged Edge. Columbia.
7. "Here Without You," 3 Doors Down. Republic.
8. "Slow Jamz," Twista (feat. Kanye West & Jamie

- Foxx). Atlantic/
9. "Suga Suga," Baby Bash (feat. Frankie J). Universal.
10. "Me, Myself and I," Beyonce. Columbia.
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The Billboard 200 Top Albums: Top 10

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below," OutKast. Arista. (Platinum _ certified sales of 1 million units)
2. "The Diary of Alicia Keys," Alicia Keys. J.
3. "Now 14," Various Artists. Columbia/Universal/EMI/Zomba/Sony Music. (Platinum)
4. "The Very Best of Sheryl Crow," Sheryl Crow. A&M. (Platinum)
5. "The Singles 1992-2003," No Doubt. Interscope.
6. "The Black Album," Jay-Z. Roc-a-Fella.
7. "Fallen," Evanescence. Wind-up. (Platinum)
8. "Beg for Mercy," G-Unit. G-Unit. (Platinum)
9. "Shock'n Y'all," Toby Keith. DreamWorks. (Platinum)
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Courts debate murder charges when victim is pregnant

BY DAVID KRAVETS
AP Legal Affairs Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — When is the murder of a pregnant woman the murder of her fetus?

That was the philosophical argument the California Supreme Court debated Wednesday. A lower court, for the first time, said a murderer must know the victim was pregnant to be guilty of murdering the unborn.

California's fetal-murder law was first passed by the California Legislature in 1970. The law is being used to prosecute Scott Peterson for double murder in connection to the deaths of his wife, Laci, and her 8-month-old fetus.

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The Legislature adopted the fetal-murder law, which excludes abortions, after the California Supreme Court overturned the fetal-murder conviction of a Stockton man who, while beating his estranged wife, killed her unborn child. At the time, the court dismissed the conviction because California's murder law did not recognize a fetus.

Now that California's murder law recognizes fetuses, the issue before the justices was whether that law should treat the unborn the same as it does the born.

The case reached the high court after a state appeals court overturned the fetal-murder conviction of Harold Taylor, a Vietnam veteran found guilty of murdering his former Mendocino County lover who investigators said was at least 10 weeks pregnant.

On appeal, Taylor claimed he didn't know victim Patty Fansler was pregnant, and he successfully argued that he could not be prosecuted for murdering her fetus, which died when Taylor, in a fit of rage, shot and killed the woman in her Ukiah apartment in 1999.

In overturning the fetal-murder conviction, the San Francisco-based 1st District Court of Appeal ruled in 2002 that murder in California requires "malice aforethought" — a willful intent to take the life of another — and a "conscious disregard" for life.

The court, in making a highly nuanced and esoteric distinction between the born and unborn, ruled that it's not a conscious disregard for life if a fetus — unbeknownst to the killer — dies when its mother is murdered.

"As contrasted to the risk to human life, the risk to unknown fetal life is latent and indeterminate, something the average person would not be aware of or consciously disregard," the appeals court ruled.

During nearly an hour of arguments among the justices and lawyers Wednesday, a majority appeared satisfied that prior knowledge of pregnancy was not necessary to sustain a fetal-murder conviction. Still, Justice Joyce Kennard said, "I find it a very difficult issue."

California's law in question, with various versions in 29

states, exempts abortion and applies to all fetuses beyond eight weeks gestation. Many other states cover fetuses that are viable — ones that can live outside the womb. Congress is considering adopting a fetal-homicide rule.

Chief Justice Ronald M. George and other justices wondered aloud that it might not be practical to demand knowledge of pregnancy. Sometimes, the justices said, it might be too hard to know whether a woman is pregnant.

What if the pregnant woman is a crossdresser, George asked. Justice Marvin Baxter suggested a woman's obesity might mask her pregnancy.

Deputy Attorney General Ross Moody, in urging the court to reinstate Taylor's fetal-murder conviction, told the justices it doesn't matter whether a murderer knew a woman was pregnant.

"It should make no difference," he asserted.

Under California's Penal Code, he said, a person can be convicted of more than one count of murder if he shot somebody in an apartment and the bullet traveled through the wall and killed a neighbor he didn't know was home. In addition, he said, a drunken driver who crashes into a car can be convicted of killing all the passengers under a rule known as the "unknown victim scenario."

It would be ridiculous, he suggested, if one of those passengers was a fetus and the law did not protect it solely because the drunken driver did not know a passenger was pregnant.

Taylor's attorney, Joseph Shipp, told the justices to uphold the appellate court's decision. "Fetal life is different," he said.

Justice Kathryn Mickle Werdegard didn't agree.

"What policy reasons would there be to draw these fine lines of distinction?" she asked. Justice Janice Rogers Brown was not persuaded by Shipp's argument, either. "What's the difference?" she demanded.

Taylor got a sentence of 65 years to life. The appeals court decision knocked it down to 40 years to life.

The court must rule within 90 days.

Landlords countersuing for \$40K

LAWSUIT, from page 1

before had packed up and left his apartment downstairs in the middle of the night, lawyers said. When they realized their mistake, the gunmen left. Starr was left barely able to walk for three months and Serrano was traumatized, having been groped and threatened with rape by the intruders.

Unable to bring the gunmen to justice, Starr and Serrano, who have since separated, are suing their landlords, Sunset Pacifica, owned by Marvin Engineering Co., for what their lawyer said exceeds \$1 million in lost wages and emotional trauma. The plaintiffs claim Sunset

Pacifica didn't do enough to protect their security.

Opening arguments in the trial are expected today, after lawyers finish selecting jurors, a process that began Thursday. The case is being heard by Santa Monica Superior Court Judge Valerie Baker.

Attorney Blaine Greenberg argues the landlords of the property at 17351 Sunset Blvd., just off the Pacific Coast Highway, should be held responsible for as much as \$900,000 in lost wages and an unspecified amount for emotional stress the couple suffered by being "robbed, assaulted, beaten and sexually molested."

Greenberg said the landlords knew

about a history of alarming behavior at or near the apartment building, but failed to act to protect their tenants. What's more, he said the security elevator used by the gunmen to access the building was not functioning properly, and anyone passing by could have accessed it.

Landlords deny culpability, contending that virtually no amount of extra security measures would have protected the couple and their guests.

"Our defense is that, look, this is four men, armed and intent on breaking in by any means necessary," attorney Gilbert Garcia said. "I think they could probably have gotten into Fort Knox if they'd wanted to."

Jennifer Lechter, director of real estate at the Sunset Boulevard property, plans to attend the trial on behalf of Marvin Engineering. The landlords are countersuing the couple for about \$40,000, saying their lease was broken without permission.

"The bottom line is that it's an unfortunate incident that doesn't rise to the level of negligence," Lechter said this week.

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Chaplain helps Border Patrol empathize with migrants

BY GABRIELA RICO

Associated Press Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — Unlike other law enforcement officers, whose view of the “bad guys” is clearly defined, U.S. Border Patrol agents often track mild-mannered migrants entering the country illegally to seek work.

Apprehending them can stir confusion in young agents, who come out of the training academy pumped up to find terrorists and weapons of mass destruction, says the chaplain of the Border Patrol’s Tucson sector.

“If they didn’t feel that way then they wouldn’t be normal,” says 32-year-old chaplain J.D. Stout.

Such situations are becoming more frequent as more illegal immigrants cross the U.S.-Mexico border and the federal government increases the number of Border Patrol agents there to stop them.

Stout, a longtime Border Patrol agent and Pentecostal minister, was tapped in 2000 as the first chaplain for the agency’s Tucson sector. Much of his job is helping agents reconcile their enthusiasm with their empathy.

“It’s critical that this internal conflict and empathy be seen as a good thing because it helps us enforce the law in the most humane way possible,” said David Aguilar, chief patrol agent for the Tucson sector.

In 2004, the chaplain program, which

“If (Border Patrol agents) didn’t feel that way then they wouldn’t be normal.”

— J.D. STOUT

Border Patrol chaplain

now exists only in Tucson and San Diego, and the Texas cities of Laredo, Del Rio and El Paso, is expanding to all 21 of the agency’s sectors in the United States, according to Border Patrol headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The Border Patrol chaplaincy program was the result of a deadly year.

In 1998, seven Border Patrol agents were killed in the line of duty across the country. The agency realized the need for a formal response to daily stress and big crises.

One of the first things Stout addressed was what he calls “the empathetic response” that often causes agents to quit the Border Patrol.

For example, Stout says, when following footprints through the desert, an agent will often see those of a child appear and disappear as a father, mother or maybe a stranger picks him up during the journey.

“As the agents follow these trails, they can’t help but think about what (the migrants’) story might be,” Stout says. “We literally walk in their footsteps.”

He has ministered to agents involved in car wrecks, broken relationships, assaults,

shootings and deaths. He has even performed marriage ceremonies.

As with all law enforcement officers, post-traumatic stress disorder and suicide are more prevalent than in most of the population, he said.

“The elephant in the room of law enforcement is suicide and PTSD,” Stout says. “A lot of people don’t see that, they see only the tough guy TV image.”

He sees a particular disdain for Border Patrol agents by some, merely because of the nature of the work.

“People think we’re mean, control freaks or racists,” he says.

When he ministers to his “Border Patrol flock” Stout says he allows the agents to steer the conversation.

“I meet them faith-to-faith, based on where they’re at,” he says. “I don’t approach the conversation from a religious point of view unless I see an open door and that’s where they want to go.”

After all, he says, faith is a coping skill.

A native of Durant, Okla., Stout joined the Army National Guard right out of high school and served in Saudi Arabia,

Kuwait and Iraq in 1991. Upon his return, he was a police officer and security guard before joining the Border Patrol in 1996, stationed in Tucson, where he’s been ever since. In 1999, he was licensed as a minister, following in his father’s footsteps.

With his wife of seven years, Janna, he is raising a 6-year-old son, a 1-year-old daughter and a 21-year-old foster daughter.

While some civilians can’t get past the perception of a “preacher with a gun,” Stout jokes, agents have accepted him because he came from among their ranks.

“You can’t be so heavenly minded that you’re (of) no earthly good to people,” Stout says.

Addressing a room full of newly hired Border Patrol agents in December, Stout emphasized the unique characteristics of the job.

“This is like police work in that you wear a badge, carry a gun, drive a police car ... and that’s about it,” he tells the group. “When you go down there and realize that you’re it on the border, that’s when it’s going to hit you.”

Stout talked to them about the empathy reaction and told them to talk about those feelings and learn enough about illegal immigration to keep perspective.

Too many times, he warned, conflicted agents walk away.

“Stay with us long enough to see what’s going on,” he says. “This isn’t the ‘X-Files.’ This is real life.”



WORLD BRIEFLY

SARS strikes second victim in China

By The Associated Press

GUANGZHOU, China — A waitress hospitalized in the southern Chinese city of Guangzhou was declared the country’s second suspected SARS case of the season on Thursday, just as the first patient was pronounced recovered and released.

The 20-year-old waitress was hospitalized with a fever on Dec. 31, the official Xinhua News Agency said. It said she was under quarantine in Guangzhou’s No. 8 People’s Hospital.

The announcement that she was officially a suspected case came just minutes after Xinhua reported that China’s first SARS patient of the season, a 32-year-old television producer, left a Guangzhou hospital after being declared recovered.

The World Health Organization, meanwhile, said it had dispatched a six-person team to Guangzhou to join Chinese health officials in investigating the first case.

Guangzhou is the capital of Guangdong province, where the first outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome is believed to have begun in November 2002. It killed 58 people and spread worldwide, claiming 774 lives before subsiding in July.

Police hunt for killers of U.S. tourist

By The Associated Press

GUATEMALA CITY — Police set up roadblocks and hunted the countryside on Thursday for a gang that attacked and robbed a minibus carrying U.S. tourists, killing a Utah man.

Police spokesman Faustino Sanchez said “there is still no one captured.”

Thirteen members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were traveling from the mountain city of Quetzaltenango to the Mexican border on Wednesday when five men with automatic weapons intercepted their bus about 120 miles west of the capital.

Most of the tourists were from Ogden and Salt Lake City.

Survivors told police that the gunmen opened fire to halt the bus, wounding the driver and Ogden architect Brett Richards, 52, who died en route to a nearby hospital.

The other passengers were taken back from the roadside and were forced to lie face-down while their belongings were stolen.

“It seemed like about a month,” said Richards’ cousin Ed Allen, who spoke to The Salt Lake Tribune from his hotel Wednesday night. “Most of us felt like we were going to be murdered.”

Sergio Maldonado, president of the Mormon church in Retalhuleu, some 25 miles from the site of the attack, said the tourists spent the night there and would later come to Guatemala City.

Maldonado said the survivors “seem more relaxed, although a little frightened,” on Thursday.

Police said the group was on vacation, not a formal religious mission.

Many Mormons believe archaeological ruins in Central America were built by people described in the Book of Mormon, which church founder Joseph Smith claimed to have translated from a set of golden plates. Travel agencies arrange tours to visit these sites, focusing on how they might fit in with the scripture.

Protesters turn up heat against Aristide

By The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — University students marched against President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, sparking deadly clashes amid a swelling opposition movement against the leader.

At least two people were killed and more than two dozen injured in Wednesday’s protests, the latest in a series aimed at forcing Aristide to step down.

Protests by university students carry great weight in the country of 8 million, where about 40 percent of the people are under 18.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for Michael Bloomberg said the New York mayor still plans to visit Haiti’s capital despite the violence.

“At this point, the trip is a go,” Bloomberg spokesman Ed Skyler said Wednesday. Bloomberg

plans to arrive in Port-au-Prince on Sunday and stay for about five hours before traveling to Jamaica. About 118,000 New Yorkers are of Haitian descent, according to the 2000 census.

In Haiti, Aristide partisans armed with clubs, bottles and pistols, blocked the marchers, who were joined by thousands of anti-government demonstrators shouting “Freedom!” and “Down with Aristide!” as riot police fired shots to keep the two sides apart.

Bush’s \$99 million war chest swelling

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With \$99 million in the bank, President Bush is on an aggressive search for more money for his re-election campaign.

Returning to the fund-raising trail Thursday, Bush was heading to Knoxville, Tenn., and Palm Beach, Fla., to build up his record bankroll.

Also while in Knoxville, the president was visiting an elementary school to celebrate the second anniversary of a landmark education bill. Education was the signature domestic issue of Bush’s 2000 campaign, and he has been eager to tout the passage of the “No Child Left Behind Act” as a key achievement of his presidency as he seeks re-election this November.

Mad cow investigators look north, eh?

By The Associated Press

ROOSEVELT, Wash. — Authorities investigating the first case of mad cow disease in the United States are now focusing their attention on cattle that entered the country from Canada with an infected Holstein.

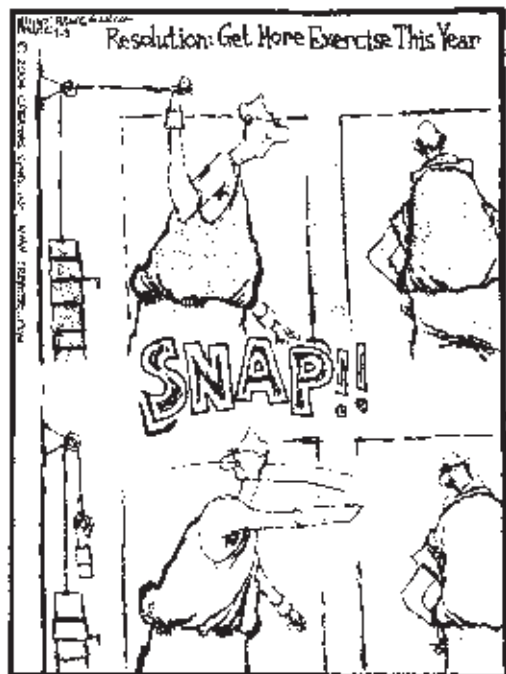
The shift comes after workers buried a herd of 449 bull calves, which included an offspring of the infected cow, in a landfill in southern Washington on Wednesday. The calves were killed as a precaution.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture still is deciding whether other herds that may have been exposed to the infected cow will meet the same fate, said spokesman Nolan Lemon.

Scientists have concluded that eating contaminated feed, not exposure to an infected animal, is the main transmitter of mad cow disease. But federal officials have said they are using an abundance of caution.

The infected Holstein, which was slaughtered Dec. 9, was diagnosed with mad cow disease Dec. 22, becoming the first and only cow in the U.S. found with the illness.

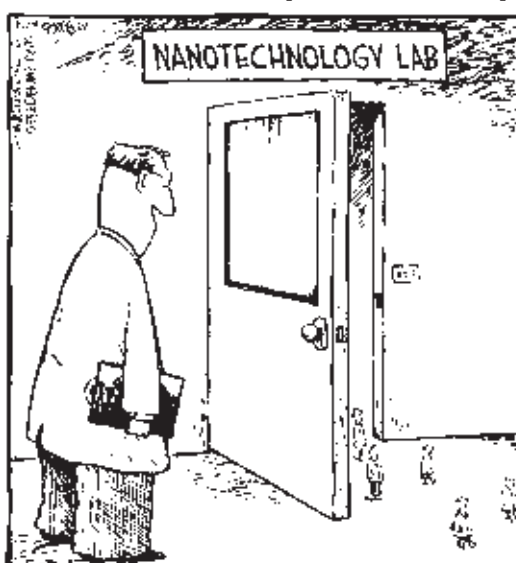
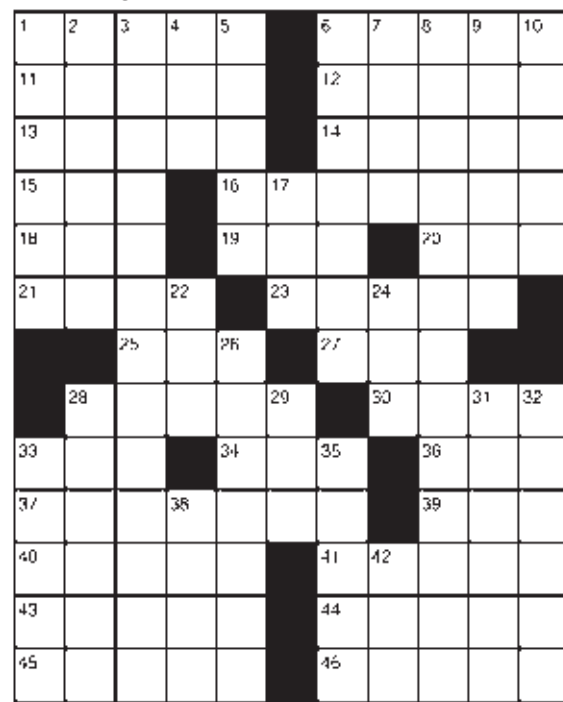
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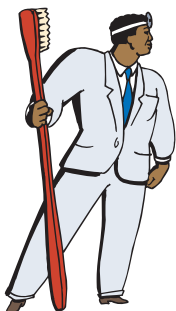
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

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By The Associated Press

■ **COLUMBUS, Ga.** — Jeff Foxworthy has offered a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of a person who trespassed on his rural west-central Georgia property and pointed a gun at his caretaker.

The comedian, who says poaching has been a problem on his 2,000-acre property in Harris County near the Alabama state line, was hunting one day during the holidays when he saw someone carrying a gun.

"Jeff Foxworthy was hunting and witnessed the poacher on the property," state Wildlife Resources Division officer Randy Hackley told the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer. "He was hiding in a ditch in some bushes."

Foxworthy's property caretaker, Glenn Garner, told state wildlife investigators he confronted the intruder on Dec. 28.

Garner said he told the man to put down his gun, but the man instead raised it to his shoulder to fire. That's when Garner said he fired a shot at the man and then ran behind his vehicle for cover.

When he looked back, the man was pointing his gun at him again. Garner said he stayed behind the vehicle until it was safe to leave.

Wildlife officers are investigating.

The 45-year-old Foxworthy, best-known for his "You might be a redneck if..." jokes, starred in the NBC sitcom "The Jeff Foxworthy Show" from 1995-97.

■ **ANKARA, Turkey** — A movie company has indefinitely postponed the screening of a movie about the killings of Armenians during World War I because of fears of violence from Turkish nationalists, the company's owner said.

Turkey's Culture Ministry agreed last month to allow "Ararat," about the plight of Armenians in Ottoman Turkey, to be shown in this country, but ordered at least one scene removed depicting Ottomans raping Armenian women.

The film by director Atom Egoyan, a Canadian of Armenian heritage, was scheduled to open in theaters in mid-January.

Armenians say that a 1915-23 campaign to force Armenians out of eastern Turkey left 1.5 million people dead and amounted to genocide.

Turkey objects to the use of the word genocide and says the figures are inflated and that deaths were the result of civil unrest and not a planned campaign.

A far-right nationalist youth group has vowed to prevent the screening of the film in theaters, saying it's anti-Turkish propaganda, according to Turkish news reports.

In an interview with private CNN-Turk television, Sabahattin Cetin, the owner of the company that bought the movie's screening rights in Turkey, said he'd hold off on screening the movie.

"Would you want to watch a movie in a movie theater that could be stoned or where there could be violence?" Cetin asked.

■ **WHITEFISH, Mont.** — "Entertainment Tonight" co-host Mary Hart and her husband, movie producer Burt Sugarman, have filed a lawsuit against a Kalispell man seeking the return of earnest money they paid in a property deal they later backed out of.

Sugarman and Hart own property on Whitefish Lake and had tried to make a land swap that would add 50 nearby acres of state trust land in the Stillwater State Forest to their holdings.

They withdrew their state application for the swap after public opposition, which Sugarman said "demonized" them. The couple decided to wait until a land-use plan for the trust land surrounding Whitefish and the lake is completed, possibly by May.

The couple wanted to buy 80 acres of Plum Creek Timber Co. land, valued at \$240,000, and an office building in Glasgow, valued at \$880,000, and trade them to the state for the land they wanted.

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building to Tim Birk of Kalispell, doing business as Mountain States Leasing Glasgow, and put up \$25,000 earnest money.

After withdrawing their application for the land swap, the couple asked for their earnest money back, but the lawsuit says Birk refused to return it.

A telephone request to Birk's office for comment was not returned.

■ **RALEIGH, N.C.** — Filmmaker Ken Vrana will mark the 69th anniversary of Elvis Presley's birth Thursday by working on his own "Tribute."

Vrana has traveled 250,000 miles over the past 3 1/2 years to collect 570 interviews for a documentary about Presley, who died at his Graceland home in Memphis, Tenn., on Aug. 16, 1977.

As fans mark Presley's birthday, Vrana will be editing his footage.

"Officially, we've completed the interviews," Vrana says. "Unofficially, I still have a wish list of about a dozen 'big' people like Paul McCartney I'll continue to chase, to insert later if I can get them."

He plans to release "Tribute" as an 11-hour DVD box set, with a companion coffee-table book. It's not a profit-making venture: Vrana has spent \$280,000 on the project so far and says any proceeds will go to charity.

Vrana wasn't much of an Elvis aficionado when he was working on another documentary called "The Fans," about devoted followers of NASCAR, professional wrestling, college basketball and Presley.

But the Elvis fans' stories stood out as worthy of their own film.

The cast of interview subjects eventually stretched well beyond fans, from Presley's old girlfriends and bandmates to other music legends such as Bill Monroe and B.B. King.

"Tribute" is being financed by Vrana's wife, Lisa, who is a marketing specialist — and also his film editor.

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